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Above: Once ignited, the Graves Creek Prescribed Burn tore through juniper early last week in a habitat improvement project. **Below:** A helicopter dowses targeted vegetation with a mixture of diesel and gasoline for an accelerant. Photos by Boise District BLM

Swath of juniper tamed in Owyhees

Helicopters carrying a mixture of gasoline and diesel helped ignite the latest effort to improve sagebrush steppe habitat in the Owyhees.

The Graves Creek Prescribed Burn was carried out on Sept. 20 about 30 miles southeast of Jordan Valley in remote Owyhee County.

Bureau of Land Management fire managers waited until adequate weather conditions to ignite the fire, which provided treatment on roughly 3,550 acres of public land near Juniper Mountain.

The goal of the operation: Reduce western juniper tree encroachment to help diversify the sagebrush landscape and improve wildlife habitat.

The prescribed burn was expected to last up to five days after ignition. Personnel and equipment were on hand to patrol and mop up

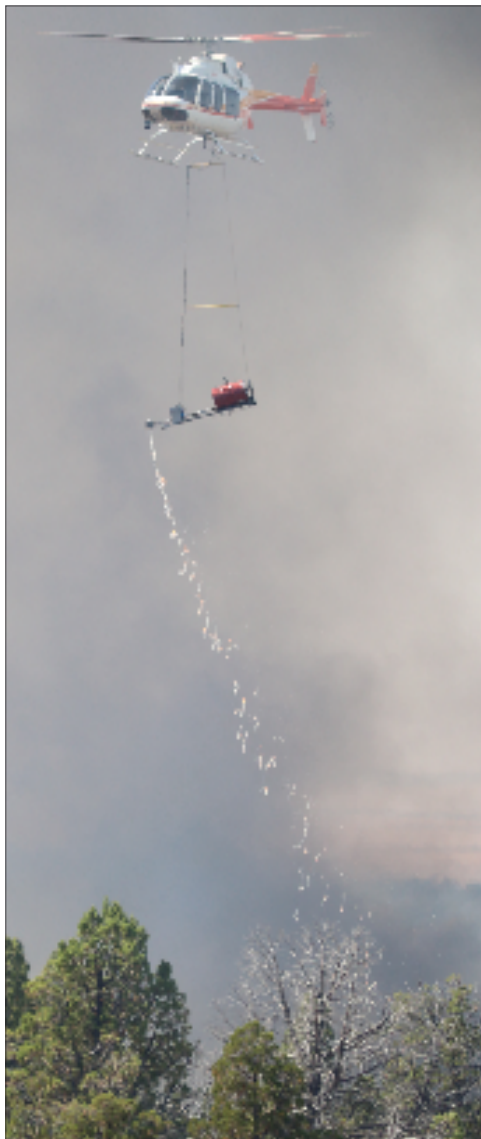
hotspots for several days after the fire.

The burn area was closed to public access during operations, and local roads were closed during the ignition.

Managers warned that residual smoke could be visible several days after the burn.

In addition to improving wildlife habitat, prescribed burns such as last week's operation are one of the tools BLM uses as part of the federal agency's multi-year, phased approach to reduce the risk of wildland fire. Year-round, crews are spraying noxious weeds, hand-cutting juniper trees and creating fuel breaks to help prevent catastrophic wildland fire.

For more information, contact the BLM Boise District Fire information line at (208) 384-3378 or follow www.idahofireinfo.com/boise-district/



Owyhee Reservoir ag storage at 9%

Irrigation ends Thursday in Homedale, Oct. 6 in Marsing

The 2022 irrigation season is down to a precious few days.

South Board of Control manager John Eells already has announced that the water will stop flowing in the Homedale-Marsing-Ridgeview irrigation system on Friday, Oct. 7.

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Garrett leaves HFD commission

New Subdistrict 3 director sought

Gregg Garrett stepped up when the Homedale Fire District needed a new commissioner.

Now, after seven years, the Homedale-area resident is ready to step aside.

Applications to find Garrett's successor on the board of commissioners are now being accepted.

Qualified electors interested in the position must live within the boundaries of Subdistrict 3. They also must have been a resident within the district for at least a year.

The appointment will expire with the Jan. 9, 2024 meeting signaling the end of the latest four-year term of office.

Requests for appointment can be obtained from district secretary Mike Parker at 19 E. Wyoming Ave., in Homedale. Office hours are 8 a.m., to noon and 1 p.m., to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m., to noon on Friday.

Written requests must be received by noon on Thursday, Oct. 6.

Commissioners will consider applications and could appoint a new board member during their noontime meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., in Homedale.

Garrett has served on the board of commissioners since June 2015. He was appointed when Steve Zatica moved out of the district and became ineligible to serve.

Garrett earned re-election to another four-year term in 2019.

The board of commissioners governs the operation of Homedale Fire and Homedale Ambulance.

Meetings are held at noon on the second Tuesday of each month at The Bowling Alley.



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Back in April, a crew repainted the large “Homedale” sign atop the Valley Air Service hangar after earlier painting the elevation of the city municipal airport on an adjacent building. The work was part of 2022 Homedale High School graduate Eli Heck’s senior project and is the latest private upgrade at the airport. The work now will be complemented by major publicly funded upgrades at the airport, according to the Idaho Transportation Improvement Plan released by the state last week.

State plan lists \$1M in Homedale airport projects

County highways, bridge marked for work in seven-year strategy

Several projects are on the drawing board, including a few for the Homedale Municipal Airport, in the state’s six-year transportation plan.

The Idaho Transportation Board approved the Fiscal Year 2023-29 transportation plan Thursday during its monthly meeting in Boise.

The Idaho Transportation Investment Program is the Idaho Transportation Department’s seven-year plan, and according to a press release, includes unprecedented funding levels because of Gov. Brad Little’s Leading Idaho initiatives.

The proposed plan now goes to the Federal Highway Administration for approval.

Several projects in Owyhee County are among the most ambitious ITIP the department

has ever formulated.

Each project is assigned a fiscal year of execution and includes a breakdown of federal funding and match funding.

ITD spokesman Reed Hollinshead said that matching funds for projects on state highways come from ITD to leverage the federal money.

The City of Homedale may have to come up with matching funds for the airport projects, but the state sometimes provides assistance with that, too.

The Homedale airport projects include:

- **Master plan** — City engineer Andrew Kimmel and his Great West Engineers colleagues have been working on a master plan for some time.

A total of \$150,000 (\$135,000 from federal and \$15,000 from the city) is available in the current fiscal year.

- **Runway rehabilitation design** — Set for FY 25 at a cost of \$330,000, the project will require \$33,000 in matching funds with a total federal investment of \$297,000.
- **Fencing** — A long-standing request from the Federal Aviation Administration to improve airport safety and security, the fencing project is estimated to cost \$500,000 and is scheduled for FY 24. The city will be responsible for \$50,000 in matching funds while the FAA kicks in \$450,000.

The fencing will help prevent vehicles traveling to the Snake River for fishing from driving onto the runway at the west end of the airstrip.

Many of the road projects planned for Owyhee County actually involve infrastructure that crosses the Snake River into Elmore County.

- **Browns Creek Bridge** — In another bridge replacement project, more than \$1.6 million is earmarked for the FY 25 work. Owyhee County will have to provide \$132,000 of the total construction cost and cover \$32,000 of the estimated \$319,000 in preliminary

engineering fees.

Preliminary engineering is design and development work carried out prior to awarding a construction contract, Hollinshead said.

The existing width-restricted bridge on Idaho highway 78 near Elmore County was built in 1954.

- **Idaho highway 167 and 67 sealcoat** — Nearly \$3.5 million is expected to cover nearly nine miles of sealcoat that will cover the length of the highway that connects Owyhee and Elmore counties across the Snake River. Federal funding will cover \$3.223 million of the FY 25 project with matching funds from ITD covering the remaining \$255,000.

Additionally, preliminary engineering costs are expected to run around \$50,000 with federal money paying for all but \$4,000 of that price tag.

- **U.S. Highway 95 from Oregon line to weigh station** — More than 16.6 miles of roadway south of Marsing will be resurfaced, restored and rehabilitated in this \$16.896 million project slated for FY 23. All but \$1.24 million is listed as federal funding.
- **Idaho 19 from Oregon line to U.S. 95 sealcoat** — The

extensive reconstruction carried out last year will be preserved in this \$441,000 project scheduled for FY 24. A total of 34.5 miles of roadway will see work, and federal funding is covering \$409,000 of the cost.

- **U.S. 95 from Idaho 55 to Pioneer Road** — Another pavement restoration project, this work won’t be carried out until FY 29 and is estimated to cost nearly \$6.7 million.

Preliminary engineering is expected in FY 25 at a cost of \$287,000.

About seven miles will be rehabilitated.

- **Statewide rural formula programming, public transportation** — By far the most expensive element of the transportation plan that could affect Owyhee County, this program encompasses multiple fiscal years at an outlay of \$3.173 million per year between FY 23 and FY 27.

The program provides capital, planning and operating assistance for public transportation operators who provide demand response and fixed-route services in areas with populations less than 50,000. In addition to Owyhee County, the program will serve Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Payette, Valley and Washington counties.

Matching funds are listed at more than \$9.5 million.

The extent to which Owyhee County will benefit from this program could be minimal because the only public transit option in operation right now is a shuttle bus operated by the Rimrock Senior Center to take folks to appointments and for shopping in Mountain Home.



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Scores of vendors flock to Marsing’s Oktoberfest

Snake River Country Market Saturday event includes live music, myriad products available

With fall comes Oktoberfest, and the Snake River Country Market is ready to mark the occasion.

The market’s Oktoberfest will feature 40 vendors, live music and a petting zoo.

The regular market will be held, too. The Snake River Country Market season lasts through Oct. 29.

Saturday’s Oktoberfest runs from 11 a.m., to 5 p.m., at Marsing City Park on 1st Avenue West.

For more information, contact market director Megan Poole at (208) 880-4580.

Marsing resident Randy Steward will provide live music Saturday.

Oktoberfest vendors will flock from all points of the Treasure Valley:

Marsing

- **Terry Dice, Pair A Dice Bar** — Beer and dark ale
- **Bailey O’Dell** — Miss Bee’s Lemonade
- **Megan Poole** — Wander in Wildflowers, floral art
- **Luke Ankeny** — Ankeny

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- **Robert Bell** — Bell’s Homestyle Catering, BBQ sauce, and Burgers
- **Aisha Breithaupt** — Usborne Books
- **Daniel Breithaupt** — Happy Suds Soaps
- **Rogers Neighborhood Farm** — Alpaca yarn, dryer balls, felted soap, etc.
- **Marsing Church of the Nazarene** — free water bottles

Homedale

- **Jessica Kaufman** — Etsy Village Market, epoxy trinkets and costumes
- **Andi Hansen** — Raw Life Farms, petting zoo

Caldwell

- **Lisa and David Lozano** — The Frozen Chosen snow cones
- **Tamera Reed** — Sweet Bread and Jams
- **Bear Grace Ranch** — Beef, beef shares, fruits and veggies
- **Elizabeth Beazer** — Peachy Babies Soaps

- **Creative Soul Decor & More** — Painted decor and art
- **Dixon Armstrong** — Church pastor
- **Ray Jensen** — RJ’s Tinker Shop
- **Cheri More** — C4 Design Studio, shirts, tumblers, decals
- **Cindy Brown** — Campi Di Lavenda, dried lavender

Weiser

- **Pia Garbarini** — Hippie Chic Holistic Healing

Middleton

- **Andrea Baughman** — Waffleology, specialty waffles
- **Rebekah Hulet** — Homestead Honey
- **Hannah Gull** — Get Lit Boise, permanent jewelry

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Boise

- **Itzel** — Mamazita Margarita, margaritas and daiquiris
- **Willis Morgan** — Billy’s Cowboy BBQ Sauce
- **Kati with Elizabeth Paper Co.** — Stationary, stickers, prints
- **Erin Albiston** — Paparazzi Jewelry

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Owyheean Run, Walk to Health Fair



Above: Walking briskly toward the finish line of Saturday’s Owyhee Health Coalition Health Fair two-mile fun run are, from left, Keyleigh Hotchkiss, the 9-year-old daughter of Homedale residents Kimi and Kaleb Hotchkiss, Kimi Hotchkiss, and Integra DeLamar representatives Nicole Terry of Arock and Tara Echave and Kaila Gooch of Jordan Valley.



Brielle White, the 7-year-old daughter of new Homedale Middle School health and physical education teacher Roger White and his wife Rosetta, keeps her cool while sprinting to the finish of Saturday’s Owyhee Health Coalition Health Fair fun run. Brielle was trailing 8-year-old Rylee Herman, the daughter of Dan Herman and Jolene Koplin, as some of the first finishers on the course.

Right: Kegan Hotchkiss, the 12-year-old son of Kaleb and Kimi Hotchkiss of Homedale (right), chats with Joey Peutz from the University of Idaho Payette County Extension Office about vaccinations during Saturday’s Owyhee Health Coalition Health Fair at Bette Uda City Park in Homedale. A seventh-grader on Homedale Middle School’s cross country team, Kegan was the first person to finish Saturday’s two-mile fun run.





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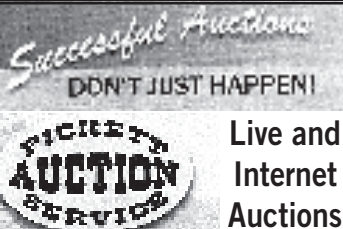
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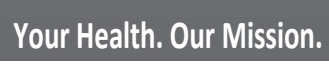
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Teen center benefits from Saturday car show

Classic cars and bikes will cruise into Homedale on Saturday to benefit a church’s youth center.

The eighth annual Homedale Assembly of God car and bike show starts at 9 a.m., at Bette Uda City Park.

The show is open to the public, and car and bike owners can register their rides for \$10 each. Registration will be accepted until noon, and awards will be handed out at 2 p.m.

Chili, hot dogs and onion rings will be sold, too. Raffle prizes are planned.

Proceeds from the show, raffle and food sales will benefit the continued development of the church’s teen center “The Refuge,” which is located inside an old church at the corner of North Main Street and West Montana Avenue in Homedale, just east of the Assembly of God church.

Pastor Ivar Moore received permission to use the city park from the Homedale City Council during a meeting last month.

For more information, call Moore at (208) 412-2946 or Randy Friedley at (208) 859-6999.

Marsing Medicare seminar set today

An Idaho Department of Insurance agency plays host to a Medicare seminar today in Marsing.

Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) will provide information during a gathering from 1 p.m., to 3 p.m., today in the Sandbar Community Room.

The Sandbar Community Room is located inside City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave. Call (208) 247-4422 for more information or to register for the seminar.

Advisors will provide information on enrollment, Medicare costs and benefits, drug plans and how to get help with Medicare costs.

The seminar will also compare Medigap and Advantage Plans.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

*Choice of milk and juice
PB&J sandwich, and vegetable and Fruit
choices offered daily*

Sept. 28: **Breakfast:** Muffin, scrambled eggs, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken sandwich, mixed vegetables

Sept. 29: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, pears **Lunch:** Orange chicken, steamed broccoli, snickerdoodle cookie

Homedale Middle

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

Vegetable and fruit choices offered daily

Sept. 28: **Breakfast:** Muffin, scrambled eggs, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken sandwich, mixed vegetables

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Homedale High

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

Sept. 28: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast or Cinni Mini **Lunch:** Chicken fried beef, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn, whole grain roll, snickerdoodle cookie **Grab ‘n’ go:** Turkey bacon wrap

Sept. 29: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich **Lunch:** Buffalo popcorn chicken,

whole grain breadstick or pepperoni pizza slice, seasoned potato wedges **Grab ‘n’ go:** Club sub sandwich

Marsing

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

*Elementary School each day: Breakfast:
Cereal option*

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

*Cold Grab-n-go line:
Wrap, sub sandwich, salad*

Hot Grab-n-go line (varies): Cheeseburger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sandwich; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)

Sept. 28: **Breakfast:** Tornado (egg, sausage, cheese), apples **Lunch:** Pepperoni ripper cheese pizza, tossed salad, pineapple tidbits, Jello **Cold Grab-n-go:** Taco salad

Sept. 29: **Breakfast:** Waffle sticks, maple syrup cup, oranges **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered corn **Hot Grab-n-go:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, French fries

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily

Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily

Sept. 28: **Breakfast:** Waffle, hash brown **Lunch:** Chili, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll

Sept. 29: **Breakfast:** Breakfast bar **Lunch:** Ham and cheese on a bun, fries, baby carrots

✓ Reservoir: Marsing water on longer than Homedale’s

Taking a cue from Eells, the City of Homedale has decided to end irrigation to residential users on Thursday. This will give the public works crew a chance to vet the system for needed offseason repairs.

The City of Marsing will end irrigation water to its residential users on Thursday, Oct. 6, city clerk and treasurer Jolyn Thompson confirmed Monday morning.

With about a week left in the irrigation season, the Owyhee Reservoir showed nine percent of irrigation capacity on Monday afternoon. The lake was down to 64,582 acre-feet of usable water (there is an additional 400,000 acre-feet maintained in the reservoir that isn’t counted as irrigation capacity).

Owyhee Reservoir can hold as much as 715,000 acre-feet for irrigation water. At capacity, water managers consider the lake filled with a two-year supply of irrigation water.

Senior menus

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Sept. 28: Sausage and biscuit, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots

Sept. 29: Baked fish, macaroni and cheese, sweet potatoes

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing

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

Sept. 28: Roast beef with gravy, mashed

potatoes, corn, spinach salad, wheat roll

Sept. 30: Swedish meatballs, penne pasta, Malibu vegetables, spiced apples, 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 only.
Call (208) 834-2922 beginning at 7 a.m.
to place order*

Sept. 29: Lima beans and ham, corn bread, green salad, cottage cheese, pineapple, cake

Melba Valley Senior Center

*Meals served at noon
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Sept. 29: Beef dinner

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Read all about it
in
The Owyhee Avalanche
337-4681

Homecoming events continue throughout county this week

Homecoming football games are set Friday for Homedale, Marsing and Rimrock high schools.

Meanwhile, Jordan Valley High School is in the midst of its Homecoming, too.

Dress-up spirit days have commenced at both Homedale and Marsing high schools, too.

The Homecoming football games all kickoff at 7 p.m., on Friday:

- Homedale plays host to Payette at Deward Bell Stadium
- Marsing entertains Nampa Christian.
- Rimrock takes on Wilder in Bruneau.

Homedale

Students in all four classes continue to work on their Homecoming parade floats.

Mike and Leslie Parker are the grand marshals for Thursday’s parade, which will start at 2:50 p.m.

Dress-up days continue today with Adam Sandler themes and Thursday with Spirit Day when all students are encouraged to wear red and white.

The annual powderpuff series at the football stadium will be played at 6:30 p.m., today with the Snake Dance through town to follow the football games.

Class competitions will be held from 12:45 p.m., to 2:30 p.m., on Thursday before the parade. Contests include boys’ volleyball, tug-o-war, football relay and a dance competition.

The Homecoming court will be announced and this year’s king and queen coronation will take place at 6:30 p.m., on Fri-

day prior to the football game. Candidates include:

Queen — Sydney Davis, Lizzy Egusquiza, and Mariah Lopez

King — Rylan Binford, Rylan Love, and Elijah Renteria

Junior princess and prince — Kinsey Blankenship and Jayden Wutherich

Sophomore princess and prince — Kennedy Kildow and Terry Volk

Freshman princess and prince — Taylor Phelps and Chance Martell

The Homecoming dance takes place from 8 p.m., to 11 p.m., on Saturday, Oct. 1, and the theme is ’70s disco.

Marsing

The school’s Homecoming festivities began Tuesday with a dress-up day of “Tacky Tourist.” The volleyball team took on Nampa Christian and a bonfire followed.

Today’s dress-up theme is “Ages,” in which classes are to dress like different ages.

Class competitions will be held today, including:

- **5:30 p.m.** — Teachers vs. seniors in volleyball
- **6:30 p.m.** — He-Man volleyball followed by powderpuff football and the class tug-o-war

Thursday is Blue and Gold Day for dress-up, and the Homecoming parade will start at 2 p.m., at Island Park and makes its way up Main Street to the football stadium. A spirit rally will be held at the football field.

The Homecoming Court will be introduced and the king and queen crowned at 6:30 p.m., on Friday prior to the football game:

Queen — Mila Astorquia, Mikiala Gonzalez, Anahli Montes, Abby Percifield, and Emily Vanosdall

King — Mikey Acosta, Jordan Blas, JT Chadez, Braeden Davis, and Xavier Delgadillo

Junior princess — Gyneth Nielson, Maria Molina, and Kimmie Loucks

Junior prince — Jonathan Leon, Bentley McIntyre, and Jesus Ramirez

Sophomore/Freshman duchess — Sophia Floyd, sophomore, and Addy Chadez, freshman

Sophomore/Freshman duke — Levi Puga, sophomore, and Canaan Shofner, freshman

The spirit winners will be announced at halftime of the football game.

The Homecoming dance takes place Saturday.

Rimrock

According to Facebook posts, there are a few activities planned this week.

At 3 p.m., on Thursday during a tailgate celebration, the sophomore class will play host to a Homecoming car smash fundraiser. Folks can buy chances to take a swing at smashing a vehicle for \$1 each.

Theme days included Soccer Mom vs. BBQ Dads on Monday and Movie Character Day on Tuesday.

Today’s them is Old People Day, and Thursday is Spirit Day (wear green and gold).

The Homecoming dance is planned for Saturday. The semiformal event has a “White Out” theme, but attendees won’t be required to wear white. Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple.

Homedale library presents storytelling night

There’s an added event this week at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library.

Homedale’s city library will play host to a Family Storytelling Night at 6 tonight.

The library is located at 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

Another Teens & Tweens program will be held at 5 p.m.,

on Thursday at the Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., which is just west of the new library building.

The Opal Nash Story Time for preschoolers will take place at 10:15 a.m., on Monday at the library.

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.

Beat the Heat race scheduled for HHS halftime on Friday

Homedale man challenges HPD officer to footrace

What began as a flurry of social media messages could end in a flurry of feet Friday.

Homedale resident Damien Schaeffer persistently challenged Homedale Police Officer Danny Zenor to a footrace during a barrage of Facebook posts last week.

Zenor accepted the challenge — 100 yards during halftime of Friday’s Homecoming high school football game between Homedale and Payette.

The scheduled inaugural “Beat the Heat” competition could be the first “official” race on the new all-weather track at Deward Bell Stadium.

Schaeffer confirmed with HHS principal Matt Holtry that the race will take place after the marching band’s halftime performance and other Homecoming-related activities during the break in football action. To add some fun, Schaeffer said Holtry plans to play the “Bad Boys” theme from the Cops reality television series during the competition.

Schaeffer said he hatched the

idea after thinking about how police officers have to chase bad guys.

The Homedale resident also wanted to challenge himself physically by taking on Zenor.

“It’s just time for me to train my hardest and be ready for the challenge I put on myself, which I’m excited about,” Schaeffer, a 28-year-old Meridian High School graduate, said.

Schaeffer has lived in Homedale for six years.

A Homedale High School graduate, Zenor is no stranger to running. He endured road workouts during his previous career as a mixed martial arts fighter before joining his hometown police force.

There was Facebook chatter about making the race a fundraiser, but as of press time no specific cause had been identified.

That didn’t stop several people from chiming in, and a couple even offered modest “wagers” in case the fundraising aspect did materialize.

Win or lose Friday, Schaeffer isn’t done challenging himself. He wants to take on Officer Justin Herman next.

— JPB

Schoolchildren return to Homedale’s Christian Life Club next week

The Christian Life Club (CLC) youth group will start another year of its after-school program next Wednesday.

The program sponsored by the Homedale Friends Community Church meets each Wednesday after school at the First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., in Homedale.

The program is held each week that school is in session through March.

Each week’s session runs 4 p.m., to 5:15 p.m.

Kindergarten to fourth-graders of all faiths are welcome into the non-denominational program. They meet in front of the elementary school and walk to the church. Parents are responsible for transportation home.

The program includes Bible stories, the children learn Bible verses, play games, sing songs and enjoy refreshments.

For more information, call Mary Sonke at (208) 880-7070 or the Friends church at (208) 337-3464.

HHS actors prepare for their first performances

The Homedale High School Drama Club will present its first production of the year next week.

“The Secrets of Castleland” by Aubrey Anderson will have 7 p.m., presentations on Friday

and Saturday, Oct. 7-8, on the stage inside the school’s auxiliary gymnasium.

Tickets will be available at the door and cost \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and senior citizens, and \$20 for a

family pass.

Seating will start at 6:40 p.m.

Drama advisor DeAnn Thatcher summed up the plot of the play thusly:

“Typical Royal family

with king, queen and three daughters, or not ... What could possibly be unveiled when a prince comes to call upon the princesses whose beauty has been reported worldwide?”

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Obituaries

Ermal Lea Bowers

Ermal Lea Bowers passed away September 19th in Nampa, Idaho from congestive heart failure.

She was born April 25, 1937 in Nyssa, Oregon to Frank and Helen (Stinemetz) Wilber. She was raised in Caldwell, Middleton, and graduated high school in 1955.

She worked for Mountain Bell as a telephone operator in Caldwell and Boise from 1957 to 1972.

In May 1972, she met Harold Bowers, on a blind date and they were married September 30th of the same year, in Elko, Nevada. Afterwards, they lived

on their farm in Marsing, Idaho.

For several years, she was a housekeeper for several families in the area, a position she loved and one where the ladies were wonderful to her.

Some of her favorite things in life were four-wheeling with Harold, Yard Work, Cooking, Going on Walks, watching old movies, and going to thrift stores (She could spot them a mile away). She also loved to travel with her husband in their 5th wheel, going to the Oregon Coast, Branson, Mo., and Quartzite and Yuma AZ.



She loved all kinds of music and could be seen singing at the jam sessions in Arizona.

She loved giving and had a special talent for finding that perfect item that her family and friends had been searching for.

She was a devoted member of the Nazarene Church in Marsing.

Surviving family are Gina (daughter) and Greg (son-in-law) Mayer, grandchild Hanna, one brother and sister-in-law, Blaine and June Wilber of Ontario, Oregon, and numerous nieces and nephews, and her best friend since 7th grade, Sherry Allen, whom she all loved dearly.

She was preceded in death

by her husband Harold, sister Dimice Dyer, and her Parents.

The family would like to thank Horizon Hospice, Nurse Sharon and Harbor Assisted Living for their wonderful care they gave Mom.

Graveside services will be held Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 11 a.m., at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

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Condolences can be given at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com

Van R. Polley

Van R. Polley 73, of Murphy, Idaho, passed on peacefully at his home on September 17th, 2022, in the company of his family.

Van was born in Baker City, Oregon on October 15th 1948 to Frank and Arlene Polley. He was raised on a ranch in Unity, Oregon. After graduation from Burnt River High School in 1967, he entered the U.S Army. He married Kathleen Carstens on August 9th 1969.

In Vietnam he was an outstanding soldier in Company C, 589th Engineer Battalion (Construction). Van completed 4 tours from 18 March 1968 to 28 May 1970. He was a recipient of the Army Commendation Medal for

“Exceptionally Meritorious Service.” He received an Honorable discharge in June of 1973.

After service duty, he mostly worked as a heavy equipment mechanic for Freightliner, Peterbilt, Caterpillar Corp., and others. He was employed by the Owyhee County Road and Bridge Dept. District #1 for 17 years until his retirement in March 2007. He volunteered for the Murphy/Reynolds/Wilson Fire Dept. He donated a tremendous amount of time and money working on equipment and automobiles for people. He made many charitable contributions to various organizations over the years. He was loved by many

and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his companion Sue, daughter Penny (Greg) Simons of Nampa, Idaho, son Bruce (Jamie) Polley of Hermiston, Oregon, Brothers Bill Polley, Larry (Sherry) Rogers of Twin Falls, Idaho, seven grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Frank Polley, Arlene and John Griffin, brothers King Polley and Walt Cox.

The family wishes to extend a very Special Thank You to Treasure Valley Hospice.

The date for his veterans service will be announced at a later time.

Death notice

ROY WILLIAM TAYLOR, 77, of Homedale, died on Friday, Sept. 9, 2022 in Salt Lake City. Arrangements: Dakan Funeral Chapel, 504 S. Kimball Ave., Caldwell. (208) 459-3629

Celebration of Life

LEE STANFORD, of Jordan Valley, died on Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022. A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m., on Friday, Oct. 7, 2022 at Jordan Valley City Park. A meal will be furnished by the family.



Joe Louis (Louie) Uria

July 19, 1929-
September 24, 2022

Louie Uria, 93, of Homedale, passed away on Saturday, September 24, 2022 at home of natural causes.

Dad was born July 19, 1929 in Jordan Valley, Oregon, the son of Joe and Evelyn Uria.

He married Beverly Milby on October 19, 1953 in Homedale, ID. Dad started working at Owyhee Motor Sales (Matteson's) in 1970 when we came to Homedale. He worked until 2003 when he retired.

Dad was always involved in the Owyhee County Rodeo selling programs, tickets, stamping hands and helping wherever needed. Dad loved our town and was involved in all that he could be.

Dad is survived by his son, Joe (Connie) of Redding, Cal.,



his daughters, Kathy Nylander (Chuck) and Kris Hotchkiss (Ken) both of Homedale, ID. Dad's grandkids Alex (Amanda) Smith, Jeff (Jenny) Rudd, Kaleb (Kimi) Hotchkiss, Sarah (Jeremy) Rule, Jaimee Hotchkiss (Raymond), Adam Hotchkiss and his great-grandchildren, Cameron Smith,

Zane and Calvin Rudd, Kegan and Keyleigh Hotchkiss, Charlotte, Augustus and Everly Rochester. Dad is also survived by his brother Floyd (Blanche), and sisters Dorothy, Violet, Joyce, Margaret (Jerry), Vivian (Dick) and sister-in-law, brothers-in-law, and many nephews and nieces.

Dad is preceded in death by mom, Beverly, and brothers Victor and Edward, and one sister Julia.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 1, 2022 at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. A dinner will follow the services at Txoko Ona Basque Center in Homedale.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Homedale Ambulance or Txoko Ona Basque Center.

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Bill and LaDonna Gibbens, 1952

Bill, LaDonna Gibbens to mark 60 years of marriage

The family of Bill and LaDonna Gibbens will host a celebration for the couple’s 60th wedding anniversary. The reception will take place from 1 p.m., to 4 p.m., on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022 at the Zion Lutheran Church, which is located at 404 Nectarine St., Nampa. Cards and conversation are welcome.



Front row, from left: Riley Grimes, Terry Blessing, Lynne Kushlan, Jerry Love, and Mark Holladay. **Middle row, from left:** Debbie Dexter, Tom Grimes, Maxine Stansell, Janine Townsend, Trina Hayes, Jana Knight Vertrees, Mel Campbell, and Joe Ojeda. **Back row, from left:** Dennis Kora, Gary Tanikuni, Scott Holladay, Daryl Jemmett, Dan Marsten, Bill Strack, Brian Vance, and Dan Rohl

Community rallies for man’s cancer recovery

Community members are coming together to help a man battling cancer. Several fundraising vehicles have been launched for Marsing resident Randy Engle. A dinner and auction will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Owyhee County Community Center, 432 W. Nevada Ave., in Homedale. Organizers are accepting donations for live and silent auctions. Call Jolyn Thompson at (208) 318-3982 or Tammy Bowman at (208) 989-1081 for more information. Doors for the benefit open at 5 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per plate, and children 5 and younger eat for free. The event will run until 10 p.m. A GoFundMe page has been established to accept donations. Search “Randy Engle – Cancer Recovery Fund.” Additionally, Amanda Corta is accepting donations through Venmo at https://venmo.com/code?user_id=1896583260012544992

HHS Class of ’72 remembers fallen classmates at reunion

Homedale High School’s Class of 1972 held its 50-year class reunion Aug. 12-14. The celebration began Friday, Aug. 12 when class president John Jackson hosted a gathering at his childhood home overlooking the Snake River. The festivities on Saturday, Aug. 13 included golf at River Bend Golf Course and a social hour at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds beer garden. The weekend concluded on Sunday, Aug. 14 with breakfast at The Bowling Alley before attendees held a memorial at Nolan Taggart Park to honor their fallen classmates. The class planted a tree in the small park during its 40-year reunion. The fallen classmates include: Terry Atkins, Brad Baker, Alan Cahill, Shauna Carson McCurdy, Richard Degitz, Tony Dickson, Yvonne Rae Eoff Hunt Whitman, Robert Gentry, Mike Gross, Steve Gross, Diana Jackson, Rick Jereb, Denise Leslie Packer, Ralph Royce Lineberger Jr., Margie Parrill Gray, Robert Duane Salisbury, Diane Takasugi, Barbara Williams, Jenny Wilks Atkins, Janell Wood Conner, Clifford Vanosdall, James “Jimmy” Leroy Yamamoto, and Kent Eugene Yorgensen.



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Drum major Trinity Neeser directs the Homedale High School marching band during Saturday's USBands competition in Caldwell. The band was playing the theme from "Jaws," and Joslyn Given plays the diver who apparently is a shark attack victim in waiting. Photo by George Decker

HHS, Marsing bands march to the movies in Caldwell

The marching bands from Homedale and Marsing high school entered competition Saturday in Caldwell.

Competing in Class A, Group 1, Homedale finished third and Marsing fourth in the USBands Caldwell Marching Band Competition.

Jerome won the class championship with 73.1 points, and Bishop Kelly was runner-up with 71.1.

The Trojans Marching Band, performing a program titled "A Night at the Movies," finished with 66.3 points.

John Zieske returns as the HHS band director.

This year's Homedale marching band also includes personnel from the middle school music program.

Marsing's band, under the direction of Dawn Sandmeyer, scored 64.7 points for its "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" program.

According to the USBands website, which listed all the results from the Caldwell competition, Marsing's head drum major is Tyson Campbell with leadership assistance from Emily Richling and Elliot Little.

Mykayla Panchenko is the color guard coach, and she provided auxiliary unit choreographer.

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High School Rodeo Begins Anew

Owyhee champions ring in new season

Owyhee County competitors were abundant during the first District II rodeos of the 2022-23 season Saturday and Sunday at the new Crooked 8 Arena in Kuna.

Homedale's Sloan McFarlane got a big jump on the reined cow horse competition, finishing in a three-way tie for second place after the first two performances with 142.5 points.

She scored 70.5 points in dry work (reining) and 72 points in fence work.

Jordan Valley's Halle Burch was Sunday's breakaway roping champion with a 3.11-second run.

Other local winners included:

Shailee Rutan, a Jordan Valley High School student who lives in Pleasant Valley, joining Melba's Trevor Burdick to win Sunday's team roping in 6.7 seconds.

Celie Davis of Adrian swept goat tying both days, getting better each go-round. She ran an 8.16 time Saturday and won with a 7.93 on Sunday.

Adrian's Sydney Davis was runner-up during Sunday's pole bending at 21.389.

— Information provided by Cherie Rolland, an Emmett photographer who provides The Owyhee Avalanche's District 2 high school and junior high school rodeo coverage.



Homedale's Sloan McFarlane wound up in a three-way tie for second place in reined cow horse work.



Shailee Rutan of Pleasant Valley and partner Trevor Burdick of Melba won Sunday's team roping with a top time of 6.7 seconds.



Left: Ella McConnell of Arock finished fourth in the junior high school barrel racing on Saturday, running at 18.233 seconds.

Right: Jalee Maestresjuan of Jordan Valley placed in the top 10 among 32 breakaway roping competitors both days. She was fifth on Saturday at 5.49 seconds and sixth on Sunday (5.36).



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Rimrock record falls at Firman meet

Coach’s daughter takes 10th in Friday middle school race

Loyd Boren set a cross country school record in the Bob Firman Invitational on Saturday.

The Rimrock High School junior finished 11th in the Div. II 5-kilometer race at Eagle Island State Park.

His new personal-best 17 minutes, 18.1 seconds also established the Raiders’ program record for a male athlete.

Two freshmen also ran the fastest 5K races of their high school careers — Kenneth Lancaster finished in 21:57.6, and Hayden Smith crossed the line in 27:33.5.

Senior Cooper Raymond posted his best time of the season at 21:57.6. His brother, sophomore Carson Raymond, finished the race in 22:09.9. Olivia Farfan was the top-finishing

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Homedale High School senior running back Rylan Binford dives into the end zone with a Parma defender on his back for one of his three touchdowns Friday in the Milk Jug Game. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

Trojans cruise in Milk Jug Game

Series win streak at 12; 3A SRV streak at 21

Conference season-opening football games are typically events fraught with nail-biting and revelations.

Friday’s Milk Jug Game was a time to empty the bench early for Homedale High School coach Matt Holtry.

The Trojans scored eight first-half touchdowns and rolled to a 60-0 victory against Parma in the 3A Snake River Valley conference opener for both teams.

It was the sixth consecutive conference opener Homedale has won, and the team’s 21st consecutive 3A SRV victory. The last time the Trojans were on the wrong side of a conference score came in a 31-15 setback to Fruitland on Sept. 29, 2017.

Homedale (4-1 overall, 1-0 in conference) has won the past 12 Milk Jug Games to retain the perpetual milk can trophy.

A Holtry team has never lost to Parma, and the Panthers haven’t won a game in the series since 30-13 triumph at Deward Bell Stadium in 2009.

Homedale’s defense has four consecutive shutouts in the series and seven since 2011. Parma has scored only 34 points in the past 10 games dating to 2012.

On Friday, the Trojans scored four touchdowns in each of the first two quarters.

The defense held the Panthers to just four first downs. Oklin Carson, Omar Rios, Caden Layne, Brock Walker and Chase Cooper all had solo tackles for loss.

A junior, Carson was the Trojans’ top tackler with two solo stops and four assists.

The dominance revealed a statistical oddity: Parma ran 13 more offensive plays than Homedale, but the Trojans held the ball for nearly 30 minutes of game time, while the Panthers’ time of possession was only 18 minutes, 16 seconds.

Senior Elijah Renteria picked off a pass,

— See *Milk Jug*, page 17

Milk Jug results Homedale leads, 18-4

- 2001 — HHS 32, Parma 3
- 2002 — Parma 30, HHS 14
- 2003 — HHS 27, Parma 3
- 2004 — HHS 28, Parma 14
- 2005 — HHS 28, Parma 0
- 2006 — HHS 31, Parma 18
- 2007 — Parma 25, HHS 13
- 2008 — Parma 21, HHS 7
- 2009 — Parma 30, HHS 13
- 2010 — HHS 25, Parma 21
- 2011 — HHS 14, Parma 0
- 2012 — HHS 49, Parma 14
- 2013 — HHS 47, Parma 14
- 2014 — HHS 49, Parma 0
- 2015 — HHS 55, Parma 0
- 2016 — HHS 35, Parma 6
- 2017 — HHS 56, Parma 13
- 2018 — HHS 63, Parma 0
- 2019 — HHS 58, Parma 0
- 2020 — HHS 42, Parma 0
- 2021 — HHS 54, Parma 0
- 2022 — HHS 60, Parma 0

Penalty kick saves day for HHS girls

Cadence Nicoletti drilled home a penalty kick for the difference-maker in Homedale High School’s second-to-last regular-season soccer game. The junior’s goal in the 62nd minute proved to be the game-

— See *Girls*, page 15

Blas gets Marsing’s offense moving

Huskies miss chances vs. NP

Patience is a big ask during the reconstruction of a high school football program. Watching their favorite squad the past two weeks, Marsing fans must be having an easier time waiting on the breakthrough.

“The hard work will pay off, not always when you want it to, but it will eventually pay off,” first-year coach Shea McClellin said.

The Huskies started the 2A Western Idaho Conference season Friday with a narrow 13-12 road loss to New Plymouth.

Marsing’s offense and defense clicked, but — as in the

— See *Marsing*, page 16



Sports

Top 3A SRV squads defeat Homedale volleyball

Homedale High School finished the week clinging to fourth place in the conference volleyball standings.

Coach Heidi Nash's team took on the 3A Snake River Valley conference's top two teams last week, losing both matches.

Homedale (2-7 overall, 1-3 in conference) played in a quad meet in Parma on Saturday. The Trojans ended the week a half-match ahead of Payette and Parma in the 3A SRV.

The Trojans ended a busy week of dual matches Thursday with a 25-12, 25-17, 25-11 setback against Fruitland (12-2, 4-0). Further details weren't received by press time.

Last Wednesday, Homedale played host to Cole Valley Christian and Baker, Ore., in a tri-meet. The Bulldogs beat the Trojans, 25-15, 25-9, in a non-conference match.

Sept. 20: McCall-Donnelly def. Homedale, 3-0—The host Vandals remained unbeaten in 3A SRV play with a 26-24, 25-13, 25-16 triumph.

Olivia Asumendi served five aces, and Katie Christoffersen



Olivia Asumendi digs a ball as Homedale High School teammate Katie Christoffersen prepares to play during a match last week against Cole Valley Christian. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

added a pair for the Trojans.

Asumendi and Kinsey Blankenship notched five kills apiece. Zayne Hall had three kills and a block.

Kaylee Blankenship went 16-for-70 in setting.

Christoffersen led the defense, going 14-for-20 on digs. Kaylee Blankenship and Asumendi added six digs apiece,

and Lexie Heck converted five of eight attempts.

Sept. 17: Homedale def. Notus, 2-0 — In a game reported a few days after the Idaho Classic in Meridian, Christoffersen's seven aces aided a 25-7, 25-11 win.

The tourney was played at Mountain View High School. Heck and Kaylee Blankenship

carded three aces each.

Christoffersen also applied offensive pressure at the net with four kills in eight tries, while Kinsey Blankenship led the way with eight kills.

Melani Whitehead and Asumendi knocked down three kills each.

Isana Larzelier had five digs.

✓ Girls: Trojans even SRV record

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winner in the Trojans' 3-2 triumph over Payette in at 3A Snake River Valley conference girls' soccer match.

The game was played Thursday on the Pilgrims' field and was a warm-up for Homedale's Senior Night game — a rematch against Payette — which was played Tuesday after deadline at Deward Bell Stadium.

Olivia Smith scored goals in the 30th minute and 51st minute to help Homedale build a 2-0 lead early in the second half.

The Trojans (3-2 overall, 2-2 in conference) saw its lead shrink to a goal, 2-1, when Payette's Destinee Rojas scored in the 58th minute.

The Pirates inched closer again in the 76th minute when Joanna Alba scored.

Homedale's defense held the line for the rest of the game.

Jacy Parker posted seven saves for the Trojans, and Dani Sitts stopped one shot.

Homedale Trojans

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Football
Noah Eriksen, jr., K
Norwegian exchange student went 6-for-8 on PATs, averaged 54.7 yards on 10 kickoffs vs. Parma



Volleyball
Mylisa Barrett, jr.
2 kills, 1 ace vs. McCall-Donnelly



Cross country
Brock Johnson, jr.
Best team finish with season-fast time at Bob Firman



Girls' soccer
Cadence Nicoletti, jr.
Penalty kick highlighted win vs. Payette

This week's Sports Schedule

Football
Varsity
Friday, Sept. 30, home vs. Payette (Homecoming), Deward Bell Stadium, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Sept. 29 at Payette, 6:30 p.m.

Cross country - Coed
Thursday, Sept. 29 at Gary Ward Invitational, Lakeview Park, Nampa

Swimming
Friday, Oct. 7 vs. Nampa, Nampa Rec Center, 5:15 p.m.

Volleyball
Varsity
Thursday, Sept. 29 at Weiser, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 4, home vs. Payette, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Sept. 29 at Weiser, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 4, home vs. Payette, 5:30 p.m.
Frosh/soph
Thursday, Sept. 29 at Weiser, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 4, home vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.

Girls' soccer
3A District III Tournament
Saturday, Oct. 8, opponent, location, time TBD

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Sports

Marsing youth basketball sign-ups open

Marsing Youth Sports basketball registration will be available until next Wednesday. The registration fee is \$55 per child, and the season lasts until Nov. 27. Registration applications and payment options are available at www.marsingyouthsports.com.

✓ Marsing: First-year coach sees young team improving

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21-19 loss to Parma on Sept. 16 — the special teams aspect proved the difference.

“We had our chances,” McClellin said.

The Huskies (1-4 overall, 0-1 in conference) missed a 25-yard field goal and had a point-after kick blocked. The team also couldn’t convert on a two-point try against the Pilgrims (3-2, 1-0).

There are few seniors on the squad, and that youthfulness continues to seep through.

“We fought our tails off the entire game,” McClellin said. “We just made too many mistakes as a young team would.”

Senior Jordan Blas was on his game, though.

The quarterback accounted for 362 offensive yards, including 138 yards and a touchdown on 15 rushes.

Junior Luke Steinmeyer hauled in 179 yards on eight catches. He also brought home Blas’ TD pass.

Blas completed 10 of 17 passing attempts for 224 yards.

“Jordan and Luke had a heck of a game on both sides of the ball,” McClellin said.

Mason Enochson raced 40 yards with his only reception of the night.

Blas was part of a significant pass defense. He broke up one pass while making 14 tackles.

Steinmeyer knocked down three passes and logged six tackles.

Another senior, Braeden Davis, picked off a pass and disrupted another attempt while notching 10 tackles.

“We’re getting better every week, and that is all (the coaches) asked of them before the season started,” McClellin said. “I can see improvement every week, and I love the fight we have.” — JPB



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MARSING HUSKIES



Football
Braeden Davis, sr., S
10 tackles, INT, pass breakup vs. New Plymouth



Volleyball
Anna Gluch, sr., blocker, hitter
One of 4 upperclassmen on roster



Cross country
Brody Bowers, fr.
17th in Parma Invitational

Weekly Husky Sports Schedule

Football
Varsity
Friday, Sept. 30, home vs. Nampa Christian (Homecoming), 7 p.m.

Cross country
Wednesday, Sept. 28 at Melba Invite, 5 p.m.

Volleyball
Varsity
Thursday, Sept. 29 at Melba, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 4, home vs. Compass Charter, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A
Thursday, Sept. 29 at Melba, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 4, home vs. Compass Charter, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B
Thursday, Sept. 29 at Melba, 4:30 p.m.

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Sports

Handcuffed Huskies can’t get past Pilgrims

Struggles in the middle of the court thwarted Marsing High School in its volleyball conference opener Thursday. New Plymouth sent the visiting Huskies to their second consecutive loss, 25-15, 25-17, 25-17, in the season’s first 2A Western Idaho Conference match for both teams. “Our passing on Thursday limited what we could do offensively,” Marsing coach Amy Chadez said. “New Plymouth did a nice job targeting us when we appeared rattled, and we just could not get out of our funk.” Bailey Daugherty and Lily Thoene managed two kills each. “Our setters, Ashlyn Porter and Lily Thoene, worked hard to track down balls in their attempt to get them to our hitters,” Chadez said. “Some games are just hard, and this was one of them for us.” Emily Vanosdall led the service game, putting all 10 of her attempts in play and notching three aces. Mila Astorquia went 7-for-7 with an ace for Marsing (5-5 overall, 0-1 in conference). Vanosdall also led the defense against New Plymouth (2-7, 1-0), picking up 10 digs. “I was proud of our team for continuing to fight despite everything feeling as though it wasn’t working. They continued to support one another and display body language we can be proud of,” Chadez said.

Top-ranked Mustangs keep on rolling on court

Unbeaten outside of tournament play, Melba High School used an easy victory as a tune-up for a challenging rival. The host Mustangs swept Compass Charter, 25-4, 25-7, 25-15, in a 2A Western Idaho Conference match Thursday. Coach Curtis Johnson’s squad is the top-ranked Class 2A team in the statewide coaches’ poll compiled by IdahoSports.com. Melba (8-0 overall, 2-0 in conference) took on Cole Valley Christian in Meridian in a battle of 2A WIC unbeatens on Tuesday after deadline. The Mustangs beat the Chargers for the District III championship last season. The Mustangs also played host to Nyssa, Ore., on Monday after deadline in a non-conference match. Reserve players were able to get floor time during last week’s easy victory against the Aviators. Melina Helm led the Mustangs with five aces and two blocks. Charlize Sharp added two kills, and Winter Hanson chipped in a kill, three digs and an ace.

Trojans tackle Firman 5K test

Middle-schoolers compete Friday

A small Homedale High School cross country contingent took on the biggest meet of the season Saturday. Brock Johnson posted his best time of the season in the Bob Firman Invitational Div. II five kilometers. The junior posted a time of 18 minutes, 54.3 seconds at Eagle Island State Park. Sophomore Evelyn Koon timed in a 25:32.1 in the girls’ race, and senior teammate LaRae Stewart turned in a 27:23.7. Several Trojans ran in Friday’s middle school 3Ks. Marshall Eells used a personal-best 14:00.9 to finished 36th in the sixth-grade boys’ race. Other sixth-graders in that competition included: Jaxon Kushlan, 65th, 15:37.4 • Ethen Price, 78th, 16:34 • Skyler Boslau, 91st, 19:30.4 Three HMS sixth-graders posted PRs in the girls’ race: • Kenzie Silence, 77th, 18:23.6 • Baylee Harris, 80th, 18:33.6 • Delsa Koon, 97th, 20:31.8 Two other girls finished in the top 90: • Charlotte Marston, 81st, 18:34.3 • Elle North, 90th, 19:04.8 Rounding out the girls’ sixth-grade race: • Amber Love, 100th, 21:35.8 • Rylee Ashliman, 101st, 21:56.1 Seventh- and eighth-graders were bunched into the same 3K with eighth-grader Brody Johnson capturing 87th in the boys’ race at 12:12.6. Kegan Hotchkiss, a seventh-grader, warmed up for Saturday’s Owyhee Health Coalition Health Fair fun run with a personal-record 14:25.4 in the Firman 3K about 13 hours earlier. The rest of the Trojans in the boys’ meet were: • Seventh-grader Camden Sorenson, 13:52.8 • Eighth-grader Wayne Stewart, 14:22.6 • Seventh-grader Cylas Purdom, 17:20.9 • Seventh-grader Kristoffer Slawson, 18:49.7 • Seventh-grader Sebastian Soto, 18:49.7 In the girls’ seventh- and eighth-grade competition, Ashlyn Harkins ran her best race of the season at 19:05.5, and she was joined in the meet by fellow seventh-grader Hadlee Brown (15:31) and eighth-grader Sophie North (20:04.6).

Melba a solid 2nd at Parma Invite

Three of Melba High School’s four scoring athletes finished in the top 10 last week as the girls took second in the Parma Invitational. The Mustangs were runners-up in the boys’ meet Sept. 20. Parma won both titles. Owyhee County’s Brooklyn Dayley was second in the girls’ race at 22 minutes, 36.9 seconds to lead four Mustangs in the top 12: • Rozzlyn Cazier, sr., fourth in 23:08.3 • Braelyn Scott, sr., ninth in 24:39.9 • Eliza Svedin, jr., 12th in 25:39.2 Junior Ravio Manzer, third at 19:00.8, was one of four top-10 Melba boys: • Carsten Volkers, so., sixth in 19:45.8 • Jack Cazier, fr., seventh in 20:22.8 • Isaiah Shoemaker, fr., 10th in 20:45.6 Three boys were top-25: • Grant Svedin, sr., 13th in 21:24.5 • Jonny Gunderson, jr., 19th in 22:25.9 • Jacob Gunderson, fr., 23rd, 22:57.5 Every Melba female athlete broke the 30-minute barrier: • Hayden Higgins, fr., 16th in 26:45.3 • Ellie Crimbchin, fr., 18th in 27:11.4 • Josie Hansen, so., 20th in 29:42.2 • Sarah Lehmkuhl, jr., 21st in 29:42.7 Two freshmen boys collected top-40 showings: • Tavin Heritage, 31st, 25:00.5 • Garth Spence, 38th, 29:32.5

✓ Milk Jug: Junior varsity skill players shine against Panthers’ varsity

From Page 14 and Luke Henry (sophomore) and Michael Rose (junior) recovered fumbles. Henry returned a punt 55 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter. With Trenton Fisher still nursing a bum ankle, fellow senior Rylan Binford scored three of the five times he carried the ball, piling up 49 yards. But Binford wasn’t alone. Seven players — five underclassmen — carried the ball against the Panthers. Senior Jeffrey Layne scored a touchdown on a three-yard run on his only rush of the night. Same for junior Dillon Fine, who found pay dirt after a two-yard run. Sophomore Alex Sotelo was the most active rusher, running seven times for 76 yards. Freshman Kade Hall rushed five times for 42 yards and a score. The Trojans rolled up 351 total yards, and the defense limited Parma to 91 yards offense. Homedale scored on all but one of its possessions. Senior quarterback Jaxon Dines, who went 8-for-11, was intercepted in the first quarter. Homedale was able to lean on its junior varsity roster because Parma didn’t have enough players to warrant a full JV game. Dines posted 159 yards through the air with touchdown passes to Carson and fellow junior Danny Lomeli. Carson scored on a five-yard play, his only reception of the game. Lomeli was the leading receiver with 86 yards on two catches. He also had the longest play of the night, scoring on a 72-yard pass on the game’s first play from scrimmage.

✓ Rimrock: Female athletes set personal milestones at prestigious meet

From Page 14 girl for the Rimrock squad, taking the 100th position in 22:57.6. Senior Dayanara Hurtado turned in her best performance of the season at 32:20.5. Freshman Juana Lemus posted the fastest time of her prep career in 26:45.6. Three junior girls also ran for the Raiders: • Goya Lemus, 23:31.8 • Annakay Winings, 28:40.9 • Samantha Elizarraraz, 33:43.9 Middle school athletes covered a 3K course Friday in Eagle. • Ashlin Raymond was 10th in the sixth-grade girls’ race with a personal record of 13:17.9. There were two PRs girls’ seventh- and eighth-grade contest: • Eighth-grader Laine Raymond finished in 14:14.7. • Seventh-grader Kenzley Fowers was clocked at 15:50.1. On the boys’ side: • Sam Couch finished 90th in the sixth-grade race with a personal record of 19:06.3. Two eighth-graders posted PRs in the seventh- and eighth-grade 3K: • Dylan McNeley was 68th in 11:56.8 • Crew Merrick crossed in 14:35.9 • Elijah Boren, another eighth-grader, ran his fastest race of the season at 15:27.2.

Commentary

Jon P. Brown,
managing editor



Eyes on
Owyhee

Just doing our job
— with your help

A customer stepped into the office a week or so back and marveled at how much information and news can be found in The Owyhee Avalanche’s pages each week.

The rhetorical statement of “I don’t know how you guys do it” was both a source of pride and embarrassment.

My first reaction is something akin to the “Just doing our job, ma’am” that TV firefighters and police officers give when praise is heaped upon them after a job well done.

But this job is nowhere near the task asked of first-responders, especially those in Owyhee County, the large majority of whom are unpaid volunteers who drop everything to help their neighbors.

In reality, the customer was right. This job is a demanding one, but it also has its rewards.

Newspapers — and increasingly in this valley and Idaho in general, it seems — independently owned community newspapers are the guardians at the gate between good government and corruption.

Community newspapers are also the last great places to find in-depth information about high school sports for the local team.

Weekly papers, often operated by small staffs, or — in the Avalanche’s case for nearly 11 months now — one person, are one of the few sources this side of a coffee shop to find the great stories about your neighbors.

And, while that coffee shop yarn might be juicy, rest assured that the newspaper article about Bobby down the block or Susie on the ranch “next door” is accurate and thoughtful and dedicated to showing all the great things those folks are doing either for the community or an ailing neighbor or family member or to get to that national spelling bee or free-throw shooting contest.

But, as we come upon another National Newspaper Week — you can find Barry McWilliams’ spot-on salute to Oct. 2-9 in the cartoon about what local papers mean to my left (your right) on this page — it’s important to understand that the public meeting agendas, school menus, local sports news and other items that can be found consistently in the Avalanche don’t materialize out of the mind of one person.

This newspaper’s broad appeal, wide reach and — we hope — consistent eye on the good and bad in Owyhee County can be traced and attributed to readers like you.

Many of the items in the Avalanche each week don’t see the light of day without a phone call or email from a concerned citizen or a person who wants to shine a light on a special friend, neighbor or family member, or a coach or coaches’ aide with statistics and other details from the myriad games played each week.

And this paper doesn’t get off the ground without contributions from folks like Joshua Gray, Breeana Lootens, Cherie Rolland and Gregg Garrett, who provide photographs of local events and games this year.

Articles from Mandi Boren in Oreana and John Bruyninckx in Seattle help broaden the Avalanche’s coverage and bring other voices into its pages.

Column contributions from University of Idaho Extension staffers Scott Jensen, Suriñe Greenway,

— See *Our job*, Page 19

JP Doodles

NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK, OCT. 2-8



Montana-based syndicated editorial cartoonist Barry McWilliams passed away in August 2021. 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
Expanding collaborative
water partnerships in Idaho

Through collaborative processes, we can achieve workable solutions to some of the most challenging issues involving our natural resources that balance the clear need for ecological health, adhere to multiple-use principles and achieve economic vitality. Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) plays a key part in preventing forest fires and is a prime example of what can be achieved when agencies work together to implement a shared vision of healthy, productive lands. The Senate-passed Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) extended GNA to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to improve federal lands in Idaho.

Congress generally enacts WRDA legislation every two years to support the Army Corps of Engineers water resource development programs and projects. The House of Representatives passed its version of WRDA on June 8 by a vote of 384-37, before the Senate passed the bill with my support by a vote of 93-1 on July 29. The recent WRDA legislation would authorize the Corps to carry out water resources development projects and revise civil works policies and programs of the Corps.

Very importantly, WRDA contained language fellow U.S. senator for Idaho Jim Risch, Idaho Gov. Brad Little and I backed to establish a Good Neighbor Authority pilot project in Idaho to reduce fire risk around Corps projects. Specifically, the legislation authorizes the Corps to carry out a pilot program

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— See *Water*, Page 19

Commentary

Financial management

When debts are the same, prioritize the higher interest rate



DAVE Says
by Dave Ramsey • www.davesays.org

Dear Dave,

We are ready to start Baby Step 2, and we have about \$35,000 in total debt. Our two smallest debts, a credit card and a truck we financed, are both \$4,500 right now, and we have a combined income of about \$95,000 a year. Since the credit card has a higher interest rate, my wife thinks we should pay it off first. To me, the truck is a necessity, and we should pay it off first for that reason. What do you say?

— Grant

Dear Grant,

When the rule of paying off debts from smallest to largest doesn't apply, I think you should attack the one with the larger interest rate first. In your case, that'd be the credit card debt. I get what you're saying about the truck. And I agree that transportation is a necessity. You guys might be in a bind if something happened and you lost a vehicle, but it's also a situation you could probably work around for a little while if you had no choice. My

guess is you have friends or relatives who could loan you a car in a pinch, and public transportation is an option for some folks. So yeah, knock out the credit card first then move on to the truck. Do you understand my reasoning, Grant? Going this route serves two purposes: First, it will save you a little money. And second, I've got a feeling it will fire up your wife, and get her on board with the idea of you two getting your finances in order even more

than she already is. She's taking this whole thing pretty seriously if she's eyeballing interest rates, buddy. She loves the thought of you two having control of your money. Use this momentum to work together as a team, and knock out that debt!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of *The Ramsey Show*.

✓ Our job

From Page 18

Andrew Bingham, Madi Anderson, Ariel Agenbroad and — previously before he moved to Montana, Nic Usabel — bring a feature to the Avalanche that has something for everyone in the Owyhee country.

Our occasional “Reminiscing” feature is made possible by contributions from Stan Soran and John Larsen, among others. In fact, I have a couple of John’s historical musings just waiting for a spot in the paper.

Jack Muldoon’s Religious Expression columns are a relatively new feature that nestles neatly next to our Church Directory about once a month. I’d love to see more local pastors contribute their thoughts to this space. And, if any congregations need to update the information in the directory, give us a call.

I’d be remiss if I didn’t mention the help that our office manager, Margie Byrd, has been. She’s my chief proofreader for both stories and the finished product. She also transcribes the yellowing newspaper pages to compose the ever-popular “Looking Back” each week. And, chances are, hers is the kind voice concerned readers hear when they call with a news tip.

With any operation, more can be done on our end. There are high school teams in our readership area that aren’t getting ink. Specifically, most athletes from Rimrock and Adrian aren’t showcased in these pages. Melba volleyball coach Curtis Johnson consistently sends in his results, and most of the coaches from Homedale and Marsing are great about getting information to the Avalanche in a timely manner after their contests.

But, as we have said when a parent or grandmother has called to ask about the absence of their child’s athletic exploits, lean on your kids’ coaches if you think proper recognition is being left out of the Avalanche.

Likewise, if there is a story we’re missing, give us a nudge or send us information on the topic and we’ll track it down.

For those amateur scribes out there, if you see a story that needs telling, write something about it and send

it in. We’ll take a look at it and get in touch if more information is needed.

High-resolution photos are always great, too.

When it comes right down to it, while “newspaper” is the operative word in “community newspaper,” the “community” is just as important in getting the full picture of that community out to the inquiring public.

We look forward to your continued patronage and assistance.

If you have a story idea, or an event or a person that deserves time in the sun, reach out at (208) 337-4681 or jon@owyheeavalanche.com.

Likewise, if you think you would like to directly help the Avalanche report the news and have always had the itch to write for a newspaper, drop me a line with a little about you and your outlook for the adventure and we can chat.

...

As mentioned at the top, holding government and public officials accountable is one of the most sacred duties of any newspaper — large or small.

It’s also one of the hardest jobs for a journalist, and not just because rooting out problems is never easy.

Contrary to public opinion, journalists are human and have hearts and souls. We understand elected officials are human, too. Some are friends, so it’s always difficult to call out unethical or inappropriate behavior.

Alas, it must be done.

Since the start of 2022, the Avalanche has reported on the resignations of two Owyhee County elected officials and investigations into the questionable conduct of two others.

But accountability is not always as tangible as going outside the bounds of Idaho Code or the code of ethics.

Something like unprofessional behavior can also put a mark on an otherwise notable stay in office.

Dist. 2 county commissioner Kelly Aberasturi is never one to mince words, and many times — such as Monday’s meeting in Murphy when he discussed the crucial need for reliable broadband to keep emergency communications operating throughout Owyhee County

— his frankness is welcome.

But on Sept. 19, the commissioner’s candor caught up with him and drove home the point that in this age of Zoom meetings, officials have to be cognizant that there are more than just their colleagues “in the room.”

Aberasturi used two profanities during that Sept. 19 meeting when discussing two different county issues.

He wanted more estimates on a project just for “sh*ts and giggles.” It’s always a good idea to get more than one price when taxpayer money is spent, of course. There is a better way to express that in an open meeting.

The man’s second slip-up was far more potentially damaging to credibility both with the public and even with other government officials.

Aberasturi was talking about a recent visit to a Homedale City Council meeting dealing with the possible vacation and transfer of Rodeo Way (the street officially called West Nevada Avenue) that runs between 3rd Street North and 4th Street North near the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale.

“I won’t talk to the clerk, and I won’t talk to the attorney,” Aberasturi said about further discussions with the city about the matter.

“The city attorney is an a**hole. I called him an a**hole in the meeting,” Aberasturi said. “Well, I didn’t say that. I said, ‘You know what you are.’ He was being extremely rude.”

To publicly air an opinion about Paul J. Fitzer’s demeanor is unnecessary and unproductive. There are public officials who despise one another on a personal level but still manage to conduct themselves with decorum and grace when the public is listening (granted, not as many as before, but they’re still out there).

And, Aberasturi has to remember that — with Zoom meetings — the public may ALWAYS be listening.

As passionate as he may be about doing right by Owyhee County, Aberasturi owes it to his constituents to not only control his language in public settings but make sure his personal feelings neither seep into nor sway his primary mission of achieving the best for the county.

✓ Water: Good Neighbor Authority simplifies agency-to-agency work

From Page 18

Enactment of WRDA to enable the Corps to also use Good Neighbor Authority to create partnerships to improve the health of federal lands in Idaho is a productive step that will build on GNA successes in our great state.

For example, a GNA program coordinated by the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests and Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) was recognized with the 2017 Regional Forester Awards. Through the program, forest management has supported fuels reduction and watershed restoration.

Statewide, the IDL reported the 2018 Agreement for Shared Stewardship between the state of Idaho and Regions 1 and 4 of the U.S. Forest Service “formalized interagency efforts to prioritize and expedite landscape-level treatments focused on fuels reduction and improved forest, rangeland, and watershed conditions.”

The IDL detailed results of the partnerships that have enabled the treatment of 17,119 acres through 30 timber sales on four national forests in Idaho from 2016 to 2020. GNA was also used to treat 52,406 acres through 16 botany, heritage, wildlife,

hydrology, soils, fisheries and forest stand exams projects on four national forests in Idaho during the same time period.

WRDA supports and advances critical water infrastructure projects across the nation and right here in Idaho that include channel maintenance to improve navigation capability at the Port of Lewiston and a study to improve domestic flood control capability in the Northwest. This reauthorization of WRDA will help facilitate commerce, promote project efficiencies and better ensure effective responses to current and future needs.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

October 1, 1997

Queen...

Senior Shasta Chadez was crowned the Marsing Homecoming Queen last Friday.



Five file for two Marsing council seats

Five Marsing residents have filed to run for two at-large seats on the Marsing City Council, said City Clerk Janice Bicandi.

Edith A. Lemos, James E. Thomas, Dorena Brown, Teresa Frailey and Glenda (Faye) Pfrimmer returned their petitions by the deadline date of Sept. 25, Bicandi said. The current seat-holders, Harvey Grimme and Gene Showalter, are not running for re-election.

Vander Boegh appointed to SDHD board

Homedale resident Barbie Vander Boegh has been appointed by the board of Owyhee County Commissioners to represent the county on the Southwest District Health Department board.

Vander Boegh replaces Marianna Thomas, a registered nurse and Homedale resident, who recently resigned after serving 12 years on the SDHD board.

Homedale ends Fruitland’s undefeated record

The Trojans took down undefeated Fruitland in the September 25 match up, winning, 15-11, 15-12.

“Anytime you beat someone like Fruitland, it’s great,” said coach Kevin Murphy.

Sophomore Tess Zatica had seven kills, one stuff, and five blocks; senior Charity McMillan added five kills, and junior Deitra Haylett had eight assists, and senior Jacqueline Itano had five assists.

Earlier in the week, Homedale swept past Marsing in two games, winning 15-5, 15-1.

Trojans maintain winning streak

Homedale managed to keep its winning streak alive after defeating New Plymouth 34-0 last Friday. Homedale climbs to a 4-0 overall record.

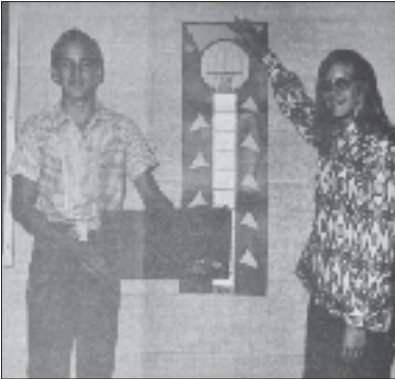
Junior Darren Uranga completed 14 passes out of 30 and was 252 yards for two touchdowns, Uranga also was 5 for 21 and had one touchdown. Senior Kenny Thomas caught six for 118 yards and two touchdowns. Senior Zeb Ross contributed 12 carries for 20 yards, one touchdown. Junior Nick Shanley was 9 for 44 yards. Gavin Parker added a 34-yard field goal.

On the defensive side, senior Kevin Schwartz had nine tackles, three assists, and one quarterback sack, which was for a two-point safety, and senior Nic Miller added seven tackles, one assist and three quarterback sacks.

50 years ago

September 28, 1972

JOHN DEMSHAR, newly elected president of the Junior High student council, displays the eight-pound chocolate candy bar that will be awarded to the class that sells the most magazine subscriptions. Holding the chart that will record the daily sales is Sharon Bauer, student council secretary. The goal for this year’s sales has been set at \$1,500. The junior high receives a percentage of the total sales, with the proceeds to be used for student activities. Prizes are also awarded to the top salesman for each day. The magazine and newspaper selling campaign will continue until Oct. 2. Photo by Bette Uda



Homedale suffers 29-14 loss to Vallivue Falcons

Homedale will cross into Oregon Friday night to tackle the Adrian Antelopes in a non-conference game. The Trojans’ first Southwest Idaho conference game will be here with New Plymouth on Oct. 6.

The Homedale Trojans’ victory string of 16 consecutive games was broken Friday night as the Vallivue Falcons launched a strong offensive in the first half and swept to a 29-14 grid win.

In that opening 24 minutes Vallivue took a 22-8 lead. With Marc Asumendi and Terry Woolery running at will between the Homedale ends, the Falcons scored the first time they touched the ball on a 72-yard drive that took just over three minutes.

After the kickoff, Homedale fumbled the ball, and Vallivue had the pigskin on the Trojan 28.

Two Dee Pickett aerals and three runs later, Asumendi went in from the one for another score.

Homedale got on the board early in the second quarter with a 60-yard drive as fullback George Hyer ripped the Vallivue defensive line to stack up most of the yardage. He scored the six-pointer from a yard out and ran in the conversion to narrow it to 14-8 with 9:44 left in the opening half.

Commissioners embargo news of discrepancies

Owyhee County commissioners placed an embargo last Thursday on official sources of information surrounding \$104,413.12 in alleged county fund discrepancies while auditing the treasurer’s books.

The statement from commission chairman David J. Phelps, Homedale, said auditors have “isolated” the alleged discrepancies to the treasurer’s books:

“The news media today released information concerning the report submitted to the Owyhee County Commissioners Sept. 11 audit, which disclosed a deficit of \$104,413.12 in the treasurer’s general account.

“This matter has been under close scrutiny by the Owyhee County commissioners for more than two months. ...

“The discrepancy has been isolated to the treasurer’s books and does not involve any other county books. The shortage accumulates back more than 17 years and has necessitated a comprehensive audit. ...

“In view of the pending investigation, I have asked that no further statements be made by officials of Owyhee County.”

155 years ago

September 28, 1867

At the meeting of the stockholders of the Oro Fino & Morning Star Mining Company, on the 17th inst., the directors presented an elaborate report of the mine, &c., of which our limited space this week forbids anything more than a cursory mention. Work was commenced in the mine April 28th; since which time, two shafts have been sunk of 92 and 67 feet respectively; 1,134 tuns of ore have been taken out, and up to the 15th inst. 1,050 tuns had been crushed, which yielded \$54,193. The total amount of expenditures of working the mine, including repairs, incidental expenses, &c., amounted to \$45,508. The Company by-laws were revised and amended; one amendment allows the Trustees to expend, for the benefit of the Company, any sum under but not exceeding \$100,000 instead of \$15,000 as heretofore. At a subsequent meeting of the Trustees the following officers were chosen: H. Webb, President; A. Goodman, Treasurer; A. J. Sands, Superintendent, and H. Gove, Secretary; for which, acting as such, the annexed salaries were allowed: President, \$1,500 per annum; Treasurer, \$1,500 per annum; Superintendent, \$500 per month; and Secretary \$300 per month. Altogether, the affairs of the Company are in a very healthy state.

WE give the following letter from Jos. Wasson, one of the former proprietors of the AVALANCHE:
SOUTH FORK DARRAGE CREEK, O’GN
August 28th, 1867

FRIEND HILL.—*Dear Sir:* News to-day to the effect that you are installed in the AVALANCHE and in the possession of a share of stock in that paying and prosperous institution generally. Was it not a little unkind of you to step in and cut me out of a regular sit and leave me out here to the mercy of the savages — after the many complimentary notices I gave you? Although a penniless orphan (as A. Johnson would invariably say) away out here on the borders of Webfoot, I’m glad the concern fell into as good hands as yours and Millard’s; if it ever had any standing as a local newspaper while in the hands of your predecessors, it will lose nothing at least, and (I hope for the name of it in the past and your profit and credit in the future) it will be benefitted by the change. The last No. I read contained an item which suggested that the man I left in charge of the concern was becoming rapidly demoralized, and I might expect a change of some kind about the next “load of poles.” Describing a “meteoric phenomenon: as being about “the size of an ordinary whisky barrel” and descending “at an angle of about ten degrees,” generated suspicious in my mind of nothing but barrels of whisky and sleeping on cellar-doors. I hope the new firm will take warning from the evident fate of that man; I also hope you have taken no advantage of him in the transfer, during such failings. Hill, you’re pretty well muscled — an excellent qualification in an editor — and I hope to hear of your having knocked down and dragged out several indignants or intruders the first week; nothing I can think of would bode more good to your future welfare. You must never pay any attention to flying assertions on the streets (unless accompanied by a brick-bat), as it would occupy all your time; you will doubtless feel huffy at being characterized every day as a male descendant of Cain-ine, but never descend to notice it. After a few months’ experience, should you manage to get one-half the community to severely hate you, without being able to assign any reason for it, and the other half to respect you more through fear than favor — it will be good evidence that the paper is running about right and is bound to be a success.

Sports

HMS seventh-graders perfect through four games

Volleyball, cross country in midst of seasons, too

Homedale Middle School's seventh-grade football team is off to an unbeaten start. Heading into Tuesday's game at Parma, which was played after the Avalanche's press time, the Trojans defense had posted two shutouts and allowed just 13 points in four games. Homedale knocked off visiting Fruitland, 30-6, in a 3A Snake River Valley conference game at Deward Bell Stadium on Sept. 20. Ontario was the only other team to score against the Trojans, dropping a 45-7 decision in Homedale's home confer-

ence opener on Sept. 7. The team started the season with a 52-0 non-conference victory over Sage Valley from Caldwell on Aug. 30. Homedale's eighth-graders beat Fruitland, 21-8, on Sept. 20 for their first win. The Trojans had lost close games to Weiser (19-12 on the road) and Ontario (22-20 at home) to start the 3A SRV season. The eighth-graders played the second half of a double-header Tuesday after deadline in Parma. Remaining football games: • Tuesday — at McCain in

Payette • Oct. 11 — home against Payette Lakes from McCall The action starts at 4:15 p.m., with the seventh-grade contest, and the eighth-graders play immediately afterward. The conference playoffs will be held on Oct. 18. The location and matchups have yet to be determined. Ben Roberts and Zac Taylor are the seventh-grade coaches, while Corby Garrett and Paul Nicoletti mentor the eighth-graders. Homedale's volleyball teams started the final month of their season Tuesday at home

against Payette Lakes. The teams' home finale takes place on Monday against Weiser. Those are also the final matches of the 3A SRV season. David Hann coaches the eighth-graders, and Debby Turner leads the seventh-grade squad. The cross country team's season continues today in the McCain Kiwanis Invite in Payette and the Gary Ward Invite on Thursday in Nampa. The team is also scheduled to take part in the annual Rusty Fender meet on Oct. 6 in Bruneau.



Seventh-grader Mason Taylor kicks the football out of the hold of Kreece Powell during Homedale Middle School's game Sept. 13 against Weiser at Deward Bell Stadium. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

Freshman leads Huskies in strong showing at Parma meet

Most Marsing High School athletes finished in the top 25 during last week's Parma Invitational. The cross country meet was held Sept. 20 in Canyon County. Freshman Brody Bowers took 17th in the boys' five kilometers, posting a 22-minute, 6-second time that represents his fastest race thus far as a high-schooler. Sophomores Jack Marshall (22:39.3) and Alex Christiansen (22:43.4) and senior Josue Espejel (22:49.5) finished 20th, 21st and 22nd, respectively. Logan Spicer ran 33rd for the Huskies. The sophomore was

clocked at 25:51.6. First-year coach Isaiah Ponce's lone female athlete — sophomore Wendy Alvarez — took 25th in 34:21.8. Several Marsing boys and girls accepted the 3K middle school race challenge. Four girls established personal records, including sixth-grader Brooklyn Frerichs, who finished 15th in 14:44.8. Other PRs included: • Sixth-grader Aliya Chlarson, 27th in 15:23.6 • Eighth-grader Kate Marshal, 49th in 17:31.6 • Sixth-grader Crystal Gonzalez, 59th in 18:54.9 • Seventh-grader Jaida

Chlarson (37th in 16:20.9) and eighth-grader Soyla Contreras (58th in 18:49) posted their fastest times of the season. Sixth-grader Lexinee Padilla was 57th in 18:45.6. Sixth-grader Cohen Larsen PR'd with a 15:12.9 and took 58th in the boys' race, four spots behind Marsing's top finisher, eighth-grader Tim Christiansen was 54th in 14:58.8. Four sixth-graders also ran in the boys' meet: • Joshua Kaufer, 83rd, 19:15.1 • Julian Ponce, 85th, 20:04.8 • Wade Percifield, 88th, 20:27.2 • Jonathan Moreno, 89th, 20:51.9

Bruneau Round-Up results

Sept. 16-17 at Bruneau Rodeo Grounds
All around — Dusty Easterday and Jared Parke
Saddle bronc — 1. Clayton Brumm, 82 points; 2. Jace Angus, 79; 3. Chris Wright, 59
Ranch bronc — 1. Cody Catches, 79 points; 2. Lucas Shewmaker, 75; 3. (tie) Joe Schawber, 74; Gavin Young, 74; 5. (tie) Levi Bendle, 72; Quenton Adkins, 72
Horse roping — 1. Gus King and John Schutte, 8.3 seconds; 2. Teo Maestrejuan and Dusty Easterday, 9.2; 3. Alan Mollotte and Ira Walker, 9.7; 4. Newt Arrizabalaga and Jeremy King, 10.1; 5. Jess Lisle and Clay Tyree, 11.1; 6. Robbie Connolly and Dan Webb, 12.9
Hide race — 1. Bailey Bachman and Carlee Cacopardo, 11.03 seconds; 2. Cassandra Folkman and Kelli Prow, 13.02; 3. Sammi Jo Naylor and Riatta Geommer, 13.08
Breakaway roping — 1. (tie) Julia Reeves, 2.4 seconds; Candida Eldridge , 2.4; 3. (tie) Carmen Buckingham, 2.5; Fallon Milican , 2.5; 5. Desi Dotson, 2.6; 6. Katie Dennis, 2.8
Steer riding — 1. (tie) Keto Herrera, 71 points; Hunter Castricone, 69; 3. Dom Derosier, 62; 4. Liam Aquiso, 60
Dally calf roping — 1. Quenton Anseth, 15 seconds; 2. Ryan Markham, 21.5; 3. Dusty Easterday, 21.7; 4. Rusty Gill, 22.8; 5. Devon McDaniel, 24.8;

6. Jared Parke, 28.1
Open team roping — 1. Clayton Hanson and Tyler Whitlow, 4.4 seconds; 2. Clayton Hanson and Chase Hanson , 4.7; 3. Devon McDaniel and Sam Saunders, 5.0; 4. Teo Maestrejuan and Dusty Easterday, 5.2; 5. Jared Parke and Jaylen Eldridge, 5.3; 6. Bryan Reay and Chase Hanson, 5.8
Wild cow milking — 1. Weslee Aquiso and Kolton Whiznot, 46.8 seconds; 2. Dylan May and Ryan Theodovio, (no time provided)
Women's steer stopping — 1. Desi Dotson, 2.4 seconds; 2. Kayla Tiegs, 2.7; 3. Bobby-Jean Colyer, 3.2; 4. Candida Eldridge, 3.3; 5. Bailey Bachman, 3.6; 6. Josie King, 4.0; 7. Julia Reeves, 4.3; 8. Lori Ireland, 4.4
Barrel racing — 1. Ellie Beukelman, 18.182 seconds; 2. Jamie Gee, 18.344; 3. Lonna Watson, 18.554; 4. Georgia King, 18.557; 5. Cora Walker, 18.606
Wild cow riding — 1. Jared Parke and Jaylen Eldridge, 30.22 seconds; 2. Frank Tobias and JR Steiner, 32.84
Local team roping — 1. Daron Hegerhorst and Jick Schutte, 6.4 seconds; 2. Brody Prow and Cooper Prow, 6.9; 3. Tyrell Atkins and Curly Thomas, 7.2; 4. Will Aquiso and Tub Blanthorn, 7.5; 5. Marshall Smith and BJ Jones, 7.8; 6. Robert Gibson and Norbert Gibson, 8.6

Other scores

Football
Rimrock
(2-2 overall, 1-0 1A, Div. I)
Last week
Saturday — beat Greenleaf Friends Academy, 76-8

This week
Friday — vs. Wilder (Homecoming), 7 p.m.

Melba (4-1)
Last week
Friday — beat Vale, Ore., 55-12

This week
Friday — vs. Cole Valley Christian, Owyhee H.S., Meridian, 7 p.m. (2A Western Idaho Conference opener)

Adrian
(3-1, 2-0 1A Dist. 2 East)
Last week
Friday — Won Homecoming game vs. Wallowa by forfeit

This week
Friday — home vs. Crane, Ward Field, 7 p.m.

Volleyball
Rimrock (8-4 overall, 5-0 1A Western Idaho Conf.)
Last week
Tuesday — home vs. Greenleaf Friends Academy, (n)
Monday — at Centennial Baptist, Caldwell, (n)

Friday — def. Vision Charter, 3-0
Sept. 19 — def. Liberty Charter, 3-1
Sept. 20 — def. Victory Charter, 3-0
This week
Monday — home vs. Riverstone Int'l, 7 p.m.
Tuesday — home vs. Notus, 7 p.m.

Jordan Valley
(4-4 overall, 1-0 1A HDL)
Last week
Tuesday — at North Star Charter, (n)
Last Wednesday — lost to Weston-McEwen, 3-0; def. McLoughlin, 3-1
This week
Saturday — at Dayville-Monument, 1 p.m. MDT; vs. Prairie City, in Dayville, 2:30 p.m. MDT

Adrian
(8-4 overall, 2-0 1A HDL)
Last week
Monday — at Horseshoe Bend, (n)
Saturday — def. Dayville/Monument, 3-0; def. Prairie City, 3-0 (1A High Desert League openers)
Friday — def. Wallowa, 3-0
This week
Thursday — vs. Huntington (at Harper Charter), 6 p.m. MDT

— The Owyhee Avalanche's Other Scores feature attempts to keep our readers up-to-date on how the high school teams for which coaches don't report results are faring throughout the season. Coaches can email results and comments to jon@owyheeeavalanche.com or call (208) 337-4681, ext. 102 for information on how to report scores. Fans are encouraged to provide context and information so that the Avalanche can give as complete coverage as possible for all high school athletes in our readership area.

Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

On October 17, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners will hold a hearing for an appeal in courtroom 2 of the Owyhee County Courthouse **located at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho** on the following matter at the time listed below.

Beginning at 10:00 am, the Board will hear file Z22-17A, an appeal of the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission’s partial approval of conditional use permit application Z22-17, an application filed by Reserve Ridge, LLC & Gould Feeder Properties, LLC, on behalf of Reynolds Creek Calf Ranch. The Applicant in the original matter has filed this appeal of the partial approval decision. The Applicant sought to expand the permitted number of animals from 35,000 to 55,000 and add some additional land to the operation to be run as one Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) under one nutrient management plan, and one conditional use permit. The main office of the facility is located at 12971 Bailey Road, Melba, Idaho and the facility includes many parcels around Bailey Road, Reynolds Creek Road, and Highway 78. Those parcels are located in both a multi-use, and agricultural zone in portions of Sections 13 & 24, Township 1 South, Range 3 West, and portions of Sections 17, 18, 19, & 20, Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

A copy of the appeal is available for review in the Community Planning office, or at owyheecounty.net under the Legal Notices tab. For additional information please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2.
09/28/2022

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale City Council on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 5:30 pm at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming Ave. Homedale, Idaho.

The subject matter of this hearing a rate increase to cover the wastewater loan.

Old rates were based on Meter size from \$24.27 up to \$426.41 plus usage. The new proposed rate will be based on EDUs; (equivalent dwelling unit) of approximately \$55.00. This proposed rate will be done in increments of two increases.

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Alice E. Pegram
City Clerk
City of Homedale
09/28;10/05/2022

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale City Council on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 6:00 pm at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming Ave. Homedale, Idaho.

The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for Special Use Permit filed by Angel Bicandi & Indian Trail Investors requesting that they be allowed to build two 4-plexes on W. Idaho Ave. between S 4th St. West and Railroad Ave.; Lot 2, Block 1, Santa Fe Subdivision, Homedale,

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING PROPOSED BUDGET, FISCAL YEAR 2022 - 2023 OPALINE IRRIGATION DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR NOVEMBER 1, 2022 TO OCTOBER 31, 2023

Notice is hereby given that the Directors for the Opaline Irrigation District will meet October 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for a budget hearing pursuant to the Idaho Code 42-3229 at 7300 Opaline RD. Melba, ID. 83641

The proposed Budget may be examined by contacting Secretary/Treasurer Pam Howard. Call for appointment 208-880-9695.

The following is a copy of the proposed budget including the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget.

EXPENSES:	2021-2022	2022-2023
ITEM	BUDGET	PROPOSED
Insurance	\$3,660.00	\$6,000.00
L & P Fees	\$4,100.00	\$6,000.00
Maintenance	\$39,500.00	\$40,000.00
Office	\$500.00	\$2,000.00
Phone	\$1,300.00	\$600.00
Power	\$172,360.00	\$175,000.00
Payroll Tax	\$6,590.00	\$3,200.00
Wages	\$42,000.00	\$45,000.00
Reserve Fund	\$105,000.00	\$90,000.00
TOTAL	\$375,010.00	\$367,800.00

INCOME:	2021-2022	2022-2023
ITEM	PROJECTED	ANTICIPATED
Prior Year Fees	\$6,076.00	\$2,901.00
2022 Fees	\$253,914.00	\$0.00
2023 O & M	\$0.00	\$258,942.00
Office Fee	\$2,320.00	\$2,640.00
Late Fees	\$600.00	\$600.00
Transfer Fees		\$500.00
Rebates	\$5,000.00	\$7,160.00
Rental	\$2,100.00	\$5,400.00
Credit/Prepay	\$0.00	(\$343.00)
LGIP Fund	\$105,000.00	\$90,000.00
TOTAL:	\$375,010.00	\$367,800.00

Pam Howard, Secretary-Treasurer, Opaline Irrigation District, PO Box 331, Marsing, ID 83639
09/21,28/2022

Idaho.
The public is invited to attend and offer input.
Alice E. Pegram
City Clerk
City of Homedale
09/28;10/05/2022

NOTICE OF VACANCY FOR OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF SUBDISTRICT No. 3 HOMEDALE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT [I.C. § 31-1409] NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

Vacancy Commissioner Subdistrict No. 3 Declared: That the Board of Commissioners of the Homedale Rural Fire Protection District, Owyhee and Canyon Counties, declared the office of Commissioner of Subdistrict No.3 to be vacant.

Meeting To Fill Vacancy: The Board of Commissioners will meet at the Bowling Alley, 18 North 1st Street West, Homedale Idaho 83628, at 12:00 p.m. on the 11th day of October 2022, at which time the Commissioners will consider all *Written Requests For Appointment* to the position of the office of Commissioner of Subdistrict No. 3 and consider the appointment of a qualified individual to fill the vacancy.

Term of Office: The term of the appointed commissioner for Subdistrict No. 3 will expire on January 9, 2024.

Qualifications: Residents of Homedale Rural Fire Protection District who are interested in being appointed to the position of commissioner are encouraged to submit a *Written Request for Appointment*, which can be obtained from and filed, no later than 12:00 p.m. on the 6th day of October, 2022, with the District Secretary at 19 E Wyoming Avenue, Homedale, Idaho, during regular office hours [8 a.m. to Noon and 1 p.m. to 5

p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 am to Noon on Friday]. In order to serve in this position a person must be a qualified elector of Subdistrict No. 3 and have been a resident within the Fire District for a period of at least one (1) year.

Persons filing *Written Requests for Appointment* and all other persons are invited to attend said meeting.

Mikeal D. Parker, Secretary
Homedale Rural Fire Protection District
09/28/2022

PUBLIC NOTICE
AT&T Mobility, LLC is proposing to construct a 100-foot overall height monopole telecommunications structure near 48382 State Highway 51, Bruneau, Owyhee County, Idaho (42° 21’ 27.5” N, 115° 53’ 1.1” W). The tower is not expected to be lit. AT&T Mobility, LLC invites comments from any interested party on the impact the proposed undertaking may have on any districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering, or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under National Historic Preservation Act Section 106. Comments may be sent to Environmental Corporation of America, ATTN: Annamarie Howell, 1375 Union Hill Industrial Court, Suite A, Alpharetta, GA 30004 or via email to publicnotice@eca-usa.com, and can be reached at (770) 667-2040 x 136 during normal business hours. Comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice. 22-001675 KEB
09/28/2022

IDAHO CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SJR 102

Legislative Council’s Statement of Meaning, Purpose, and Result to Be Accomplished

Currently, the Legislature may meet in a special session only upon call of the Governor. The proposed amendment would allow the Legislature to convene itself in special session if 60% of the members in each house submit a petition to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The petition must specify the subjects to be addressed in the special session, and only those subjects could be considered during the special session.

The amendment also requires the Legislature to hold an organizational session in December following a general election. The purpose of the organizational session is to prepare for the upcoming regular session. The proposed amendment would formalize in the Idaho Constitution the Legislature’s longstanding practice of holding an organizational session.

Statements FOR the Proposed Amendment

- This constitutional amendment is needed to correct an imbalance of power among the three branches of government. The executive and judicial branches of government have no restrictions on their ability to conduct business when and as they deem appropriate, and the legislative branch should have the same power.
- Idaho is one of just 12 states whose legislature has no power to convene itself into a special session under certain circumstances. The Idaho Legislature should not be dependent on the Governor to call it into special session when extraordinary events occur. For example, in 2020, the Idaho Legislature wished to convene to consider Covid-19 matters and the expenditure of federal funding related to the pandemic but the Governor delayed convening the Legislature. Idaho should join the 38 states (including all of Idaho’s neighboring states) that recognize the legislative branch of government’s right to determine independently when it should convene and conduct the business of the people it represents.
- Authorizing the Legislature to convene itself into special session will prevent the need for one or both houses of the Legislature to defer adjourning sine die indefinitely as happened in 2021 when the House of Representatives wanted to preserve its right to take up anticipated issues later in the year. Deferring the date of adjourning sine die results in numerous administrative problems such as delaying effective dates of legislation and administrative rules. If the Legislature is able to convene itself, there will be no need to avoid adjourning sine die.
- The proposed amendment contains sufficient safeguards against any potential abuse of power by limiting the subjects of legislation to be considered during a special session to those listed in the petition, just as a special session called by the Governor is limited to the subjects listed in the Governor’s proclamation.

Statements AGAINST the Proposed Amendment

- The Legislature has conducted its business for over 130 years without needing the ability to call itself into special session. This constitutional amendment is not necessary because the Governor has called and can continue to call the Legislature into a special session when necessary. Passing this amendment would remove a check and balance from the Idaho Constitution.
- The Idaho Legislature is a part-time citizen legislature. The proposed amendment provides no limitations on how often special sessions may be called or how long they may last. Idaho should not move toward having a full-time legislature, and Idaho’s part-time citizen legislators with other careers should not be burdened with sudden, unpredictable special sessions.
- Idaho businesses and citizens need the stable, predictable, and routine timeline of the regular legislative session to communicate with legislators regarding the effects that pending legislation may have on businesses and citizens. The ability of the Legislature to convene itself into various special sessions may result in the passage of legislation that has not been properly vetted and could result in unintended consequences for Idaho businesses and citizens.
- The proposed amendment requires a petition signed by only 60% of the members of each house of the Legislature. This threshold is too low. Many states require a higher percentage, such as 67% or 75%. A higher percentage would deter the Legislature from convening itself for subjects that may be trivial, vague, or not widely agreed upon.

Amendment Text

Section 8. SESSIONS OF THE LEGISLATURE. (1) The regular sessions of the legislature ~~shall~~ must be held annually at the capital of the state, commencing on the second Monday of January of each year, unless a different day shall have been appointed by law, and at other times in extraordinary sessions when convened by the governor and in organizational sessions commencing on the first Thursday of December after the general election, unless a different day shall have been appointed by law.

(2) The legislature, while remaining a part-time, citizen legislature, must also be convened in special session by the president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives upon receipt of a joint written petition of at least sixty percent of the membership of each house, specifying the subjects to be considered. Such special session must commence no later than fifteen days after the petition is received by the president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives. At a special session convened pursuant to this section, the legislature shall have no power to consider or pass any bills or resolutions on any subjects other than those specified in the petition and those necessary to provide for the expenses of the session.
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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:

Sept. 19
Alexander Rafeal Garza,

Nampa — Misdemeanor driving without privileges: \$185 in fines, \$172.50 in court costs
Carmela Soliz Villarreal, Grand View — Misdemeanor disturbing the peace (plea deal; amended from felony battery-domestic violence

with traumatic injury): \$200 in fines, \$307.50 in court costs
Charles Dean Woodburn, Star — Misdemeanor driving under the influence, second offense (plea deal): 1 year in jail (2 days served, 8 days to serve, 355 days suspended), 18 months unsupervised

probation, 1-year driver's license suspension, \$2,000 in fines (\$1,000 suspended), \$266.50 in court costs.
Dismissed by prosecuting attorney: Misdemeanor driver consume or possess open alcoholic beverage container

Sept. 14
Humberto Pimentel, Delhi, Calif. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, general requirement violation, securing articles of cargo: \$43.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs



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Eight days in jail for second DUI conviction since 2013

A Star man was ordered to serve eight days in jail for his second driving under the influence offense.
Charles Dean Woodburn, 70, spent two days in Owyhee County Jail after his June 27 arrest.
Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington also ordered 18 months of unsupervised probation and a one-year suspension of Woodburn's driver's license during a Sept. 19 sentencing hearing in Murphy.
Woodburn must also pay a

\$1,000 fine and \$266.50 in court costs.
Darrington suspended 355 days of a one-year jail term and also suspended \$1,000 in fines.
The prosecutor dismissed an open container possession violation as part of a plea agreement.
According to a sheriff's deputy's probable cause affidavit, Woodburn was stopped at milepost 17 on U.S. Highway 95 outside Marsing at 9:16 a.m., on June 27.

The deputy had responded to the report of a reckless driver heading north from Oregon.
The deputy made a traffic stop after observing a silver Kia Optima speeding at approximately 75 mph.
Woodburn's blood-alcohol concentration measured .194 percent, which is more than twice the legal limit of .08 percent.
According to the probable cause statement, Woodburn was convicted of DUI in Ada County in 2013.

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