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HUSKIES END DECADES-LONG DROUGHT



The Marsing High School players celebrate their historic 2A District III baseball championship Thursday in Melba. The team beat reigning state champion Nampa Christian, 6-3, in the tournament final. Submitted photo See story, **Page 12**

Grand send-off celebrates first crown since 1985, state invite

With the program's first District III championship since the 1980s in hand, the Marsing High School baseball team will get a special send-off today when the players embark for Orofino and the 2A state tournament.

The players will walk through the elementary school at 2:30 p.m., to receive

greetings from the schoolchildren.

At 3 p.m., with an escort of Marsing Rural Fire District and Owyhee County Sheriff's vehicles, the players will ride from the high school, down 8th Avenue West to Main Street, turning west and heading through Homedale on the trek up U.S. Highway 95.

City of Homedale poised to gift three library buildings

Library district receives final \$3,500; public hearing scheduled

After months of due diligence on one side and frustration over perceived foot-dragging on the other, the fate of the Homedale library complex took a huge step toward resolution last Wednesday.

In a fairly uneventful turn in the saga, the Homedale City Council voted unanimously to put all three buildings in the

complex in the conveyance deal that will be vetted at a June 14 public hearing before the council.

The decision came after each council member had their say on what should become of the 1921 historic library, the 1980 building now known as the

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County embarks on capital improvement planning analysis

Consultant helps build strategy for wiser expenditures

In an attempt to keep a closer eye on expenditures, Owyhee County has begun a master facilities plan and comprehensive financial plan process.

The Board of County Commissioners contracted with Idaho-based consultants Clearwater Financial and Insight Architects to help guide future planning and budgeting for county facilities.

The initial site review project could cost between \$69,000 and \$82,000, according to a

contract dated Dec. 5.

The county is paying a \$12,000 annual retainer (covering the first 60 hours of work; work will be billed at \$200 per hour after the 60th hour each year). The first year of the agreement is set to expire on Dec. 31, but there are options for five, one-year extensions.

A financial services clause entitles Clearwater to \$50,000 if a bond of up to \$5 million is

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Ambitious reconstruction project foreshadows 64th annual Big Loop

Jordan Valley Big Loop fans will have new comfort when they settle into their seats for the three days of action beginning Friday.

Rodeo board members worked to build new

grandstands Monday.

"The old seating was full of splinters and quite frankly dangerous for those who sat there," board president Todd Gluch said. "The splinters were so severe that they even

went through people's pants.

"The improvement was not a want, rather a need."

The need was filled with two grants obtained by the Owyhee

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Museum on Main Street heading to The HUB in 2024

Smithsonian tour in Marsing in January

Marsing will be one of the stops for the traveling Smithsonian Institution exhibit over the next year.

The Idaho Humanities Council (IHC) announced the cities that will play host to the Museum on Main Street (MoMS) Program tour "SPARK! Places of Innovation" during the 2023-24 season.

The tour begins Saturday when

the exhibit stops at the West Bonner Library in Priest River.

Additional tour stops will be carried out through March, and the exhibit will wrap up its Idaho tour with a stop from Jan. 20 to March 2 at The HUB in Marsing on 8th Avenue.

Caldwell Fine Arts applied to bring the museum exhibit to Owyhee County.

"We are very excited about this stop in the tour," IHC spokesperson Jessica Evett said. "The HUB is a uniquely

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✓ County: Policy would help commissioners monitor large expenditures

proposed for voters. The threshold up to \$9.99 million is a fee of \$50,000 plus \$5 per \$1,000 in bonds, and bonds of \$10 million and above will be worked up at a cost of \$75,000 plus \$3.50 per \$1,000 in bonds.

The idea is to set up a system in which county department heads submit capital improvement applications. The Board of County Commissioners will evaluate the need using the plan as a guideline.

During the May 1 BOCC meeting, Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi cited exterior porch and handrails repairs at the county annex in Marsing as something that would go through that process. General maintenance, however, would not be subject to the analysis.

Previous conversations revealed that other expenditures such as new sheriff's patrol vehicles or communications equipment would also be subject to the application process.

As part of the research to devise a plan, Clearwater officials and county staff toured eight facilities from Murphy to Homedale to assess existing building and mechanical systems conditions as well as space utilization.

This initial step is part of a multi-phase process that will also include a comprehensive financial plan. Together, the two documents will provide long-term strategic guidance for future facility and budgeting decisions.

In addition, the team surveyed and interviewed key county staff and officials to evaluate future needs for all departments. Population projections, anticipated service demands, and public service delivery trends will also be considered in estimating future needs.

The assessment visits and other findings will be used to evaluate if existing facilities are able to be renovated or expanded or if constructing new facilities may be more cost-effective to meet future space needs. Immediate facility, service, and technological needs will be prioritized.

The tours highlighted that some facilities have minor space challenges and are in need of technological upgrades, while others such as the county courthouse, built in 1936, may need improvements to meet code requirements for public facilities.

"Our facilities are aging, and we need adequate space for the public and staff, as well as storage for required equipment and things related to official county business," Dist. 3 County Commissioner and board chair Joe Merrick said.

"Idaho is one of the fastest-growing states in the nation, we're the second largest county in the state, and we need to be proactive in planning for our future. This process will allow us to plan and budget to ensure facilities and funds are in place to deliver uninterrupted services to County residents and businesses well into the future."

Both plans will align with the county's comprehensive plan goals for public services and facilities.

The findings and consultant recommendations are expected to be released to the public early next year.

County Clerk Angie Barkell stressed the importance of staff involvement.

"As the primary contact with the public, staff understands community needs specific to their departments and how to best deliver services," she said.

"Having these plans in place will ensure future delivery of public services even as county officials and staff change over time."

More information about the master facility and comprehensive planning projects is available at <https://owyheecounty.net/departments/clerk/master-facilities-plan-comprehensive-financial-plan/>

✓ Museum: Marsing is last stop for Smithsonian-affiliated statewide tour

innovative use of a community space with its proximity to the school and the variety of classes and services offered there, and Marsing will be a terrific fit for the final leg of the tour."

Other dates include:

- **Saturday through July 1** — West Bonner Library, Priest River
- **July 8 through Aug. 19** — Kellogg
- **Aug. 26 through Oct. 7** — Soda Springs
- **Oct. 14 through Nov. 25** — Twin Falls
- **Dec. 2 through Jan. 13** — Nampa

The six host sites were selected by the IHC in an highly competitive process, and each site receives additional capacity-building support from IHC as part of the tour.

The exhibit is the first bilingual (Spanish and English) and fully interactive MoMS exhibit. This is the 11th time since 2004 that the exhibit has visited Idaho, which is the only state west of the Mississippi in the 2023-24 rotation. Three other states will host the exhibit.

"Additionally, with the HUB space hosting ESL classes and "Spark! Places of Innovation" being the first Museum on Main Street exhibit available in Spanish, it was a natural fit between the exhibit and Marsing," Evett said.

MoMS is a partnership between the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES), the IHC, and partner hosts and venues.

The 2023-24 exhibit focuses on technological innovation as well as social, artistic, and cultural heritage innovation with a specific focus on stories from rural America.

"This exhibit will help showcase the fact that innovation is something that has always thrived in rural America and is currently happening in their own towns," IHC grants manager Doug Exton said.

"The end of the exhibit is also a tool for these communities; it prompts visitors to take all the stories, ideas, and situations in the exhibit and explore how their own homes can be (or already are) hotspots for innovation."

Partners and venues for this project include Caldwell Fine Arts for the Marsing stop, the West Bonner Library District, Silver Valley Economic Development Corp., in Kellogg, the City of Soda Springs/Historic Enders Museum, Herrett Center for Arts & Science in Twin Falls, and Nampa Public Library.

Typically, the host organizations of MoMS exhibits see an increase in attendance and volunteer hours. The cumulative economic impact for communities hosting MoMS exhibits over the years has been estimated to be more than \$111.8 million across the country.

For more information on the statewide MoMS tour, including tour dates for each community, visit www.idahohumanities.org. As hours and local events vary from site to site, it is encouraged to reach out to the local sponsor directly for the most up-to-date information and hours open.

"SPARK! Places of Innovation" is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and state humanities councils across the country to bring cultural resources and develop capacity around small exhibitions in rural communities across America. Support for MoMS has been provided by Congress. IHC also received funding for the 2023-24 MoMS tour from a grant from the Harry W. Morrison Foundation.

— JPB

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The Rock golf tourney returns next month

Entries are now open for the second annual The Rock of Homedale fundraising golf scramble.

The four-person team tournament will include a shotgun start at 9 a.m., on Friday, June 16.

A putting contest and competitor check-in will start at 8:15 a.m., at River Bend Golf Course on Fish Road between Homedale and Wilder.

The cost is \$360 per four-person team. The tournament will be a scramble under a best ball format.

The entry fee includes green fees, cart fees and lunch.

Register online at www.therockofhomedale.org. Call (208) 794-1048 for more information.

There will also be hole competitions with prizes.

Hole sponsorships are available for \$250.

Proceeds from the tournament will help complete a flooring project inside the main room of The Rock of Homedale, 310 E. Owyhee Ave.

“Last year we raised money for the kitchen (project),” The Rock spokesperson Kathy



Deal said. “We were able to complete the kitchen because word got out.

“That’s why we’re motivated to do this. When people then heard about it, they made additional donations.”

The Rock of Homedale plays host to Christian education classes for Homedale High School students. There were 38 students in the first semester, and the second-semester class that is winding down has 28 students.

The class is led by Mountain View Church of the Nazarene youth pastor Ryan Schwin.

Deal also said The Rock is working to get accredited so that beginning in the fall, HHS students taking the Christian education class can earn an elective credit toward their graduation.

— JPB



Marsing market brings music, merchandise

American Country Tradition provided music for the second Snake River Country Market of the season Saturday at London Park on Main Street in Marsing. The market enters its third week from 11 a.m., to 3 p.m., on Saturday in its new location. More than 30 vendors have turned out for each of the first two weeks.

The HUB announces summer hours

With the school year winding down, The HUB in Marsing is preparing to scale back hours of operation.

When the school year ends on May 25, The

HUB will only be open on Wednesdays.

The HUB Pantry will operate from 9 a.m., to 1 p.m., each Wednesday between May 28 and Aug. 9.

Adrian to celebrate retiring teacher

An open house is planned Thursday for Adrian community members to give a longtime schoolteacher a send-off.

Shawn Garrison is retiring after 41 years in education.

She taught fifth grade during the 2022-23 school year.

The open house is scheduled from 5:30 p.m., to 7 p.m., on Thursday at Two Rivers Park in Adrian.

On Friday, Adrian schools superintendent Nick Ketterling, the board of trustees and the softball team gathered to dedicate the new high school softball field in Garrison’s honor.

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More than rodeo to Jordan's Big Loop

Parade, breakfast, cowboy church on docket

The City of Jordan Valley gets lively this week with the 64th annual Jordan Valley Big Loop Rodeo.

The prestigious Big Loop performance will be held Friday, and the open amateur rodeo will hit the dirt on Saturday and Sunday.

Contests include the Big Loop, saddle bronc, bull riding, calf roping, women's breakaway roping, stock saddle bronc, senior barrel racing, team roping, and wild cow milking. Junior events include barrel racing (14 and younger) and steer riding (ages 10-14).

The rodeo parade will take place at 11 a.m., on Saturday.

The Big Loop Rodeo Parade will feature "Local Living Legends," and anyone 80 years old or older residing in Jordan Valley, Rockville, Arock or Pleasant Valley who rides in the parade will receive \$40 cash and two tickets to the rodeo.

The Jordan Valley Owyhee Heritage Council and Integra

DeLamar are sponsoring this year's parade.

The line-up will begin at 10:30 a.m., at St. Bernard's Catholic Church.

Other entries encouraged include walkers, vehicles, horse riders and more.

The parade entrants will be announced as the procession passes the pelota court on U.S. Highway 95, and that's where organizers are encouraging spectators to line the street.

A tri-tip barbecue will be available after Saturday's rodeo performance, and cowboy church will be conducted at 10 a.m., on Sunday in the Jordan Valley High School parking lot.

The South Mountain Livestock 4-H club will sell Big Loop programs as a fundraiser.

A buckaroo breakfast will be served on Saturday and Sunday inside the Jordan Valley High School gymnasium.

The cowboy church, led by Church in the Dirt pastors Blaine and Molly Lilly, will take place inside the Jordan Valley High School gymnasium.

A tri-tip barbecue will be served inside the high school gym after Saturday's rodeo performance.

A dance is scheduled both Friday and Saturday nights beginning at 8 at 603 Main St., which is the former location of Big Loop Pizza and Subs. The Desert Rose Band will provide live music, and there's a \$5 cover charge.



Above: Lions Club and rodeo board members stand in front of the Red Barn concession stand at the Jordan Valley Rodeo Grounds. **From left:** Jerry White, Diana Fillmore and Sheila Quintero from the Lions Club and rodeo board members Chase Easterday, Tommy Davis, Mark Fillmore and Todd Gluch. **Left:** Rodeo board members swapped out old, wooden bleachers for sleek, new aluminum benches Monday.

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✓ Big Loop: More projects on horizon in border town

Defense Fund, which is the Jordan Valley Rodeo Board's 501(c)3 non-profit arm.

A \$40,757 Ford Family Foundation grant awarded on Dec. 15 helped the rodeo board purchase new bleacher materials from Robert Brooke and Associates so the old, wooden bleacher seating could be jettisoned.

Facilities upgrades will enhance the venue for the Big Loop and other community events held there throughout the year.

Rodeo board members are working this week to install new aluminum seating complete with handrails and fenders. Officials say the new seating will be safer for everyone and will last for generations.

The Red Barn concession stand also is receiving upgrades after a \$3,000 grant from AgWest Farm Credit.

New components were

purchased, including a new refrigerator, freezer, sink, Blackstone grill and other items. The upgrades will make the Red Barn safer and easier to use.

The Jordan Valley Lions Club is operating the Red Barn this weekend as a fundraiser.

"The Jordan Valley Lions are working diligently to build a building," Lions Club treasurer Diana Fillmore said. "All proceeds made in the Red Barn will be used to build the new Jordan Valley Lions Community Center."

Rodeo board secretary Silas Skinner said the Red Barn work is just the beginning.

"Our Blue Barn and Red Barn both need massive improvements. The upgrades in the Red Barn are merely a start," he said. "The board plans to focus on this along with other improvements in the next 12 months."

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It is important to note that natural sunlight has some great benefits for us, with the World Health Organization (WHO) recommending that attaining five to 15 minutes of sunlight on arms, hands, and face two to three times a week is enough to receive vitamin D-boosting benefits from the sun. WHO officials also state that receiving this sun exposure helps strengthen the immune system.

But sunlight can still be harsh on our skin, and we should be mindful of this. A 2003 study published in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute conducted in Scandinavia found that the most dangerous time to get sunburned is in the adolescent years, roughly before the age of 20. One of this study’s conclusions was that receiving a sunburn within these years can result in higher melanoma risk, which emphasizes the



Suriñe Greenway

need to have safe experiences when in the sun.

If you’re wondering when you are most likely to receive the sun’s harshest rays, it has been found to be between 10 a.m., and 4 p.m. If you receive direct sunlight during this time, you are more at risk of getting a sunburn. To protect yourself, you should try to avoid direct sunrays during this time.

Unfortunately, most times, this may not be an option for us, and the alternative to this would be to focus on how we can best protect ourselves. The best way to do this would be by using sunblock with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 15 or higher. In addition to using sunblock, individuals wishing to protect their skin should also regularly ensure the use of a hat, sunglasses, and lightweight clothing that protects from the sun.

— Suriñe Greenway is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educator. For more information, you can reach the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

Next Snake River concert on horizon in Givens

The next edition of the Snake River Concert Series will feature guitarist Wayne White.

The free house concert, which will also feature pianist Lynn Tredeau, will take place at 3 p.m., on Sunday.

The concerts are held at a private residence in the Givens Hot Springs area.

A limited amount of free

tickets are available, and the exact location of the concert will be released when tickets are reserved.

Donations are also accepted.

Reserve your tickets at https://snake_river_concert_May2023.eventbrite.com

For more information, email allen@lynntredeau.com or call (208) 258-9836.

Whitehouse Drive-in helps Marsing girl’s cancer fight

Whitehouse Drive-In will donate proceeds from food sales to the family of a Marsing girl fighting cancer.

The Marsing restaurant on

Main Street will donate all proceeds from its sales on Saturday, June 3 to help “Super Paiyton.”

Paiyton Parker, 7, is fighting a rare form of cancer, and that day’s proceeds will help her family pay medical costs and other costs associated with the girl’s treatment and care.

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Calendar

Today

Ladies coffee group

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

Food distribution

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., for Marsing residents only. The HUB food pantry, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411

4th grade recorder concert

10 a.m., Homedale Elementary School gym, 420 W. Washington St., Homedale.

Bingo

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

Boise Vet Center military veterans outreach

10:30 a.m., to 2 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Labor Dept. bilingual employment services

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

Marsing City Council meeting

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

Thursday

Fit and Fall class

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

Fit and Fall Proof exercise class

10 a.m., to 11 a.m., free, old Marsing High School gymnasium, 800 Main St., Marsing. (208) 296-0847

Fit and Fall exercise

10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Owyhee Gardeners meeting

1 p.m., Idaho Botanical Garden, 2355 N. Old Penitentiary Rd., Boise. (208) 546-1829

After school Bible club

4 p.m., to 5:15 p.m., ages 5 to 11, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. Information: Amber Good, (208) 585-7694 or Cyndi Fullmer, (208) 599-2790

Teens and Tweens

5 p.m., ages 10-17, Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Community movie night

7 p.m., free, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing.

Friday

Owyhee Gardeners meeting

1 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 546-1829

Jordan Valley Big Loop Rodeo

1 p.m., Jordan Valley Rodeo Grounds, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 586-2251.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Big Loop Rodeo Dance

8 p.m., Desert Rose Band, \$5 cover, 603 Main St., Jordan Valley.

Saturday

Big Loop Buckaroo Breakfast

Time TBA, Jordan Valley High School parking lot, 501 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley.

Food bank distribution

9 a.m., to 10 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho St., Grand View.

Big Loop Rodeo Parade

11 a.m. (10:30 a.m., line-up at St. Bernard’s Catholic Church), downtown Jordan Valley.

Free lunch

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

Jordan Valley Big Loop Rodeo

1 p.m., Jordan Valley Rodeo Grounds, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 586-2251.

Senior citizens prom

4 p.m., potluck dinner, live music. Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. Information: Melissa Sorlien (208) 337-3020

Big Loop Tri-Tip BBQ

After Saturday’s rodeo performance, Jordan Valley High School gymnasium, 501 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley

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Snake River Concert series

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

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421

Opal Nash Story Time

10 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Tuesday

Fit and Fall class

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

Fit and Fall Proof exercise class

10 a.m., to 11 a.m., free, old Marsing High School gymnasium, 800 Main St., Marsing. (208) 296-0847

Fit and Fall exercise

10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Homedale Chamber meeting

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

Region III assistance assessments

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

Ridgeview Irrigation District meeting

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

Gem Irrigation District meeting

7:15 p.m., South Board of Control boardroom, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

South Board of Control meeting

7:30 p.m., South Board of Control boardroom, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale.

Comment sought on BLM’s 10-year wild horse plan

Local lands firewood permits now available

The Bureau of Land Management is seeking the public’s input on a long-range plan for wild horses in Owyhee County.

The 30-day comment period opened Monday for the environmental assessment (EA) of a 10-year plan for management of the three herd management areas (HMAs) within the Owyhee Field Office.

The report addresses potential environmental consequences associated with excess wild horses as well as fertility control applications to slow population growth in the Black Mountain, Hardtrigger and Sands Basin HMAs.

The BLM welcomes comments, data or information related to potential issues, impacts and alternatives that should be addressed in the EA. Submit input via the Eplanning site at <https://bit.ly/44J0G2k>

The comment deadline is June 13.

“We are deeply committed to maintaining healthy wild horse herds on Idaho’s public rangelands in the Owyhee Field Office,” acting BLM Owyhee

Field Manager Ammon Wilhelm said. “As wild horse populations can double in size every four years, the alternatives identified in the draft environmental assessment provide a wide range of options to maintain the appropriate number of wild horses on healthy public rangelands. These options also took into consideration the comments we received from scoping last year.”

The federal agency proposes the gather and removal of excess wild horses from within the three HMAs to maintain the appropriate management level (AML) of 129 to 254 wild horses. Additionally, a range of fertility controls to maintain the population within the AML over a period of up to 10 years would be applied. The EA analyzes the direct, indirect and cumulative effects from implementation of the project.

All three HMAs are on the Owyhee Front.

Gathers are performed to prevent resource degradation and maintain the health of the herds.

The BLM is required to manage herds at AMLs established through the analysis of monitoring data and water and forage availability on a sustainable basis.

- BLM now has personal-use fuelwood cutting permits available for purchase online or in-person.

Permits can be purchased at either the Owyhee Field Office at 101 S. Bruneau Hwy., in Marsing, or the Boise District Office at 3948 Development Ave., in Boise. Folks buying online must be able to print the regulations and load tags, which are required to be attached to the fuelwood during transport.

These permits are only valid for Boise District BLM lands. They don’t apply to U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service lands.

Personal fuelwood permits for BLM-managed lands south of the Snake River cost \$12 and allow removal of two cords, with the option to purchase additional cords for \$6 each. Permits for the BLM-managed lands north of the Snake River cost \$25 for four cords, with the option to purchase additional cords for \$6.25 each. There is limit of 10 cords per person and all fuelwood permits are valid until Nov. 30.

To purchase a fuelwood permit online:

- Go to <https://forestproducts.blm.gov/>.
- Click on Idaho

- Select Owyhee Field Office for south of the Snake River, or Four Rivers Field Office for north of the river up to New Meadows.
- Select Fuelwood.
- Complete and submit the application.
- Enter credit/debit card information.

The payment will be processed within minutes, and the permit, regulations, and tags can be printed.

Maps will be provided upon purchase depicting harvest areas for and certain special use areas where firewood harvesting is prohibited. No resale or other commercial use of the wood is allowed.

As a reminder, campers may collect a small amount of “dead and down” wood for immediate use at a campsite without a permit.

To minimize the risk of starting a wildfire, permittee must comply with current fire restrictions. Woodcutters must have a shovel and fire extinguisher ready for immediate use and chainsaws must be equipped with a functioning spark arrestor.

For more information call the BLM Boise District Office at (208) 384-3300.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Choice of milk and juice
PB&J sandwich, and vegetable and fruit choices offered daily

May 17: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs or blueberry muffin, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken sandwich, seasoned potato wedges

May 18: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, sliced pears **Lunch:** Orange chicken bowl, seasoned green beans

May 22: **Breakfast:** Donut holes, string cheese, applesauce **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs, buttered carrots, chocolate chunk cookie

May 23: **Breakfast:** Sausage patty, buttermilk biscuits, country gravy, sliced pears **Lunch:** Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, mixed vegetables

May 24: **Breakfast:** Belgian waffle sticks, syrup cup, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken fried fingers, country gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, whole grain roll

May 25: **Breakfast:** Waffle sandwich, Yami yogurt, pineapple tidbits **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, pineapple tidbits, seasoned green beans, Jello

Homedale Middle

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

May 17: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, blueberry muffin **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, seasoned potato wedges

May 18: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza **Lunch:** Orange chicken bowl, seasoned green beans

May 22: **Breakfast:** Donut holes, string cheese **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs, seasoned potato wedges, chocolate chunk cookie

May 23: **Breakfast:** Sausage patty, buttermilk biscuits, country gravy **Lunch:** Italian pull-a-part, marinara sauce cup, buttered mixed vegetables

May 24: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, country gravy, mashed

potatoes, buttered corn, whole grain roll

May 25: **Breakfast:** Ham and cheese croissant, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, pineapple tidbits, seasoned green beans, Jello

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

May 17: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, French toast bites, Yami yogurt, string cheese **Lunch:** Chicken fried fingers, country gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, whole grain roll, snickerdoodle cookie **Grab ‘n’ go** Turkey bacon wrap

May 18: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich, Yami yogurt, iced coffee **Lunch:** Buffalo popcorn chicken, seasoned potato wedges **Grab ‘n’ go** BBQ chicken salad

May 22: **Breakfast:** Raised donut, bagel and cream cheese, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, French fries **Grab ‘n’ go** Turkey bacon sub

May 23: **Breakfast:** Sausage patty, buttermilk biscuits, country gravy, Yami yogurt, iced coffee **Lunch:** Orange chicken bowl, steamed broccoli, chocolate chunk cookie **Grab ‘n’ go** Chicken Caesar salad

May 24: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, ham and cheese croissant, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans, garden salad **Grab ‘n’ go** Ham and cheese sub

Marsing

Each meal includes choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables
Elementary School each day: Breakfast: Cereal option
Middle/High School each day: PB&J option
Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sandwich, salad
Hot Grab-n-go line (varies): Cheeseburger,

chicken dish (reg./spicy sandwich; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)

May 17: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, Yami yogurt, pineapple tidbits **Lunch:** French toast sticks, pork sausage patty, hash browns, strawberry cup **Hot Grab-n-go** Cheeseburger, French fries

May 18: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs or muffin, string cheese, applesauce **Lunch:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, garlic toast **Cold Grab-n-go** BBQ chicken wrap

May 22: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, sausage, string cheese, apple **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, buttered corn **Hot Grab-n-go** BBQ pulled pork sandwich

May 23: **Breakfast:** Pork sausage patty, biscuit, country gravy, orange wedges **Lunch:** Soft tacos, Spanish rice, refried beans, carrot sticks **Cold Grab-n-go** Turkey bacon sub

May 24: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, Yami yogurt, bananas **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper, pineapple tidbits, tossed salad, carrot sticks, Jello **Hot Grab-n-go** Walking taco, potato wedges

Bruneau/Grand View

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

May 17: **Breakfast:** French toast **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets and whole wheat roll, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots

May 18: **Breakfast:** Pancakes **Lunch:** Corn dog, potato wedges, broccoli

May 22: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Beef and bean burrito, tossed romaine salad, broccoli

May 23: **Breakfast:** Cook’s choice **Lunch:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden spinach salad, peas, breadstick

May 24: **Breakfast:** Muffins **Lunch:** Chicken patty on a bun, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn

May 25: **Breakfast:** Breakfast bar **Lunch:** Hamburger on a bun, fries, baby carrots



From left: Kambrie McCoshum, Kylie Montenegro, Sierra Krum, and Kinley Shanley. Submitted photo

Youth horse judging team trying to get to Texas nationals

A quartet of successful Owyhee County horse judging youth have been invited to a national competition.

A fundraiser is underway to get the girls to the American Paint Horse Association World Show youth judging competition, which will take place at the end of June in Fort Worth, Texas.

Kinley Shanley is the daughter of Vanessa Lootens and Kyle Shanley.

Kambrie McCoshum’s parents are Cassie Hammar and Wes McCoshum.

Kylie Montenegro is the daughter of Kristen and Carlos Montenegro.

Sierra Krum is the daughter of Dustin and Nicole Krum.

“All four of these girls have been very successful at the county level of competition or beyond,” judging coach Janet Miller said.

“This particular national competition does not require qualification. However, each of these girls were selected to represent Owyhee County based on their skill level and work ethic.”

Miller said raffle tickets are available for the prize of a Henry Golden Boy rifle. Tickets cost \$10 apiece.

The girls are also seeking sponsorships in exchange for business promotions on their travel T-shirts and their social media pages.

Sponsorships range from \$100 to \$500.

If you are interested in supporting the team, contact Miller at (208) 573-4881.

Public invited to honor vets for Memorial Day

Community members are invited to help local veterans honor their fallen comrades for Memorial Day.

American Legion Post 128 in Marsing will carry out its semi-annual tribute by placing flags on the graves of military veterans at 4 p.m., on Friday, May 26. The ceremony will take place at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery halfway between the two towns off U.S. Highway 95.

“We always welcome anyone who wants to join us,” Post 128 adjutant Kathy Barton said.

Last year, members of the Owyhee Gardeners turned out to help the Legion, and organizers say that may happen again.

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Death notices

DANIEL THOMAS BREACH, 57, a longtime Homedale resident, died Monday, April 17, 2023 in Boise after a short battle with cancer. A celebration of life will be held at 11:30 a.m., on Saturday, June 18, 2023 at Meridian Speedway, 335 S. Main St., No. 2971, Meridian.

DANE LEE FOSTER, 66, of Homedale, died Thursday, May 11, 2023. Arrangements: All Valley Cremation, 1538 11th Ave. N., Nampa. (208) 899-9361

ROSA MARIA SANDOVAL, 61, of Homedale, died Friday, May 5, 2023. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapels.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center
Phone ahead (208) 337-3020 to order
Milk and roll/bread available each day

May 17: Tuna salad on roll, Italian pasta salad, carrot salad
May 18: BBQ chicken breast, baked beans and fries, cabbage
May 23: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots
May 24: Beef stroganoff, corn, broccoli
May 25: Baked fish, roasted potatoes, California blend vegetables
May 30: Chicken patty, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing
Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside Marsing City Hall
Milk available each day
Suggested donation: \$4 (60 and older), \$6 (59 and younger)

May 17: Breaded chicken with country gravy, mashed potatoes, country trio vegetables, whole wheat roll, Mandarin oranges
May 19: New Item!
May 22: Meatloaf with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, sunshine carrots, Baci roll, fresh fruit
May 24: Tuna salad sandwich, potato salad, three bean salad, soup, 9-grain bread, banana

Rimrock Senior Center
All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
Curbside pickup from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or delivery only.
Call (208) 834-2922 as early as possible to place order

May 18: Mexican lasagna, creamed corn, green salad, whole wheat garlic bread, peaches, yogurt
May 23: Beef stroganoff, broccoli, scalloped potatoes, whole wheat roll, fruit salad, cottage cheese
May 25: Sweet and sour chicken, carrots, rice, fruit cocktail, yogurt

Melba Valley Senior Center
Meals served at noon (Salad bar at 11:30 a.m.)
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May 18: Breakfast for lunch – Biscuits and gravy
May 23: Chicken teriyaki
May 25: Honey pork

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✓ **Library:** Transfer agreement will be ratified after next month’s hearing

Homedale Community Center, and the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, which was built with an Idaho Community Block Grant and community donations two years ago.

Homedale District Library trustees attended the meeting, but had little input other than board chair Mandy Rice telling the council that the trustees concurred with auditor John Russell’s report on the accounting books.

“We had the opportunity to sit down with John yesterday and go over that, and as a board, we’re fully in agreement with where the account stands,” Rice said.

“There was some miscommunication in some verbiage that was different, and that’s where I thought the misconstrued information came from us versus what we were hearing.”

The audit by the Zwygart

John firm concluded that — after the city had written a \$72,000 check representing the bulk of the state investment fund — the library board was entitled to \$3,574.01 in additional money to close out the financial relationship between the library district and the city’s old library fund.

The final amount will be closer to \$3,044.51 after the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program insurance premium of \$529.50 for December 2022 through May 2023 is deducted.

The district needs the money to operate the library because the first property tax revenue from the taxing district voters created in November won’t be collected until December.

Though cordial, last week’s meeting wasn’t without its pockets of drama.

Councilman Steve Atkins said he favored donating all three buildings to the library district.

But he didn’t give his blessing before stating he was offended by a library board letter that accused city leaders of delaying the decision on the money and the buildings.

“I am very irritated about this letter that we got,” he said. “This council is on the hook for the citizens of Homedale

for half a million dollars if this deal is not handled absolutely by the letter and done correctly.

“I don’t want to hold this up, neither does anyone on this council. But I took that as a personal shot and I don’t appreciate it because we’re only trying to do what’s right by the citizens of our community.

“We don’t have an axe to grind with the library. I really don’t. I want you guys to be happy and do what you’re going to do with it, and I hope it turns out wonderful. I really do.

“But we don’t have a boat anchor out behind us and dragging our feet. It has to be done correctly and by the law.”

According to a March 2 letter from Idaho Department of Commerce grant manager Dennis Porter, the library district will have to continue to use the new building as a library through September 2030. If the building ceases operation as a library before that date, the city would have to pay back nearly \$500,000.

Council members Kim Murray and Mike Aebischer continued their staunch support of conveying all three buildings to the library district, which had been the opinion of library

trustees, too.

Chrisoffersen and Councilman Aaron Tines both said they heard concerns from citizens that the 1980 library would not be available as a community center once the library district assumed ownership.

“It would still be a community center,” Aebischer, the former council library board liaison and city library board member, said. “It would just be under the library.”

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram pointed out that the city has booked rentals for the building at 125 W. Owyhee Ave., through December.

Aebischer said the police department would have first right of use under the library district regime. Owyhee County officials already use the community center for training about twice a week, Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said. Library programs are held in the building two or three times per week.

Both Murray and Aebischer questioned the validity of the final financial picture, too.

Russell explained to Murray that the \$72,000 that was shown to have been spent in a two-month period actually was the check the city wrote to the library district from the city support fund.

Russell reminded Aebischer that the heating and air system

repair bill for the library was actually paid out of the city’s support fund, not the library’s investment fund.

The process had taken longer than was comfortable for some of the principles because the city and the Idaho Department of Commerce were busy working out how the conveyance might affect the \$500,000 Idaho Community Development Block Grant the city had sponsored to get the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library built.

Christoffersen repeatedly said during meetings that city officials were concerned that if the library district failed and the building was no longer a library that the Homedale’s taxpayers would be on the hook to pay back the grant.

A simple property transfer agreement to be drafted by city attorney Paul J. Fitzer will carry language that will protect the taxpayers inside the Homedale city limits from the burden of a library failure, Christoffersen said last Wednesday. If in the highly unlikely event that the library district fails, the city would assume possession of the library complex and it will continue operation in its current capacity.

Porter’s letter didn’t specify that a city takeover would prevent the payback of the grant, though.

— JPB

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May 10	63	44	.00
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May 12	75	46	.00
May 13	80	46	.00
May 14	82	46	.00
May 15	71	49	.22

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Homedale FFA salutes year’s top achievers

New officers introduced at year-end banquet

by Kennedy Kildow
Chapter reporter

Homedale FFA celebrated the awards and accomplishments of its members during its 2022-23 end-of-year banquet. We had 225 members and guests present, and we celebrated with a meal prepared by the food science class.

As new officers were installed for the 2023-24 year and the old officers handed over their position to be filled by a newly elected member, we celebrated not only as a chapter but as a community.

We are proud to announce this year we offered three extra leadership positions. The officer interview committee has appointed committee chairpersons based on the members’ skills and interest in running the FFA chapter. Officers coordinate the chapter’s overall activities while our committee chairperson positions provide other students with opportunities to serve in leadership roles.

Committee chairpersons include:

Growing Leaders — Scottie Beaver

Strengthening Ag — Sienna Stairs

Building Community — Brandon Reynolds

We were also proud to announce our newly elected officers:

President — Heather Reynolds

Vice-president — Morgan Fuhrman

Secretary — Dani Sitts

Treasurer — Keegan McKay

Sentinel — Taylor Trout

Historian — Rachel Pawlak

Reporter — Kennedy Kildow



Above: The outgoing 2022-23 chapter officers listen to president Rylan Love give his retiring address. **From left:** Keegan McKay, Brandon Reynolds, Morgan Fuhrman, Dani Sitts, Heather Reynolds, and Trinity Neeser. **Below:** Kennedy Kildow gives her prepared speech “Greatest Threat to American Agriculture.” Submitted photos

Student advisor — Trinity Neeser

We spend time each year to recognize the accomplishments and successes of our members throughout the year, beginning with degrees. There are five degrees of active membership in this chapter. The Discovery Degree, the Greenhand Degree, the Chapter Degree, the State Degree, and the American Degree.

John Lejardi earned the prestigious American Degree.

Chapter Degree recipients — McCoy Swallow, Tayler Trout, Dylan Arnold, Brandon Reynolds, Rachel Pawlak, Kennedy Kildow, Ellie Miller, Alyia Hibbs, Allie Bell, Jabe Maxwell, Julianna Clair, Evalina Costello, Raelynn Kiser, Terry Volk, Sierra Cayford, and Kory Jolley.

Greenhand Degree recipients — Sienna Stairs, Pompaya Bazavila, Mia Badiola, Mila Binford, Scottie Beaver, Ty Roland, Kynna Soland-Pfiel, Karlie Kildow, Cora McKerrow, Hailey Jakovac, Karlee Leffler, Lily Schwabauer, Madelein Galaviz Pel-



legaud, Mason Miller, Tayson McKay, and Alex Abbott

Discovery Degree recipients — Cole Fossette, Shayde Volk, James Maxwell, Amiya Arriero, Charity Pate, Lilly Relk, Katie Myers, Piper

Kushlan, Tyler Stebly, Aly DeVice, Alexis Cayford, Boston Garrett, Ty Cooper, Tyce Fisher, Teague Taylor, Marley McLaughlin, Claire Salutregui, Ema Lee, Juliann Simmons, and Kenzie Smith

State Degree recipients — Bobby Christensen, Brock Johnson, Cadence Nicoletti, Kinlee Garrett, Katie DeVice, Hayden Thornton, Trinity Neeser, Heather Reynolds, Keegan McKay, and Sage Badiola

Homedale FFA has the opportunity to always get the most personable student teachers. We are proud to present Loren Eells and Mia Stender with their Honorary Chapter Degrees.

We also awarded members that have maintained a 4.0 grade-point average for the school year with an academic excellence pin, including Mila Binford, Karlie Kildow, Sienna Stairs, Kynna Soland-Pfiel, Tayler Trout, Kennedy Kildow, Kayci Breshears, Rachel Pawlak, Katie DeVice, Brock Johnson, Anna Pawlak, and Sydney Davis.

Seniors receiving scholarships were also recognized.

Tamura Farm scholarships — Ashley Stebly, Sigmund Goode, Trenton Fisher, and Anna Pawlak

Homedale FFA scholarships — Ashley Stebly, Trenton Fisher, Rylan Love, Anna Pawlak, Bailey Purdom, and Sigmund Goode.

We also celebrated four seniors who have impacted the chapter in their own ways, including Anna Pawlak, Ashley Stebly, Catherine Decker, and Rylan Love.

It is very important as a chapter that we give big thanks to everyone that supports us through the year, and takes the time to celebrate each member’s successes. If it weren’t for the community we have, our chapter would not be what it is today. From every Homedale FFA chapter member, thank you for all of your help and support to our FFA program. It is your support and effort that allows us to be the best we can be.

Marsing FFA honors county 4-H coordinator

Madi Anderson was one of the honorary chapter degree recipients during the Marsing FFA’s recent year-end banquet.

The University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension 4-H coordinator received a plaque during the awards dinner.



Madi Anderson

the opportunity to work with Marsing FFA members and give back to this organization,” Anderson said in announcing the award on her social media page.

The banquet was held on May 8 inside the school district cafeteria, four days after the chapter’s Ag Expo.

Owyheean win 4-H shooting titles

Marsing sport shooter Robert Renteria finished on top again last month.

Renteria was the overall senior champion, leading a slew of Owyhee County youth in top-three positions at the Southern District 4-H Shotgun Shoot.

The contest was held on April 8 at Snake River Sportsmen Club in Ontario, Ore.

Bobbie Watkins dominated the junior division, building an overall championship with titles in trap, skeet, and sporting clays.

Renteria was the senior division champion in sporting clays and trap, too.

Runners-up included:

• **Cohen Larsen** — Intermediate overall, trap and sporting clays

• **Trevyn Freelove** — Junior overall, skeet and sporting clays

• **Kip Corder** — Junior trap

Third-place finishers included:

• **Trey Larsen** — Junior overall, trap, skeet, and sporting clays

• **Bobbie Freelove** — Senior skeet

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Marsing emerges from lost seasons for first title since '85

Huskies' early eruption stops tourney's top seed in district final

by John Bruyninckx
For The Owyhee Avalanche
Destiny has favored the Marsing High

School baseball team this season. The Huskies have risen above all expectations — except for their own — to win the program's first District III championship in nearly 40 years and secure a 2A state tournament berth. Ending a dark period that included cancelled seasons in 2019 and 2020, Marsing clinched the school's first

district baseball title since 1985 with a thrilling 6-3 win over tournament top seed Nampa Christian in Melba on Thursday. The No. 2 seed Huskies (15-8 overall) took matters into their own hands against the reigning state champions to win the title game. "My team was focused all week,"

Marsing coach JW Chadez said. "We believed we could beat Nampa Christian for a second time — as long as we were the tougher team." After the Trojans (18-6) jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead after the first inning, Marsing scored six runs over — See *Marsing*, page 15



Homedale junior Dani Sitts crosses the plate with a run as teammate Olivia Asumendi raises her arms in celebration during last Wednesday's 3A District III Tournament championship game at the middle school.

Huskies relay squad breaks school record

Ankeny wins three district titles; seven athletes headed to State

Marsing High School's boys' 4x400-meter relay runners put their names in the Huskies' track and field record book Saturday at the 2A District III championship meet in New Plymouth. Cousins Eli and Braden Ankeny — both juniors — and seniors Jordan Blas and Josue Espejel won bronze medals while shattering a four-year-old record with a 3-minute, 36.65-second showing. The performance at New Plymouth High School was nearly five seconds faster than the previous top mark — — See *Huskies*, page 17



Marsing's boys' 4x400-meter relay team celebrates their medal and their record. Submitted photo

District diamond double-dip

Softball: 17th straight win, 9th consecutive crown

Homedale High School started quick last Wednesday then held on to win its ninth consecutive 3A District III softball championship. The only thing that has stopped the Trojans' district tournament steamroller is COVID-19, which wiped out the 2020 season. Facing Weiser for the second time in as many seasons in the tournament finale, the top-seeded Trojans posted a 6-3 victory at Homedale Middle School. The reigning 3A state champions open — See *Softball*, page 16

Baseball: Packer's pickoff punctuates HHS' title

This time, D'Orr Packer wasn't going to miss. Homedale High School's senior catcher picked off Fruitland's Coye Coffman at third base in the bottom of the seventh last Wednesday, ending a wild baseball game and sealing the Trojans' 3A District III championship. Homedale escaped Payette County with the hardware when Packer's pickoff was true four days after he had sailed a throw into left field against McCall-Donnelly, and the Trojans walked away with a 10-9 victory in — See *Baseball*, page 15

Trojans golfers win district championship

Parker, other sophs earn medals

Homedale chased McCall-Donnelly down the stretch in the high school golf season. At the 3A District III Tournament, the Trojans blew past the Vandals for the boys' championship. Sophomore Tyler Erickson finished third, three shots out of the runner-up spot, to pace the Trojans' title run in the

18-hole tournament played at the par-72 Scotch Pines Golf Course in Payette on May 8. The Trojans outclassed the field with a 347, winning the team crown by 29 strokes over McCall-Donnelly. Homedale's boys' team and girls' sophomore Gwen Parker wrapped up the prep season Monday and Tuesday after deadline at the 3A state tournament at the Blackfoot — See *Golfers*, page 16

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Sports

Girls establish new Homedale 4x100 record

Three district champions, nine automatic state berths

Three athletes won gold medals, but all eyes turned to Homedale High School's girls' 4x100 relay team at the 3A District III championships Friday.

With three-event state meet qualifier Kinlee Garrett breaking out of the blocks, the Trojans shattered the school's 15-year-old record and finished second to meet host Fruitland.

Freshman Morgan Nicoletti had the finishing kick in Homedale's 51.32-second effort, which beat the 2008 mark of 52-flat. Freshman Belen Asumendi took the first handoff from Garrett and transferred the baton to junior Carlie Moore.

The previous record was set at the 2008 state meet when Annamaria Salas, Rachelle Christoffersen, Kindra Galloway and Rachel Wheeler finished fourth.

Nicoletti had one of the three district crowns hauled in by the HHS girls last week.

She cleared 9 feet, 6 inches to capture the pole vault title and an appearance in the 3A

state meet, slated Friday and Saturday in Middleton.

Nicoletti's older sister, Cadence — a junior — reached the state meet with her bronze medal in the pole vault at 7 feet.

Garrett won the girls' high jump at 5-2 on Thursday, and Moore raced to a personal-record time to beat her teammate for the 300-meter hurdles district crown on Friday.

Moore ran a 48.05, and Garrett notched a PR of 48.88.

The top four finishers in each individual event received automatic passage to the state meet. The top two relay teams will head to Middleton.

Nine Trojans will compete in the state meet in 10 events.

Other Thursday state meet qualifiers:

- Sophomore Rafael Cuenca soared to a personal record of 40 feet, 8 inches to finish third in the boys' triple jump.

- Junior Conner McCarney cleared the bar at a PR height of 12 feet to capture the fourth and final District III state berth in the boys' pole vault.



Bailey Purdom ended her Homedale High School athletic career with a personal-best discus throw. Photo by Gregg Garrett

There were several more state qualifiers on Friday for coach Bobby Christensen's squad.

- Senior Danny Detbun is going back to the state meet after finishing second in the boys' 100-meter dash in 11.38 seconds. Detbun will also be on hand after a personal-record long jump effort (20-1) gave him third place in the event.

- Nicoletti picked up a third State berth with a third-place

mark in the girls' long jump (14-3¼).

- Coming back on Friday, Cuenca qualified in the long jump with a fourth-place showing of 20-¼.

- Junior Bobby Christensen PR'd in the 1,600 meters for a fourth-place qualifying time of 4 minutes, 52.2 seconds.

There are a few other Trojans' athletes on the bubble for a spot in the state meet:

- The boys' 4x100 relay team finished third in 45.16. Detbun has a chance at another berth, while Norwegian exchange student Noah Eriksen could prolong his stateside experience. Freshman Kade Hall started out the relay, and junior Izmael Ortiz handled the final handoff.

- Another boys' relay team, the 4x400, also finished third with three juniors — Christensen, Snuepy Garcia and Brock Johnson — teaming with Cuenca to cross the line at 3:42.7.

- Junior Mylisa Barrett took fifth in the girls' triple jump in 29-9¼.

Senior Bailey Purdom's high school athletic career ended with an eighth-place finish in the girls' discus, but she came away with a personal-best throw of 84-2¾.

Eriksen also grabbed a PR in the boys' pole vault with an eighth-place mark of 11-0. Likewise, Hall (10-0) and Dash Schlotterbeck (8-6) also set career records.

Another exchange student, Basque Josu Extebarria, PR'd in the boys' triple jump at 31-3½.

Homedale Trojans

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Track and field
Girls' 4x100 relay set school record
3A District girls' champions:
Morgan Nicoletti, fr., pole vault
Carlie Moore, jr., 300 hurdles
Kinlee Garrett, jr., high jump



Tennis
Terrance Farris, jr., boys' singles
Sixth place at district tournament

Trojan Weekly Sports Schedule

Baseball - Varsity
3A state tournament
(At Elmer D. Vail Field, NNU, Nampa)
Thursday, May 18 vs. Fruitland, 4 p.m.
If win Thursday: Friday, May 19 vs. Marsh Valley or Gooding, 6:30 p.m.
If lose Thursday: Friday, May 19 vs. Marsh Valley or Gooding, 1:30 p.m.
If win Thursday and Friday: Saturday, May 20, championship game, 3 p.m.
If win Thursday and lose Friday: Saturday, May 20, third-place game, 1 p.m.
If lose Thursday and win Friday: Saturday, May 20, consolation championship, 10 a.m.

Tennis
Season complete
Friday and Saturday, May 12-13 at 3A state championship meet, Middleton H.S.

Golf
Monday-Tuesday, May 15-16 Boys team, Gwen Parker played in 3A state championship

Softball - Varsity
3A state tournament
(At Blackfoot Fields)
Friday, May 19 vs. Weiser, 9 a.m.
If win first game: Friday, May 19 vs. Gooding or Marsh Valley, 3 p.m.
If lose first game: Friday, May 19 vs. Gooding or Marsh Valley, 1 p.m.
If win first game and lose second: Friday, May 19 vs. TBD, 5 p.m.
If lose first game and win second: Friday, May 19 vs. TBD, 5 p.m.
If win first two games: Saturday, May 20 in winners' bracket final, 10 a.m.
If lose winners' bracket final: Saturday, May 20 play-back game vs. TBD, noon
If win first three games: Saturday, May 20 in championship game, 2 p.m.
If lose winners' bracket final and win play-back game: Saturday, May 20 championship game, 2 p.m.
Second championship game, if nec.: Saturday, May 20, 4 p.m.



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Sports

Huskies close softball season

Melba challenges top seed to open district tournament

Marsing High School's softball season ended with a mercy rule loss Saturday in the 2A District III Tournament.

The host squad, New Plymouth, beat the Huskies for the second time in as many days, posting a 10-0 win in five innings.

The fourth-seeded Huskies (9-16) managed only singles from Lilly Thoene and Mariah Colbert.

Thoene led off the top of the fourth inning with Marsing's first hit against Pilgrims freshman Wesli Crockett. After Brooklyn Roadenbaugh drew a walk, Thoene stole third. But New Plymouth got out of the inning with a double play to preserve a 4-0 lead.

Colbert led off the fifth with a base hit, but New Plymouth's defense came through with another double play when umpires ruled Colbert failed to tag up from third on Ariel Ingersoll's fly out.

Crockett struck out six batters.

Friday: Marsing 14, Melba 9 — After spotting the Mustangs a 3-0 lead in the top of the opening inning, the Huskies rallied after Mila Astorquia's second home run of the tournament. Melba's season ended.

Astorquia led off the bottom of the first with a shot to left field, and her

teammates followed suit with four more runs.

Marsing would never relinquish the lead. Ady Chadez knocked in the second run, and she tied the game on Mariah Colbert's sacrifice fly.

The Huskies grabbed the lead with two unearned runs on the same two-out error.

Marsing scored in every inning and took advantage of seven Melba errors.

Thoene was 3-for-5 with three runs scored and two RBI.

Astorquia doubled later in the game and drove home two runs while crossing the plate three times.

Roadenbaugh and Chadez scored two runs each.

Melba (5-13) bowed out of the tournament with loss after starting with a 16-6 loss to No. 1 Nampa Christian.

Mustangs pitcher Kodi Jo Adams had a triple and two RBI. Analyse Durham scored three runs and had a double and two singles.

Kenzie Shaffer and Analise Robson both scored a pair of runs for the Mustangs.

Friday: New Plymouth 10, Marsing 6 — The No. 3 seed Pilgrims scored four runs in the bottom of the fourth to snap a 6-6 deadlock in the tournament opener against the No. 4 Huskies.

Anna Gluch smacked a two-run double as Marsing grabbed the lead first in a wild second inning. Jaci Montgomery scored on a passed ball,

and the Huskies held a 3-0 edge.

But the Pilgrims struck back quickly in the bottom of the frame, posting five runs while taking advantage of Marsing mistakes.

Astorquia's two-run home run knotted the score, 6-6, in the top of the fourth. Gluch walked with one out and scored on the blast to left field.

The Pilgrims' go-ahead rally in the bottom of the inning was fueled by two singles, a double and a passed ball.

Roadenbaugh doubled twice and scored two runs for the Huskies. Ariel Ingersoll and Bailey Daugherty also had base hits.

Friday: Nampa Christian 16, Melba 6 (5) — The Mustangs owned leads in the first two innings, but the Trojans broke open the game with 13 runs over the third and fourth innings.

Melba grabbed a 2-0 lead in the first inning when Robson led off with a double and scored on an error. Owyhee County resident Maialen Jaca, a junior, tripled to bring in Mallory Lincoln with the second run.

The Mustangs snapped a 2-2 tie in the second inning with an unearned run when Kenzy Stradley scored when Winter Hansen reached on an error. Lincoln's base hit helped Melba build a 6-2 lead in the second.

Nampa Christian pushed its lead to 15-6 with a seven-run fourth inning.

Mother Nature disrupts 2A district golf tournament

The Rimrock High School golf season came to a close in dangerous conditions last week.

The 2A District III Tournament at RedHawk Golf Course in Nampa could not be completed. It was delayed three times by lightning, according to Raiders athletic director Amanda Dygert.

The boys' team completed just nine holes, and the female competitors completed even fewer.

Girls' scores throughout the season were averaged to determine state tournament qualifiers. No Raiders advanced.

Marsing also competed at RedHawk, but results were not submitted.

Antelopes stay fresh for district

Some of Adrian High School athletes tuned up at the same venue where the 1A District 4 track and field championships will be held Friday.

The Antelopes challenged competitors from schools of all sizes in Friday's Baker Invitational.

Silvestre Rico continued his impressive freshman season with a boys' long jump personal record. taking runner-up at 20 feet, ¾ inch.

Sophomore Colten Bayes was runner-up in the triple jump at 40-0.

Many of Adrian's top athletes skipped the meet, but some established PRs:

- **Brooks Martin, fr.** — 31-6 in the shot put
- **Emma Nicholes, fr.** — 6-0 in the girls' pole vault

MARSING HUSKIES

Athletes of the Week



Baseball
Beat state champs; first district title in 38 years
ON TO STATE!



Softball
Mila Astorquia, sr., 3B P
Two HRs in district tournament



Track and field
4x400 boys' relay set school record
Braden Ankeny, jr.
Three-time district champ

This week's schedule

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Varsity
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(At Orofino H.S.)
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Softball
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Final record: 9-16

Track and field
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Sports



Above: Marsing’s Teagan Kinney slides into home plate with the go-ahead run Thursday in Melba. **Right:** Marsing resident Colby Ferdinand, Nampa Christian’s first baseman, looks home for a force-out later in the same inning.

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the next three frames to win going away.

Sophomore Teagan Kinney was outstanding from the mound and at the plate. He pitched a complete game, allowing only three unearned runs while striking out nine and walking three. He also went 2-for-3 as a hitter, collecting a double, two runs scored and an RBI.

The Huskies used a seeing-eye hit and a wild pitch in the third inning to erase a 2-1 deficit and seize momentum for their fourth consecutive victory.

After banging a single through the Trojans’ second baseman, Jace Chadez tied the score, 2-2, on Kinney’s double into left field.

Kinney hustled to third on the throw back into the infield and scored what turned out to

be the winning run in a cloud of dust, diving head-first ahead of pitcher Kaden Mullins’ tag after a wild pitch went to the backstop.

Marsing resident Colby Ferdinand, the Trojans’ first baseman, saved what could have been a bigger inning when he took a ground ball from JT Chadez and threw to force the runner out at the plate for the second out. A sophomore, Ferdinand went 0-for-3 in the championship game. He has eight runs scored, six RBI and a triple this season, according to Nampa Christian statistics on MaxPreps.com.

The Huskies broke the game open with sophomore catcher Luke Steinmeyer’s fourth-inning triple. Kinney scored on the rocket into left-center field, and Steinmeyer came home when Trojans left fielder

Trevin McConnell committed an error.

Steinmeyer went 2-for-4, while shortstop Jace Chadez scored twice from the leadoff spot.

“I feel we are finally believing in each other as a team,” JW Chadez said. “We no longer think we have to win the game individually. We can rely on our teammates to make plays. We know that if we play seven tough innings as a team, we will have a chance to win.”

“Two years ago our two seniors (Xavier Delgadillo and JT Chadez) got beat 43-0 by Nampa Christian and tonight we beat them and are district champs. I told them then the next time would be different, just trust the process. And they did.”

Four seasons ago, in 2020, Delgadillo and JT Chadez were

among the freshmen who had their first high school baseball season cancelled because of COVID-19. A year earlier, Marsing officials cited a lack of interest when they cancelled the 2019 season.

With their first district championship since 1985 in hand, the Huskies turn their attention to the 2A state tournament, which takes place Thursday through Saturday at Orofino High School.

Marsing opens the tournament at 2:30 p.m., on Thursday against District V runner-up Bear Lake of Montpelier (5-8 overall).

Thursday’s winner moves into a 5 p.m., semifinal against either District V champion Malad or District I-II runner-up Kellogg.

Chadez waxed nostalgic after the championship

celebration.

“My two seniors have worked really hard for this,” he said. “They have been a cornerstone of our program for the past three years and have stuck with the process. For them to experience this with all their teammates was awesome!”

Attendance at last week’s district tournament final was massive with the stands packed and fans placing row after row of camp chairs behind the backstop between the concession stand and home plate.

“I want to thank everyone for the support — the Marsing faculty, students and our community,” Chadez said. “The crowd was amazing and made a huge difference.”

“These boys were excited to have the opportunity to make everyone proud.”

✓ Baseball: Trojans face Fruitland again in Thursday’s 3A state opener

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the tournament final on the Grizzlies’ field.

Homedale clinched its fourth district championship in the past six years during the Trojans’ seventh district final appearance since 2014.

The Trojans (19-8) will begin their fourth consecutive state tournament appearance at 4 p.m., on Thursday with their fourth 2023 game against Fruitland at Northwest Nazarene University’s Elmer Vail Field in Nampa.

In the district title game, Packer’s pickoff helped freshman Lukas Hall out of a bases-loaded jam, giving him the save and Xavier Uranga

the victory.

With the score tied, 9-9, in the sixth inning, Fruitland sophomore pitcher Justin Mordhorst wasn’t so lucky in a bases-loaded situation.

With Homedale down to its last strike in the inning, Mordhorst plunked Jayden Wutherich to bring home Uranga with what proved to be the winning run.

The Trojans is the only team to beat Fruitland twice this season. The Grizzlies (15-7-1) came into the tournament as the No. 1 seed, while Homedale was the No. 3 seed.

Both teams won district semifinals to qualify for the 3A state tournament, which

starts Thursday at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa.

Building off a 3-1 come-from-behind semifinal win against No. 2 Payette on May 8, Homedale scored three times in the fifth inning to erase Fruitland’s 8-6 lead and continue the trend of a see-saw battle.

Wutherich gave the Trojans a 9-8 lead with two outs after Chance Martell’s pop fly fell to the left-field grass for a single.

Senior Sigmund Goode hammered a two-run homer earlier in the fifth inning to tie the score. Uranga scored ahead of him.

The Grizzlies snapped a 6-6 deadlock in the bottom of the third on Cole Tuttle’s two-run double. The five-run rally started with Fruitland trailing by three runs when Zane Bidwell and Quinn Hood ripped back-to-back doubles.

The Grizzlies jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning on extra-base hits.

Homedale fired right back with a second-inning uprising that saw five runs cross the

plate after the first six batters reached base.

Martell started the fun with a triple, and he scored on Carson Fine’s base hit. After Uranga walked to load the bases, Packer cleared the bags with a double to give Homedale a 4-3 lead. Packer later scored on Dillon Fine’s sacrifice fly.

Packer collected four RBI, and Martell was 3-for-5. Carson scored two times while going 3-for-5, and Uranga crossed the plate three times.

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Sports



From the May 13, 1948, Owyhee Chronicle: Homedale high school’s champion Trojans, who Wednesday night won the district title at the baseball tournament held Monday through Wednesday at Wilder, will enter the regional baseball tournament at Payette beginning Thursday, May 20. Shown left to right, front row, Frank Haylett, Billy Yensen, Merle Fisher, Kenny Moss, Dean Griffith, Paul Akichika, Ronald Siple, Elton Trautman, Bob Watson, Buddy Stutheit, and Clark Levanger. Haylett and Levanger are managers. Second row, Coach Wes Johnson, Stowell Johnstone, Charles Yost, Bill Haylett, Charles DeGeus, Jack Martin, Dave Haylett, Elvin Simpson, Eddie Uria, Bill Burr, and Jerry VanDerhoff. Back row, Reed Frye, Jim Mears, Verden Simpson, Mack Tolmie, Clynton Sponsler, Bob Dines, George Kershner, Louie Uria, Harold Rose, and Donald Liddell. (Photo by Elliott.)

A diamond jubilee: Trojans won district title 75 years ago

Homedale beat future big-leaguer in opening game

Homedale High School’s baseball district championship over Fruitland came two days shy of the 75th anniversary of another Trojans title. On May 12, 1948, the HHS baseball team beat Payette, 10-3, for the district championship in Wilder. The “walloping,” as The Owyhee Chronicle of May 13, 1948 called it, was the Trojans’ second victory in the tournament. Homedale, Payette and Boise all qualified for the regional tournament out of the district contest. Boise went as the No. 2 seed after winning a coin flip with Payette.

In the championship final, Homedale pitcher Jack Martin struck out 17 batters. Bill Burr captained the Homedale squad and accepted the district trophy on behalf of his teammates. In the title tilt against Payette, Homedale took a 2-0 lead in the first inning when Jerry VanDerhoff led off with a double and Eddie Uria creamed a two-run home run. Homedale also beat Meridian (and future major-leaguer Vern Law), 2-0, earlier in the tournament behind Martin’s two-hitter. Of the 42 outs, 35 were by strikeout. Law fanned 20 Trojans while surrendering a pair of hits. Martin had 15 Ks. The Trojans scored their runs in the sixth inning on three Warriors errors.

✓ Softball: Trojans take aim at State repeat

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Two of the hits Sitts surrendered came in the sixth. She was perfect through three innings, giving up a leadoff single to Ellie Shirts to start the fourth. Sitts amassed 11 strikeouts in the complete-game effort. Homedale grabbed a 2-0 lead without the benefit of a hit in the bottom of the first, taking advantage of sophomore Paisley Noyer’s erratic performance in the circle. Noyer walked the first four batters she faced, and Sitts scored the first run of the game when Zayne Hall drew the fourth base on balls. Junior Danica Lockett relieved Noyer in the first inning and uncorked a wild pitch to bring home Katie Christoffersen. The Trojans tacked on three more runs in the second. Emily

Taylor scored when Sitts lined a double into right field, and courtesy runner — and junior varsity call-up — Stephanie Quezada scored later on Lockett’s throwing error. Christoffersen gave Homedale its 5-0 lead after tagging up and scoring on Olivia Asumendi’s sacrifice fly. The Trojans held a 6-0 lead after Asumendi doubled with two outs in the fourth inning and scored on Hall’s base hit. The junior first baseman racked up three RBI. Lockett scored on a passed ball and Abi Wilkins crossed the plate after an error by Homedale catcher Lilly Trescott to help Weiser cut the deficit to four runs in the fifth inning. Noyer scored on Wilkins’ two-out double for the game’s final run in the sixth.



Homedale golfers Tyler Erickson and Gwen Parker show off the medals they earned at the 3A District III championship tournament. Submitted photo

✓ Golfers: Homedale girls finish third in team contest

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Parker fired a 96, four shots off medalist Lucy Hickey’s pace for girls’ runner-up Weiser. Piper Lamm (103) and Ellie Cramblet (115) from district champion McCall-Donnelly were third and fourth, respectively. Erickson rebounded to par his first hole after a poor drive and finished three shots behind boys’ runner-up Tate Ova of McCall-Donnelly. Erickson birdied three holes in his round. “He did well for our team and as an individual,” first-year HHS coach Raymond Smith said. “That was an awesome game from Tyler, and he was very satisfied with his game.” Weiser’s Carter Williams concluded a dominant run against 3A Snake River Valley conference opponents by winning the district title with a 2-under-par 70. Two other Trojans finished in the top six individually. Another sophomore, Luke Henry, was two shots behind his teammate in fourth place after an 82. “He had a great round overall and he tried to challenge a few holes, but it didn’t fall in his favor,” Smith said. “That was a great effort from Luke to close it out strong.” McCoy Swallow, one of four 10th-graders in Homedale’s rotation, finished sixth. He used two birdies and a few pars to build his 90. “He struggled out of the box on the back nine,” Smith said. “But then he relaxed.” Sophomore Kinley Balkovetz also broke 100, coming in at 95. “His swing out of the box was awesome on the fairway most of the time,” Smith said. “His short game was not very friendly and caused him some headaches.” Junior Jackson Kerbs started the second varsity match of his season with a high-scoring first hole after a bad drive. But he pulled it together and finished at 103. “He started settling down and played some good golf, but it was near the end of the 18th hole,” Smith said. Parker leads girls to third place Parker finished seven shots in front of third-place Piper Lamm from McCall-Donnelly as the Trojans finished eight strokes behind runner-up Weiser. “Her short game was the weakest and she showed it,” Smith said. “She finished strong and focused and knew what’s lying ahead in these types of tournaments.” Homedale scored 486. Kinlee Garrett struggled with her driver and finished at 122. “Her chipping was working well after making a few adjustments,” Smith said. “Overall, a good effort from Kinlee, and I expect her to be the No. 1 contender for next year.” Freshman Stella Heck shot a 127. “Overall, her game was on and off. She worked very hard and enjoyed hitting her irons, but chipping did not cooperate with her,” Smith said. “She needed help on the green as well. I’m looking forward to this girl to be up there in the rankings next year.” Junior Cadence Nicoletti came in at 141. “She was playing well on a few holes, but the rest of the 18 she struggled all the way through,” Smith said. “She’ll be working hard on the offseason to improve herself for next season.”

Sports

Rimrock track team ready with six state qualifiers

Athletes punch tickets in 10 district events

Top personal performances got four Rimrock High School athletes into the 1A track and field state championship meet. Two others earned passage, too. Coach Amanda Dygert's charges piled up 27 personal records at the District III championship meet at New Plymouth High School. "I am so proud of these athletes," Dygert said. "Districts did not go smoothly, and they were able to handle

both physical and mental adversity with such strength." On Friday, junior Ashten Moore picked up one of her three state berths as runner-up in the District III girls' triple jump competition at New Plymouth High School, and senior Aden Aquiso snagged the fourth and final State berth in the boys' long jump at 19 feet, 10 3/4 inches. On Saturday, junior Loyd Boren ran the quickest 800 meters of his life at 2 minutes, 4.3 seconds to finish second and nail down one of two state meet invites. After a dicey start and restart, he also took fourth in the 1,600

at 4:41.3. "Loyd Boren was pushed down. (Officials) stopped the race, and he was able to recover, regroup, and still maintain a qualifying position to go to State," Dygert said. "Loyd exhibited extreme mental toughness to be able to perform and not be rattled by the incident." Moore set a triple jump personal record at 31-8½. During the second day of the meet, she qualified for State in the 400 with a second-place PR of 1:04.36. She'll also compete at State in the long jump after a bronze medal mark of 15-½. The state meet will be

held Friday and Saturday at Middleton High School. In Saturday's girls' long jump, senior Maklay Moore — Ashten's older sister — was runner-up at 15-4½. Junior Goya Lemus finished third in the girls' 800 in a personal-best time of 2:31.87 on Saturday. She captured another state berth with her fourth-place finish in the 1,600 at 5:52.49. Sophomore Ronaldo Gomez rebounded from disappointment in the boys' 100 to qualify in the 200, taking the final transfer spot with a 24.78. Gomez missed the 100 finals but ran the fifth-fastest time of

the eight preliminary heats. "... Because there were eight heats, only the heat winners advanced (to the finals)," Dygert said. "Even though he was disappointed, he was able to channel that energy into the 200m dash to secure the last spot to State." Dygert reflected on the progress and the PRs: "This weekend was a reminder that the character development that is taking place is far more important than the competition itself," she said. "I'm grateful to have been able to coach these athletes, and I look forward to them finishing out the season strong at State." — JPB

Third-year Homedale tennis player just misses State

Farris finishes sixth in district tournament

Terrance Farris was a busy guy during the 3A District III tennis tournament in Fruitland. Homedale High School's fourth-seeded boys' singles player played a lot of tennis in three days, reaching the fifth-place match and just missing his chance a state tournament berth. The junior's season ended with a competitive 6-4, 7-5 loss to No. 5 seed Caden Seals of Fruitland in Saturday's fifth-place match on Seals' home courts. "Terrance lost in his match on Saturday but had a season of growth in consistency and confidence," first-year Trojans coach Abbi Jones said. The HHS third-year player dropped

into the tournament's final medal match after losing, 6-1, 6-2, in a Friday semifinal to top seed Evan Weber from Parma. Weber went on to beat second-seeded Dauge McClellan from Weiser, 6-4, 6-2, for the district championship. Farris got within one win of the championship round of the double-elimination tournament with a pair of Thursday victories that tested his fortitude. He opened the tournament against scrappy Luke Bake, the third-seeded player in Weiser's ladder. Bake pushed the matter to an extra game in the first set before Farris delivered with a 7-5, 6-4 win. In the quarterfinals, Farris faced off with Fruitland No. 2 Caden Seals, who was seeded fifth overall for the district tournament. The pair battled for three sets with

Farris cruising through the decisive final stanza for a 6-4, 3-6, 6-1 triumph. Other entries from the Trojans squad exited during the first day. • Senior Maite Frank's prep career came to a close after she dropped both of her matches in the first day in the double-elimination girls' singles bracket. Fruitland's McKenna Rawlinson, like Frank unseeded in the district proceedings, collected a 6-0, 6-4 victory in the first round. Natalia Jemmett knocked Frank out of the tournament with a 6-3, 6-1 triumph in the consolation bracket. • The Trojans' boys' doubles team of Miguel Albor and Jayden Lyman also went home early, but not without a fight. Albor and Lyman battled in the first two sets of their opening match because

running out of steam against Payette's No. 2 team. The Pirates duo prevailed 7-6, 5-7, 6-1. The Homedale pair ran into the tournament's sixth-seeded team from Fruitland and lost in the consolation bracket, 6-1, 6-0. • Homedale's girls' doubles squad of Melissa Gonzalez and Neida Gaytan-Ramirez lost the opening match in straight sets without winning a game against Payette's top team. The Trojans lost, 6-0, 6-0, to Fruitland's No. 2 team in the consolation bracket. "Homedale played well for their first season of tennis and our returning players fought hard in some good games," Jones said. — JPB

✓ Huskies: More than two dozen personal records achieved at 2A district

From Page 12 3:41.97 by the 2019 quartet of Austin Pool, Chris Baham, Adonis Stelzried, and Isaac Lee. Braden Ankeny pulled down three district championships, including running a 11.01-second 100 meters that is the second-fastest in school history. K.C. Wilson holds the Marsing record at 10.78. Seven athletes from coach Heidi Ankeny's team booked 10 spots in the 2A state championship meet, which is set for Friday and Saturday at Middleton High School. "We are extremely proud of the effort that every athlete gave," Huskies coach Heidi Ankeny said. "They have trained hard this season, and all peaked at the right time of year. It is always fun to see their hard work and focus lead to results at district."

Between Friday's preliminary heats and Saturday's finals, Marsing athletes established 27 personal records, the coach said. The top five placers in each individual event, and each championship relay team qualified for State. At-large bids are possible in the relays. • Senior Emily Vanosdall was Marsing's only other multiple-event qualifier. She was runner-up in the girls' triple jump with her season-best distance of 33 feet, 7¼ inches. She took third in the long jump at 15-½. "She is a fierce competitor and performs very well under pressure, so we knew she would pull out some big jumps at the right time," Ankeny said. • Junior Nate Delaney, who arrived on the scene several weeks late for his first year in track

and field, bettered his personal record in the shot put, uncorking a runner-up heave of 42-3. "There was a huge learning curve for him. About halfway through the season he realized that he had some real skill and potential with the throws, and he started taking it very seriously," Ankeny said. "He has been so coachable and willing to learn from Brandie (Campbell), and it has paid off big-time." • Sophomore Sydney Nelson also PR'd to reach State, taking third in the girls' 400 in 1 minute, 3.71 seconds. She also had a career effort of 13.64 for seventh place in the 100 and also ran the 200. "She pulled off some strong prelims in those two (100 and 200), and made it to finals in both with some big PRs," Ankeny said. • Junior Trinity Stimmel was one of two Marsing female

discus throwers to qualify for the state meet. Her career-best 89-9 garnered her third place. "Trinity came into the season in great shape and really strong because she did wrestling in the winter," Ankeny said. "I'm certain that conditioning on top of her skill development this year played a role in her success." • In only her second year in the sport, senior Llee Loucks PR'd at 80-9 to grab the final discus State berth with fifth place. "Placing fifth is a huge accomplishment for her and a testament to her hard work and belief in herself," Ankeny said. • Senior Vanessa Freeman used her closing speed in the turn to get into the state meet to close out her prep career, running a 27.58 for fifth in the 200 meters.

"It's exciting to watch her joy when she runs," Ankeny said. "She is such a quiet, fly-under-the-radar girl, but when she gets in a race, she really shows her strength and ability." Braden Ankeny also won the 200 meters in 22.93, and the 400 with a personal-record 50.32. "He has been determined and extremely focused all season and knew that he wanted to win all three open events," Heidi Ankeny said.

Have a news tip? Call us! 337-4681

Commentary

Letter to the editor

Idaho’s primary elections should remain closed

There is a group trying to get rid of closed primaries. The head of the group is Bruce Newcomb, who a while ago was a staunch Republican. He now says he is an independent.

For those who don’t know, primaries are party business. It is the time party members choose their nominees to run in the general election. People who want to call themselves independents will just have to wait until the general election.

Why should independents and some Democrats help select the Republican nominee?

We already have dozens of RINOs who are Democrats running as Republicans in Idaho because they know they couldn’t get elected as a Democrat.

I have fought for party registration for years. Most states have it.

P. T. Rathbone
Marsing

Mtn. States Policy Center

Five reasons why ranked choice voting is bad idea

by Chris Cargill

“Reclaim Idaho” — the activist group that successfully pushed the troubled expansion of Medicaid in Idaho, as well as a ballot measure that would have raised income taxes for education funding — has a new proposal based on a bad idea.

The group’s new initiative would do several things: 1) change Idaho’s primary elections from closed to open — meaning any person could participate, regardless of whether they are Republican, Democrat or neither, and 2) adopt ranked choice voting in the state.

Open primaries are not entirely unusual. More than a dozen states have an open primary system. While advantageous for independents who may not want to join one party or another, open primaries can have the effect of allowing members of one political party influence over the candidates of the other.

Ranked choice voting (RCV) may be the bigger issue here. Idaho legislators passed a bill this session that outlaws ranked choice voting.

RCV allows voters to rank their choices based on preference. For example, a Republican voter may choose the Republican candidate as their first choice, an independent candidate as their second choice and a Democrat as their third choice. If no person receives 50 percent of the votes, the counting process starts over, eliminating the candidate who did the worst and re-distributing their votes based on their second choice.

Alaska and Maine are the only two states that have adopted RCV for all congressional and state elections.

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JP Doodles



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

From Washington

We must focus on shared health care goals

As Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Finance, I have worked with colleagues on a number of bipartisan health care solutions, ranging from mental health improvements to comprehensive telehealth coverage for seniors and working families. These solutions were also fiscally responsible and reduced the deficit by billions of dollars. Bringing Idaho common sense to Congress, we can advance additional reforms that improve health care access, affordability and choice for all Americans if my congressional colleagues on both sides of the aisle and the Biden Administration focus on the policies we all support.

Long-term, sustainable telehealth access; Medicare coverage for innovative technologies; and provider payment stabilization — to name just a few examples — reflect critical areas of common interest for members across the political spectrum. The reforms we developed last year should provide a strong foundation for bipartisan efforts moving forward.

Unfortunately, many of the proposals in the president’s budget run counter to these types of initiatives. I am concerned with the focus on partisan policies that risk harming health care access and affordability for both current and future patients. This includes:

Government-run drug pricing: The budget’s central proposal would dramatically expand the size and scope of the bureaucratic, government-run drug price-setting program enacted under last year’s Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). Prior to that law’s passage, my Republican colleagues and I warned repeatedly that imposing sweeping price controls would prove disastrous for patients, biomedical research and development, and domestic manufacturing jobs. Many of our fears have already

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come to pass. There are better ways to modernize and enhance federal prescription drug programs, and I am currently working on bipartisan legislation with my Finance Committee counterparts to responsibly reduce drug costs for patients and taxpayers.

Medical innovation: We have also raised concerns with maintaining life-saving research and development, as a University of Chicago study

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Commentary

Financial management

Trade pact involving Russia, China won't diminish dollar

Dear Dave,
I'm hearing more and more about "de-dollarization" and how several countries are moving away from the U.S. dollar as their basis of international trade. Will this affect the strength of the dollar, and should I be concerned about how I'm saving and investing because of this?

— Zack

Dear Zack,
First and foremost, I care enough about you to say you may be spending way too much time on the internet, buddy. You're drifting into the realm of conspiracy theories here, so let's slow down and take a look at some facts.

China, Brazil and Russia are the three main players in all this. They already don't use the U.S. dollar as their basis of international trade — all three have their own currency, and there's a conversion rate between all those currencies and the U.S. dollar. Those three countries, along with some of the oil-producing countries from the Middle East they're trying to get on board with the idea, are talking about developing one currency they all use. In international trade, that currency would be converted back and forth to dollars — much like what Europe did with the euro. Which, by the way, really hasn't worked out so well. Are those countries going to



be able to devalue the dollar by doing that? No. Why? Because while those countries take up a lot of land mass, they don't take up a lot of the gross domestic

product (GDP) of the world. The United States still represents the vast majority of the world's GDP. Sure, China's big in that regard. But Russia doesn't bring much to the table, and Brazil is barely scraping by in a failed economy. Plus, they're tiny as far as economics are concerned. I mean, Texas probably has a larger GDP than Brazil. In other words, they just don't have the muscle to take down the dollar mathematically speaking. Now, if they do manage to put this idea together, it still won't end in "de-dollarization." The dollar will not be done away with. Even if they create their own currency, they're still going to have to trade with the 800-pound go-

rilla, which is America. And they're going to have to trade with us in dollars. Am I worried about this, Zack? Not one bit. And you shouldn't be either.

— Dave

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

✓ Health care: Biden's proposals will erode progress, threaten programs

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estimated the IRA would result in 135 fewer new drug approvals in the next two decades. That figure would inevitably skyrocket under the budget's proposed expansion. Already, numerous manufacturers have signaled plans to table certain projects in light of the uncertainty created by the IRA.

Drug shortages: In recent months, we have also seen a rash of drug shortages, which even leading U.S. Food and Drug Administration officials have attributed to pricing dynamics. Doubling down on the IRA's price controls would exacerbate the law's most harmful consequences. Idahoans deserve better and more affordable access to prescription drugs, and we can find bipartisan, results-oriented solutions this year to advance that goal. Government price mandates, however, are a step in the wrong direction.

Medicare insolvency: I also have profound concerns with the budget's bold claims of averting the Medicare Hospital Insurance Trust Fund's looming insolvency, largely through massive tax hikes and budget gimmicks. This unbalanced approach does nothing to address Medicare's cost drivers. It would also punish the small business job creators and entrepreneurs who drive our economy.

Straining Medicaid: Unfortunately, the budget takes a similarly shortsighted approach to Medicaid, reviving past rejected policies, including hundreds of billions in new spending, tied to burdensome conditions and efforts to circumvent state leaders. The federal government should focus on supporting states as they work to return Medicaid to post-pandemic normalcy, rather than imposing new top-down mandates.

Instead of turning to one-size-fits-all solutions, we should look to proven models for federal programs, such as Medicare Advantage. With sky-high patient satisfaction rates, Medicare Advantage shows consumer choice and market forces can produce more benefits and better outcomes. As we move forward, we must focus on our many shared goals, from cost-cutting competition to sustainable telehealth access, rather than on partisan priorities, to improve Idahoans' access to quality and affordable health care.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U.S. Senate. He is in his fifth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999, and 2023 marks his 30th year in the U.S. Congress. Prior to that, he served eight years in the Idaho State Senate.

✓ Voting: Ranked choice voting has too many pitfalls to be a viable idea

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Ranked choice voting has numerous problems, including:

Some votes count more — If you chose the winning candidate in an RCV system — congratulations. If you didn't, don't worry — your new votes in round two, three or four may help push a candidate across the finish line. Because RCV retabulates votes each round, your support can shift, giving some voters multiple opportunities to pick a winner. This is in direct conflict with the principle of "one person, one vote."

"Exhausted" votes — Some votes simply won't count. Why? They may become "exhausted." This means that the voter either over-voted, under-voted or chose only candidates that haven't advanced to further rounds of counting. These "exhausted" votes are then thrown out. It is estimated that some 10 percent of votes are discarded or "exhausted" in any RCV election. This San Francisco RCV election was a confusing mess, going 20 rounds and "exhausting" nearly 10,000 votes.

Voter confusion and low turnout — Numerous studies have shown RCV leads to major confusion and lower voter turnout. One analysis of San Francisco's RCV found a "significant" correlation between a drop in voter turnout and the adoption of

ranked choice voting. The results appear even worse in off-year elections.

Too many candidates? — RCV is one thing with a limited number of candidates — it is quite another if there are many candidates. Because voters would be required to rank every race, they would want to know and study the positions of every candidate. Imagine a race of 12-15 candidates. Could voters adequately determine the policy positions of all of them to properly rank their choice?

Process delays — Because of the tabulation process, many RCV election results are not available on Election Day. Depending on the number of candidates, they may not even be available Election week.

Pierce County, in Washington State, experimented with ranked choice voting in 2006. By 2008, it returned to the former system.

Former Democratic California Gov. Jerry Brown may have said it best: "In a time when we want to encourage voter participation, we need to keep voting simple. Ranked choice voting is overly complicated and confusing. I believe it deprives voters of genuinely informed choice."

— Chris Cargill is the President of Mountain States Policy Center. Online at mountainstatespolicy.org.

Chris Cargill
Mountain States Policy Center, president and CEO

About Mountain States Policy Center
Founded in 2022, Mountain States Policy Center is based in Boise and Coeur d'Alene, and is an independent think tank that believes in providing research and recommendations to lawmakers, the media and the public, based on facts — not emotion. Harnessing the power of publications, conferences and video events, MSPC brings forward free market solutions to our region's biggest challenges and will be a watchdog to improve government transparency and effectiveness. Our mission is to empower those in the Mountain States to succeed through non-partisan, quality research that promotes free enterprise, individual liberty and limited government.

Homedale resident Oscar Evans is on the board of directors.

Learn more at mountainstatespolicy.org.



Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

May 20, 1998



Idaho State Track Championships...

Homedale’s Nick Shanley runs the 300 meter intermediate hurdles in the preliminaries on Friday at the Idaho State Track Championships at Boise State University. On Saturday, Shanley set a school record and lifetime best in the event with a time of 40.13 seconds.

County amends ordinance to require permits for dairies, create P&Z board

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners Monday inserted an emergency amendment into the county’s land use ordinance to require a special use permit for dairies and other confinement feeding or production facilities.

In addition, the board voted to amend the ordinance to create a planning and zoning commission, and passed a resolution placing a 120-day moratorium on the issuance of building permits for parcels of land more than five acres.

The action came nearly a month after a group of citizens living near two commercial-sized dairies near Marsing came to the commissioners with concerns about water quality and plummeting private property values.

Currently, large commercial animal confinement feeding operations can be established anywhere in the unincorporated areas of the county without special use permits.

The board said it had been advised by the Idaho Department of Water Resources that a water right can be perfected through “mere appropriation” of ground water if a confinement feeding operation involves 300 animals.

Such an appropriation, IDWR said, involves a “serious threat to the sufficiency of water available for all safety and health uses in the vicinity.” The department requires an application for a water right by operations that involve more than 300 animals.

Vander Boegh appointed P&Z admin

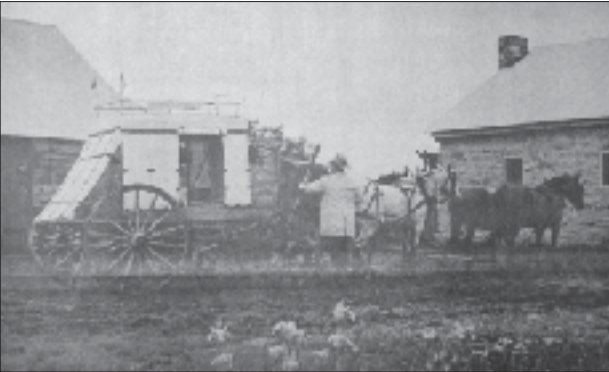
The Homedale City Council on Wednesday appointed Barbie Vander Boegh as the city’s new Planning and Zoning Administrator.

The administrator is a part-time position. Vander Boegh’s duties will include attending all planning and zoning commission meetings and hearings, and acting as advisor and information officer to the commission.

Vander Boegh will confer with residents regarding interpretation and requirements of Homedale Zoning Ordinance 254A, and any subsequent amendments, and act as enforcement officer.

50 years ago

May 17, 1973



Stagecoach to carry mail to ‘Outpost Day’

A four-horse stagecoach carrying U.S. mail from Jordan Valley, Ore., to Murphy, Idaho, driven by owner Mike Hanley, will be a highlight of the annual Outpost Day, sponsored by the Owyhee County Historical Society.

Those wishing to receive letters on the incoming stage may mail self-addressed letters (no later than May 28) in care of Mike Hanley, Jordan Valley, Ore., 97910. Letters will be delivered direct from the incoming stage at Murphy. Arrival time is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Sunday, June 3.

A full course public dinner will be served at Pedracini Hall, Murphy, from 12 noon to 3 p.m., again supervised by George L. Crookham; adults \$3; children half price.

An afternoon of free entertainment will include: Traditional dances by the American Indian League in full regalia. Members of this organization are inmates of the Idaho State Penitentiary. A free wild west calf roping exhibition will be held at John Wright’s rodeo corrals. A lecture and color slide projection of the mountainous Owyhee County scenes will be given by Dave Dorsey in Pedracini Hall. Historical and artifact exhibits will be on view in two museum buildings. A “country store” will offer souvenirs, antiques, handcrafts and home-cooked goodies for sale. Black and white photos by Dan Heidel will be displayed in the courthouse.

A display of old tractors by Greenway of Homedale will include a 1917 “Waterloo Boy,” built by the Waterloo Traction Engine Co. of Waterloo, Iowa. In 1918 this company became part of the John Deere Co. and this tractor continued in production as the Waterloo Boy.

Travelers ask ‘what Owyhee County is really like?’

When travelers think about Owyhee County ... and the old west, they usually conjure up visions of Indians. Many still see them as braves in buckskin and feathers who divide their time between hunting, chanting around a campfire or staring stoically into space. This is simply untrue.

There are many Indian attractions to visit locally that traverse seven to 10 centuries of western history. Modern travelers can photograph monuments ... view pictographs and petroglyphs ... talk with living descendants of these ancient peoples ... witness the colorful pageantry of the Red Man.

What awaits the visitor is not only some of this continent’s most impressive scenery, but a first-hand view of a totally different and fascinating culture. In this area, there are many Indian rock writings along the Snake River, particularly in the Givens Springs, Guffey sector. One of the finest Paiute collections is at the Owyhee County Historical Museum at Murphy. It contains some 5,000 items, including a stone pipe, “atlatl” or throwing stick and hawk-beaked burin stone used for chipping arrowheads.

155 years ago

May 16, 1868

THE HOMESTEAD ACT.—The *Alta* gives the following synopsis of the Homestead Act:

The General Homestead Act provides that no property shall be deemed a Homestead, or be exempt from forced sale, unless a declaration that the land is claimed as a homestead has been filed; and the Probate Law provides that after the death of a man leaving a wife or child, the Probate Court, “if there is no law exempting property from execution,” shall set apart for the use of the heirs certain personal property and a homestead. There is a statute exempting property from execution, and as the General Homestead Act requires the record of a claim, it has been supposed that the Probate Court could not set apart homesteads to the prejudice of debtors, but the Supreme Court decides that it can. If a married man is living on a piece of land he cannot have an exempt homestead there without filing a claim, but his widow is entitled to one. The claim is subject to any prior mortgage or lien, but it is not subject to any personal debt of either wife or husband.

SILVER CITY, May 11, 1868.

W. J. HILL, ESQ.—SIR, We notice in the AVALANCHE of the 9th an article in which our names appear in connection with a statement as ridiculous as it is false, and as we — unlike yourself — have some regard for the opinion of others, we demand, as a matter of justice, that you insert in your paper of the 16th the accompanying:

On the morning of May 5th we were passing the AVALANCHE office, when our attention was attracted by outcries and sounds of strife from within. We were requested to go in and assist in preventing Mr. H. from doing himself harm, as he was then, as he says in his article of the 9th, making copy for the devil very rapidly; but the call for said copy came from his hands instead of the compositors’ department, as he would have it understood. After some difficulty we succeeded in securing him. In doing so, we were compelled to resort to harsh means. It now appears that he had partially recovered from the efforts of the attack when the paper of the 9th went to press, hence the slanderous statements with regard to ourselves and others. In proof of the above statement we would refer our friends to Mr. Butler, H. W. Millard, his partner, or Mr. E., of whom he procured the staff that reduced him to this deplorable condition. We would ask Mr. H. what excuse he can give for his slanderous attack upon the pork merchant. His friends have thus far endeavored to shield him from the consequences of his beastly habits, but will do so no longer. We will hold him personally responsible for any attack upon us hereafter.

AL CAGE. SAM D. PRESCOTT.

‘Parturiunt montes nasee ’ur ridiculus mus,’ which is Chinook and in reference to the above, means “what a pity such damphools should waste their sweetness on the desert air.” How the above effusion sparkles with the brightest coruscations of wit and genius! Too much, alas, for one brain to bear — so two of them worked a week on it. “Two cabbage-heads are better than one,” you know. The above card is a flimsy tissue of falsehood, the fabrication of sadly demented brains. The possessors of such brains, if brains they can be called, have a weakness for rushing into print and running for office. They speak of “beastly habits.” O ye gods: How can one avoid such habits when dealing with such long-eared animals as Sam and Al? If our readers will pardon this offense we will promise never to contaminate our columns by referring to the brutes again. The goak is ended.

Public notices

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 437

AN ORDINANCE VACATING PORTIONS OF ANY UNUSED ALLEYS AND/OR STREETS LYING WITHIN BLOCKS F, G, H, I, TAX 48, AND TAX 1B WITHIN THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, IDAHO AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, IDAHO THAT:

Section 1: PURPOSE: It is hereby declared that any currently unused but originally platted streets or alleys lying within the property more particularly described in Exhibit A, attached hereto, and commonly known as Blocks F, G, H, I, Tax 48, and Tax 1B within the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, are not necessary for the use of the City of Homedale and that it is in the best interests of the surrounding land owners and to the advantage of the City of Homedale that the City vacate said streets and alleys. It is further determined by the City of Homedale that there will be no damage sustained by the City of Homedale, or by the citizens or property owners of the City of Homedale by reason of vacation of said streets and alleys.

Section 2: VACATION OF PLATTED STREETS: It is hereby declared that the following portions of streets and alleys lying within the property more particularly described in Exhibit A, attached hereto, and commonly known as Blocks F, G, H, I, Tax 48, and Tax 1B, City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho shall be vacated:

1. That portion of Colorado Avenue, Utah Avenue, Second Street East, and any continuation of said avenues and streets, and any rights of way or alleys adjacent to said avenues or streets, as platted on the plat of Amended Townsite of City of Homedale, Idaho;

11. That portion of Second Street East lying within the Proposed Railroad to Caldwell parcel as platted on the plat of Amended Townsite of City of Homedale, Idaho;

111. That portion of the 40' street or alley lying between the Proposed Railroad to Caldwell parcel and Blocks G and H as platted on the plat of Amended Townsite of City of Homedale, Idaho; and IV. That portion of the 40' street or alley lying between the Proposed Railroad to Caldwell parcel and Block F as platted plat of Amended Townsite of City of Homedale, Idaho.

Section 3: CONFLICT: All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

PASSED BY THE HOMEDALE CITY COUNCIL ON THIS 10th DAY OF MAY, 2023.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR, CITY OF HOMEDALE, ON THIS 10TH DAY OF MAY, 2023.

/s/:Gheen Christoffersen
Gheen Christoffersen, Mayor
ATTEST:
/s/:Alice E. Pegram
Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk
05/17/2023

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE (Adult or emancipated minor) CASE NO. CV37-23-00138 IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR

LEGAL NOTICE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT HEALTH PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE §39-423

Southwest District Health Board of Health will hold their annual Budget Committee meeting and Public Hearing upon the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 budget of the district at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at Southwest District Health, 13307 Miami Lane, Owyhee Room, Caldwell, Idaho. The proposed budget offered by the District Board of Health may be examined at any of the Southwest District Health offices located at: 13307 Miami Lane, Caldwell; 1006 East Locust, Emmett; 1155 Third Avenue North, Payette; 48 West Court, Weiser; or 132 E Idaho, Homedale. The following sets forth a budget history and summary of the amount to be considered:

EXPENSES	FY 2024 PROPOSED EXPENSE BUDGET	FY 2023 EXPENSE BUDGET	FY 2022 ACTUAL EXPENSE	FY 2021 ACTUAL EXPENSE
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	\$ 9,709,707	\$ 9,091,816	\$ 7,694,963	\$ 7,637,117
DETAIL OF OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 7,069,272	\$ 3,594,001	\$ 2,876,199	\$ 3,798,920
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 16,778,980	\$ 12,685,817	\$ 10,571,162	\$ 11,436,036
REVENUES	FY 2024 PROPOSED REVENUE BUDGET	FY 2023 REVENUE BUDGET	FY 2022 ACTUAL REVENUE	FY 2021 ACTUAL REVENUE
COUNTY CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 3,031,975	\$ 2,784,813	\$ 1,539,463	\$ 1,484,071
STATE FUND APPROPRIATION	\$ 135,733	\$ 71,000	\$ 1,005,300	\$ 1,389,300
CONTRACTS/FEES/OTHER	\$ 13,611,372	\$ 9,830,004	\$ 8,920,575	\$ 9,119,552
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 16,778,980	\$ 12,685,817	\$ 11,465,338	\$ 11,992,923

05/17/2023

THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE IN RE: SIENNA SKYE KANE

A petition to change the name of Sienna Skye Kane, 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 Sienna Skye Bialy. The reason for the change in name is: dropping the last name of my past abuser.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:45 o'clock a.m. on June 6, 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: April 28, 2023
Clerk of the District Court
Angela Barkell
/s/:Lena Johnson, Deputy Clerk
05/10,17,24,31/2023

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS No: ID-23-954917-SW NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 9/14/2023, 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:

In Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, Section 35: A parcel in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 35, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, and being the center line of the County road the

true point of beginning; thence North along the East boundary of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 35, a distance of 405 feet to a point; thence North 89°58' West a distance of 107.56 feet to a point; thence South parallel to and 107.56 feet West from the East boundary of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 35 a distance of 405 feet to a point; thence South 89°58' East a distance of 107.56 feet to the point of beginning.

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 8691 CLARK RD, MARSING, ID 83639 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 4/29/2001, by and among DOROTHY J BURTCHETT, A MARRIED WOMAN, AS HER SEPARATE ESTATE AND ALLEN J BURTCHETT, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SEPARATE ESTATE, as Grantor, and FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, as Trustee, and OPTION ONE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust having been filed of record on 5/1/2010, as Instrument No. 235838 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.

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Dated this 24th day of April, 2023.

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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE Case No. CV37-23-00135

TIMOTHY R. MILLER and GWENDOLYN K. MILLER, Plaintiff,

v. THE HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF CLIFFORD H. MILLER; THE HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF ADRIA L. MILLER; AND UNKNOWN OWNERS AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE REAL PROPERTY ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFFS' OWNERSHIP OR ANY CLOUD UPON PLAINTIFF'S TITLE THERETO AS TO LAND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

OWYHEE COUNTY PARCEL NO. RPB00000033710 Defendants.

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NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY TIMOTHY R. MILLER and GWENDOLYN K. MILLER, THE PLAINTIFFS, IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO CASE NO. CV37-23-00135.

The nature of the claim against you is for quiet title of Plaintiffs' ownership.

Any time after twenty (20) 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 fee to the Clerk of the Court at P. O. Box 128, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650, (208) 495-2806, and served a copy of your response on the other party, whose mailing address and telephone number are 1101 W. River Street, Suite 100, Boise, Idaho 83702, (208) 344-7500.

A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the other party. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 24th day of April, 2023.

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By: /s/ Cheylah Volkors

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Sports

Adrian athlete makes historic commitment to Air Force

Jace Martin made history May 8 as the first Adrian High School athlete to sign a letter of intent for NCAA Div. I track and field. The senior committed to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. One of four athletes recruited by the Academy, Martin is also the first Adrian athlete to commit to the Academy. Martin is the reigning 1A Oregon state champion at 100 meters and 200 meters and also served on the Antelopes’

4x100-meter and 4x400 state championship relay team. He holds the state meet record in the 100 and shares the record in the 200. This season, he ranks first in the state in the 100, 200, and 400. His personal records include 10.88 seconds in the 100, 22.21 in the 200, and 50.65 in the 400. “Adrian High School is very proud of Jace and his decision to further his education while serving his country,” principal Bill Wortman said in a release.



At left: Jace Martin is surrounded by his parents and siblings after signing his letter of intent on May 8 at Adrian High School. Submitted photo

Individual titles carry Melba girls to another district crown

Owyheeans grab gold and 2A state meet berths

Melba High School won the 2A District III girls’ track and field championship Saturday behind a slew of individual and relay titles. Kendall Clark had a hand in four gold-medal performances Saturday at New Plymouth High School, and fellow senior Rozzlyn Cazier swept the distance championships. Owyhee County residents McKoy Richardson and Brooklyn Dayley each brought home district titles, too. The Mustangs finished third in the boys’ meet behind champion Cole Valley Christian and runner-up Nampa Christian. A senior, Richardson racked up three of the Melba boys’ five event championships. He swept the hurdles, winning the 110 high hurdles in 14.83 and the 300 intermediate hurdles in 39.66. He captured the long jump championship with a personal-

best mark of 28 feet, 8.5 inches. Sophomore Carsten Volkers also qualified for State in the 110 hurdles with a runner-up time of 16.16. Richardson was second in the 400 meters at 50.79, while fellow Owyhee senior Kaden Dayley qualified for the 2A state championship meet with a fourth-place time of 52.36, which is a personal record. Boys’ distance runner Raivio Manzer qualified for State in three events, winning the 1,600 (4 minutes, 43.35 seconds) and the 3,200 (10:16.02) in personal-best times. He was runner-up in the 800 at 2:07.38. The top five finishers in each individual event received a State invite, so senior Wyatt Myers’ PR of 2:11.32 got him into the 800 field. Cazier distance triple crown included the 800 (PR, 2:21.66), the 1,600 (5:42.42), and the 3,200 (12:31.07). Senior Meya Young ran her fastest 100 meters of the season, winning the district crown at 12.67. Owyhee junior Brooklyn

Dayley captured the district 300 hurdles title with a PR of 48.02. Young, Hallie Arnold, Clark, and Ahna Shaffer teamed up to win two relay championships — the 4x100 in 50.7, and the 4x200 in 1:45.4. Clark took home the high jump championship at 5-2, while freshman Nyah Richardson and junior Emma Dillbeck tied for third and got state berths after clearing 4-8. Young won the long jump at 17-6½, and junior Ella Stosich took second with her best effort of the year (15-1). Also qualifying for State was fourth-place senior Melina Helm with a PR of 15-¼. Clark captured the triple jump, too, with a career-best 37-2. Helm’s season-best 32-6 was good for fourth. Dayley (runner-up, season-best 2:25.08) also qualified in the 800, while Braelyn Scott just missed a berth with her sixth-place time of 2:44.52 (another top season time). Scott qualified in the 3,200 (fourth, 13:31.31) and the 1,600 (fifth, 6:14.23). Shaffer (fourth, 12.91) and Arnold (fifth, 13.15) also qualified for the 100 state preliminaries. That pair is heading to Middleton for the 200, too. Shaffer was runner-up at 26.4, and Arnold took third at 27.07. Owyheean Hayden Higgins, a freshman, qualified with a fourth-place 27.1. Higgins also qualified in the girls’ 400 with a PR of 1:01.78 for a silver medal. Junior Eliza Svedin made the grade with her fifth-place 1:06.35 (a season-best). Stosich moves on to the next meet after her runner-up (and PR) mark of 8-6 in the girls’ pole vault. Richardson PR’d in the girls’ shot put (28-5½) to grab fourth place and a State berth. Sophomore Joel Helm is heading to State in the triple jump after his second-place mark of 40-9½. Senior Jaime Leavitt unfurled the best discus throw of his career, and his 126-9 effort was good for third place. Sophomore Isaac Orias is heading to the state meet after taking fourth in the pole vault at 11-6. Braden Volkers PR’d in the long jump at 19-8 to finish fifth for the final State slot. He also qualified with a fourth-place distance of 39-8 in the triple jump. Kaden Dayley and the Volkers brothers — Carsten and Braden — teamed with junior Noah West to finish runner-up in the boys’ 4x200 relay (1:33.46). Although the championship teams were the only automatic transfers to State, there were some at-large berths available statewide. Likewise, Melba’s boys’ sprint medley relay finished second with sophomores Carsten Volkers and Korey Magdaleno carrying the first half of the race, Dayley running the 400 leg, and Manzer handling the final 800 meters. The team finished in 3:44.48. In the girls’ relays, the Mustangs’ 4x400 squad (Higgins, Cazier, Svedin, and Brooklyn Dayley) were runners-up at 4:25.5. The girls’ sprint medley squad (senior Lila Frank, freshmen Darby Lowber and Higgins and Dayley) also finished second in 1:54.31.

Public notices

PUBLIC NOTICE The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho: 5 7 - 1 2 0 9 6 LIBERTY ENTERPRISES LLC 5371 VAN RD MARSING, ID 83639-8106 Point of Diversion SENW S36	T03N R06W OUYHEE County Source GROUND WATER Use: HEATING; 01/01 to 12/31; 0.08 CFS Use: DOMESTIC; 01/01 to 12/31; 0.08 CFS Total Diversion: 0.16 CFS Date Filed: 04-26-2023 Place Of Use: DOMESTIC, HEATING	T03N R06W S36 SENW Domestic use is for 1 home in Sage Creek Place Subdivision Lot 4. Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact the Western Region office at (208)334-	2190; or for a full description of the right(s), please see https://idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRAApplicationResults/ . Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western	Region, 2735 W AIRPORT WAY, BOISE ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 6/5/2023. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant. GARY SPACKMAN, Director 05/17,24/2023
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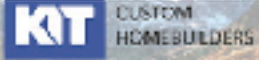
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