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ON TO STATE!



Trojans take on Sugar-Salem in 3A Milk Bowl — again

Senior tight end/defensive end Chase Cooper carries the Homedale High School standard, leading the Trojans into battle prior to Saturday's 35-7 blowout of Weiser in the 3A state semifinal at Deward Bell Stadium. The Trojans will re-enact the scene Saturday when they take on Sugar-Salem for the state championship at 1 p.m., at Middleton High School. Photo by Chardee VanDerhoff. For more on the semifinal win and the state title game, see **Page 11**

Silver City Road closure enacted

Silver City Road is closed for the winter, but Bachman Grade Road will be open for a few more weeks.

Owyhee County commissioners passed Resolution 2022-28 during their Monday meeting in Murphy, formalizing the annual closure of the dirt portion of the road leading

to the historic mining town.

The closure is effective immediately because of ice, snow and weather conditions, according to the motion put forth by Dist. 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland.

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Voters approve library district by wide margin

Decisions on trustees, property transfer up next

The work was successful, and “now the fun will begin,” City Councilman Mike Aebischer said less than 24 hours after voters approved the Homedale Public Library District.

“I was surprised how successful it was, and I was pleased at how successful it

was,” the council’s library board liaison and former library board member said.

Voters on both sides of the Snake River voted to fund a library district by establishing a new tax for property owners within the Homedale School District boundaries.

The question passed with 75.2 percent of the vote in Owyhee County (887 yes votes out of 1,179 ballots cast

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Mayor Chad Sevy listens to departmental reports during the March 9 Marsing City Council meeting. Sevy’s chair was vacant last Wednesday after he emailed a resignation at 5 p.m.

Council president in no hurry to replace Marsing mayor

Sevy resigns after selling home, leaving town

last Wednesday, to city clerk and treasurer Jolyn Thompson and city attorney Stephanie J. Bonney.

Sevy’s decision to step down came after the sale of his Marsing home closed and his relocation to Nampa.

“After a conversation with Stephanie, it has been concluded since I signed on

Two hours before its November meeting, the Marsing City Council learned the town’s chief executive wouldn’t be in attendance.

Mayor Chad Sevy resigned in a short email sent at 5 p.m.,

— See **Mayor**, back page



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Marsing Dem beats Bundy in governor voting; Little re-elected

Nampan Lakey wins Dist. 23 Senate seat

It may not have seemed possible if the volume of campaign signs and flags accurately reflected how voters would lean come election time.

But Democrat Stephen Heidt, one of two Marsing residents running for governor, outdrew independent Ammon Bundy in last week’s general election.

Bundy still finished second among Owyhee County voters, picking up 1,015 votes. Three hundred Owyhees marked Heidt on their ballot.

Constitution Party candidate Chantyroise Davison, the other Marsing resident in the race, pulled in 49 votes in her home county.

The 62-year-old Heidt, who was something of an accidental candidate, collected 20.3 percent of the vote statewide. Bundy earned 17.17 percent in a crowded field topped by Republican incumbent Brad Little (60.51 percent).

Davison drew .88 percent.

Heidt beat Bundy in Ada County with 29 percent of the vote (53,693-22,867), but the Emmett independent topped the Democrat in Canyon County with 23.24 percent of the vote (13,554-9,236).

Overall, Heidt garnered 120,083 votes statewide, outpacing Bundy by nearly 19,000 votes. Little won with 357,948 votes. Davison was the choice of 5,234 Idahoans.

Little earned 1,881 votes in Owyhee County.

More than a third of Heidt’s Owyhee votes (105) were on absentee ballots, and he won the Riddle precinct with 26 votes.

Heidt spent only a fraction of the money that Bundy shelled out statewide.

Davison was the choice of 1,200 Ada County residents and 538 voters in Canyon.

Dist. 23 Senate

State Senate incumbent Todd Lakey (R-Nampa) will represent Owyhee County as part of District 23 during the next Idaho Legislature.

Pulling in 78.2 percent of the overall vote, Lakey easily defeated a pair of opponents in the general election and will serve constituents in Owyhee County and the southern parts of Ada and Canyon counties.

He earned 12,327 votes district-wide to beat Democrat Mik Lose of Kuna (2,786, 17.7 percent) and Caldwell Libertarian Jon Basabe (655, 4.2 percent).

Lakey rolled in Owyhee County with 82.7 percent of the vote (the choice of 2,689 of 3,252 voters). He was similarly dominant in Canyon with 80.7 percent (3,658 votes).

He had a tick under 75 percent of the vote in Ada County.

Lose was second in the balloting in each county, including 397 votes in Owyhee. Basabe earned 166 votes south of the Snake River.

Republicans Melissa Durrant of Kuna (Seat A) and Caldwell’s Tina Lambert (Seat B) won positions in the Idaho House of Representatives and will join Lakey in the District 23 legislative delegation in 2023 and 2024.

Chambers, others get ready for holiday celebrations

GV parade in need of entries

Three Owyhee County communities are preparing for holiday parades.

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce has set the theme for the annual Homedale for the Holidays Parade as “Prancer,” after the 1989 motion picture.

The Homedale parade is set for 6 p.m., on Saturday, Nov.

26. Lineup will begin at 5:30 p.m., in front of Tolmie’s Ace Hardware at the corner of East Owyhee Avenue and North Main Street.

The City of Homedale public works staff continues to put up holiday decorations. The city tree lighting will take place after the parade.

Nopre-registration is required for the parade, according to Chamber president Gavin Parker.

“Prancer” starred Cloris Leachman, Johnny Galecki, Abe Vigoda and Sam Elliott. The movie told the story of a farm girl who nurses an injured reindeer that she believes is part of Santa’s flying crew. Others around the girl are uplifted by her holiday spirit.

Homedale City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram has posted consistently on social media that folks don’t have to adhere to the theme to participate in the parade.

Entrants are encouraged to interpret the aspects of the Dr. Seuss story “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” into their floats.

“To help coordinate and improve the experience for everyone, the Chamber is asking that an entry form be submitted,” Derricott wrote in a email prior to the Chamber meeting. “This is being done to help with the lineup of entries, reduce confusion and improve the safety of this great community event.”

call (208) 896-4122 or email marsingchamber@gmail.com. Anyone interested in getting involved with the Chamber can also email for details.

A parade entry form and a Chamber 2022 membership form can be downloaded from www.marsingchamber.org. The parade form will be found under the “Events” tab, while the Chamber membership application has its own tab.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA for our Veterans

Idaho Pocahontas chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is pleased to be an official sponsorship group supporting the donation of memorial evergreen wreaths to be placed at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery in Boise. The wreaths will be placed during the Wreaths across America Remembrance Day Ceremony held at the cemetery on Saturday, Dec 17, 2022 at 10 am.

Wreaths are \$15 each and may be purchased on-line through: www.wreathscrossamerica.org/ID0039. Purchases must be made by November 25th. Wreaths will be sent directly to the ID State Veterans Cemetery.

Purchases can also be made via check. Send to: Wreaths Across America, PO Box 249, Columbia Falls, ME 04623. Location ID: IDVCBO-Idaho State Veterans Cemetery/Fundraising Group ID: ID0039-Idaho Pocahontas Chapter, DAR. This will ensure that the wreaths go to the correct cemetery.

****Note for every 2 wreaths that are purchased, a third one is added to your order for free. All wreaths are shipped directly to the cemetery****

Marsing is Whoville

Chamber president Steve Derricott presided over the last meeting before Marsing’s holiday parade and tree lighting last Wednesday inside the Sandbar Community Room.

Derricott said organizers of the Chamber’s parade want folks to register for the parade so there is an idea of what type of entries there will be and how many entries to expect.

“The Night Marsing Became Whoville” is the parade theme.

The parade will take place on Friday, Dec. 2. Entrants will line up at the high school football field beginning at 5:15 p.m., and the procession will push off at dusk (about 5:45 p.m.) and head down Main Street toward Island Park.

Chamber volunteers Paunee and Phil Uberuaga have been selected grand marshals. The couple has lived in Marsing for 15 years.

For more information about parade registration,

GV parade in jeopardy

The Grand View Community Club issued an urgent plea on its Facebook page on Nov. 8 seeking entries for the community’s Nov. 26 holiday parade.

According to the post, “floats are dwindling for the Holiday parade.”

Anyone with ideas or wanting to enter a float can reach out to Victoria Collett at (208) 484-8009.

The Holiday Festival, hosted by the Grand View Community Club, is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 26 and will include a parade and a tree lighting.

Santa will take photos with children and hand out candy. The community club is accepting candy donations to fill bags for the children.

Soup and cocoa will be available at Snake River Diner after the parade.

— JPB







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Nov. 9	48	32	.40	
Nov. 10	37	22	.10	
Nov. 11	40	19	.00	
Nov. 12	30	19	.00	
Nov. 13	39	26	.00	
Nov. 14	45	21	.00	

Midterm voter turnout flirts with 60 percent

Election officials in Homedale and Marsing said long lines of voters greeted workers when the polls opened on Nov. 8.

Overall voter turnout for the midterm election crept toward 60 percent in Owyhee County.

Robin Aberasturi at the Owyhee County Community Center (Homedale precincts) and Jolyn Thompson at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center (Marsing precincts) reported lines of about 35 citizens at each location when the polls opened at 8 a.m.

By 1 p.m., 462 people had cast ballots in Homedale, according to the electronic ballot box. Each precinct in Owyhee County now employs an electronic ballot box, which has a video display that shows how many ballots have been received.

Marsing’s electronic ballot box reflected 558 voters had cast ballots by 4:15 p.m.

Seventy-three North Marsing voters participated in the Homedale Public Library District election, which attracted 1,179 votes in North Marsing and the two Homedale precincts. A total of 1,400 ballots were cast overall in those three precincts.

Homedale election workers accepted 1,014 ballots in 12 hours (a turnout of 49.1 percent for South Homedale and 46.3 percent for North Homedale).

Marsing’s turnout numbers were similar — 386 voters in North Marsing (46 percent) and 406 in South Marsing (48.4 percent).

Throughout the county, 3,327 of 5,717 registered voters (58.2 percent) either showed up at the polls or were among the 506 absentee voters.

Seventy-five people registered to vote in the South Homedale precinct on Election Day. The county added 239 new voters to the rolls as walk-ups on Nov. 8.

As might be expected, some of the best turnout numbers



Homedale elections worker Darlene Prow (left) stands by as a voter completes the process Nov. 8 by inserting her ballot in the electronic ballot box.

came from the county’s mail ballot precincts. Pleasant Valley (52 of 62, 83.9 percent) and Three Creek (15 of 24, 62.5 percent) were tops in Owyhee, while Riddle (38 of 86, 44.2 percent) lagged behind some of the more populous precincts.

Among the in-person polling places, the Oreana Community Hall saw the best turnout (84

machine.

Backing up a clarification from County Clerk Angie Barkell in the wake of an Associated Press report that Owyhee County still hand-counted ballots, Aberasturi said electronic counting has been in place since August 2021. Only write-in ballots have been hand-counted for the Homedale School District general bond election (August 2021), May’s primary election and last week’s general election, Aberasturi said.

The job of counting votes used to last until 2:30 in the morning, but Aberasturi anticipated pollworkers to finish their work by 10 p.m., on Nov. 8. The county didn’t release the unofficial abstract until after 3:30 last Wednesday morning.

“We had a late night,” Barkell told county commissioners during Monday’s ministerial meeting in Murphy. “We just took longer to count. We had way more absentees (than anticipated).” — JPB

Homes proposed mile south of Marsing

A 22-lot residential subdivision is proposed just outside the Marsing city limits.

The Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission is set to hear a conditional use permit to build homes on 33 acres near the corner of Howard Road and Idaho highway 78.

The development proposed by Whitnee and Drake Hungate

is about one mile south of the Marsing city line. The land sits in a multi-use zone.

The public hearing is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., today inside the Owyhee County Courthouse Annex, 17069 Basey St., in Murphy.

More information is available at owyheecounty.net on the Community Planning page under “Public Hearing

Documents.”

The proposed project can be reviewed on the Community Planning webpage or by visiting the Community Planning office in Murphy.

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Homedale Chamber of Commerce presents...

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6:00 pm - Saturday, November 26th

This year's theme: Prancer (Movie)
Any other Christmas theme is fine!

• Parade Lineup - 5:30 pm
Owyhee Avenue in front of Tolmies Ace Hardware

• Parade - 6 pm
CITY TREE LIGHTING - BETTE UDA PARK FOLLOWING PARADE
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Float Registration not required.
Please contact Gavin Parker at gsparker72@yahoo.com or 337-3271 if you have questions.

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Homedale library holds holiday quilt raffle

The Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library has launched a holiday quilt fundraiser.

An adult-size quilt and a child-size quilt are raffle prizes. Tickets cost \$1.

Tickets are available now at the library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

The winning tickets will be drawn on Friday, Dec. 16.

- This week’s Teens and Tweens program will be a game night beginning at 5 p.m., on Thursday inside the Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

Teens and Tweens is open to boys

and girls ages 10-17.

- Retired elementary school teacher Steve Belknap, who is a member of the Friends of the Homedale Library group, will lead the Opal Nash Story Time for preschoolers at 10:15 a.m., on Monday.

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.



Two quilts are available as prizes in the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library fundraiser raffle.

Thanksgiving alters deadlines

The Owyhee Avalanche deadlines for the Nov. 30 edition will change because of the Thanksgiving holiday:

- Display advertising for the Nov. 30 edition must be received by 5 p.m. next Wednesday.
- The deadline for letters to the editor, calendar items and non-breaking news for the Nov. 30 edition is 3 p.m., next Wednesday.
- The classified advertising deadline (non-display) remains noon on Monday, Nov. 28.
- Deadline for legal notices also remains noon on Friday, Nov. 25.

The Owyhee Avalanche office will be closed Nov. 24-25.

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✓ Library: New tax could raise as much as \$350K a year

in two Homedale precincts and the North Marsing precinct).

State law requires a simple majority of voters in both counties to approve a library district measure (not just a majority of all voters).

Canyon County voters cast 577 ballots in the district election at the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene polling place, and 434 people said “Yes” (also 75.2 percent of all ballots cast).

Property owners will be taxed \$50 per \$100,000 in net taxable property value each year. Under the current taxable value of property within the newly minted district, the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library would have about \$350,000 in tax revenue beginning in Fiscal Year 2024.

That’s roughly 3½ times the current library budget.

Owyhee County commissioners canvassed the Nov. 8 ballots Monday afternoon during their weekly meeting in Murphy. Canyon County commissioners won’t canvass the vote until 10:30 a.m., on Thursday.

Once the district vote is certified, several other steps will occur in rapid succession:

Homedale Public Library District vote

Owyhee County	
Yes	887 (75.2 percent)
No	292 (24.8 percent)
Canyon County	
Yes	434 (75.2 percent)
No	143 (24.8 percent)

- Owyhee County commissioners will issue an order establishing the library district, complete with a legal description of the boundaries.
- Proponents will alert the Idaho State Tax Commission about the establishment of the district.
- County commissioners will appoint a board of trustees, which must also include one person living within the Canyon County portion of the new district as well as representation from the Owyhee County area outside the Homedale city limits.

Pam Gibbens, the chair of the city library board of directors, speaking during last Wednesday’s city council meeting, told elected officials that a list

of prospective trustees has been submitted to the BOCC.

- The city council must also decide the fate of the city-owned library complex and related property, including Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, the 1980 library now known as the Homedale Community Center, the original 1921 library building, and all reference materials, books, video material, audio material, computers, furniture and fixtures inside the Jackson building.

Upon certification of the library district, the city can also discontinue its general fund support of the library, which was set to be about 70 percent of the library’s \$101,000 FY 23 budget.

Council members gave only congratulations to the assembled library board members last Wednesday. Few aspects of life as a district library were discussed.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen is on record as saying he would like the city to sell the library to the fledgling district.

The district must either purchase or lease the property, city attorney Paul J. Fitzer has said, according to the mayor.

— JPB

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At Thanksgiving, be thankful for bounty, impact of Idaho ag

What’s on our holiday tables is often chosen with care to reflect community and family traditions. For me, an important part of enjoying a Thanksgiving feast is expressing my gratitude to all those who work in Idaho agriculture, tending the land and producing our food every day.



Ariel Agenbroad

Our family’s holiday table usually features an eclectic mix of garden-grown and preserved foods, locally sourced ingredients as well as super-market staples. But no matter where or how the components of your meal were acquired, it is very likely that some of them came from Idaho, and maybe even the Treasure Valley region! Idaho holds strong as the nation’s No. 1 producer of potatoes, barley and peppermint, No. 2 in sugarbeets and hops, No. 3 in milk and cheese, and No. 4 in onions, dried edible peas, lentils and spring wheat. We’re also regularly in the top 10 for greenhouse and nursery crop production. Southwest Idaho counties in particular grow garden bean and sweet corn seed that is used worldwide commercially and in home plots. So those mashed potatoes or cheesy scalloped potatoes, buttered corn, whipped cream on pies, the green bean casserole with crispy onions, the bottles of beer for watching the game, and even that blooming chrysanthemum on the table? Very possibly it was Idaho-grown, and you didn’t even know it!

Many people in our communities find themselves in the position of needing food assistance, especially around

the holidays. Thanks to the generosity of many of our state’s growers, Idaho potatoes, onions and dairy products are often distributed by area food banks and emergency food providers. If you or anyone you know is in need of help, find food using the anonymous food locator from the Idaho Food Bank: <https://idahofoodbank.org/get-help/getfood/>.

There are so many reasons to be indebted to the hard-working men and women who spend their lives working in the many spheres that represent Idaho agriculture, from University of Idaho researchers to producers, from food processors to those who work in the fields. I try always to be mindful of this, but particularly, at Thanksgiving, I am truly grateful.

Interested in finding more Idaho-grown and produced items for your holiday celebrations? Check out Idaho Preferred at www.idahopreferred.com.

And if like many this year, you’re looking for ways to minimize your trips and make your dollar stretch, you can find great tips and ideas for planning, budgeting, shopping, as well as delicious recipes at our University of Idaho Extension Eat Smart Idaho website: <https://eatsmartidaho.inthekitchen.com/2021/11/23/holiday-meal-preparation/>.

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Calendar submissions

Find a comprehensive listing of local events online at www.theowyheeavalanche.com. Click on the “Calendar of Events” link on the left-hand side of the page.

Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or email them to jon@owyheeavalanche.com For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

Calendar

Today

- Ladies coffee group**
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Food distribution**
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., for Marsing residents only. The HUB food pantry, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411
- Yoga class**
10 a.m., free, all ages, beginner-focused, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
- Story Time**
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
- Christian Life Club**
4 to 5:15 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. Kindergarten to fourth grade. (208) 880-7070 or (208) 337-3464

Thursday

- Fit and Fall Proof exercise class**
10 a.m., to 11 a.m., free, old Marsing High School gymnasium, 800 Main St., Marsing. (208) 296-0847
- Fit and Fall exercise**
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Live music at lunch**
11:30 a.m., to 12:30 p.m., Prime Time Swingers, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Yoga class**
4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale.
- Teens and Tweens**
5 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
- Community movie night**
7 p.m., free, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing.
- Alcoholics Anonymous**
7 p.m., open to alcoholics, their families and those contemplating recovery, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Friday

- Toys for Tots fundraiser**
5 p.m., registration, 7 p.m., bar games tournament, \$10 buy-in, or \$5 with toy donation, Last Chance Saloon, 120 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.
- Murphy Christmas tree lighting**
6 p.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St, Murphy. Open to public. (208) 495-2319
- Alcoholics Anonymous**
7 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 860-9674

Saturday

- Food bank distribution**
9 a.m., to 10 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho St., Grand View.
- Free lunch**
11:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Monday

- Board of County Commissioners meeting**
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
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- Region III assistance assessments**
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4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale.
- Alcoholics Anonymous**
7 p.m., open to alcoholics, their families and those contemplating recovery, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Wednesday

- Ladies coffee group**
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Yoga class**
10 a.m., free, all ages, beginner-focused, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
- Story Time**
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Friday, Nov. 25

- Idaho Foodbank drop-off**
9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W, Homedale. (208) 473-9331
- Alcoholics Anonymous**
7 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 860-9674

Saturday, Nov. 27

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

Monday, Nov. 28

- Board of County Commissioners meeting**
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
- Opal Nash Story Time**
10:15 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Tuesday, Nov. 29

- Fit and Fall Proof exercise class**
10 a.m., to 11 a.m., free, old Marsing High School gymnasium, 800 Main St., Marsing. (208) 296-0847
- Fit and Fall exercise**
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Region III assistance assessments**
Noon to 3 p.m., appointments necessary, Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 495-5688
- Yoga class**
4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale.
- Alcoholics Anonymous**
7 p.m., open to alcoholics, their families and those contemplating recovery, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

LOCAL SCHOOLCHILDREN SALUTE VETERANS



Three Marsing fifth-graders respectfully fold the American flag to close the day after Thursday's assembly.



Under the guidance of music teacher Paula Allen, Homedale third-graders sing America the Beautiful last Wednesday while some students hold their bells to their chest to keep them silent.



Marsing fifth-graders each took the microphone to deliver part of the story of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the ceremony around the sacred ground, and of Arlington National Cemetery.



Some of the veterans recognized Wednesday at Homedale Elementary (above) and Thursday at Homedale Middle School (right).



Remembering the military veterans no longer with us. **Above:** Marsing High School music director Dawn Sandmeyer (right) plays Taps as guest speaker MSgt. Julie Wardle (Army National Guard, ret.) bows her head. **Right:** Baylee Waters plays Taps prior to a moment of silence at Homedale Middle School. Both salutes were held Thursday.



American Legion Post 128, Owyhee Gardeners band together to decorate veterans' Marsing-Homedale graves



The Owyhee Gardeners helped American Legion Post 128 members place flags at veterans' graves at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery last Wednesday. **At right:** Mary Comstock and children she tutors **From left:** Comstock, 8-year-old Noah Salinas, Raylee Davidson (10) and Brinley Rivera (9). **At left:** Owyhee Gardeners members Marilyn Evans and Pat Benedict (background, right) with a Legionnaire. Submitted photos





The repair of storm damage has brought a remodeled look to the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy, including new flooring inside McKeeth Hall (left) and brighter surroundings in other parts of the museum (below). Submitted photos

County museum: Remodeled, repaired, ready for holidays

As some of you remember back on Aug. 11, the town of Murphy received torrential rain and hail, causing the museum’s gutters to back up and flood water onto the roof and into the museum. Since then, it has been a slow cleanup. From evaluating items that need repaired to getting the contractors in to do the work. I have been lucky to have the folks at Disaster Response to help with all of this.

In the past two weeks, the museum has gone from damage to all new walls and flooring. Contractors have been coming in left and right. We received all new insulation in the ceiling along with new ceiling tiles. The walls that were damaged now have new insulation and drywall. The entire gift shop, admin office, men’s restroom and kitchen pantry were affected by the flooding. These rooms had to be completely emptied for work to be done. Since most of the walls were destroyed and needed repainted, we decided it was time for an upgrade and chose to go with a new color — tan! It seemed everyone had grown tired of the green wainscoting

MAKING A MUSEUM

Eriks Garsvo

Owyhee
County
Historical
Museum
director



that lines the walls in every room. The new wall color is great and is fitting in nicely with the new floor that was recently put into McKeeth Hall. Unfortunately, water managed to flow into the hall and our first museum room, damaging enough to have to remove the whole floor. Since the patterns could not be matched, a new floor color and pattern was chosen and has made the room look bigger and brighter.

With new floor also going into Room One of the museum, displays needed moved so the old floor could be removed and new one installed. With this process, we discovered that each concrete pad was unlevel, so the flooring installers had to pour a mix to level the pads.



The new floor is turning out great and being installed by professionals. This work is going to last years to come.

Now for the gift shop: This room also received extensive water damage along half the room. With the walls torn apart and everything taken down, we decided it was time for a gift shop remodel. It was now or never to do this work. Currently we are adding wood and sheet steel on the walls to give a more rustic feel to the place. Because drywall work was being done, we streamlined light switches, removed old phone jacks and relocated internet ports. The entire gift shop also received the new paint color of tan, changing the feel of the room. I

located an old kitchen Hoosier cabinet that will allow us to display new merchandise that we plan to carry. I want to stock local items and made-in-America gifts. The new gift shop will have a rustic, farm feel when finished.

The plan is to reveal all this work and remodeling at our Old Tyme Owyhee County Christmas Tree Lighting coming up on Friday.

The museum kicks off the holidays at 6 p.m., on Friday with horse-drawn carriage rides, homemade food, Christmas carols and the lighting of the Owyhee County Christmas tree. This event kicks off the holidays here.

Following the big event is our annual Christmas Bazaar and

Charlie Brown Tree Sale from 10 a.m., to 4 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 3. We currently have more than 50 craft vendors that will be spread throughout the museum and into the annex. Of course, we will have fresh-cut Christmas trees from Silver City that will go on sale at 10 a.m. Make sure to follow us on Facebook to see all the latest in improvements to the museum and all that goes on here.

I would like to thank everyone for their kind support of the past couple of months. It was definitely hard to see all the damage to the museum, but in the end none of the archives or museum was damaged and we were able to do a remodel and come out of this better than ever. I hope you love all the improvements that have been made to the museum and hope to see you at one of our holiday events.

Happy Trails.

— Eriks Garsvo recently celebrated his fourth anniversary as Owyhee County Historical Museum director. He writes monthly about various projects underway in Murphy.

Star HHS athlete “returns” with Veterans Day message

Beatty now striving to be his best in military

Todd Beatty was an All-State football player at Homedale High School.

Now the 2021 HHS graduate is excelling in his military career.

He returned (in a way) to his alma mater Thursday to participate in a Veterans Day assembly.

“I was asked to record a video to the Homedale students and staff asking to remind them the meaning of Veterans Day,” Beatty said.

Spec. Beatty enlisted in the U.S. Army National Guard on active duty Title 10 orders.

Originally stationed at Gowen Field in Boise, Beatty is currently deployed in the Middle East with Operation Spartan Shield.

A promotion to sergeant looms for Beatty in August before he attends the drill sergeant academy to join the top one percent of the Army.

Beatty’s job, or military occupational

specialty (MOS), is in transportation and logistics (88M in military jargon).

“The reason I joined is because I wanted another way besides sports to pay for college, and the Army has so many benefits to aid me in my future law and political career,” Beatty said, echoing something that he also shared with the students last week.

Saying he was honored that his old football coach, HHS principal Matt Holtry, asked him to address the current students, Beatty itemized the meaning of Veterans Day:

- “Veterans Day is a day of honor respect and thanks to those who have served before us and are currently serving our country in the armed forces.”

- “It’s a day of solace knowing people are willing to risk everything for little to nothing to give everyone regardless of religions, race, political party or other the opportunity to be free.”

Beatty said service to the country and its people is a “great honor,” and that everyone should strive to serve whether



Army Spec. Todd Beatty’s recorded video from his deployment.

it be in the military or the community.

“Now, I’m not here to recruit,” Beatty told the students, “but service is crucial to maintaining this country and the freedoms we all enjoy.”

He said service could be performed in churches, schools, at community events and in day-to-day interactions with people.

Beatty also said the benefits of military service continue beyond whatever stint an individual chooses.

“I continue to serve because it has

offered the chance to learn several things about jobs, finances, mental and physical fortitude and the amazing family you gain,” he said.

Beatty also said that it’s important to celebrate Veterans Day “because it is a constant reminder of the world we live in.”

“It’s a reminder that nothing is promised to us unless we have people who were and are willing to stand up for what is right and what we believe in,” he said.

“Millions of people before me and over 1.5 million currently believed and believe that through serving our country, our people, and our democracy we can continue to build ourselves up and enjoy the freedoms like religion, food, music and language that we enjoy.”

Beatty urged the students to show gratitude for the sacrifices, too.

“Thank your loved ones. Thank your family members who have served, and don’t take for granted the everyday things you enjoy,” he said. “Without them, they wouldn’t exist.” — JPB

County changing Homedale tipping station hours

The operating hours of the Owyhee County tipping station in Homedale will change Dec. 5.

Winter hours will be observed beginning that Monday with the station open only three days of week instead of the current four.

The tipping station where county residents from the Homedale-Marsing area can dump trash will be open from 8 a.m., to 6 p.m., on Mondays and from 8:30 a.m., to 6 p.m., on Fridays and Saturdays.

The Tuesday hours will be discontinued.

Dist. 2 County Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi discussed the planned changes during Monday’s weekly meeting in Murphy.

The station, which is located south of Homedale at the end of Johnstone Road, will maintain its four-day-per-week schedule through Saturday, Dec. 3.

Aberasturi said the move will save taxpayer money. He hinted that the new hours could be year-round, too.

“Just right now, there is no reason to have someone sit there eight or nine hours a day and not have them do anything,” he said. “We’ll re-evaluate next spring and see if we have the need to go back to four days per week.” — JPB

Honor roll Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School

First quarter

Seniors — Aden Aquiso, Elias Aquiso, Ella Boren, Ivy Bretas, Angel Gallardo, Taylor Gasper, Dayanara Hurtado, Jimena Hurtado, Lath Jenkins, Conley Larsen, Mossimo Macmillan, Makenzie Magers, Jack Meyers, Maklay Moore, Cooper Raymond, April Varela, and Jacob Ward

Juniors — Loyd Boren, Rhylan Burbank, Samantha Eliazarraraz, Thomas Gonzalez, Kayloni Hall, Goya Lemus, Josie Lisle, Kailee Martinez, Ashten Moore, Vivyana Villarreal, and Annakay Winings

Sophomores — Alia Aquiso, Rocky Aquiso, Denise Araujo Alonso, Itzel Araujo Camacho, Alora Bramley-Hipwell, Trevor Carothers, Tony Gallardo, Ronaldo Gomez, David Harrigan II, Rawley Hipwell, Alexa Hurtado, Madison Magers, Adam Meyers, Molly Mulberry, Morgan Osborn, Carson Raymond, Jade Reisinger, Viviana Rodriguez-Hernandez, Flavio Ronquillo, and Trinity Washington

Freshmen — Celeste Alameda, Maybelline Anderson, Sarai Araujo Camacho, Kas Bachman, Kloey Borgen, Carlos Escobedo, Olivia Farfan, Steven Field, Ryan Gasper, Heston Hedges, Kolton Jewett, Kenneth Lancaster, Juana Lemus, Tyler Lisle, Cody Markham, Paisley Prow, Brandon Ramirez, Nataly Rivera, Hayden Smith, Clayd Timmons, and Zayne Velez-Noble

Eighth grade — Estrella Alamilla, Viktoria Alvarez, Jacob Bachman, Hays Black, Elijah Boren, Noella Bramley-Hipwell, Levi Browne, Cade Eldridge, Adrian Farfan, Gael Gallardo, Riley Gonzalez, Mariel Juarez, Ruby Lisle, Evan Lorona, Dylan McNeley, Bryllie Mendoza, Crew Merrick, Riley Osborn, Lainea Raymond, Maybelle Rinner, Franco Ronquillo, and Mia Varela

Seventh grade — William Aquiso, Liam Brown, Ezra Ducote, Jessica Escobedo, Kenzley Powers, Isabela Hurtado, Joshua Jaramillo, Madilyn Lutrell, Leif Pearson, Mackley Prow, Aleaha Ramirez, Ulices Rivera, Oakley Smith, and Zechariah Washington

Sixth grade — Casen Aquiso, Colt Black, Zoey Carothers, Daameon Cooke, Elisha Diaz, Rigoberto Farfan, Eli Freeland, Chad Koehn, Bristol Magers, Zane Markham, Brogun May, Emilio Meza, Ashlin Raymond, Merary Rodriguez-Hernandez, Emmet Shaum, and Adeline Thomas

School menus

Homedale Elementary
Choice of milk and juice
PB&J sandwich, and vegetable and fruit choices offered daily
Nov. 16: **Breakfast:** Belgian waffle sticks, syrup cup, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, pineapple tidbits, garden salad, Jello
Nov. 17: **Breakfast:** Crispy tornado, Yami yogurt, sliced pears **Lunch:** Roasted turkey, stuffing, turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, whole grain roll
Nov. 21-24: No School – Thanksgiving Break

Homedale Middle
Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese
Cereal option and PB&J and string cheese offered daily
Vegetable and fruit choices offered daily
Nov. 16: **Breakfast:** Belgian waffle sticks, syrup cup, missed fruit **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, pineapple tidbits, garden salad, Jello
Nov. 17: **Breakfast:** Crispy tornado, Yami yogurt, sliced pears **Lunch:** Roasted turkey, stuffing, turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, whole grain roll
Nov. 21-24: No School – Thanksgiving Break

Homedale High
Choice of milk and juice, yogurt, string cheese or hard-boiled egg
Vegetable and fruit choices offered daily
Cereal option, grab ‘n’ go items each day
Nov. 16: **Breakfast:** Crispy tornado or cinnamon roll, Yami yogurt, grapes **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans, garden salad **Grab ‘n’ go:** Ham and cheese sub
Nov. 17: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, Yami yogurt, sliced pears, banana, iced coffee **Lunch:** Corn dog, potato wedges, chocolate chunk cookie **Grab ‘n’ go:** Taco salad
Nov. 21-24: No School – Thanksgiving Break

Marsing
Each meal: Choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & veggies
Elementary School each day: Breakfast:
Cereal option
Middle/High School each day: PB&J sandwich option
Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sand., salad
Hot Grab-n-go line (varies): Cheeseburger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sandwich; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)
Nov. 16: **Breakfast:** French toast bites, maple syrup, Yami yogurt, pears (light syrup), applesauce **Lunch:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, garlic toast **Cold Grab-n-go:** Taco salad
Nov. 17: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, toast, jelly packet, grapes **Lunch:** Tater Tot casserole, mixed vegetables **Hot Grab-n-go:** Popcorn chicken, potato wedges, roll
Nov. 21: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, sausage, cheesestick, apple, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, buttered corn **Hot Grab-n-go:** BBQ pulled pork sandwich, tots
Nov. 22: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, waffle mini bites, muffin, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Roasted turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, roll
Nov. 23-24: No School – Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 28: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, Yami Yogurt, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Mac-n-cheese, mixed vegetables **Hot Grab-n-go:** Mozzarella breadsticks, tots
Nov. 29: **Breakfast:** Biscuit, pork sausage patty, country gravy, sliced pears **Lunch:** Orange chicken rice bowl, egg roll, green beans **Hot Grab-n-go:** Pepperoni pizza, French fries
Nov. 30: **Breakfast:** Tornado (egg, sausage, cheese), buttermilk pancakes, syrup cup, applesauce **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper, pineapple tidbits, tossed salad, Jello **Hot Grab-n-go:** Pull-a-part mozzarella and potato wedges

Bruneau/Grand View
All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily
Nov. 16: **Breakfast:** French toast **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garden spinach salad, peas, breadstick
Nov. 17: **Breakfast:** PB&J sandwich **Lunch:** Roast Turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli, wheat roll/jelly
Nov. 21-24: No School – Thanksgiving Break

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Familiar foes, familiar field

Trojans, Diggers battle for state title again. In Middleton. Again.

HHS vs. Sugar-Salem

2022 — 3A Milk Bowl: 1 p.m., Saturday at Middleton H.S.

2021 — 3A semifinal: Sugar-Salem 16, HHS 7 at Deward Bell Stadium

2020 — 3A Milk Bowl: Sugar-Salem 34, HHS 28 (OT) at Middleton H.S.

2019 — 3A Milk Bowl: Sugar-Salem 48, HHS 14 at Holt Arena, Pocatello

2018 — 3A Milk Bowl: Sugar-Salem 30, HHS 22 at Middleton H.S.

If it's the third Saturday in November, it must be Homedale and Sugar-Salem playing for a high school football state championship in Middleton.

The top-seeded Trojans (10-1) and No. 2 Diggers (10-0) are back in the 3A Milk Bowl together for the fourth time in the past five seasons.

Sugar-Salem, which beat Homedale in three state finals between 2018 and 2020, is making its fifth consecutive appearance in the state championship game. The Diggers lost to Weiser, 34-33, in double overtime last fall in Pocatello.

Saturday marks the third time HHS and Sugar-Salem will step onto Middleton's artificial surface with the state title on the line. The District VI stalwart beat the Trojans at Holt Arena in 2019.

It's still a wonderland for 14-year Trojans coach Matt Holtry.

"You dream of this when you're a kid. You dream of playing for the state championship," he said. "It doesn't change when you're 42 years old."

A dedicated coaching staff is helping Holtry prepare the Trojans for another shot at a championship ring.

"It's awesome," Holtry said after his team earned another trip to the state final. "You work hard for this."

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Homedale whips Weiser, reaches 3A Milk Bowl

Defense douses hot Wolverines offense

Early last week, Trenton Fisher made a prediction as his coach taped his valuable — and previously injured — ankle.

OK, maybe it was a statement.

The senior running back and linebacker and Homedale High School football coach Matt Holtry were musing about the tight-knit contests the Trojans had experienced with Weiser days ahead of another showdown in the 3A state semifinals.

"It doesn't have to be close," Fisher said.

It wasn't.

In the most lopsided result in the 3A Snake River Valley conference rivalry series since 2018, Homedale rolled past the Class 3A state champion, 35-7, and into another rematch with Sugar-Salem.

The Trojans and Diggers will meet in the 3A Milk Bowl for the fourth time in five seasons

Saturday in Middleton.

Fisher backed up his clairvoyance with 201 yards rushing, four touchdowns, three tackles, a fumble recovery, a pass breakup with a vicious stick on Weiser's Brock Spencer, and defending on a fourth-down incompletion that ended Weiser's first possession.

"I love that confidence about him," Holtry said, reflecting on the training room conversation in the wake of Saturday's win at Deward Bell Stadium.

The confidence doesn't just ooze from Fisher.

The coaching staff has plenty of gutsy swagger, too.

The Trojans (10-1) tried to convert fourth down four times, including once on their end of the field.

Homedale was successful 50 percent of the time, but the first time may have left many in the capacity crowd scratching their heads.

Leading 7-0, the Trojans tried to convert a 4th-and-1 on their own 25-yard line. Senior

— See *Homedale*, Page 14



Homedale High School running back Trenton Fisher dives into the end zone for one of his three fourth-quarter touchdowns Saturday as Rylan Binford (25), D'Orr Packer (22), and Brock Walker (70) manhandle Weiser's defensive front.



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Sports

Trojans trounce Huskies girls

Zayne Hall had herself quite a Friday and Saturday.

A ring and a win.

The junior and her 2022 Homedale High School softball teammates received their 3A state championship trinkets at halftime of Saturday’s football game.

That only crowned the success for the HHS girls’ basketball team’s power forward.

About 17 hours earlier, she walked off the floor with her hoops teammates and new coach Benji Sorenson victors after beating Marsing, 52-17, both teams’ non-conference opener.

The Trojans started the game on a 17-3 tear and dominated Marsing through three quarters. The Huskies won the fourth quarter, 6-2.

“Homedale did a great job at applying pressure on our guards and we just didn’t respond well, and they never looked back,” Huskies coach Michael Swanson said. “They continued with good looks at the basket, and we couldn’t get our grove on offense or defense.”

Hall nearly single-handedly matched Marsing. She tossed in a pair of three-point goals to fuel a 14-point performance.

Marsing sophomore Lily Thoene scored four points and grabbed three rebounds in her varsity debut. She also came up with a steal.

Trojans senior point guard Sydney Davis stuffed the stat sheet with 11 points (3-for-6 on field goals and 5-for-6 from the foul line),



team-high totals with six rebounds and four assists, and a co-team-best five steals. She also knocked away a couple Marsing passes while committing just one foul.

Senior Jacy Parker had five rebounds and five steals to go with five points.

Juniors Sierra Telford and Arlett Quezada chipped in seven points each for the Trojans.

Carlie Moore, another 11th-grader, scored six points.

Telford and Parker each brought down five boards.

Basketball players Quezada, Olivia Asumendi, Ellie Miller and Jocelynn Roseborough also picked up softball rings Saturday.

“We as coaches did take a few positives out of the first game: One being that our girls won’t stop competing, and that’s something they are choosing to do and can’t be coached,” Swanson said.



Above: Homedale junior Jocelynn Roseborough (right) puts up an acrobatic jump shot against Marsing senior post Anna Gluch. Inset: Benji Sorenson made his debut as Homedale High School varsity coach. Photos by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography



Football
Fourth 3A Milk Bowl state championship appearance in five years
1 p.m., Saturday vs. Sugar-Salem, Middleton High School

Homedale Trojans



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Girls’ basketball
Sydney Davis, sr., PG
11 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists, 5 steals vs. Marsing

This week’s Sports Schedule

Football Varsity 3A Milk Bowl state championship At Middleton H.S. Saturday, Nov. 19 vs. Sugar-Salem, 1 p.m.	Girls’ basketball Varsity Thursday, Nov. 17 at Marsing, 6 p.m. Tues., Nov. 22, home vs. New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m. Junior varsity Thursday, Nov. 17 at Marsing, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, home vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m. Frosh soph Tues., Nov. 22, home vs. New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.
Boys’ basketball Varsity Tuesday, Nov. 29, home vs. Emmett, 7:30 p.m. Junior varsity Tuesday, Nov. 29, home vs. Emmett, 6 p.m. Frosh-soph Tuesday, Nov. 29, home vs. Emmett, 4:30 p.m.	Wrestling Girls Friday-Saturday, Dec. 2-3, home for Ardis Nash Tournament

 OWYHEE AUTO SUPPLY 208-337-4668	 5 N. Main Homedale 208-337-3898	This week’s Sports Schedule	
 TAX AND WEALTH PLANNING 208-337-3271	 (208) 337-5057	Football Varsity 3A Milk Bowl state championship At Middleton H.S. Saturday, Nov. 19 vs. Sugar-Salem, 1 p.m.	Girls’ basketball Varsity Thursday, Nov. 17 at Marsing, 6 p.m. Tues., Nov. 22, home vs. New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m. Junior varsity Thursday, Nov. 17 at Marsing, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, home vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m. Frosh soph Tues., Nov. 22, home vs. New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.
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Sports

College football follow-up: Matlock named all-star

Scott Matlock, sr., DT
Boise State University

The latest — The Broncos announced Monday that the Homedale High School grad has been selected to play in the NFL Players Association Collegiate Bowl, which will take place Jan. 28 at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif.

Saturday — The Homedale grad had a co-team-high seven tackles (four solo) and a quarterback sack in the Broncos' easy 41-3 Mountain West Conference victory over Nevada in Reno.

A three-year letterman and 2022 team captain, Matlock has appeared in 42 games since 2018.

Through nine games this season, the fifth-year senior has made 16 solo tackles and 19 assists. He has 3.5 tackles for loss (21 yards), including 1.5 sacks and four quarterback hurries.

Next game — BSU (7-3 overall, 6-0 Mountain West



Conference) travels to Laramie to challenge conference foe Wyoming. Kickoff is set for 5 p.m., and the game will be televised on the CBS Sports Network.

Mason Kincheloe, sr., LB
Linfield University

Saturday — The HHS graduate notched three assists on tackles during the Wildcats' 70-8 drubbing of Lewis & Clark in Portland to clinch the Northwest Conference championship outright for the 31st time in school history.

Next game — The Wildcats (9-0 overall, 7-0 Northwest Conference) plays host to Pomona-Pitzer (8-2) in the first round of the NCAA Div. III playoffs. Kickoff is set for 2 p.m., MST in McMinnville, Ore. Linfield is the top-ranked team in Region VI.



Spencer Fisher, RS fr., LB
Hayden Kincheloe, fr., RB
University of Idaho

Saturday — The Vandals lost, 44-26, to UC Davis to create a tie with the Aggies in the Big Sky Conference standings. Fisher played in his third game this season. He had a tackle against Portland State on Oct. 22. Kincheloe was not listed on the Vandals' participation list for the loss to UC Davis inside the Kibbie Dome in Moscow. He earned another scout team player of the week honor for his performance in practices prior to the Vandals' Oct. 29 conference loss to Sacramento State.

Next game — The Vandals (6-4, 5-2 Big Sky) play the final game of the regular season inside Holt Arena in Pocatello



against cross-state conference rival Idaho State. Kickoff is set for noon.

Wyatt Dorsey, sr., OL
Eastern Oregon University

Saturday — Dorsey wrapped up his collegiate career in the Mountaineers' thrilling 21-14 Frontier Conference win over Southern Oregon in Ashland, Ore. EOU (2-9 overall, 2-8 in conference) pulled ahead with a fourth-quarter touchdown.

Willie White, fr., LB
The College of Idaho

Saturday — The Homedale High School graduate wasn't listed on the participation list for the Coyotes' 21-6 Frontier Conference loss to Carroll College in the regular-season finale at Simplot Stadium in Caldwell.



With the win, Carroll gained the conference's automatic berth into the NAIA playoffs.

Next game — An NAIA playoff game is listed for Saturday on the Coyotes' schedule at yotesathletics.com, but no specifics were available at press time. C of I finished 8-2 in the regular season.

Carson Brown, sr., WR
Dordt University

Update — After catching nine passes in nine games as a junior, the HHS graduate stepped on the field for the first time this season on Oct. 27 in a 44-29 win over Mount Marty in Yankton, S.D. Brown saw no action in the five games after the NAIA Great Plains Athletic Conference road victory. His collegiate career ended Saturday after the Defenders' 17-8 win over No. 8 Midland in Fremont, Neb. After Saturday's fourth consecutive victory, Dordt is 7-3 overall and in conference.



MARSING HUSKIES

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Girls' basketball
Lily Thoene, so., post/wing
Scored 4 points in her first varsity game

This week's schedule

Girls' basketball Varsity

Thursday, Nov. 17, home vs. Homedale, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 19, home vs. Melba, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 22, home vs. Payette, 7:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball Varsity

Monday, Nov. 21 at Melba Jamboree, 5:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 28, home vs. Rimrock, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A

Thursday, Nov. 17, home vs. Homedale, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 19, home vs. Melba, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 22, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity A
Junior varsity B

Monday, Nov. 28, home vs. Rimrock, 6 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 28, home vs. Liberty Charter, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling Girls

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Sports

✓ Homedale: Norwegian kicker on a tear

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quarterback Jaxon Dines’ pass intended for Danny Lomeli was incomplete.

Five plays later, Spencer scored on a 4-yard run, and the extra-point tied the game, 7-7.

Fourth down paid off by a fingernail on Homedale’s next drive as Dillon Fine maintained concentration, reacted and hauled in Dines’ touchdown pass about eight yards deep in the end zone after the football’s trajectory redirected after glancing off Cook’s fingertips.

Norwegian exchange student Noah Eriksen kicked through another extra point, and Homedale had the lead for good.

Eriksen has converted 39 of 41 extra points this season, including his past 34 in a row.

“He’s been awesome for us,” Holtry said of his placekicker. “Most of time, we get foreign exchange students coming out, and we appreciate having them. But we’ve never had one take on a critical role for us. It’s been fun to watch.”

Homedale faced another fourth down from the Weiser 10 in the waning moments of the

first half and with the Wolverines poised to receive the kick-off to start the third quarter.

Rather than have Eriksen attempt his first career field goal and grab a 10-point halftime lead, the Trojans brass decided to go for it again. Again, Dines’ pass fell incomplete.

“(Los Angeles Rams’ Super Bowl-winning coach) Sean McVay answered a question once. He said, ‘We attack success. We don’t fear failure,’ and that’s how we play, too,” Holtry said.

“We just go for what we believe in. We believe in our kids, and we believe in our coaches.”

While Holtry the riverboat gambler made what appeared to be questionable decisions in the first half, Homedale’s defense broke the dam that put the ship on the crest of a wave in the second half.

From the start of the third quarter, the Trojans hassled Enders and his co-quarterback Kolin Cook.

Enders was flushed from the pocket numerous times, and Homedale’s pursuing defenders

dropped Cook and Spencer for no gain a couple times.

One play after Fisher scored the first of his three fourth-quarter TDs, Sigmund Goode snagged Enders’ pass over the middle and returned the interception to the Weiser 26.

Goode was among a dozen seniors playing their final game at Deward Bell, and they made a triumphant, traditional final walk through the corridor of parents, fans and coaches after the postgame post-mortem huddle.

“They all made different plays at different times, and they all stepped up,” Holtry said of the upperclassmen.

On the first play from scrimmage after Goode’s interception, Fisher bulldozed 26 yards for a TD. He ran over Weiser’s Brayden Walker at the 11-yard line along the way.

On another fourth-down play, Mason Strong, a top-shelf receiver who has been shackled by his reputation all season, broke loose for a 32-yard reception down the near sideline. He hit the pylon when Spencer made contact, but the officials ruled

Strong was out at the 1.

“They (opponents) know who he is,” Holtry said in explaining Strong’s seemingly quiet season. “We had a formation that we like and a look that we like.

“He hasn’t had the opportunities as much as he’d like, but that’s what happens when you’re a first-team All-State player.”

Seniors like Omar Rios (team-high eight tackles) and Chase Cooper (five tackles) on the defensive line, and linebackers Rylan Binford (five tackles), D’Orr Packer (five tackles) and Jeffery Layne (three tackles), and defensive back Elijah Renteria (three solo tackles) all made big defensive plays Saturday.

Lineman Jack McGuire saw some snaps in his final home high school game Saturday. Another senior lineman, Hunter Smith, has been part of the 2022 team as he continues his fight against leukemia.

Seniors anchored a performance that had typically stoic defensive coordinator Tony Uranga as exuberant as he gets.

“I don’t get to play. You guys get to play. You did a great job.

You guys were relentless,” the one-time HHS state championship-winning quarterback said. “I’m just putting you in the right spot. You get to play the game.”

And play they did.

The Trojans held the explosive Weiser offense to a first-quarter TD, 50 yards passing and 133 yards on the ground.

The Wolverines (10-2) converted just three times on third down and were held to one score for the second time this season.

Homedale beat Weiser, 21-7, on Oct. 7.

In their other 10 games, the Wolverines scored an average of 36.1 points.

“As a former defensive back at Boise State, I believe in my heart that defense wins championships,” Holtry said. “But also as an All-American wide receiver at my school in Kansas (McPherson), deep in my heart I love offense.

“When Tony came on board seven years ago, he turned us up on defense. Tony is one of the greatest football minds I’ve known, and that includes my former coaches.”

— JPB

✓ State title: Diggers destroy Teton in semis

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“I have to say ‘Thank you’ to my wife and all the significant others of our coaches. There’s so much sacrifice made for these kids. It just makes it all worth it.”

This is the fifth consecutive postseason in which Sugar-Salem and Homedale have met.

The Diggers ended Homedale’s season in the semifinals last year in the final natural-grass game at Deward Bell Stadium.

With four previous encoun-

ters, Saturday’s state finalists are quite familiar with one another.

But Holtry acknowledges “a new wrinkle” in coach Tyler Richins’ Sugar-Salem offense was evident in the team’s 61-21 destruction of Teton in Saturday’s state semi in Pocatello.

The Diggers led, 27-21, at halftime.

In the quarterfinals, Sugar-Salem blasted Fruitland, 48-21.

“This year, they have shown more of a tendency to throw the ball, and they have been very

successful in doing so,” Holtry said of the Diggers. “They have one of the top wide-outs in the state that has put up some big numbers this season.

“We will need to be prepared to stop their passing game as well as their potent running game.”

Senior Daniel Neal has more than 2,000 passing yards this season. He runs, too.

After nine games, Ty Hirrlinger, a 6-foot, 2-inch senior, led the team with 73.6 receiving

yards per game. Junior running back Carson Harris averaged 93 yards on the ground.

Complete stats weren’t available at press time because numbers against Teton hadn’t been uploaded to MaxPreps yet.

The personnel may be different and the offense more dynamic, but Homedale’s brain trust still has a good knowledge of the Diggers’ tendencies.

“There are some key philosophy things that we definitely feel give each team a good foundation of what to prepare for going into a fifth straight matchup,” Holtry said.

Both teams’ high-powered offenses are tough to stop.

Sugar-Salem has averaged 50.5 points per game while allowing just two scores each contest. The defense has surrendered 42 of its 120 points in two state playoff games.

By that barometer, Homedale could be set up for success.

The Trojans have averaged 41.4 points per game this season, including 42.0 per game over the past month and a total of 77 in the postseason.

“This season, I feel like we have done a better job of creating more balance throwing the ball on the offensive side of the ball,” Holtry said. “(Offensive coordinator) Darren Uranga has done a nice job adding some flare to our offense, and that will help create some new op-

portunities for us going into the game.”

HHS’ defense allows 8.2 points per game with four shut-outs and three games allowing just a TD. The bulk of the other 69 points were allowed in a 28-21 loss to Class 4A Sandpoint in September. The Bulldogs lost a state semi to Skyline on Friday.

Never shy about heaping praise on defensive coordinator Tony Uranga, Holtry also poked the HHS legend a little when reflecting on how close the Trojans came to playing the state final at Albertsons Stadium. Holtry played some ball at Boise State; Uranga spent his college days at the University of Idaho.

“It would have been pretty cool to have the game at BSU, but I don’t think Tony would have liked it as much!” Holtry quipped.

There’s another barometer for HHS assistant coach Randy Lyons: Success vs. playoff teams and teams from three states.

“You beat three playoff teams, (teams) from three different states and the state champion,” Lyons said in Saturday’s postgame huddle, referring to Laguna Beach (Calif.), Baker (Ore.) and Weiser.

Then he dropped this tidbit about the Wolverines that could — by about 4 p.m., on Saturday — pertain to Sugar-Salem.

“They’re undefeated. Except for us,” Lyons said.

— JPB



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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

November 19, 1997



Nick Shanley attempts to run but is tackled by a Kamiah player. Homedale went on to win the semifinals, 34-7.

Homedale defeats Kamiah in semifinals

Despite being down 7-0 in the first quarter, Homedale came back strong to end up with a big 34-7 win over Kamiah in the State Semifinals held on November 15 in Kamiah.

Kamiah was on top by a touchdown in the first quarter, but Homedale’s Darren Uranga soon tied the score, and went on to score again, with three minutes left in the first, to take the score to 14-7. At the half, Kamiah was behind 21-7, and Homedale grabbed another touchdown in the third quarter, after Uranga successfully passed to Kenny Thomas and Gavin Parker hit the extra point to put the Trojans up 28-7.

In the third, Kamiah fumbled, one of five total, on the kickoff, and Parker ran it in for 25 yards on the recovery to put Homedale up 34-7 and put the win out of reach for Kamiah.

“The kids played great,” said Homedale coach Stan Hoaglund. “Their team (Kamiah) was one dimensional. They couldn’t pass and that really helped us.”

Uranga was 293 on 17 of 33 attempts and had two touchdowns, and Thomas caught seven for 134 yards and two touchdowns.

The Trojans will travel to Pocatello for a match-up against Firth, on Saturday, November 22 for the State Championship title.

Local cook is field editor for food magazine

Ella Faulks of Homedale has been chosen as a field editor for *Taste of Home*, “the magazine edited by a thousand country cooks,” that has gained four million subscribers since it began publication five years ago.

“Not only has the magazine become the number one food magazine in North America, its circulation has surpassed the next three largest food publications combined,” says Kathy Pohl, Executive Editor. “To have attracted this many subscribers in such a short time is phenomenal.”

Ella Faulks is part of the magazine’s “field staff” of 1,000 home-based practical cooks who help produce each issue by contributing their favorite recipes, food tips, entertaining ideas, and food-related news.

HHS runners qualify for Jr. Olympic Nationals

Five Homedale cross country runners qualified for the Junior Olympic National Meet by placing in the top 16 in their age groups at the Junior Olympic Association Meet on November 15, in Gooding.

Team Idaho athletes that qualified from Homedale in each age group are as listed. Age 9-10, boys (1.8 miles), first — Kyle Christoffersen at 12:29; 10th — Tyler Christoffersen at 14:45. Age 11-12, boys (1.8 miles), first — Brandon Christoffersen at 11:54. Age 15-16, boys (3.1 miles), ninth — Will Black at 18:35. Age 17-18, boys (3.1 miles), 16th — Justin Seamans at 18:43.

50 years ago

November 16, 1972



HOMEDALE JUNIOR HIGH’S runner-up football team of the Southwest Idaho JHS League, with a 4-1 record, lines up with Co-Coaches Rocky Bridges and Nolan Taggart. From left, first row, Ken Bahem, Joe Demshar, Mickey Woodburn, Alan Bahem, Dave Garcia, Pat Scoggin, Steve Christoffersen, Mark Lootens, Mitch Lasselle, Perry Chadez, Virgel Rowley; second row, Gary Cook, Junior Renteria, Ernie Bermudez, Tom Pegram, Don Walker, Ron Baigrie, Bryan Tolmie, Kelly Stuart, Brett Tolmie, Steve Huffman, Bill Burnett, Stan Nylander; third row, Jon Demshar, Russ Anderson, Kevin Fry, Dan Ferguson, Rick Cox, Steve Corta, Lon Rudd, Stan Silveria, Gregg Hulse, Larry Toston, Randy Cox, Kelly Aberasturi; fourth row, Clayton Strack, Mark VanDerhoff, Jim Davis, Gilbert Torres, Larry Landa, Jeff Wilson, Kevin Hansen, Gerald Pearson, Dan Peck, Matt Daniell; back, Coach Bridges, Coach Taggart. Fruitland dethroned the Trojans as SWI JHS kings this fall after a three-year HJHS reign on the pinnacle. Photo by Bette Uda

HHS turns back Wendell in final football game

The battle of the Trojans here Saturday resulted in Wendell being vanquished as the visitors rode into Homedale with smiles and high hopes, but returned holding back tears of disappointment as the Red and White version from Homedale sacked them 41-13.

Homedale’s Trojans, under the fine coaching of first-year mentor Garry Matlock, stretched their season’s record to 8-2 after placing second in the Southwest Idaho League behind Middleton, who was cinching the Class A-3 title the same day with a 26 to 6 victory over Shoshone. The Trojan battle was the Class A-3 runner-up battle between the Southwest Idaho League and the Little Five of Magic Valley.

The Owyhee boys put on a fine display of their abilities throughout the afternoon as the speedy Haylett brothers, who have built-in passing gears, romped for 175 of Homedale’s 238 total yards rushing.

Sophomore Kirk Haylett finished the season with a 92-yard rushing performance, thus pushing his yearly average to 100 yards per game.

Matlock’s Marauders found paydirt on six occasions with Greg Haylett taking scoring honors on runs of 10, four, and five yards while also catching a Doug Takasugi pass for another 14-yard tally.

Mike Hyer did his share, pulling in a 57-yard aerial from Takasugi for an easy six. Later, Kirk Haylett found Takasugi open on a halfback pass for a 47-yard romp.

‘Owyhee Highway’ included in Idaho state system

BOISE — A generation-long dream was realized when the Idaho Board of Highway Directors approved the addition of a 66-mile section of the “Owyhee Highway: from Marsing to State Highway 51 near Bruneau to the State Highway System subject to certain agreements and funding requirements.

This action follows numerous requests by many delegations, particularly those spearheaded by State Sen. Walter H. Yarbrough, Grand View, Rodney Hawes, Marsing, and Everett Colley, Homedale.

155 years ago

November 16, 1867

A NOVEL EDITORIAL EXCURSION.—A number of Western newspaper men propose to make an excursion in October from Illinois to the Rocky Mountains. This is no common festival. There will be one hundred and fifty persons in the party; each man will be armed with an Enfield rifle, and a mountain howitzer will be mounted upon a platform car, to be ready in case the rifles fail to repel the Indian attacks expected along the route; a printing press is to be taken along and a twenty column daily newspaper will be published; the party will subsist upon game killed on the route. The company will leave Chicago on the 7th of October and go through to the present terminus of the Union Pacific Railroad — The Platte route — and those who do not shoot their neighbors, as Winkle did in the famous Pickwickian gunning excursion, or who do not get shot by roaming savages, will return in two weeks.

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☞ **Don’t Forget the Place.**

PETE, who kept the Poorman Saloon, at Ruby, has moved up to Silver, and is now elegantly fitted up, next door below the Postoffice. We welcome Pete to our burg. He’s a bully fellow and knows how to keep a saloon in tiptop order. Call at the Poorman!

A VILLAIN.—Were we called upon to paint a perfect devil, we would not paint a horned monster, red hot from pandemonium, hissing and spurning his lava from eyes, mouth and nostrils. We would not limn a yelling, tattooed Indian, with one hand grasping his reeking tomahawk, the other clutching in the long tresses which he has just torn from the head of a defenseless female. We would not paint a sinister assassin, disguised and bludgeoned, creeping with stealthy, cat-like tread into the presence of his sleeping victim. These are all horrid enough; but there are blacker devils than they upon the earth.

This is how we should paint him. He should be a man, courted and petted in society, a parlor favorite, handsome as an Adonis. We would throw long, wavy locks around his finely proportioned head. We would clothe him in fine raiment. He would move in brilliant halls, and be the cynosure of admiring eyes. Wise men should seemingly be listeners to his eloquence, and fair women should applaud him with their sweetest smiles. But there should be a background to the picture. It should be a girl, humble, but fair as the lily, whose heart is the charnel-house wherein is entombed her dead virtue, and with slender, emaciated finger should point out her seducer, the murderer of her honor, her chastity, her sole heritage. Who would say we have not painted a perfect devil? —*Golden Era.*

Commentary

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The people deserve tax transparency at the gas pump

by Chris Cargill

As gas prices continue to surge, who do we blame? The president's policies are always a point of contention. So, too, are the profits of oil companies. Occasionally, even innocent gas station attendants and owners get angry treatment. Earlier this year, the president suggested gas station owners were voluntarily jacking up the price.

What you rarely hear is how much the government takes from the cost of a gallon of gasoline, for itself. Gas prices are inflated by government taxes and fees.

Do consumers in the Mountain States really know what they are paying when they fill up at the gas station? The answer is likely no. That's because gasoline is one of the few products we purchase where taxes and fees are built into the price. This means there is no transparency about the true financial burden placed on consumers.

The U.S. Department of Transportation says gas taxes make up about 19 percent of the overall cost of a gallon — but this will vary depending on the state and the current price. For example, if the gas price is high, the gas tax percentage will be lower. Likewise, if the gas price is low, the gas tax percentage could be much higher.

Gas taxes vary by state, but the Mountain States do charge more than average. In Idaho, the state gas tax is 32 cents per gallon. It was last increased in 2015.

In Montana, the state gas tax costs consumers 31 cents per gallon. And in Washington, the state tax hits

— See *Transparency*, Page 17

Chris Cargill

Mountain States Policy Center, president and CEO

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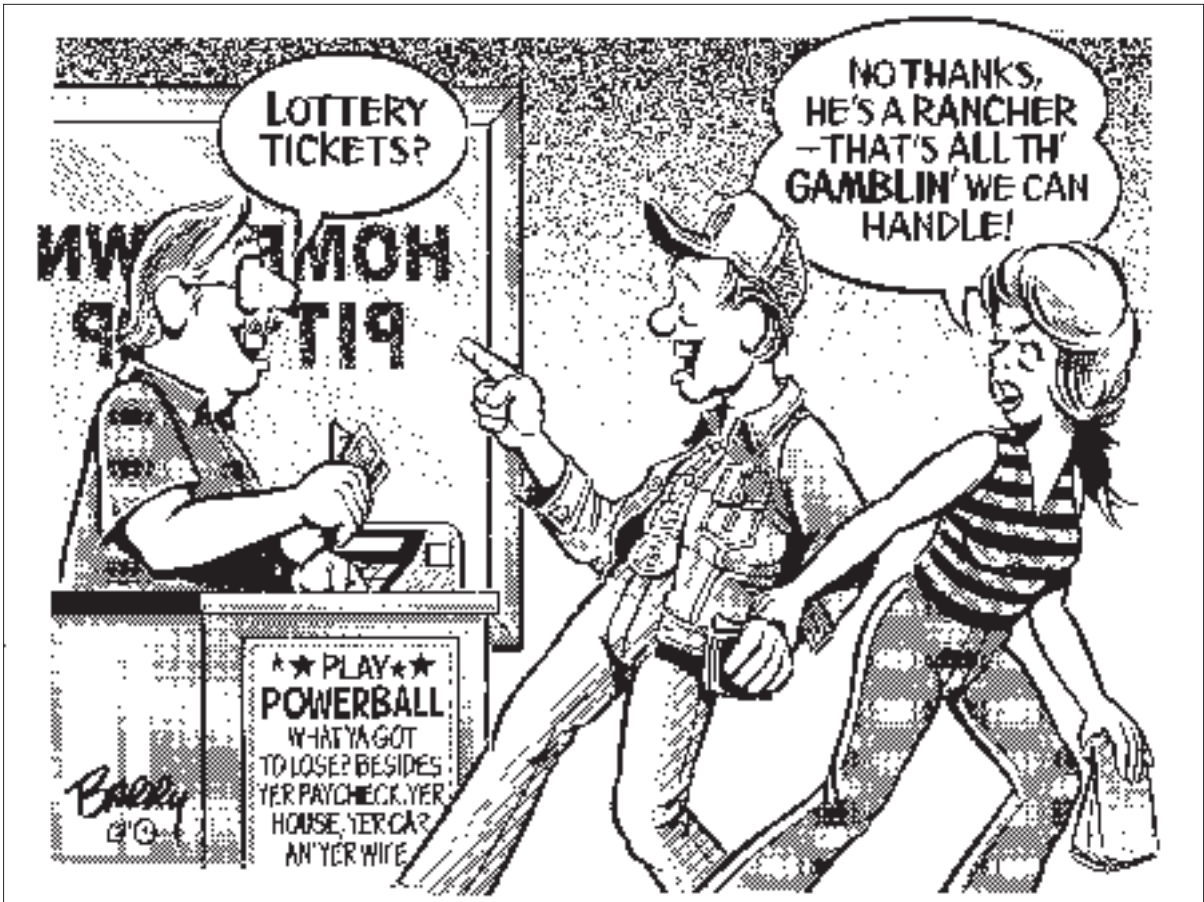
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Homedale resident Oscar Evans is on the board of directors.

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JP Doodles



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.

Idaho Dept. of Labor Apprenticeship can be a working springboard to a lucrative career

by Jani Revier, director

National Apprenticeship Week began Monday and runs through Sunday. It marks the celebration of a proven and time-honored career pathway. Right now, 236 Idaho businesses sponsor apprenticeships, with more than 1,800 participating Idahoans getting paid on the job.

Like many Americans, Idahoans have seen sharp increases in housing costs while the consumer price index has risen 7.7 percent in just one year. Facing these circumstances, Idaho's workforce needs competitive job opportunities now more than ever, and the state's employers need the labor.

Many Idaho employers are discovering that finding and keeping quality workers is a serious challenge, one that affects everything from their operating hours to their ability to deliver quality customer service. There are currently about two jobs out there for every unemployed Idahoan looking for work, making it difficult for many businesses to find the talent they need to succeed.

Yet, many businesses are unaware of talent pools available to them: communities of Idahoans with talent and a desire to work. These communities include Idaho's youth, people with disabilities, individuals exiting the criminal justice system and our veterans. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Idaho is home to more than 116,000 veterans. Many of these people, essential to the functioning of our economy, are looking for work.

At the Idaho Department of Labor, we offer a number of programs that connect veterans and other job seekers to valuable training opportunities that serve both businesses and workers.

We link qualifying Idaho veterans with the funding and support they need to start on a new career path. Many of the veterans we've worked with — some of them

homeless — are now employed as electricians, police officers, plumbers and machinists, to name a few. Their contributions help make Idaho's economy stronger.

Qualifying veterans can also receive their GI Bill benefits and earn wages from an apprenticeship at the same time, helping them cover the cost of everything from housing to education while they work toward a lucrative career.

Idaho apprentices who complete their Registered Apprenticeship earn a nationally recognized professional certificate. Ninety-three percent of these graduates will remain employed, broadening the workforce for the businesses that sponsor their training program.

It's worth the effort for participants, too. An apprentice who completes a Registered Apprenticeship program earns, on average, \$300,000 more in wages throughout their lifetime compared to peers who don't complete an apprenticeship. Nationally, those who have completed a Registered Apprenticeship earn an average salary of \$77,000. That's nearly \$20,000 more than the median Idaho household income, as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau.

November is a good time to explore the benefits of apprenticeships for you, your family, friends or — if you're a business owner — someone you might hire, including veterans. By tapping the power and potential of Registered Apprenticeships, we can build a productive and profitable future for our great state.

Learn more at ApprenticeshipIdaho.gov or visit one of more than 50 mobile Department of Labor locations across Idaho. The Idaho Department of Labor's Apprenticeship Idaho program is 100 percent funded by the U.S. Department of Labor as part of Employment and Training Administration grants totaling \$10,069,769.

Commentary

Financial management

Even in hot market, sell your house before buying the next



DAVE Says
by Dave Ramsey • www.davesays.org

Dear Dave,
My wife and I are looking to move from Washington, D.C., to Greenville, S.C., in a couple of months, and then sell our current home in February or March after she gets things wrapped up with her job. We are a little worried, though, because of all the things we're hearing about the housing market crashing. Could you speak to this, please?

— Nick

Dear Nick,
Your emotions and things you hear can creep up on you. I get that. But the fact is, there are still four buyers out

there for every house that's up for sale. Now, are the buyers and the market as active and frenzied as they were several months ago? No. But you have to remember, the last couple of years have been crazy-strange times for the housing market.

I've been in the real estate business since 1978, and I've never seen anything like it. Usually, it takes about 90 days to sell a house. You'll get some offers, and none of them will be at full price, but everyone will have time to think about things. That's normal, and it's probably a lot closer to how things will work themselves out for you now in Greenville.

But in any economy, my advice to you would be don't buy another house until yours has sold. If you end up with two house payments and your old house is sitting empty while you're having to pay for the mortgage, taxes, utilities and all the upkeep to make sure it's ready to show, you're going to become what's known as a motivated seller. I don't want you to just give it away, but you'll need to be very careful to make sure the timing on this deal makes sense.

Personally, I wouldn't buy another house until the first one sells.

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show," heard by more than 18 million listeners. He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth, and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO of Ramsey Solutions.

✓ Transparency: Knowing tax you pay, where it goes is welcome info

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nearly 50 cents per gallon.
Washington is also preparing to implement a carbon tax and low carbon fuel standard that will dramatically increase the cost of a gallon of gasoline — and force more border drivers to Idaho to find cheaper options.

The state-by-state tax burden does not include the federal gas tax of 18.4 cents per gallon. When you add it all together, Idaho, Montana and Washington all have gas taxes that rank among the highest 16 states.

In most states, gas taxes are mostly used to fund roads, bridges and a state's transportation system. And, so long as the money is being used wisely, most drivers are OK with that. However, when policymakers adopt gas tax hikes, there is no accountability built into the system. The cost is hidden in the price.

This is unusual when purchasing almost any product. After all, the price of a loaf of bread at the grocery store does not have the sales tax built in. Neither does the purchase of a bottle of water. Most consumers can see the tax burden they face on their receipt.

If they don't like it or don't think it's being used properly, they can talk to their elected officials. But with gas taxes, consumers are left in the dark.

The fix to this lack of transparency is what has been called "truth-in-labeling."

In 2017, Washington state passed a law requiring the Washington state Department of Agriculture to produce a sticker that would be placed on every gas pump near the weights and measures certification. The sticker would simply inform drivers of their state and federal tax burden.

In Washington, the WSDA conducts periodic inspections of gas pumps, so it made sense to assign

the transparency task to that agency.
Overall, drivers responded positively to the stickers. The cost for taxpayers was minimal — simply the price of the stickers — as state workers already travel around the state to pumps for weights and measure tests.

In Ohio, state workers began placing the stickers on gas pumps in 2019, as part of a deal to increase the gas tax. In Utah, gas tax stickers are being placed at stations beginning this year.

This simple, transparent idea should be considered in Idaho and across the Mountain States. Since government taxes and fees make up such a large portion of the overall cost of a gallon of gas, a "truth-in-labeling" policy is a reform worth pursuing.

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Meetings — 7 p.m., on second Wednesday

Sports

Melba’s Big 3 delivers big in girls’ season opener against state powers

Melba High School’s state-caliber start to the girls’ basketball season was a success on back-to-back nights.

On Saturday — just as Friday — three players amassed double-figure point totals in a 52-44 non-conference victory over Lapwai on the Mustangs’ floor inside Potter Gymnasium.

Owyhee County’s Brooklyn Dayley (game-high 14 points) joined Keylee Wilson (12 points) and Kendall Clark (11 points) to propel Melba (2-0) past the Wildcats (1-1), who

routed Cole Valley Christian on Friday.

Lapwai is the reigning 1A, Div. I state champion.

Senior swing player Lauren Gould paced the Wildcats with 13 points. Teammate Madden Bisbee, a freshman guard, knocked in eight points.

Dayley led coach Dave Lenz’s defense with five steals. She and Melba teammate Keylee Wilson dished four assists apiece.

Clark led the way with eight rebounds, and Wilson snagged seven boards.

Friday: Melba 56, Grangeville 31 — The Mustangs’ Big Three reached double figures in a season-opening home-court triumph against a non-conference foe.

Clark scored 15 points with six rebounds and four assists as Melba avenged last year’s 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament consolation final loss. Grangeville prevailed, 54-39, in February.

Wilson put in 13 points.

Dayley delivered 12 points and five assists while leading the defense with four steals.

Adrian eliminated

Adrian High School’s 2022 football season began and ended with losses in which Lost River scored 44 points.

The third-seeded Pirates downed the No. 6 Antelopes, 44-6, in Saturday 1A Oregon eight-man state quarterfinals.

The loss on a snowy field in Merrill, Ore., ended the Antelopes’ quest for a third consecutive state title. The team sandwiched the COVID-cancelled 2020 season with championship in 2019 and last season.

Lost River beat Adrian (8-3), 44-28, in both teams’ season opener on Sept. 2 in the Dufur

Classic.

Coach Bill Wortman’s team won it all last year, marking the school’s third championship since 2014.

Lost River (9-1) advances to meet No. 2 Powder Valley, which lost the state title game to Adrian last season.

Antelopes seniors this season included safety/tight end Carter Bayes, defensive end/tight end Robert Garza, defensive tackle/tight end Ashton Jephson, noseguard/offensive guard Chase Andrade, safety/running back Jace Martin, and noseguard/center Brock Bertalotto.

Public notices

LIEN SALE
Unit B-21 and Unit D-13, Jack or Susan King, 20712 Whittier Drive, Greenleaf, Idaho 83626.
Items include a stainless steel French door refrigerator, misc. tools, and misc. household goods.
Sealed bid auction will be held on Saturday, November 26th closing at 1PM at Highway 95 Self Storage. 3685 Highway 95 in Homedale. View units at 3PM on Wednesday, November 16th and submit bids until 3PM November 25th.
11/16,23/2022

NOTICE OF PETITION AND HEARING IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE (I.C. 15-1-401, 15-5-309, and 15-5-405)
Case No. CV37-22-00369 IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF: MADYSON BRIANA BAILEY, A Minor.
1. Notice is hereby given that on March 7, 2022, Sandy Aujero filed a petition for appointment of guardian of a minor.
2. A copy of the petition is on file with the Clerk of the Court and may be reviewed upon request.
3. The petition has been set for hearing in this Court at Owyhee, Idaho, on December 12, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. The hearing shall take place via Zoom Videoconference.
Zoom.com
Meeting ID: 990 5549 4585
Password: 575186

Dated: November 8, 2022.
RAMIREZ-SMITH LAW
/s/ Brenda H. Quick
Brenda H. Quick
Attorney for Petitioner
ISB #6806
bquick@nrsdt.com
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11/16,23,30/2022

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF

NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUANCE OF TAX DEED GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT
P.O. Box 67
Homedale, ID 83628
Owyhee County, Idaho

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Title 43, Chapter 7, of the Idaho State Code, on December 31, 2022, the period of redemption for delinquent entries made January 1, 2020, shall expire and the Gem Irrigation District, or its assign, shall be issued a tax deed or lien for the property described below, upon which such delinquent entries were made. The property described below may be redeemed on or before June 30, 2023, by paying to the Gem Irrigation District at its office in the City of Homedale, County of Owyhee, the delinquent assessments for which the delinquent entries were made, plus a penalty of two percent (2%) thereon, interest on the total at the rate of one percent (1%) per month from the day said delinquent entries were made until the day of redemption, and recording and publication costs. Any inquiries direct to Gem Irrigation at the above-named address.

Person Assessed	Property Description	Year Assessed	Delinquent Assessment & Penalty	Interest to 12/31/22	Misc Costs
Ignacio & Martha Castillo	Sec 15 T3N R5W Pt W1/2 NWNE	2020	800.62	378.73	42.25
Keith & Ashley Cegnar	Sec 28 T3N R4W Pt SWSW	2020	265.02	123.74	42.25
Justin & Kimberly Freeman	Sec 28 T3N R4W Pt W1/2 NW	2020	11.28	90.32	42.25
Joshua & Kelsee Gabel	Sec 18 T3N R5W NESE	2020	.09	74.34	42.25
C. Hammar & Gary McCoshum	Sec 14 T3N R5W Pt SWNW	2020	157.71	111.99	42.25
Andrew Ousley	Sec. 25 T4N R6W SWNW,NWSW,NESW	2020	3254.94	1544.59	42.25
James Leon Pyatt	Sec 03 T2N R4W Pt SWSW	2020	92.80	74.87	42.25
German Sotelo	Sec 17 T3N R5W Pt SWNE	2020	165.75	77.47	42.25
Justin Timmons	Sec 14 T2N R5W Pt NWNW	2020	393.08	185.45	42.25
Justin Timmons	Sec 14 T2N R5W Pt NWNW	2020	140.00	65.27	42.25

Dated this 21st day of October, 2022
GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Sherry Maxwell, Treasurer
10/26;11/02,09,16/2022

THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
MAGISTRATE DIVISION
CASE NO. CV37-22-00389
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
SANDY SUE MCCOY,
Deceased Person.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be both filed with the Court and presented to the Personal Representative of the estate at the law office of JULIE ADAMS DEFORD, 317 12th Avenue South, Nampa, Idaho 83651.

DATED this 4th day of November, 2022.
/s/Todd J. Humiston
Personal Representative
11/09,16,23/2022

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
On Wednesday, the 8th day of March, 2023, at the hour of 10:00 o’clock a.m. of said day at Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lots 7 and 8, Block 13, Revised Townsite of Butte now the City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 216 W. 1st St. N., Marsing, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.
Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by MARIA MEJIA, an Unmarried Woman, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., recorded March 23, 2018, as Instrument No. 295496, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho; and assigned to the IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on September 28, 2022, as Instrument 313590, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(a), IDAHO CODE.

NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT SHE IS, OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated March 21, 2018, in the amount of \$689.00 each, for the months of July, 2021 through October, 2022, inclusive. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus all escrow advances, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 4.05% per annum from June 1, 2021, and the Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$91,558.83, plus accrued interest at the rate of 4.05% per annum from June 1, 2021.
DATED This 7th day of November, 2022.
/s/:RYAN M. FAWCETT,
a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
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Marsing Chamber celebrates members

Three business owners located inside suites at 111 W. Main St., in Marsing cut a ribbon Friday signifying the grand opening of The Venue and Wild Child Tribe Boutique as well as the one-year anniversary of Sassy Saddle Boutique. **From left:** Marsing Chamber of Commerce vice-president Janette Bormann, The Venue by Left-handed Cookie Art owner Erin Tibbs, Sassy Saddle Boutique owner Kelley Castillo, Wild Child Tribe Boutique's Angelena Garcia, and Chamber president Steve Derricott. The Venue is open by appointment only for parties and other functions. Call Tibbs at (208) 473-6691. Wild Child is open from 11 a.m., to 6 p.m., on Saturdays, and more information is online at wildchildtribeboutique.com. Sassy Saddle Boutique (SassySaddleBoutique.com) is open 10:30 a.m., to 6 p.m., Wednesday through Friday. Other businesses include Rolly-Polly's Cinnamon Rolls, owned by James Glenn, (208) 794-9213, The Baking Mama, (253) 273-6404, and All About Hair, a salon that is open by appointment only by calling (208) 250-9832.

From page 1

✓ **Mayor:** Elected officials asked to come up with possible candidates

the sale of my house and have plans to be out of City limits that I am no longer eligible to be Mayor of Marsing,” Sevy wrote. “Please accept this Email as my immediate resignation.”

Council president Chris Even presided over the impending business meeting, which lasted about 90 minutes.

Even will serve as acting

mayor, although he isn't keen on a long-term situation.

“I’ll tell you right now,”
Even told elected officials. “I
don’t want to be mayor.

“We need to find somebody that doesn’t have an agenda. We need someone with the best interests of the city in mind and someone to run city business, especially with the economy

continuing to sink further and further into the sinkhole.”

Apparently eschewing the idea of taking applications, Even asked his council colleagues to think about citizens who might be appropriate successors to finish Sevy's term.

Sevy had been mayor since January 2020 after defeating one-term mayor James

Ferdinand in the November 2019 election. Ferdinand previously served as a city councilman, too.

Even said he wants a chief executive with “good business sense” to complete the final 13 months of Sevy’s four-year term.

"I'm a firm believer that people who seek power shouldn't be in

power,” Even said.

Bonney told the council that the interim mayor would only serve through the end of 2023 and, if a fresh four-year term was desired, the person would have to seek election next November.

“This is not something I want to rush into,” Even said.

— JPB

✓ **Closure:** Bachman Grade
still open for livestock ops

There is still ranching activities on Bachman Grade Road, though.

"They're still moving cattle out there," Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said. "I'd hold off until December."

In the past, commissioners have issued one resolution closing both roads for the winter. Silver City Road is

typically not reopened until around Memorial Day.

Motorists who violate the road closure are subject to citations from the sheriff's office.

Dist. 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick, the board chair, made the resolution's passage unanimous.

— JPB

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