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Chief deputy, police chief among sheriff's applicants

County GOP
to interview top cop
applicants Thursday

Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman and

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller are among the law enforcement people who have applied to be Owyhee County's interim sheriff.

The county Republican central committee will interview applicants during a public meeting Thursday in

Murphy.

Bowman, who ascended from the chief deputy spot when Perry Grant's resignation became official Friday, and Eidemiller are among the five people from whom the central committee has heard.

County GOP chair Tammy Payne confirmed that Bowman, Eidemiller, sheriff's Det. Sgt. Jeff Wasson of Marsing, Grand View-area deputy Larry Kendrick, and jail commander

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Somewhere under there

The snow continues to pile up in the Owyhees as evident in this photo of the Walt Adams family home in Silver City. On Monday, SNOTEL instrumentation on South Mountain reported a snow depth of 75 inches (three inches less than what was recorded just a day earlier, but 16 inches more than the March 28 reading). The Reynolds Creek station showed 35 inches of snow, and the Mud Flat reading was 28 inches Monday. See **Page 4** for the full weather and water report. Submitted photo

Nampa groups to lead 86th Lizard Butte Easter Sunrise Service

Marsing Nazarene
pastor to offer
prayer on butte

Lizard Butte looms over Sunny Slope and the Snake River, but the reach of the annual Easter Sunrise Service goes far beyond the geographic boundaries.

This year's 86th annual service will be held at 7:15 a.m., on Sunday. Folks are

urged to show up early to find a parking space, and the lot off Symms Road and Idaho highway 55 opens at 5 a.m. Handicapped parking is available upon request. Attendees should also dress warmly and be prepared for a hike.

The local ties remain: Marsing Church of the Nazarene pastor Jody Hampton and former Marsing schools educator and

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Community members mobilize to wipe out school lunch debt

Donation funds
in Homedale,
Marsing districts

A recent social media thread has brought to light an issue in local schools.

About one-quarter of the schoolchildren who eat school lunches in Homedale and Marsing have negative balances on their cafeteria accounts.

But there is something the community can do to help.

Teresa Bettleyon, the food services director for both school districts, said there is a donation program that allows community members to help

those families who may not be able to afford breakfast or lunch for their children.

The Marsing Child Nutrition donation fund received enough community support that all negative balances were wiped out in January, Bettleyon said.

Donations are always accepted either in person on 8th Avenue West or by sending a check to Marsing Child Nutrition, P.O. Box 340, Marsing, ID 83639.

There is also a donation fund for Homedale Child Nutrition (in person at the elementary school or by mail to 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale,

— See *Lunch*, back page



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County to train people to work 2024 election

The presidential election is more than a year away, but the Owyhee County Elections Office is getting a jump on preparations.

County officials are looking for prospective poll workers for the 2024 election cycle, and anyone interested in taking part in the process is invited to a mock election training day.

The mock election will be held from 10 a.m., to 3 p.m., on Thursday, April 20 inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy. Lunch will be served at noon.

The paid training isn't mandatory, officials say, but "it is imperative that everyone attend."

"With all the scrutiny on elections and our processes, we need to stay at the top of our game, and training is how we do that," according to the county letter to prospective poll workers.

The mock election will be set up just as any Election Day, and the trainees will go through the steps and processes poll workers follow in each election.

While officials are hoping to ensure poll workers are comfortable with county and state procedures and requirements, a primary reason for the training is the looming debut of electronic poll books.

In the letter, county election officials write that they "want to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to become familiar with the new (and old!) equipment we will be using at our polling places."

Another training may be offered in the summer or fall, but there is nothing scheduled yet.

For more information or to confirm attendance for the training, call the county elections office at (208) 495-2421.

Assembly of God sponsors brunch after Saturday hunts

The children and parents who burn calories grabbing Easter eggs Saturday can refuel by visiting the Homedale Assembly of God.

Organizers plan an inaugural Easter brunch from 10 a.m., to noon at the church, 15 W. Montana Ave.

The brunch is free, and pancakes, coffee and cocoa will be served.

There also will be a bounce house, games, music and fellowship for all members of the family.

There will be free giveaways on Sunday during the Assembly of God's Easter service. The youth service will be held at 11 a.m.

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Groups ready for Easter egg hunts

HHS girls' basketball players want to make the job easier for folks

If your child can't get enough of community Easter egg hunts planned Saturday, the Homedale High School girls' basketball team has a deal.

As a program fundraiser, team members will deliver filled plastic eggs to any yard in Homedale, Marsing or Wilder on Saturday, so morning Easter egg hunts can commence on Easter Sunday.

Additionally, filled eggs can be picked up on Friday afternoon or evening.

The cost is \$40 for 50 eggs or \$65 for 100 eggs.

The team is also looking for donations of supplies, plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy. Drop off donations at 201 W. Idaho Ave., in Homedale.

To make a donation or get a question answered, call Kyla Sorenson at (208) 880-5692 or HHS girls' basketball coach Benji Sorenson at (208) 863-2105.

Any HHS girls' basketball player can accept a cash payment, checks should be made payable to Homedale High School Girls' Basketball, or payment can be made electronically on Venmo @ HomedaleGBB, and the last four digits (if needed) are

2105.

Service groups plan hunts

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce, Marsing Lions Club, and Grand View Lions Club sponsor Easter egg hunts at 10 a.m., on Saturday in their respective communities.

• **Marsing Lions Club** — Segmented Easter egg hunts will be held on the high school football field off 8th Avenue West. Lions Club rep Becky Salove said more than 2,000 plastic eggs will be in play. Categories include: 2- to 3-year-olds with help, 4-year-olds with no help, kindergarten, first- and second-graders, and third and fourth-graders.

The Easter bunny will start each hunt. There are golden tickets to redeem for baskets and ice cream cones as well as eggs stuffed with dollar bills hidden for each age group.

Holy Oly O's will offer donuts, coffee and cocoa.

• **Homedale Chamber of Commerce** — The free-for-all starts at 10 a.m., at Sundance Park on South 1st Street West.

At a recent Chamber meeting, president Gavin Parker said eggs would be placed about an hour beforehand, and he put out a

solicitation for volunteers to help with hiding eggs.

There are four age divisions up to 11 years old. The children hunt at the same time.

Parker said 2,500 eggs will be scattered at 9 a.m., and he is in the process of finding a high school club to stuff the plastic eggs with candy.

"Day-of help would be appreciated," Parker said.

The Chamber buys candy from Albertsons, which donates the plastic eggs.

Ciera Tucker of Murrays Treats offered ice cream gift cards for prizes, too.

• **Grand View Lions Club** — The hunt at the Eastern Owyhee County Library and City Park is open to toddlers through fifth-graders. Organizers ask children to bring their own baskets.

• **First Presbyterian Church of Homedale** — Pastor Heidi Smith-Takatori announced an Easter egg hunt on Sunday after the Easter service.

The church is located at 320 N. 6th St., in Homedale.

The community is invited to the event, which will feature 200 hidden eggs as well as a raffle, prizes and hot dogs.

Clyde the Camel and his owner Gary Drake will also be on hand. Clyde has appeared in Easter pageants and other events throughout the valley.

✓ Easter: Ada, Canyon groups take lead

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coach Jim Eisentrager are on the sunrise service association board.

Hampton and Eisentrager will offer the opening and closing prayers during Sunday's service.

The Angels at the Cross for this year's service are from the family of longtime association supporters Fred and Connie Hill. Nampa residents Rachael Wheeler and Gracelynn Cayler are granddaughters of current board member Cyndi (Hill) Rogers.

This year's guest speaker is Emely Blowers De León. She and this year's worship team are from Vida Nueva Church of the Nazarene in Nampa. The music leader will be Nancy Mong, and some of the selections will also be sung in Spanish.

The Kuna High School Air Force ROTC will post the colors.

Riley and Madeleine Fast, who attend Nampa College Church of the Nazarene, will

perform the special music.

Nampa Christian High School students Eden Dunstan and Brock Mills will read Scripture selections Matthew 28:1-10 and Matthew 28:16-20.

The association has plenty of portals to get more information, including:

- Website: LizardButteSunrise.com
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✓ Sheriff: Chief deputy serving interim capacity

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Sgt. Connie Peterson have submitted letters of interest (LOI) and resumes.

The central committee convenes its public meeting at 7 p.m., on Thursday inside Courtroom 1 at the county courthouse in Murphy to interview candidates and possibly send a list of up to three recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

County commissioners can select the interim sheriff from the list provided or — in rare cases — appoint another applicant.

No date for the commissioners’ decision has been announced.

The committee will continue to accept resumes and letters of interest until Thursday.

Interested parties should send materials to: Tammy Payne, OCRCC Chair, P.O. Box 591, Grand View, ID 83624 or by email to tammy83624@yahoo.com.

Whoever commissioners choose as interim sheriff will serve the remainder of Grant’s unfinished third term, which ends next year. The next primary election for county sheriff will be held in May 2024 with the general election, if necessary, six months later.

— JPB

Good Friday soup planned at Homedale Presbyterian

Harkening to former Holy Week soup lunches, two Homedale pastors are putting together a second annual Good Friday meal.

Trinity Holiness pastor Samuel Page and First Presbyterian pastor Heidi Smith-Takatori are organizing a soup luncheon at the Presbyterian church, 320 6th St., in Homedale.

The luncheon will run from noon to 1 p.m., on Friday.

House kills voter affidavit prohibition

Dist. 23 House delegation splits on two bills

by Cheyenne Hill McClure Center intern

Idaho voters can still use an affidavit for identification at the polls.

On March 21, the Idaho House of Representatives defeated House Bill 137, which would have repealed the state law allowing affidavits as identification on Election Day.

Freshman Dist. 4A Rep. Joe Alfieri (R-Coeur d’Alene) sponsored the bill, which would have repealed Idaho Code 34-1114, which permits voters to complete an affidavit when they do not have a form of personal identification at the polls.

The bill failed in the House with 36 nays and 33 ayes.

The District 23 House delegation was split on the vote with Seat B Rep. Tina Lambert (R-Caldwell) voting in favor of the bill, and Seat A Rep. Melissa Durrant (R-Kuna) voting against it. Both lawmakers are in their first terms.

Supporters of the bill said the affidavit rule leaves room

for voter fraud, and people needing to use an affidavit for identification should not be allowed to vote.

Bill opponents stated many reasons why the bill should be defeated, including that people shouldn’t be denied the right to vote because they forget their ID card or driver’s license or because they carry an expired ID because there is no other need for them to have it.

Other election-related bills:

- **HB 205** — An attempt to restrict who can submit absentee ballots failed with 30 ayes and 40 nays in a March 13 vote. Co-sponsored by Altieri and Dist. 7A Rep. Mike Kingsley (R-Lewiston), the bill received split support from the District 23 delegation, as was also the case with HB 137. Lambert supported HB 205, and Durrant voted against it.
- **HB 179** — Sponsored by Rep. 2B Dale R. Hawkins (R-Fernwood) in the House, the bill prohibiting ranked voting choices in Idaho elections became law with Gov. Brad Little’s signature on March 24.

The state Senate passed the bill, 28-7, on March 21.

Dist. 23 Sen. Todd Lakey (R-Nampa) voted in favor of the prohibition. Freshman Dist. 24 Sen. Glenneda Zuiderveld (R-Twin Falls) ushered the bill through the Senate.

The March 7 House vote had 56 in favor, 12 against and two lawmakers absent. Lambert and Durrant both voted in favor.

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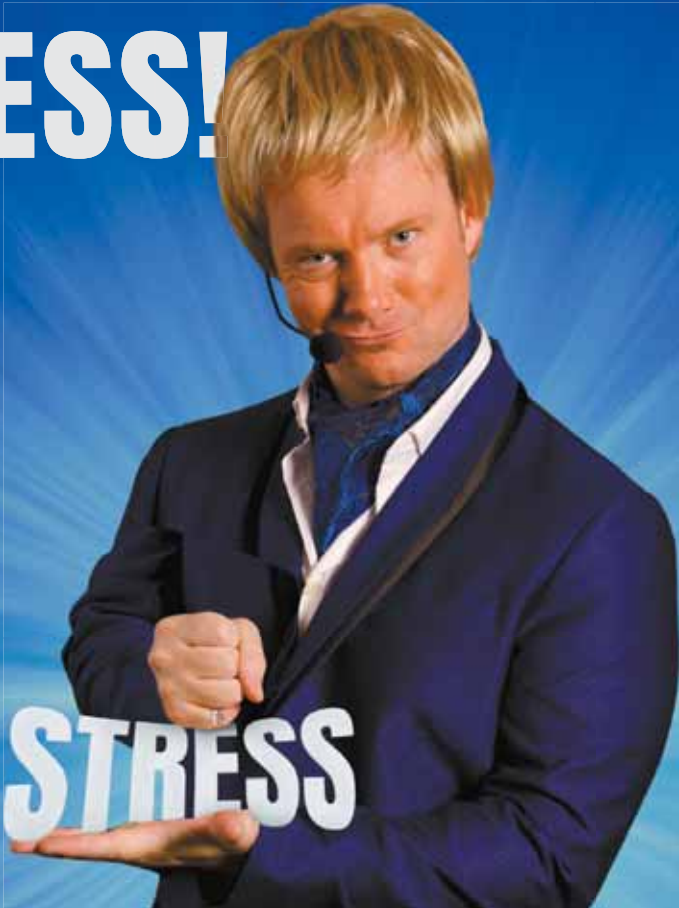
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Donkey basketball returns to the Homedale High School gymnasium as an FFA scholarship fundraiser. The teams will be comprised of Homedale FFA’ers and school district staff. Tickets are available from Homedale FFA chapter members for the entertainment, which will be held at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$9 for adults, \$7 for seventh-through 12th-graders, and \$5 for kindergarteners through sixth-graders. Tickets cost \$1 more if purchased at the door.

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	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature (measured in Fahrenheit)		
		(measured in inches)		Max	Min	Avg
Mud Flat						
3/28	7.1	24	8.9	43.5	26.8	34.0
3/29	7.2	26	9.1	38.8	21.6	31.5
3/30	7.3	26	9.2	35.8	23.5	29.7
3/31	7.5	26	9.3	40.3	28.6	34.0
4/1	7.7	26	9.4	41.2	29.1	33.8
4/2	7.9	28	9.5	39.7	23.4	30.6
4/3	8.0	28	9.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
3/28	9.9	30	12.1	36.1	22.5	27.9
3/29	9.9	33	12.3	31.6	25.7	28.8
3/30	10.0	33	12.5	30.2	25.5	27.9
3/31	10.1	37	12.9	36.1	27.3	32.0
4/1	10.1	35	12.9	36.7	26.8	30.6
4/2	10.2	34	13.1	35.2	23.7	27.5
4/3	10.3	35	13.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
3/28	21.5	62	24.6	38.7	26.4	31.6
3/29	22.2	67	25.3	38.5	24.6	28.8
3/30	22.5	67	25.5	29.7	23.5	27.0
3/31	23.0	70	25.9	38.1	25.3	30.7
4/1	23.3	71	26.2	35.6	27.1	29.7
4/2	24.2	78	26.8	36.5	22.1	28.
4/3	24.5	75	27.3	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 33 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 1,187 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 21 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 234,593 acre-feet of water on Monday.

— Information compiled from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Helena Chemical in Homedale

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As of Monday

Snow equiv.	Snow depth	YTD precip.
23.5	76	20.7

Grand View Days vendors sought

Planning is underway for the annual Grand View Days celebration. The Grand View Community Club seeks vendors for the market in the park on Saturday, July 8. The market will begin at 10 a.m., and booth space is available for \$20. The events and times for this year’s festival are to be finalized at a meeting scheduled for 6 p.m., today. Reach out to the Grand View Community Club on Facebook to get involved in this year’s celebration.

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April 5: Ultimate burrito, roasted southwest potatoes, carrots, rice

April 6: Baked ham, sweet potato, California blend vegetables

April 11: Turkey and gravy over mashed potatoes, spinach

April 12: Hot dog on bun, chili and fries, country trio vegetables

April 13: Cheesy chicken and rice casserole, broccoli, peas

April 18: BBQ pork, baked potato, cabbage

April 19: Spaghetti, green beans, Malibu vegetables

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing

Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside Marsing City Hall
Milk available each day

Suggested donation: \$4 (60 and older), \$6 (59 and younger)

April 5: Beef and pepper casserole, cauliflower, green salad, pears, Baci roll

April 7: Closed – Good Friday

April 10: Cranberry meatballs over rice, snap peas, mixed vegetables, pineapple, cornbread

April 12: Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, green salad, Baci roll

April 14: Breaded chicken with country gravy, au gratin potatoes, sunshine carrots, mixed fruit, whole wheat roll

April 17: Turkey and cheese sandwich, mixed fruit, three-bean salad, 9-grain bread

April 19: Cheese steak Sloppy Joes, mashed potatoes, sunshine carrots, fresh fruit, whole wheat bun

April 21: Chicken Parmesan over pasta, Italian vegetables, cauliflower, fruit cup, French bread

Melba Valley Senior Center

Meals served at noon (Salad bar at 11:30 a.m.)
Phone ahead (208) 495-2168 same day for complete menu

Payment by donation. All ages welcome

April 4: Tuscan chicken

April 6: Baked ziti

April 11: Irish stew

April 13: Smothered chicken

April 18: Lentils and sausage

April 20: Buttermilk chicken

April 25: Breakfast for lunch - Waffles

University of Idaho Extension

“Garden in a Glove” helps children grasp ecosystems, conservation

“Garden in a Glove” — Try this fun activity with your family to learn about natural resources and creating a home garden.

Conservation is the use of Earth’s natural resources, such as water, soil, air, minerals, wildlife, while protecting ecosystems at the same time. In this activity, children will learn more about conservation by creating their own ecosystem. By the end, they will have their very own garden.



Madi Anderson

For this activity you will need a plastic or rubber glove, five types of seeds, a spray bottle with water, cotton balls, and a permanent marker.

• **Step 1** — Use your permanent marker to write the name of each seed on a finger of the glove.

• **Step 2** — Wrap each seed inside of a cotton ball, then place the cotton ball in the corresponding glove finger.

• **Step 3** — Lightly spray water inside the glove so each seed receives water. Spray just enough to moisten the cotton balls. Too much water could drown or rot the seed.

• **Step 4** — Place the glove in the window near sunlight. Continue to water your seeds daily. The seeds should sprout around Days 3-5, and by Days 9-14 the seeds should be ready

to be transferred to an alternate container with soil.

Explain to your children that an ecosystem is a community or group of organisms that live in and interact with each other in a specific environment. All creatures rely on balanced ecosystems where they interact with pieces of their environment — such as soil, air, and water — to create a cycle of life. In this activity, they have created an ecosystem for their plants inside the glove.

Reflect on the activity by asking your children the following questions:

- Which natural resources will help the seeds they planted grow?
- How can you protect your garden from disruptions?
- How might the containers the plants are transferred to need to vary from plant to plant?

Activity adapted from <https://4-h.org/clover/activities/garden-in-a-glove/>

Visit CLOVER, <https://4-h.org/clover/about/>, for additional curriculum and activities like this. CLOVER offers free interactive, exciting activities for ages 5-18, created and compiled by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Cooperative Extension.

— Madi Anderson is the 4-H program coordinator at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office. Contact her for more information on 4-H at (208) 896-4104 or madisona@uidaho.edu.

Emergency preparedness event planned in Marsing

A group of volunteers interested in keeping the Marsing community prepared for emergency will hold an exercise Saturday.

The Marsing Emergency Network plans an Emergency Table-Top Exercise at 10 a.m., on Saturday at the Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., in Marsing.

Organizers have an eye on community preparedness to combat disasters and other large-scale emergencies.

According to a social media post:

“As essential businesses, agencies, and individual

members of this community, all hands on deck will be needed in order to survive a major disaster, such as the worst-case scenario stated in this exercise.

“If we fail to plan, we plan to fail. Therefore, taking time to think this through in advance, will aid in mitigating the impact on families and businesses.”

Organizers ask folks to invite individuals who may be interested in getting involved.

RSVP to Marlene Moore at disaster911@juno.com or Paul Smith at peregrinant@protonmail.com



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School menus

Homedale Elementary

*Choice of milk and juice
PB&J sandwich, and Vegetable and fruit
choices offered daily*
April 5: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, blueberry muffin, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Orange chicken bowl, seasoned green beans

April 6: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, sliced pears **Lunch:** Chicken sandwich, seasoned potato wedges

April 10: **Breakfast:** Donut holes, string cheese, applesauce **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs, buttered carrots, chocolate chunk cookie

April 11: **Breakfast:** Sausage patty, buttermilk biscuits, country gravy, sliced pears **Lunch:** Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, mixed vegetables

April 12: **Breakfast:** Belgian waffle sticks, syrup cup, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken fried fingers, country gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, whole grain roll

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
April 5: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, blueberry muffin, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, seasoned potato wedges

April 6: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, orange slices **Lunch:** Orange chicken bowl, seasoned green beans

April 10: **Breakfast:** Donut holes, string cheese, applesauce **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs, seasoned potato wedges, chocolate chunk cookie

April 11: **Breakfast:** Sausage patty, buttermilk biscuits, country gravy, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Italian pull-a-part, marinara sauce sup, buttered mixed vegetables

April 12: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, country gravy, mashed

potatoes, buttered corn, whole grain roll

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*

April 5: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or French toast bites, string cheese **Lunch:** Chicken fried fingers, country gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, whole grain roll, snickerdoodle cookie **Grab ‘n’ go** Turkey bacon wrap

April 6: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich, Yami yogurt, iced coffee **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, seasoned potato wedges, **Grab ‘n’ go** Club sub sandwich

April 10: **Breakfast:** Donut holes or bagel and cream cheese, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, French fries **Grab ‘n’ go** BBQ chicken salad

April 11: **Breakfast:** Sausage patty, buttermilk biscuits, country gravy, Yami yogurt, iced coffee **Lunch:** Orange chicken bowl, steamed broccoli, chocolate chunk cookie **Grab ‘n’ go** Chicken Caesar wrap

April 12: **Breakfast:** Ham and cheese croissant or cinnamon roll, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans, garden salad **Grab ‘n’ go** Ham and cheese sub

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)*
April 5: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk

pancakes, Yami yogurt, pineapple tidbits **Lunch:** French toast sticks, pork sausage patty, hash browns, strawberry cup **Cold Grab-n-go:** Taco salad

April 6: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, string cheese, grapes **Lunch:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, garlic toast **Hot Grab-n-go:** Popcorn chicken, potato wedges

April 10: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, sausage, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, buttered corn **Cold Grab-n-go:** Ham and cheese sub

April 11: **Breakfast:** Pork sausage patty, biscuit, country gravy, apple **Lunch:** Soft tacos, Spanish rice, refried beans, carrot sticks **Hot Grab-n-go:** Pepperoni pizza, tots

April 12: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, Yami yogurt, banana **Lunch:** Tater Tot casserole, mixed vegetables **Cold Grab-n-go:** Turkey bacon sub

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily
April 3: **Breakfast:** Apple frudel **Lunch:** Pizza, tossed romaine salad, peas
April 4: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and jelly **Lunch:** Chicken and noodles, tossed romaine salad, steamed carrots
April 5: **Breakfast:** Waffle and hash browns **Lunch:** Nachos and whole wheat chips, refried beans/salsa, broccoli
April 6: **Breakfast:** Bagels and cream cheese **Lunch:** BBQ pulled pork on a bun, fries, celery sticks
April 10: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Mac attack, tossed romaine salad, broccoli
April 11: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy **Lunch:** Chilli, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll
April 12: **Breakfast:** Mini Cinnabon **Lunch:** Chicken taco, tossed romaine salad, refried beans
April 13: **Breakfast:** PB&J sandwich **Lunch:** Hamburger on a bun, Tater Tots, baby carrots

Final Marsing Lions bingo set

Saturday is the final bingo night of the Marsing Lions Club season.

Proceeds from the bingo night, as with the March game, will help fund restoration of the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center floor.

There will also be a 50/50 raffle during the final bingo night until October.

Doors will open at 6 p.m., with the early bird game at 6:45 p.m., and the regular, 12-game series starting at 7 p.m.

Bingo is held at the community center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

Free popcorn will be available, and refreshments are typically on sale.

The price to play includes:

- \$1 per sheet for the early bird game
- \$1 for each Hot Number entry
- \$18 for the first card in the 12-game series
- \$5 for each additional 12-game series card

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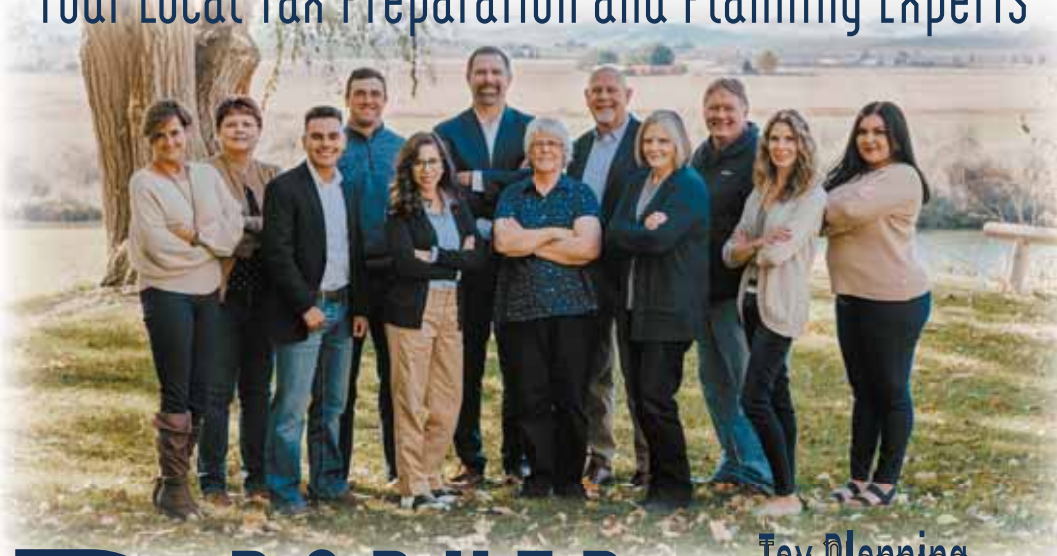
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Calendar

Today

- Ladies coffee group**
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Food distribution**
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., for Marsing residents only. The HUB food pantry, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411
- 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.
- Arock school board meeting**
7 p.m., W. W. Jones Schoolhouse, 3513 Arock Rd., Arock. (541) 586-2325

Thursday

- Fit and Fall class**
10 a.m., free, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168
- Fit and Fall Proof exercise class**
10 a.m., to 11 a.m., free, old Marsing High School gymnasium, 800 Main St., Marsing. (208) 296-0847
- Fit and Fall exercise**
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Friends of the Homedale Library meeting**
4 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.
- 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.

Friday

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

Saturday

- Easter egg hunt**
10 a.m., Homedale Chamber of Commerce sponsor, Sundance Park, South 1st Street West, Homedale.
- Grand View Lions Club Easter egg hunt**
10 a.m., toddlers to fifth-graders, City Park and Eastern Owyhee County Library, Grand View.
- Easter egg hunt**
10 a.m., Marsing Lions Club sponsor, Marsing High School football field, 8th Avenue West, Marsing.
- Easter brunch**
10 a.m., to noon, free, Homedale Assembly of God, 15 W. Montana Ave., Homedale. (208) 412-2946
- Free lunch**
11:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 303-7414

Marsing Lions Club bingo

6:45 p.m., early bird, 7 p.m., regular sessions, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing.

Sunday

- Lizard Butte Easter Sunrise Service**
7:15 a.m., parking opens at 5 a.m., Lizard Butte, off Idaho highway 55 and Symms Road, Sunny Slope. Information: lizardbutesunrise.com

Monday

- Board of County Commissioners meeting**
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
- Opal Nash Story Time**
10:00 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.
- Book club**
12:30 p.m. lunch; 1:00 p.m. discussion. Adults. Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. Library, (208) 834-2785 or Kathy Chick (208) 599-2148; leave a message.
- Homedale FFA meeting**
6 p.m., Homedale High School, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.
- Grand View Community Club meeting**
6:30 p.m., Grand View Community Club (formerly St. Henry’s Catholic Church), 501 Idaho St., Grand View.

Tuesday

- Homedale district library board meeting**
10 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
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- Fit and Fall exercise**
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Homedale Fire commissioners meeting**
Noon, The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.
- Region III assistance assessments**
Noon to 3 p.m., appointments necessary, Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 495-5688
- Senior citizens board meeting**
1 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- 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
- American Legion Post 128 meeting**
7 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion

- Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing
- Jordan Valley City Council meeting**
7 p.m., City Hall, 306 Blackaby St., Jordan Valley. (541) 586-2460 Tuesday and Thursday
- Pleasant Valley school board meeting**
7 p.m., Pleasant Valley School, 28026 Juniper Mountain Rd., Pleasant Valley. (208) 583-2420
- Ridgeview Irrigation District meeting**
7 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3760
- Gem Irrigation District meeting**
7:15 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3760
- South Board of Control meeting**
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- Ladies coffee group**
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Grand View City Council meeting**
6 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2700, noon to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday
- Homedale City Council meeting**
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641
- Jordan Valley Ambulance meeting**
6 p.m., ambulance hall, 706 Main St., Jordan Valley.
- Marsing City Council meeting**
7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 896-4122
- Jordan Valley school board meeting**
7 p.m., Jordan Valley Elementary School library, 604 Oregon Ave., Jordan Valley. (541) 586-2213
- Homedale Highway District meeting**
7 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale
- Marsing School Board meeting**
7 p.m., school district office boardroom, The HUB, 301 8th Ave W, Marsing. (208) 649-5411

Thursday, April 13

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



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Homedale library plans activities for all ages

Soil class gets you ready for gardening season

Tuesday is a busy day at Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library with special visitors that will help teach youth about nature.

The EverWild Forest School will make a second appearance at 11 a.m. The mission is to help parents and caregivers introduce the beauty and wonder of the natural world to children ages 2-6.

“Spring Fun with EverWild Forest School” class will take place outside if the weather permits, so folks are asked to dress accordingly or bring a blanket.

The program focuses on experiments involving natural materials and stimuli to help develop fine and gross motor skills, curiosity and cause-and-effect.

The class will include songs, stories and a simple craft.

Tuesday’s class, which will take place at the library located at 121 W. Owyhee Ave., is an introduction to the EverWild Forest School’s “Tots & Trees” and “Early Learning” programs, which are available throughout the year at locations throughout the Treasure Valley.

- **After School Program** — At 4:30 p.m., on Tuesday, head biologist Nathan Hall from the Aquarium of Boise will talk about ocean life and marine habitats.
- The After School Program is open to children in elementary and middle school.
- **Teens and Tweens** — The program open to boys and girls ages 10-17 will feature Easter-themed fun at 5 p.m., on Thursday inside the Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.
- Youth will play a variety of Easter-themed minute-to-win-it games as well as general minute-to-win-it games. Katy Mounkes will teach participants how to make “sugar eggs.”
- **Opal Nash Story Time** — At 10

a.m., on Monday, library youth services coordinator Emily Lincoln will read to preschoolers. The day’s theme is “Spring on the Farm,” and the books to be read include “Pete The Cat: Old McDonald Had a Farm” by James Dean and “The Gobble Gobble Moooo Tractor Book” by Jez Alborough.

Lincoln plans a flannel board activity as a visual aid, and the craft activity will be creating a “Chick in Egg.”

The children will have animal cookies for a snack.

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

Gardener — University of Idaho Canyon County Extension horticultural educator Brad Stokes will lead this class, which will run from 1 p.m., to 2:30 p.m., on Friday, April 21 at the library.

Stokes, who contributes to The Owyhee Avalanche’s long-running UI Extension column, will educate folks on the characteristics of various soil classes and what can be done to create the best soil for a healthy and abundant home garden.

Register for the free class by calling the Canyon County Extension at (208) 459-6003.

- **Adult painting class** — Amy Larson from PaintBox will lead an exercise on how to paint a jersey cow during the class set to run from 1 p.m., to 3 p.m., on Friday, April 28.

There are only 15 spots available in the class, so registration is required. A \$10 fee must be paid at the time of registration, while the library will pick up the other half of the class cost.

Call the library at (208) 337-4228 or stop by to sign up.

Upcoming classes announced

Two Friday classes this month will encourage adult education on home gardening and painting.

- **The Science of Soil for the Home**

Suspended prison terms for men found with meth in cars

George Alan May, 49, was placed on five years felony probation when Third District Judge Randall S. Grove pronounced sentencing on March 14 in Murphy.

Grove gave May credit for five days served in Owyhee County Jail but suspended a state penitentiary sentence of one to five years. May also must pay \$285.50 in court costs.

May was arrested on several charges, including felony controlled substance possession, on June 10 when a Homedale Police officer stopped the 1967 Ford Mustang the man was driving.

According to a probable cause affidavit, the police officer was alerted to May and the Mustang when he heard car tires spinning inside a Main Street car wash just after 9 p.m.

The traffic stop was initiated in a business parking lot on Main Street south of West Wyoming Avenue.

A records check revealed May’s license had been suspended for failing to carry liability vehicle insurance.

Methamphetamine, marijuana and drug paraphernalia were located after the officer searched the vehicle subsequent to a positive alert by an HPD K-9.

The misdemeanor insurance charge as well as a second felony drug possession charge and misdemeanor counts of drug paraphernalia possession and driving without privileges were dropped by the prosecutor.

According to the probable cause statement, 40 grams of meth and \$516 in cash were seized. May’s Mustang also was seized and later

auctioned.

- Craig Alan Hogmire, 45, of Nampa also received five years felony probation after a suspended prison sentence of 3 to 6 years during a March 14 hearing before Grove.

Hogmire must also pay \$635.50 in court costs. A misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession charge was dismissed by the prosecutor.

Hogmire was charged with felony drug possession and misdemeanor paraphernalia possession after an Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy made a traffic stop and arrest west of Marsing shortly before 2 a.m., on Jan. 9, 2022.

The deputy searched Hogmire’s vehicle after a Homedale Police detection K-9 alerted. He located a glass

meth pipe with meth residue and a plastic bag with 1.8 ounces of meth, according to a probable cause statement.

Hogmire was transported to county jail and was later given credit for 34 days served behind bars in Murphy.



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Man avoids felony drug charge with plea to DUI

A former Homedale resident must spend 10 days in jail after his misdemeanor conviction for drunk driving.

Duncan Transue of Parma was arrested on the morning of Dec. 21 by an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy.

Third District Judge Randall S. Grove imposed sentencing during a March 14 hearing. Transue avoided more serious felony drug charges through a plea agreement.

Grove suspended 80 days of a 90-day jail sentence but suspended Transue's driver's license for six months. He also must pay \$540 in court costs.

Charges of felony drug possession and misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession were dropped by Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Christopher Topmiller.

Transue, 36, was driving a Dodge Ram pickup at about 2 a.m., on Dec. 21 when he was stopped near Main Street and Old Bruneau Highway in Marsing because of expired vehicle registration, according to an OCSO probable cause affidavit.

After field sobriety tests, Transue's blood-alcohol concentration measured .081 through a breath test. The legal limit is .08.

A second deputy searched the pickup while Transue was undergoing testing. According to court records, that deputy found a "mostly full" beer bottle. The deputy also located two glass meth pipes with

crystal residue as well as a glass jar with a substance that tested presumptive positive for methamphetamine.

Transue was transported to county jail in Murphy.

- A 27-year-old Meridian woman was sentenced to two days in jail and placed on 12 months of unsupervised probation after her March 9 sentencing for misdemeanor DUI.

Harlei D. Cahill was arrested for DUI after an OCSO deputy stopped her at Buntrock Road and Idaho highway 55 west of Marsing shortly after 7 a.m., on Nov. 16.

The deputy was following up on an attempt-to-locate request from Canyon County emergency dispatch after an off-duty Homedale Police officer spotted the GMC Acadia, which had significant front-end damage after striking something.

After field sobriety tests, it was determined that Cahill was intoxicated. She was transported to county jail where her BAC measured .168 percent.

Magistrate Judge Dartanyon Burrows ordered Cahill to spend two days in jail after giving her credit for three days already spent behind bars. The remainder of a 180-day sentence was suspended, and her driver's license was taken away for six months.

She also must pay \$297.50 in fines and \$252.50 in court costs.

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We encourage religious leaders to email their writings, of no more than 500 words, and a photo plus personal information and information about their church and its services. The hope is to have a regular column rotating among the area's pastors, published occasionally in conjunction with the Avalanche's Owyhee County Church Directory.

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"Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

— Philippians 2:9-11

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

— John 14:6

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and My Father are one."

— John 10:27-30

"For many deceivers have gone out into the world who

do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward. Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son."

— 2 John 1:7-9

One of the stumbling blocks to Christians is the many deceivers who subtly blur the truth about Jesus. Walking in the truth means responding to deceivers by guarding against and rejecting them. Coming in the flesh refers to the Incarnation, the fact that Jesus is the God-man. The humanity of Jesus provides a test by which false teachers can be identified. The Gnostic heresy, against which John wrote in 1 and 2 John, included a denial of the physical body of Christ. People who deny the physical reality of Jesus are not Christians,

but antichrists. Being seduced by false teachers is one way that Christians can lose their reward at the judgment. With this in mind, John writes that the reason to guard against such deceivers is our own desire not to lose our reward at the judgment seat.

Don't waste your life looking for the world's brand of instant pleasure or wealth or anything else. Come to Jesus Christ and find joy forevermore. First, confess your sin and turn away from it. Second, receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior, putting your faith in Him alone to save you. You can do that right now. He promises to live in you and transform your life. You can have a new life, a new beginning, if you surrender to Christ.

— Jack Muldoon is a long-time Marsing resident who has been instrumental in the non-denominational prayer breakfast staged at the Nazarene church as well as the annual Marsing High School all-alumni picnic in August.

Book signing set at E. Owyhee library

A local author plans a book signing this month at the Eastern Owyhee County Library.

The public library in Grand View will play host to Dale Gray's book signing on Thursday, April 20.

Gray will have copies of his new book, "The Zen of Dale: Tales of a Free-Range Historian," during the event, which will run from 4 p.m., to 6 p.m., at the library located at 520 Boise Ave.

The book signing is a special event for the library, according to director Tammy Gray, but there are plenty of regular programs continuing this month.

- **Book club** — The monthly luncheon and discussion for

adults will delve into books that cover history. The lunch starts at 12:30 p.m., with the discussion to follow 30 minutes later on Monday.

- **After School Time** — The weekly program is held from 4 p.m., to 5 p.m., each Tuesday.

On Tuesday, children's book author Laura Numeroff is the focus. The New York Times best-selling author is known for the series based on the iconic "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie."

On April 18, the program is titled "Not on Your Face!"

On April 25, string art will be the craft.

- **Teen/adult activity** — From 7 p.m., to 9 p.m., on Thursday, April 20, participants will play Four-Square.

There are other standing activities at the library:

- **Friends of the EOCL** — The volunteer group supporting operation of the library meets at 6 p.m., on Tuesday, April 18.
- **Library trustees meeting** — The board meets at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, April 18.
- **Bible Club** — This activity takes place at 4 p.m., each Thursday.

The library is open from 10 a.m., to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 10 a.m., to 2 p.m., on Friday and Saturday. It's closed on Sunday.

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New invitational recalls Homedale track’s fast past

Amy Christoffersen Invite set Friday in Parma

The first Amy Christoffersen Invite won’t be held on the track where many

of her disciples achieved success, but Bobby Christensen hopes a tradition will be built just the same. The fifth-year Homedale High School coach decided to create the track and field meet to honor his mentor and bridge the decades of standout Trojans athletes.

With the timeline on the new racing surface at Deward Bell Stadium uncertain, the inaugural meet named for the well-known athletics coach will be held Friday in Parma. The meet will begin at 2 p.m. “I have a lot of respect for her, and she helps me,” Christensen said. “A

lot of kids go to her and do summer track.” Christoffersen was coach of the Randy Shanley Track Club in Homedale 30 years ago. She spent time as a Boise State University assistant coach in the

— See *Invitational*, page 12



Yamhill-Carlton pinch hitter Ella Amerson scores the go-ahead run as Homedale catcher Lilly Trescott reaches for a throw from pitcher Dani Sitts on Friday.

Homedale softball loses showdown of interstate elite

3A Oregon runner-up comes from behind

Friday’s battle of high school softball teams that reached their respective Class 3A state championship games last spring had everything one would expect. Yamhill-Carlton, the third-ranked 3A squad in Oregon, followed coach John Kuehnel’s directions and manufactured a 4-2 victory with a seventh-inning rally against host Homedale. The Trojans (4-5 at week’s end), who won the Idaho championship for the fourth time under

coach Larry Corta last season, cruised through the first four innings of non-conference action at Homedale Middle School with a 2-0 lead. But the Tigers (8-2) piled up runs in their final two at-bats, including three in the top of the seventh. Kya Ellis doubled over the head of HHS right fielder Arlett Quezada and, after a passed ball, scored the tying run on pinch hitter Ella Amerson’s bunt single to third base. Amerson scored the go-ahead run on Alyse Hurley’s bunt after Homedale pitcher Dani

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Trojans capture Mtn. Home golf title

Six golfers scored in the 80s during an 18-hole high school tournament in Mountain Home. Three of those players represented Homedale, which won the team championship March 27 at Desert Canyon Golf Course. Levi Jamison fired a 10-over-par 82 and tied for runner-up. The senior’s day started with a par then he kept his composure through some struggles, first-year coach Raymond Smith said. “He hit a few tee-offs he didn’t like, and he decided to have fun and relax and play well to lead this group,” Smith said. Jamison was four strokes

off the pace set by individual co-champions David Chacon of The Ambrose School and Hunter Sutton from Compass Charter. Compass Charter, a Class 2A school, finished second and was nine shots behind the Trojans in the team race. Players on the course also hailed from Marsing, Rimrock, Cascade, and Meadows Valley. McCoy Swallow shook off poor putting on the front nine and scored an 84 for the Trojans. “He three-putted almost all the holes on the front nine then turned things around with a

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Homedale’s golfers celebrated at McDonald’s after their Mountain Home success. **From left:** McCoy Swallow, Tyler Erickson, Breken Frank, Levi Jamison, Matt Riha, and Stella Heck. Submitted photo

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Sports

Homedale’s Binford rides to 10th in California

Homedale motorcycle racer Rylan Binford tried to maintain his top-10 ranking in an AMA national series Saturday.

The Homedale High School senior finished 10th in his class and 42nd overall at Saturday’s 29 Palms Grand Prix, the fifth stop in this season’s AMA National Grand Prix Championship Series.

The son of Jason and April Binford entered the race at Twentynine Palms, Calif., ranked eighth in the series 201-250cc A points race and 11th in the 4 Stroke A standings.

In Saturday’s race, Binford finished the eight laps in 1 hour, 47 minutes, 10 seconds.

He finished the first lap in 44th place and fell back to 50th on the fourth lap before making up ground and running in 42nd for the final two circuits.

Binford was 10th in the 4 Stroke A race and 12th in the 201-250cc A competition. He placed 24th in the unclassified expert/intermediate class.

His quickest lap was his last, which he completed in 12 minutes, 59 seconds.

The next race in the series comes April 29 in Primm, Nev. The first five races took place in California:

- **Jan. 14, Delano, Calif.** — Binford finished eighth in both the 201-250cc A and 4 stroke A divisions. He also posted his best overall finish of the season at 38th.
- **Feb. 4, Taft, Calif.** — Binford took seventh in the 201-250cc class, and 13th in the 4 stroke A division while finishing 48th overall.
- **Feb. 18, Blythe, Calif.** — Binford was 41st in the unclassified expert/intermediate division.
- **March 4, Glen Helen, Calif.** — Binford took fifth in the 201-250cc division, 10th in the 4 Stroke A class, and finished 41st overall.

✓ Invitational: Current coach pays tribute to mentor who still helps out

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1990s and 2000s, and Christensen said she served as speed coach for the Broncos football team, too.

The longtime Caldwell School District employee still helps aspiring track athletes. In fact, Christensen said Christoffersen played a role in helping HHS graduate Austin Emry build a strong collegiate decathlon resume at the University of Montana.

A generation ago, her son, Marcus Christoffersen, competed for Homedale. In 1997, he set Class 2A state meet records in the 100-meter dash (10.7 seconds) and the 400 (48.4). Both still stand today.

Another son, Vallivue grad Kyle, was part of some of the fastest relay teams in BSU history and won the 2006 Western Athletic Conference indoor championship in the 400 meters.

She is the aunt of contemporary HHS athletes Brayden Christoffersen and Katie Christoffersen.

Although the meet will take place nine miles away in Canyon County, the sentiment still holds for Christensen.

“I wanted to name it after someone who a lot of people know,” Christensen said.

Christoffersen is well-known locally for her continued involvement in helping Homedale athletes (and coaches) build their abilities.

“She used to come to Homedale every week and spend about an hour and a half with (athletes), and I’d bring my boys and she’d help them with their speed,” Christensen said.

Christoffersen has been a bit of a shaman for Christensen, too.

“One year, I sat down with her for two hours, and she helped me organize the program better,” the Trojans coach said.

Christensen continues to build the HHS culture to reach the heights known when Christoffersen and her son were key contributors.

“We’re definitely trying to get the program dialed in,” Christensen said.

Likewise, Christensen has big plans for the Amy Christoffersen Invite, especially after the venue switches to its permanent home along the Snake River.

“Because our facility is so nice, we want to turn our invite into an elite event,” Christensen said.

His plan is to have a high school meet and an open meet with the high school event champions qualifying to compete against the elite participants.

“I want to try to have more events that are more regional,” he said. “A more stringent invite.”

— JPB

Homedale Trojans

Trojan Weekly Sports Schedule

Athletes of the week

				
Baseball Jayden Wuthrich, jr., CF 2-for-3, 2 RBI, run, double vs. New Plymouth	Softball Olivia Asumendi, SS 2 hits, solo HR vs. Yamhill-Carlton	Track and field Richard Sanchez, sr., sprinter Anchors boys' 4x200 relay	Tennis Kinsey Blankenship, jr. 1 of 2 11th-graders on squad	Golf Levi Jamison, sr. Led team to Mtn. Home victory

Baseball Varsity Wednesday, April 5, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, John Jackson Field, 5 p.m. Saturday, April 8 at Marsh Valley (2), 11 a.m. Monday, April 10 at Weiser, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 12 at Payette, 5 p.m.	Softball Varsity Wednesday, April 5, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 5 p.m. Friday, April 7 at Mountain Home (2), 3 p.m. Saturday, April 8 at Marsh Valley (2), 11 a.m. Monday, April 10, home vs. Weiser, 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, home vs. Payette, 5 p.m.
Junior varsity Wednesday, April 5, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, John Jackson Field, 3 p.m. Monday, April 10 at Weiser, 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 12 at Payette, 3 p.m.	Junior varsity Wednesday, April 5, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 3 p.m. Friday, April 7 at Mountain Home, 3 p.m. Monday, April 10, home vs. Weiser, 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, home vs. Payette, 3 p.m.
Tennis Wednesday, April 5 at Nyssa, Ore., 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, home vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.	Golf Coed Monday, April 10, 3A Snake River Valley conference meet, River Bend GC, 3 p.m.
Track and field Friday, April 7, Homedale Invitational, Parma H.S., 2 p.m.	

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Sports

Fleet-footed Huskies fly pre-April Fools

Freeman leads girls' runner-up showing

Marsing High School athletes didn't take Spring Break off, with two sprinters winning six events at the Not Quite April Fools Meet on Friday.

Senior Vanessa Freeman helped the girls to a runner-up finish in New Plymouth by sweeping the short races and taking part in a relay victory.

Junior Braden Ankeny won two individual races and helped in a relay triumph as the Huskies boys finished fifth out of 10 teams.

Tri-Valley captured the girls' title, but Freeman had a stranglehold on the sprints.

She ran her fastest races of the season to win the 100 meters in 13.5 seconds and the

200 in 28.43.

Freeman ran the 200-meter leg in the Huskies' victory in the sprint medley relay, joining sophomores Ashlyn Porter and Elley Shelton (a pair of 100-meter runs) and senior anchor Emily Vanosdall. Vanosdall took the baton from Freeman and ran the final 400 meters to complete a 2-minute, 4.31-second effort.

A junior, Ankeny attained a personal record in the boys' 200, crossing the line in 22.94. He won the 400 in 52.56.

The 200 mark shattered his previous best effort of 23.06 that won him a silver medal at the 2A state meet in May.

His cousin, junior Eli Ankeny, was runner-up in the 800 at 2:18.35, while senior Josue Espejel finished fifth with a season-best 2:24.62.

Braden Ankeny's third victory came as the anchor for

Marsing's 4x400 relay squad. He took the baton from senior Jordan Blas and finished the 3:55.26 effort. Sophomore Jack Marshall and Espejel were the first Huskies in the pipeline.

Freshman Brody Bowers finished fifth in the boys' 1,600 with a PR of 5:34.77.

Marshall (sixth, 13:06.13) and fellow sophomore Alex Christiansen (fourth, 12:26.75) PR'd in the boys' 3,200.

Freshman Nicolas Cuevas took eighth in the long jump with a career-best 17 feet, 1 inch performance.

There were several top-10 finishes in the girls' meet.

Porter was runner-up in the girls' triple jump at 27-10¾, and she took seventh in the 100 at 14.65.

Freshman Breann Dickerson ran the fastest long-distance races of her life, taking third in the 800 at 3:22.32, and fifth

in the 1,600 at 7:26.37.

Three other Huskies had PRs in the top 10 in the 800, including sophomore Wendy Alvarez (fourth, 3:43.86), and freshmen Yoselin Alvarez (sixth, 3:52.71) and Daiza Balderez (seventh, 4:48.24).

Sydney Nelson, another 10th-grader was fourth in two races. She finished the 200 in 29.87 and posted a 1:10.04 time in the 400. Her personal-best 13-3 was sixth in the long jump.

Senior Emily Vanosdall was runner-up in the 400 at 1:08.69.

Two throwers achieved career-high marks in the shot put. Senior Llee Loucks was eighth with a heave of 25-8, while junior Trinity Stimmel was 10th with a PR of 24-7½.

Stimmel took sixth in the discus with a season-best 79-11, and Loucks put up another PR at 65-7 for 11th place.

Rimrock, Marsing make golf debuts

A new golf team is on the scene in Owyhee County, and another finally made its season debut.

Rimrock High School's first-ever squad competed March 27 in an 18-hole tournament in Mountain Home.

The Marsing boys made their first 2023 appearance at Desert Canyon Golf Course.

Rocky Aquiso shot 96 to lead the Raiders' program debut. Jack Meyers carded a 125.

Sophomore Sam Milburn led the Huskies with a 95.

Juniors Xavier Linker (112) and James Christiansen (139) also teed it up for Marsing.

✓ Softball: West Coast visitor uses unearned runs to take down Trojans

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Sitts' attempted throw to catcher Lilly Trescott at the plate. Trescott also endured a collision with Amerson on the play.

Hurley scored an insurance run on Maddy Tuning's base hit.

Yamhill is located about 30 miles southeast of Portland.

Trescott led off the bottom of the seventh with a walk, but the Trojans went in order after that.

The game started with little indication that either team would find offense.

Sitts struck out the side after surrendering a walk to start the game in the top of the first inning.

Yamhill right-hander Briley Ingram struck out the first two Trojans she faced before junior shortstop Olivia Asumendi crushed a solo home run. She

went 2-for-3.

Homedale manufactured its second run in the second inning with a little help.

Trescott led off the rally with a single, and courtesy runner Quezada moved to second on Isana Larzelier's sacrifice bunt.

After another strikeout, Tigers second baseman Lexiss Antle misplayed a fly ball off Ellie Miller's bat, and courtesy runner Lexi Heck (running for Quezada) came home.

Sitts struck out seven, and half of Yamhill's runs were unearned.

MARSING HUSKIES

This week's schedule

Athletes of the Week

Baseball
Luke Steinmeyer, so., C/P
.286, 5 RBI; 7Ks in 7 IP; no errors

Softball
Ady Chadez, fr., SS
.429, HR, 7 RBI

Track and field
Vanessa Freeman, sr., sprints
Part of 3 victories in Friday's meet

Golf
Xavier Linker, jr.
Shot 112 in 2023 debut in Mtn. Home

Baseball Varsity
Wednesday, April 5, home vs. Nampa Christian, 5 p.m.
Friday, April 7 at Orofino, 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 8 at Orofino, 10 a.m.
Monday, April 10 at New Plymouth, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, April 12, home vs. Melba, 5 p.m.
Junior varsity
Wednesday, April 5, home vs. Nampa Christian, 3:30 p.m.

Softball Varsity
Saturday, April 8, home vs. Baker, Ore., 5 p.m.
Monday, April 10 at New Plymouth, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, April 12, home vs. Melba, 5 p.m.

Track and field
Thursday, April 6 at Dave Mangum Invitational, Melba, 3:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Tuesday, April 11 at New Plymouth, 1 p.m.

Golf - Coed
Thursday, April 6 at 2A WIC meet, Cole Valley Christian (9 holes), Falcon Crest GC, Kuna, 3 p.m.

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Commentary

Phillip Smith,
Oreana resident



RVs in
Owyhee

County must show
evidence that there
is a problem to fix

The recently mailed [Owyhee County Planning and Zoning] survey asked if homeowners would be willing to subsidize services used by those who live/ stay in RVs. Seeing that land owners already pay property taxes which cover many county services, I ask: Which county services are land owners/RVers not paying their “fair share” on, and which services are homeowners already funding?

Here is a tally of some services we are subsidizing (as homeowners) and have used/not used directly over the past year. This is an oversimplified list, but it is helpful to see that homeowners and landowners alike may not see direct benefits of paid for services:

- Sheriff’s Office: 0
- Ambulance: 0
- School: 0 (homeschooled)
- Cemetery: 0 (still alive, thankfully)
- Library: (once)
- Waste (trash): (weekly)
- Road: (daily) (already pay part in fuels tax, vehicle registration, etc.)

Our property is not within the boundaries of any fire district, so there is no fire protection tax levy.

Other additional miscellaneous county services at the courthouse: (as needed, but pay for services/dues out of pocket almost every time we enter — passports, property taxes, vehicle registration, licensing, various clerk needs, etc)

I can vouch for several neighbors living in RVs whose tally would look very similar to ours. And while I appreciate emergency services being available, to date, they have not been needed.

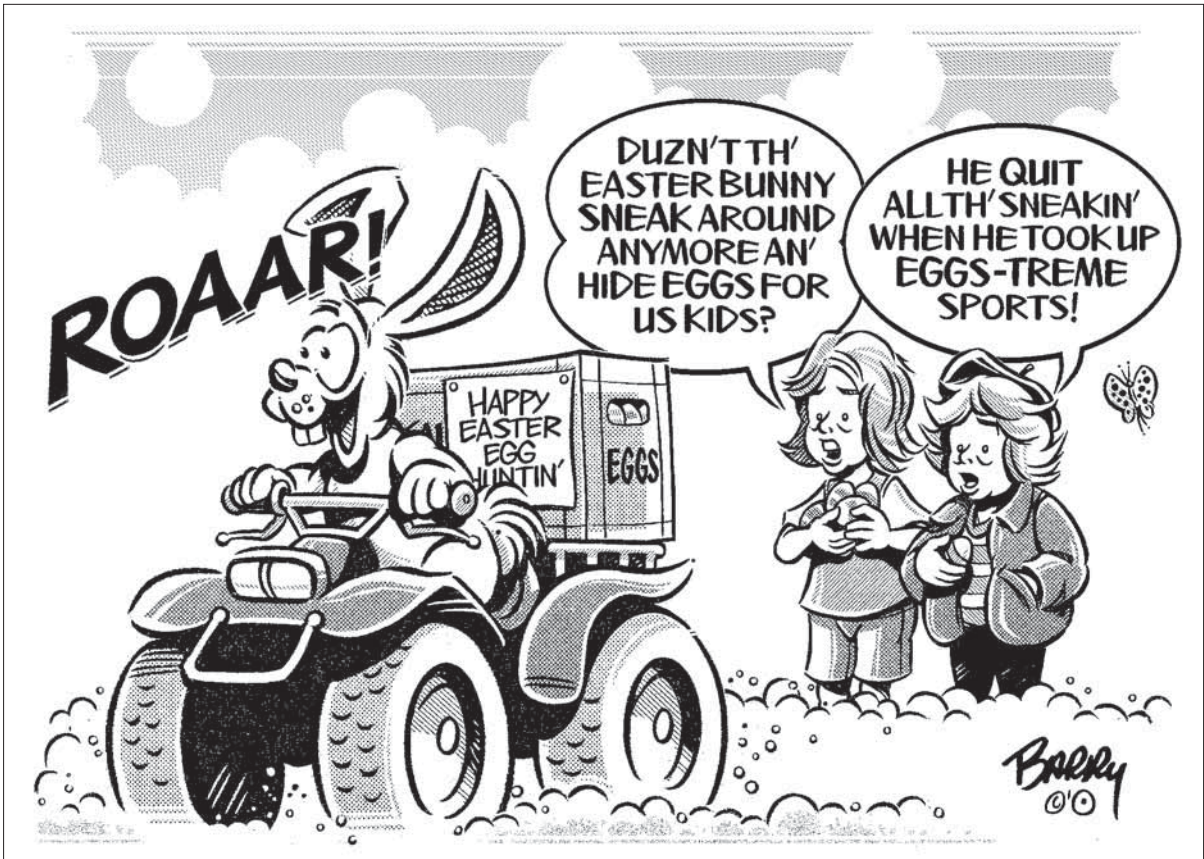
I would like to see the county officials who are pushing this agenda to come up with some real, hard data on which services are being adversely affected by people who do not own/live in “proper housing.” What resources are those living in RVs using that they don’t already “fully” pay for (note: land tax already subsidizes many expenses)? This might include waste (trash) and road use (which is already partially being funded through fuels tax, registration, etc, and also through land tax). If this is the main area we are to consider, it is a fine line to walk to tax people living in RVs, but not recreationalists. Are we of the mind to tax recreationalists in need of emergency services in Owyhee County? How about them emptying trash in county-subsidized dumpsters? Or opening tollbooths for road use? They get the benefits of Owyhee County services “for free.” This proposition is just as absurd as the one currently being considered. Yet somehow this has been deemed a problem with people living in RVs?

Are we concerned with schools or fire districts being overburdened? They can, and some do, run bonds/levies to fund needed expenses; don’t burden the citizens countywide with a local problem they do not see benefits from.

So where are these figures, commissioners and

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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.

From Washington
Senate’s bank reform legislation didn’t
trigger Silicon Valley Bank failure

• Silicon Valley Bank’s (SVB) collapse was caused by massive inflation followed by spiking interest rates and mismanagement that led to a liquidity event, not a capital shortfall.

A combination of excessive spending, skyrocketing inflation, rising interest rates, mismanaged interest rate risk, failed supervision and management, and a social media-fueled bank run led to recent bank failures. As Congress and regulators analyze what went wrong, one thing is clear: S. 2155’s targeted reforms did not contribute to bank failures.

The Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act (S. 2155) was the most significant piece of regulatory reform legislation for community financial institutions in nearly a decade. In addition to right-sizing regulation, it included provisions to help creditworthy borrowers obtain mortgages, allowed more small business owners to get loans, and included important consumer protections for victims of fraud, seniors and veterans. The bill passed the Senate with a bipartisan, filibuster-proof majority and was signed into law in May 2018.

Regarding recent bank failures, the Bank Policy Institute explains: “Federal Reserve rate increases triggered large unrealized losses, which in turn undermined confidence in the banks. Then, because an unusually large portion of their deposits were uninsured, a run by those depositors caused each bank’s failure. At SVB, panic was exacerbated by the fact that many companies that were lending customers of the bank had been required to hold all their deposits there, and so were at mortal risk in the event that the bank failed. ... Interest rate risk management is generally addressed through supervision and not regulation, and thus was unaffected by regulatory

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tailoring under S. 2155.”

• S. 2155 did not take away the Federal Reserve’s ability to properly monitor and supervise Silicon Valley Bank.

SVB was subject to stringent capital standards, was required to provide a monthly liquidity report to the

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Commentary

Financial management

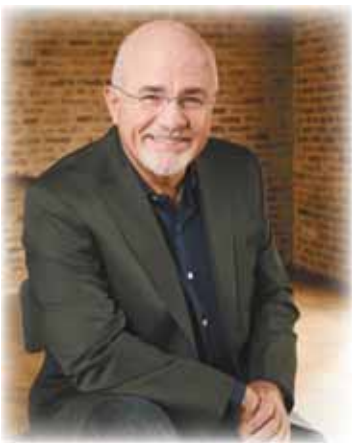
Use rental property sale proceeds to pay off home mortgage

Dear Dave,
I'm going to sell a rental cabin I own, and the sale should bring me about \$388,000. Should I take the proceeds from the sale and use it to pay off my home and other debt or use the money to buy another, similar rental property where I could collect about \$1,500 per month in rent? Right now, I owe \$200,000 on my home, and I have just under \$50,000 in miscellaneous debt.

— Valerie

Dear Valerie,
Let me start by asking you a question. If your home were

paid for and you didn't have a mortgage at all, would you take out a loan against your home to buy a rental property? Let me give you a hint. The answer should be a big, fat no.
The shortest distance between where you are right now and a high-quality financial life — including wealth building — is getting your home and other debt paid off. Then, use the cash flow that's freed up, and the increased peace of mind, to rapidly pile up a bunch of money and buy another rental property.
There's nothing wrong with owning rental properties and



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other kinds of real estate, Valerie. I love real estate, and

today, I have several rental properties of my own. The difference is I bought all of mine with cash. I didn't go into debt for them. I learned my lesson about debt the hard way over 30 years ago, and I don't want you to take a chance on suffering through all that crap, too.
Use the money from the sale of the cabin to pay off your home and other debt, and to make sure you've got a solid emergency fund of three to six months of expenses set aside. After that, if you want to start saving aggressively for another rental, go for it. Just make sure

it's a smart buy when the time comes and that you pay for it in cash!
— Dave
— Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company Ramsey Solutions.

✓ County: Are RV dwellers as big of a burden as officials say?

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P&Z? If you are proposing increased taxes to supplement overburdened county services due directly to a "problem" you have come up with (people living in RVs and not in "government-sanctioned houses"), where are the numbers that support your argument? Or are you content attempting to cause a division among your constituents by creating a "problem," so you can extort even more money from us in the form of a "solution?"

— Phillip Smith resides in a manufactured home on his property in a portion of Oreana not served by either the Grand View Fire District or the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District. He receives two property tax bills (one for the land and one for the dwelling) because there is no permanent foundation, and his solid waste fee is part of the dwelling property tax.

Letter to the editor

Proposed venue would add to congestion near Marsing

A local orchard owner has teamed up with a local attorney, who is also our state senator, and a California developer and submitted an application to [Canyon] County for a conditional use permit that would authorize them to construct an outdoor concert amphitheater together with a small U-Pick orchard and cidery at the southeast corner of Highway 55 and Lowell Road. The subject property is zoned "agricultural" by Canyon County. The development team has labeled the proposed project as an "agri-tourism" project. It would seat 5,000 people and would host 75 concerts a year between April and October. The gates would open at 5:30 p.m., and concerts are supposed to end at 11 p.m., on concert nights.
If you travel highway 55, you know it's become much more congested in the past few years. [The Idaho Transportation Department] has no improvements to highway 55 west of Farmway in its development pipeline, thus it will be at least 10 years before ground can be broken on any such improvements. Adding another 2,500 to 3,000 vehicles to the road will (i) increase accident rates, (ii) prevent emergency vehicles from reaching accident scenes, and (iii) endanger farm workers when navigation apps recommend farm road travel to the concert site.

The project is a commercial development. The vast majority of its revenues will be derived from concerts than from sales of fruit and cider.
Our state senator, Dist. 23 Sen. Todd Lakey (R-Nampa), whose district the subject property lies within, is a member of the development team. We elected him to represent our interests. Instead, he's attempting to profit at our expense. Remember that.
Geoff Mathews
Caldwell

In his capacity as an attorney for Borton-Lakey Law, Lakey appeared before the Canyon County Planning and Zoning Commission during a Dec. 1 public hearing on behalf of EW Real Estate LLC, which is proposing the development on land owned by Symms Fruit Ranch in the Sunny Slope region northwest of Marsing. The P&Z commission denied the application, 5-0. Canyon County public information officer Joe Decker confirmed to The Owyhee Avalanche that the applicant has appealed the decision to the Canyon County Board of Commissioners, but a hearing date is pending as EW Real Estate LLC works with the Idaho Transportation Department and other agencies to provide additional information on potential impacts.

— Ed.

✓ Legislation: Setting the record straight on what led to bank's collapse

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Federal Reserve, and was also required to conduct quarterly liquidity stress tests, as well as liquidity risk management.
The bank was very well capitalized — with ratios roughly twice as high as requirements — but had risk management defects. SVB was exposed to *liquidity risk* as its investments in long-term government securities were funded by short-term deposits, and *interest rate risk* from holding fixed-rate assets as inflation soared and interest rates moved higher.
At a recent Banking Committee hearing, Federal Reserve Vice Chairman for Supervision Michael Barr confirmed the Fed had substantial discretion under S. 2155 to tailor rules, and that SVB was well capitalized.
• There is no substitute for robust supervision and risk management.

News articles suggest banking regulators, supervisors and third parties found serious weaknesses in how SVB was handling key risk as interest rates were rising.
The San Francisco Federal Reserve expressed concern with the bank's interest rate risk management last fall; a third-party review of the bank in early 2022 warned the bank's risk controls were "substantially below" its peers; and the bank was without a Chief Risk Officer for much of 2022, to name a few.
By mid-2022, it should have been clear to anyone looking at SVB's investment portfolio that the institution was holding unrealized losses as the Federal Reserve continued to increase interest rates. While we do not yet know what happened in the first few months of 2023, we need to know:
• Why SVB management failed to manage its

interest rate risk of assets and liabilities;
• Whether bank examiners at SVB raised interest rate risk concerns with SVB's investment portfolio; and
• Why corrective steps were not taken earlier to avoid the bank run that occurred after SVB announced it had sold assets to meet a liquidity crisis.
While we wait to learn more in the coming weeks, one thing is clear: S. 2155 is not the scapegoat the president and political commentators are looking for.
— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U. S. Senate. He is in his fifth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999, and 2023 marks his 30th year in the U.S. Congress. Prior to that, he served eight years in the Idaho State Senate

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

April 8, 1998

Golf fundraiser...

Rodney Roe of Parma putts at the ninth hole during a golf fundraiser Saturday to benefit the Homedale golf team in their yearly fundraiser at River Bend Golf Course. Twenty-five golfers ignored the rain and cold temperatures to support the high school team.



Filing for county office closes; most unopposed

The deadline for filing nominating petitions for elective office in Owyhee County was Friday, April 3. Candidates for the May 26 election are as follows: for District 2 county commissioner, Republican incumbent Harold Tolmie runs unopposed. For District 3 county commissioner, Republican incumbent Chester Sellman will be challenged by Republican candidate Dick Reynolds.

For clerk, auditor and reporter, current chief deputy JoAnn McDaniel, a Republican, is running against Republican Cynthia A. Eaton.

Treasurer Barbara Wright, coroner Harvey Grimme and assessor Ernie Bahem are also running unopposed.

Sundance Park fund-raiser brings in \$8,500

The Sundance Park Development Auction, held Saturday at Homedale High School gymnasium, brought in \$8,500, park coordinator Pam Dugger said.

The event brought in more money than the previous year. The funds raised will be used to help finish the park, which will feature five regulation softball diamonds, a soccer field, electronic scoreboards, a snack bar and a perimeter walkway.

Five organizations and individuals who have softball fields dedicated in their names were honored just prior to the opening of the auction.

The Homedale Lions Club, the Homedale Kiwanis Club, Citizens Communications, John Jackson and the Matteson family have collectively donated more than \$30,000 to the park's construction.

Attendees munched on hot dogs, drank Coke and played bingo before and after the auction conducted by Lonnie Rudd, Rich Pickett and J.B. Salutregui.

People also purchased bricks with their names on them, to be installed in an eight-foot circle around the seven-foot black granite monument containing the names of the Founders Club members permanently on display at the finished park.

Boys' golf team wins at Shadow Valley

Gavin Parker fired a 40 to share medalist honors with Fruitland's Matt Evers and lead the Homedale Varsity Golf Team to a win at Shadow Valley on April 2. The Homedale team combined for a 178, ahead of second-place Fruitland at 203. Other Homedale scores included John Bideganeta at 43, Rigo Zalazar, 47; Jeff Martell, 48; and Levi Duckett, 52.

50 years ago

April 5, 1973



GEORGE MURRAY, left, Mayor of Homedale, buys the first box of Girl Scout cookies from his daughter, Kim, a junior Girl Scout from Troop No. 302, second from left. Looking on during the sale are Mabelena Mitchell, a junior Girl Scout and Lou Burnett, a Cadette Scout from Troop No. 303. The cookie sale is currently being conducted by Girl Scouts in the area, with five different varieties to select from. Ten cents from the sale of each box of cookies remains with the local troops. Mrs. Linda Mitchell is the leader of the Junior Scout troop and Mrs. Mac Tolmie is the Cadette Girl Scout leader. Photo by Bette Uda

Marsing housing program nears one-third done

Construction on the 40 dwellings being built for the Housing Authority of the City of Marsing nears one-third completion.

Dale Dobbin, chairman, said four units have the brick veneer completed and the interior finish work has started. There are 15 three-bedroom homes and 25 two-bedroom homes under construction.

Prime contractor is Trico Construction of Seattle, with Perry Solberg as job superintendent. The concrete footings have been poured and foundation work is completed for all 40 dwellings with 32 units now framed.

Marsing water and sewer lines are in place from the city to the site. Dobbin stated the two-bedroom dwelling will rent for \$78 a month and the three bedrooms for \$97 a month. The units have electric heat, and the tenants will have utilities furnished other than electricity. The construction contract includes paved streets, landscaping, and a recreation area for children.

Trojan track men take second at Fruitland

Sweeping all four relays — two in record time — Fruitland High School's track team won its own six-team invitational meet Thursday with 87½ points, closely pursued by the Homedale Trojans who garnered 80.

Homedale's Mike Hyer was the meet's lone triple winner as Class A-3 schools got in their first licks of the season on the cinders. Hyer won both hurdles, the 120 highs in :15.9 and the 180 lows in :22.2 and also took the long jump with a leap of 19-1.

Pole vaulter Greg Haylett of HHS went 13 feet to crack that event's mark of 11-6.

Marching band's Canada trip assured

The Homedale High School Marching Band has now earned enough money to finance a week's trip to the Calgary, Canada Stampede. Final efforts were made recently to reach the \$5,000 goal with a combined auction, carnival, flea market and a raffle. It was held at the Owyhee County Armory.

155 years ago

April 4, 1868

SILVER CITY MEAT MARKET Washington St., Silver.

V. Blackinger begs leave to inform his friends that he is always ready to supply them, and the public generally, with the best meats that can be presented in the Territory, such as —

Beef,
Mutton,
Veal,
Sausages,
Head Cheese, &c.,
At the most reasonable rates.
Thankful for past patronage and hopes for a continuance of the same.

HAVE WE A CORONER?—It would seem that we have no Coroner, nor anyone else to perform the duties of one. Three men have met with death by violence here within the last ten days, as we fail to hear of a Coroner's inquest being held on any of the bodies. We are under the impression that there has been a shameful neglect of duty. The law provides that in cases of the kind that have recently transpired in our midst the Coroner shall summon a jury of not less than nine or more than fifteen persons, who, after due investigation, shall certify the same by an inquisition in writing; also, that the testimony of the witnesses examined before the Coroner shall be filed, with the inquisition, in the office of the Clerk of the District Court. Nothing of the kind has been done — no inquest, and consequently no public record of it preserved.

It is said that there is no Coroner; that the one who was elected did not qualify. That don't make any difference; a clause in the statute provides that if the office of Coroner be vacant any Justice of the Peace may perform the duties required. It certainly does not look well, to say the least, when several men are shot or meet violent deaths in our community, to dig a grave and cover them up without so much as an official inquiry into the manner of their death. Such a plain neglect of duty is wrong, and should not be tolerated. In justice to the friends and relatives of the deceased, as well as in compliance with the law, there should have been a Coroner's inquest on each of the bodies previous to burial, and the verdicts publicly known.

RETURNED.—Spring is here, and brings with it many migratory Owyheean who have been spending the Winter in some milder clime. Among the late arrivals we notice our old friend Bob Frazier, who has been to California on a wife-hunting expedition. He has succeeded, judging from a piece of calico that he brought back with him, so that now he is a good substantial citizen in the way of a "very married man." Welcome, Bob.

R. Tregaskis and wife are also among the list of arrivals. They came by way of Portland, and will remain here during the Summer.

That genial customer, Tom Ewing, has also just arrived from San Francisco. In about twenty days he will have one of the largest and best assorted stock of goods ever brought into this market. Thanks, Tom, for that splendid trout with which you presented us the other morning.

Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

On April 26, 2023 the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St., Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below.

Beginning at 9:30 am, the Commission will hear application Z23-12 filed by **Idaho Power Company** seeking approval of a conditional use permit to establish a 500kV transmission line that runs from Boardman Oregon, to the Hemingway Substation located in Owyhee County. The proposed structures are generally between 130’ – 180’ high. The line’s eastern terminus is inside the Hemingway Substation, located on parcel RP01S03W114203, and is proposed to cross two other private parcels in Owyhee County before crossing into Oregon. The western terminus of the project is in Boardman, Oregon. The parcels that are proposed in this application are located in the agricultural zone and include Idaho Power’s parcel RP01S03W114203, and The Brandau Family Trust parcels RP01S03W113602, and RP01S03W110014. The subject parcels are located in the N½ of Section 11, as well as the N½ of the SW¼ also in Section 11, all within Township 1 South, Range 3 West, Boise meridian, Owyhee County.

Beginning at 10:30 am, the Commission will hear application Z23-08 filed by **Showalter Construction Company LLC** seeking approval of a conditional use permit to establish a commercial gravel pit on approximately 25 acres of a 340-acre parcel owned by Owyhee County. The subject parcel RP02N04W204800, is located in an agricultural zone. The proposed gravel pit site is located in a portion of the NE¼, of the SE¼ of Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County.

Beginning at 1:00 pm, the Commission will hear application Z23-11 filed by **Van and Gayla Prow** seeking approval of a conditional use permit to place a second single family dwelling on their property. The subject parcel is approximately 12 acres, and is located at 31416 Hot Creek Rd. in Bruneau. The subject parcel, RP07S06E063495, is located in an agricultural zone in a portion of the SE¼ of the NW¼ of Section 6, Township 7 South, Range 6 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 2:00 pm, the Commission will hear application Z23-14 filed by **Matt & Jolene Koplin** seeking approval of a conditional use permit to establish a single-family dwelling on an approximately 5-acre parcel of land. The subject parcel is located immediately adjacent to 2085 River Road approximately 3.5 miles northwest of Homedale. The subject parcel, RP04N06W247200, is located in an agricultural zone in a portion of the NE¼ of the SE¼ of Section 24, Township 4 North, Range 6 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Additional information about this meeting is available at owyheecounty.net under Public Hearing Documents on the Community Planning page. The proposed projects are available

for review in the Community Planning office or on the webpage listed above. For additional information please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2.
04/05/2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Annexation and Zoning RKA LLC – Hwy 55 Storage proposed Annexation

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Marsing City Council will hold a public hearing at Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing, Idaho 83639 on April 12th, 2023 at 7 pm on zoning classification for an annexation of approximately 2.82 acres. Zoning requested is Commercial.

GENERAL LOCATION: This property is located just West of Marsing city limits; West of 14th Ave and on the Northside of Main Street/Highway 55, just west of drain ditch.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Parcel I:

A part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 33, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described to-wit:

COMMENCING at the Southwest of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 33, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian; thence

North 89°28’ East 422.90 feet, along the South line of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence

North 0°32’ West 33.00 feet, to the INITIAL POINT of this description; thence continue North 0°32’ West 248.92 feet; thence

North 89°28’ East 150.00 feet, parallel to the said south line; thence

South 0°32’ East 248.92 feet (in error of record shown as South 0°32’ West); thence

South 89°28’ West 150.00 feet, parallel to the said South line, to the INITIAL POINT of this description.

AND

A part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 33, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian in Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described to wit:

COMMENCING at the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 33, the South quarter corner; thence

North 89°28’00” East 572.90 feet, along the South line of the said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence

North 00°32’00” West 33 feet to the INITIAL POINT of this description; thence continuing

North 00°32’00” West 248.92 feet; thence

North 89°28’00” East 88.6 feet (in error of record as 85.6 feet), parallel with the said South line, to the approximate centerline of a drain ditch; thence

South 18°01’00” East 260.98 feet, along the said approximate centerline of a drain ditch; thence

South 89°28’00” West 167.00 feet to INITIAL POINT of this description.

Parcel II:

A part of the Southwest Quarter

of the Southeast Quarter of Section 33, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described to wit:

COMMENCING at the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter or the Southeast Quarter of said Section 33, the South quarter corner; thence

North 89°28’00” East 247.90 feet, along the South line of the said Southwest Quarter or the Southeast Quarter; thence

North 00°32’00” West 281.92 feet to the INITIAL POINT of this description; thence continuing

North 00°32’00” West 135.00 feet; thence

North 89°28’00” East 371.07 feet, parallel with the said South line, to the approximate centerline of a drain ditch; thence

South 18°01’00” East 141.54 feet, along the said approximate centerline of drain ditch; thence

South 89°28’00” West 413.60 feet to the INITIAL POINT of this description.

All records pertaining to this annexation request is available for inspection at Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. All persons desiring to be heard regarding this matter should appear at this hearing. Written testimony may be sent to Marsing City Hall, PO BOX 125, Marsing, Idaho, 83639. Written testimony must be received no later than April 7, 2023 by 4:00 pm.

Dated this March 14, 2023
03/29;04/05/2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT THE EDDY PROPOSING A FOOD TRUCK PARK CITY OF MARSING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at the hour of 7:00 o’clock p.m., at 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing, Idaho, the City of Marsing will hold a public hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments regarding the proposed Conditional Use Permit for The Eddy, commonly known address 722 Main St., Marsing, legal description is below. Requested Conditional Use Permit is to establish a food truck park with a coffee, charcuterie, and an Idaho beer/wine experience. This time and place are when and where the City Council will consider and hear all comments thereto which may also be made in writing and filed with the City Clerk on or before said time.

Being a portion of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, in the City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, marked by a brass capped monument; thence South 90°00’00” East 25.00 feet, along the South line of said Southwest Quarter; thence North 00°00’00” East 33.00 feet to the Northerly right of way line of State Highway 55; thence

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Engineering Services Program, 600 South Walnut, PO Box 25, Boise, Idaho 83707, until 2:00 p.m., prevailing local time, on April 27, 2023 for DFG Project No. 2023-104, Grand View Boat Ramp Improvements. Bids mailed to the PO Box must arrive before 7:00 a.m. on the above date.

Proposals will be opened and publicly read at the above hour and date.

The project consists of removing and disposing of 1,200 sf of existing reinforced concrete boat ramp, constructing a new ramp profile, and pouring a new reinforced concrete ramp. The new ramp will be constructed in two sections: a cast in place section and a precast push in place section.

A pre-bid tour of the project (highly recommended) will be held on April 20, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Mountain Time. Contact the Engineering Services Program, (208) 334-3730 by April 19, 2023 to make arrangements to attend this tour.

Specifications, proposal forms and other information are on file for examination at the following locations:

Idaho Fish and Game
Engineering Services Program
208-334-3730
crystal.christensen@idfg.idaho.gov

Abadan Reprographics
800-572-3706
planroom@abadanplancenter.com

Associated General Contractors
208-344-2531
planroom@idahoaagc.org

Dodge / Blue Book Construction
877-784-9556
projectdata@construction.com
dodge.docs@construction.com

Construct Connect
877-889-5404
content@constructconnect.com

Spokane Regional Plan Center
509-328-9600
projectinfo@plancenter.net

A bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid is required. Documents may be obtained for bidding purposes from the Department of Fish and Game, Engineering Services Program, 208-334-3730. No deposit is required.

A Public Works Contractors License for the State of Idaho is required of the successful bidder prior to the award of a contract if the bid amount is greater than \$50,000. If a bidder does not currently have a Public Works Contractors License for the State of Idaho, he must verify the capability of obtaining a license prior to submitting a proposal. Include names and Public Works License number on Sub-Contractor List as part of bid if total project value is greater than \$50,000.

CLINT WORTHINGTON
ENGINEERING SERVICES PROGRAM MANAGER
IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
04/05,12/2023

South 90° 00’00” East 313.36 feet, along said right of way line to a set 1/2 inch iron pin with plastic cap PLS 6552 and the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence

North 02°29’00” West 89.08 feet to a set 1/2 inch iron pin with plastic cap PLS 6552; thence

North 00° 00’00” East 132.76 feet to a point on the Southwesterly line of the “C” Canal of the Gem Irrigation District marked by a set 1/2 inch iron pin with plastic cap PLS 6552; thence

South 77°48’48” East 60.84 feet along said Southwesterly line; thence South 73 °43’38” East 14.61 feet along said Southwesterly line; thence South 59°59’34” East 19.64 feet along said Southwesterly line to a point on the East line of that certain property described in Instrument No. 218273, records of Owyhee County, Idaho, marked by a set 1/2” iron pin with plastic cap PLS 6552; thence leaving said Southwesterly line

South 00°00’00” West 195.00 feet, along said East line to a set 1/2 inch iron pin with plastic cap PLS 6552 on the Northerly right of way line of said State Highway 55; thence North 90° 00’00” West 86.64 feet along said right of way line, to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING

The application for Conditional Use Permit is on file at the Marsing City Hall where it may be reviewed during regular business hours. The file will contain materials relevant to the request, the contents of which may change prior to the date of the hearing.

All persons desiring to be heard should appear at this hearing. Written testimony may be sent to Marsing City Hall, PO BOX 125, Marsing, Idaho, 83639. Written testimony must be received no later than April 7, 2023 by 5:00 pm.

03/29;04/05/2023

Buy it, sell it,
trade it, rent it...
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Classifieds!

Sports

Dillon Fine foils Pilgrims in rout

Soggy field conditions in New Plymouth necessitated a day-of switch to Homedale’s home field. Dillon Fine was just fine with change of venue.

The IdahoSports.com Athlete of the Week bolstered his resume with a dominant outing in the Trojans’ 16-4 five-inning non-conference victory over the Pilgrims.

The junior right-hander was virtually untouchable over four innings. He struck out 11 batters and didn’t give up a hit at John Jackson Field.

Fine went to the mound with a 4-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning after igniting a rally with a line-drive double to score D’Orr Packer.

Fine proceeded to strike out the side while hitting a batter in the bottom of the frame.

In fact, the Homedale ace’s strikeouts constituted the

Pilgrims’ first 11 outs. He struck out the side in the first three innings then got the first two strikeouts in the fourth before a groundout.

Kaden Ray’s grounder marked only the third time New Plymouth (1-5) put a ball in play over the first four innings.

Two Pilgrims reached on errors.

Oklin Carson started the fourth in relief and was charged with four runs before the Trojans turned a double play. The Pilgrims’ last runs scored when Kaden Hawker broke up the no-hitter with a two-run single off Chance Martell, who had replaced Carson in the middle of the uprising.

The Trojans (7-2 at week’s end) wasted little time in setting up their third consecutive victory before Monday’s 3A Snake River Valley conference home

game against Fruitland, which was played after deadline.

Homedale scored four runs in back-to-back innings then set up the 10-run rule stoppage with six runs in the fourth.

With Jacob Hartle on the mound, Jayden Wutherich scored on a balk and Andres Garcia, Kaleb Coronado, and Martell scrambled to the plate on wild pitches. Xavier Uranga scored on an error, and Carson scored when Wutherich picked up the only hit in the rally.

Dillon Fine scored on his brother Payton Fine’s base hit in the first, and Garcia knocked in Payton with a single.

The Trojans scored four runs with a two-out rally in the second. Carson had an RBI single, and Wutherich doubled home Payton Fine.

Carson doubled later in the game.

College catch-up

BASEBALL
Drew Deal, so., C/OF/DH
Northwest Nazarene University

This season — The Homedale High School graduate has started eight of the 11 games in which he has appeared. As a designated hitter, he’s batting .286 (7-for-28) with a double, four runs scored and four RBI.

Most recent action — He was 0-for-2 with one at-bat each on successive days against Great Northwest Athletic Conference opponent Saint Martin’s in Lacey, Wash. The Nighthawks lost the first game Deal played in, 7-4, on March 24. On March 25, Saint Martin’s pulled off a 5-4 walk-off win in Deal’s other game.

What’s next — The Nighthawks (15-19 overall, 9-7 GNAC) are back home at Elmore W. Vail Field in Nampa for a pair of conference doubleheaders against Western Oregon University. The first games will take place at 3 p.m., and 6 p.m., on Friday. The series ends with games at 1 p.m., and 4 p.m., on Saturday.



BASKETBALL
Jacob Ankeny, RS fr., C
Montana Western University

The Marsing High School graduate and son of Luke and Heidi Ankeny was placed on the Frontier Conference all-academic team for men’s basketball. He’s majoring in Business Administration at the Dillon, Mont., school.



Public notices

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.

The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for Special Use Permit filed by Travis Milburn requesting that he be allowed to build a duplex at 14 Kansas Ave., Tax 19A1, Block D, 3N 5W, Taylor Addition, Homedale, Idaho.

The public is invited to attend and offer input. Written letters or emails to be read in the hearing will also be accepted at City Hall until April 5, 2023.

Alice E. Pegram
City Clerk
City of Homedale
03/29;04/05/2023

REQUEST FOR BIDS
Riverside Cemetery District in Grand View Idaho is now accepting bids for mowing the Cemetery. You must provide your own equipment. Job is from April - October and needs to be mowed weekly.

For more information please call Doug Thurman at 208-599-1014. Please send sealed bid to Riverside Cemetery District, PO Box 142, Grand View, ID 83624.

We are accepting bids until April 14, 2023.
04/05,12/2023

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE (Adult or Emancipated Minor)
CASE NO. CV37-23-00091
IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL

DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: ELVIN DEAN KNOWELS JR.

A petition to change the name of ELVIN DEAN KNOWELS JR., now residing in the City of Marsing, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to ELVIN DEAN JONES JR. The reason for the change in name is: I have been going by Elvin Dean Jones JR for 56 years, ever since I was in the military.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 9 o’clock a.m. on April 24, 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: March 22, 2023
Angela Barkell
Clerk of the District Court
/s:/Catie Canaday, Deputy Clerk
03/29;04/05,12,19/2023

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE (Adult or Emancipated Minor)
CASE NO. CV37-23-00087
IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: JOSILYN RHEA GIVEN

A petition to change the name of Josilyn Rhea Given, 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 Arthur Ridley Griffin. The reason for the change in name is: Dislike of current name.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 9:00 o’clock a.m. on May 1, 2023 at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, ID 83650. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: March 17, 2023
Clerk of the District Court
/s:/Jamie Eubanks, Deputy Clerk
03/29;04/05,12,19/2023

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE (Minors)
CASE NO. CV37-23-00093
IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: AMELIA ELIDA MALACARA

A petition to change the name of Amelia Elida Malacara, now residing in the city of Marsing, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Amelia Elida Mendoza. The reason for the change in name is: Child’s name being changed so she has the same name as her mother.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 11:00 o’clock a.m. on May 17, 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: March 22, 2023
Clerk of the District Court
/s:/Aiesha Zenor, Deputy Clerk
03/29;04/05,12,19/2023

Raiders rack up PRs

Rimrock High School made its usual trip to Hazelton for the most unusual meet of the season Friday, setting several personal marks in the Viking Relays at Valley High School.

Lloyd Boren finished third in the 1,500 meters with one of two personal records (4 minutes, 43.94 seconds).

The junior PR’d in the 600-meter run, taking ninth in 1:40.

Senior Aden Aquiso’s season-best long jump gave him third place at 19 feet, 10 inches.

Macmillan (eighth, 41.2), Alamilla (ninth, 41.28) also PR’d in the 300 meters.

Freshman Morgan Field collected a top mark for his brief prep career to take fourth in the discus at 95-5.

Personal records were also achieved in the girls’ meet.

Senior Maklay Moore achieved a career-best mark and finished runner-up in the long jump at 15-3½. Three juniors — Ashten Moore (third, 14-8½), Annakay Winings (fourth, 14-3), and Rhylan Burbank (10th, 12-9¾) — also logged personal records.

Ashten Moore posted two PRs: Third in the 600-meter run (2:01.73) and ninth in the 300 (50.49). She took fourth in the triple jump (29-1½).

Another 11th-grader, Goya Lemus, PR’d with a third-place time of 5:54.93 in the 1,500, and a fifth-place time of 2:04.4 in the 600.

Moore finished fifth in the 100 hurdles with her season-best time of 20.78, and Burbank took eighth in 23.69.

The Raiders were runners-up in the 4x800 relay at 10:20.32.

The Rimrock girls finished fourth in the 11-team meet, and the boys were sixth.

✓ Golf: Stella Heck only girl

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birdie, and the rest were pars and bogeys on the back nine,” Smith said.

Likewise, Tyler Erickson rebounded from his front-nine struggles to come in at 88.

Breken Frank finished at 92.

“He found the first few holes not very friendly, got a par on one hole and started to flip his game on the positive side,” Smith said.

Matt Riha rounded out the varsity scorers, slipping to a 109 after playing “awesome on the first nine,” Smith said.

“Matt’s driver and irons were on, but he struggled putting,” his coach said.

With most of the HHS girls’ squad out of the action because of Spring Break, Stella Heck carried the banner with a 137.

“It was a good effort by Heck to represent the Homedale Trojans as a unit,” Smith said.

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Melba chili chef wins Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson cook-off title

Winners of the 11th annual Murphy-Reynolds Wilson Fire and EMS chili cook-off were announced last week. The contest, sponsored by Marv’s Tire Service in Nampa, was held on March 25 during the annual Owyhee County Historical Society Spring Bazaar at the county museum in Murphy.

Grand champion and People’s Choice — Amanda Allison, Melba

Red chili with beans — Zina Farnot (D. L. Evans Bank), Nampa

Texas red chili (no beans) — Mary Monson, Wilson

Green chili — Madi Allison, Melba

Vegetarian chili — Loni Monson, Nampa

Anything goes chili — Richard Monson, Nampa

✓ Lunch: Facebook discussion draws attention to solution to student debt

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ID 83628). Bettleyon said a few donations have been received this year and there has been an uptick in interest in helping out since a discussion was started on the Homedale Community Awareness Facebook page.

“It is very heartwarming to know there are such caring and humble people within our community that truly care about our students and their welfare,” Bettleyon said.

Currently, 55 student accounts in Marsing hold a total negative balance of \$675. Ninety-seven Homedale students owe a total of \$965.

Still, contrary to what some people may think, children holding lunch debts don’t go hungry.

“We will always feed students,” Bettleyon said.

Both districts extend credit to students who can’t afford to eat at school.

Each student can receive a credit account of \$10 (“as a courtesy,” Bettleyon said), and if money is owed any student can pay cash each day for their meals.

So-called “first meal” purchases are allowed as long as the student doesn’t exceed the credit limit. A la carte items such as extra milk and second entrees can’t be purchased on credit, Bettleyon said. A student must have funds in a child nutrition account or pay cash each time a la carte items are purchased.

Parents and guardians can tell school officials not to extend credit to their children by contacting the districts’ respective nutrition offices.

Bettleyon pointed out that, in the spirit of the no children go hungry policy, lunch workers won’t refuse a student a “reimbursable” meal if their credit limit has been exceeded.

“However, the student may have a limited choice of menu options until the outstanding balance has been paid,” according to the child nutrition policy.

The credit option will end sometime this month — and ends each April during the school year — in an attempt to restore student balances before the school year ends.

The amount of debt in Homedale and Marsing schools is low relative to the number of meals each district prepares each day.

Bettleyon said roughly 650 to 675 lunches are served in the two districts daily. Breakfasts served range from 150 to 300.

Marsing elementary students pay \$1.75 for breakfast and \$2 for lunch, and secondary students pay \$2 for breakfast and \$2.75 for lunch.

Homedale’s prices are \$1.75 and \$2.10, respectively, for elementary breakfast and lunch, and \$2 and \$2.60, respectively, for lunches and breakfasts at the middle school and high school.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture COVID-19 pandemic-era universal free breakfast program ended on June 30, triggering “significant changes” in the breakfast program for 2022-23, Bettleyon said.

Prior to the pandemic, local schools provided universal no-cost breakfast, but both districts are currently ineligible.

The districts’ eligibility status was actually influenced by the pandemic, Bettleyon said.

“Since students were receiving free meals under the waivers, we were not receiving the free and reduced applications from families that make these programs possible,” she said.

“With that being said, we are looking at the possibility of being eligible to participate in the Provision 2 breakfast for next school year.”

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