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COMMUNITY BRINGS GREEN AT MARSING FFA ALUMNI AUCTION



Annual auction harkens St. Patrick's Day, Easter

Above: Marsing FFA chapter members got an early jump on St. Patrick's Day during the recent Marsing FFA Alumni Auction inside the school district cafeteria. *From left:* Jaxon Astorquia, Bridon McIntyre, Brogan Gebauer, Tyler Thompson, Jaci Montgomery, Wyatt Barber, and Bentley McIntyre. *Right:* Chapter members (from left) Brooklyn Roadenbaugh, Jaci Montgomery, and Tyson Campbell show off the Easter bunny Montgomery donated to the auction. Submitted photos

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Marsing leaders keep teachers focused amid AG's inquiry

District among plaintiffs in injunction
against Labrador's investigation
into pandemic-era grants

Dozens of Idaho organizations have filed for injunction relief against the Idaho Office of the Attorney General.

The Marsing School District is party to a court motion seeking to stop the Idaho Attorney General's probe into grant funding received for education programs in 2021 and 2022.

Among the grants for which the office of new Attorney

General Raúl Labrador has filed civil investigative demands (CIDs) is American Rescue Plan Act monies used to help with COVID 19 pandemic-related learning loss in the Marsing district.

Marsing received nearly \$135,000 in two phases of grants in 2021 and 2022.

"We applied for a grant

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Sheriff pens letter; GOP sets key meeting

Central committee to interview
applicants early next month

Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant has set his resignation date, and the county Republican Central Committee will begin the process of recommending a replacement.

Grant wrote a lengthy resignation letter to the sheriff's office staff and elected officials last week.

Central committee chair Tammy Payne announced that the GOP precinct rep-

resentatives will interview applicants during a special meeting scheduled for 7 p.m., on Thursday, April 6 inside the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

County commissioners passed a resolution Monday morning to give Grant his badge and service weapon. There was no formal presentation.

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Three to seek Homedale Highway board position in May

Only one contested race thus far on May 16 ballot;
write-in candidacy deadline scheduled Friday

So far, there will be just one contested race in upcoming taxing district elections.

Three men have filed nomination petitions to seek the Subdistrict 1 seat on the

Homedale Highway District board.

The Owyhee County elections office released the candidates list for the May 16 elections Friday after the

filing deadline had passed. Prospective candidates can still file to run as a write-in with the taxing district's respective clerks until 5 p.m., on Friday.

With longtime chair Larry

Prow stepping down, the Homedale Highway District Subdistrict 1 seat is subject to an open election on May 16.

Andrew Eubanks, Eric Kushlan and Dennis Uria have all thrown their hats into the ring to become the next Subdistrict 1 commissioner.

That position, and the

Subdistrict 3 seat for which incumbent Scott Salutregui has filed for re-election, carry four-year terms.

The five women appointed to serve on the Homedale District Library board of trustees last fall have submitted paperwork

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Adrian youth shine during Malheur bee

Adrian boasts five of the eight finalists in the Malheur County Spelling Bee.

In fact, two of the top overall finishers are Adrian students, including county champion Lilly Anderson, who won \$500, and third-place contestant Addie West.

Adrian schoolchildren also won grade-level championships:

- Anderson was seventh-grade champ.
- West was the eighth-grade champ.
- **First grade** — Nayton Walsh
- **Fifth grade** — Gwen Cleaver

- **Sixth grade** — Yaritza Moreno

Runners-up included Tate May among second-graders, and Kerington Kinkade among third-graders.

Fourth-grader Corene Nuñez also competed.

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✓ Marsing: Grant money has been used to help avoid learning loss

through the state to support our students. We received the grant and were told we had complied with all the requirements,” Marsing superintendent Norm Stewart said in a press release issued on behalf of 35 plaintiff organizations. “We’ve never experienced anything like this.

“The Attorney General’s actions have caused a huge distraction for our staff and an undue burden for people who are trying to deliver education to the students of Marsing.”

Marsing School District was among as many as 80 Idaho-based organizations that received federal grants through the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare Community Partner Grant Program.

The organizations had 20 days from the date of the CID mailing to comply with the requests, Stewart said. Marsing was served on March 6.

Stewart can’t put a finger on how many manhours his staff will put in to comply with the CID, which demands budgets, receipts, emails and work notes related to the preparation for and administration of the grant.

“We’ll have to reproduce calculations and you know what happens to notebooks,” Stewart said. “Some of this stuff, I don’t know if we still have access to it.”

Marsing used funding to bolster its 21st Century Community Learning Centers program headed up by district veteran Ken Price. The funding, which included a \$79,000 grant in 2021, also helped with Jump Start summer school for incoming kindergarteners and the district’s Friday School program.

The summer school has been around for years, Price said, targeting students who best benefit from two weeks of intervention and extra class time prior to the school year.

The Marsing district received a \$55,700 grant in September that was aimed at helping increase staffing for the Husky Pups Pre-Kindergarten program and to serve more children.

Price said the grant has helped:

- Fund two extra teachers in the after-school program to allow extended hours and more support
- Pay for three teachers working with more than 30 students three Fridays each month in the Friday School program
- Cover administrative costs for fiscal management of the programs

Stewart said the AG’s office alleges the grants were supposed to be used only on students ages 5-13, which would preclude preschool programming.

But Stewart said the federal guidelines for the ARPA money allow use for programs benefiting children from birth to 13 years old.

“The grant application doesn’t specify it has to be used on programs for ages 5-13,” he said.

Stewart said it is unclear whether the district would have to pay back the grant money if the AG’s office determines the funds were misused.

The Marsing district has complied with all grant requirements, Price said, including submitting quarterly reports.

Stewart is further troubled by the scope of the AG office’s CID, which he said asks for personal information on anyone involved with the grant, including charitable contributions those people may have made.

Stewart said such a request could affect teachers if they were involved in any way in providing input for the grant application.

The superintendent has been trying to shield his teachers from the controversy and distractions stirred up by the AG’s action, Price said.

“For the most part, we’re just going about our business other than the fact that Norm has been pretty busy talking to the media,” Price said. “As far as teachers serving students, there’s no effect there. It’s business as usual.”

When news of Marsing’s grant was released early in the school year, IDHW public information officer Greg Stahl said the money would help the district increase the number of children for which it can provide one-on-one and small-group academic and behavior services.

Additional out-of-school-time activities would be planned on Fridays, Stahl said.

The Marsing School District was the only Owyhee County organization among the 80 community partners statewide that have benefitted from the second phase of the DHW program.

Last Wednesday’s filing in Fourth District Court seeks preliminary and permanent injunctions against Labrador’s office, “in response to recent over-reaching, sweeping Civil Investigative Demands (CIDs) filed” in the first full week of March, according to the press release.

Caldwell attorney Greg Chaney, a former Idaho legislator, is representing the plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs’ press release calls a CID an “infrequently used, heavyweight subpoena-like measure typically reserved for anti-trust or false claims cases, most commonly seen in healthcare.”

The attorney general has the latitude to issue CIDs without prior oversight of the court. The release said the dozens of CIDs issued two weeks ago were not approved by a judge and did not include probable cause for issuance.

“The action taken by the Idaho Office of the Attorney General is an over-reach of government power that distracts from serving Idaho families and communities,” Chaney said.

“Civil Investigative Demands are reserved for counterfeiters and fraudsters. The DHW Community Partner grantees and their efforts have been shared publicly and widely promoted. These are deserving, upstanding organizations and agencies that have been serving families and children throughout Idaho in compliance with the grant.”

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Homedale District Library

Paige Moore from “Music Adventures with Paige Moore” visited Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library on March 13, bringing a variety of musical motion activities for children. Submitted photo



Garden basket raffle ends soon

Time is running out for folks to enter a drawing at Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library. Two baskets are up for grabs in a raffle at the Homedale District Library, and tickets are available for \$1 each through Monday. The library is located at 121 W. Owyhee Ave. District board of trustees chair Mandy Rice donated the prizes — a “Gardener Pot” and a Chick-fil-A meal basket. People can enter the raffle as many times as they like.

Youth activities planned
Teens and Tweens, 5 p.m., on Thursday — Homedale City Councilman Mike Aebischer, formerly the city’s library liaison and a former city library board member, will lead the activity inside the Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave. Boys and girls ages 10-17 can attend and learn how to make bookends. **Story Time, 10 a.m., on Monday** — Sandy Goheen is the guest reader for the Easter-themed event at the library. The activity’s start time has been moved back 15 minutes from its original start time and will continue to be held at 10 a.m., each week. The reading and activity is open to preschoolers. **After-school program, 4:30 p.m., on Tuesday** — The activity for the next installment has yet to be determined. The program is open to elementary school- and middle school-aged students. Call (208) 337-4228 for more information on programs. Library hours are noon to 6 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, from noon to 7 p.m., on Thursday, from 10 a.m., to 5 p.m., on Friday, and from 10 a.m., to 3 p.m., on Saturday. The library is closed on Sunday.

Bazaar, chili cook-off return to Murphy

It’s a rite of spring in Murphy, and with an associated chili cook-off, it’s pretty appropriate for Idaho’s idea of the season, too. The annual Owyhee County Historical Society Spring Bazaar will be held from 10 a.m., to 4 p.m., on Saturday throughout the county museum, 17085 Basey St. Vendors sell their wares inside McKeeth Hall, but there are other booths spread throughout the exhibition halls at the museum, too. Museum director Eriks Garsvo said two weeks ago that all the vending slots had been gobbled up. The new and growing exhibits also will be available to tour, and the bookstore will be open. Outside on the east lawn, the 11th annual Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire & EMS chili cook-off will be held. Cook-off teams can enter each of the five categories. The cost is \$20 for the first entry and \$10 for each additional entry. The cook-off is judged with trophies for each category. There is also a People’s Choice award decided through open voting by folks who buy tasting opportunities. The chili tasting will open to the public at 11:45 a.m. A \$5 donation is requested for adult taste-testers, and \$4 for seniors. Children younger than 12 can sample the chili varieties for free. The chili cook-off is sponsored by Nampa business Marv’s Tire Service. For more information on entering the chili cook-off, contact organizers at 551@mrwfire.org or (208) 495-2154.

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Phone ahead (208) 337-3020 to order
Dessert is included in curbside lunch
Milk, roll/bread alternative available each day
March 22: Lasagna, noodles, California blend vegetables, green beans
March 23: Beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, baby carrots
March 28: Baked fish, baked potato, mixed vegetables
March 29: Meatball on hamburger bun, coleslaw, side salad
March 30: Pepperoni, macaroni and cheese, broccoli, Mandarin oranges

Sandbar Community Room

Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside Marsing City Hall
Milk available each day
Suggested donation: \$4 (60 and older), \$6 (59 and younger)
March 22: Mushroom Swiss burger, potato wedges, green beans, whole wheat bun
March 24: Vegetarian spaghetti, green beans, carrots, fresh fruit, French bread
March 27: Meatloaf with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, beets, fruit cup, whole wheat roll
March 29: BBQ pork riblet, baked beans, sunshine carrots, pineapple, whole wheat bun

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
March 23: Sloppy Joes, coleslaw fresh fruit, cottage cheese, whole wheat biscuit
March 28: BBQ chicken, corn, scalloped potatoes, pears, whole wheat garlic bread, pudding
March 30: Patty melt, beef patty, green salad, fresh fruit, yogurt, whole wheat roll

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
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by Mandi Boren
For The Owyhee Avalanche
The Grand View Lions Club wrapped up another successful annual auction last month.
According to club treasurer Doug Thurman, the 2023 event brought in \$19,500.
For the third consecutive year, the event was held online. The online format helped the club attract 67 bidders with the top bidders coming from three different states.
“We would like to thank all that bid and donated items,” Thuman said.
Alic Leonard of Oreana won the raffle for the Ruger American 6.5mm Creedmoor rifle.
Auction proceeds benefit the communities of Grand View, Bruneau and Oreana. In years past, funds from the Grand View Lions have supported area Little League sports, the Oreana Community Hall, the Eastern Owyhee County

Library, 4-H clubs and many scholarship programs for the Bruneau-Grand View School District.
The club plans to hold the annual event online again next year in February.
— Mandi Boren, an Oreana resident, covers the Grand View-Bruneau-Oreana area for The Owyhee Avalanche. Send news tips to her at mandi@owyheeavalanche.com

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Choice of milk and juice
PB&J sandwich, and Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily
March 22: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Sausage patty, French toast sticks, hash brown patty, strawberry cup
March 23: **Breakfast:** Waffle sandwich, syrup cup, sliced pears **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, French fries
March 27-31: No school – Spring Break

Homedale Middle

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese
Cereal option and PB&J and string cheese offered daily
Vegetable and fruit choices offered daily
March 22: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Sausage patty, French toast sticks, hash brown patty, strawberry cup
March 23: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, syrup cup, Yami yogurt, sliced pears **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, French fries
March 27-31: No school – Spring Break

Homedale High

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt, string cheese or hard-boiled egg
Vegetable and fruit choices offered daily
Cereal option, grab ‘n’ go items each day
March 22: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, string cheese **Lunch:** Crisпитos, seasoned potato wedges **Grab ‘n’ go:** Club sub sandwich
March 23: **Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, French fries
March 27-31: No school – Spring Break

Grab ‘n’ go: Buffalo wrap meal
March 27-31: No school – Spring Break

Marsing

Each meal includes choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables
Elementary School each day: Breakfast: Cereal option
Middle/High School each day: PB&J sandwich option
Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sand., salad
Hot Grab-n-go line (varies): Cheeseburger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sandwich; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)
March 22: **Breakfast:** French toast bites or buttermilk pancakes, maple syrup, Yami yogurt, applesauce **Lunch: Hot Grab-n-go:** Buffalo chicken pizza, potato wedges **Cold Grab-n-go:** BBQ chicken wrap
March 23: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, toast, grapes **Lunch:** Chick-fried beef fingers, roll, country gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered corn
Cold Grab-n-go: Italian sub
March 27-31: No school – Spring Break

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily
March 22-24: No school – Spring Break
March 27: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Orange chicken, Oriental rice, stir-fry vegetables
March 28: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy **Lunch:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden spinach salad, peas, breadstick
March 29: **Breakfast:** Pancakes **Lunch:** Chicken patty on a bun, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli

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Suriñe Greenway (right) accepts her University of Idaho College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Alumni Award. UI photo



Alumni award honors Owyhee Extension staffer's hard work

Each year the University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Sciences recognizes alumni for their contributions to their field. The 2023 recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award was my friend and colleague, Suriñe Greenway. Requirements for the award are as follows:



Scott Jensen

- Must be a graduate of the University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Sciences
- Must have a career in agriculture, family and consumer sciences or related field
- Must have an exceptional career and/or community service record thus far, with indications of continued outstanding attainment in the future

Suriñe graduated from the University of Idaho in 2009 with bachelor's degrees in family and consumer sciences and Spanish, and in 2013 she received a master's in adult organizational learning and leadership. She has worked in the UI Owyhee County Extension Office since 2014 where she conducts programming in the areas of food safety, food preservation, nutrition and health, and financial management. Suriñe is also a strong supporter of 4-H youth development programs and has significantly contributed to the success of the Owyhee County Extension 4-H program over the years.

Suriñe is passionate about education. She is an outstanding educator and works hard to provide programs to meet the needs of Owyhee County residents. During the COVID pandemic, there was increased interest in gardening and food preservation. There

was a plethora of false or inaccurate information posted online. Suriñe developed virtual learning opportunities to meet the needs and interest with science-based, factual information during that time.

Suriñe has developed a volunteer group of advanced master food safety advisors in Owyhee and Canyon counties that provide increased capacity to respond to questions and provide good information. Last year, her volunteers contributed more than 380 hours of service.

In an effort to expand her food safety reach, Suriñe has coerced/pushed/encouraged collaboration with me over the past several years. Together, we developed the very popular Smoking and Grilling Foods program. This has allowed us both to reach new audiences combining meat science and food safety in a two-session class.

The next session of the Smoking and Grilling class will be held May 30-31 in Homedale. We are also looking forward to doing a sausage-making class together in the near future. Suriñe is easy to partner with and collaborates with many colleagues around the state.

Suriñe's work in family and consumer science has been recognized at state, regional, and national levels. She is an incredible asset to University of Idaho Extension, Southwest Idaho, and specifically to Owyhee County residents. Congratulations, Suriñe!

— Marsing resident Scott Jensen is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension educator. He welcomes questions on livestock care. The U of I Owyhee County Extension office is located at 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing and can be reached at (208) 896-4104. Contact him at scottj@uidaho.edu.



The Silver City Packard

Silver City is well-known for its unique structures and antique buildings, but there is a somewhat unusual treasure tucked away inside the old town that many visitors overlook. Like a rare gem, this rusty hulk holds a high value for many of us who have watched her age with grace. The townspeople simply call her "The Packard."

The Packard sits half-hidden in dusty bushes along the side of Morning Star Street. She's missing her shiny silver swan hood ornament, she's been stripped and picked at by vandals and buried in the deep snow of many winters.

But still, the Packard prevails.

In 1956, my dad, Jack Burke, and his uncle's brother, Bill Kehaly, drove Bill's 1950 Packard from San Francisco to Silver City. It was a wet and quiet Memorial Day weekend when they pulled into Silver. The only other soul in town was Willy Hawes, who was (at the time) Silver City's last permanent resident.

In those days, Bill and Frank Kehaly owned the house that the Chad Nettleton family lives in today. Jack and Bill pulled the Packard up to the old place and unloaded their supplies. The Kehaly brothers had been summertime miners since the mid-1940s and held several claims in and around the Silver City area.

Bill and Frank spent their summers trying their luck at "striking it rich." Jack was a young Marine recently home from Korea. He was



Reminiscing Owyhee memories

by
Jane
Burke

Afterthought Mine, on the rough War Eagle Road, Jack "punched a hole in the oil pan." He managed to get the Packard back to town and park her across from the Kehaly House. The Packard never made it back to the big city by the bay.

Today, you will find the Packard in the same spot my dad parked her those decades ago. Some folks call her an eyesore and would like to see her hauled off, but those of us who have grown up with her as a steady presence, look upon her as an homage to our past. A grand ol' dame. Resting quietly, a rusted, faded shell, an old lady with her own stories to tell.

— Janie Burke is the granddaughter of Walt and Mildretta (Hamilton) Adams. Mildretta was one of the first people to research and write about the history of Silver City and Owyhee County. Janie owns the Adams' home in Silver City where she grew up listening to the "Old Timers" tell their stories and spin their yarns.

happy to be back in Silver City and working alongside his uncles.

The Packard was a high-end automobile for its day. She had been a shiny city car, parked in a garage and regularly washed. Prior to her trip to Owyhee County, she had driven beside cable cars and trolleys up and down the hilly streets of San Francisco. Ultimately, though, she was to meet her fate in a dusty mining town high in the Owyhee mountains.

It happened to be my dad who delivered the Packard to her final resting place on a fateful day in the summer of 1957.

One afternoon while coming down from the

Calendar

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
Labor Dept. bilingual employment services
Noon to 4 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 364-7781 or canyoncountymail@labor.idaho.gov for appointment or information.
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

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
Food bank drop off
1 p.m., to 3 p.m., (weather permitting; holidays could change date), Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206 or (541) 586-2562
Teens and Tweens
5 p.m., ages 10-17, Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.
Alcoholics Anonymous
7 p.m., open to alcoholics, their families and those contemplating recovery, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Friday
Movie day
1 p.m., ‘Charlotte’s Web,’ Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785
Alcoholics Anonymous
7 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 860-9674

Saturday
Spring Bazaar
10 a.m., to 4 p.m., inside McKeeth Hall, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy.
Free lunch
11:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 303-7414
MRW Fire & EMS Chili Cookoff
11:45 a.m., public tasting begins, \$5 adults, \$4 seniors (donations), Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. 551@mrwfire.org or (208) 495-2154

Sunday
Snake River Concert series
3 p.m., free, Lynn Tredeau. Special guest each month. Location provided upon registration. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com>, search Snake River Concert Series. For information: Allen Tredeau, allen@lynntredeau.com or (208) 258-9836.

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

Depression and anxiety recovery program
6 p.m., \$185 for 8 sessions. Garnet Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 16613 Garnet Rd, Wilder. Registration (208) 649-4511
Jordan Valley CWMA meeting
7 p.m., Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area office, 508 Swisher Ave., Jordan Valley. (541) 586-3000 or jvcwma@qwestoffice.net

Tuesday
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
Homedale Chamber 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
Children’s After School Program
4:30 p.m., elementary and middle school children, 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.

Wednesday
Labor Dept. bilingual employment services
Noon to 4 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 364-7781 or canyoncountymail@labor.idaho.gov for appointment or information.

Thursday, March 30
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
After school Bible Club
4 p.m., to 5:15 p.m., ages 5 to 11, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. For information: Amber Good, (208) 585-7694 or Cyndi Fullmer, (208) 599-2790
Teens and Tweens
5 p.m., ages 10-17, Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.
ION Heritage Museum board meeting
6 p.m., Jordan Valley Elementary School library, 604 Oregon Ave., Jordan Valley. (541) 586-2100
Alcoholics Anonymous
7 p.m., open to alcoholics, their families and those contemplating recovery, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Friday, March 31
Alcoholics Anonymous
7 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 860-9674

Saturday, April 1
Free lunch
11:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 303-7414

Death notices

JUDITH FAY EVANS, 76, former Homedale resident, died on Saturday, March 4, 2023. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapels

JESSICA JEANNE MILLER, 39, a 2001 Rimrock High School graduate and former Bruneau resident, died on Monday, March 6, 2023. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at the Mountain View Assembly of God, in Ten Sleep, Wyo. Arrangements: Veile Mortuary, 301 S. 8th St., Worland, Wyo.

ALLEN B. MITCHELL, 72, of Nyssa, Ore., and formerly of Homedale, died Sunday, March 12, 2023 at a local hospital of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

JUDITH STACY, 84, formerly of Murphy and Melba and a member of the Owyhee County Sage Hens, died on Monday, March 13, 2023. A graveside service was held at 1 p.m., on Friday, March 17, 2023 in Melba. Arrangements: Rosenau Funeral Home, 2826 Addison Ave., E., Twin Falls.

KIRK MELVIN WEIMER, 78, of Meridian, former Homedale and Weiser resident and Homedale school board member, died on Sunday, March 12, 2023 at a home. Arrangements: Bowman Funeral Parlor of Garden City. (208) 853-3131

Service notice

ALVIN (LEE) LIDDELL, 65, of Nampa, a 1975 Homedale High School graduate, died on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023. Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m., on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

Homedale Sr. Center launches fundraiser for heating, cooling

Bazaar proceeds to help build up available money

The Homedale Senior Center put a small dent in a huge project with its spring bazaar. Coordinator Melisa Sorlien said the March 11 bazaar raised \$500 through vendor fees, a bake sale and a silent auction. “I would say that is a success,” Sorlien said while thanking the vendors and the community members who showed up to shop. “A special, huge thank you to my army of volunteer staff here at the center. I couldn’t continue without them.”

Thirteen vendors participated. Sorlien’s next fundraiser idea is a senior citizens prom, but no date has been set. She’s trying to coordinate with Homedale High School officials to ensure the senior citizens prom and the high school prom don’t conflict. “And I wanted to see if they wanted to help me,” she said. Details are still being worked

out, but Sorlien would like to invite all ages to the prom. Senior citizens would be admitted free, while everyone else would get in for \$3 per single and \$5 per couple. Sorlien plans to seek donations of dresses and button-up shirts to give the seniors who need assistance a closet of clothes from which to choose prior to the prom. Proceeds from the prom, just like the money raised from the bazaar, will be dedicated to the senior center’s fund to install heating and cooling appliances in the dining hall. Installing four mini-split units could cost more than \$40,000. Sorlien said.

Spring clean-up possible
Following up on a conversation she had with Homedale city council members, Sorlien has mailed surveys to home-bound seniors in town gauging interest in getting help with spring clean-up. After figuring out the need, Sorlien would like to round up volunteers and organize efforts and hammer out other details. — JPB

Obituary

Patricia (Patty) Joy Brown Ackerman

Patricia Joy Brown Ackerman, 77, of Ontario Oregon peacefully achieved her angel wings on March 14, 2023, after a brief battle with pneumonia. Patty was born to Dale and Edith Brown on September 15, 1945, in Bonanza, Oregon. Those who knew Patty would attest to her incredible strength and determination, beginning at birth. She came into the world when she was ready but likely before her parents were. Dale was forced to stop at Edith's sister's house on the way to the hospital, shortly after Patty came with help from her father and aunt Audrey.

Patty grew up in Rome, Oregon beneath the tall poplar trees along the Owyhee River on the family ranch. She went to a one-room school in Rome with several lifelong friends. She was proud and honored to carry many friendships through grade school all the way through to high school in Jordan Valley and with a few even attending Links Business School together in Boise. Patty moved back to Jordan Valley

after Links Business School to wait tables and that's where she met her husband, Terry Jr Ackerman, who had came home from Wyoming to visit the family. They went on one date before Terry went back to Wyoming, where he wrote her a letter proposing. Patty sold her car and belongings and jumped on a Greyhound bus and headed for Wyoming.

Terry and Patty were married on February 13, 1967, in Buffalo, Wyoming where they lived for several years before returning to the Jordan Valley area working on various ranches and after several years, started their family. Jody and Robin grew up at Reynolds Creek and then Oreana at the Spivey Ranch. In 1988, the family moved to Westfall, Oregon. Patty once again supported Terry as his primary cowboy, cook, truck driver, and partner. She rode every mile, knew every cow and still put on amazing meals for crews and neighbors. Adopting kids along the way giving them love, support and guidance in her own way.



Patty and Terry moved to Bruneau and worked for Simplot for a number of years once their girls were grown and on their own.

Patty loved being a grandmother and a great-grandmother more than anything. She cherished each one. Every year for April Fools' Day she would prank and succeed in at least one of her grandsons, usually Will.

Terry and Patty finished their ranching careers on a ranch in

Rye Valley but due to health problems they moved to Ontario, Oregon to be closer to their grandchildren.

Patty took care of Terry as his dementia worsened until his death in 2021, which left her heartbroken.

As Patty's last days were upon her, the strength, grace and dignity remained. Even though she was incredibly tired, she took the time on her deathbed to touch more lives. She spoke to each person that came, and there were so very many. She smiled, she shared memories and advice. She was kind and graceful in her last days, just as she was throughout her life. She also continued to touch lives through to her last breath. Her strength and spunk stayed with her, and she wanted to leave for heaven to make sure Terry was behaving himself.

Patty is survived by her daughters, Jody (Rob) Holmes, Nampa, Idaho, Robin (Gus) Bezates, Ontario, Oregon. Sister Lois Murray, brothers-in-law Pat Payne, Dwight (Christy) Ackerman,

Gary (Lynn) Ackerman and Don Oeleis; sisters-in-law Linda Brown, Cindy (Del) Hussey. Grandchildren John Bezates (Selby Wright); Cody Holmes (Samantha Moore); Will (Haley) Bezates; Jacob Holmes (Hannah Bell) as well as the great-grandchildren that she loved so much: Gray Lee Bezates, Gus John Bezates and Dallas Ann Bezates.

A reunion in heaven included her husband, Terry Ackerman Jr, of 54 years, her parents Dale and Edith Brown, in-laws Terry Ackerman Sr and Opal Ackerman. Siblings Butch Brown, Danice Payne, sister-in-law Kathy Oeleis.

She is and always will be an inspiration and will remain in our hearts forever.

Services will held on April 1, 2023, at 1:00 PM at the Jordan Valley Lions Hall. A graveside service will be held, but there will be no seating; all are welcome. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Jordan Valley Cemetery (P.O. Box 387, Jordan Valley, OR 97910) for historic headstone restoration.

Mildred (Milly) Deloris Whitted

Mildred (Milly) Deloris Whitted, age 89, passed away Saturday, March 11, 2023, at her home in Bruneau. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 1, 2023, at the Rimrock Senior Center in Grand View. There will be a potluck lunch following the service. Please bring a dish to share. Arrangements were under the care of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel.

Milly was born April 3, 1933, in Marsing, Idaho. She was the first child of six born to George and Lenna Brewer. She grew up caring for her siblings and helping her mom with work around the house. She also babysat, was a theater

usher, and worked at the first Albertson's store. The second semester of her senior year, Milly moved to Grand View with some friends. There she was set up on a blind date and met Johnnie Paul (J.P.) Whitted. They married June 18, 1951, and spent a week camping for their honeymoon.

They lived on her in-laws' farm in Grand View until putting in 160 acres of their own under the Desert Entry Act. They called their farm Whispering Hills Ranch. Milly spent her time raising their five children, two grandchildren, and hosting over 200 foster kids and boys in trouble. She helped on the farm moving sprinkler pipe, swathing,



running for parts, and feeding all the farm crew. She also spent some time working at ESI as a guard. Milly was always full of adventure and enjoyed times of backpacking, camping, fishing, rafting, snowmobiling, traveling, and restaurants with atmosphere. Her home was always open,

and many family gatherings were held there.

After J.P. passed away in 2005, Milly took in 25 exchange students from around the world and continued traveling and having adventures with them. Some of her favorite places to go were Castle Creek, Sun Valley, Galena Summit, and Las Vegas. She always kept her house decorated for the season and enjoyed hosting the Red Hat Christmas party every year. She enjoyed reading and sewing, and in her later years she loved to play Scrabble with anyone who stopped by. She lived at Whispering Hills Ranch for 55 years until November 2022, when she moved near her daughter,

Holly, in Bruneau.

Milly was always kind and enjoyed a good laugh. She was a mother to many, opening her home to those in need. Family and friends always received a warm welcome, and she was always available to listen when you needed someone to talk to. She was loved by all around her, and although she will be greatly missed, we cherish all the memories we made together.

Milly is survived by her children: J. R. (Dianna) Whitted, Dan Whitted, Heidi Whitted, Craig (Sheilla) Whitted, and Holly (Charley) Hutton, 11 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren.



Lizard Butte Easter Sunrise Service

With the help of community volunteers, this service has been made possible for 86 years.

Sunday, April 9th, 7:15 AM

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Homedale's district champion Parliamentary Procedure team accepts their championship plaque. The team is, beginning with the second from left, Trinity Neeser, Katie DeVice, Rylan Love, Bobby Christensen, Keegan McKay, and Brock Johnson. Submitted photos

Homedale FFA wins district titles

Morgan Fuhriman elected Treasure Valley VP

Homedale's FFA chapter members have been busy bringing home competition hardware and winning elections in March.

The chapter's Floral and Veterinarian Science teams were on the road for competitions at Sugar-Salem High School in Sugar City on March 14.

The Treasure Valley District competitions for Agricultural Sales, Parliamentary Procedure, Conduct of Chapter Meeting (CCM) as well as the district officer elections were held March 8 at Middleton High School.

Morgan Fuhriman was elected district vice-president during elections at the Middleton Leadership Development Event. The LDE marked Rylan Love's retirement as district



Morgan Fuhriman, Treasure Valley District vice-president-elect.

president. Chapter members Dani Sitts, Trinity Neeser and Heather Reynolds also sought district office.

Rachel Pawlak won the district championship in Telephone Skills as the chapter's Agri-Sales team finished third. Joining Pawlak on the team were Catherine Decker, Ashley Stebly, and Scottie Beaver.

Homedale also won a third consecutive district championship in Parliamentary Proce-

dures in Middleton. They move on to April's state competition in Moscow.

A group of eighth-graders finished third in the CCM competition.

At Sugar-Salem, the chapter teams were Floral runner-up and finished fourth in Veterinarian Sciences.

Homedale chapter members gave prepared public speeches on March 8 to sweep the Canyon County Farm Bureau Federation competition in Caldwell — Kennedy Kildow was first, Tayler Trout second, and Katie DeVice third.

Three chapter members earned Idaho FFA scholarships, too:

- Anna Pawlak, Idaho Wheat Commission
- Kambell Garrett, Idaho FFA Foundation raffle scholarship
- Sigmund Goode, Idaho FFA Foundation raffle scholarship



Left: Homedale's runner-up Floral team includes, from left, Heather Reynolds, Anna Pawlak, and Allie Bell. Right: Homedale FFA chapter member Rachel Pawlak (right) receives her award for winning the Telephone Skills competition from Treasure Valley District Sentinel Bailey Robinson.



Homedale's Conduct of Chapter Meeting (CCM) team includes:

Back row, from left: Kenzie Smith, Marley McLaughlin, Teague Taylor, and Ema Lee.

Front row, from left: Madelein Galaviz, Claire Salutregui, Alyson DeVice, JuliAnn Simmons, and Sienna Stairs.



Marsing alumni auction, dinner deemed huge success

by TaylorAnne Callison
Chapter reporter

Marsing FFA and Alumni came together for another great auction on Friday, March 10.

Money raised helped the alumni group support the Marsing FFA chapter throughout this next year of activities and travel, including the state contests.

This year was the most successful auction we have had, which is a great thing because the Marsing FFA chapter keeps growing its membership each year.

More than 100 businesses and community members donated items for the live auction, silent auction, and bucket raffle.

Zack Zumstein conducted the live auction to sell 31 of those items.

Along with the amazing auction items, Cowgirls Catering presented an amazing prime rib dinner with sides of salad, potatoes and bread rolls. There was also a delicious dessert of chocolate

cake. Many of those who attended the auction said that the dinner was scrumptious. The Marsing FFA members helped serve food, restock food and take out the trash.

FFA members not helping in the kitchen carried auction items for all to see. Some items were a bit too large to carry around such as a roping dummy made by chapter president Gene Showalter. Other items were a little lighter and fluffier to carry around, such as the Easter bunny Jaci Montgomery brought to entertain and sell to the younger generation.

All in all, the Marsing FFA Chapter and Alumni would say this year's auction was a big success. Many new friends were made, delicious food was eaten and money was spent.

Thank you to all of the people that helped make this auction a success like Zack Zumstein, Cowgirls Catering, FFA parents and alumni members, and everyone that came out to the auction.



Above: Marsing FFA members Brady Williams (left) and Wyatt Barber carry a cooler during the live auction conducted by Zack Zumstein. Left: Chapter reporter Taylor Callison carries an auction item through the school district cafeteria. Submitted photos

LOCAL JUDO DOJO SHINES AT ITS OWN TOURNAMENT



All 11 dojos put judoka on the mats for the bow-in ceremony prior to the tournament. Photos by Chardee VanDerhoff/ CV Photography

Owyhee judoka earn dozens of medals inside Homedale gym

Owyhee County Judo members were among the top honorees during the 85th annual Boise Valley/Owyhee County Judo Tournament. The tournament was staged Saturday, March 11 inside the Homedale High School gymnasium. Owyhee County Judo sensei Ryan Nash received a promotion to Sandan, or third-degree black belt. The hometown dojo was the largest of the 11 clubs competing. Owyhee County judoka came away with 47 medals. Owyhee County’s Garrett Allen won the Koyama Award for Best Seiryoku-Zenyo. According to the Kodokan Judo Institute website, Seiryoku-Zenyo signifies the most effective use of the power of the mind and body in the attack and defense concepts.



Above: Owyhee County Judo judoka gather prior to starting 85th annual Boise Valley/Owyhee County Judo Tournament on March 11 inside the Homedale High School gymnasium. The local dojo had the largest contingent of competitors among the 11 clubs represented. **At left:** Owyhee County Judo sensei Ryan Nash receives his third-degree black belt (Sandan rank) in a March 11 ceremony.

Recent pay bonuses trigger county budget adjustment

Owyhee County Commissioners will have to open the current budget to pay for employee bonuses approved late last year. The commissioners will hold a public hearing at 10 a.m., on Monday, April 3 in Courtroom 2 at the county courthouse in Murphy. The Fiscal Year 2023 budget needs reconfigured after the county received Armerican Rescue Plan Act federal funding, some of which was used to pay for the salary bonuses. According to a legal notice announcing the hearing, the budget adjustment will not affect property taxes. ARPA funds will be used to pay for the \$429,000 increase, and 10 funds will be affected.

Among the affected funds:

- Current Expense, which includes salaries for most department employees, will increase by \$332,491.
- Road and Bridge districts will receive \$45,403.
- The Revaluation budget will increase by \$17,795.
- The Probation department will receive \$13,367.

Other budget lines set to increase include: Indigent (\$6,011); Solid Waste (\$5,134), Historical, which helps fund the county museum payroll, (\$4,481); County Fair (\$2,774), Waterways (\$1,851), and Off Highway Vehicles (\$99) The public hearing will be part of the county commissioners’ regular meeting.

Adrian man gets lengthy child enticement sentence

A 31-year-old Adrian resident has been sentenced to more than 34 years in federal prison. Brett Michael Malone was sentenced by Chief U.S. District Judge David C. Nye in Boise federal court. U.S. Attorney Josh Hurwit announced the disposition on March 14. A federal jury convicted Malone on charges of attempted coercion and enticement of a minor on Oct. 24 after a four-day trial. In addition to the prison term, Nye ordered lifetime supervised release and also required Malone to forfeit the electronic device used to commit the offense. Malone must pay restitution to his victim and will be required to register as a sex offender. The sentence was enhanced because Malone admitted after conviction that he committed the attempted enticement while being required by Oregon law to register as a sex offender. Malone had been required to register as a sex offender after a 2013 conviction for third-degree rape in Malheur County. According to testimony and evidence presented at his 2022 trial, Malone used Facebook to communicate with a 15-year-old girl in Idaho. During the communications, Malone sent sexually explicit images and videos and enticed the victim to meet him for sexual contact. The victim’s mom located messages between Malone and the victim on the victim’s cellphone and reported the messages to Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). HSI assumed the victim’s online identity and began communicating with Malone in an undercover capacity. During the communications, Malone continued to engage in sexually explicit conversation with the undercover agent posing as the victim and arranged to meet the victim. Malone was apprehended when he traveled to meet the victim. “While nothing can make up for the trauma suffered by the victim in this case and all victims of child exploitation, this sentence sends a strong message that those who victimize children will be prosecuted and severely punished,” Hurwit said. “In this case, we are glad that the community will be protected from further predation by this repeat offender. I am grateful to the federal, state, tribal, and local investigators, parents, teachers, and all others who take action to protect vulnerable minors.” The man who oversees HSI operations in the Pacific Northwest also commented. “Malone’s days of preying on and exploiting the minors of Idaho are hopefully over,” Special Agent in Charge Robert Hammer said. “This sentence should serve as a warning to those engaged in this type of criminal behavior: If you seek to exploit our children HSI and our Idaho law enforcement partners will stop at nothing to hold you accountable.”

From page 1

✓ Sheriff: Commissioners give badge, service weapon to outgoing Grant

Grant’s letter stated his last day in office will be March 31 and that Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman will temporarily hold the sheriff’s position until the Board of County Commissioners can act upon the GOP committee’s recommendation.

The central committee will submit up to three names as recommendations for the next sheriff after precinct men and women complete interviews next month.

In an email announcing the solicitation for applications, the central committee pointed out that sheriff’s duties are itemized in Idaho Code 31-2202.

Interested parties should submit a letter of interest and resume to: Tammy Payne, OCRCC Chair, P.O. Box 591, Grand View, ID 83624 or by email to tammy83624@yahoo.com, by April 6.

All applicants should plan on attending the April 6 special meeting to be interviewed.

Anyone with questions can call Payne at (208) 590-4203.

In his resignation letter, which The Owyhee Avalanche obtained with a public records request, Grant thanked the personnel “who stuck around and who have recently come on-board” during his three terms in office.

The outgoing sheriff opened his letter by apologizing that news of his “retiring from law enforcement” was published in the Avalanche “before I was able to let you all know ... You deserved better from me.”

Grant said he took pride in the fact that he has hired most of the personnel now in OCSO, and lauded the amount of talent in the ranks.

“This is what makes you sought after commodities in your chosen field,” he wrote. “I hope you all stay along for the ride as the agency continues to progress.

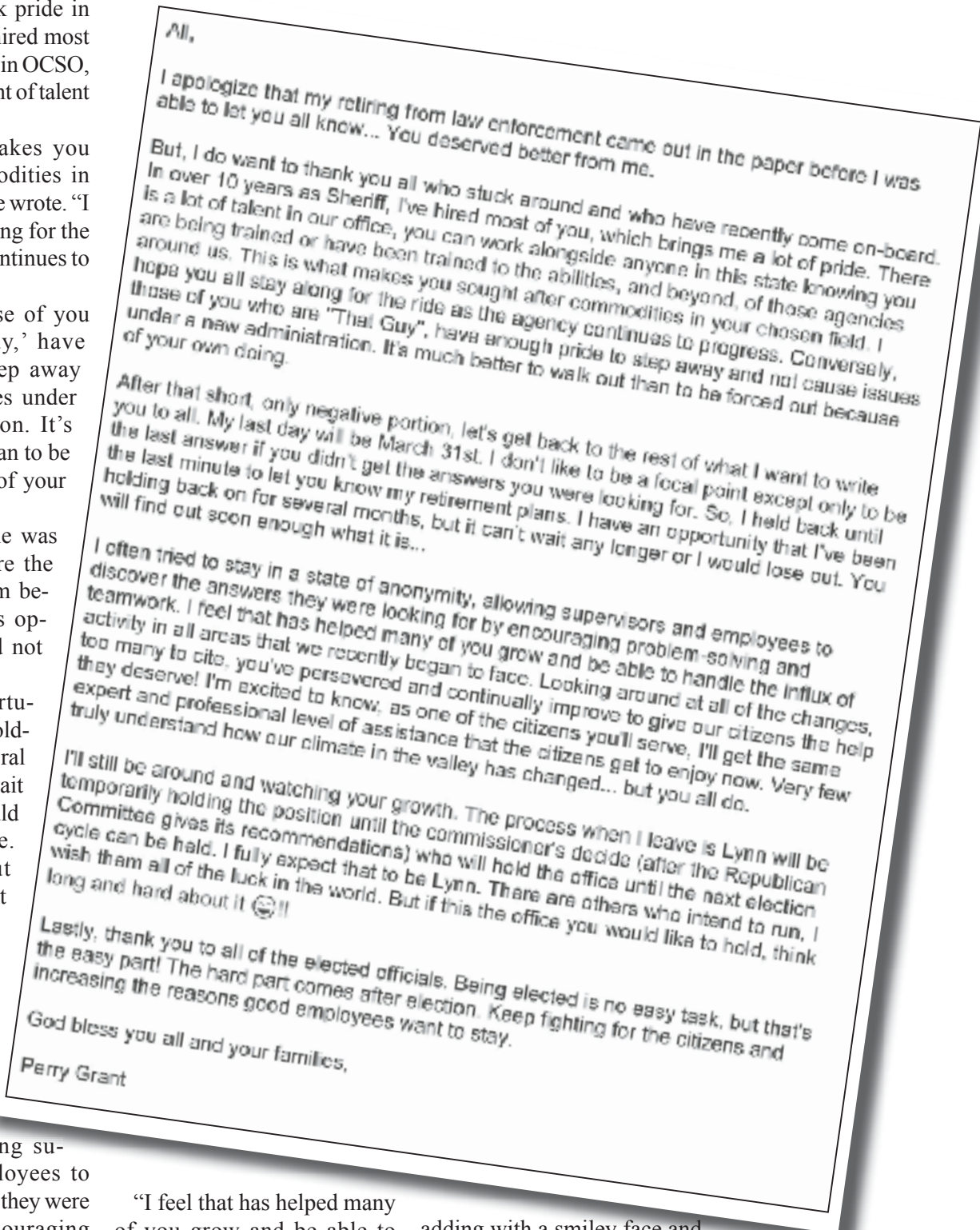
“Conversely, those of you who are ‘That Guy,’ have enough pride to step away and not cause issues under a new administration. It’s better to walk out than to be forced out because of your own doing.”

Grant reiterated he was leaving office before the end of his third term because of a business opportunity that could not wait.

“I have an opportunity that I’ve been holding back on for several months, but I can’t wait any longer or I would lose out,” he wrote. “You will find out soon enough what it is ...”

Grant also spoke of how OCSO personnel has grown professionally during his tenure:

“I often tried to stay in a state of anonymity, allowing supervisors and employees to discover the answers they were looking for by encouraging problem-solving and teamwork,” he wrote.



“I feel that has helped many of you grow and be able to handle the influx of activity in all areas that we recently began to face.”

Grant also said he fully expected Bowman to hold office after the next election cycle.

“There are others who intend to run. I wish them all the luck in the world,” Grant wrote,

adding with a smiley face and two exclamation points: “But if this [is] the office you would like to hold, think long and hard about it.”

Grant closed his letter with a message to the county’s other elected officials.

“... Thank you to all of the elected officials,” he wrote.

“Being elected is no easy task, but that’s the easy part! The hard part comes after the election.

“Keep fighting for the citizens and increasing the reasons good employees want to stay.”

— JPB

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Youth Bible club after school in Grand View

The After School Bible Club resumes next week at the Eastern Owyhee County Library.

The club’s first installment was last week then organizers took this week off because of

Spring Break in the Bruneau-Grand View School District.

Fun and creative activities are planned to return to the public library in Grand View, 520 Boise Ave., on Thursday,

March 30.

The program, which is open to boys and girls ages 5-11, will be held from 4 p.m., to 5:15 p.m., each Thursday going forward.

The activities include Bible stories, arts and crafts activities, games, and snacks are served.

For more information, call Amber Good at (208) 585-7694 or Cyndi Fullmer at (208) 599-2790.

Snake River Concert

3:00 pm - March 26, 2023
Free House Concert near Givens Hot Springs
featuring pianists
Lynn Tredeau & Neil Patton.

Contact: allen@lynntredeau.com
phone : 208-258-9836

limited amount of free tickets (donations accepted) can be reserved at
https://snake_river_concert_March2023.eventbrite.com

Find out
What's happening
Read Calendar each week
in the Avalanche

State powers split softball showdown

Homedale High School’s softball players took a wild road trip to Filer on Saturday.

The Trojans split a doubleheader in which 51 runs were scored.

But what else would you expect

from a matchup of two of the state’s traditional Class 3A powers.

Filer (1-3) and Homedale (2-1) have won eight of the past nine state championships, including the Trojans’ fifth crown with coach Larry Corta last

spring. Only Bonners Ferry in 2017 has been able to crack the code.

Saturday, Game 2: Filer 21, Homedale 16 — The Wildcats lived up to the nickname, scoring 10 times to erase a 5-0 deficit in the bottom of the

first inning then holding on to avenge a loss in last year’s state semifinals.

Senior Jasmine Earl crushed an inside-the-park grand slam to close

— See *Softball*, page 14

Speedy Trojans sweep first week

19 stolen bases
disrupt opponents

There was a little suspense in Homedale High School’s blowout doubleheader sweep against Filer.

Emphasis on “a little.”

The Trojans won both non-conference games on the road Saturday behind offensive outbursts.

Saturday, Game 2: Homedale 21, Filer 3 (6) — Dillon Fine ripped a two-run double to snap a 2-2 tie in the second inning and spark 12 unanswered runs from the Trojans.

By the time Chance Martell smacked a two-run double in the fourth inning, Homedale owned a 20-3 advantage.

Homedale held a 2-0 lead after Fine tripled home D’Orr Packer and then scored on his brother Payton Fine’s base hit.

— See *Trojans*, page 16



Homedale freshman Chance Martell puts down a bunt during the Trojans’ doubleheader in Filer on Saturday. Martell had five RBI in the two games. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

Strong group of youngsters propels Homedale baseball’s ultimate goal

Veteran nucleus
backed by frosh
infusion

With every small-town baseball program, desire and commitment must percolate down to community teams so that it can fuel the big club.

After years of development,

Homedale High School coach Burke Deal is seeing the benefits of the youth baseball teams on the same page.

And, this year more than any other, those young charges may bring the Trojans continuity and stability.

Deal started the 2023 season without the talents of five standouts from last year’s 3A state tournament appearance.

Four graduated: All-3A Snake River Valley conference first-team selection Cody Leibschwager, a top pitcher a year ago; Tyler Woodward, Beeg Hockenhull, and John Lejardi.

Two are hurt: Junior Andrew Marston, an all-conference second-teamer, is dealing with a knee injury that has shelved him this season.

— See *Homedale*, page 16

Huskies look to build on last year’s success

State qualifiers mingle
with newcomers during
first track and field meet

The brick and mortar from a year ago has set, so Marsing High School track and field coach Heidi Ankeny is looking forward to fortification.

— See *Huskies*, page 17

Raiders bolster ranks as old favorites return

State qualifiers run again,
middle school champions
join parent squad

Athletes are ready to dig deeper for the Rimrock High School track and field team.

Nine athletes competed in the 1A state championship meet last spring, but third-year coach Amanda Dygert said Raiders fans should expect even more possible berths this year.

She said there were several athletes who were just outside the qualifying field after the District III meet.

“This year, we have more athletes who are excited and ready to work hard to qualify for State again, or make sure they won’t miss their trip,” she said.

The season began last Wednesday against a tough field in the Pilgrim Opener in New

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Sports

Trojans track gets green light on St. Patty's Day

HHS sprinters find gold in Parma

The Parma Ice Breaker fell on St. Patrick's Day, so it's fitting that an Irish girl excelled.

Kinlee Garrett collected three track and field victories in Homedale High School's season opener.

The junior posted a career-best clearance of 5 feet, 2 inches to win the high jump, and she hit the line at the 17.16-second mark to capture the 100-meter dash.

Keeping up her sprinting chops, she ran the third leg of the Trojans' victorious 4x100 relay team. Two freshmen – Stella Heck and Belen

Asumendi – joined Garrett and fellow junior Mylisa Barrett to finish the race in 54.74 seconds.

Morgan Nicoletti made a big high school debut, winning the girls' pole vault by clearing 8 feet, 8 inches to lead a HHS domination. Her sister, junior Cadence, was second at 7-8, and junior teammate Melani Whitehead captured third (7-2). Another junior, Mylisa Barrett was fifth at 5-8.

In the boys' meet, junior sprinter Snuepy Garcia was one of a handful of athletes to set personal records in the first meet of the season.

Garcia opened the Trojans' winning 4x100-meter relay effort. Sophomore Angel Nolasco ran the second leg as part of an impressive meet, and senior

Danny Detbun and junior Izmael Ortiz finished out a 47.7-second effort.

Garcia PR'd for fifth place in the 800, finishing in 2 minutes, 17.03 seconds.

Garcia ran the second leg of the third-place 4x400 relay. Fellow junior Brock Johnson started the baton exchanges, and sophomore Rafael Cuenca and freshman Ty Roland ended the four-lap race. The Trojans posted a 3:59.56 time.

The Homedale boys' best individual finish came when Brock Johnson was runner-up in the 400 at 55.76.

Cuenca set a PR with his third-place distance of 19-3½ in the long jump.

Nolasco was fourth in the triple jump with a PR of 37-1. He also PR'd in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles, finishing fifth in 47.42. A third personal-best mark

came in the 100 meters (14th, 12.77).

Bobby Christensen started his distance season with a couple top-10 finishes. The junior was sixth in the 1,600 (5:08.57) and seventh in the 3,200 (11:51.34).

In the girls' distance races, freshman Hailey Jackovac started her prep career strong, taking fifth in the 3,200 (15:16.56) and seventh in the 1,600 (6:56.03).

Whitehead posted a PR of 27-9 for sixth in the triple jump, while Barrett finished eighth at 27-4. Barrett was ninth in the long jump at 13-8½.

The HHS girls' best finish in the throws came with sophomore Kayci Breshears' ninth-place heave of 68-9 in the discus.

✓ Softball: Three-run seventh inning helps Trojans hold on in Game 1

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out Filer's 10-run first inning. Earl went 3-for-3 and scored three runs. Her home run was the only extra-base hit for the Wildcats.

Homedale had built a 5-0 lead on hard-hit RBI singles from Morgan Winter and Dani Sitts and a run-scoring double off the bat of Olivia Asumendi. Sitts had two of her four hits in the first inning.

Asumendi went 4-for-5 with three runs and three RBI. Lily Trescot doubled twice, and Katie Christoffersen also had a two-bagger.

The Trojans collected 18 hits.

Saturday, Game 1: Homedale 8, Filer 6 — The Trojans started fast and then had to hold on for a victory on the front end of a non-conference doubleheader on the road.

Ellie Miller cleared the bases with a double to highlight Homedale's five-run outburst in the top of the first inning.

The Trojans' bats went silent until the top of the seventh inning. By then, the Wildcats had clawed back into the game,

trailing 5-4.

Homedale tacked on three important runs in the top of the seventh inning. The Trojans used four singles and a walk in the rally. Arlett Quezada and Sitts started with back-to-back singles, and Christoffersen drew a walk to load the bases.

Asumendi lined a run-scoring single to left field, and Trescot smacked a two-run single for an 8-4 lead with no

outs in the inning.

Filer scored twice in the bottom of the seventh — including one unearned run — before Sitts shut the door.

Sitts relieved Asumendi in the second inning after Filer had pulled to within a pair of runs, 5-3. Sitts struck out seven over the next six innings.

She also continued her hot start to the season, going 3-for-4 with two runs scored from the leadoff spot.

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Homedale Trojans

Athletes of the week



Baseball
Dillon Fine, jr.,
P, 3B
.545 (6-11), 8 runs,
7 RBI, 2 2B, 2 3B in
3 wins



Softball
Lily Trescot, so., C
5-for-7, 2 2Bs, 4 RBI
in doubleheader



Track and field
Kinlee Garrett, jr.,
sprints, jumps
Took part in three
wins at Parma meet



Tennis
Terrance Farris, jr.
Top boys' player
past two seasons



Golf
Kinley Balkovetz,
so.
Fired a top-10 88 at
home tourney

Trojan Weekly Sports Schedule

Baseball
Varsity
Bucks Bags Tournament
Thursday, March 23 vs. Burley, Nampa
H.S., 3:30 p.m.
Friday, March 24 vs. Minico, Ridgevue
H.S., Nampa, 10:30 a.m.
Friday, March 24 vs. Emmett, Ridgevue
H.S., Nampa, 1 p.m.
Saturday, March 25 vs. Moscow, Vallivue
H.S., Caldwell, 10 a.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, March 30 at New Plymouth, 5
p.m.

Track and field
Wednesday, March 22 at Weiser Invite, 2
p.m.
Softball
Varsity
WTP Spring Break Tournament
(At Vallivue H.S., Caldwell)
Friday, March 24 vs. Rocky Mountain, 9
a.m.
Friday, March 24 vs. Gooding 11 a.m.
Saturday, March 25 vs. Middleton, 1 p.m.
Junior varsity
Monday, April 3 at Fruitland, 4 p.m.

Tennis
Monday, April 3 at Nyssa, Ore., 4:30 p.m.

Golf
Coed
Monday, April 3 at Mountain Home Tourna-
ment (18 holes), Desert Canyon GC, 10 a.m.

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Sports

Opportunistic 2A runners-up give Marsing first loss

Huskies beat Baker for 2-0 baseball start

by John Bruyninckx
For The Owyhee Avalanche

The Marsing High School baseball team hit a bump for the first time in the young season Friday, losing at non-conference game, 8-5, to Firth at home.

The Huskies (2-1 overall) started off looking like they would extend their season-opening win streak to three games, grabbing a quick 3-1 lead in the first inning.

Starting pitcher Luke Steinmeyer doubled home the first run. Steinmeyer had walked a couple of batters in the top of the inning, but only allowed one run when the Cougars' Strider Perry stole home. That turned into a trend, however, as Firth would go on



Marsing base runner Luke Steinmeyer dives back toward first base as a pickoff throw comes in. Photo by Cristina Delgadillo

to steal a dozen bases in the seven-inning affair.

Marsing coach JW Chadez liked what he saw from his sophomore ace to start the contest.

"Luke took the mound for the first time this season and started off strong," Chadez said. "But in the third inning he ran into some trouble.

"A few walks and couple of costly errors hurt us."

Still holding the 3-1 lead into

the top of the third, Steinmeyer hit the first Cougars batter, Alejandro Vasquez, who promptly stole second base. Two singles and a pair of errors turned into a 3-1 lead for Firth (3-0).

The Cougars scored two runs in the fifth on one hit. A single, an error, a wild pitch and a passed ball gave Firth an 8-3 lead.

In the bottom of the fifth, Marsing's Jace Chadez doubled

to left with one out and went to third when, Xavier Delgadillo reached on an error. Chadez was thrown out at home plate on a double steal attempt, while Delgadillo took second. Cache Hance doubled home the runner and subsequently scored on a wild pitch.

That's where the scoring ended, tough, as the Huskies didn't get another hit through the end of the contest.

"Overall, I was happy with

our baseball team," JW Chadez said. "We did a lot of good things. Firth was the 2A state runner-up last year."

"(This week), we play three 3A teams in a tournament at Nyssa. I feel we are already ahead of where we were last season at this point — even though we were undefeated at that time — and most games we will start seven sophomores and only two seniors."

March 13: Marsing 8, Baker, Ore., 4 — The Huskies rode the strong arm of starting pitcher Teagan Kinney to a non-conference home win. Kinney threw four innings of no-hit ball, while striking out nine batters.

"I was really pleased with our all-around effort," Chadez said. "The team had 10 hits and routinely had good at-bats."

Leadoff hitter Jace Chadez set the table for his teammates, going 2-for-3 and scoring three times.

Adrian softball selling banners for new field

With a new softball field ready to go at Adrian High School, the program is selling sponsorships.

Banners will line the field, and all proceeds will help buy

new equipment, uniforms and more items for the program.

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includes team gear and a signed team photo.

More information is available from the Antelopes players or coach Trisha Shartner at (541) 212-6843.

The Antelopes' season is set to start Friday in Nyssa, Ore., with games against Parma (10 a.m.) and Greenleaf Friends Academy (2 p.m.).

The baseball team, coached by Mark Bateman, starts the season Tuesday, April 4 at Grant Union/Prairie City.

MARSING HUSKIES

Athletes of the Week

This week's schedule



Baseball
Teagan Kinney, so., P, SS
4 inning of no-hit ball, 9 Ks
vs. Baker, Ore.



Softball
Brooklyn Roadenbaugh,
fr., P
No-hitter, 21 strikeouts in
1-1 week



Track and field
Braden Ankeny, jr., sprints
3 runner-up finishes in New
Plymouth



Golf
Sophia Floyd, so.
One of two 10th-graders on
girls' team

Baseball
Varsity
Treasure Valley Invite
(In Nyssa, Ore.)
Thursday, March 23 vs. Filer,
1 p.m.
Friday, March 24 at Nyssa,
noon
Saturday, March 25 vs.
Marsh Valley, 10 a.m.

Track and field
Friday, March 24 at Diane
Thurmond Invite, Harper,
Ore., 1 p.m.

Softball
Varsity
Wednesday, March 22 at
Nyssa, Ore., 5 p.m.
Saturday, March 25 at On-
tario, Ore. (2), noon and 2:30
p.m.

Golf
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March 30 at 2A Western
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Sports

✓ Homedale: Baseball team awaits return of its injured ace to the mound

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Junior Dillon Fine, a returning All-State player and last year’s conference co-player of the year, won’t be able to pitch until April.

“If he regains his form, he could be unhittable at our level,” Deal said. “He’s a very dynamic player all around.”

Yet, the Trojans entered the season eager.

“We have a really great team. Our attitude, our work ethic are phenomenal,” Deal said. “This is one of the best groups of young men I have ever coached. I am impressed so far.

“These boys are happy to be out here. We are really getting a lot done in practice, in spite of the weather we have had. We have hit the ground running. Our practices have been very productive.”

The freshman class is the largest Deal has seen on the field in a decade.

“We will have two or three freshmen starting most of our games, which is something we haven’t had in a long time,” Deal said. “Our freshman class is very advanced, so they are up to the challenge.”

The top ninth-graders joining the varsity will also help with pitching depth in Fine’s absence. Fine is capable of an 87 mph fastball and in 73 innings last season he had 121 strikeouts, a 1.055 earned-run average and a 1.0 walks/hits to innings pitch (WHIP) ratio.

“We will miss him, but I think we have some great options in our rotation after Dillon,” Deal said.

Those options include:

- **Payton Fine, jr., IF/P** — Dillon’s brother was an All-3A SRV honorable mention selection last season after putting together a .425 batting average and amassing a 2.85 ERA and 2-3 record in 16 innings last year.
- **Xavier Uranga, fr., IF/P** — “He’s going to be a great pitcher for us,” Deal said, adding that Uranga is improving at the plate by the day, too. The son of former HHS standout Darren Uranga will split time between JV and varsity.

- **Lukas Hall, fr., C/P/IF** — “He’s a big kid with a big bat and a big arm,” Deal said. The coach says Hall has the potential to play in college. “He can really be a special baseball player,” the coach said.
- **Carson Fine, fr., OF/IF/P** — Deal calls the youngest Fine brother a “great young pitcher, hitter and fielder” and said the ninth-grader has worked hard during the offseason to get stronger.
- **Chance Martell, fr., OF/IF/P** — Like many of the Trojans, Martell saw action with the American Legion summer club Owyhee Rivercats. Deal said Martell “grew up a lot” during the summer campaign. “He has huge potential to be a great player for us over the next four years,” the coach said. “He is up to the challenge of being a varsity player as a freshman.”

Deal embraces the solid youth on the squad.

“We are a combination of veteran and rookie,” he said. “We have two or three freshmen starting most of our games.”

- **Oklin Carson, jr., OF/P** — Deal said Carson “has grown exponentially” after

picking up the game just 12 months ago. “He truly has the ability to be a special player on the diamond,” the coach said. “We love having him around.”

- **Andres Garcia, jr., IF/P** — The returning varsity player hit .333 and posted a .455 on-base percentage last season. He will go to the mound as well as play the corner infield positions.
- **Jayden Wutherich, jr., OF/IF/P** — Deal sees the returning varsity player as one of the Trojans’ top pitchers. He was a role player as a sophomore, but developed leadership skills during a strong JV season. “He’s very team-oriented and has worked real hard in the offseason, and has grown and improved by leaps and bounds,” Deal said.

Two first-team All-3A SRV players are back as infield anchors for their senior seasons:

- **D’Orr Packer, C/OF** — He hit .349 with a .481 OBP to become another of the great catchers in Deal’s coaching era. “He’s a quiet leader,” the coach said. “He’s a real foundational piece for

our team.”

Deal said Packer hopes to play the game beyond high school. “He’s everything you want out of a catcher,” the coach said.

- **Sigmund Goode, IF** — Goode was also a second-team All-State shortstop a year ago after hitting .405 and carrying a solid .543 OBP. “He is a difference-maker and has options to play in college if he wants to,” Deal said. “He has been a great mentor to our younger players thus far in the young season.”

One other newcomer Deal pointed out is junior outfielder **Kaleb Coronado**, who will swing between squads.

“He’s a great team guy with a great attitude,” Deal said. “He’s very positive, and he’s working really hard to grow and get better.”

With the pipeline of talent continuing into this season, the team’s goal is the same as it is every spring.

“Our goal as always is to be playing for a state championship in May,” Deal said. “We plan to push people with our brand of baseball.” — JPB

✓ Trojans: Homedale piles up runs to complete unbeaten opening week

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The Wildcats knotted the score in the bottom of the frame on a wild pitch and a fielder’s choice.

Oklin Carson settled down to pitch three innings and get the victory. He struck out five batters, and he and Dillon Fine and Xavier Uranga teamed on a two-hitter. Fine struck out the side in his only inning of work.

Fine scored four runs and knocked in five more. His four hits included two triples and a double.

Martell also had a double and triple, while Uranga scored three times despite not being in the starting lineup.

Packer crossed home plate four times, and Carson helped his own cause with a 3-for-4 performance that included three

RBI and two runs scored.

The Trojans logged seven stolen bases.

Saturday, Game 1: Homedale 12, Filer 2 — Packer lined a double to clear the bases then scored on Dillon Fine’s triple for half of the Trojans’ runs in a decisive seventh-inning rally.

Jayden Wutherich crushed a solo home run to begin the

rally with two outs in the Trojans’ final at-bat.

Homedale owned a 4-2 lead in a tight game before the explosion.

The Trojans built a 4-0 lead with clutch hitting.

Wutherich’s line-drive single brought home Carson with the game’s first run in the fourth.

Sigmund Goode drilled an RBI triple and scored on Packer’s base hit in the fifth.

Payton Fine led off the sixth with a double and scored on Martell’s base hit.

Wutherich and Packer knocked in three runs apiece.

Payton Fine got the win behind five strikeouts while he scattered three hits over 4 1/3 innings.

Homedale came up with five more stolen bases.

Last Wednesday: Homedale 18, New Plymouth 7 (5) — The mystery went out of the Trojans’ opener quickly at John Jackson Field.

Homedale ended a stalemate with 17 runs over two innings in a non-conference rout.

With the score tied, 1-1, the Trojans exploded with nine runs in the bottom of the second inning.

Pilgrims pitchers Koby Padgett and Parker Boring

struggled mightily in the frame, walking five batters and hitting two others. Carson ripped a two-run single in the rally.

Andres Garcia’s ground-ball double down the right-field line cleared the bases and was the Trojans’ big hit in the inning. Garcia knocked in five runs in the game while going 2-for-2 with three runs scored.

Sigmund Goode lined a two-run triple into right field in the third inning as Homedale racked up eight more runs to build a 17-3 lead. Martell came up with a two-run single in the uprising, too.

Dillon Fine doubled and scored three times.

Packer and Wutherich drove in two runs apiece.

Payton Fine started the game on the mound, pitching two-hit ball over three innings. The Pilgrims scored three unearned runs as Fine struck out four.

Fine and three teammates combined on a three-hitter.

Carson led a bunch of speedy HHS base runners, legging out an infield hit and beating a force play at second to prolong an inning. More pressure was placed on the Pilgrims’ defense with seven stolen bases, including two each from Carson and Dillon Fine.



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Sports

No-hitter vs. Fruitland helps scrappy Huskies gain split

A spurt of inconsistency in an otherwise superb week of pitching led to defeat Saturday for Marsing High School’s softball team.

Payette scored single runs in the sixth and seventh inning for a 5-3 non-conference victory on the Huskies’ field.

Marsing (1-2 overall) was coming off a season series split with Fruitland behind a no-hitter by Brooklyn Roadenbaugh. The Huskies beat the Grizzlies, 10-0, in five innings on Thursday.

But Roadenbaugh ran into trouble during the latter stages of Saturday’s game.

The Pirates snapped a 3-3 tie in the sixth inning behind a hit batter, two stolen bases and a fielder’s choice.

Payette added a run in the top of the seventh when Jordan Barrett singled with one out and later stole home.

The Huskies had battled back from a deficit after Payette had scored three runs in its first at-bat.

Roadenbaugh settled down after the first inning, amassing 14 strikeouts and allowing just two hits.

The stability in the circle allowed Marsing to rally.

The Huskies tied the score when Mila

Astorquia tripled and scored on Mariah Colbert’s single in the fifth inning. Marsing left the bases loaded.

Colbert also doubled in the first inning.

Marsing began its comeback an inning earlier.

Roadenbaugh led off with a walk and Bailey Daugherty singled before Ady Chadez’s run-scoring grounder and a passed ball.

Thursday: Marsing 10, Fruitland 0 (5) — Roadenbaugh struck out seven and pitched around six walks in her no-hit performance.

Mila Astorquia crushed a two-run home run as the Huskies broke open the game with a four-run second inning.

The senior scored three runs and singled in the fifth.

Lilly Thoene also crossed the plate three times after racking up three singles.

She scored on Daugherty’s first-inning double

Colbert scored on of her two runs in the second on an error when Roadenbaugh doubled.

Taylor Callison singled and scored on a wild pitch to start the second-inning uprising.

✓ Huskies: Transfer students help maintain track team’s steady ranks

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“Last season, we had a lot of new kids, so we were building a foundation for many of them,” the third-year coach said. “With almost all returners from last year, now we will be able to develop their skills and see a lot more success for the team.”

The biggest loss from the 2022 squad was fifth-place 2A state meet discus thrower Trayton Jacobi, who won the District III championship in his senior season.

“We lost very few kids from last year,” Ankeny said.

Returners and newcomers alike tasted success at last Wednesday’s Pilgrim Spring Opener in New Plymouth.

Junior Braden Ankeny was runner-up in the 200-meter dash (23.72 seconds) and the 400 (52.49), while his cousin took second in the 800 at 2:14.46. He mirrored his placements in last year’s District III meet. At State, he finished second in the 200 and third in the 400.

The Ankeny cousins — Braden is a veteran, Eli transferred from Middleton — ran the final two legs for the Huskies’ runner-up 4x400 relay team. Seniors Jordan Blas and Josue Espejel opened the effort.

Credited with a personal record in the 800 on athletic net, Eli also posted a PR in the triple jump (11th at 35-4½).

Senior Jordan Blas will also help the Huskies’ sprinting prowess.

Heidi Ankeny said returners like Blas, Braden Ankeny and

the Vanosdall sisters (Emily and Raylnn) will once again stand out for the Huskies.

“They are all hard workers with years of experience and success in the past,” she said.

Eli is among four first-year Huskies who are expected to make impacts on the boys’ squad, including throwers Tristen Izzard, Bentley McIntyre and Caleb White.

“We hardly lost anyone, so we have a large number of experienced athletes,” Heidi Ankeny said. “We’re also gaining a few key newcomers who look like they will contribute in a great way.”

The coach is still concerned that the size of the roster, even though it has expanded, will make team scoring difficult in meets.

While the boys’ squad has a few new faces, the girls’ team is comprised of many of the same athletes from a year ago.

Senior Emily Vanosdall and her sister, sophomore Raylynn Vanosdall, picked up Marsing’s best finishes in the girls’ meet at the Pilgrim Spring Opener.

Emily was fourth in the triple jump at 30 feet, 6 inches, and her sister finished fifth at 30-4¾.

Sophomore transfer Ashlyn Porter was 11th in 28-¼.

Another 10th-grader, Sydney Nelson, took third in the 400 meters at 1 minute, 8.26 seconds. Senior Vanessa Freeman was sixth in 1:09.6.

Freeman ran a sixth-place time of 29.23 in the 200 meters, and Nelson posted a personal-best time of 29.75 for eighth place.

In the 100-meter dash, Raylynn Vanosdall was eighth in 14.34, .12 of a second in front of Freeman.

Freshman Breann Dickerson had a strong debut in the 3,200 meters, running a 10th-place time of 18:15.36. Sophomore Wendy Alvarez also PR’d with an 11th-place mark of 19:54.45.

More personal records were attained in the throws.

Junior shot-putter Trinity Stimmel finished 11th with a PR distance of 24-3, while senior teammate Llee Loucks’ PR of 24-2 was good for 12th.

Stimmel finished 10th in the discus throw at 69-5½, while Nelson PR’d for a 17th-place mark of 62-10.

— JPB

✓ Raiders: Dual-sport athletes, distance runners power Rimrock track

From Page 13

Plymouth, but veteran athletes were able to pull down top-five finishes.

Junior Loyd Boren had the best finish of the day, earning the bronze medal in the boys’ 800 meters with a time of 2 minutes, 14.64 seconds. He also finished fifth in the 1,600 at 4:57.9.

“Loyd Boren will be one to watch in the distance events,” Dygert said. “He is coming off of a successful cross country season and is itching to break into the top four of our tough district distance runners.”

Boren has placed at the cross country state meet each of the past two falls.

Senior Moss Macmillan established a personal record with an 18th-place finish in the 800 (2:28.21).

Two strong relay runners — Juan Alamilla and French exchange student Dan Meyrueix — left the program after last year’s state meet.

But the 4x200 relay may remain in good hands after last year’s runner-up showing in the state final at Middleton High School. Meyruix and his teammates won the District III championship in May.

Macmillan ran the third leg of the 4x200 relay last Wednesday to help send the Raiders to fifth place. Three seniors — Juan’s brother Julio, Aden Aquiso and Macmillan — started the effort, and sophomore Ronaldo Gomez closed a 1:43.63 effort.

Julio Alamilla was on the 4x200 team last year, too. He ran the lead leg for the school’s state-qualifying 4x400 relay as well.

Now a senior, Aquiso returns with two district gold medals. He won the long jump and was part of the 4x200 relay team.

He also produced a career-best throw in the shot put last week, at 34 feet, 2 inches.

Rimrock’s girls’ roster has a ton of returners, too.

Reigning long jump district champion Maklay Moore, a senior, finished fourth last week at 14-8¾.

“Aden and Maklay will be ones to watch at the long jump pit,” Dygert said. “They are both eager to defend their district champion titles.”

Junior teammate Ashten Moore was runner-up last week in the long jump at 14-10½. Ashten also finished 14th in the triple jump at 27-10. She was district runner-up a year ago.

Ashten Moore took 10th in the 400 at 1:11.5. She has qualified for the state meet in the event in each of her first prep seasons.

“Ashten Moore is a top-notch competitor in all of her events,” Dygert said. “If she can find consistency this year, she will be hard to beat.”

Another long-distance junior, Goya Lemus, started the year with a ninth-place showing in the 800 (2:47.49), and she finished 14th in the 400 (1:12.66).

She set a PR in the 1,600 with a seventh-place time of 6:22.52.

Dygert said the new talent coming up from the Raiders’ middle school program is promising, too.

Morgan Field’s high school debut was a 16th-place finish in the discus (95-4) and 26th-best shot put effort of 32-2.

Field joins the Raiders after sweeping the throws titles in the 1A Western Idaho Conference middle school championships last spring. His PR in the shot put is 40-7, and he has attained a mark of 142-1 in the discus.

Dygert expects great things from Field and fellow ninth-grader Olivia Farfan.

“Both Olivia Farfan and Morgan Field are going to shine in their events as freshman,” the third-year coach said. “They are two extremely talented and hard-working athletes who are excited to compete at the high school level.”

Dygert’s program enjoys the double-edge sword of carrying dual-sport athletes.

Rimrock doesn’t have a softball team this spring, but many of the male athletes will split time with the baseball team.

“A lot of our athletes are dual athletes, so it can be tough to keep focus and healthy to be able to compete both seasons,” Dygert said.

The track and field team’s strengths are self-evident based on previous success.

“Both boys and girls are going to be strong in the jumping events — especially the long jump,” Dygert said. “Our boys’ team will be tough in relays again this year.

The girls will be tough in the mid-distance and distance races.”

— JPB

Sports

Runner-up Trojans play through struggles on home course

Ontario golfer,
Kimberly win
Icebreaker

The hometown golfers scrambled effectively during the Homedale Icebreaker last Wednesday.

Sophomore Luke Henry shot an 84 to lead the Homedale High School contingent over 18 holes at River Bend Golf Course in Wilder.

“Luke Henry just didn’t find his game with his driver/irons, but he’s just a smart player on the course and find ways to rebound,” first-year Trojans coach Raymond Smith said.

“His short game skill set was

in first gear to save the day.”

Henry and the rest of the runner-up Trojans struggled with the conditions along the Snake River. But they still impressed their new coach.

Homedale amassed a 346 team score, which was 10 strokes behind team champion Kimberly. Seventeen teams from Idaho and Oregon sent golfers.

“Despite the cold temperatures and the wind blowing the whole morning and afternoon,” Smith said, “I thought the boys did very well for our first season opener tourney here at home.

“I’m proud of these boys and girls for the effort they put in every practice despite the

cold, rainy, windy and snowy conditions we dealt with the last two weeks of practice.”

Ontario, Ore.’s Tyce Helmick was medalist with a 2-under 70. Weiser’s Carter Williams took third at 1-over 73.

Kimberly’s Toby Heider was runner-up at 1-under-par 71.

Homedale’s Kinley Balkovetz finished two shots behind Henry, rallying after his game began to click midway through the back nine.

“Kinley couldn’t get his shots to line up where they needed to be on the front nine, then he birdied 13 and got his game back strong,” Smith said.

McCoy Swallow and Tyler Erickson both came in with

88s.

Swallow is the Trojans’ bomber off the tee, and Smith said he had his short game working as well.

“He’s our long-drive golfer and just loves to get close to the green as much as possible,” Smith said.

Smith said Erickson made adjustments to smooth out his game on the back nine after struggling through the first nine holes.

Levi Jamison held together for a 91.

“Levi Jamison played good in the beginning and struggled a little on the green with putting, but he maintained his composure,” Smith said.

Every 3A Snake River Valley

conference team competed in the tournament.

McCall-Donnelly finished third, nine shots behind Homedale, behind Tate Ova’s 77. Only three of the Vandals’ four scoring golfers broke 100.

Luke Redmond and Noah Krohn carded 94s to lead Parma’s 406.

Tyler Eiger scored 94, and AJ Hyatt added a 99 for Fruitland’s 408.

Payette’s low scorers were Ryle Nuñez and AJ Haun (both at 113), and the team scored 464.

Weiser had only three golfers, including Williams, and didn’t qualify for the team tourney.

Marsing golfers taking deliberate approach to season

Pace of play is a big deal in golf, but the pace at which the Marsing High School season has started has to be drag for the Huskies and coach Aaron Christiansen.

Marsing isn’t scheduled to see a golf course for competition until March 30 for a 2A Western Idaho Conference nine-hole tournament at Eagle Hills Golf Course in Meridian.

But even that tournament, hosted by The Ambrose School, may be in limbo because it is being staged during Marsing’s Spring Break.

The Huskies’ third-year coach said he opted out of sending players to last week’s Homedale Icebreaker 18-hole tournament at River Bend Golf Course because of dicey weather conditions.

So, in the meantime, the small Marsing golfing contingent continues to put in practice time and practice rounds at TimberStone Golf Course outside Caldwell.

For practical reasons, that may be exactly what the young Huskies need.

Sam Milburn is back as the team’s most consistent competitor from last season. And he’s a sophomore.

“He has a solid game and the most experience of anyone on the team,” his coach said. “He has the potential to take a big step this year and has aspirations of qualifying for the state tournament.”

But the Marsing boys’ squad is chock full with young, returning players.

“The boys have three returning golfers

who played in every varsity event last year,” Aaron Christiansen said.

“We have two new additions to the boys’ varsity who haven’t seen much time on the course, but will be looking to improve their games and impact the team as the season progresses.”

There are no seniors on the team after Gwyn Nielson left after her two seasons on the girls’ squad.

“We will miss her support, enthusiasm and love of the game on our team,” Christiansen said.

The team leaders, at least in terms of age, are four juniors – James Christiansen, Xavier Linker, and Austin Nielsen on the boys’ squad, and Kimmie Loucks for the girls.

The remaining players are sophomores

Sophia Floyd and Lylian Lawson.

“The girls return everyone else from last year, and for the first time will not have any first-time golfer on the girls’ team,” Aaron Christiansen said. “I’m looking forward to watching the girls’ games progress this season.”

Christiansen is backed up by second-year assistant coach Petra Vawter.

The coach expects Ambrose, Cole Valley Christian and Nampa Christian to be the toughest teams in the conference.

“They are always well-coached and their players are very skilled,” Christiansen said. “They always present a good measuring stick for our teams to chase.”

— JPB

First of Melba seniors’ last track meets is a strong one

Owyhee athletes
do their part

Owyhee County sprinters McKoy Richardson and Kaden Dayley began their final high school sports season in winning fashion.

The Melba High School seniors either won individual titles or played a part in relay victories several times last Wednesday in the Pilgrim Opener in New Plymouth.

Richardson won the 400-meter run in 52.04 seconds, while Dayley was fourth at 56-flat.

Richardson also won the 300-meter intermediate hurdles

with a time of 41.86.

Dayley ran the third leg of the Mustangs’ winning 4x200-meter relay. Brothers Carsten (sophomore) and Braden (senior) Volkers ran the first half of the race, and Dayley handed the baton to sophomore Korey Magdaleno for the anchor leg. The team finished in 1 minute, 36.86 seconds.

Dayley ran the final lap of Melba’s winning effort in the 4x400 relay. The team finished in 3:43.09 with the first three of junior Noah West, senior Wyatt Myers, and junior Raivio Manzer.

Melba’s final boys’ relay championship came in the 4x100 with the Volkers brothers

leading off then giving way to senior Brenton Overall for the third leg as West finished the 46.84 effort.

Another Owyheean won the girls’ 400 as junior Brooklyn Dayley ran a 1:05.39. Freshman Hayden Higgins was runner-up in 1:08.17 in her high school debut.

Seniors Meya Young and Kendall Clark won multiple events.

Clark won two jumping events and teamed with Young to run the first two legs in the 4x100 relay.

Clark cleared 5 feet, 2 inches to win the high jump, and she beat teammate Melina Helm (another senior) by five feet

in the triple jump. Clark’s winning distance was 36-8.

Young won the 100 in 13.6 and the long jump in 17-4¼. She also ran the first leg of the 4x100, which Melba captured in 51.8.

After Clark took the baton from Young, juniors Hallie Arnold and Ahna Shaffer closed out the relay championship.

Shaffer was runner-up in the 100-meter dash in 13.74 seconds.

Another senior, Rozzlyn Cazier, won the 1,600 meters in 5:46.06. Fellow senior Braelyn Scott was fifth in 6:17.06.

Back in the boys’ meet, Richardson was runner-up in the long jump at 20-3. Braden

Volkers finished second in the triple jump at 40-2½.

Sophomore Isaac Orias cleared nine feet for fourth place and a personal record in a pole vault. Senior Walt Myers also PR’d in the pole vault with a seventh-place height of 6-6.

Carsten Volkers pulled off a PR of 12.26, finished seventh in the 100.

Arnold (second, 28.19), Shaffer (third, 28.23) and Higgins (fourth, 28.95) dominated the top five in the girls’ 200.

Cazier’s personal-best 2:35.34 was good for second place in the girls’ 800, and Dayley was third at 2:35.59.

Cazier was third in the 3,200.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

March 25, 1998



A panel consisting of Barbara Jayo (back to camera), Delores Ihli, Bob Harris, Jim Hyslop, Tom Hall and Nick Ihli shared stories of former Owyhee County sheriffs at the Murphy museum Friday.

OCHS collects oral history on past sheriffs

Members of the Owyhee County Historical Society filled the Murphy museum with laughter Friday night as charter members of the Sheriff’s Posse and others shared both first person and handed-down accounts of past Owyhee County sheriffs.

Since 1865, 29 men have carried the sheriff’s badge in the county, many for two terms or more. Such men as Mike Rock, Claude Sullivan, Al Barberis and Tim Nettleton have achieved legendary status.

The purpose of the meeting was to share information in an attempt to fill in some of the holes left as Julie Hyslop continues work on a comprehensive history of the county’s past sheriffs.

Hyslop recounted an almost unbelievable tale that took place in the 1960s, when Barberis was sheriff.

Seems that members of the Hell’s Angels motorcycle gang were reportedly on their way from Murphy to Silver City, to wreak havoc upon the unsuspecting townsfolk. Barberis got a group together to confront them.

“So they drove out into the Owyhee desert in the middle of the night,” Hyslop said. “When they came into Silver they found one man with a gun hiding under the bridge. The group then went to DeLamar, getting madder and madder.

“They came upon a camper, and surrounded it with guns drawn, scaring the occupants to death. There was Al, with nobody to arrest.”

Senate sends ranchers’ rights bill to Gov. Batt

The Idaho Senate last week left it up to Gov. Phil Batt to confirm if grazing permits on public land will be considered private property rights.

The Senate voted 24-9 Thursday to send a rancher’s rights bill to Batt. Sen. Robbi King, R-Glenns Ferry, said the bill would assert ranchers’ rights as outlined in the Taylor Grazing Act, legislation that allows grazing on public land and allows ranchers to buy and sell leased permits.

911 question to be on Nov. ballot

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman and the board of county commissioners on Monday agreed to let the voters decide if they’re willing to pay a \$1 surcharge on their telephone bills to help finance a 911 emergency dispatch system.

Aman told the commissioners he is frequently asked, most often by senior citizens, “When are we going to have 911? It’s the biggest topic with them.”

Commissioner Chet Sellman said the county should place the question on the November general election ballot and let the voters decide. Aman said the surcharge would generate about \$82,000 a year. The charge would be levied at \$1 per telephone line.

50 years ago

March 22, 1973



DARRYL WARWICK, left, was presented a plaque by incoming Chamber of Commerce president Jerry Shipley for his year of service as president of the Homedale Chamber. At right is Gordon Cahill, new vice-president. Photo by Bette Uda

‘Timepiece’ wins three awards

Homedale High School’s Trojan Timepiece won three awards in the 27th annual University of Idaho high school journalism conference held in Moscow the weekend of March 9-10.

The Trojan Timepiece won a first class honor rating in the Class II category for high schools with more than 250 enrollment; third place awards in feature writing and sports writing in duplicated newspapers.

Kathy Westby rated third in the Gladys Rae Swank special award which is made annually to the high school girl who has put forth great effort in fulfilling a difficult newspaper assignment.

The Rimrock Raider of Grand View High School received a second class honor rating in Class III category for schools with less than 250 enrollment.

Bicandi leads as trainer of race horses

With a third of the Portland Meadows racing season over, Ysedro Bicandi, formerly of Homedale, is the leading trainer with 8 first places, 3 seconds and 4 thirds out of 36 starts, according to the Portland Oregonian.

Bicandi, who now hails from Ridgefield, Wash., saddled two winners last week. He has been among the 10 top trainers at Portland Meadows several times in recent years.

Jim Nazworthy, another former Homedale man, is in sixth place among Portland Meadows trainers, with 5 wins, 3 seconds and 3 thirds in 22 starts.

Homedale JH students accepted by NHS

Fourteen junior high school students at Homedale were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society during a special ceremony recently at the new high school gymnasium.

Receiving membership certificates were Russel Anderson, Kevin Henson, both eighth grade students and the following seventh grade students: Mara d’Arima, Janet Cegnar, Matt Daniell, Joe Demshar, Carmen Stimmel, Steve Huffman, Annette Thatcher, Dana Grow, Jenny Pottenger, Jerry Knight, Brett Tolmie and Kim Matteson. The membership certificates were presented by Nolan Taggart, Junior High advisor.

The ceremony opened with Janiece Vanosdall giving remarks about the merits of the Honor Society. The Junior High Band, under the direction of Jack Fields, played two numbers “All Praise to Thee,” and “Hallelujah.”

155 years ago

March 21, 1868

EIGHT HOUR LAW.—The eight hour law, recently passed by the California Legislature, goes into effect the 19th of April next. By its provisions eight hours’ labor is a legal day’s work, except when otherwise stipulated between the parties concerned. In all contracts in which the State, County, or municipal government therein is a party, eight hours shall constitute a legal day’s work. Any person or persons having minor children in their employ, or under their control, either as wards or apprentices, and who shall exact from such more than eight hours’ labor, shall upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars, or, in default of which, shall be imprisoned in the County Jail not less than two nor more than twenty days. Agricultural, horticultural, vinicultural and the services of household and domestic servants are not included within the provisions of this law, nor does it apply to contracts already made but not yet performed.

THE WEATHER.—It snowed and drifted the early part of the week, then cleared up and was warm and pleasant. Quartz hauling continues and stages arrive regularly. Clouded up and raining as we go to press.

INDIAN MASSACRE.—Again we are compelled to chronicle another of those terrible outrages that during the last four years has been so common in our midst. Again an industrious citizen has been brutally murdered and added to the bloody list of savage atrocities. On Wednesday, the 18th inst, as a Mr. Jarvis, from Boise Valley, was bringing a wagon-load of vegetables to this place, he was killed by Indians in the Canon between Carson’s Ranch, on Reynold’s Creek, and Fruit’s Ferry, on Snake River — the same locality where the stage was attacked and three men killed about a year ago. There are but few facts known in relation to this last bloody deed, as there are no living witnesses except the murderers themselves. From a gentleman named McDowell, who was the first to come along afterwards, we learn the following particulars: Mr. Jarvis crossed Snake River in the morning, on the same boat with the stage, which was also coming this way. He had a span of horses and light wagon loaded with potatoes, cabbages, eggs, &c., intended for this market. He followed after the stage, which was probably an hour ahead of him at the time of the attack, supposed to be about noon. Mr. McDowell came along the next morning, and when about two miles below the scene of the murder he discovered moccasin tracks, apparently by two Indians in crossing the road. Proceeding up the canoe, he found the remains of the wagon, which had been burned; the vegetables were scattered round and the eggs broken. A short distance above the wagon our informant noticed some blood in the road, and apparently where a scuffle had ensued. Supposing that some one had been killed, and probably not being quite sure of the safety of his own scalp, he passed on over the summit. Meeting the return stage, Mr. McDowell accompanied it back to the spot where the wagon was burned, near which the body of Jarvis was found, stripped naked, but not mutilated — not even scalped. He was shot in the lower part of the abdomen and in the breast. Of course the horses and everything the Indians could appropriate were taken away. The body was put on the stage and taken down to the Ferry. We have been unable to learn aught of the history of the unfortunate man.

Commentary

Letters to the editor

We need compassion, not restriction of property use

I have had the pleasure of home ownership in Homedale since the late '90s.

I want to help establish a kind, caring, community who welcomes all.

I ask those who wish to be judgmental about their neighbors to stand back and find empathy, compassion, and understanding.

We all would like our town to be picture-perfect. Creating rules to enforce your ideas is not a picture I want our community to undertake.

An RV, a converted shed, garage or even a tent to give fellow citizens a place to shelter is being Christian like that of the innkeeper who allowed Mary and Joseph a place to lay their beautiful baby.

This country is losing freedom. Rights are being denied all because it does not satisfy someone else.

How dare we forget the kindness we were raised to extend our fellow citizens.

Land is precious, space is limited for everyone to afford the perfect place to live.

Open your hearts, allow me, the owner of my property, to do what I feel is best for my family. If it doesn't make you happy, maybe offer some help. Not advice. Not opinions. Not judgements.

Please, Planning and Zoning Commission, stop trying to create a picture-perfect community, rather than have compassion and empathy. If I can build a stable on my property to help someone have shelter -- it's my property and I pay taxes for the privilege to do what's necessary to survive. And do not say, "If we allow this, then we'll have chaos."

This is just another way to control your next door neighbor.

Control your own surroundings. Be prayerful and thankful to all who surround you during a lifetime. Find ways to bless them.

Thank you for opening up our community to support all we can in this fragile time.

Dennis and Carroll Dodd
Homedale

The Dodds live within the Homedale city limits. The proposed ordinance regulating RV use would pertain only to properties outside city limits in Owyhee County. This letter was sent to the county's community planning department and copied to The Owyhee Avalanche. It has been modified to fit the newspaper's 300-word limit on letters to the editor.

— Ed.

County survey crucial to finding RV solutions

By now, most everyone in Owyhee County has received a community survey in the mail concerning use of RVs as homes in unincorporated areas. Now, the survey itself is a straight-forward, one-page questionnaire. But, it's not easy. Frankly, I'm having a hard time completing it because I'm torn on coming up with any meaningful solutions.

For me, the sticking point is the issue of mitigating the impact that the growing RV population has on our county. The survey asks for guidance about requiring time limits and permits.

First, let's talk about permits. The revenue would help with the additional county burdens. But who sets the price? Poverty-stricken individuals and families

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JP Doodles



Montana-based syndicated editorial cartoonist Barry McWilliams passed away in August 2021. The McWilliams Estate has given The Owyhee Avalanche permission to publish his cartoon. McWilliams' cartoons appeared in more than 1,500 newspapers, and he visited hundreds of elementary schools teaching children to draw.

Mtn. States Policy Center Well-designed ESA wouldn't threaten parents who choose homeschooling

by Amber Gunn and Sen. Ben Toews

If there is one thing homeschool families have in common, it's the desire to be left alone about their education choices. Parents go to great sacrificial lengths to homeschool, including paying all expenses out of pocket, often doing so on a single salary. Homeschoolers get used to doing things in their own way, in their own time, on their own dime.

Homeschool families have a unique set of concerns when it comes to policy debates about education. Many have already opted out of a classroom setting because of special or unique needs or talents of their children, religious or philosophical beliefs, or lack of education options in their area.

Many homeschool families rightfully greet the prospect of education choice with a heavy dose of skepticism. "Education choice" means allowing some of a state's education money to follow the student to the education method or school of their choice (including homeschool), usually in the form of Education Savings Accounts (ESAs).

In Idaho, the ESA debate was in full swing this Legislature as lawmakers considered allowing parents to control some of a student's education dollars. For homeschool families the opposition to any iteration of education choice comes down to one primary concern: government control. After all, prior to the early 1980s, homeschooling was treated as a crime in many states. Homeschoolers have spent decades crawling out

Amber Gunn and Sen. Ben Toews
for Mountain States Policy Center

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Homedale resident Oscar Evans is on the board of directors.

Learn more at mountainstatespolicy.org.



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Commentary

Financial management

Show parents responsibility to soften grudge over late loan

Dear Dave,

I've having some problems with my parents, and I'm hoping you can help. Last summer, I borrowed \$2,500 from them, and it is taking me longer to pay them back than we agreed. Since the payback date passed, they have made several comments about money when we're together, and our relationship seems strained. I have taken steps in the past couple of months to become more financially responsible. I am now doing things like living on a budget, and putting something from each paycheck into a savings account. How should I approach this issue with them?

— Remi

Dear Remi,

Loaning money to, or borrowing money from, relatives or friends often leads to bruised feelings. I'm sorry you're going through this, but I hope it will teach you and your folks a valuable lesson going forward. There's nothing wrong with giving money in a situation like this, as long as you're not enabling bad behavior by doing so. But a loan between friends or family is something I never



grudge there's really not a lot you can do, especially if you took longer than agreed upon to pay them back. It just takes more time with some people — and in some cases even parents — for those kinds of things to heal. You have to remember, in their minds, there's an element of responsibility and trust involved here. But considering it's your mom and dad we're talking about, I'd say they'll lighten up and become a little easier to be around with time.

Until that happens, though, maybe you could look for chances to mention your new approach to finances during conversations with them. Even something as simple as an off-hand remark about how much you were able to put into savings from your recent paychecks may encourage them to see things in a different light. Letting them know you're actively working to change your ways and gain control of your finances could mean a lot to them.

Give it a try!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

✓ Homeschooling: Latest ESA bill couldn't make it out of committee

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from the thumb of government hegemony. ESAs are viewed as a Trojan Horse that will allow the state to reassert influence over homeschooling. No matter how good the bill looks, ESA opponents embrace the slippery slope fallacy and assert that an inevitable chain of bad things will happen in rapid succession, leading to homeschooling's demise. The fundamental appeal of this argument is fear.

As homeschoolers, we would be the last people to defend every iteration of an "education choice" bill. Money is not the ticket to a homeschooler's heart — freedom is. But money is a neutral tool that may produce greater control or freedom depending on the criteria attached to its use.

In the case of any proposed education choice bill, we must resist the urge to view them all equally. Interestingly, conservative homeschoolers sometimes line up with far-left socialists and union members in opposition to education choice, albeit for very different reasons. In either case, categorical opposition to ESAs is always rooted in fear-based arguments: ESAs will destroy public education. ESAs will destroy homeschooling. ESAs will destroy the religious freedom of private schools. ESAs will leave rural students without options.

Could a poorly designed ESA program result in one or more of those outcomes? Yes. Just as a knife may be used to prepare a delicious meal or to grievously wound a person, ESAs are neutral tools that must be wielded thoughtfully by policymakers. It is dishonest to ignore causal links and evidence to present a false dilemma that ESAs are categorically good or bad regardless of how they are set up.

The truth is there are "right" ways and dangerous ways to set up ESA programs. As Idaho recognizes, it is parents who "have the fundamental right and duty to make decisions concerning their [children's] education." An appropriate and effective ESA program should serve to enhance this right and duty

in an "opt-in" manner. Although it should ideally be available to all Idaho families, sometimes ESAs are narrowly tailored to low-income or special needs students only. A lack of universality or policy perfection in a pilot ESA bill is not a principled reason for outright rejection.

The purpose of education choice is to give parents the means to choose the education method that best suits the needs of their individual child, not to bring the child under the regulation and purview of the state. It should be simple, clear, understandable, and place as much of the decision-making power as possible with parents. It should explicitly forbid state control over curriculum or religious choices of parents and include protective language for private schools and homeschool families.

If these criteria are met, it would be needlessly cruel to oppose a policy that would fling wide the doors of opportunity for families who are unable to homeschool for financial reasons, especially when the entire program is "opt-in" and requires no additional funding for students transferring out of public school. Parents who have any reservations can continue homeschooling on their own dime outside of the program. Meanwhile, the ranks of Idaho's homeschoolers will increase, meaning more families will be prepared to defend against future government intrusion.

The reality is that state governments can and do exert regulatory control over homeschoolers whether government money is involved or not. In Washington state, for example, parents must be "qualified" as defined by the government, file an annual declaration with the school district where they reside, teach 11 required subjects, have their children tested or evaluated annually by a "qualified" individual, and keep records of academic progress. All these rules exist without homeschoolers receiving one cent of government money. In fact, legislators often propose amendments to Washington's homeschool law to enhance government control or lower the age that homeschool parents must

begin reporting about their children to the state.

Lack of government money does not protect homeschool families from state regulation. Vigilance and defense against government overreach is a pervasive role that all homeschool parents must accept if they value their academic freedom.

We urge homeschool parents not to prioritize a hypothetical risk about the problems a poorly designed ESA program may create over the very real crisis that a well-designed ESA program can solve. The possibility that the state might, at some point, exert more control over homeschooling through some future version of a corrupted ESA program is less pressing than the fact that parents are presently compelled by the government to submit their children to an education that may not be best for them, unless they are wealthy enough to opt out.

A well-designed ESA program is not a threat to homeschoolers and is a godsend to kids who are trapped in failing or unresponsive schools. It is unreasonable to oppose every version of a policy that would enable these kids to have the kinds of opportunities our homeschooled children already enjoy on the fear that, someday, if a series of bad things happen in succession, we might lose some of our homeschool freedom.

Update: The Idaho House Education Committee on March 14 voted, 9-7, to kill HB 289, a bill by Dist. 24A Rep. Lance Clow (R-Twin Falls), which would have created very limited Education Savings Accounts in Idaho.

— Amber Gunn is senior policy analyst at Mountain States Policy Center and a homeschooling mother of five. Dist. 4 state Sen. Ben Toews (R-Coeur d'Alene) is a founding member of a homeschool co-op. The first-term state senator is vice-chair of the Senate Education Committee and also serves on the State Affairs and Transportation committees.

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don't need the financial hit.

Then, there is the question of time limits. How long is long enough? At what point does living temporarily become something else? How long does it take the average family to find permanent housing in this county? On the other hand, you could use RV time limits to encourage unwanted friends or relatives to leave in a timely manner. Plus, it may help in deterring crime.

Finally, there is the issue of fairness. The property tax-paying residents do not need the extra cost of services provided to the RV residents. No property owner wants a tax increase. The RV dwellers would

argue that there is a real housing shortage in this county and they have to live somewhere.

So, what to do. Everyone in this county needs to complete the survey and participate in finding fair and balanced solutions, including me.

Jennifer Stevenson
Homedale

Sports

Rabbit Creek 100 ready to push off in desert

The biggest desert race weekend of the year had to wait a week.

But the Rabbit Creek 100 is back on Saturday and Sunday in the Owyhee Desert.

The AMA National Hare and

Hound Series stop, originally scheduled last weekend, was postponed because of snowy and muddy conditions on the course outside Murphy.

The DIRT Inc.-sponsored race also serves as the second

round of the Southwestern Idaho Desert Racing Association (SIDRA) season and attracts several local riders, including Homedale residents Rylan and Kaden Binford and Jace Love.

Youth races will be held Saturday, and the Pro and Sportsman classes fan out across the desert on Sunday.

The two loops cover 95 miles.

The Binford boys and Love recently raced in the AMA National Grand Prix Championship series stop in Glen Helen in Southern California.

This is the first season for all three friends competing in the series.

Rylan finished fifth in the 201-250cc class, covering the four-lap course in 1 hour, 38 minutes, 12 seconds. He finished 41st overall in the 4-stroke A class.

Love was runner-up in the Novice class, and Kaden was 10th in Intermediate and 14th in the 4-stroke B division.

There were 30 to 38 riders in each race.

Rylan Binford has run a full schedule in the NGPC series this year:

- **Feb. 4, Taft, Calif.** — 7th 201-250cc, 13th 4-stroke
- **Jan. 14, Delano, Calif.** — 8th 201-250cc and 4-stroke
- Kaden Binford has run two other NGPC races:
- **Feb. 4, Taft, Calif.** — 16th 201-250cc B, 13th 4-stroke B
- **Jan. 14, Delano, Calif.** — 2nd 4-stroke C, 13th 17th Novice/Beginner

Love competed in the Feb. 4 race in Taft, finishing fifth in the 4-stroke C class, 16th in the 201-250cc C division, and 35th overall.

The SIDRA season opened March 4 with the Desert Raiders Oreana 100. Melba ride Carter Stears won the overall championship with a two-loop time of 2:31:39.

Riders traveled from Oregon, Nevada, Utah and all parts of Idaho to compete.

The third and final Owyhee County race on the SIDRA schedule is the Desert Rats Sand City 100, which will be held outside Oreana on April 15-16.

Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on Monday, April 3, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at the Owyhee County Courthouse, Courtroom 2, 20381 State Hwy 78 Murphy, Idaho, at which time the Board of Commissioners will meet to consider adjusting the Owyhee County 2023 Adopted Budget in order to expend necessary funds not known to be required at the time the budget was originally adopted. The additional amounts will not result in an increase of anticipated property taxes over the amounts previously levied. Unanticipated revenues received from the American Rescue Plan Act for tribal and local governments will be used to accommodate this increase.

Current Expense	332,491
Road & Bridge	45,403
County Fair	2,774
Probation	13,367
Historical	4,481
Indigent	6,011
Revaluation	17,795
Solid Waste	5,134
Waterways	1,851
Off Highway Vehicles	99

Total Requested Increase: **\$429,398**

Dated this 17th day of March, 2023
Angela Barkell,
Clerk of the Board of
County Commissioners
03/22,29/2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale City Council on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 6:00 pm at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming Ave. Homedale, Idaho. This is a rescheduled meeting due to the prior meeting having to be cancelled.

The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for Special Use Permit filed by Ethan Eells requesting that he be allowed to build a duplex at 226 ½ W Oregon Ave.; Lot 11, Block 37, Homedale, Idaho.

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Alice E. Pegram
City Clerk
City of Homedale
03/22/2023

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 365, Owyhee & Elmore Counties, pursuant to Section 33-601, Idaho Code, as amended, has determined that it is in the best interest of said school district to sell the property as identified below. An appraisal of school property as stated below has been duly made.

Description of property to be sold is as follows:
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Said property will be sold by sealed bids only for not less than the appraised value.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Sealed bids will be opened at the regular board meeting on April 11, 2023 at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, 7 p.m. Any bids received after the bid opening will not be considered.

The property to be sold may be inspected at MERRICK DIESEL SOLUTIONS by contacting Austin Merrick at Merrick Diesel Solutions 208-963-0781 or Laura Gonzalez at the School District Office 208-834-2260.

JayDene Aquiso, Clerk
Joint School District No. 365
Owyhee/Elmore Counties,
Idaho
39678 State Highway 78
Bruneau, Idaho 83604
03/22,29/2023

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE
(Adult or Emancipated Minor)
CASE NO. CV37-23-61
IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: BROOKLYN DAWN PALMER

A petition to change the name of Brooklyn Dawn Palmer, now residing in the city of Homedale, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to

Brooklyn Dawn Thompson. The reason for the change in name is: I want to have my stepdad's last name. He has raised me and I have not had contact with my biological father in years.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 11:00 o'clock a.m. on April 19, 2023 at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: February 22, 2023
Clerk of the District Court
/s:/Aiesha Zenor, Deputy Clerk
03/08,15,22,29/2023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DOLORES M. BIRMINGHAM, DECEASED.

CASE NO. CV37-23-00062
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DANIEL H. BIRMINGHAM has been appointed personal representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent, Dolores M. Birmingham, or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 28th day of February, 2023.
/S/ GWEN K. SWEESY /S/ GWEN K. SWEESY,
Attorney
The Law Offices of Maybon, PLLC
P.O. Box 1084
Caldwell, ID 83606
(208) 454-2974
03/08,15,22/2023

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03/22/2023

Homedale JV drops high-scoring twinbill

Homedale High School's junior varsity baseball team lost both games of a non-conference doubleheader on the road Saturday.

Saturday, Game 2: Filer 21, Homedale 11 (5) — The Wildcats scored six times in the bottom of the second to snap a 2-2 tie then rallied with 10 runs in the fourth to take the lead for good, 20-11.

The Trojans (1-2 overall) surged ahead, 11-10, with eight runs in the fourth inning. Junior Kaleb Coronado knocked in the go-ahead run with a one-out line-drive single into center field.

Nate Marston pounded a two-run double earlier in the uprising.

Freshman Carson Fine drove in three runs.

Saturday, Game 1: Filer 16, Homedale 11 (6) — The Trojans tied the score, 11-11, in the top of the fifth inning only to have the Wildcats drop a five-spot to move ahead again in the bottom of the frame.

Homedale led, 8-4, after two innings. The Trojans started the game with a five-run rally

in their first at-bat. Lukas Hall had a run-scoring single in Homedale's first-inning outburst, which was fueled by walks and hit batters.

Fine's two-run single tied the game in the fifth inning. Fine had three RBI in the contest.

Last Wednesday: Homedale 10, New Plymouth 4 (4) — The Trojans scored in bunches, erasing a 3-0 deficit with a five-run first inning and tacking on five more runs in the bottom of the fourth after their non-conference foes had pulled to within a run.

The game was shortened to four innings because of time constraints.

Lukas Hall collected a pair of RBI and scored a run.

Homedale managed just three hits — singles from Carson Fine, Chance Martell, and AJ Robles — but benefitted from four New Plymouth errors.

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