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Cleaning cars to pay for their road trip

Right: Junior Hailey Andrus holds up a sign on the corner of Main Street and 8th Avenue West to alert motorists of the fundraiser the Marsing High School Academic Decathlon team is holding to help finance its trip to next week's national competition in Frisco, Texas.

Below: Marsing High School senior Ben Edwards (left) scrubs and junior Jared Bowers rinses during the Academic Decathlon team's fundraiser car wash Friday afternoon at M&W Market.



Changes take root in sheriff's office

Kendrick's first week features resignations, reassignments

Larry Kendrick believes he was appointed Owyhee County sheriff because the Republican Central Committee and county commissioners wanted a change.

That change has come swiftly with the resignations of three supervisors and the hiring of new leaders within the first seven days of the former Bruneau-Grand View deputy's oath of office.

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Emu-Z-Um opens again; Lawson's legacy lives

New owners announce hours, name change

Lawson's Emu-Z-Um is open again with new owners and a new reverential name.

The reopening of the sprawling Grand View-area museum was announced on social media and the business website on Thursday.

Eddie and Jessica Florian are the new owners, having purchased the attraction from Belva Lawson.

The new owners renamed the attraction Lawson's Legacy Pioneer Town and Historical Museum to honor founder Jack Lawson.

The museum and park had been closed since Jack Lawson died in October 2021 at the age of 83.

The attraction is located at 22142 River Road outside Grand View. Look for the sign right on Idaho highway 78.

The museum features artifacts used by

— See *Emu-Z-Um*, page 8

Groups try to keep prescription drugs safe

HPD hosts drop-off Saturday; TRHS starts program in Marsing

Local organizations are working to minimize drug use in the community.

Terry Reilly Health Services has

announced the initiation of a drug take-back program at its Marsing clinic.

Safe disposal of all prescription and over-the-counter medications — including controlled substances — will be available during regular hours at the clinic, 201 Main St.

From 10 a.m., to 2 p.m., on Saturday, community members will be able to

drop off their unwanted or unused prescription drugs at Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

According to a flyer distributed by the Owyhee Health Coalition, the City Hall parking lot will be one of the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day locations. Folks can drive

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Local author weaves short stories into life lessons

Dale Gray sparks his memory through series of parables

Dale Gray says he isn't a Zen master, but through trial and error, he has become something of Jedi master when it comes to Toyotas.

The Grand View man says he has strived to move his life "upward," which for an archaeologist seems to be a topographical certainty. Spiritually and psychologically, though, it has been a tougher climb.

Yet, he digs for his own brand of enlightenment through isolated archaeological assignments that offer introspection, long pilot-car gigs that provide time for thought, and Toyota repair projects and home repair projects that send him down into the grit and up to the heights of self-discovery.

In his main job, an archaeologist and historian, Gray examines, catalogs, surveys and writes for a living.

So, it may come as a surprise that his second book — "The Zen of Dale: Tales of a Free-range Historian" — grew out of even more writing.

"I have a compulsion to write, and it gets expressed on Facebook in a series of short stories," he said.

In reality, those short stories were extensions of his day job, and now they are mashed together in a coherent and humorous trip through a small sliver of Gray's colorful existence.

"This was generally linear from 2013 to 2014, so I had a

timeline working underneath and then I just had to put in the Zen part," Gray said.

"Most of my stories have two or three themes going at once."

The themes range from pet ownership (and loss), family dynamics (and milestones), tracing history (the West's and his own), and keeping myriad Toyotas on the road (which ties nearly all the other themes together).

"I'm not sure how many I own," Gray said of his Toyotas. "It's not a lot. Less than 10."

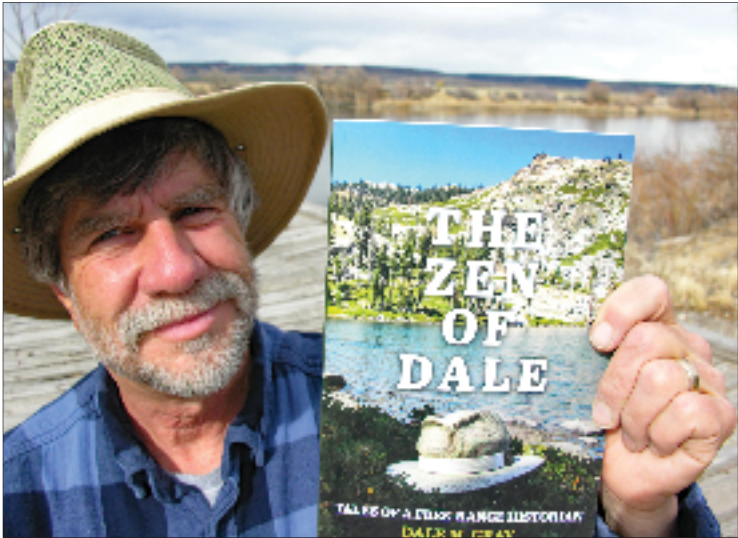
"Because I'm a historian, I knew I was going to be broke my entire life, so I went out and found the most reliable car I could find and learned to maintain it."

Toyotas have kept the Gray family on the move, on the road, and in money. And, for Gray, would-be frustrating moments of blown head gaskets and failing transmissions have led to a strengthening of family ties and an epiphany about his conversational relationship with God.

"This is not a children's book, but there might be a dragon here and there," Gray writes in the foreword. "Real life does have its dragons, and we all do battle. The telling of some of those battles, both won and lost, has been included."

"Lessons learned, tears shed, but mostly a good laugh at my expense."

There is a good dose of humor in the book, by which Gray takes the reader through



Dale Gray holds up his new book, which he will be signing during an event at the Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., in Grand View, from 4 p.m., to 6 p.m., on Thursday. The book will be available at the library, or you can buy a copy on Amazon for \$19.99. Submitted photo

the loss of a dog — Sparky — who adopted the family, baseball triumphs of Gray's son, Bronson, and the wedding of his daughter, Lee.

Adding to the family theme, Dale's wife, Tammy, wrote a chapter.

The book is also about perseverance as the author scrambles to cover medical expenses for he and his wife, repair his ever-deteriorating roof (with thrice-recycled shingles), and the ever-present fight to keep the Toyotas rolling for hundreds of thousands of miles.

The author of "A Holy Place in Idaho" to commemorate the Idaho Baptist Convention's centennial, Gray said writing the second book helped him sharpen his own memory of the experiences in that stretch of life, and through that, another theme emerged.

"The last chapter of the book ("In My Grasp") is about

what we need to do in life, and that's cherish the people the universe presents to us," Gray said. "That's all this book is: A series of parables to cherish, sometimes telling it through the lens of a grimy socket wrench."

"It's not preachy. It's never preachy. It's just a bunch of stories."

Miracles are discussed, such as the day that neighbors showed up with a check that allowed Gray to put on a new roof and buy a new-to-him Toyota 4-Runner that was necessary to replace another 4-Runner that was beginning to show its age.

Both events came after Gray's admitted clumsy prayer to God as he was swinging a hammer on the peak of his roof.

The book also chronicles the bonding of a father and son over a 1990 Toyota Celica that fought the pair tooth-and-nail (and bearing cap and head gasket) until Bronson eventually dropped a new engine into the car all by

himself while Dad was on the road — without Dad knowing and prompting a prideful moment.

"I was tempted to call it 'Zen and the Art of Toyota Maintenance,' " Gray wrote in the foreword, adding that he didn't because of deference to Robert M. Pirsig's book, "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance."

Still, there is a chapter by that name.

And in that chapter is a hilarious story of an ever-expanding lever used to try to free-up the seized Celica engine, a project for which Gray donned a ridiculous safety costume of old umpire gear (chest protector and mask), goggles and a sledgehammer.

"The rule for writing is I am fair game when it comes to looking the fool," Gray said, adding that he refuses to turn the comedic spyglass on any other folks.

"It's a direct result of something I've learned over time as a historian because people's lives are sacred."

The 64-year-old's journey to write the book is rooted in an experience a half-century old.

"I've been paying attention the whole time," he said. "When I was 13, a kid almost got killed on a motorcycle, and I stared my mortality in the face."

"And I have been paying attention ever since."

Although Gray isn't conceited enough to say it, perhaps people should be paying attention to the message in his book, too.

"It's adult life lessons," he said. "It's not about sex. It's not about violence. It's about how to live as an adult and making ethical choices."

— JPB

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Grand View gets federal money for water well rehab

State distributes ARPA funds; more could come for wastewater system

The City of Grand View could receive up to \$4 million in federal funding to complete a pair of long-standing infrastructure rehabilitation projects.

According to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, the city will receive \$1,574,160 in American Rescue Plan Act funding to perform rehabilitation and repair of Well No. 1.

The ARPA money, provided through

DEQ, will fund the entire project, according to grants and loans bureau chief MaryAnna Peavey.

The rest of the project includes water quality testing and monitoring, the installation of an ion exchange nitrate treatment system, and water distribution system improvements.

The ARPA money received amounts to 75 percent of the total \$2.1 million that was requested.

Grand View has until the end of 2026 to complete any projects funded with ARPA money.

While the ARPA drinking water project funds have been obligated, the city is still working on completing the process to receive funding for the wastewater treatment plant and transmission system work.

Grand View requested \$3.3 million, and DEQ is ready to provide 71 percent of that total — \$2,354,352 — in ARPA funds. There could be more money on the way, too.

Peavey said DEQ has reviewed the

city’s application, and now the ball is in Grand View’s court.

“We are waiting for the City to have an engineer hired for their project to issue another grant to the city,” she said.

According to ARPA guidelines, all federal money in the program must be obligated to projects by December 2024.

The money awarded to Grand View is part of more than \$50 million in construction grants that DEQ distributed to 14 drinking water and wastewater systems.

Grand View Days plans announced

With the annual Grand View Days schedule solidified, organizers are looking for participants.

Grand View Days will be held on Saturday, July 8, and will include the usual collection of activities:

- **Lions Club breakfast** — Served from 7:30 a.m., to 10 a.m.
- **5K fun run** — The 5-kilometer footrace will begin at 8 a.m., at the American Legion Post 134 Hall on Roosevelt Avenue. Call Melissa Raymond at (208) 863-0335 for more information.

- **Market in Centennial Park** — Vendor setup begins at 10 a.m. Call Cyndi Fullmer at (208) 599-2790 or Savannah May at (208) 591-1468 for more information.
- **Parade** — Lineup starts at 10 a.m., with the procession taking off at 11 a.m. Call Victoria Collett at (208) 484-8009 to register an entry.
- **Bounce houses** — The children’s fun will open at 11 a.m., at Centennial Park.
- **Lawnmower races** — The competition starts at noon. Call Laura Zaragoza at (208) 590-9133 for more information.
- **Volleyball and cornhole tournaments** — The action starts at 1 p.m., at the park adjacent to Eastern Owyhee County Library. Call Raelynn Mathews at (208) 891-0853 to enter.
- **Pit barbecue** — The annual fireman’s dinner will be served at 6 p.m., at Lions Club Park.
- **Street dance** — Music and dancing will take place from 9 p.m., to 1 a.m., at Centennial Park.
- **Fireworks** — The spectacle will light off at dusk and usually occurs over the river.

Noxious weed fighters meet in Jordan Valley

The next Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area meeting takes place Monday.

The board and guests will meet at 7 p.m., inside the Jordan Valley CWMA office, 508 Swisher Ave., in Jordan Valley.

The giveaway of herbicide to fight whitetop in Jordan Valley will be among the topics of discussion.

Attendees will also hear an update on the Oregon state

grant to help fight invasive weeds as well as an opportunity to treat acreage via helicopter application.

The treatment of whitetop also will be discussed.

For more information on the Jordan Valley CWMA, contact coordinator Eric Morrison at (541) 586-3000 or jvcwma@qwestoffice.net.

Morrison urges folks to call ahead before dropping by the office because he may be out in the field.

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Commissioners approve OCSO leadership changes

Lynn Bowman will remain part of the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office leadership hierarchy.

The 30-year law enforcement veteran was moved to patrol sergeant during Monday's Board of County Commissioners meeting.

The move made room for Steve Crawford to become Sheriff Larry Kendrick's chief deputy.

Although Bowman was demoted, the commissioners agreed that his years

of service made it possible to maintain his salary at its present level (\$32.74 per hour).

"We can't be dropping people down in our pay scale, but we can at least make (the move) lateral," County Clerk Angie Barkell told the commissioners before the personnel moves were approved.

Crawford, who was a part-timer on the OCSO roster, was moved to full-time. His hourly wage increased from

\$21.62 as a part-timer to \$31.50.

A former jailer, Crawford is certified as a detention deputy, but he'll have to go through the next Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training patrol deputy academy. Kendrick said the academy scheduling is underway. Crawford has up to a year to attain certification.

James Vincent has been reassigned from a part-time position to jail commander. His reassignment was

approved Monday, and he'll make \$27.37 per hour.

Vincent was once jail commander during the Perry Grant sheriff's administration.

A third sheriff's office personnel move, hiring Brandon Petersen, was tabled. No reason was given for the postponement nor was it stated what job Petersen is in line for.

— JPB

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✓ Sheriff: Kendrick begins putting his philosophical stamp on agency

Kendrick signaled there would be change when he told GOP leaders and the commissioners that he would bring on former jail commander Steve Crawford as his chief deputy.

"When it came down to it, everybody was ready for a change, and that's the general consensus on that," Kendrick said, summing up why the GOP and BOCC leaned the way they did.

The change became an imminent reality Monday when the BOCC signed off on moving Crawford from part time to full time and the reassignment of 11-year chief deputy Lynn Bowman to patrol sergeant. Bowman has served OCSO in one capacity or another for more than three decades, stretching to the Tim Nettleton administration.

The commissioners also signed off on reassigning Jim Vincent from a part-timer to jail commander.

The hiring of Brandon Peterson in an unspecified role was tabled Monday.

Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi (R-Homedale) didn't support Kendrick's appointment, but Dist. 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland (R-Wilson) and Dist. 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick (R-Grand View) voted for Kendrick on April 10. Commissioners formalized the vote during Monday's meeting.

"I think the two commissioners — Jerry and Joe — have a lot of faith in me," Kendrick said. "... I like Kelly, and there's nothing about who he supported that I take personal."

Lts. Greg Bishop and Paul Maund resigned soon after Kendrick was sworn in, and Sgt. Tim Riha resigned

Monday, leaving the sheriff's office waterways patrol without a supervisor.

Kendrick confirmed Bishop's resignation letter was sitting on his desk when he returned from the BOCC meeting on April 10.

"That, in itself, boosted morale by at least five percent in my opinion," Kendrick said of Bishop's departure. "I saw some very happy people."

The Murphy resident said the changes will help solve other problems cited during the vetting process that began on April 6 with the GOP meeting — improved professionalism and integrity.

"A lot of the antics that were going on in the office was a direct result of Perry and some of his uppers, and they're going," Kendrick said. "That was 99 percent of the problem there, and you make sure everyone else knows they're being held to a higher ethical standard. It's all in setting an example, and it starts at the very top.

"I am ultimately responsible for everybody's behavior. Even if they pull over a tractor and harass a farmer."

Kendrick said more resignations are possible. He hopes that a change in the OCSO atmosphere can outshine the attractiveness of other agencies — such as the Caldwell Police Department with which some deputies recently inquired — able to pay more.

"Apparently Caldwell is still interested in them, so if they walk up to them with a generous package of benefits and pay, we can't compete with that because of the bigger tax base. But by then they'll have a happy home, and we can compete with that," Kendrick said.

"Hopefully the harmony will



Now sheriff, Larry Kendrick sits in the witness box of Courtroom 1 in Murphy while answering questions from the GOP county central committee during the April 6 vetting.

be enough to keep them. If they go, they're going to go. And if it's for something better, I would support them."

The sheriff also hopes the morale within the ranks of the volunteer Posse also perks up.

"The outpouring of support I got from the community helped in ways that I have people who want to join the Posse and want to be involved again," he said.

Kendrick said he and Crawford will begin attending Posse meetings, saying that his predecessor didn't interact with the volunteers in that way.

The new sheriff said he has received applications from new candidates since he took the reins: "People wanting to be reserves and people interested in full-time jobs," he said.

Kendrick said the patrol division has sufficient manpower to cover the county, and Sgt. Kenny Hoagland will work to

make sure there is sufficient coverage in the summer when visitors put pressure on areas covered primarily by seasonal employees, including off-highway vehicle recreationalists and C.J. Strike Reservoir boaters.

The jail is another story, though. The lack of detention deputies may have OCSO flirting with staffing issues that ran afoul of Idaho Sheriff's Association regulations and cost the county its Idaho County Risk Program insurance policy under Sheriff Daryl Crandall, Kendrick said.

"I think we might be there right now," the 59-year-old said. "But we're going to fix that because I have some good applicants."

Kendrick said that there were applicants for the open jail deputy jobs that were never vetted under the previous administration.

A former Sacramento County Sheriff's deputy who was first certified in California 30 years ago, Kendrick moved to Murphy in 2010 with his wife Betsy to take care of her elderly mother. He joined OCSO three years later.

"There was a lot of relearning," Kendrick said of the process after becoming an Owyhee deputy. "The policing is completely different."

Ten years later, he threw his hat in the ring to replace Grant. He said "the community that I serve" began pushing him to run for sheriff about a year ago.

"I prayed about it a lot before I even made the decision because you shouldn't make any decision like that without praying because it's a huge responsibility," Kendrick said.

Kendrick's faith in God is one of the pillars of his foundation.

"My chain of command is God, the Constitution, and we the people," he said. "That's who's above me."

The people will hear from the sheriff, Kendrick said. And he will promote community policing to regain the public's trust.

"It's interfacing with your public. Getting out there and talking with people," he said.

"You do community policing when you have someone to arrest and you treat them with dignity and respect. And later they'll come back and thank you for that because you may change their life."

Kendrick said he will attend a lot of community events, and he'll check in with businesses.

"That's what you should do when you're with patrol is check in with businesses," he said, adding it helps patrolling because deputies build trust and respect with merchants and that can lead to better cooperation.

He also said that type of outreach was not happening with Grant at the helm.

"It was not, and that was due to the patrol lieutenant (Bishop)," he said.

Kendrick reiterated he'll hold town hall meetings.

"It's important to get citizens' input on things," he said. "How else are you going to learn about what people want?"

"They're your bosses, so it's good to seek their input."

Kendrick's rehabilitation project also involves mending fences within the agency and without.

"We need to create good working relationships with other agencies just as one dispatcher has to have a good professional relationship with the deputy she's dealing with," he said.

— JPB

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HFD volunteer, apparatus to visit library

The Homedale Fire Department plans a community outreach event Thursday at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library.

Volunteer firefighter Barron Poage will visit the Teens and Tweens program, and there will be a fire truck and ambulance on hand.

Boys and girls ages 10-17 can participate in the program, which starts at 5 p.m., at the Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The youth who attend Thursday will be able to tour the fire truck and ambulance.

- **After-school program, 4:30 p.m., Tuesday** — Children from the elementary school and middle school can drop by the Homedale District library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., after the day’s classes have ended.
- **Opal Nash Story Time**

— The program for preschoolers is held at 10 a.m., each Monday at the library.

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

Library hours are noon to 6 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, from noon to 7 p.m., on Thursday, from 10 a.m., to 5 p.m., on Friday, and from 10 a.m., to 3 p.m., on Saturday.

The library is closed on Sunday.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Choice of milk and juice
PB&J sandwich, and Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily

April 19: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** French toast sticks, sausage patty, hash brown patty, strawberry cup

April 20: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, syrup cup, Yami yogurt, sliced pears **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, seasoned potato wedges

April 24: **Breakfast:** French toast bites, syrup cup, orange sliced **Lunch:** Chicken Crispito, mixed vegetables

April 25: **Breakfast:** Sausage patty, whole grain toast, Yami yogurt, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Super nachos, buttered corn

April 26: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, blueberry muffin, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Orange chicken bowl, seasoned green beans

Homedale Middle

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

April 19: **Breakfast:** Frudel, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Sausage patty, French toast sticks, hash brown patty, strawberry cup

April 20: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, syrup cup, Yami yogurt, banana **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, French fries

April 24: **Breakfast:** French toast bites, syrup cup, string cheese, applesauce **Lunch:** Crisпитos, mixed vegetables

April 25: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich, Yami yogurt, apple **Lunch:** No information provided

April 26: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, blueberry muffin, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, seasoned potato wedges

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 19: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, string cheese **Lunch:** Crisпитos, seasoned potato wedges **Grab ‘n’ go** Club sub sandwich

April 20: **Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito, Yami yogurt, iced coffee **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, French fries **Grab ‘n’ go** Buffalo wrap meal

April 24: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, syrup cup or bagel and cream cheese **Lunch:** Italian pull-a-part, Tater Tots **Grab ‘n’ go** Chicken bacon salad

April 25: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, sausage

patty, whole grain toast, iced coffee **Lunch:** Soft taco, Spanish rice, refried beans, **Grab ‘n’ go** Malibu chicken wrap, French fries

April 26: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or French toast bites, string cheese **Lunch:** Chicken fried fingers, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn, whole grain roll, snickerdoodle cookie **Grab ‘n’ go** Turkey bacon wrap

Marsing

Meals include choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables
Elementary School each day: Breakfast: Cereal option
Middle/High School each day: PB&J 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 19: **Breakfast:** French toast bites or buttermilk pancakes, Yami yogurt, orange wedges **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, potato wedges **Hot Grab-n-go:** Mozzarella and garlic pull apart, potato wedges

April 20: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, toast, string cheese, grapes **Lunch:** Chicken fried beef fingers, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn **Cold Grab-n-go:** Chef’s salad

April 24: **Breakfast:** Donut holes, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Mac-n-cheese, mixed vegetables, roll, chocolate chunk cookie **Hot Grab-n-go:** Pepperoni pizza, tots

April 25: **Breakfast:** Waffle mini bites or pork sausage patty, biscuit, country gravy, sliced pears **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans **Cold Grab-n-go:** Berry salad

April 26: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, Yami yogurt, pineapple tidbits **Lunch:** French toast sticks, pork sausage patty, hash browns, strawberry cup **Cold Grab-n-go:** Buffalo chicken wrap

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily

April 19: **Breakfast:** French toast **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets and whole wheat roll, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots

April 20: **Breakfast:** Pancakes **Lunch:** Corn dog, potato wedges, broccoli

April 24: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Orange chicken, oriental rice, stir-fry vegetables

April 25: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy **Lunch:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden spinach salad, broccoli, breadstick

April 26: **Breakfast:** Muffins **Lunch:** Chicken patty on a bun, mashed potato and gravy, peas

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✓ Emu-Z-Um: New owners open attraction for summer

Owyhee County pioneers and other early Idaho settlers from the late 19th century and early 20th century.

The collections include everyday items such as period clothing, antique kitchen gadgets, early vehicles, frontier farming and ranching implements, mining equipment, and Native American artifacts and other items that give patrons a glimpse into what life was like in 19th century Idaho.

According to the museum’s website, emuzum.com, the 2023 season will run from March to November, and hours of operation are:

- 10 a.m., to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday
- 1 p.m., to 5 p.m., Sunday
- The museum is closed on Monday and Tuesday.

Special times can be arranged by appointment, but — according to the website — the museum phone is temporarily out of service. You can communicate with the new owners through an email form on the website, though.

All tours are self-guided, and folks are asked to arrive by 4 p.m., to ensure they can get through all the artifacts and exhibits.

Admission is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children ages 6-12. There’s no fee for children younger than 6.

Folks should be prepared to pay with cash or check because the museum’s poor rural internet connection excludes accepting credit cards and debit cards.

During the winter season (December to February), the museum is open by appointment only.

Patrons are asked to be mindful of weather conditions and dress accordingly. Much of the museum and pioneer town is outside.

✓ Prescription: IDFY camp scholarships available, too

through and drop off.

A secure drug disposal box is also available during regular hours at Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

The objective is protecting the community against drug misuse. According to the event flyer, 14 percent of Idaho’s youth reported misusing prescription pain relievers, 61 percent reported getting the misused meds from a friend or family member, and 73 percent reported using them in their own home.

Saturday’s event is a partnership between Homedale Police Department, Southwest District Health, the Idaho Office of Drug Policy and the DEA National Prescription Takeback Program.

Meanwhile, Southwest District Health plans to provide scholarships to youth ages 13 and older for the Idaho Drug Free Youth (IDFY) Youth Summit in late spring.

Hailee Tilton, the SWDH risk reduction manager who also works with the Owyhee Health Coalition, announced the scholarship application deadline as 10 p.m., on Wednesday, May 3.

Registration for the summit, which takes place from June 13 to June 16 at Camp Lutherhaven in Coeur d’Alene, began on March 14.

The camp cost is \$250, and registration is available at www.idfy.org/IYS.

SWDH is offering youth scholarships as well as scholarships for adult chaperones, which are needed. Chaperones must be at least 21 years old.

During the summit, with a theme of “The Most Influential You,” youth and chaperones will stay in cabins and experience breakout sessions, speakers, and adventure courses.

Campers learn about the role they could play in creating a healthy community, media literacy, harnessing leadership skills, as well as drug education.

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Obituary

Raymond Lee Miller

In loving Memory of Raymond Lee Miller

Born March 19, 1949 in Portsmouth, VA. Passed away Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at St. Luke's Medical Center in Boise, Idaho.

He was a Vietnam Veteran. He went into the Army at 17 years of age and after basic training he was stationed in Germany. He volunteered for duty in Vietnam when he turned 18, and remained there until his tour was finished. He was very proud to serve his country.

He met the love of his life, Mary Lynn (Charlie) Kloster, in March of 1974 and have been together ever since. They were married September 20, 1980 in Lewiston, Idaho.

In 1981, Ray and his wife moved back to Nampa, Idaho until they made their home in Bruneau, Idaho in 2000. They purchased the laundromat in Grand View, Idaho. Ray did all the maintenance work on

the washers and dryers. After 17 years, Ray decided it was time to retire because of health reasons so it was sold in July 2021.

Ray had a favorite song and when we went to play pool, the gang in the establishment would play "Rockstar" by Nickelback and Ray would sing it and tell everyone "I want to be a Rockstar." So everyone gave him the nickname Rockstar. They would always tease him about being a Rockstar. He was my Rockstar.

He was a mechanic by trade and could fix anything or build anything. He went to Lewis and Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho and took a course in automatic transmissions to further his mechanical abilities. He really enjoyed working on vehicles.

The gold prospecting bug bit him in 1974, where while in Moscow, Idaho he would do a lot of prospecting. He was a



lifetime member of The Lost Dutchman's Mining Association and the Gold Prospectors Association of America. He also had a claim in Owyhee County that he worked whenever he could. He loved the outdoors and going to the Digger Dirt Parties at The Blue Bucket Mining Camp and Burnt River Mining Camp both in Oregon. Digger dirt parties is a common mining operation where the participants work together for a three day outing or a five day outing. Then they

all get an equal split of the gold that has been found. He loved to meet people, prospect and use his metal detector and have a great time.

He was a member of the Rimrock Senior Citizens in Grand View, Idaho, and helped do things when he could.

He loved to ride motorcycles, especially his Yamaha Stryker with his wife on the back. He was a very caring person and would help people in need whenever he could. He was a great guy and will be missed.

He was very artistic and was a good artist. He was a mechanic by trade and could make anything he set his mind to do. He made a trike conversion kit for my motorcycle using parts from other vehicles we had. He had a funny sense of humor and could make anybody laugh with his jokes and his quick wit. He could just be telling someone about something that happened to him

and the way he told it make everybody laugh through the whole conversation. He also loved to show young people interested in mechanics how to fix a problem with a vehicle or answer their questions.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harvey and Louise Miller, sisters Mary Logwood, and Charlotte Futrell.

He is survived by his wife Mary Lynn (Charlie) Miller of Bruneau, Idaho. His sisters-in-law Linda (Mike) Farmer of Sunnyside, Washington, Carol Splawn of Yakima, Washington, Johanna (Ed) Montgomery of Ravensdale, Washington. He is also survived by his brother Harvey (Theresa) Miller of Concorde, Virginia, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Disabled American Veterans or the Wounded Warrior Project.



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Idaho Power seeks county permission to build B2H powerline

Local firm wants gravel pit on county property

Idaho Power Co., is taking the next big step toward its long-term goal of bringing more electricity to its service area. The utility has applied for a conditional use permit for its proposed 500-kilovolt transmission line between substations in the Boardman, Ore., and the Wilson area in Owyhee County. The county Planning and Zoning Commission has scheduled a public hearing on the next phase of the Boardman-to-Hemingway saga for later this month. Idaho Power representatives will appear before the commission at 9:30 a.m., next Wednesday. The proceeding will be part of a series of hearings scheduled that day inside the Owyhee County Courthouse Annex, 17069 Basey St., in Murphy. Although the Board of County Commissioners and

other Owyhee County residents successfully fought to keep the majority of the proposed powerline off private ground, three parcels of private property — all in an agriculture zone — are mentioned in the CUP application. Idaho Power owns one, which will be the eastern terminus of the line at the Hemingway substation. The other two parcels are owned by the Brandau Family Trust, according to a public notice. The application states that the towers for the proposed transmission line will stand between 130 and 180 feet high. • Another CUP application hearing scheduled for 10:30 a.m., on April 26 deals with a proposed commercial gravel pit on government-owned land. Marsing-based Showalter Construction Co. LLC has filed the application to establish a gravel pit on a 25-acre portion of the county’s 340-acre parcel in an agricultural zone south of the Marsing city limits. The parcel is located west of U.S. Highway 95, south of Pasco Road and west of Edison Road.

Txoko Ona sets stage for second festival

The second annual San Juan Eguna Basque Festival returns to Homedale in late June. The festival will be held on Saturday, June 24 at the Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St. Admission to the family friendly event is free. The event will feature Basque food and Basque vendors as well as dance and music performance by Basque troupes and bands. A mus tournament will be held at 2 p.m., and gates for the event will open at 5 p.m.

From 6 p.m., to 7:30 p.m., the dance and music performances will take place. Games for children and adults will commence at 7:30 p.m. Rochelle and The James Gang will provide live music after the games, and a bonfire will be lit at sunset. Shade canopies and chairs will be welcome, but no dogs or outside food and drink will be allowed. For more information, visit txokoona.org/san-juan-eguna.

Council takes no duplex action

No action was taken when Homedale men proposed bringing more duplexes to town. Neither special use permit application received a motion after public hearings at last Wednesday’s city council meeting. The lack of a motion meant that the applications were neither approved nor denied. During the hearing for Ethan Eells’ application to construct residential buildings at 226½ W. Oregon Ave., city public works supervisor Scott Jacops pointed out that Eells’ other duplex development on Industrial Road needed a second water meter. “That has to be corrected down there,” Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said. Though the duplex is nearly completed, the two dwellings share one meter, but the city requires a meter for each residence. Theresa Eddington, who lives across the street from the proposed West Oregon Avenue development, was concerned about building a high-density structure on a street that has only single-family homes. She also inquired if fencing would be installed. Mike Aebischer, one of only two city councilpersons who attended in-person, said he was concerned about the lot size even though Eells has met the city’s setback requirements. “That is a very small lot for one house let alone two,” Aebischer said. “From the drawing, the (duplex) would cover the whole property. There would no room for kids to play.” Each duplex would have a single-car garage, Eells said, and Aebischer worried about parking room for families with more vehicles. Eells said the residences would be 1,200 square feet or larger. When Christoffersen sought a motion to approve the permit, no councilmember — including Aebischer and Kim Murray at the dais and Aaron Tines and Steve Atkins by phone — spoke up. “No motion. Doesn’t pass,” Christoffersen said. Travis Milburn’s attempt to build a duplex at 14 Kansas Ave., met the same fate after a hearing and deliberation. As with the West Oregon proposal, lot size was a concern, according to testimony from property neighbor Rex Knudsen. Saying Milburn planned his development on the smallest lot on the block, Knudsen worried about parking and the safety of children at play. Another neighboring resident, Charlotte Tomevi, was concerned whether a two-story duplex, similar to the one built on Industrial Road, would be constructed. Milburn said his previous development was a two-story layout, but he could build one story. He said he planned to put a mobile home on the property if the permit was denied.

Murray was concerned about parking, too, figuring that a four-bedroom house would have at least three children and as they got older that would add to the vehicle count. Milburn again said he could be flexible with his design. No councilmember followed through when Christoffersen asked for a motion. **Canyon County development discussed** A Batt Corner Road resident wants to build 12 single-family homes on land that apparently is in the city’s impact area in Canyon County. Martin Maestrejuan appeared before the city council in attempt to avoid tapping into the Ustick well, which is 1,800 feet away from his proposed development. Maestrejuan said it would be cheaper for him to drill wells for each residence than run pipe to the well. The man has agreed to pay for a water model to be performed by Great West Engineers, but he asked for a waiver of the requirement he’d have to hook into city services. He said he needed the waiver in order for Canyon County officials to sign off on the development. Maestrejuan said there is plenty of groundwater in the area to feed the dozen homes. Christoffersen said the man would still have to install curbs and gutters but not sidewalks as per city requirements. — JPB

Proms: Not just for H.S. kids

Homedale Sr. Center plans “Senior Citizens Prom” in May, seeks donations

It’s prom season, and Melissa Sorlien is planning a senior prom, too. The Homedale Senior Center coordinator wants to hold a Senior Citizens Prom on Saturday, May 20 at the center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. Sorlien envisions this as a community event, with everyone invited to participate in the dance as well as help the senior center get prom attire for seniors who might need it. “The community is invited,” Sorlien said. “Please no children under 16.” The Backwood Ramblers will provide live music for the prom, which will start at 4 p.m. “I am looking for help setting up decorations the Friday before (May 19) and cleaning up either directly after or that Sunday (May 21),”

Sorlien said. “I am also looking for finger food ideas and/or donations for the party. We could do potluck-style.” The plan is to have food that won’t require silverware, she added. The senior center is open from 8 a.m., to 1 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Donations of dress attire will be accepted at that time. Sorlien also plans to open the senior center from 11 a.m., to 1 p.m., on Saturday, May 13, so folks can come shop for prom outfits at no charge. • Sorlien also announced recently that the senior center has discontinued the curbside pick-up for lunch. Folks can come in for the congregate lunch, or Sorlien encourages those who haven’t signed up for Meals on Wheels to look into their eligibility. Call the senior center at (208) 337-3020 for more information. — JPB



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IDFG: Homedale bluetongue deer was isolated case

by Brian Pearson
IDFG public information

Idaho Fish and Game received a positive detection for bluetongue — a virus transmitted by gnats that is similar to Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) — in a yearling, male mule deer collected west of Homedale along the Snake River.

The carcass was collected March 12 after a landowner reported seeing three dead deer.

Fish and Game was able to recover and necropsy two of the animals, and both necropsies presented findings of a hemorrhagic disease. However, samples from only one deer resulted in a positive detection of a hemorrhagic disease, specifically bluetongue.

Bluetongue is transmitted the same way as EHD and both are classified as hemorrhagic diseases.

Less common than EHD, bluetongue is found in livestock throughout the Great Basin. But it is rarely fatal to livestock because of bluetongue virus vaccinations, according to Nicole Walrath, Fish and Game’s state wildlife veterinarian.

Neither bluetongue nor EHD pose a threat to humans. Gnats transport the viruses from animal to animal. Outbreaks become more severe during hot, dry summers when animals congregate around water sources with muddy shorelines that are prime breeding ground for gnats.

Both have been documented in most areas of Idaho, and occur sporadically in most years.

The diseases more commonly affect Idaho’s white-tailed deer herds, including recent large outbreaks of EHD in white-tailed deer in the Clearwater Region.

Deer in the early stages of hemorrhagic disease may appear lethargic, disoriented, lame, or unresponsive to the presence of humans. As the disease progresses the deer may salivate excessively or foam at the mouth, have bloody discharge from the nose, lesions or sores on the mouth, and swollen, sometimes bluetinged tongues.

The disease often kills deer so quickly — within a day or two — they may still be in very good body condition. In other cases, they may not die, just become sick and stop eating, resulting in poor body condition.

“Fish and Game has not had any additional reports of mortality events since March 12, which indicates that this event was localized and didn’t last long on the landscape,” regional wildlife manager Ryan Walrath said. “However, we encourage the public to report any potential wildlife health concerns, which helps us monitor wildlife health.”

The health of Idaho’s free-ranging wildlife is an ongoing emphasis for Fish and Game. Reports of sick or dead wildlife helps Fish and Game monitor wildlife health. People can let Fish and Game know about out-of-the-ordinary conditions with animals they harvest or observe by using the online reporting form on Fish and Game’s Wildlife Health webpage.



The Country Kids 4-H club recently elected 2023 officers, from left, Miah Hibbs, treasurer; Shane Beaver, secretary; Gibson Rice, vice-president; Hadlee Brown, president; and Cooper Rheuby, reporter. Submitted photo

Country Kids 4-H organizes for new year with gaggle of leaders

Country Kids 4-H club started meeting in November. Currently, they have 41 members.

They hold monthly meetings and have had a tremendous amount of growth.

Most recently, they elected the 2023 officer team and held mandatory Ethics Training.

In April, they will start doing club demonstrations for their Owyhee County Fair exhibition projects.

The club is led by volunteers, such as:

- George Decker, main club leader and indoor project leader

- Rachel Rheuby, goat leader

- Sarah Beaver, sheep leader

- Carina Purdom, swine leader

- Nate Brown, beef leader

- Mandi Roland, leather craft leader

- Michelle Stimmel, baking leader

Club members include: Liam Badiola, Selena Badiola, Scottie Beaver, Shane Beaver, Brinley Bell, Hunter Bell, Paisley Bell, Landon Brezenski, Hadlee Brown, Harper Brown, Hudson Brown, Koen Clausen, Alyssa Cunningham, Aiden Harper,

Elizabeth Harper, Miah Hibbs, Gracie Jakovac, Gus Jakovac, Shelby Jakovac, Brody Johnson, Katie Johnson, Matea Ketterling, Remington Ketterling, Gracie Koplin, Cooper Livingston, Nathan Livingston, Khyler Maxwell, Carley Pate, Charity Pate, Cylas Purdom, Cooper Rheuby, Gibson Rice, Kenai Rice, Titus Rice, Emmet Roland, Aaliyah Stansell, Kara Stimmel, Keighan Stimmel, Kinslee Stimmel, Evan Thomas, and Kelsi Thomas.

— Club reporter Cooper Rheuby submitted information for this article.

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HHS assistant coach recognized for lifetime’s work

Josh White “stunned” to accept Alvaro award

Josh White has joined the cream of the crop of District III coaches. The Homedale High School assistant

football coach was ushered into a ring of elite area coaches last Wednesday in a ceremony in Caldwell.

The Charlie Alvaro Award, which was presented during a banquet at the Caldwell Elks Lodge, embodies the best in high school coaches, and winners are

chosen by previous recipients of the award.

“I was stunned and absolutely honored when I found out last night,” White said Thursday. “It is considered the most prestigious award given out to the third district coaches.

“It’s one of the most humbling and best feelings of my coaching career.”

The award is named for a well-respected, beloved longtime local high school coach.

— See *Work*, page 17



Above: Marsing third baseman Nico Godina waits for the throw as Homedale’s Nathan Marston bears down early in Game 2. *Below:* Lukas Hall delivers a pitch in the second game of Friday’s doubleheader.

Intracounty baseball rivalry produces plenty of runs

by John Bruyninckx
For The Owyhee Avalanche

Local baseball teams split a non-conference doubleheader featuring Marsing and Homedale athletes Friday.

Marsing 10, Homedale JV 1 — Luke Steinmeyer pitched five strong innings, allowing just one run on four hits in to pick up the victory. He struck out three, while walking one. He also hit two batters.

“Luke had one of the best starts of the season,” Marsing coach JW Chadez said. “If we can find that consistency

on the mound, we will be right where we want to be.”

The Huskies came charging out of the starting

gate, scoring four times in the bottom of the first. They

— See *Rivalry*, page 13

Michael Swanson out as Marsing girls’ coach

Trustees don’t renew contract for fourth season

Marsing High School has started the search for a new girls’ basketball coach. The school board decided not to renew Michael Swanson’s contract during its meeting last Wednesday.

All other fall and winter coaches received new contracts for the 2023-24 school year, including football coach Shea McClellin, volleyball coach



Amy Chadez, cross country coach Isaiah Ponce, boys’ basketball coach Tim Little, and wrestling coach Juan Garcia.

Superintendent Norm Stewart said the trustees didn’t renew Swanson’s contract because the district wants to go in a different direction.

— See *Coach*, page 17

Marsing athletes post PRs in two meets

Sprinter continues to stalk brother in record book

Friday’s track and field meet had been alternately called the State Preview and the Middleton Invitational.

Turns out both names were accurate for Marsing High School’s athlete.

Braden Ankeny had a career day on the all-weather track than in five weeks will play host to the small-school state championship meet.

And the junior’s two victories and two personal records pushed the rest of the Huskies to excel at the facility that will be back in the spotlight May 19-20.

Ankeny won two of the three sprints Friday, including a PR of 22.73 in the 200 meters that ranks him second in school history behind his brother Jacob’s 22.45, which was set on the Middleton surface during the 2021 Class 2A state meet.

Braden also won the 400 meters in 52.2. His season-best time is second-fastest registered in Huskies history behind — you guessed it — his brother’s 50.15 established during the 2021 state meet.

“He is running really strong this year and has his sights set on some big goals,” Marsing coach Heidi Ankeny said.

Even when he wasn’t winning a race Friday, Braden

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Sports

Trojans' triumph precedes Payette's walk-off win

Fine brothers produce highlight reel in conference triumph over Weiser

Three losses in four recent baseball games have pushed Homedale High School into third place in its conference. Payton Fine's three-hit shutout in the Trojans' 5-0 win over Weiser gave Homedale the space it needed to keep the Wolverines out of a third-place tie in the 3A Snake River Valley conference standings. Mirroring the ace-like tendencies of his brother Dillon, Payton Fine struck out six and walked just one in his dominant performance at Walter Johnson Memorial Stadium. Payton surrendered a leadoff single to Kaleb Grove in the third inning, but his infield stepped up with a double play immediately. Dillon Fine snagged a line drive at third base to end the inning. Weiser (5-9 overall, 2-3 in conference at week's end) managed only two more singles and a walk the rest of the way

as the Trojans played errorless baseball. Homedale (9-6, 3-2) made the most of its four hits. Sigmund Goode started the game with a walk, stole second base and scored when the Wolverines made an error on Payton Fine's ground ball. The Trojans broke open the game with a two-out, two-run rally in the fifth inning. Chance Martell singled and scored on Payton Fine's base hit. Payton's brother came through for him again with a double for a 3-0 advantage. **Last Wednesday: Payette 14, Homedale 13** — The Trojans were in control of the battle for second place behind Fruitland until the Pirates erupted for eight runs in the bottom of the seventh inning at Harmon Killebrew Field. Payette (7-4-1, 4-1) scored 12 runs in its final two at-bats for the wild walk-off win. The Trojans held the

advantage through the top of the sixth inning when Homedale extended its lead to seven runs, 9-2, with a two-out rally. Jayden Wutherich had an RBI single in the inning. Dillon Fine menaced from the third spot in the lineup. He blasted a three-run home run in the fourth — the first of two — for a 7-2 lead. His two-run shot with two outs in the seventh highlighted a four-run uprising but couldn't give Homedale enough cushion to hold off the Pirates. Fine finished six RBI and three runs scored. Only one of Payette's 14 runs was earned as Homedale committed nine errors. Fine started the game and scattered three hits over five innings while striking out 10 batters. He left the game with no outs in the sixth inning after Payette had scored the last of its four unearned runs against him. Payette's Jacob Penfold ended the game with a walk-off three-run home run.

✓ Rivalry: Marsing shows thievery skills; HHS rolls

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added two in the second, three more in the third, and added their 10th run in the fourth. Shortstop and cleanup hitter Teagan Kinney got the scoring barrage started in the opening frame, when he doubled home Cache Hance. Hance went 2-for-3, scoring twice and driving in two runs. Left fielder Dresden Wood sparked the offense with a 3-for-4 performance. Wood stole three bases the Huskies put on a running clinic. The team stole a total of eight bases. Leadoff hitter Jace Chadez went 2-for-4 game with two stolen bases and an RBI. "Our effort and attitude has been fantastic," JW Chadez said. "I feel like the baseball gods are starting to turn things in our favor." Homedale supplemented their JV roster with some varsity players. Carson Fine went 2-for-3 for the Trojans, and teammate

Jayden Wutherich chimed in with a double. Xavier Uranga scored Homedale's only run. **Homedale JV 27, Marsing JV 9 (4)** — The Trojans opened with a six-run first inning, and they were just getting started. Homedale scored nine more runs in the second and ended the game via the mercy rule after throwing up 11 more on the board in the fourth inning. The Trojans' Lukas Hall went an impressive 3-for-4 with two doubles and a triple. He also drove in six runs and scored three times — and he also stole a base. Levi Lewis was 2-for-2 with two runs scored and two RBI for the Huskies. Teammate Nacho Margarito logged a double, while Wyatt Barber scored twice and knocked in a run. Jaxon Astorquia also came away with an RBI for the home squad. Fine scored four runs on a 3-for-5 outing that included a double.

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Homedale Trojans

Trojan Weekly Sports Schedule

Athletes of the week



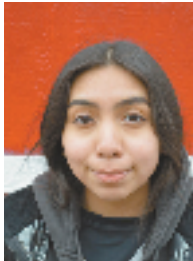
Baseball
Sigmund Goode, sr.,
SS/P
2-for-5 (.400), 6 runs,
RBI, 2 SBs



Softball
Zayne Hall, jr., 1B
3-for-6 (.500), run, RBI,
2B, 3B



Track and field
Bailey Purdom, sr.,
throws
Posted PRs in discus,
shot put in Middleton



Tennis
Melissa Gonzalez, so.
Part of No. 1 girls'
doubles team



Golf
Luke Henry, so.
Shot 45 on home course

Baseball
Varsity
Wednesday, April 19 at Fruitland, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 22, home vs. Melba (2), noon
and 2 p.m.
Monday, April 24 at McCall-Donnelly, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 26, home vs. Weiser, 5 p.m.
Junior varsity
Wednesday, April 19 at Fruitland, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 22 at Melba (2), noon and 2
p.m.
Monday, April 24 at McCall-Donnelly, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, April 26, home vs. Weiser, 3 p.m.

Tennis
Thursday, April 20 at Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 25 at Payette, 4:30 p.m.

Track and field
Friday, April 21 at Lynn Behrman Invite,
Parma, noon

Softball
Varsity
Wednesday, April 19, home vs. Fruitland
(Senior Night), 5 p.m.
Monday, April 24 at McCall-Donnelly, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 26 at Weiser, 5 p.m.
Junior varsity
Wednesday, April 19, home vs. Fruitland, 3
p.m.
Monday, April 24 at McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, April 26 at Weiser, 5 p.m.

Golf
Coed
Wednesday, April 19 at 3A Snake River Valley
conference meet, Rolling Hills GC, Weiser,
3 p.m.
Tuesday, April 25 at 3A SRV conference meet
(18 holes), Scotch Pines GC, Payette, 10 a.m.
Junior varsity
Tuesday, April 25 at 3A SRV conference meet
(9 holes), Scotch Pines GC, Payette, 10 a.m.

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Sports

Melba survives
Marsing's comeback

Kinney clobbers
Pilgrims pitching
in Huskies' win

by John Bruyninckx
For The Owyhee Avalanche
Marsing High School almost pulled off a come-from-behind baseball victory against the Melba on April 12.

Melba scored in the top of the fifth inning to snap a tie and collect an 8-7 2A Western Idaho Conference victory on the Huskies' field.

The Mustangs (8-5-1 overall, 2-2 in conference) owned a 7-2 lead after a three-run third.

Marsing (8-5, 2-2) was not going down that easily, though.

Luke Steinmeyer's bases-clearing triple highlighted the Huskies' four-run uprising in the bottom of the inning.

"I really felt we were locked in and expected them to hit every pitch," Marsing coach JW Chadez said of his comeback kids. "When we got into great hitters' counts, we took really good cuts."

Teagan Kinney's run-scoring single in the bottom of the fourth tied the score, 7-7.

Marsing relief pitcher

Levi Puga allowed only one unearned run in 2 1/3 innings to give the offense the room to work into the deadlock.

"Our pitchers are starting to gain more control," Chadez said.

Parker Hansen singled home Diego Herrera with Melba's go-ahead run in the fifth.

The Mustangs' Colter Bodily allowed just one hit and one walk to close out the game.

Kinney closed out the game for Marsing in similar fashion, setting down the Mustangs in order with six-straight outs in the final two frames.

Melba grabbed a 4-0 advantage in a second-inning rally featuring center fielder Tysen Sayers' two-run, ground-ball single into left field.

Marsing scored two in the bottom of the second on a passed ball followed by Xavier Delgadillo's RBI single.

April 10: Marsing 15, New Plymouth 9 — Kinney put on a hitting clinic against the Pilgrims in Payette County.

The shortstop went 4-for-5, and all four hits were doubles. He scored three times and also drove in four runs. Kinney and catcher Steinmeyer drove in seven of the Huskies' 15 runs.

Huskies drop a dozen on Melba in first

Mila Astorquia blasted two first-inning doubles last Wednesday as Marsing High School won a 2A Western Idaho Conference slugfest.

The Huskies sent 16 batters to the plate in the bottom of the opening frame, scoring a dozen times to ignite a wild 21-15 win over 2022 2A District III runner-up Melba.

The Mustangs had opened a 3-0 lead, but Marsing (4-9 overall, 1-3 2A WIC) roared to life with six straight hits in the home team's initial at-bat.

Astorquia led off with a double and immediately scored on Lilly Thoene's hard ground ball to shortstop.

Marsing took a 4-3 lead on Mariah Colbert's two-run single. Colbert scored on Astorquia's second double.

Ady Chadez collected a two-run single before Brooklyn Roadenbaugh's run-scoring single.

Astorquia came back with a run-scoring double in the second inning as the Huskies

stretched their lead to 15-3.

Roadenbaugh led the 17-hit attack, going 4-for-5 with four RBI and three runs scored. Colbert knocked in four runs, too. Bailey Daugherty crossed the plate three times.

Roadenbaugh went the distance to get the pitching victory, striking out 12. Melba scored six unearned runs.

Owyhee County junior Maialen Jaca scored three runs for Melba as did Mallory Lincoln and Kenzie Shaffer.

Shaffer drove an RBI triple in the sixth when the Mustangs (3-6, 0-3) scored four runs.

Freshman Analyse Durham knocked in four runs.

Saturday, Game 2: Ontario, Ore., 5, Marsing 1 — The Huskies' only run scored in the sixth after a double play in the non-conference nightcap.

After lacing a single, Ady Chadez scored the unearned run on an error when Roadenbaugh singled.

Saturday, Game 1: Ontario, Ore., 13, Marsing 1 (5) — The

offense's good vibes ended abruptly in Oregon as Tigers' twirler Belle Navarrete struck out 12 and allowed just three hits.

Trailing 6-0, the Huskies scored their only run in the third inning. Jaci Montgomery led off with a walk and scored on Astorquia's double to left field. Astorquia led off the game with a single, too.

April 10: New Plymouth 7, Marsing 0 — Jewel Bell spun a sparkling no-hitter with 18 strikeouts and only one walk as the reigning 2A District III champions established some separation in the early conference standings.

Lilly Thoene was the first Huskies batter to make contact against Bell, grounding back to the pitcher for the second out of the top of the fourth inning. Chadez battled with a full count, fouling off two pitches before drawing a walk in the next at-bat.

Roadenbaugh struck out 15 batters.

Raiders golfers split between tourneys

Two Rimrock High School golfers got in some swings last week.

Rocky Aquiso shot a 114 during an 18-hole tournament at Rivers Edge Golf Course in Burley.

On Thursday, Molly Mulberry competed in a tournament at Centennial Golf Course in Nampa.

She fired a 56 during the nine-hole tournament hosted by Nampa Christian.

MARSING HUSKIES

Athletes of the Week

This week's schedule



Baseball
Dresden Wood, so., LF
5-for-11 (.455), 5 runs, 3 SB, RBI



Softball
Mariah Colbert, sr., CF
2-for-5, 2 runs, 4 RBI vs. Melba



Track and field
Diego Margarito, jr., throws
Improved PR in discus



Golf
Kimmie Loucks, jr.
Only junior on girls' squad

Baseball
Varsity
Wednesday, April 19, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 22 at Vision Charter, Caldwell, noon
Monday, April 24 at Nampa Christian, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, April 26, home vs. New Plymouth
Junior varsity
Wednesday, April 12, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 3:30 p.m.
Friday, April 14, home vs. Home-dale JV, 2:30 p.m.

Track and field
Friday, April 21 at Lynn Behrman Invite, Parma, noon

Softball
Varsity
Wednesday, April 19, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 5 p.m.
Friday, April 21 at Baker, Ore., 1 p.m. MDT
Monday, April 24 at Nampa Christian, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, April 26, home vs. New Plymouth
Junior varsity
Wednesday, April 12, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 3:30 p.m.

Golf
Coed
Thursday, April 13 at 2A Western Idaho Conference meet, Nampa Christian (9 holes), Centennial GC, Nampa, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, April 18, hosting 2A WIC meet (9 holes), TimberStone GC, Caldwell, 3 p.m.



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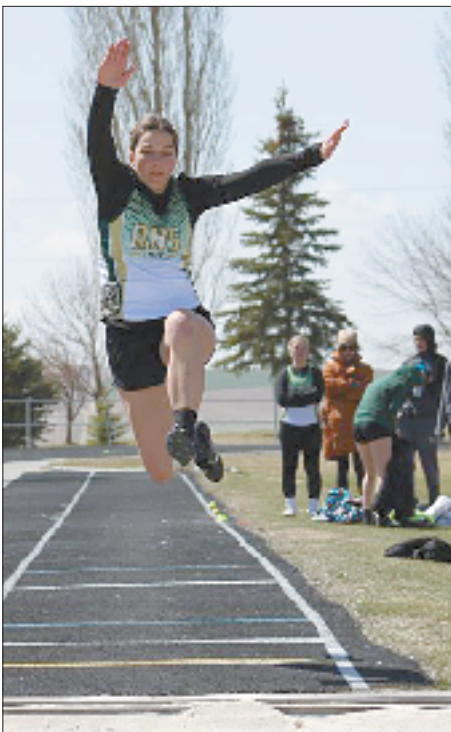
Sports

Three Raiders serve up wins at Cook Invite

Rimrock High School's distance runners made their mark in blustery conditions Thursday in Hazelton. Juniors Loyd Boren and Goya Lemus found gold at the Lee Cook Invitational in Hazelton, while freshman Olivia Farfan collected the first event championship of her career. Winds blew consistently at 20 mph with gusts up to 35 mph, according to Raiders coach Amanda Dygert. The meet marked the second trip to Valley High School for the Raiders in as many weeks. Boren captured the boys' 1,600-meter run in 5 minutes, 1.32 seconds. Lemus won the girls' 800 in 2:49.51, and was runner-up to her teammate, Farfan, in the 1,600. Farfan pulled off a personal-record time of 6:18.92 to take the gold in the second-longest race in the meet. Lemus

was second at 6:21.17. "Our distance runners had an incredible showing at this meet," Dygert said. "They were able to run well despite the conditions and showed how strong they are. "I'm excited to see how well they improve as we get closer to districts." Two seniors — Dayanara Hurtado and Maklay Moore — partnered with juniors Annakay Winings and Ashten Moore to take second in the girls' sprint medley. The team covered the assignment in 2:11.76 as Hurtado and Maklay Moore ran 100-meter legs before Winings (200) and Ashten Moore (400) covered the back half of the race. Maklay Moore and Ashten Moore each posted personal records in finishing second and third, respectively, in the girls' long jump. Maklay soared 15 feet, 10 inches, and her sister was

two inches behind. Senior Aden Aquiso was runner-up in the boys' long jump at 19-¼. Boren took part in a couple of fourth-place efforts, too. He finished fourth in the 800 in 2:13.59 then ran the closing 800 meters in the sprint medley relay. The senior trio of Julio Alamilla and Aquiso (200-meter legs) and Moss Macmillan (400) started the relay. The quartet turned in a performance of 4:17.89. The Moore sisters also picked up top-10 finishes in other events. Ashten ran her fastest 400 of the season (1:10.62) for sixth place, and she took ninth in the triple jump with a 28-6¾ mark. Maklay was eighth in the 100-meter hurdles (22.36), while junior teammate Rhylan Burbank was seventh at 22.79.



Maklay Moore takes flight during Rimrock's meet in Hazelton. Photo by Jeni Moore



Raiders surge in conference
Rimrock High School's baseball swept 1A Western Idaho Conference games, beating Horseshoe Bend twice — 16-14, on the road Thursday and 17-7 at home on April 11. Under first-year coach Luis Araujo and assistant Sam Ward, Rimrock lost twice in a wood bat tournament on Friday. Declo prevailed, 19-4, and Challis posted a 16-1 victory.
Photo by Beth Gasper

LaFleur drops gutsy match to Weiser No. 1 in SRV tennis

The tennis match of the year so far highlighted Homedale High School's road loss Thursday. Junior Terrance LaFleur, in his third year as the Trojans' No. 1 player, battled Dauge McClellan in a three-set epic to lead off the boys' singles ladder during a 3A Snake River Valley conference meet in Weiser. LaFleur grabbed the first set in a tiebreaker and battled tough in the second set before McClellan cleared the challenge for a 6-7 (3), 7-5, 6-3 victory. Weiser blanked Homedale, 12-0. All other matches were decided in straight sets with Kayleb Atkins winning a game in his No. 2 boys' singles loss to Charlie Woods. Senior Maite Frank, the Trojans' No. 1 in girls' singles, lost by an identical score, 6-1, 6-0, to Kendall Rynearson. Homedale's No. 1 mixed doubles squad

— Cameron Burke and Paige VanVliet — lost, 6-1, 6-0, to Luke Bake and Fatima Travanco. **April 11: Four Rivers Charter 5, Homedale 1** — LaFleur cruised in the first set at then had to hold off Marcus Grimaldo for a 6-1, 6-4 victory in Ontario, Ore. Frank collected all her wins in the first set of a 6-3, 6-0 girls' singles setback against Livi Chavez. Melissa Gonzalez and Neidy Ramirez Gaytan were able to get a second-set victory in their No. 1 girls' doubles loss to Four Rivers' Rhaya Alder and Misha Arocha. Atkins picked up a win in the opening set in his No. 2 boys' singles loss to Alan Gonzalez from Four Rivers (6-1, 6-0). Homedale's Miguel Albor and Jayden Lyman lost in straight sets, 6-0, 6-0, to Koda Alvarez and Evan Alvarez.

Mustangs manage multiple personal records in Middleton

It was more of the same for the Melba High School girls during the State Preview Meet on Friday. Toiling at the same facility that will play host to the 2A track and field championship meet, seniors Rozzlyn Cazier and Kendall Clark were both two-time champions. Cazier had a career day, winning the longest races of the day with personal-best times. She took the 1,600-meter run in 5 minutes, 31.99 seconds and captured the 3,200 in 11:54.01. Clark was a three-time winner, including as a member of the 4x200 relay squad that prevailed in 1:47.71. Fellow senior Hallie Arnold started the race, handing off to Clark. Junior Ahna Shaffer and senior Meya Young closed out the effort. Clark cleared 5 feet to win the high jump with junior Emma Dillbeck taking eighth at 4-6. Clark won the triple jump with a 36-7

effort. Seniors Charlize Sharp (ninth, 30-7) and Melina Helm (11th, 30-2) also excelled. In the boys' meet, the 4x200-meter relay team topped a day of top showings with a championship. Owyhee County resident Kaden Dayley pushed out of the blocks and handed it off to the older Volkerts brother (Braden), who then passed the baton to his sophomore sibling before junior Noah West finished the effort. The Mustangs finished the run in 1 minute, 34.88 seconds. Young posted a season-best time (12.75) as runner-up in the girls' 100-meter dash. Shaffer took third with a PR (12.89), and Arnold finished 10th with her best effort of the year (13.14). Owyheean Brooklyn Dayley was third in the girls' 400 (season-best 1:03.96), and Owyhee freshman Hayden Higgins PR'd at 1:04.21 for fourth. Dayley's season-best 49.7 was good for second in the girls' 300 hurdles, and

she ran another year's-best for third in the 800. The Mustangs were second in the 4x100 relay (50.5) on the legs of Arnold, Clark, Shaffer, and Young. Young has the second-best effort in the long jump (16-2). Cazier, Dayley and Higgins teamed up with junior Eliza Svedin to finish fourth in the 4x400 relay (4:22.57). Svedin PR'd for eighth in the 1,600 (6:06.61), two spots behind Melba senior Braelyn Scott, who ran a season-fast 6:04.86. Scott also had her best time of the year for sixth in the 3,200 (13:11.64). The boys' meet was checkered with Melba athletes who surpassed previous bests. Carsten Volkerts finished second in the 110 hurdles with his best time of the year (16.57). Likewise, Kaden Dayley's best 400 of the year (53.86) was good for a bronze medal, while sophomore Korey

Magdaleno PR'd at 54.83 for sixth. Sophomore Joel Helm was third in the triple jump (41-5), and Braden Volkerts took eighth (39-7). The Volkerts boys ran the middle legs with Dayley leading off and junior Noah West put on the finishing touches in a fourth-place effort in the 4x100 relay (45.43). Dayley and Magdaleno led off the fourth-place 4x400 relay run (3:44.73), while senior Wyatt Myers handed off to junior Raivio Manzer in the final laps. Manzer posted two PRs for fifth place in the 3,200 (10:37.48), and sixth in the 1,600 (4:53.5). There were three other career-best marks in the throws: • Junior Justin Anderson reached 34-5½ in the shot put. • Brenton Overall attained 34-2 in the shot put. • Magdaleno flung the discus 105-6.

Sports

Trojans end first half of 3A SRV on top in softball

Pitchers continue to dominate

Pitching continued to spark the Homedale High School softball team last week.

The junior 1-2 punch of Dani Sitts and Olivia Asumendi carried the Trojans to a pair of convincing 3A Snake River Valley conference victories.

Homedale (12-5 overall, 5-0 in conference) has rarely trailed in conference games.

Weiser grabbed a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning on April 10, but Homedale surged to an 11-4 victory behind big hits and Sitts' 17 strikeouts.

Asumendi is 3-0 in conference play. She has struck out 33 batters while allowing three earned runs, six hits and 13 walks. She has amassed a 1.24 earned-run average in those three starts.

Sitts (7-2) has two wins in which she has scattered five hits, four walks and four earned runs (all against Weiser) while strikeout out 19 batters. Her 3A SRV ERA is 2.33.

Last week, Weiser scored in the first and seventh innings for



Isana Larzelier slides into home plate in a cloud of dust during a recent game against McCall-Donnelly. She scored last week against Weiser. Photo by Breanne Gray / GrayHawk Photography

the only two frames in which the Trojans allowed runs.

The Trojans took sole possession of first place in the conference with their 11-4 win over the Wolverines on April 10.

Last Wednesday: Homedale 5, Payette 0 — Asumendi came within an out of her third no-hitter of the season, as Lucia Walker lined the first pitch she saw in the seventh into right field for a single.

The Trojans right-hander (5-3) retired the first nine batters she faced in the 3A SRV start before giving up back-to-back walks with two outs in the fourth inning during a game played at Homedale Middle School.

She piled up 13 strikeouts and helped her own cause with a two-run double as the Trojans' three-run third inning broke open the game.

Arlett Quezada went 2-for-3

and scored a run, and Sitts led off with a 2-for-4 performance that included a run-scoring single and a run of her own.

Zayne Hall was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI.

April 10: Homedale 11, Weiser 4 — Sitts smashed a two-out double to close out the Trojans' big surge in the third inning at HMS.

Trailing 2-0, Homedale posted seven runs in the inning to take control of the

conference contest.

Two runs scored earlier in the inning when Quezada singled to bring home Olivia Miller and Isana Larzelier scored on an error by the Wolverines catcher.

Aumendi and Lilly Trescott also had run-scoring singles in the uprising.

Sitts fell into a 2-0 hole when the second batter of the game, senior Tobie Noyer, drilled a two-run home run over the right-field fence. The Homedale right-hander gave up another single — the Wolverines' third hit of the inning — before ending the threat with back-to-back strikeouts.

The first six outs — and 10 of the first 11 — Sitts recorded were strikeouts.

Noyer's second hit of the game came in the fifth, but Sitts fanned three more batters to hold down the threat.

Homedale added three more runs in the bottom of the fifth on Asumendi's bases-clearing double.

Noyer blasted another two-run home run in the seventh inning for Weiser's final tallies.

Homedale athletes nab big victories on big stage

Kinlee Garrett won a hurdles race on the biggest stage yet Friday during the Middleton State Preview.

The Homedale High School junior ran to a personal-best time of 16.11 seconds in the girls' 100-meter hurdles on the Middleton High School all-weather surface that will

play host to the 3A state championship meet next month.

Garrett's winning time is the top-ranked mark on the athletic.net historical list for Homedale records, which dates to 2006.

Garrett's third-place time of 49.76 is a personal record

in the 300 hurdles and ranks second on the HHS list behind Carlie Moore's 48.82 from last spring.

The Trojans' sprint medley relay team won a boys' championship, finishing the total 1,600 meters in 3 minutes, 57.78 seconds.

Norwegian exchange student

Noah Erickson and junior Snuepy Garcia ran 200-meter segments before sophomore Rafael Cuenca covered 400 meters and junior Brock Johnson grabbed the baton and took two laps.

Garrett also led the Trojans' sixth-place finish in the 4x100 relay. She led off the effort and passed the baton to freshman Belen Asumendi. Two more juniors — Moore and Mylisa Barrett — finished the 54.18 effort.

Freshman Morgan Nicoletti continued to improve on her pole vault mark, taking fourth with a personal-best 9 feet.

Asumendi, Moore and Nicoletti ran the final three legs behind freshman Stella Heck in Homedale's fourth-place finish in the 4x100 shuttle hurdles. The quartet logged a 2:06.69 time.

Back on the boys' side, Johnson took seventh in the 400 with his best effort of the

season (55.18).

Cuenca was ninth in the long jump at 18 feet, 4 inches. He went 38-1 in the triple jump as fellow HHS sophomore Angel Nolasco posted a PR of 37-9 for 14th place.

Nolasco also established a personal record in the 300 hurdles (12th, 46.32).

Senior Danny Detbun ran his fastest 100 meters of the season (ninth, 11.72).

Garcia posted a personal record in the 200 (14th, 24.44).

Nolasco and Detbun covered the middle of the 4x100 relay as Homedale finished sixth. Freshman Kade Hall started the race, and junior Izmael Ortiz took the final handoff in a 46.02 effort.

Other career milestones were sprinkled throughout the meet.

Senior Bailey Purdom (27-10) and sophomore Allie Bell (21-1½) excelled with PRs in the shot put.

Purdom also posted her career-best in the discus (77-8), while sophomore Kayci Breshears posted her top mark of the season (79-0).



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Sports

Homedale plays big role in H.S. rodeo

The high school rodeo season continues this weekend for District 2 cowboys and cowgirls. The first rodeos since October will be held on Saturday and Sunday inside Badiola Arena in Homedale. Performances will start at 10 a.m., each day. The spring season began with the third round of reined

cow horse competition on April 8 in Parma. Rounds 5 and 6 of the cutting season were held last weekend at Badiola Arena. The rest of the spring season includes: • **April 29-30** — Rodeos Nos. 7-8, 10 a.m., each day, Crooked 8 Arena, Kuna • **April 30** — Reined cow horse Round 4, 8 a.m., Crooked

8 Arena, Kuna • **May 13-14** — Rodeos No. 9-10 (district finals), 10 a.m., each day, Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena, Homedale • **May 20-21** — Cutting Rounds 7-8, 8 a.m., each day, Badiola Arena • **May 24-28** — Jr. High School State Finals, Bannock County Fairgrounds, Pocatello

• **June 3-10** — High School State Finals, Pocatello Homedale High School competitor Sydney Davis is president of the District 2 student board this year. Local student event directors include Celie Davis (girls’ cutting), Georgia King (barrel racing), Sloan McFarlane (goats), and team roping (Sam Saunders).

✓ Marsing: Coach impressed with athletes’ stretch-run performance

From Page 12 Ankeny was making waves. He was runner-up in the 100 with a personal-best 11.4. That is the third-fastest 100-meter dash in school history behind record-holder Jacob Ankeny (11.03 at State in 2021) and Alexandre Heidt, who ran an 11.43 during his freshman year in 2013. Braden Ankeny still has five meets this spring and his entire senior season to chase his brother’s legacy. In the meantime, he is pacing the Huskies as he did Friday: By example and inspiration. Four boys’ throwers posted PRs led by Junior Diego Margarito, who improved his personal best in the discus again this season with his 15th-place mark of 111 feet, 3 inches. “Brandie Campbell, our throws coach, knew it was in there,” Heidi Ankeny said. “He just had to pull it all to-

gether.” In other discus career performances, senior Robert Salazar flung the apparatus 89-4; juniors Nate Delaney (37-3½, 2½ inches better than a throw just four days earlier in New Plymouth) and Bentley McIntyre (37-1½) delivered PRs in the shot put. There were a few PRs for the Marsing girls, too. Sophomore Sydney Nelson ran the third-fastest 400 meters among the Marsing all-time marks listed on athletic.net, taking 10th in 1:05.58. Junior Trinity Stimmel uncorked the best shot put effort of her career with a 25-4½ heave, and senior Llee Loucks improved on her discus PR with a 73-6 effort. The Ankeny cousins — Braden and fellow junior Eli — ran the final two legs for the fifth-place boys’ 4x400 relay team. Seniors Jordan Blas and

Josue Espejel handled the first exchange to start a 3-minute, 45.26-second effort. Blas was ninth in the 400 field at 55.67. Senior Emily Vanosdall was seventh in the girls’ triple jump at 32-6, while another upper-classman — Vanessa Freeman — logged a season-best 13.43 in the 100. “I’m super-proud of the effort and the hard work this team is putting in,” Ankeny said. “They are on track to finish the second half of the season strong and do some great things at district and State.” **Nelson tops N.P. field** Nelson paced 20 personal records for Huskies athletes during the April 11 New Plymouth Junior Varsity Meet. She sprinted to a personal record of 28.53 seconds to win the 200 meters. Several other 10th-graders also had

milestone runs in the event, including sixth-place Raylynn Vanosdall with a season-best 30.14, Elley Shelton (eighth, 31.11 PR), and Ashlyn Porter 11th, 32.76 PR). Nelson also PR’d for a bronze medal in the girls’ long jump at 14 feet, 7¾ inches, while Shelton was seventh with a personal-best 12-4. Blas PR’d in the boys’ 400 meters, taking second in 55.55. Stimmel was runner-up in the girls’ discus with her best effort of the season (8-11). She finished 10th in the shot put at 24-1. Sophomore Jack Marshall posted a PR for third place in the 800 (2:22.43), while freshman Brady Bowers kept improving with a sixth-place tim of 2:25.68, another PR. Bowers also finished third in the 1,600 with a PR of 5:21.68, while Marshall ran the best race

of his career for 10th at 5:47.67. Delaney muscled to fourth place in the shot put, covering a distance of 37-1. Shelton collected another PR with her sixth-place time in the girls’ 100 (14.55), which equaled the time by fellow sophomore Raylynn Vanosdall. The girls’ 3,200 featured a pair of Huskies PRs. Freshman Breann Dickerson was fourth in 17:03.5, and sophomore Wendy Alvarez took fifth in 19:06.83. Loucks captured fifth place in the girls’ shot put at 25-8, and was ninth in the discus (65-3). While sophomore Wendy Alvarez was crossing the line ninth in the 800 (3:58.67), two freshmen were pushing themselves to career bests. Daiza Balderez was 10th in the 800 at 4:13.68, while Yoselin Alvarez took ninth in the 1,600 (8:37.03).

✓ Work: Joins father as an award recipient

From Page 12 Alvaro began coaching football and other sports in 1964. He was still active in coaching when he died of a heart attack in 1986. Alvaro was an All-American quarterback and kicker at The College of Idaho in the 1950s and moved on to coach Caldwell football players and basketball players. The Alvaro award was first presented to a Third District Coach in 1987. The award recognizes a career of spirit, enthusiasm and passion for coaching and a lifetime of service to the profession. “The winner is supposed to represent all that Charlie was known for: A passion for coaching kids, a passion for fellowship with coaches, and being involved in the coaching community through service,” White said. The Trojans’ junior varsity football head coach, who also helps coach defense for the

varsity, is now part of an elite group of honorees that includes his father, Bruce White. “I got a beautiful ring that every recipient gets and am now part of the club that gets to choose the next deserved recipient,” Josh White said. “It’s kinda cool: My father and I are the first father-son pair to have received the award, and I’m the first to have received the Charlie Alvaro Scholarship (1993) and the award. “It’s funny how things work out.” White has helped coach football at Homedale High School for the past five years, but that is just the most recent outpost in a career filled with coaching achievements. After the Caldwell High football standout completed his collegiate career at Eastern Oregon University, he started coaching football and wrestling with his father and Bill Cooper in 1998-99 at Caldwell High School. He moved on to coach at

New Plymouth for nine years, including serving as head football coach from 2000 to 2007. White led the Pilgrims to a state runner-up trophy in 2004, and the team won conference titles in 2004 and 2006. “I just realized that I coached the last New Plymouth team to beat Homedale,” he said. White also coached New Plymouth wrestling and track athletes at the middle school and high school levels. He returned to Caldwell in 2008 and served as defensive coordinator under Matt Strong (once again a colleague with the Trojans staff), Tim Brennan, Zac McGee and Zac Farnum. White is following Alvaro’s example in another way, too. He has served as the Third District Coaches’ Association social director for the past 20 years. The only two other men to hold the position are Alvaro and Cooper.

— JPB

✓ Coach: Administration opens coaching search

From Page 12 Swanson said as much when he posted on Facebook about his departure. In that post, he thanked his assistant coaches for their dedication, too. “Building a team first culture and a ‘WE’ mindset is difficult for community members to understand because for the most part, it’s all about their own child,” Swanson told The Owyhee Avalanche in a statement. Swanson led the Huskies to a 21-45 record in three seasons at the helm. In 2A Western Idaho Conference play, Marsing was 6-27 under Swanson with only one victory in 2A District III Tournament competition. Stewart said Marsing secondary principal Sean Porter posted an advertisement looking for coaching candidates the day after the school board meeting. “I understand supporting your child and wanting them to

succeed, but sports always has and will be about ‘US.’ I firmly believe in that,” Swanson said. “I hope they get someone in that continues that culture that I and our coaching staff worked so hard to reframe. I am wanting these girls and the Marsing girls’ program to thrive very much.” Swanson said his departure won’t alter how he feels about the small community. “I got my first coaching job in Marsing in 2007 and fell in love with the community and school district, and that hasn’t and won’t change,” he said. “Marsing will always have a small piece of my heart.” — JPB

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Commentary

Mtn. States Policy Center
Idaho needs major reset on education choice conversation

The 2023 Idaho legislative session has adjourned with barely any movement on advancing education choice options for families.

While states including Florida, Iowa, Arkansas, Utah and Arizona have expanded choice to improve outcomes, Idaho seems to be stuck in neutral.

It’s certainly not for lack of trying. An early-session Senate bill that would have provided universal Education Savings Accounts (ESA) for all Idaho families passed in committee but failed on the floor.

An ESA proposal complete with income limitations was introduced in the House of Representatives. The House Education committee wouldn’t even give it a hearing.

The sponsor came back with another version that was finally granted a hearing in that same committee — but was then shot down before it could get to the floor.

Members in both the House and Senate worked on a bill to expand the state’s popular Empowering Parents program to include a small pilot for just 2,000 students — less than one percent of the state’s total student population. It was a temporary trial with an expiration date. It passed the Senate but, despite having nearly every limitation that opponents had asked for, didn’t have the votes in the House Education committee.

To top it all off, the House Education committee actually passed a bill to place an incomplete advisory question about “funding private schools” on the ballot in 2024. When that proposal got to the House floor, it was defeated providing the opportunity for the Legislature to continue a more robust debate in the future.

If you asked all 105 legislators to explain education choice, you might get 105 different answers.

Throughout the session, a lot of bizarre and inaccurate things were said:

— See Education, Page 19

Chris Cargill

Mountain States Policy Center, president and CEO

About Mountain States Policy Center

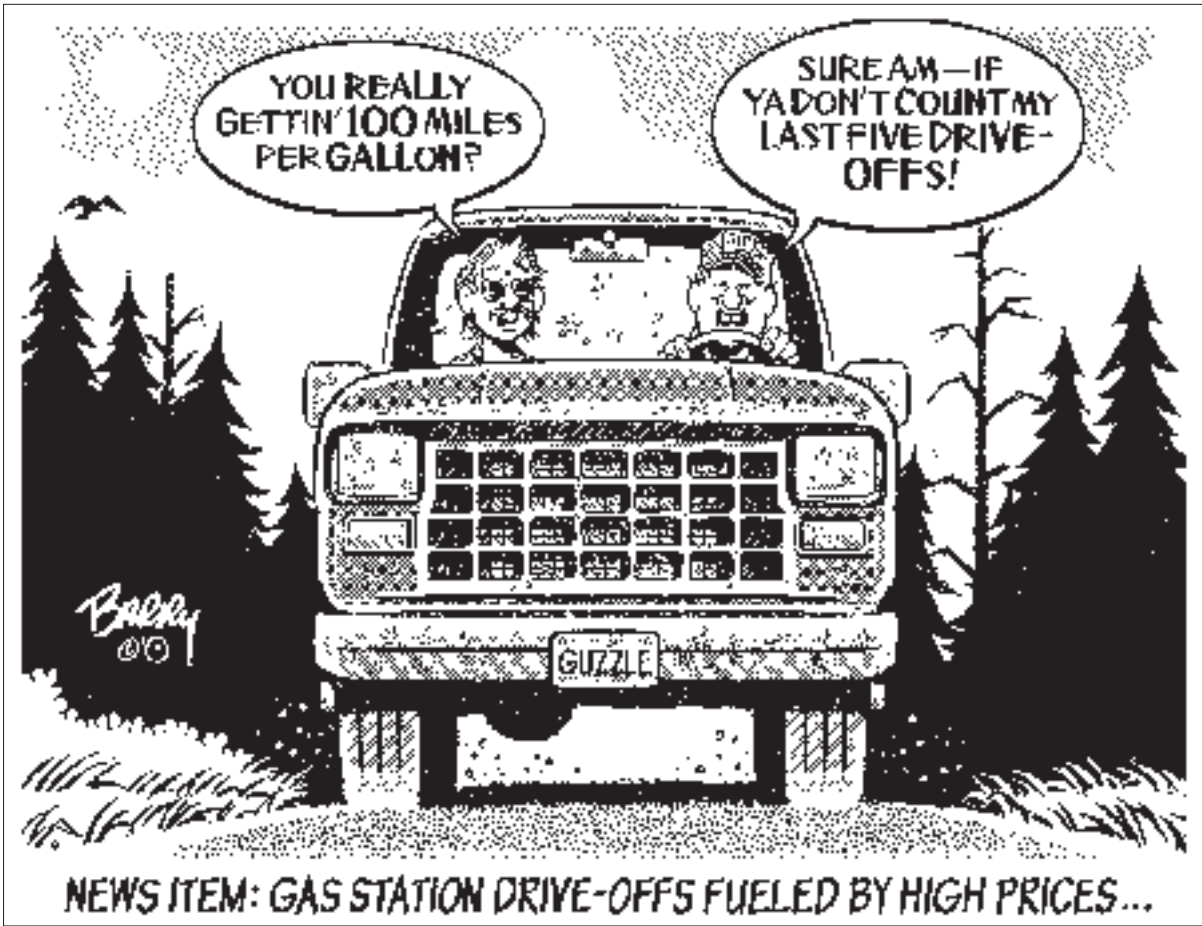
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Homedale resident Oscar Evans is on the board of directors.

Learn more at mountainstatespolicy.org.



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.

Eyes on the Statehouse
Legislators elected to represent Idaho agriculture went to work with SJM101

by Matt Dorsey

Idaho’s official seal depicts the top priorities of our great state: a woman signifying justice, a man representing mining, a pine tree for timber, a cornucopia for horticultural, and a field with a sheaf of grain for agriculture. Since its creation, agriculture has been and is still the backbone of Idaho. The passage of Senate Joint Memorial 101 by the Idaho Senate is the overdue first step to helping Idaho’s farmers and ranchers. Thankfully most of our current elected lawmakers have not forgotten the importance of this industry, in defiance of fearmongering and overused political talking points.

Our agriculture industry is hurting for workers. Even with an hourly wage at twice that of our current national minimum wage and increasing at an annual rate of seven percent, Americans are simply not applying to work in the fields. The supply is not meeting the labor demands — resulting in our ag industry having no choice but to rely on guest workers to ensure they can put food on our families’ tables, instead of letting our food rot on the vine.

SJM101 is a plain-text memorial. It is a clear statement intended for the federal government, demanding necessary immigration reform that secures

our nation’s borders and meets the demands of the labor industry. It specifically references an overhaul to our current visa programs, which many agriculture, manufacturing, technology, and construction businesses use to find guest workers to fill their open positions that Americans are simply not taking. This memorial is not asking for a one-way ticket to citizenship. This does not add or change any laws. The word “amnesty” is never used or implied.

What SJM101 does do is clearly support the Idaho Republican Party’s platform referring to the backing of a “strong and viable agriculture industry.” Republican legislators who voted in favor should be commended for supporting the GOP platform. They each represent an area of



Matt Dorsey and his wife, Kristie

Canyon County, the second-largest county in Idaho, one driven by farming and ranching. Supporting our state’s most important and profitable industry is everything Idaho Republicans stand for.

Agriculture is a year-round business. From dairy to potatoes, our farmers and ranchers need a labor force that can do the hard work. The truth is the majority of those willing to do the hard work are foreign-born. SJM101

— See Agriculture, Page 19

Commentary

Financial management

Do right thing: Pay back your ex before tackling other debt



Dear Dave,
I’m about to start paying off debt in Baby Step 2, but there’s a motorcycle loan my ex-girlfriend took out for me. I crashed the motorcycle and sustained some injuries. After two months of litigation, I received a settlement of about \$15,000 that was just enough to cover the loan. Do I use the settlement money toward my debt snowball, or should I pay her back so I can get her out of my life for good?

— Arnold

Dear Arnold,
Pay her back. Anything else would be unfair. And, on top of that, it’s just the right thing to do.
The whole move of her taking out a loan to buy you a motorcycle was kind of a dumb one anyway. It was dumb on her part, and it was dumb on your part. And you can see why it was now, can’t you? It has left you in a lurch emotionally and relationally. We’re not talking about a random chunk of cash here. This money was

for the motorcycle, from the motorcycle and about the motorcycle. So, you just pay her back, and that’ll clear things up.
I’m sorry the relationship didn’t work out, brother. But I’m glad you’re taking steps to be in control of your finances. And I hope making things right where the bike is concerned will bring you a little peace of mind.

— 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,” the “Today” show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth, and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO of Ramsey Solutions.*

✓ Agriculture: Senators send message to feds to fix immigration system

From Page 18
calls for a nationwide overhaul of the immigration process to both secure our borders from illegal immigrants and ensure a lawful labor workforce to plant, harvest, process, and transport our domestic food supply.
The key word in all this is “lawful.” No reasonable person is asking for a flood of undocumented immigrants to sneak into the U.S., nor are we vying for a foreign-born worker to take a job from an American. The memorial actually calls for the use of e-verify to

validate the legal status of workers going forward.
We are supporting the hard-working individuals who do the back-breaking work to feed our citizens. We are supporting the industry employers who are offering higher wages in the face of inflation. We are supporting the farmers who lay awake at night worrying if they have enough people to harvest their crops or milk their cows.
A federal overhaul of our nation’s immigration process is necessary. Otherwise, the future of Idaho’s agriculture industry is at stake. We should be proud

of our Idaho legislators who have shown leadership, grit, and integrity by stepping up and addressing the system that has been broken for generations.
— *Matt Dorsey owns Sunnyslope Land and Livestock. Dist. 23 Sen. Todd Lakey (R-Nampa), who represents Owyhee County and parts of Canyon and Ada counties, voted in favor of the memorial. The memorial was referred to the Idaho House Committee on Agricultural Affairs on March 17, but never made it out of committee for a vote by the full House before Sine Die.*

✓ Education: Summertime event will help move dialogue forward

From Page 18
• **CLAIM:** These are “ESA vouchers.”
REALITY: There is no such thing. ESAs allow parents to use a portion of state funding on a variety of education services. Yes, it can include private school tuition, but it can also include tutoring, special needs services, curriculum, mental health treatment and much more — so long as it is for an educational purpose.
• **CLAIM:** Private or specialty school would get taxpayer funding while rejecting students.
REALITY: If that private or specialty school were to receive any of the funding, the student would have to be accepted. The state is not going to just start issuing checks to private schools.
• **CLAIM:** Approving ESAs would reduce public school funding.
REALITY: In reality, per-student funding would likely increase. Several proposals required 20 percent of a student’s allocation to stay in the school district in which they lived. The Empowering Parents program was a separate budget item altogether.

• **CLAIM:** 95 percent of homeschooling students will sign up.
REALITY: There’s no evidence from other states of numbers ever reaching that high.
• **CLAIM:** You can only support public education or education choice.
REALITY: They work hand-in-hand, and education choice often supplements public schooling.
• **CLAIM:** The Heritage Foundation says Idaho already has enough education choice.
REALITY: Idaho ranked 20th on education choice options behind Utah and Montana and barely ahead of Illinois.
This legislative session proves the entire conversation in Idaho surrounding education choice needs a major reset — and, ironically, better education about proposals.
This issue is not going away. If Idaho legislators had known they were not going to be successful with any bill, they could have opted for an interim legislative study on existing ESA programs across the country. This could have been done by an unbiased source

— perhaps the state controller or Legislative Audit Division — and could have been made available by the time the next session begins. Unfortunately, that didn’t happen.
The conversation will continue now, and Mountain States Policy Center will do our part by providing research and recommendations on what has worked in other states.
We’ll even host a special event in Boise over the summer to brainstorm options and highlight areas of success and policies to avoid.
We have a unique opportunity to put political divisions aside and create a unique Idaho-centered plan. The goal needs to be the education of Idaho’s children so that they can be productive citizens and workers and lead enriched lives.
If more education choice can help improve the educational outcomes of just one child, it’s worth trying.
— *Chris Cargill is the president of Mountain States Policy Center. Online at mountainstatespolicy.org.*

Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer’s address and daytime phone number.

The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in these ways:

- E-mailed to jon@owyheeavalanche.com
- Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
- Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale

For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

Contacting elected officials

Homedale City Hall

31 W. Wyoming Ave., (208) 337-4641
Mayor — Gheen Christoffersen
City council — Mike Aebischer (president), Kimberly Murray, Steve Atkins, and Aaron Tines
Meetings — 6 p.m., on second Wednesday

Marsing City Hall

18 Sandbar Ave., (208) 896-4122
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City council

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Meetings — 7 p.m., on second Wednesday

Grand View City Hall

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Open noon to 4:30 p.m., Mon.-Thurs.
Mayor — Jon Pennington (interim)
City council — Terry Nielson (president), Andrea Owens, Tom Payne, and Mike Smith
Meetings — 6 p.m., on second Wednesday

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

April 22, 1998



Reno Ranch Rodeo winners...

The Eiguren Ranch from Jordan Valley, Ore., won the championship silver stirrups and \$1,601 per man at the Tony Lama Boots Reno Ranch Rodeo, held in Reno March 13-15. Richard Eiguren, left, was named top cowboy. Other team members are Sam MacKenzie, Jason Eiguren and Mike Eiguren. Photo by David Rider.

Marsing school bond election Thursday

The Marsing School District is urging its patrons to support Thursday’s bond election to improve and modernize its school buildings.

The \$2.65 million bond issue, which must be approved by a majority of 66 2/3 percent of the voters, includes:

- Building and furnishing an eight-classroom addition for the elementary school, to be located west of the existing school;
- Re-roofing the elementary school with a new metal pitched roof;
- Enlarging the present classroom sizes from 650 square feet to 900 square feet, to comply with the State Faculty Recommended Standards;
- Improving the electrical, plumbing and mechanical problems in the elementary school;
- Building and furnishing an elementary/middle school multi-purpose P.E. facility, to host all P.E., middle school athletics and community activities.

Governor asks for \$300K to save Bruneau snail

Gov. Phil Batt has asked Idaho’s congressional delegation for \$300,000 to protect the habitat of the Bruneau Hot Springsnail, a nearly-microscopic creature that has stirred up considerable controversy in the past several years.

The state wants to pay farmers not to irrigate unproductive land or to purchase water rights to protect the underground water supply that feeds the springs on which the snails depend.

But the economic survival of the residents of the Bruneau Valley depends on the water.

The snail, found only in springs along the Bruneau River and Hot Creek, was declared an endangered species in 1993, but later removed from the list under threat of a lawsuit by the Idaho Farm Bureau. The snail was once again listed in 1995 after the Ninth Circuit Court overturned the decision.

Batt formed a committee made up of environmentalists, farmers and local, state and federal officials to create a plan to save the snail, but consensus has yet to be reached.

Overton to play basketball at TVCC next year

Homedale High School senior Jennifer Overton has signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario next season.

50 years ago

April 19, 1973



HOMEDALE JAYCEES elected 1973 officers recently as follows: From left, Pat Kelly, president; Mike Kelly, vice president; Russ Cornwell, secretary; Floyd Breach, treasurer; Rob Troxel, internal director; Fred Sarceda, external director.

Team roping sees Luman, Burril win first place

The second annual Bill Davis Memorial team roping competition was held beginning at 12 o’clock Sunday, April 8, at the Davis Ranch arena, Bruneau. Ninety teams entered from Idaho, Oregon, Nevada, Montana and California. Clarence Miller, Bruneau, was announcer, and son, Mike Miller, was timer.

Phil Luman and Bob Burril were awarded belt buckles as first place team in the roping event. Bob Riley and Eddie Bolin placed second; Don Dorris and Dean Johnston, third.

Karen Hansen was first place winner in the girls’ barrel racing event.

‘Owyhee Outpost’ features articles by area writers

MURPHY—The fourth edition of Owyhee Outpost, official publication of the Owyhee County Historical Society, is now off the press. Featured is an article by Omer Stanford, “Old Timers I Have Known.” Stanford, a native of Owyhee County, is a regular contributor of anecdotes giving personal glimpses into the lives of the early settlers of the area.

Research of historic place names in the County has resulted in an interesting article by Helen Nettleton, librarian of the Owyhee County Historical Museum.

Hazel Danner Fretwell has contributed an article “The Owyhee Crossing” featuring the historical significance of the crossing on the Owyhee River near present day Rome, Ore. Included are several rare photographs depicting the life and times of the area around the turn of the century and before.

Cowbelles hold Spring luncheon, counter boycott

Nineteen Owyhee Cowbelles and three guests were guests of the Boise Valley Cowbelles at their spring luncheon held April 5 at the Thoroughbred restaurant in the Karcher Mall, Nampa.

Since this was during the meat boycott, following the luncheon a group of Cowbelles invaded the Buttrey’s meat counter and purchased quantities of beef to show the public we feel that “Beef is a good buy!”

Attending the luncheon were Karen Bass, Kay Parkins, Mary Panzeri, Virginia Belknap, LeVila Johnstone, Glenda Gammett, Evelyn Cummings, Marilyn Black, Myrna Prow, Nelma Muller, Pat Earll, Sherry Bahem, Esther Hoagland, Diana Ronfeld, Jayne Collins, Virginia Stanford, Inez Jaca, Jerry Coleman, Barbara Nourse, Mary Elsner, and Jan Hallbrook. —Glenda Gammett, Reporter.

155 years ago

April 18, 1868

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 3, ’68.
EDS. AVALANCHE: The immense tide of immigration that is now drifting towards this shore promises to outrival the excitement of ’49, and is already beginning to give place to very grave considerations. All the hotels and lodging houses are thronged with new-comers and the former numerous notices of “this house to let” or “rooms to rent” are rapidly disappearing. In pursuance of this state of affairs rents are advancing, and property is held at enormous figures. Of course this inaugurated policy is a very poor one and is bound to eventuate in fatal and disastrous consequences. Be it understood new-comers, as a general rule, are provided with but slender means and that this city is already filled with a set of idlers, unable to obtain work. What show, then, for the six or seven thousand souls who arrive in this city monthly? That they will be compelled to turn their eyes in the direction of Idaho is beyond doubt, as that country is the most promising on the face of the earth. I hold that Owyhee, particularly, is interested in stimulating immigration, and never in the history of this coast were offered such fine opportunities for furthering this scheme as the present. It, therefore, behooves the good people of Owyhee to be up and doing. With printed documents distributed all over this city setting forth, in plain language, the inducements held out to immigration, accompanied by a carefully prepared report of the great resources and inexhaustible gold mines of Idaho; the prices of labor; the facilities of living for families; the nearest and cheapest way to get there; and last but not least the unprotected state of her “male bachelors,” the population of Owyhee would increase to tens of thousands in less than eight months. I have here thrown out a suggestion which is entitled to serious consideration, and if the people of Owyhee are true to their interests, they will lose no time in taking hold of this project.

OWYHEEANS.
Had a talk with Charley Robbins on the street to-day. He looks considerably improved in health — resides at present in Vallejo, but intends to put up wife and baby shortly, with a view to locating in Owyhee — thinks “there is no place like home.” Philip, formerly at Herman’s, I believe is talking of buying a large stock of assorted goods to open at Silver. A good many of your town folks left for Silver the early part of this week, and the balance, sojourning here, talk of following suit in a few days. So look out for old familiar faces once more.

THE AVALANCHE.
This journal is considered the “live” paper of Idaho, in this city. Aside from being largely quoted by all the leading daily papers, it enjoys a liberal circulation, and the offices of Beachey and Hudson and McCarthy are constantly crowded with individuals who are anxious to glance at its columns. This morning’s papers contain a telegram from Unionville quoting the AVALANCHE items of the 28th in relation to the late disastrous fight of the Elmore and Chariot companies. This fact is considered a high compliment to the journal quoted from, but I hope you will not put on any airs in consequence.

Public notices

**INVITATION TO BID
BUS MAINTENANCE
NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN:** Sealed bids will be received in the District Office of the Superintendent of Schools located in Bruneau, Idaho 83604, 39678 State Highway 78, Telephone (208)-834-2260, until 5 o’clock p.m., May 9, 2023 for bus maintenance, materials and services for two years, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years.

Please pick up the bus maintenance information packet with specifications and bid forms at the District Office, 39678 State Highway 78 Bruneau, Idaho. For additional details contact Superintendent, Jeff Blaser at 208-834-2260 or Bus Transportation Supervisor, Laura Gonzalez 775-217-2136.

The bids will be opened at the regular board meeting May 9, 2023 at Rimrock Jr. Sr. High School. Board Meeting is held at 7p.m.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept the bid deemed best, or reject any and/or all bids and to waive any technicality.

By Order of the Board of Trustees
Joint School District No. 365
39678 State Highway 78
Bruneau, Idaho 83604
JayDene Aquiso
04/19,26/2023

**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
(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 TRUSTEE’S
SALE
TS No: ID-23-955119-RM
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **8/17/2023**, at the hour of **9:00 AM, In the Lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, located at 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650**, the trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of **OWYHEE**, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 7 AND 8 OF BLOCK 20 OF THE AMENDED TOWNSITE PLAT OF HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF FILED AUGUST 9, 1911 AS NO. 7284 ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.

The Current Trustee is **Robert W. McDonald, Esq.**, whose address is **108 1st Ave. South, Suite 450, Seattle, Washington 98104** and who can be reached by telephone at **(866) 925-0241**. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-described real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of **413 WEST MONTANA AVE, HOMEDALE, ID 83628** may be associated with said real property.

The sale will be made, without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust made and entered into on **10/27/2021**, by and among **TRAVIS W BELL AND DEBRA L BELL, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS**, as Grantor, and **ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW**, as Trustee, and **MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR SECURITY NATIONAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**, as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust having been filed of record on **10/28/2021**, as **Instrument No. 310074** Official Records of **OWYHEE** County, Idaho. The naming of the above Grantor(s) is done to comply with Idaho Code Sections 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made as to the responsibility of Grantor(s) for this obligation.

The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor’s failure to pay when due the following sum: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$11,940.77 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$300,655.81 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay.

Dated this 3rd day of April, 2023. By: Robert W. McDonald,

Esq., Trustee TS No: **ID-23-955119-RM** IDSPub #0185061
4/12,19,26;05/03/2023

**LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF IDAHO LAND
LEASE OPPORTUNITY
PUBLIC AUCTION FOR
MINERAL LEASE**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Article IX, § 8 of the Idaho Constitution and Idaho Code §§ 47-704, 58-307, -310 and -313, that the State of Idaho, Department of Lands (hereinafter “IDL”), will conduct a public auction of Mineral Lease **E600118**, as set forth below. **The deadline for the auction registration is Thursday May 11, 2023, at 5:00 pm (mtn). The auction will begin on Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 11:00 am (mtn) at Idaho Department of Lands office located at 8355 W. State Street, Boise, Idaho. This auction will follow the auction for Mineral Lease E600117 (if held).** The lease will be awarded to the bidder who will pay the highest Premium Bid, as defined below. The Premium Bid payment is in addition to the annual rental rate and royalty rates that have been established by IDL and are set forth in the lease to be auctioned. **Detailed information regarding the lease auction terms and conditions, the lease, including a specific legal description and map of the property to be leased, rental rate, minimum annual royalty, royalty rate, and applications can be obtained visiting IDL’s website at www.idl.idaho.gov/leasing/minerals-leasing/ or by contacting Mike Murphy via e-mail at MineralsLeasing@idl.idaho.gov or 208-334-0290.**

Mineral Lease E600118 is for 10 years for the extraction of sand and gravel with a leased premises of approximately 40 acres on the following described parcels located in Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Section 13, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, which are more particularly described as follows:

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**SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
STATE OF IDAHO, COUNTY OF OWYHEE
CASE NUMBER CV37-23-00085**

Legacy Fiduciary Services, LLC, as Conservator of Wilma E. Rinke,
Plaintiff,
v.

The Estate of Joe F. Rinke; and all of the heirs and devisees of Joe F. Rinke, Linda Dawn Gomes, John Doe, Spouse of Linda Dawn Gomes; Joseph D. Gomes; Jane Doe, Spouse of Joseph D. Gomes, and all Current Occupants of: 1201 Fox Run Road, Homedale, ID 83628, and all of the unknown owners, heirs, devisees and unknown claimants and/or occupants of all or any part of the following described real property; and any persons claiming any right, title, or interest in the following described real property:

A tract of land situated in a part of Government Lot 5, Section 24, Township 4 North, Range 6 West, Boise Meridian. Owyhee County. Idaho, and more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast Corner of said Government Lot 5, said corner monumented with a 5/8 inch diameter iron pin; thence South 89° 55’46” West, a distance of 16.94 feet along the southerly boundary of said Government Lot 5 to a ½ inch diameter iron; thence

North 1°14’56” West, a distance of 640.85 feet parallel with the westerly boundary of said Government Lot 5 to the center line of a concrete ditch; thence

North 81 °09’00” West, a distance of 133.23 feet along the center line of said concrete ditch to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing

North 81° 09’00” West, a distance of 119.23 feet along the center line of said concrete ditch; thence North 01°14’56” West, a distance of 573.12 feet parallel with the westerly boundary of said Government Lot 5 to a point on the Snake River, said point monumented with a ½ inch diameter iron pin; thence South 76°04’00” East, a distance of 121.63 feet along the high water line of said Snake River to a ½ inch diameter iron pin; thence

South 01°14’56” East, a distance of 562.18 feet parallel with the westerly boundary of said Government Lot 5 to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Defendants.

To: The Estate of Joe F. Rinke; and all of the heirs and devisees of Joe F. Rinke,

All Current Occupants of: 1201 Fox Run Road, Homedale, ID 83628, and all of the unknown owners, heirs, devisees and unknown claimants and/or occupants of all or any part of the following described real property; and any persons claiming any right, title, or interest in the following described real property:

1201 Fox Run Road, Homedale, ID 83628

You have been sued by Plaintiff, Legacy Fiduciary Services LLC, as conservator of Wilma E. Rinke, in the District Court of the Third Judicial District, in and for the County of Owyhee Idaho, Case No. CV37-23-0085.

The nature of the claim against you is an action to quiet title to real property. Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this summons, the Court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case Number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy ID 83650, telephone number (208) 495-2806, and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiff’s attorney JULIE ADAMS DEFORD, DEFORD LAW, P.C., 317 12th Avenue South, Nampa, Idaho 83651, telephone No. (208) 461-3667.

A copy of the Summons and Complaint to Quiet Title can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff.

If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

DATED: 3/30/2023
Angela Barkell
Clerk of the District Court
/s:/Cheylah Volkers
Deputy Clerk
04/12,19,26;05/03/2023

leased, rental rate, minimum annual royalty, and royalty rate can be obtained visiting IDL’s website at www.idl.idaho.gov/leasing/minerals-leasing/ or by contacting Mike Murphy via e-mail at MineralsLeasing@idl.idaho.gov or 208-334-0290.

Mineral Lease E600117 is for 10 years for the extraction of

metallic minerals with a leased premises of approximately 640 acres including the entire Section 36, Township 6 South, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.
04/19,26;05/03,10/2023

Public notices

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

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

Lot 7 in Block 30 of the Homedale Townsite as shown on the amended plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 327 W. California Ave., Homedale, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by MATTHEW COLLINGWOOD, an Unmarried Man, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., recorded May 19, 2021, as Instrument No. 307880, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho; and assigned to IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on March 7, 2023, as Instrument No. 314638, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT HE IS, OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

Said sale is a public auction for which the bid price must be paid immediately upon close of bidding by certified funds in the form of cashier's checks, certified checks, or valid money orders only. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason whatsoever, the successful bidder's exclusive and sole remedy shall be the return of actual monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated May 13, 2021, in the amount of \$1,040.00 each, for the months of August, 2022 through March, 2023, inclusive. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus all escrow advances, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 2.875% per annum from July 1, 2022, and the Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$196,841.16, plus accrued interest at the rate of 2.875% per annum from July 1, 2022.

DATED This 7th day of April, 2023.
RYAN M. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
04/19,26;05/03,10/2023

Sports

Trojans tie McCall at River Bend

Jamison dips below 40 to claim 3A SRV medal

This time, Homedale High School's golfers prevailed at home.

The Trojans remained unbeaten in 3A Snake River Valley conference action April 10, barely.

Homedale and McCall-Donnelly each shot 181 in a nine-hole meet at River Bend Golf Course to share first place.

Senior Levi Jamison tamed windy conditions to fire a 3-over-par 39 for medalist honors.

"Levi was playing awesome despite the wind blowing this afternoon," HHS coach Raymond Smith said. "He got some great driver shots, and putting was easy for him and he found the bottom of the cup."

Homedale's Gwen Parker finished second in the girls' match with a 49.

"She had a great game, but she struggled on the greens today," Smith said.

Three of Homedale's other five boys managed to keep their tallies in the 40s.

Luke Henry birdied the opening hole then struggled with two out-of-bounds shots on the No. 3 hole along the Snake River. He finished with a 45.

"It was an up and down day for Luke, and he tried to adjust

to this windy afternoon," Smith said. "I spoke with Luke, and he said, 'Definitely lesson learned, but lots of room for improvement.'"

Tyler Erickson fired a 46 after falling off late in the round.

"Tyler hits his irons well, and he had way too many three-putts on the green," Smith said. "He struggled on the last two holes, but he finished strong."

Kinley Balkovetz was Homedale's fourth-best scorer, rounding out the team scorecard with a 51.

"He had a few good shots, but overall he wasn't happy with his game due to the wind and breeze this afternoon," Smith said. "He did have a few good shots but couldn't locate his ball so it was frustrating."

McCoy Swallow's short game was the culprit in his 55, his coach said.

"He hits a few good long drives but comes up short on his putting and chipping," Smith said. "With windy conditions, he was having difficulties finding the bottom of the cup."

The Trojans were runners-up on their home course to start the season with the 18-hole Ice Breaker.

Girls field full team

Parker was the only HHS player to break 50, but Smith saw a full complement of players on the course for the

first time.

Splitting her time over both halves of the Wilder-area course, Kinlee Garrett finished at 57.

"She did enjoy today due to warm weather, but didn't like the breeze," Smith said. "She felt confident in her putting."

Stella Heck carded a 62, but the coach said her confidence was lifted after scoring bogeys on three holes.

"It was a good day for her," Smith said.

Cadence Nicoletti saw her game rise on the greens as she came in at 70.

"She had a few bad shots from the tee box, and her putting was a huge improvement on her game," Smith said.

Three JV boys compete

The wind wreaked havoc with the junior varsity players as Jackson Kerbs was the only HHS golfer to break 50.

"He was excited about the outcome of his game, but with the wind, he could have played better golf," Smith said.

Matt Riha salvaged his round with adjustments, scoring 52.

"He started out badly on the tee shots then tried to turn it around by staying on the fairway and focusing on his putting," Smith said.

Breken Frank was one shot behind Riha at 53.

"He had a lot of fun playing golf, but he knows he could have done a lot better," Smith said.

Antelopes mine milestone times

Personal records led to Adrian High School event championships at Saturday's La Grande Invitational.

Senior Jace Martin ran the fastest 400 meters of his career to win the boys' title in 51.3 seconds. He also outpaced the field in the 200 (23.14).

Presley Speelmon posted a PR of 2 minutes, 29.32 seconds to win the girls' 800. The junior took third in the 1,500 (5:17.96).

Another Martin, sophomore Addy, was runner-up in the girls' 400-meter run with a PR of 1:02.25 and the 100-meter dash (13.62). She finished third in the 200 (28.1).

Freshman Kiara Rios picked up a pair of seventh-place

finishes (100, 14.05; and 400, 1:06.69).

Antelopes seniors Jesse Walker and Carter Bayes also picked up good times in the sprints. Walker was fourth in both the 400 (season-best, 54.57) and the 200 (24.63), and Bayes posted a personal-best 55.6 for sixth in the 400.

Martin, Bayes and Walker ran the final three segments as the all-senior squad took third in the 4x100 relay. Robert Garza pushed out of the blocks to start the 46.12 effort.

Rico does it again in N.P.

Silvestre Rico established a personal record in the boys' long jump at the New Plymouth JV track and field meet on

April 11.

Rico was runner-up after attaining a mark of 19 feet, 5½ inches.

The freshman finished fourth in the triple jump, too, at 37-1.

Other ninth-graders attained PRs with sixth-place finishes in the 3,200 meters (Brady Ineck, 13 minutes, 8.84 seconds) and the 300-meter hurdles (Chase Franklin, 50.02).

Franklin and Rico shared the baton mid-race as the Antelopes took fifth in the 4x100 relay. Junior Gerret Schoorl and another freshman, Brooks Martin, bookended a 50.64 performance.

On the girls' side, freshman Emma Nichols took seventh in the 800 at 3:26.3.

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