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2022: YEAR IN REVIEW



One of many construction projects started in Homedale last year was a new classroom building at the high school.

Rehabilitating public infrastructure, public trust

When each calendar dwindles to a precious few days, Oxford English Dictionary folks huddle and come up with a word of the year.

Actually, this year, the public selected “Goblin Mode” as the word of the year through polling.

If there were an OED equivalent in Owyhee County (maybe OCD for Owyhee County Dictionary), there would be a handful of words of the year to depict 2022 trends and happenings in the county’s communities.

Some of those words would be the same regardless of which community, such as:

Development

This would be, hands-down, the overall word of the year given all the residential and commercial and public growth bubbling forth in Homedale and Marsing, as well as construction to a smaller degree in other areas.

In Homedale alone, there were 10 new home starts,

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Part of the changes at the Owyhee County Courthouse came when Tiffany Nettleton (right) took the oath of office from County Clerk Angie Barkell to become assessor ahead of schedule.



Residential construction was rampant throughout the county and especially in Homedale, such as the new homes being built a stone’s throw from the fairgrounds.

County sets hearing for RV use ordinance

Limits on temp residency proposed

An ordinance pointing out the “paramount importance” of protecting property rights has been proposed to regulate the use of recreational vehicles on private property.

“... This ordinance is to be narrowly construed to not conflict with existing property rights to the extent possible, and any ambiguity in

enforcement or interpretation should be construed in favor of the property owner,” the proposed ordinance’s “Public Policy” section reads.

The proposed addition of Chapter 18 to Owyhee County’s zoning ordinance will be the subject of a public hearing at 6 p.m., on Wednesday, Jan. 25 in Murphy.

Public comment will be taken during a joint meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and the

— See *Ordinance*, back page

Former Bruneau-GV schools boss new state supt.’s chief deputy

HSD’s Sauer part of Critchfield transition team Cantrell co-led

As Debbie Critchfield takes office as the new state superintendent of public instruction this week, she completes a transition that included a pair of local leaders in education.

And one of those men — former Bruneau-Grand View School District superintendent — will continue in the new administration as chief deputy state superintendent.

Ryan Cantrell was co-leader of Critchfield’s transition team, which included current Homedale schools boss Rob Sauer.

Cantrell was announced as chief deputy state superintendent-designate when Critchfield amassed her transition team soon after the

— See *Deputy*, page 3

Session looms for Owyhee’s new legislators

Owyhee County’s new legislative delegation will be in attendance when Gov. Brad Little delivers his State of the State Address on Monday.

The State of State traditionally signals the start of each session of the Idaho Legislature.

Monday’s address marks the beginning of the first regular session of the 67th Idaho Legislature.

While there will be some faces Owyhee citizens will recognize in the Legislature — most notably House Majority Leader Megan Blanksma (R-Hammett) and Rep. Matthew Bundy (R-Mountain

— See *Session*, page 7



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New BLM office has new leader

Owyhee Field Office staff moved into the new Bureau of Land Management building on South Bruneau Highway in Marsing in 2022. During the Dec. 19 coordination meeting with the Board of County Commissioners, BLM Boise District manager Tanya Thrift announced that Owyhee Field Office manager Donn Christianson was retiring on Dec. 30 and would be replaced in the interim by Four Rivers Field Office assistant manager Ammon Wilhelm.

Courthouse report

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

Dec. 23
Pedro S. Castro, Homedale — Felony controlled substance possession (plea deal): 5 years in state prison (115 days served), \$285.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession

Dec. 21
Dario Chavez Salto, Caldwell — Misdemeanor driving under the influence (plea

deal): 90 days in jail (5 days served, 85 days suspended), 12 months unsupervised probation, 90-day driver’s license suspension, \$500 in fines, \$202.50 in court costs

Robert Granger Jenkins, Caldwell — Misdemeanor DUI (plea deal; amended from misdemeanor excessive DUI): 180 days in jail (10 days to serve, 170 days suspended), 24 months supervised probation, 180-day driver’s license suspension, \$700 in fines, \$205.50 in court costs

Miguel A. Suarez, Greenleaf — Misdemeanor driver consuming or possessing open alcoholic beverage container: \$187.50 in court costs

Lizard Butte Library loads up youth plans

The first month of the new year will be a busy one at the Lizard Butte Library in Marsing.

Library director Catriona Hardy has planned several youth events and a family night.

• Preschool Story Time resumes today and will run from 10:30 a.m., to 11:30 a.m., each Wednesday.

“January Story Time will introduce shapes to the little readers, and Ms. Rayna will have a lot of fun stories and crafts for the children to do,” Hardy said.

• The library will start its Teen Night program again, scheduling it for 7 p.m., on the third Tuesday of each month.

On Jan. 17, Teen Night will be a Marvel Trivia Night, and teens are encouraged to come test their knowledge of the world of Marvel movies.

• The Family Story Time Night planned for 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 26 will include a guest from the Steel Legacy Honey Co.

The family night will be held in the library’s Community

Room, and the program will include a talk about bees and details of what goes on at the Steel Legacy apiary.

Hardy also reminds folks of other offerings the Lizard Butte Library has, including:

• Virtual reality headsets and teen kits such as construction tools to make and fix things and kitchen tools to cook and bake.

• The library receives new books throughout the month to expand offerings for patrons, and Hardy said if the book isn’t on the library’s shelves, it can be ordered through the Inter-Library Loan service.

Lizard Butte Library, which serves a district including parts of Owyhee and Canyon counties around Marsing, is located at 111 3rd Ave. W., in Marsing.

The library is open from noon to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 10 a.m., to 2 p.m., on Saturday. It’s closed on Sunday.

To reach the library, call (208) 896-4690 or email lizardbuttelibrary@yahoo.com.

Story Time continues at Homedale library

The next Opal Nash Story Time starts at 10:15 a.m., on Monday at Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

At the next Teens & Tweens event, boys and girls ages 10-17 are invited to attend to play a variety of goal-setting games

to inspire making objectives in the new year.

The program starts 5 p.m., inside the Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

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✓ **Deputy:** Cantrell, Sauer both brought rural education voice to transition

Nov. 8 election.

The former Idaho State Board of Education president, Critchfield succeeds two-term state superintendent Sherri Ybarra.

Critchfield is an Oakley resident.

Sauer, who served five years as a deputy state superintendent before coming to Homedale, helped hire people for Critchfield's staff at the state Department of Education.

He said he was able to offer insight gained from his five years working for the SDE as well as he long-running current role as Homedale superintendent.

Sauer said his presence on the transition team would help illuminate the needs of rural school districts, too.

Sauer has known Critchfield for more than 15 years. The pair worked on the state's Dual Credit Task Force when he served as a deputy superintendent with SDE and Critchfield was a local school trustee in Cassia County.

"We've served on various

committees together over the years,” Sauer said. “I believe she trusts my input and experience.”

Critchfield visited the Homedale district soon after announcing her candidacy, Sauer said. She beat Ybarra in the Republican primary in May and defeated Democrat Terry Gilbert with nearly 70 percent of the vote in November's general election.

"I'm very excited for Debbie's leadership and willingness to listen and work with us," Sauer said. "She's already been to Homedale to visit our admin team, and we expect to have close communication with her and her leadership team."

"She really is a fantastic leader and we will all benefit from that."

Cantrell, who was Bruneau-Grand View superintendent for four years, comes to the state Department of Education after serving as director of district programs at the Idaho Digital Learning Academy. He will serve as another voice for districts like Bruneau-Grand

View, Homedale and Marsing after working as the director of the Idaho Rural Education Association, too.

Cantrell and Critchfield chief of staff-designate Greg Wilson helped lead a transition team of 22 people including — among others — Sauer, former Idaho First Lady Lori Otter and current ISBE president Kurt Liebich.

“I am excited and honored that Greg and Ryan have agreed to serve Idaho’s students and schools at the State Department of Education,” Critchfield said. “Their proven track records of success, experience with K-12 policy, and relationships with key educational leaders across Idaho will help ensure that we are pointed towards our goals and we will be able to lead out on Day 1 as state superintendent.”

In the new administration, Cantrell will lead the educational program and school support divisions at the SDE, including federal programs, special education, assessment and accountability,

content and curriculum, and teacher certification.

Cantrell's goal will be to rebuild the department's culture to be better aligned to supporting school districts and charter schools across Idaho.

“He will provide an educator’s voice to the incoming superintendent’s policy initiatives and lead implementation of policy initiatives at the district and public charter school levels,” according to a press release announcing his appointment.

Cantrell started out as a special education teacher in Nampa and has experience in traditional public schools and charter schools

During his time in Bruneau-Grand View, Cantrell oversaw increased early literacy and math student achievement. During this time, he was also influential in statewide

education policy, as a member of the 2019 Governor's Education Task Force and as an expert on school improvement and student achievement to the Idaho Legislature and the State Board of Education.

Wilson comes to the state department after serving as chief communications officer at the West Ada School District.

He previously worked for a decade in state government, including as Gov. Brad Little's senior policy advisor for education.

In his capacity at the governor's office, he worked with Critchfield on Little's 2019 K-12 Education Task Force, the expansion of the career ladder for veteran educators, the implementation of Strong Families, Strong Students Grant Program, and supporting schools throughout the pandemic.

— JPB

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BOCC backs plan to enhance broadband capabilities in county

Short public comment period starts today

A short, 48-hour comment period should open today after White Cloud Communications submits a grant application to bolster broadband access in Owyhee County.

Eric Smallwood from White Cloud told the Board of County Commissioners about the plan to submit a plan to the Idaho Broadband Advisory Council in hopes to secure a grant.

Smallwood told the county commissioners that White Cloud will seek up to \$5 million for the project. The grant application was submitted Monday, setting up the two-day comment period to start today.

The advisory council de-

cided during a meeting earlier in December to release \$35 million in funds appropriated by the Idaho Legislature for broadband improvements throughout the state.

The council decided to make the money available through a direct grant program, and began soliciting proposals, Smallwood said.

During their Dec. 27 meeting, county commissioners adopted Resolution 2022-34 to support the White Cloud grant proposal.

Smallwood also said White Cloud would seek letters of support from Owyhee County's District 23 legislative delegation — state Sen. Todd Lakey (R-Nampa), who is on the Commerce & Human Resources Committee, and Idaho Reps. Melissa Durrant (R-Kuna) and Tina Lambert

(R-Caldwell).

Letters supporting White Cloud's proposal should be emailed to broadband@commerce.idaho.gov.

Include "White Cloud Broadband Enhancement, Owyhee County" in the subject line.

Smallwood told commissioners that part of the plan is to extend fiber optic to Murphy and also place communication towers.

Smallwood hopes that White Cloud can order the hardware this month, which will open the door to equipment shipped to Idaho and construction starting by June 30.

He said Crown Utilities would do the work. Last year, Crown Utilities crews placed fiber optic along Idaho highway 55 into Marsing and along U.S. Highway 95 between Marsing and Homedale.

Corrections

The Homedale Senior Center is open from 8 a.m., to 1 p.m., each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The hours of operation were incorrect in last week's paper.

An article in the Dec. 28 edition misidentified the relationship between Melba High School boys' basketball players Cutter Beus and Cache Beus. The boys are cousins.

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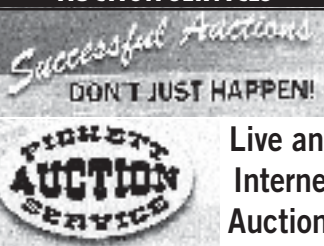
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engagement, while instructors continue to post research and evidence-based materials for participant viewing, demonstrates continued achievements from individuals and families as well. To date, this program has hosted three full sessions with a fourth one currently in progress. On Sunday, the current session of the Walk-A-Weigh Plus (30 for 30 Extension Collaboration) started, and you can easily join the fun. If you are interested in joining a community of support with more than 1,800 members, we hope you will consider joining participants from across the nation, with more than 12 separate educational institutions involved with actively engaged instructors who want to help you focus on a happier and healthier you! Join us on this continued journey on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/30for30waw>. If you are seeking additional information about this program and how you can join in on the health-focused fun, feel free to reach out to Suriñe Greenway, Family & Consumer Sciences Extension Educator for University of Idaho, Owyhee County, at surineg@uidaho.edu. — Suriñe Greenway is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educator. For more information, you can reach the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

convenes at 1 p.m. The Gem Irrigation board of directors meets at 1:15 p.m. The South Board of Control directors — comprised of the Gem Irrigation governors and the Ridgeview board chair — meet at 1:30 p.m. Call the SBOC office at (208) 337-3760 for more information on access, including those people who don't have access to a computer or internet-capable phone. Stay up-to-date with emergency notices and other news by visiting www.southboardofcontrol.com.

South Board irrigation officials to meet Tuesday

A new year has dawned, and the South Board of Control irrigation supervisors are still meeting in the daylight. The first round of meetings for 2023 takes place Tuesday inside the boardroom at the SBOC shop, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., in Homedale. The Ridgeview Irrigation District board, which governs the Oregon part of the system,

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Today

- 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
- Story Time**
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
- Christian Life Club**
4 p.m., to 5:15 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. Kindergarten to fourth grade. (208) 880-7070 or (208) 337-3464
- Arock school board meeting**
7 p.m., W. W. Jones Schoolhouse, 3513 Arock Rd., Arock. (541) 586-2325

Thursday

- Fit and Fall class**
10 a.m., free, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168
- 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
- Friends of the Homedale Library meeting**
4 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.
- Teens and Tweens**
5 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
- Alcoholics Anonymous**
7 p.m., open to alcoholics, their families and those contemplating recovery, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Friday

- Alcoholics Anonymous**
7 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 860-9674

Saturday

- 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
- Homedale district library board meeting**
10 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
- Book club**
12:30 p.m. lunch, 1:00 p.m. discussion. Adults. Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. Library, (208) 834-2785 or Kathy Chick (208) 599-2148, leave a message.
- Homedale FFA meeting**
6 p.m., Homedale High School, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.
- Grand View Community Club meeting**
6:30 p.m., Grand View Community Club (formerly St. Henry's Catholic Church), 501 Idaho St., Grand View.

Tuesday

- Idaho Range Livestock Symposium**
9 a.m., free registration, Owyhee County Community Center, 423 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. Register at <https://www.uidaho.edu/cnr/rangeland-center> under 'Events', (208) 885-6536 or (208) 364-3176 or 4range@uidaho.edu

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10 a.m., free, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168

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

Homedale Fire commissioners meeting

Noon, The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.

Region III assistance assessments

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

Senior citizens board meeting

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

Ridgeview Irrigation District meeting

1 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

Gem Irrigation District meeting

1:15 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

South Board of Control meeting

1:30 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

After school time

4 p.m., to 5 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View.

American Legion Post 128 meeting

7 p.m., 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.

Jordan Valley City Council meeting

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

Pleasant Valley school board meeting

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

Wednesday

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

Story Time

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Christian Life Club

4 p.m., to 5:15 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. Kindergarten to fourth grade. (208) 880-7070 or (208) 337-3464

Grand View City Council meeting

6 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2700, noon to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Homedale City Council meeting

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

Jordan Valley Ambulance meeting

6 p.m., ambulance hall, 706 Main St., Jordan Valley.

Marsing City Council meeting

7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 896-4122

Jordan Valley school board meeting

7 p.m., Jordan Valley Elementary School library, 604 Oregon Ave., Jordan Valley. (541) 586-2213

Obituary

John L. Falen

John Leroy Falen of Orovada, Nevada, passed away on December 17, 2022 at the age of 85, surrounded in love by his wife of 63 years, Sharon Falen, and his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

John was born on March 18, 1937 in Caldwell, Idaho, to Leslie and Letha Falen. He grew up on the L – F Ranch on Juniper Creek at the base of South Mountain, 40 miles southeast of Jordan Valley, Oregon. John and his brothers Roger and Loyd rode their horses to school, and like other children in the area, school was coordinated around ranch work. John attended high school in Marsing, Idaho, batching near his uncle Earnest Falen’s home, returning to the L – F Ranch to work when needed. He attended college at the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science in 1960. During his junior year, he met his wife Sharon Franklin of Moscow, Idaho. Their first date was on her 17th birthday, 65 years ago last month. They were married in 1959.

John, in every way, was a cattleman. He and Sharon started their lives with John working in feedlots, buying cattle and eventually partnering with Clarence and Wayne Johnson operating a feedlot and livestock trading enterprise in Wilder, Idaho. In 1977, he leased two ranches in northern Nevada, the “Home Ranch” near Orovada, Nevada and the “UC Ranch” near McDermitt, Nevada. The Home Ranch was where John and Sharon made their home. It was at the Home Ranch where John and Sharon hosted numerous yearly “family and friends’ reunions” when family and friends from all over the country would join for a weekend of horse and wagon rides, good two-step dancing music, great food and good fellowship. It was also at the Home Ranch where the Newsweek magazine writers and photographers went to meet a man who would dawn the cover on that publication on September 30, 1991 and detail



the story of a ranching family working in a place where the federal and state governments own 85% of the land and it is not possible for a ranch to survive without BLM and/or Forest Service grazing permits. John, Sharon and family would eventually negotiate purchases for the Home Ranch and the UC Ranch so the ranches and the way of life could be passed down to their children and grandchildren.

The Home Ranch was also where John set forth on his pathway of servant leadership. Not being one to ever take a break, for 20 years John served the schoolchildren in Humboldt County, Nevada as a member and chairman of the school board. During this time he began his political career as an advocate for the ranching industry serving as Nevada Cattlemen’s Association President in 1997-1999, Nevada’s Public Lands Council Committee, the National Cattlemen’s Association Executive Board, the NCBA wild horse and burro committee and the National Public Lands Council President. John was appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to serve on the National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Council. Although there were no wild horses on the Home Ranch or UC Ranch, John’s understanding of the livestock industry and his compassion for wild horses suffering from drought and starvation made him the perfect advocate to work on solutions to remove excess horses from the range. Because of his work, he was one of the founding board members of the Mustang

Heritage Foundation. John’s passion for his family, his ranch and his community was evident in everything he did. The invention of the cellphone brought a whole new freedom to John in ways that searching for a pay phone could not. John’s saddle horses would automatically stop when John’s cellphone would ring so John could take the call. As much as the phone would ring, that meant a lot of stopping. John was ever present on local parade days in Orovada, McDermitt and Winnemucca, driving his team and wagon. Anyone who was within miles of the Home Ranch was encouraged to stop for a comfortable bed, a delicious meal, or a good visit with John sitting at his grey metal office desk with all the braided bridal reins and silver bits hanging behind him. Not just for his friends and family, but the passing of John leaves a huge hole in the public lands livestock industry.

John is survived by his wife, Sharon, his children Frank (wife Karen Budd-Falen), and daughters Judy (husband Hank Kershner) and Johnna (husband Tommy Bruhn), son-in-law Loyd Sherburn and brother Loyd Falen. He had seven grandchildren: Jake Kershner, Becky Gallagher, Isaac Falen, Sharon Sherburn, Sarah Falen and Kaylee and Gage Bruhn, and four great-grandchildren: Gauge Brown, Wesley Falen, Kinsley Kershner and Casey Gallagher. He was preceded in death by his parents Les and Letha Falen, brother Roger Falen and his beloved daughter Cindy Sherburn.

Funeral services will be January 21st at 11:00 AM at the community hall in Orovada, NV. Tri-tip will be furnished by the family and side dishes will be appreciated. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Nevada Cattlemen’s Association; PO Box 310 Elko, NV 89803. They asked that you write in the Memo in Memory of John Falen and the donation will go to the scholarship fund.

✓ Session: New voices fight for Owyhee County in Boise

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Home), both in District 8 now — three other lawmakers are tasked with carrying the water for the constituency of the new District 23.

District 23 now includes all of Owyhee County and southern portions of Ada and Canyon counties.

Todd Lakey, who is starting his sixth two-year term, will be District 23 state senator for the next two sessions. The Nampa Republican is chair of the Judiciary & Rules Committee, and he sits on the Commerce & Human Resources Committee.

He can be reached at TLakey@senate.idaho.gov or through his Statehouse office number at (208) 332-1328.

The Idaho House of Representatives group from District 23 is Seat A Rep. Melissa Durrant (R-Kuna) and Seat B Rep. Tina Lambert (R-Caldwell). Neither of the freshmen legislators have email addresses listed yet at legislature.idaho.gov. During the session, Lambert’s office number is (208) 332-1047, and Durrant can be reached at (208) 332-1055.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center
Curbside pickup only between noon and 1 p.m.
Phone ahead (208) 337-3020 to order
Dessert is included in curbside lunch
Milk available each day
Roll/bread available each day except Jan. 4th, Jan. 11th
Jan. 4: Tuna salad sandwich, side salad, carrot salad
Jan. 5: Hawaiian BBQ meatballs, baked potato Malibu vegetables
Jan. 10: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, Harvard beets
Jan. 11: Beef, bean and cheese burrito, rice, corn, sweet potato

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing
Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside Marsing City Hall
Milk available each day
Suggested donation: \$4 (60 and older), \$6 (59 and younger)
Jan. 4: Bacon macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, Baci roll
Jan. 6: Beef stew, Brussels sprouts, spiced apples, cornbread
Jan. 9: Chicken enchilada pasta, corn and black beans, sunshine carrots, 9-grain bread, orange juice
Jan. 11: Beef bell pepper casserole, carrots, spiced apples, whole wheat roll

Rimrock Senior Center
All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
Curbside pickup from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or delivery only.
Call (208) 834-2922 as early as possible to place order
Jan. 5: Beef stroganoff, green salad, cantaloupe, yogurt
Jan. 10: Chicken strips, scalloped potatoes, carrot raisin salad, bread stick, fruit, pudding
Jan. 12: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, green salad, broccoli, fruit Jello, peaches, roll, yogurt

Melba Valley Senior Center
Meals served at noon (Salad bar at 11:30 a.m.)
Phone ahead (208) 495-2168 same day for complete menu
Payment by donation. All ages welcome
Jan. 5: Baked chicken
Jan. 10: Beef tips
Jan. 12: Biscuits and gravy

Death notices

ALICE M. MULLINS, 73, of Homedale, died Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2022 peacefully at home. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel

RICHARD A. PALMER, 82, of Marsing, died Sunday, Dec. 25, 2022. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel

ROBERT EDWARD REED SR. (BOB), 96, a Homedale native and World War II veteran, died on Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2022. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023 at First United Methodist Church in Nampa. Arrangements: Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel. www.nampafuneralhome.com

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✓ Review: Communities anticipate upgraded sewer and water systems

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and those new homes were part of 60 residential properties that were sold within the city limits in 2022.

Building permits, Planning and Zoning fees, and demolition permits brought nearly \$21,000 into the city coffers, according to City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram.

The last demolition permit secured came ahead of the destruction of The Fence Store building at the corner of West Idaho Avenue and South 1st Street West. The building was consumed by a fire officials say was set by an arsonist in November.

Homes were built all over Homedale, basically on every spare piece of ground that could be found.

Senior housing was completed on South Main Street, and the residences were quickly spoken for.

Developers finally began construction on a planned short-term recreational vehicle park at the main entrance to Homedale as fall rolled around.

Owyhee County's RV park project at the fairgrounds in Homedale also neared completion, but not in time for the fair in August. Spring rains dislodged the new septic tank, which delayed paving and placement of the prefabricated restroom and shower building. Later in the year, the county started work on drilling a well for water after negotiations to tap into Homedale municipal water fell through.

An idea to swap Rodeo Road near the fairgrounds for the city-owned fairgrounds parking lot gained some traction in city council discussions, but still was an incomplete thought by the end of the year.

The explosion of development in Homedale had fire district commissioners looking for ways to ensure solvency in the face of growing emergency needs. Ambulance fees were raised, and commissioners visited a council meeting to float the idea of establishing impact fees.

While there were some housing starts elsewhere in Marsing, activity on the large MeadowBrook subdivision remained idle.

Residential development outside the municipal boundaries in the county was also vibrant.

The Owyhee County Community Planning Department reports Planning and Zoning commissioners approved 10 conditional use permits during the year that could bring 23 homes to Marsing (including a 19-lot subdivision and a two-lot subdivision), three dwellings to Homedale and single homes to Grand View, Murphy and the Melba area.

Eight of the 10 CUPs approved were for second dwellings on existing lots.

The county Building Department reported issuing 48 new construction home building permits for either new manufactured homes or wood-frame structures. All but one of

the wood-frame permits were for houses exceeding 2,000 square feet.

More than half of the county home construction building permits (28) were issued for Marsing-area projects, including 23 for wood-frame structures exceeding 2,000 square feet in size.

Government development materialized with the new Bureau of Land Management Owyhee Field Office on South Bruneau Highway in Marsing, which freed up the city to sell the old property at 20 1st Ave., and put it back on the tax rolls.

Dirt work and infrastructure construction began on the wine country-themed RV park on the west end of Marsing, too.

The year's largest construction project, though, was carried out by the Homedale School District.

A new artificial surface and all-weather track surface was put down at Deward Bell Stadium, which also got new floodlights and a new press box.

After the city vacated parts of East Owyhee Avenue and North 2nd Street East, the school district's general contractor created a parking lot, and repaved Owyhee Avenue to build a student drop-off area and add more parking spaces.

Construction also began on new classrooms, and the district plans to build a bus alley behind the Trojan Tots Preschool to create a drop-off area away from the parental drop-off area.

Further work inside the main building will create an entrance to the old gymnasium (which will become a fine arts building once another auxiliary gymnasium on North 3rd Street East is completed) and allow the main office and principal's office to relocate to the Idaho Avenue side of the building.

Infrastructure

Homedale, Grand View and Murphy all have capital projects in various stages of progress to shore up wastewater and drinking water facilities.

County commissioners last week decided to file a right-of-way application with the BLM to secure space for a new wastewater lagoon system to replace the town's aging septic system.

The county is also working on an \$80,000 planning grant to shore up Murphy's water system. The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality will provide half the cost with Owyhee County picking up the other \$40,000, possibly using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

The biggest infrastructure news came out of Homedale and Grand View, though, as both towns went to court to make sure the money was there to rebuild wastewater and drinking water components.

Homedale secured judicial confirmation granting permission to seek a general obligation bond funded by city taxpayers if other forms of funding didn't come through for its planned wastewater lagoon and transmission pipe rehabilitation.

In the end, the city received financing from U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development, eliminating the need to use property taxes, to build the \$10.7 million project. City engineer Andrew Kimmel worked with the low-bid contractor to keep down project costs. Construction could start later this year.

The City of Grand View also sought judicial confirmation for its two major infrastructure

projects, which have been on the table for several years.

The city needs to replace one of its two drinking water wells to restore system redundancy. One well has been shut down because of a cracked casing, and the other shows signs of contamination because of its location near an agricultural wastewater canal.

The wastewater system has been in need of updating for some time, including work on the lagoons, the transmission lines and possibly the installation of a lift station.

Judicial confirmation was received from Third District Judge Randall Grove after a Nov. 23 hearing on the plan to incur \$42,000 in debt for wastewater system improvements. Earlier in the year, Grand View City Council had held a public hearing to discuss seeking judicial confirmation for up to \$2.061 million for the project.

Transition

Each election cycle, voters have the opportunity to bring change in government, but 2022 was different. Elected officials themselves wrought the changes.

Four county officials experienced criminal and political challenges in 2022, and two of them didn't survive the spring.

Assessor Robin Monahan resigned six days after losing the Republican primary election to Tiffany Nettleton. Nettleton was appointed to complete Monahan's term then won a four-year stay in office herself while running unopposed in November.

Jeffrey Phillips, who was appointed and then won election to the prosecuting attorney's position in the years after Douglas D. Emery resigned to work in Twin Falls, resigned in May, too.

A Caldwell resident, Phillips stepped down after mounting evidence revealed he never established a permanent

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2022: YEAR IN REVIEW

✓ Review: Elected officials leave

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residence in Owyhee County as required by state law. The final straw apparently was a report that the Attorney General’s office had investigated a complaint alleging the man’s ineligibility to hold office in Owyhee County.

Both elected officials resigned on May 23.

After enlisting help with prosecutions from the attorney general’s office, county commissioners completed a lengthy search for a new PA, appointing Christopher Topmiller to the position. Topmiller is a Canyon County resident, living just over the Snake River from Homedale. He became the first Owyhee County prosecutor to make more than \$100,000 annually, but handles all criminal and civil duties of the post without a deputy.

In November, the Monday criminal docket at the Owyhee County Courthouse was moved to Tuesdays so Topmiller can be present for nearly every BOCC meeting.

The mayors of Grand View (Danny Martinez) and Marsing (Chad Sevy) both resigned after moving outside the city limits.

Council president Jon Pennington was appointed to serve as Grand View’s interim mayor upon Martinez’s departure in June, and Mike Smith was appointed to take Pennington’s council seat.

Marsing’s mayoral position remains vacant with council president Chris Even presiding over meetings and performing business

and administrative duties.

Turbulence

While two county officers took their leave amid controversy, Sheriff Perry Grant weathered a year that included a deadly deputy-involved shooting across Idaho highway 78 from the sheriff’s office in Murphy and an Attorney General’s office investigation to remain at the helm amid rocky seas.

Likewise, Coroner Aaron Tines admitted to a misdemeanor charge of not fulfilling the duties of his office and survived six months of probation to continue in his elected position. Tines won another four years in office when he prevailed as a write-in candidate during the primary election against challenger Jennifer Stevenson, another write-in.

The AG’s investigation into Grant, which was triggered by information gathered during county exit interviews with departing deputies, turned up no criminal intent. But the AG office’s report on the investigation into whether Grant mishandled pornographic evidence in a child molestation case called his behavior “intolerable.”

Grant remains in office as his third four-year team passes the halfway mark. While personnel turnover has seemed to cool, there are still plenty of moves made with reassignments, retirees returning from mandated breaks and other deputies shifting from full-time to part-time.

— JPB

Homedale Hwy. District reschedules meeting

The Homedale Highway District board of commissioners has moved its first 2023 meeting back a week.

The commissioners will meet at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, Jan. 18 inside the highway district office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., in Homedale.

The board typically meets on the second Wednesday of each month.

Commissioners Larry Prow (Sub-district 1, chair) and Scott Salutregui (Sub-district 3) begin the final years of their latest four-year terms this month.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Choice of milk and juice
PB&J sand., and veggie and fruit choices daily

Jan. 4: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, blueberry muffin, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken sandwich, buttered mixed vegetables

Jan. 5: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, sliced pears **Lunch:** Orange chicken bowl, steamed broccoli

Jan. 9: **Breakfast:** Donut holes, cheese stick, applesauce **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs, seasoned potato wedges, chocolate chunk cookie

Jan. 10: **Breakfast:** Sausage patty, buttermilk biscuits, country gravy, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, refried beans, carrot sticks

Jan. 11: **Breakfast:** Belgian waffle sticks, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken fried fingers, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn

Homedale Middle

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

Jan. 4: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich, Yami yogurt, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, buttered mixed vegetables

Jan. 5: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, sliced pears **Lunch:** Orange chicken bowl, steamed broccoli

Jan. 9: **Breakfast:** Donut holes, applesauce **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs, season potato wedges, chocolate chunk cookie

Jan. 10: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk biscuits, country gravy, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Tater Tot casserole, buttered mixed vegetables

Jan. 11: **Breakfast:** Belgian waffle sticks, syrup cup, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken fried fingers, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn

Homedale High

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

Jan. 4: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or French toast bites **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans **Grab-n-go:** Ham and cheese sub

Jan. 5: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Buffalo popcorn chicken, seasoned potato wedges **Grab-n-go:** BBQ chicken salad

Jan. 9: **Breakfast:** Donut holes or bagel and cream cheese, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, French fries **Grab-n-go:** Turkey bacon sub

Jan. 10: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk biscuits, country gravy, sausage patty, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Orange chicken bowl, egg roll, steamed broccoli **Grab-n-go:** Chicken Caesar salad

Jan. 11: **Breakfast:** Sausage on Hawaiian bun or Cinnamon roll, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans, garden salad **Grab-n-go:** Malibu chicken wrap

Marsing

Include choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables
Elementary School, breakfast: Cereal option
Middle/High School: 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)

Jan. 4: **Breakfast:** French toast bites, maple syrup, mixed fruit, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, steamed carrots, roll **Hot Grab-n-go:** Quesadilla (chicken, cheese), potato wedges

Jan. 5: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs or muffin, grapes, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans **Cold Grab-n-go:** BBQ chicken wrap

Jan. 9: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, sausage, apple **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, buttered corn **Hot Grab-n-go:** Pepperoni pizza, tots

Jan. 10: **Breakfast:** Biscuit, pork sausage patty, country gravy, orange wedges **Lunch:** Soft tacos, Spanish rice, refried beans, carrot sticks **Cold Grab-n-go:** Turkey and cheese sub

Jan. 11: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, bananas, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** French toast sticks, pork sausage patty hash browns **Hot Grab-n-go:** Walkin taco, potato wedges

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HOMEDALE



Senior Mason Strong lets fly with a jumper from the perimeter Friday against Kimberly. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

Sharp-eyed Trojans knock off reigning 3A state champs

HHS reserves come through with 18 points

Two State-caliber high school boys' basketball teams tried to find their footing in a Friday non-conference matinee. Using solid fundamentals, Homedale may have discovered its direction after a 68-58 victory over reigning state champion Kimberly inside the Trojans' gymnasium. "We had a tough start to our season, but I firmly believe in facing and overcoming adversity early to be ready for the end will pay off," HHS coach Cam Long said. Homedale (4-6) ended a two-game losing streak with what Long characterized as "a big win." Jaxon Dines nailed four of the Trojans' five three-point goals and led all scorers with 24 points. Alijah Joyner contributed

a season-high 13 points on 5-for-7 field-goal shooting and a perfect three-shot appearance at the foul line. Another senior, Sigmund Goode, was 7-for-7 from the free-throw line for the bulk of his nine points. Homedale players notched a season-high free-throw percentage, knocking down 17 of 20 chances (85 percent). Some free throws came on technical fouls. Kimberly coach Daren Garey was T'd-up twice in the contest and tossed. The Trojans' reserves were the difference, outscoring the Kimberly bench players, 18-4. Mason Strong paced Homedale's rebounding domination with 10 boards. Six of his rebounds came on Kimberly's end of the floor, and the Trojans held an 18-3 edge on the Bulldogs' glass. Trailing by a point after the first eight minutes, Homedale led by as many as 19 points in

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2022: THE YEAR IN SPORTS

Homedale



The whole community seemingly got in on the act when coach Cam Long and his Homedale High School boys' basketball team celebrated winning the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament consolation trophy in March. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

More State-ly accomplishments

Softball, Uranga family win titles again

For most Homedale High School athletes, preparation for their individual sports begins with an expectation to reach the state tournament. The bar has been set high in the community, but that doesn't mean that each appear-

ance is taken for granted. In 2022, though, no one could fault the Trojans for feeling like the postseason is old hat. The brass ring eluded most of the teams, but the trips were sweet just the same. **Softball** — Sophomore Zayne Hall tied a 3A state tournament record with four home runs, including a grand slam in a 16-6 victory over Weiser to notch the HHS

program's eighth state title. With another 3A District III title in pocket, coach Larry Corta won his fifth state crown as the Trojans (24-5-1) rallied through the losers' bracket. Olivia Asumendi capped her sophomore season with a selection as the Class 3A All-Idaho Player of the Year in coaches' voting reported — See Homedale, page 18

Adrian

Antelopes' State tendencies continue

Two coaches — Aimee Esplin and Bill Wortman — have built juggernauts at Adrian High School. The tradition continued in 2022 as the track and field team brought home another 1A Oregon state championship and the football team reached the state playoffs again. Fueled by a state record in the 4x100-meter

relay, the Antelopes won the boys' program's fourth state championship since 2014. Adrian's girls finished second at the University of Oregon's Hayward Field, picking up the program's fourth runner-up showing since 1992 and third since 2017. Jace Martin and Conley Martin — in his — See Adrian, page 18

Melba sweeps 5A foes in Boise tourney

One opposing player poured in points Friday, but Melba High School stretched its girls' basketball regular-season win streak to 18 games. The Mustangs beat Class 5A Mountain View, 54-41, on the final day of the TimberLion Tournament in Boise. Owyhee County junior and team captain Brooklyn Dayley scored a team-high 14 points as Melba shook off 25 points

from Mavericks junior guard Demi Thompson. Melba (14-0) played all three tournament games at Timberline High School. The Mavericks from Meridian (5-7) lost their sixth consecutive game. Melba's Kendall Clark racked up a double-double with 12 points and 14 rebounds. She also had two assists, while Dayley led the team with five

assists. Dayley also pulled down four boards. Hallie Arnold chipped in eight points, five rebounds and four assists. Sophomore forward Tariah Carter scored seven points with two rebounds. **Thursday: Melba 60, Kuna 53** — Clark's 23 points led — See Melba, page 11

Sports

Marsing

Coaches earn respect, kudos

Marsing High School’s year was marked by individual achievement and accolades.

Sophomore Braden Ankeny won two 2A track and field state medals — silver in the 200 meters and bronze in the 400 — and teammate Trayton Jacobi capped his high school career with a fifth-place showing in the discus.

Boys’ basketball coach Tim Little earned the Distinguished Coach of the Year Award from the Idaho State Coaches Association. It’s a once-in-a-lifetime honor.

Other coaching awards went to baseball’s JW Chadez, who was honored by his District III peers, and basketball and track coach Luke Ankeny, who was named statewide assistant coach of the year.

In another coaching highlight, former NFL standout Shea McClellin returned to his alma mater to lead the football team. The Huskies won their coach’s debut but finished the season with eight straight losses.

Coach Juan Garcia watched as Trayton Jacobi ended his wrestling career in the 2A state tournament after finishing as district runner-up.



Marsing High School baseball coach JW Chadez (left) picked up the 2A District III coach of the year award, and track and basketball’s Luke Ankeny accepted the statewide assistant coach of the year award. Submitted photo

Jacobi won two bouts at the state meet.

Jaristian Crandall made history, reaching the semifinals of the inaugural girls’ wrestling district tournament. Teammate Erika Frazier also competed.

Rimrock

Postseason droughts end

Rimrock High School experienced a resurgence in 2022 with the boys’ basketball team making a rare appearance in the 1A, Div. I Real Dairy Shootout state tournament.

Coach Arron Hall’s team won 13 consecutive games before losing the 1A, Div. I District III final on a buzzer-beater against Liberty Charter.

Rimrock beat Oakley in the consolation final of its first state tournament in 14 years.

The volleyball team ended a 13-year state tournament absence with a 12th consecutive victory in the 1A, Div. I District III semifinals against Wilder.

Karlee Aquiso’s team lost the district final to Liberty Charter then went 0-2 at State.

The baseball team made an equally rare 1A state tournament appearance after taking third at district.

Rimrock’s boys’ 4x200-meter relay team (French exchange student Dan Meyrueix, Julio Alamilla, Aden Aquiso and Ronaldo Gomez) was runner-up at the 1A state meet.

Aquiso won the district long jump, and fellow junior Maklay Moore won the girls’ gold. The boys’ 4x200 runners were also champions.

Loyd Boren made it a habit to break his own school record in cross country. He finished fifth at district and collected a second consecutive state meet medal with a ninth-place finish and another school record.

Goya Lemus was third at girls’ district and broke the school record and earned the 10th-place medal at State.

✓ Melba: Mustangs jump three classifications in competition at tourney

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three Mustangs in double figures as Melba ended the Class 5A Kavemen’s three-game winning streak during the second day of the TimberLion Tournament.

Clark added eight rebounds, three steals and two assists to her stat line.

Dayley chimed in with 14 points, five rebounds and a pair of assists.

Arnold dropped in 10 points, snagged four rebounds, and led the team with five assists.

Kuna (7-7) put three players in double digits including Brylin Field (18 points), Gabby Halverson (13) and Jaeda Morrison (12).

Last Wednesday: Melba 57, Middleton 51 — Clark scored 17 points as the Mustangs began a three-day run at in the TimberLion Tournament with a win over last season’s 4A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament consolation champions.

Clark added seven rebounds, while teammates Dayley (13 points) and Arnold (11 points) also reached double-digit scoring.

Arnold chipped in two rebounds and three assists, and Keylee Wilson posted a steady seven points, six rebounds and two assists.

The Vikings (8-5), who moved up to Class 5A this year, dropped their third straight game.

Zoey Blackwell led all scorers, putting in 18 points for Middleton, which opened the season winning seven of its first eight games. Teammate Kylee Landis added 10 points.

MARSING HUSKIES

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Boys’ basketball
Juan Ponce, fr., G
Leading scorer should make return this month

Girls’ basketball
Mila Astorquia, sr., W
One of three upperclassmen on squad

Wrestling
Jantzen Davis, sr., 145
Two victories heading into home opener

This week’s schedule

Girls’ basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 5, home vs. North Star Charter, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 7 at Melba, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 10 at Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 5, home vs. North Star Charter, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 7 at Melba, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 10 at Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.

Wrestling
Coed
Wednesday, Jan. 4, home for 2A Western Idaho Conference tri-meet vs. Nampa Christian and New Plymouth, old gym
Friday, Jan. 6 at Mountain View Tournament, Meridian, 3 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 7 at Mountain View Tournament, Meridian, 8 a.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2A WIC tri-meet vs. Melba and New Plymouth at Melba

Boys’ basketball
Varsity
Friday, Jan. 6 at Compass Charter, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 12 at The Ambrose School, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Thursday, Jan. 12 at The Ambrose School, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Thursday, Jan. 12 at The Ambrose School, 4:30 p.m.

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Sports

Melba

That state championship season and then some

Melba High School athletes enjoyed a year of gold in 2022, and Owyhee County athletes did their part.

Track and field — McKoy Richardson ended his junior season with a 2A state meet record and three championships.

He shattered the 300-meter hurdles record and grabbed gold medals in the 400 (in a school-record 49.79 seconds) and 110 high hurdles.

Owyhee sophomore Ahna Shaffer anchored the Melba girls' state championship 4x200 relay as coach Vonnice Willis' squad won a fourth consecutive team title.

Meya Young won two titles (4x200 relay and 100 meters). Hallie Arnold was on the 4x200 team, and Kendall Clark ran

the third leg in that race and won gold in the triple jump.

Joe Reiber swept the boys' sprints titles, and also joined forces with fellow seniors Ben Kracht, Easton Draper, and freshman Carsten Volkers to win the 4x100 relay crown.

Richardson and fellow Owyheean Kayden Dayley teamed up with Draper and Reuben Manzer to win the 4x400 relay title.

The Mustangs won the 2A District III girls' meet championship. The boys finished runners-up to Nampa Christian by one point.

Volleyball — The Mustangs made history, winning the school's first state championship with an unbeaten 20-0 record.

Boys' basketball — Spencer Trappett's club collected the

state championship in its third consecutive appearance in the Final Eight, ending the season on a 15-game winning streak. The Mustangs won their second straight district crown. Senior Joe Reiber repeated as conference player of the year.

Girls' basketball — Coach David Lenz was named 2A Western Idaho Conference coach of the year, leading Melba to the district championship and fourth place at State.

Baseball — Owyhee senior Trace Stimpson kicked off the Mustangs' 2A state tournament with an 11-strikeout performance in a 9-0 win over Orofino.

Softball — Longtime coach Don Jamison ended his career in the state tournament.

Football — Unbeaten in the

2A WIC season, Melba lost in the state quarterfinals.

Cross country — Four athletes collected state meet medals with Rozzlyn Cazier finishing fourth in the girls' race, and Dayley taking 19th. Ravier Manzer and Jack Cazier earned boys' meet medals.

Wrestling — McKoy Richardson won a district championship to lead 10 Mustangs into the state tournament. Four of those wrestlers — Izzy Martin, Evan Michaelson, Tyler Forsgren, and Joel Helm — also competed for district titles.

Grant Svedin won a silver medal to lead three Mustangs to the state tournament medal stand. Richardson finished sixth, and Brenton Overall earned a fourth-place medal.

Jordan Valley

Girls rule during '22 seasons

Jordan Valley High School's Jill Gammett ended her junior year with a personal record and fourth-place medal in the 1A Oregon triple jump.

Gammett's performance was one of the Mustangs' highlights in 2022.

The girls' basketball team played in the 1A Oregon state playoffs for the third time in four seasons, collecting the tournament's consolation championship.

The Jordan Valley boys would miss the state playoffs after dropping the district third-place game to Prairie City.

✓Trojans: Coach sees team finding its direction as 3A SRV season looms

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the second half.

Trenton Fisher delivered 12 points and hit Homedale's other trey.

Kimberly (3-6 before Tuesday's game against Wood Riv-

er) suffered its third consecutive loss and dropped its sixth decision in seven contests.

Kasen Hammond carded 19 points to lead three Bulldogs scorers in double figures. Grayden Devries and

Broden Anthony added 15 points apiece.

Kimberly beat District III champion McCall-Donnelly for the state championship in March. Playing on the opposite side of the bracket, Homedale

rallied from an opening-round loss to win the Real Dairy Shootout state tournament consolation championship.

The Trojans kick off the 3A Snake River Valley conference season on Thursday, Jan. 12

against Payette.

"I've been with this group of seniors for four years of football and basketball," Long said. "They are my children, and I couldn't be more proud of the young men they are becoming."

Homedale Trojans

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Boys' basketball
Alijah Joyner, sr., P
13 points, 4 rebounds vs. Kimberly



Girls' basketball
Carlie Moore, jr., G/F
4 rebounds, 3 steals in 34-20 win over Caldwell on Dec. 20



Wrestling
Wyatt Stewart, so., 132
Ready to make his 2nd appearance at Rollie Lane

This week's Sports Schedule

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 5 at Fruitland, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 7, home vs. Parma, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 10, home vs. Weiser, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 5 at Fruitland, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 7, home vs. Parma, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 10, home vs. Weiser, 6 p.m.
Frosh-soph
Thursday, Jan. 5 at Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 7, home vs. Parma, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 10, home vs. Weiser, 4:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 12, home vs. Payette, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 12, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m.
Frosh-soph
Thursday, Jan. 12, home vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Boys
Friday, Jan. 6 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa, 9 a.m.
Saturday, Jan. 7 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa, 9 a.m.
Girls
Saturday, Jan. 7 at Middleton Invitational, 9 a.m.
Coed
Wednesday, Jan. 11 at McCall-Donnelly, 5 p.m.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

January 7, 1998



Chad Smith goes up to score two of his 16 total points for Marsing in last Saturday's game against Fruitland. Fruitland defeated the Huskies 77-40.

Holiday Shootout enjoys successful first year

The Homedale Holiday Shootout basketball tournament held on December 27 raised approximately \$800 for the Homedale Fire Department Burnout Fund and the Homedale High School boys and girls basketball programs.

There were nine teams in the boys under 14 division, the final game was between Bideganeta's Buddies and Eagle, the winning team was Eagle. There were six teams in the girls under 14 division. TThe winner was Roeser's Runners. The men under 75 (combined age) division had five teams competing, the champion of that division was Watt's Up? In the men over 75 division there were eight teams, the final game was between Hoshaw's Heroes and the Owyhee County Sheriff teams, the winning team was Hoshaw's Heroes.

Former Owyhee County Sheriff Barberis dies

Albert C. Barberis, who served as Owyhee County Sheriff for 12 years, died Dec. 29 at his home in Boise.

Barberis, who served from 1959 to 1970, was the first sheriff elected to a four-year term, in 1968. Prior to that, sheriffs were elected to two-year terms.

Barberis resigned in 1970 to become a U. S. Deputy Marshal.

Barberis was born on Oct. 1, 1919, in Goodrich, Colo. He served in the U. S. Marine Corps and was stationed in the South Pacific during World War II. He married Olivia Erker on Nov. 7, 1944 in Roggen, Colo.

In 1955 he and Olivia moved to Idaho, where he served as a deputy sheriff in Owyhee County from 1955 to 1958, under Sheriff Jim Tucker.

HHS boys beat Melba following tourney loss

The Homedale boys earned a 73-58 non-conference win over Kuna at the Melba tournament held on Dec. 29.

The Trojans were led by Gavin Parker and Darren Uranga. Parker scored a season-high 20 points and added seven rebounds, and Uranga added 19 points and seven assists.

The Trojans suffered a 58-55 loss to Melba in the tournament championship on Dec. 30. Parker led the scoring again with 19 points, followed by Kenny Thomas with 17 points,

Homedale's rematch against Melba on Jan. 2 earned them a 71-56 conference win. Zeb Ross led the Trojans with 16 points, followed by Dusty Bauer with 14 points and nine rebounds.

50 years ago

January 4, 1973



MEDICAL STUDENT Patrick Daley, Homedale, left, discusses an X-ray with Dr. Edward L. Boas, Moscow, who served as preceptor during his semester in the medical program at the University of Idaho.

Winners named in Christmas lighting contest

Winners of the Christmas Holiday Outdoor Lighting Contest were announced at the board meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday afternoon at the Owyhee Lanes Banquet room.

Bob Stevens won the grand sweepstakes prize of \$25.

First place winner was Clint Smith who will receive \$15. Frank Matteson, second place winner, will receive \$10. Wade Nichols, third, \$5, and Homer Anderson, fourth, \$5.

President Darryl Warwick reported there was a good turnout of children when Santa Claus made his official visit to Homedale to distribute bags of Christmas goodies. There were approximately 180 sacks of candy left with the treats distributed to the residents at the nursing home and the rest given to school children through grades 1-3 at their Friday Christmas party.

Warwick expressed appreciation to Rev. Nels Nelson for his role as Santa Claus.

Succor Crik Sam Sez:

"The way to stop highway deaths is to 'Have a mind for traffic safety,' not just half a mind."



Job Corps confident it will survive freeze order

MARSING — The director of the Marsing Job Corps Center is confident that a freeze order does not mean the center will close.

J. M. Kavis, center director, believes the Job Corps program will continue since "we look pretty good" in a cost analysis of various manpower programs.

Kavis reported recruits will continue to arrive at the Marsing center for three more weeks since they already have been enrolled. The Marsing center has 160 enrollees. This year 80 per cent of the enrollees are to come from California and 20 per cent from the Northwest.

Since it was started in 1965 the Marsing center has trained 2,300 in nine trades. Kavis said the center has done exceptionally well in training and placing youths in bricklaying, carpentry, cooking, welding, auto mechanics, painting, heavy equipment and building maintenance.

155 years ago

January 4, 1868

MASONIC CEREMONIES ON ST. JOHN'S DAY.—At two o'clock on the afternoon of the 27th day of December, 1867, Owyhee Lodge, No. 5, A., F. & A. M., having received a charter from the Grand Lodge of the Territory, and elected their officers for the ensuing year thereunder, repaired to the Court House for the purpose of being constituted into a Lodge according to the ancient usages of the Fraternity. The Grand Lodge, represented by Deputy Grand Master, F. E. Ensign; Deputy Grand Secretary, P. C. Learned; Deputy Grand Chaplain, T. J. Butler; Deputy Grand Marshal, R. T. Miller, being present, proceeded to constitute, dedicate and consecrate the new Lodge, assisted by the Owyhee Choir, who sang at intervals appropriate solemn pieces of music. These ceremonies were very imposing as well as unusual, as they only occur once in the lifetime of a Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to install the officers-elect — a list of whom we published last week. These ceremonies over, Deputy G. J., F. E. Ensign delivered a short but pertinent address to the members of Owyhee Lodge, in which he laid down in plain and unmistakable language the principles and tenets of the Order in all ages and countries, and marked out the path of duty in which Masonry expects all her patrons to walk. Bound to no system of religion, she nevertheless enjoins morality, fair dealing, charity and all the graces that adorn a religious life. Although not a total abstinence society, it is a temperate organization, abhors the drunkard, and teaches men to subdue their passions and keep their desires within due bounds; although there are those calling themselves Masons, who sometimes violate these tenets, in doing so they forfeit the name of good Masons, and lower themselves in the estimation of their brethren. They have no right thus to bring the Order into disrepute, but should rather withdraw from it if they cannot square their lives to its precepts. These remarks he said were not directed to individuals, but were plain principles taught from the earliest ages to the present. After the Address, the choir sang, a benediction was pronounced, the Lodge returned to its Hall, and the spectators (including the I. O. O. F.'s, who were there in a body by special invitation) repaired to their respective homes. A ball in the evening closed the exercises of the day.

IF there is anything that will make a printer rejoice and become a Christian, it is to have a friend drop in with a bottle of life itself just in the nick of time. Yesterday when work was beginning to drag heavily, and we thought we hadn't a friend in the world, who should appear but our friend, Al Cage, armed with a large-sized demijohn filled with dew-drop of the best quality. Friend Cage, if you think you can get even on this institution in that style we don't object.

THE OWYHEE CHOIR.—At a meeting of the afore-mentioned society last Sunday evening, all of the old officers — Geo. Vass, President, W. H. Van Slyke, Vice President; C. M. Hays, Secretary, and Miss R. L. Dye, Treasurer — were unanimously re-elected to serve another term. This singing society is a good arrangement, if for nothing more than keeping old satan at bay. There is an old German saying something to the effect that "Where singing is the devil is not." We hope to see a goodly number of members, who will meet every Sunday evening at seven o'clock in the Oro Fino Hall, so that the cloven footed gentleman will not get any the best of us.

Commentary

Jon P. Brown,
managing editor



Eyes on
Owyhee
Sharpening vision

Each new year comes in with thoughts of renewed hope and plans for improvement.

At The Owyhee Avalanche, I would like to improve coverage of the Board of County Commissioners.

Manpower and time constraints thwarted best plans to keep the county’s citizens abreast of the business commissioners conduct most Mondays in Murphy.

The commissioners made a big push in their effort to retain current employees and recruit new blood with a handful of decisions that raised salaries and provided cost-of-living increases and bonuses.

The BOCC spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on employment compensation over the final seven months of 2022.

The bulk of that outlay came last month (just in time for Christmas) in the form of bonuses as commissioners appropriated \$468,000 with employees receiving between 6 percent and 14 percent of their annual salary depending on time of service.

In May, the commissioners tweaked planned raises to revamp the kinds and levels system by giving Sheriff Perry Grant a second chunk of money to give more pay to his deputies. The additional money, about \$150,000, was allocated after Grant and other OCSO personnel and then-Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey Phillips presented their own pay scale.

In October, the commissioners approved a three percent Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).

The county received American Rescue Plan Act funds in late September, and — after consulting a county employee committee — the BOCC used a portion of those federal funds to provide bonuses.

Developments like these should be brought into the sunlight immediately, and the Avalanche will redouble efforts in 2023 to bring the news as swiftly and comprehensively as the situation allows.

Same goes for the new Homedale Library District.

The Homedale City Council and district trustees have begun discussions on the transfer of property.

During its Dec. 14 meeting, the council released 90 percent of the library’s investment fund so officials could continue to plan a budget for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2023 and the first part of FY 2024.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen is OK with transferring the assets inside the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, including reference material, computers, and fixtures. But the ownership or usage of the three buildings should begin to crystalize in the next few months.

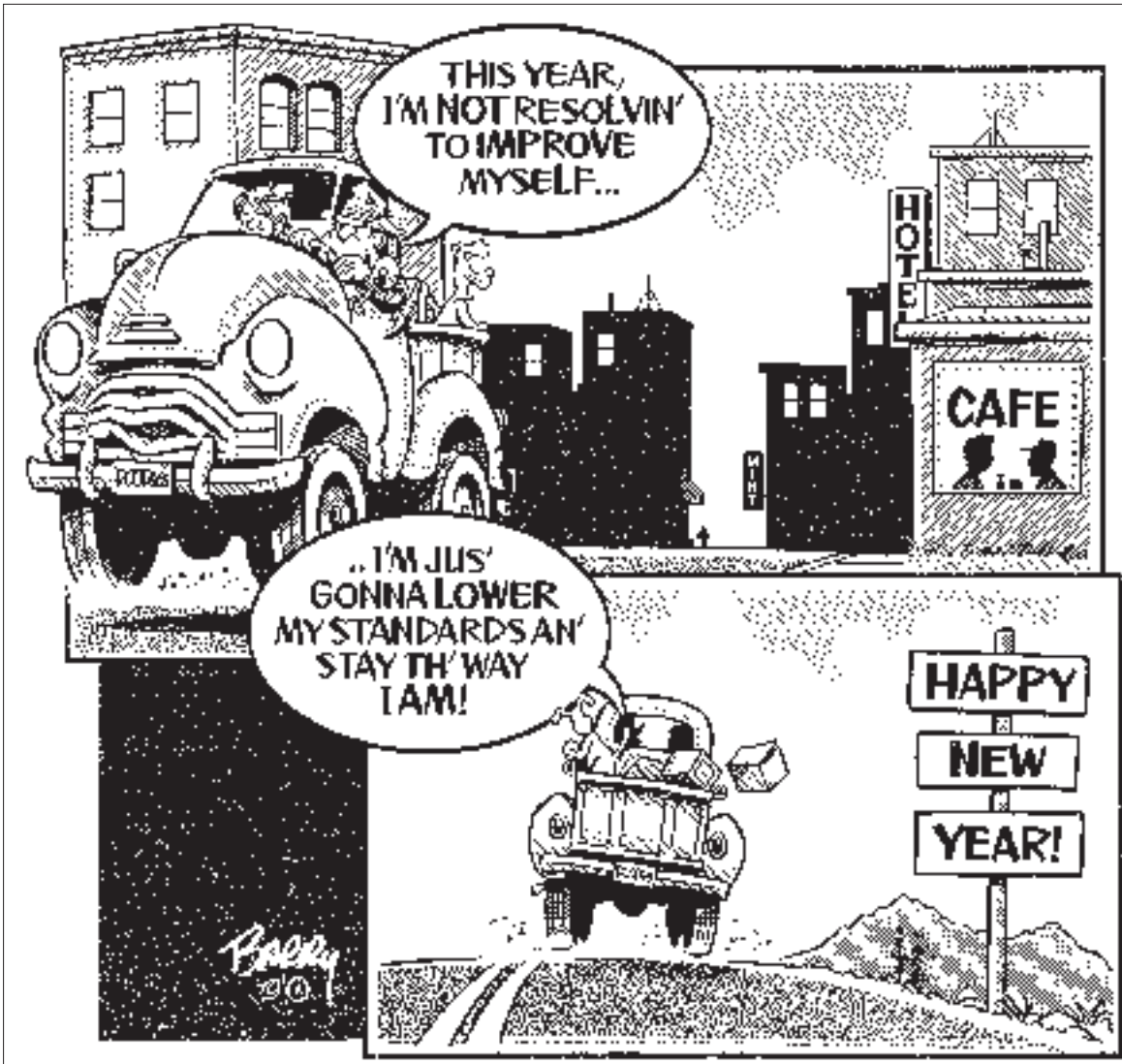
At this point, at least two council members — Kim Murray and Mike Aebischer — back the idea of letting the library district take possession of all three buildings. Aaron Tines isn’t ready to comment, and Steve Atkins isn’t saying much either. That’s fine.

It’s better to let the attorneys — namely city attorney Paul J. Fitzer and Idaho Department of Commerce counsel — hash out how the transfer could affect the city’s Community Development Block Grant.

Dec. 14 discussion implied the city could be on the hook to pay back the grant because of the impending transfer. Apparently there have been emails from the state agency questioning whether the grant remains valid even if the building continues as a library.

As with everything, time will tell. The new year should bring more interesting developments, and we’ll be there to help sort out the details.

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.

From Washington
Our Bill of Rights should be
celebrated, protected each day

Many do not recall that Dec. 15 is an important anniversary for our government: We celebrate our Bill of Rights.

As Americans, we are afforded certain rights illuminated in what is known as the Bill of Rights, the first 10 Amendments to our Constitution. They include our freedom of religion, speech, of the press, our right to peaceably assemble, and freedom to petition our government to address injustices. They spell out our right to bear arms, our protection from unreasonable searches and seizures and pledge fair treatment for those accused of wrongdoing.

We proclaim Dec. 15 as Bill of Rights Day to reflect that three-fourths of the states had ratified those important first 10 amendments by Dec. 15, 1791.

In the more than 230 years since the ratification of the Bill of Rights, 17 more Amendments have been added to our Constitution, abolishing slavery, extending voting rights and more. These rights seem synonymous with our Constitution and our American principles. However, they have been fought for from the very beginning and are worthy of our celebration and protection along with our Constitution in which they are intertwined.

National Archive historians note, “The Constitution might never have been ratified if the framers hadn’t promised to add a Bill of Rights. The first 10 amendments to the Constitution gave citizens more

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confidence in the new government and contain many of today’s Americans’ most valued freedoms.”

As part of the process for their ratification, 17 amendments to the Constitution were introduced and passed in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1789 as a joint resolution. As National Archive historians report about the ratification, “The Senate changed the joint resolution to consist of 12 amendments. A

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Commentary

Financial management

Attorney’s not-so-bright idea: File bankruptcy over \$3K



DAVE Says
by Dave Ramsey • www.davesays.org

Dear Dave,
My husband co-signed a loan for an old girlfriend four years ago. Apparently, she hasn’t made a payment in almost two years, and a collection agency called him last week wanting the balance of \$3,000. We make about \$80,000 a year combined, and an attorney we spoke with recommended we file bankruptcy. Is this really the best thing to do?
— Scarlett

Dear Scarlett,
If you have the money, and you can pay it off without

putting yourselves in a bind financially, do it. That’s the right thing to do, both morally and legally. If you don’t have that kind of cash on hand, try haggling with them. See if they’ll agree to settle for \$1,500. At this point, they might even take less. But if they go for the idea, do not give them electronic access to your bank account. Make sure you get the agreement in writing, too, before sending them a penny.
Here’s the deal. This collector bought the loan for pennies on the dollar. It’s an old debt, and that means the expectation for

collection is very low. At the same time, your husband did co-sign for the loan. They’ll probably threaten to sue and what-not, but my guess is you can work something out. It might take two or three weeks — and a little patience — but that’s a small price to pay if it saves you a bunch of money.
Oh, and the attorney you talked to? He doesn’t sound very bright. A bankruptcy stays on your record for years. Trashing your financial life over \$3,000 would be stupid.
Good luck, Scarlett!
— Dave

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

Letter to the editor

OHR appreciates community, business Christmas efforts

Owyhee Health and Rehab would like to extend a heartfelt “thank you” to the community for all your amazing support through the holidays.
A special shout-out to The Owyhee Avalanche and Fisher’s Saloon. Your community support is so greatly appreciated.
A special thank you to Denise Baker, Kristy Rushing and Bryn Johnstone for all your hard work and efforts in making Christmas a special day for our loved ones. We always look forward to the community Christmas Carolers and the special music programs that people in our community put together for us.
The holidays would not be the same at Owyhee without the help, support and graciousness of our wonderful town.
Thank you again to all those that made our Christmas bright.
Penelope Riley, CDM
On behalf of Owyhee Health and Rehab staff
Homedale

Educating Idaho’s children
With elections in past, time to get to work

by Debbie Critchfield

2022 in Idaho brought with it long campaigns and high-profile races in the May primaries and November election. As a result, three of Idaho’s statewide offices have new leaders this week, including the office I now hold, superintendent of public instruction. With the rallies, speeches and debates of campaign season behind us, the work must now begin.
We celebrate our elections because they are the moments when we as voters pick our leaders. But for successful candidates truly dedicated to public service, today is also a day to celebrate. It is special for me because I can finally start to work toward the positive changes I envision for students, educators and parents. In other words, the talking is over and the doing begins.
If you heard me on the campaign trail, you know my to-do list is long and there’s an urgency to the work ahead. Our kids don’t have years to wait for a system to catch up to their needs. It is time to pivot Idaho K-12 to fit the needs of our students right now.
You will notice many changes in the look, function and work of the Department of Education and in the state superintendent’s role. There’s a purpose to all of it. I want you to notice many differences in how



we do business and how we serve schools. Some changes will be big and bold. Others will be smaller and less noticeable, but will be designed to get results all the same.
My vision for education is to prepare students so they can live meaningful and prosperous lives. Starting today, I pledge to put in whatever work is necessary to make Idaho kids successful. Of course, this work won’t be done alone. It will take a true team effort with involvement from numerous partners.
There are many important connections that must be strengthened for our education goals to be realized. While we connect students to opportunities, we must connect educators to practices and resources that help them work with all students. We must connect schools to families by building trust and transparency. Success comes when we provide our communities with a skilled workforce and active citizens who will help shape a more prosperous Idaho.
The trust Idahoans showed in me in 2022 was humbling. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve, and I intend to honor that trust by putting in the work necessary to create the very best educational system Idaho can offer. Our kids, teachers, and parents deserve nothing less.
— Debbie Critchfield of Oakley begins work this week as the new Idaho State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

✓ Rights: Like Christmas, Bill of Rights should be honored every day

From Page 14
joint House and Senate Conference Committee settled remaining disagreements in September. On Oct. 2, 1789, President Washington sent copies of the 12 amendments adopted by Congress to the states. By Dec. 15, 1791, three-fourths of the states had ratified 10 of these, now known as the ‘Bill of Rights.’
The original Joint Resolution passed by Congress in 1789 proposing the 12 amendments to the Constitution is now among our collective American treasures on permanent display in the National Archives, in Washington, D.C. Fittingly, it is just steps away from where the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States are displayed.

The Preamble to the 1789 Joint Resolution of Congress Proposing 12 Amendments to the U.S. Constitution reads, “THE Conventions of a number of the States, having at the time of their adopting the Constitution, expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added: And as extending the ground of public confidence in the Government, will best ensure the beneficent ends of its institution.”
We have significant challenges in reining in the overreach of the federal government. Our Constitution and Bill of Rights remain our most effective tools in preventing and fighting abuse of federal power.

News items of what happens to people in countries around the world, including Iran, China and Russia, where peaceful objections to their government, are silenced are heart-wrenching, steady reminders of how prophetic and dear our rights as Americans remain.
On Bill of Rights Day, and everyday really, I thank Idahoans and Americans across our country and around our world who steadfastly defend these rights.
— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho’s senior member of the U. S. Senate. He will start his fifth six-year term in January and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.

Public notices

ELECTION CALENDAR 2023					
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the following elections will be held in Owyhee County during calendar year 2023:					
Election Name	Election Date	Declaration of Candidacy Filing Deadline	Election Name	Election Date	Declaration of Candidacy Filing Deadline
HIGHWAY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS Gem Highway District 1016 Main St. – Marsing, Idaho Commissioner District #3 – 4 year term Homedale Highway District 102 E. Colorado Ave. – Homedale, Idaho Commissioner Sub-District #1 – 4 year term Commissioner Sub-District #3 – 4 year term Three Creek Highway District 864 Filer Ave. - Twin Falls, Idaho Commissioner - Districtwide (1 position) 4 year term	May 16, 2023	March 17, 2023	FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS Bruneau Fire Protection District 31286 Highway 51 – Bruneau, Idaho Commissioner Zone #2 – 4 year term Commissioner Zone #3 – 4 year term Grand View Rural Fire Protection District 720 Roosevelt Ave. – Grand View, Idaho Commissioner Districtwide (2 positions) – 4 year terms Homedale Rural Fire Protection District 19 East Wyoming Ave. – Homedale, Idaho Commissioner Sub-District #1 – 4 year term Commissioner Sub-District #3 – 4 year term Marsing Rural Fire Protection District 303 Main Street – Marsing, Idaho Commissioner At Large – 4 year term Murphy Reynolds Wilson Fire District 17104 Tumbleweed Ln. – Murphy, Idaho Murphy District Commissioner – 4 year term	November 7, 2023	September 8, 2023
LIBRARY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS Bruneau Valley Library 32073 Ruth St. – Bruneau, Idaho Trustee Districtwide (1 position) - 6 year term Eastern Owyhee County Library 520 Boise Ave. – Grand View, Idaho Trustee Districtwide (1 position) – 6 year term Lizard Butte Library 111 3rd. Ave. W. – Marsing, Idaho Trustee Districtwide (1 position) – 6 year term Homedale Library District 121 W. Owyhee Ave. – Homedale, Idaho Trustee Districtwide (2 positions) – 6 year terms Trustee Districtwide (2 positions) – 4 year terms Trustee Districtwide (1 position) – 2 year term	May 16w, 2023	March 17, 2023	SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEE ELECTIONS Bruneau Grand View Joint School District #365 39678 State Hwy. 78 – Bruneau, Idaho Trustee Zone #2 – 4 year term Trustee Zone #4 – 4 year term Castleford School District #417 500 Main St. - Castleford, ID Trustee Zone #3 - 4 year term Glenns Ferry School District #192 800 Old Highway 30 - Glenns Ferry, Idaho Trustee Zone #2 - 4 year term Homedale Joint School District #370 116 East Owyhee Ave. – Homedale, Idaho Trustee Zone #1 – 4 year term Trustee Zone #5 – 4 year term Marsing Joint School District #363 209 8th Ave. West – Marsing, Idaho Trustee Zone #2 – 4 year term Trustee Zone #4 – 4 year term Melba School District #136 520 Broadway Ave. – Melba, Idaho Trustee Zone #2 – 4 year Trustee Zone #3 - 4 year term Pleasant Valley School District #364 28026 Juniper Mountain Road – Pleasant Valley, Idaho Trustee Zone #1 – 4 year term Trustee Zone #2 - 4 year term Three Creek Joint Elementary School District #416 864 Filer Ave. – Twin Falls, Idaho Trustee Zone #1 – 4 year term	November 7, 2023	September 8, 2023
CEMETERY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS Bruneau Cemetery District 30073 Hot Springs Rd. – Bruneau, Idaho Commissioner Districtwide (1 position) – 4 year term Marsing-Homedale Cemetery District 4410 Cemetery Rd. – Marsing, Idaho Commissioner Sub-District #3 – 4 year term Owyhee Pioneer 539 Morning Sun Drive – Nampa, ID Commissioner District #1 – 4 year Commissioner District #3 – 4 year Riverside Cemetery District 645 Idaho St. – Grand View, Idaho Commissioner Districtwide (1 position) – 4 year term	November 7, 2023	September 8, 2023			
CITY POSITION ELECTIONS City of Grand View 425 Boise Ave. – Grand View, Idaho Mayor - 4 year term Councilman (2 positions) – 4 year terms City of Homedale 37 W Wyoming Ave. – Homedale, Idaho Councilman (2 positions) – 4 year terms City of Marsing 425 Main St. – Marsing, Idaho Mayor - 4 year term Councilman (2 positions) – 4 year terms	November 7, 2023	September 8, 2023			

01/04/2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION On January 25, 2023 the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St., Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below. Beginning at 1:00 pm , the Commission will hear application Z23-06 filed by Kay Swank seeking approval of a conditional use permit to establish a second single-family residence on an approximately one-acre parcel located at 7322 Old Bruneau Highway in Marsing Idaho. The subject parcel RP02N04W145880, is located in a residential zone in a portion of the NWSW ¼ of Section 14, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise meridian, Owyhee County.	Beginning at 2:00 pm , the commission will hear application Z23-04 filed by Brye Ackerman seeking approval of a conditional use permit to establish a commercial ATV & UTV repair shop on an approximately 5-acre parcel located at 11800 Snake River Lane. The subject parcel RP01S02W200951, is owned by Gary and Diane Ackerman and is located in a multi-use zone in a portion of the NWE ¼ of Section 20, Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County. Beginning at 3:00 pm , the Commission will hear application Z23-03 filed by Jacob Sevy seeking approval of a conditional use permit to develop a 5-lot subdivision including one of those lots developed as a 10 space RV park. The subject parcel is owned by Raul Delgadillo, Julissa Salazar, and Javier Bravo, is approximately 4.5 acres, and is located on the cotrner of Clark Road and Opaline Road, approximately 5.5 miles south of Marsing. The subject parcel, RP02N04W358480, is located in a multi-use zone in a portion of the SWSE ¼ of Section 35, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho. Additional information about this meeting is available at owyheecounty.net under Public Hearing Documents on the Community Planning page. The proposed projects are available for review in the Community Planning office or on the webpage listed above. For additional information please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2. 01/04/2023	COMMISSION AND BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS On January 25, 2023, at 6:00 pm, the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will meet jointly with the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners to hold a public meeting to take comments and input on a proposed Recreational Vehicle Ordinance. The public meeting will be held in courtroom 1 of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Hwy 78 Murphy, Idaho. Beginning at 6:00 pm, a public comment meeting will be held to get input on a proposed RV ordinance for Owyhee County. The proposed ordinance outlines regulations regarding living in RVs and sets out a process for temporary use. Additional information about this meeting is available at owyheecounty.net under Public Hearing Documents	on the Community Planning page. Copies of the ordinance are available for review in the Community Planning office, or on the webpage listed above. For additional information please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2. 01/04,18/2023
		LIEN SALE Unit G-5, Leslie or Peggy Walliser, 404 W. Utah Ave., Homedale, 83628. Items include gas cans, a fish tank, dresser, misc. car parts and tools. Silent auction will be held at Highway 95 Self Storage located at 3685 Highway 95 in Homedale. Viewing and bidding opens as of this posting on January 4 th and will close at 1pm on Saturday, January 14 th . 01/04,11/2023	

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LEGAL NOTICE FOR ANNUAL ROAD & STREET FINANCIAL REPORT HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT For the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2022	
Beginning Balance as of October 1 of the Previous Year	920,260
Receipts:	
Property Tax Levy	83,250
Sale of Assets	20,000
Interest Income	4,338
All Other Receipts	6,101
Highway User Revenue	758,045
Sales Tax/Inventory Replacement Tax	3,514
Sales Tax/Revenue Sharing	17,979
All Other State Receipts	412,900
Total Receipts	1,306,127
Disbursements:	
Roads (Rebuilt, Realign, or overlay upgrade)	71,492
Bridges, Culverts, and Storm Drainage	20,792
Other (Signs, Signals or Traffic Control)	1,226
Chip Sealing or Seal Coating	84,510
Patching	506
Winter Maintenance	3,600
Grading/Blading	3,385
Equipment Purchase	91,530
Equipment Maintenance	17,150
Administrative Salaries and Expenses	92,057
Professional Services (Audit)	4,850
All Other Expenses	177,652
Total Disbursements	568,750
Receipts Over Disbursements	737,377
Closing Balance	1,657,637
Funds Obligated for Specific Future Projects & Reserves	600,000
Funds Retained for General Funds and Operations	1,057,637
Ending Balance	-0-
Publish January 4, 2023 by the Homedale Highway District Board of Commissioners: Larry Prow, John Demshar and Scott Salutregui 01/04/2023	
HOMEDAY HIGHWAY DISTRICT Statement of Net Position - September 30, 2022	
Assets	
Current Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,360,090
Receivables:	
Taxes	4,612
Inventory	10,565
Total Current Assets	1,375,267
Noncurrent Assets:	
Capital Assets:	
Land	16,407
Buildings and Improvements, net	32,740
Machinery and Equipment, net	274,643
Capital Assets, net	323,790
Certificate of Deposit	113,201
Total Noncurrent Assets	436,991
Total Assets	1,812,258
Deferred Outflows	
Pension Related Items	75,395
Total Deferred Outflows	75,395
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	442,023
Payroll Liabilities	6,596
Total Current Liabilities	448,619
Long-term Liabilities:	
Portion Due or Payable Within One Year:	
Compensated Absences	1,148
Leases Payable	32,171
Portion Due or Payable After One Year:	
Leases Payable	1
Net Pension Liability	631
Total Long-term Liabilities	33,951
Total Liabilities	482,570
Deferred Inflows	
Pension Related Items	141,130
Total Deferred Outflows	141,130
Net Position	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	323,790
Unrestricted (Deficit) Surplus	940,163
Total Net Position	\$1,263,953
Publish 1-4-23 – Page 3 of Audited Financial Statement, Zwygart John & Associates CPA’s PLLC 01/04/2023	

NOTICE OF MEETING CHANGE	HELD ON Wednesday, January 18th, AT THE HIGHWAY DISTRICT OFFICE LOCATED AT 102 E. COLORADO IN HOMEDALE, AT 7 P.M.
THE REGULAR HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR January 11th, HAS BEEN CHANGED.	DATED THIS 2nd day of January, 2023
THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT WILL BE	Terri Uria Secretary 01/04/2023

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ANNUAL ROAD AND STREET FINANCIAL REPORT CITY OF HOMEDALE For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022	
BEGINNING BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 1 PREVIOUS YEAR	\$0
RECEIPTS	
LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES	
Interest income	\$311
Sale of assets	\$918
All other LOCAL receipts or transfers in	\$19,187
Total Local Funding	\$20,416
STATE FUNDING SOURCES	
Highway user revenue	\$135,294
Total State Funding	\$135,294
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$155,710
DISBURSEMENTS	
NEW CONTRUCTION	
Bridges, culverts and storm drains	\$0
Total New Construction	\$0
RECONSTRUCTION/REPLACEMENT/REHABILITATION	
Roads	\$0
Bridges, culverts and storm drainage	\$5,224
Other (signs, signals or traffic control)	\$0
Total Reconstruction/Replacement/Rehabilitation	\$5,224
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	
Chip sealing or seal coating	\$0
Patching	\$3,329
Winter maintenance	\$4,479
Grading/blading	\$430
Other	\$11,634
Total Routine Maintenance	\$19,872
EQUIPMENT	
New equipment purchase	\$3,049
Equipment maintenance	\$9,932
Other	\$2,105
Total Equipment	\$15,086
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$9,803
OTHER	
Street lighting	\$25,502
All other local expenditures	\$0
Total Other	\$25,502
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$75,487
RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	\$80,223
CLOSING BALANCE	\$80,223
Funds obligated for specific future projects & reserves	\$80,223
Funds retained for general funds & operations	\$0
ENDING BALANCE	\$0
City of Homedale Alice E. Pegram Clerk/Treasurer 12/20/22 01/04/2023	

SUMMONS
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Case No. CV14-22-05361
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Date: 11/4/2022, 4:20:13 PM /s/:Sharon Carter, Deputy Clerk
Canyon County District Court 12/14,21,28/2022,01/04/2023

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Sports

✓ Homedale: Plenty of gold spread around

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by the Idaho Statesman.

Golf — Playing on her home course for the final time in her high school career, Téa Uranga birdied the final hole in the two-day 3A state tournament to bring another state championship to the family.

Uranga's final hole in high school competition at River Bend Golf Course thwarted Braylyn Bayer of Bonners Ferry.

Homedale's boys' squad finished fourth with senior Eli Heck leading the way with a fourth-place finish.

Freshman Gwen Parker finished 10th in the girls' tournament.

Uranga and the boys' team set up their state tourney with District III championships.

Football — The Trojans returned to the 3A Milk Bowl state championship game for the fourth time in five years, and brought home another runner-up trophy after a fourth loss to Sugar-Salem at Middleton High School.

Coach Matt Holtry's 14th season at the helm started on a new artificial-surface field with a win over a California squad and included a fifth consecutive 3A Snake River Valley conference championship.

A week after wrapping up the 3A SRV title, Holtry collected career victory No. 100.

The junior varsity claimed another conference title.

Boys' basketball — Coach Cam Long led Homedale into the state tournament for the second time in his three seasons as coach. The Trojans won state hardware after losing the district title game to McCall-Donnelly.

Junior Mason Strong's tip-in with 12 seconds left beat Bonners Ferry, 57-56, in the state tournament consolation final.

The Trojans' JV turned the No. 3 seed into the 3A SRV tournament championship.

Track and field — Trojans athletes picked up eight medals at the 3A state meet, including two each for seniors Ryker Johnson (4th in the 110 high hurdles; 5th in high jump) and Christopher Aguilera (4th in 800 meters, 3rd in sprint medley relay), and sophomore Kinlee Garrett (4th, girls' high jump; 6th in 100 hurdles).

Rylan Binford, Danny Detbun and Brock Johnson were also part of the third-place sprint medley relay team.

Detbun, Binford, Brandon Van Es and Izmael Ortiz also brought home a medal in the 4x100 relay.

Cadence Nicoletti broke a 19-year-old girls' pole vault record, clearing 9 feet, to finish second in the district meet.

Izze Jacobs won the district girls' discus title as 22 athletes qualified for the state meet.

District champions included Detbun (100, 4x100 relay), Aguilera (800), Ryker Johnson (300 hurdles), Binford (4x100 relay), Van Es (4x100 relay), and Ortiz (4x100 relay).

Wrestling — District champion Andrew Marston led seven Trojans into the 3A state championships. Three other wrestlers competed for district championships — Rhyalee Nix, Willy Haun, Brodie White — and Michael Rose was a bronze medalist. Wyatt Stewart also placed.

Haun finished second at the state meet.

The girls had their own district tournament for the first time, and LaRae Stewart and Elizabeth Hergesheimer just missed competing for medals.

Baseball — Coach Burke Deal's club reached the state tournament again, but were eliminated after two error-filled games at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa.

Tennis — Austin Franko and Eizabeth Whitehead reached the 3A state tournament after a runner-up showing in the mixed doubles district tournament. They won two matches at State.

Girls' soccer — The Trojans' first foray back on to the pitch in more than a decade ended in the district quarter-finals.

Academics — The HHS volleyball team and softball team each brought home 3A state championships for their grades.

Swimming — For the second year in a row, Homedale had representation on the Canyon County Unified cooperative. Freshman Samantha Rodriguez swam to personal records and two bronze medals at the 4A District III championship meet.

Girls' basketball — The Trojans played under a first-year coach — Monica White — and ended the season with seven consecutive losses.

After high school — Willie White got on the field a few times in his first season with The College of Idaho football team. Mason Strong gave his commitment to play for the Coyotes after he graduates in the spring.

✓ Adrian: Strong athletes in several sports

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high school finale — helped the 4x100 relay team to the record and state championship. Riley Griffin and Gavin Bayes also participated in the 43.82-second effort.

Jace had a hand in four event championships. He swept the 100- and 200-meter sprints.

The Martins joined Bayes and Jesse Walker to win the 4x400 state title.

On the girls' side, the Martin boys' younger sister, Addy, swept the short sprints, too. She also anchored the gold medal-winning 4x100 relay team, which also included Riley Lucas, Lizzy Nielson and Presley Speelmon.

Playing its first season since quarterback Conley Martin graduated, the Antelopes reached the 1A Oregon football state quarterfinals and lost to Lost River, 44-6.

Toby Clow won a District 4 championship, and Chase Andrade was runner-up to earn berths in the 1A Oregon wrestling tournament. Clow was runner-up at the state tournament, and Andrade got a fourth-place medal.

Adrian also reached the state playoffs in boys' basketball, losing in the second round after falling to Crane in the 1A District 8 championship game. The girls' finished fourth in the district tourney.

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✓ Ordinance: Would cap RV living for emergencies, home construction

county’s Planning and Zoning Commission. The hearing will be held inside Courtroom 1 at the courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, in Murphy.

The proposed ordinance would provide regulations regarding living in RVs and outlines the process for and limitations on temporary use.

Additional information is available at owyheecounty.net under the Community Planning page’s Public Hearing Documents tab. The proposal can be reviewed at the Community Planning office or on the website.

The planning office is located inside the county annex at 17069 Basey St., in Murphy. Call (208) 495-2095, ext. 2 for

more information.

The proposed ordinance would cap the amount of time an RV could be used as a temporary residence. The ordinance defines RVs as campers, travel trailers, fifth-wheels, and motor homes.

The ordinance prohibits parking an RV in use for sleeping or living conditions in any area other than an RV park.

There are short-term exceptions, and the use of RVs outside of the RV park environment as part of agricultural operations is exempted from the proposed ordinance.

An RV can be used as a temporary living quarters

outside an RV park or ag situation if a building permit for a permanent construction or remodel of an existing primary dwelling has been issued.

The ordinance would require a temporary occupancy permit, which could be used no longer than six months and renewed only once for another six months during the construction phase.

There are also hardship exceptions such as a residence to benefit someone who is ill, disabled or has “medical or life problems.” The hardship permit allows a temporary residence of no longer than one year. Documentation of a medical condition would have to be included in the application.

Applicants would have to pay a fee when seeking a permit, and the decision to issue a permit would be left up to the department administrator, at present Mary Huff, with

administrative review from the P&Z commission and an appellate mechanism to the BOCC.

The BOCC has yet to set the permit fee amount.

In any case, the RV would have to be removed from the property or stored when the occupancy period ends.

During the construction of a permanent dwelling, a permit of up to 180 days for RV occupancy would be available with a one-time 180-day extension possible, if needed.

In the event of a remodel, a one-time 180-day permit would be issued. Property owners would be allowed a remodel temporary permit only once in a three-year period.

Other proposed provisions:

- An RV being used by a visitor may be used no more than 21 days during any six-month period.
- An RV may be parked on private property without a permanent residence

(excluding ordinary camping situations) for no more than 14 days in a six-month period.

The ordinance also prohibits septic and sewer connections for the temporary dwelling, mandating that RV waste be dumped only at approved dumping stations.

Enforcement is also outlined in the proposed ordinance:

- The property owner will receive a letter outlining the violation and associated fine.
- The owner will have 14 days after receiving the letter to mitigate the violation.
- The first violation will be an infraction. A fine amount will be set upon adoption of the ordinance.
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