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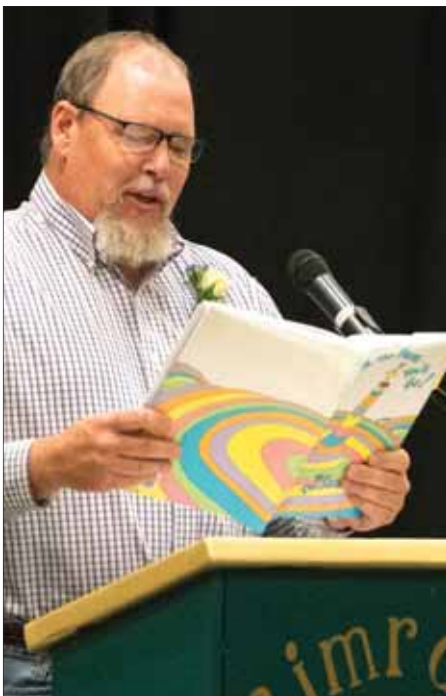
WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2023

CLASS OF 2023



Thursday: Homedale High School

Graduates fling their caps into the air, signifying the end of the graduation ceremony at Deward Bell Stadium and the relief of ending 13 years of schooling. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography. Visit www.grayhawkphotography.com for a full photo gallery of the evening. More photos, **Page 10**



Saturday: Rimrock

Retiring Rimrock High School teacher Alan Schoen reads from a Dr. Seuss book during his keynote address Saturday. Photo by Jonathan Waterlander



Friday: Marsing High School

Anna Gluch waves to someone in the audience prior to the commencement ceremony for the Marsing High School Class of 2023. Behind Gluch is Jordan Blas.

Little appoints Marsing man to advisory board

Empowering Parents council meets Thursday

Marsing's school board chair has been appointed to the Empowering Parents grants program advisory council.

Jason Sevy's appointment by Gov. Brad Little was announced Thursday.

Sevy represents Zone 1 in the Marsing School District, and his term on the board expires at the end of 2026.



Jason Sevy

— See **Marsing**, page 8

Assessor: Check for homeowner's exemption

Property assessments in the mail

Assessments notices are arriving in Owyhee County property owners' mailboxes, and Assessor Tiffany Nettleton wants to ensure folks check their statements.

A letter sent with the notices gives information about homeowner's exemptions and urges property owners to ensure all assessment information is correct.

There is also mention of House Bill 292, which was passed to provide property tax relief.

"That's going to be a pretty significant amount this year, although we have no idea exactly how much until November," Nettleton said, referring

— See **Exemption**, page 8

South Canal irrigators get good news

Reservoir produces first full allotment since 2020

Irrigators on the South Canal are in a position they haven't seen in four seasons.

Producers received word that the 2023

allotment has been bumped to the full number of 4 acrefeet.

South Board of Control manager John Eells confirmed the good news Friday morning, adding that there will be no excess.

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The Owyhee Reservoir water is up to the ring gate for the first time in at least three years. Owyhee Irrigation District photo



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Masons complete Bikes for Books giveaway

Left: Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 awarded eight more bicycles Thursday to close out another Bikes for Books literacy promotion at Homedale Elementary School. First- through fourth-graders earned raffle tickets based on how many books they read and the reading level of each. Silver City Masonic Lodge Worshipful Master George Decker represented the Masons and principal Tate Castleton joined him for the ceremony inside the HES library. **From left:** Third-grader Matea Ketterling (parents: Christine and Nick Ketterling), principal Tate Castleton, second-grader Wyatt Bell (parents: Katie and Andrew Bell), Worshipful Master George Decker, fourth-grader Roenne Roberts (parents: Janai and Ben Roberts), second-grader Tori Endicott (parents: Michelle and Andrew Endicott), fourth-grader D’Rey Fonseca (parents: Orquidea Gonzalez and Nicolas Cortez), and third-grader Jeremiah Escutia (parent: Maggie Escutia). **Not pictured:** First-graders Kash Mackenzie (parents: Shari and Ryan Mackenzie) and Rio Hummel (parents: MikiAnna and Drew Hummel). **Right:** Third-grader Bensyn Gabiola won a donated robot as part of the Bikes for Books promotion at Homedale Elementary School.

Homedale library kicks off summer reading program

The Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library starts its summer reading program on Thursday.

Sessions will be held from 10 a.m., to 11 a.m., each Thursday in June.

The first installment is a visit from Idaho Reptile Zoo staff, who will bring an array of snakes and lizards for the

children to meet.

The summer reading program is open to boys and girls ages 5-12.

Although most of the events are drop-in, pre-registration (which ended Thursday) was required for the weekly lunches and to guarantee a birdhouse kit for the final program of the season.

The summer reading schedule includes:

- **Thursday** — Idaho Reptile Zoo
- **June 8** — Funni Bunni Farms Petting Zoo
- **June 15** — Program details TBA
- **June 22** — Steele Legacy Honey
- **June 29** — Birdhouse construction

The next Opal Nash Story Time for preschoolers takes place at 10 a.m., on Monday inside the library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

Laura Aebischer will read “The Boy Who Loved Music” by David Lasker, and the children will make tambourines.

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

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

The library is closed on Sunday.

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Homedale garbage hearing will wait

Groups team up to get children fishing at annual Breshears event

City pool to open next week

A Homedale City Council public hearing slated for June 14 will be rescheduled. City clerk and treasurer Alice Pegram said the hearing scheduled to obtain citizens' input on a Republic Services proposal to raise monthly garbage rates will have to wait until after city officials have a chance to create a new fee schedule. Pegram said the council is re-examining the city's entire fee structure ahead of the Fiscal Year 2023 budget workshops. Republic Services has proposed a nine percent increase in monthly bills encompassing a 23-cent increase for tote rentals (to \$2.73 each) and 99-cent increase to the garbage fee. Altogether, if the city council approves the proposal, basic monthly garbage bills will increase from \$13.53 per month to \$14.75 per month. The public hearing was merely set with a vote during the last city council meeting. No legal advertisement has been published yet. Pegram also confirmed that the municipal pool's tentative opening date is Monday. Staff has been hired, but hours of operation will depend on staff availability. Call City Hall at (208) 337-4641 for more information.

With a limited number of refurbished rods and reels on hand, organizers are ready to spark a new passion at the 24th annual LeRoy Breshears Kids Fishing Day. The annual event for elementary school-aged children (up to fifth-graders) takes place from 9 a.m., to 1 p.m., on Saturday at the Island Park pond in Marsing. James Ferdinand with co-sponsor the Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse said the park will be closed to anglers on Friday as rainbow and golden trout are stocked for the big day. The pond will open to general fishing after the fishing day concludes Saturday afternoon. Kids First Cast is involved again this year, and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game is a co-sponsor for the event. Ferdinand said Kids First Cast works to introduce youth to the joys of fishing, and one of the avenues is refurbishing old fishing equipment and bringing it back to useful life. Posse members will have bait for the young anglers and a limited number of those rods and reels from Kids First Cast to loan out for children who may not have tackle and equipment. Last year, Kids First Cast collected between 40 and 50 rods and reels at the Breshears event to refurbish, Ferdinand said. It costs nothing for children to participate in Saturday's fun. There are prizes in boys' and girls' categories — usually brand-new rod-and-reel sets — for milestones in Saturday's fishing, including first fish caught, first limit caught and largest trout caught. The children also will receive a free lunch of hot dogs, chips and water. Ice cream has been provided in the past, too. The event is held in honor of a longtime hunter education instructor and hunting, fishing and outdoors advocate. LeRoy Breshears spent nearly 20 years in the state's hunter education program, and he was one of the first volunteer instructors after the program was started. Also a sheriff's Posse member, Breshears died in 1999.

Top Hat Market starts Homedale park season Friday

After a successful plant sale earlier this month, Top Hat Market officials are ready for the Homedale farmers market's first official season. Top Hat Market will begin a spring and summer run Friday at Bette Uda City Park. The market will take place from 3 p.m., to 7 p.m., each Friday through Aug. 25. Vendors will pay \$25 per market, but won't pay more than \$100 for the year. Folks who want to sell at the market can register at <https://www.markettophat.com/vendor-information> More information on the market is available at the website or by sending an email to markettophat@gmail.com. Top Hat Market will use proceeds from registration fees

to make grants to Owyhee County arts programs, carrying on the mission of its predecessor, the Homedale Farmers Market. Other programs that will continue into the next iteration of the market include Cultivate Kids educational sessions. Cultivate Kids, open to boys and girls 12 and younger, will explore nutrition, STEM, agriculture, plant care, dental health and more. The free class will be held on selected market nights, to be announced on the website.

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Death notice

WENDY LOUISE COLLINS DOWNS, 78, of Homedale died Thursday, May 25, 2023. Arrangements: Dakan Funeral Chapel, 504 S. Kimball Ave., Caldwell. www.dakanfuneralchapel.com. (208) 459-3629

JV student on Dean’s List in Texas

Jordan Valley High School graduate Birch Eiguren has made his college’s Deans’ List. Eiguren was among nearly 700 students named to the South Plains College honor list for the spring 2023 semester. Students must earn a grade-point average of 3.25 or higher and complete a minimum of 12 credit hours at the two-year community college, which is located in Levelland in northwest Texas.

Corrections

The first baseman in a Marsing High School baseball photo appearing in last week’s edition of The Owyhee Avalanche was misidentified. JT Chadez was making the sliding putout at first base in the Huskies’ first-round 2A state tournament victory over Bear Lake.

The Homedale High School girls’ 4x100-meter relay team did not break the program record as previously information received implied. Trojans coach Bobby Christensen said the school record of 50.71 seconds was set in 2003.

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State to unveil new Bruneau Dunes State Park observatory

Open house planned Thursday for new telescope

Officials are throwing a party for the new Bruneau Dunes State Park Observatory. Susan Buxton, the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) director, the Parks and Recreation Board and facility staff members have extended an invitation to the dedication of the new observatory.

The dedication ceremony will take place at 11 a.m., on Thursday at the observatory near Dunes Lake in Owyhee County. Refreshments will follow.

This is also the 25th year of astronomy programming at the state park.

The observatory is now a state-of-the-art facility with the largest, most capable telescope in the state. The observatory will provide the sharpest, most far-reaching images of the universe available in Idaho, according to a press release.

The new observatory features a rotating dome protecting

the powerful telescope and providing an unobstructed view of the night sky. The telescope is a CDK700 made by PlaneWave Instruments, which features a 700-millimeter (27.56 inch) aperture that promises a vast improvement over the trusty scope in use for the past 25 years.

A short dedication will begin at 11 a.m. on Thursday to officially add the facility to the park. The new observatory sits near the existing observatory at the park, 27608 Sand Dunes Rd.

“We can now see farther and with more clarity than ever before,” park manager Bryce Bealba said. “This gives us a more powerful tool for our visitors to explore the universe.”

Besides enhanced optics, the scope has modern electronics that will allow video astronomy — composite images using multiple exposures that can show previously hidden astronomical features. Other new capabilities include off-site image projection, remote access for far-away partners, and the opportunity for future

planetarium shows. During the day or on evenings when clouds inhibit viewing, recorded images and animations can be projected onto the inside of the dome, accompanied by theater-level music and sound effects.

Guests will be more comfortable in the new observatory, which is larger and air conditioned. The new observatory is also fully Americans with Disabilities Act accessible, and the new scope features a below-shoulder-high eyepiece, which alleviates viewing off of a ladder.

The first public show using the new scope is scheduled for June 16, allowing time to train staff on the equipment.

The cost of the observatory is \$2.7 million, which includes the new building, telescope, parking lot, landscaping, pathway lighting, and planetarium equipment. Funding for the project came from Gov. Brad Little’s Leading Idaho plan and was appropriated by the Idaho Legislature in 2022.

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“Strong” is a word that elicits feelings of positivity and pride. For many, any reference to the United States — at least in the context of international affairs — provokes similar feelings. So, when we



hear about **Andrew Bingham** the U.S. dollar being strong, it is only natural to feel a sense of pride. But what does that mean, and is it a good thing?

First, a strong currency is simply a currency that is more valuable than most. That is to say that if you swap one currency for another at fair value, the stronger currency would receive more from the other side of the trade. For example, a U.S. dollar would bring back 1.36 Canadian dollars, more than five Mexican pesos, or nearly 83 Indian rupees; therefore, the U.S. dollar is stronger than these three denominations. And because the U.S. dollar would exchange at a higher rate than all but 10 global currencies, it is considered “strong.”

Perhaps more important than exchange rates, though, is the overall sentiment the world has towards the dollar. Because of the strength of the U.S. economy, its influence on global economies, as well as its history, the U.S. dollar is considered to be “safe” and “strong.” So much so that the U.S. dollar accounted for nearly 60 percent of global reserves held by central banks across the world. That means that on average, other countries’

central banks (the equivalent to our Federal Reserve) are holding more U.S. dollars than they are their own currency. Simply put, the U.S. dollar is “strong” because the world believes it is strong.

Looking at the relative strength and popularity of the U.S. dollar, it is easy to feel a sense of pride in our country, but there is catch. A strong dollar means we are able to purchase more goods from other countries with a weaker currency, while those same countries are able to buy fewer goods from the U.S. As result, the U.S. sends more money out to buy imported goods and services than it brings in by selling exported goods and services. This is known as a trade deficit, which can have a detrimental effect on the job market because it takes business out of the U.S. and puts it in the market with the “weaker” currency.

Fortunately, trade deficits are nothing new to the United States. We have not experienced a trade surplus since 1975, and yet we have not only survived but flourished as an economy. And should the dollar weaken? Then it would be an opportunity to create more jobs domestically. In either case, there is a silver lining.

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✓ Irrigators: Lake near 80%

The last year South Canal-reliant producers received a full allotment was 2020. In the years since, the South Canal allotment has been set at:

- 2.5 acrefeet in 2022
- 3.0 acrefeet in 2021

Storage at the Owyhee Reservoir has reached the ring gate for the first time in several years, too.

On Monday, the reservoir

held 79 percent of its 715,000 acrefeet irrigation capacity, or 567,405 acrefeet. At 100 percent, the reservoir holds enough water for two irrigation years at 4 acrefeet each.

Water was flowing into the reservoir from the Owyhee River at the rate of 1,575 cubic feet per second, according to the Rome, Ore., gauge.

— JPB

Calendar

Today

Massage

8 a.m., to 1 p.m. \$15 for 15 minutes, appointments necessary. Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

Bingo

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

HES kindergarten promotion

10 a.m., Homedale Elementary School gymnasium, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4033

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.

U of I Extension grilling class

6 p.m., to 9 p.m., \$50 per person/\$75 for two, registration required. Owyhee County Community Center, fairgrounds, 432 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. Registration: (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu.

Thursday

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 class

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

Summer reading program

10 a.m., to 11 a.m., Idaho Reptile Zoo visit, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Fit and Fall exercise

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

Summer reading program

10:30 a.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Friends of the Homedale Library meeting

4 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

Friday

Top Hat Market

3 p.m., to 7 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, 200 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. Information: markettophat@gmail.com; registration: <https://www.markettophat.com/vendor-information>

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Saturday

Outpost Days

8 a.m., to 10 a.m. Buckaroo Breakfast; 5 p.m. Chuck Wagon Dinner & Junior Jammer fiddlers; 6 p.m. performer Michaela French. Online auction: outpostdays.afrogs.org; Owyhee County Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319

Leroy Breshears Fishing Day

9 a.m., to 1 p.m., free, elementary-aged children, Island Park pond, Marsing

Free lunch

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

Sunday

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8 a.m., to 10 a.m., Buckaroo Breakfast. Online auction: outpostdays.afrogs.org; Owyhee County Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

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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 office boardroom, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

Gem Irrigation District meeting

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

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Arock school board meeting

7 p.m., W. W. Jones Schoolhouse, 3513 Arock Rd., Arock. (541) 586-2325

Thursday, June 8

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54TH ANNUAL OUTPOST DAYS

Outpost Days shines spotlight on museum upgrades, big plans

It's time again for the Owyhee County Historical Museum's biggest show of the year — Outpost Days.

Everyone at the museum has been busy preparing for the big weekend, which takes place Saturday and Sunday at the museum complex in Murphy.

For the 54th annual Outpost Days, we have lots of craft and food vendors along with lost arts.

Our Blacksmith Shop will be operating and educating the public on the importance of a blacksmith in the community. Children will be able to brand their initials into a block of wood to take home.

Folks can also try their hand at our gold panning display, operated by Integra DeLamar Mining Co.

The Snake River Stampede stagecoach will also be on display, and on Saturday families can purchase tickets to have a ride around Murphy in the stage.

Each day will start off with a Buckaroo Breakfast followed by live music from various country bands.

At noon Saturday, we will have the big cattle drive into Murphy. Then at 5 that evening, the museum will host its annual Chuckwagon Dinner along with the Jr. Jammers fiddlers. Starting at 6 p.m., on Saturday, local country artist Michaela French will perform.

It's going to be one heck of a party.

Then on Sunday, we will do it all over again.

At 4 p.m., young and old alike are invited to the famous Horny Toad Race. This year's event is really setting up to be a great one.

Outpost Days is the museum's largest event and fundraiser. The event is organized by volunteers and supported by many corporate sponsors. We can do this type of event for the community because of Owyhee County Historical Society members and supporters. Everyone here at the museum loves to show off the history of the county and all the museum has done throughout the year.

This year, we debut the big Museum Expansion Plan for 2025. We are already moving forward with the Marsing Depot restoration and laying

MAKING A MUSEUM Eriks Garsvo

Owyhee County Historical Museum director



out plans for upgrading the museum grounds.

There has been so much going on in the past couple months that it has been hard to sit down and write up an article for The Owyhee Avalanche. You can follow along with what's happening by becoming an OCHS member, following us on Facebook or reading about the expansion plan on our website.

One of the current projects taking place is the construction of the Homedale Service Station. This new large display in the Annex Building is almost done and will make its "soft" debut at Outpost Days.

Another large project is the installation of power to the Marsing Depot. Thanks to a generous donation, we were able to have the electrical work completed before Outpost Days. All the windows and front door have been reinstalled after a complete restoration. The building is now 100 years old and has needed major repairs for quite some time. This project will continue to move forward after Outpost Days.

The Leonard Stamp Mill at the museum is also getting attention with window work. All the windows are coming out and the glass is being replaced. We are also working on the stamp itself and have recently hung the stamps to remove the shoes. We are working toward having the mill running very soon.

During Outpost Days, the public will see new exhibits and display signs in our School House and all other museum buildings.

Everyone here at the museum looks forward to welcoming everyone. No matter the weather, the event will take place, and we hope to see you out at the museum. If you haven't been out in a couple years then now is the time to take a look at what your county museum is doing.

Schedule

SATURDAY

McKeeth Hall

8 a.m., to 10 a.m. — Buckaroo Breakfast
10 a.m., to 5 p.m. — Pie Shop
4 p.m. — Hector Pecktor

Depot Stage

11 a.m. — Fiddle Express
12:30 p.m. — Square Dancers
2 p.m. — Tracy Morrison
3 p.m. — Frayed Knot
5:30 p.m. — Jr. Jammers
6:30 p.m. — Wilder
7:30 p.m. — Acoustical jam

South of Tilford Street

Noon — Cattle drive

In museum

All day — Tatting and wool fiber arts

Behind museum

All day — Wool fiber arts
5 p.m. — Chuck wagon beef dinner

SUNDAY

Depot Stage

10 a.m. — Joyful Sound
11 a.m. — Tim Knecht
Noon — Pecquatro
1 p.m. — Just in Time
2 p.m. — The Old Farthlings

After horny toad races — Raffle drawings

McKeeth Hall

8 a.m., to 10 a.m. — Buckaroo Breakfast
10 a.m., to until gone — Pie Shop
3 p.m. — Hector Pecktor

Hailey Street

All day — Antique engines

Horny Toad Alley

4 p.m. — Horny toad race

BOTH DAYS

On the grounds

All day — Snake River Stampede stagecoach

Ag Building

All day — Model railroad club

Pole barn behind school

All day — Blacksmith exhibit

Stamp Mill lawn

Throughout the day — Branding, Celebration Park exhibit, Flint knappers, Gold panning, Fort Boise garrison, Idaho Trappers Assoc., and Pony rides with rodeo queen

Tilford Street

All day — Wheelwright and Givens stage
11:30 a.m. — Presentation of mustangs

Hailey Street

All day — Classic cars

Outpost Days vendors

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✓ Exemption: Call assessor’s office by June 23 with questions, concerns

to the time of year that property tax bills are shipped.

“But part of the money allocated by HB 292 is only for homeowners who have the homeowner’s exemption. So it’s especially important that people check for that if they own and live in their home.”

Nettleton said the accompanying letter could be a refresher course for homeowners, too.

“Unfortunately, I think there are people who don’t even know the homeowner exemption exists,” she said.

“We have been updating our records and have found quite a few that don’t have it.”

Nettleton said many non-participating homeowners who are eligible have been notified with letters, but there are probably some that have been overlooked even after the county audit.

“It’s really hard to catch all of them, though,” she said. “So I just want to encourage citizens to check for it.”

Elements of the assessment notice that are especially important to review include a property’s assessed value and exemptions.

The last day to contact the assessor’s office with questions about assessments is June 23. Call (208) 495-2817.

“If you would like to come into our office to speak directly to an appraiser, please make an appointment as time will be limited,” the accompanying letter reads.

The letter also points out that anyone who moved into a newly constructed home after Jan. 1 can expect a second assessment notice in December, which will be pro-rated for the time the home has been occupied. The first assessment received this week will reflect only the value of the land, but not the improvements (home and any outbuildings).

The letter further explains that changes in individual assessed values occur because of a physical appraisal or a sales analysis, which uses county property sales reported prior to 2023.

“Value changes may be affected by market adjustments applied each year, any construction not previously appraised, improvements that have been removed, and land use changes,” the letter reads.

— JPB

✓ Marsing: Sevy ready to advocate for rural parents as part of council

Sevy is one of three Little appointments to a panel that will advise the State Board of Education on implementation, administration and improvement of the new Empowering Parents grant program.

“I was put on the radar with my work with the Idaho School Board Association,” Sevy said. “The governor’s office reached out to ISBA asking for recommendations, and they contacted me.”

After filling out a brief application, Sevy became one of three people selected to represent southwest Idaho.

The council’s first meeting takes place at 9 a.m., on Thursday inside the Barbara Morgan Conference Room, 650 W. State St., in Boise. The public meetings will be noticed through Townhall Idaho (townhall.idaho.gov).

“Recognizing the parents’ role as the primary decision-makers in their children’s education, we created the Empowering Parents grant program to help families take charge of learning tools outside the classroom,” Little said.

“I appreciate my appointees for filling an important role on the Parent Advisory Council, which will advise the State Board of Education on ways to strengthen the Empowering Parents grant program.”

According to newly adopted Idaho law, the council includes seven members representing different regions in the state, and the governor, Senate Pro Tem Chuck Winder (R-Boise) and House Speaker Mike Moyle (R-Star) were tasked with appointments.

Any parent living in Idaho who has a school-aged child (K-12) in Idaho could apply for membership on the council. Preference was given to parents who have applied for Empowering Parent program funds or who, for the initial appointment of the panel, have indicated their intent to apply for program funds, according to Idaho law.

Sevy said his 8-year-old child received \$1,000 last year through the program, and his experience made him want to get involved.

“I found it incredibly difficult to spend down the money — several hoops that I had to jump through with a very convoluted website,” Sevy said.

“If I can help the students of Marsing, Owyhee County, and this state get better access to this allocated money, by making it easier to bring the programs closer, I will have done a service for our communities.”

Sevy plans to advocate for rural communities.

“This grant is supposed to be focused on underprivileged and rural students, but most of the tutors or classes that could be taken are in bigger towns,” he said. “One of my goals is to show how the website is biased against rural communities.”

Although he was selected as a parent, Sevy believes his time on the school board will help.

“I am one of ISBA’s most vocal members about parents’ rights. So, my experience with government and education definitely played a role, but I would not be on the council if I wasn’t an active parent,” he said.

Superintendent Debbie Critchfield, who is the council’s non-voting chair, and the appointees will spend the summer traveling the state to meet with and hear from Idaho families about the Empowering Parents grant program.

After the meetings, the council will work up a report with their recommendations and make a presentation to the State Board of Education in the fall.

“Input from parents is essential, and this is one more way we can tap into parents to help shape Idaho education,” Critchfield said. “I’m excited to work with the council and hear directly from parents on how we can take advantage of all that Empowering Parents offers our state.”

Little’s other appointments included Laura Milton from Idaho Falls and Barbara Schriber of Sandpoint.

Winder selected Boise resident Holly Cook and Rupert’s Courtney Abenroth.

Joni Shepherd of Riggins and Nampa resident Amy Henry were Moyle’s picks.

The two legislators were in charge of two appointments, and the governor three, as put forth in Idaho Code 33-1032.

The Empowering Parents grants help families cover expenses such as computers and software, instructional materials, and tutoring. Public, private, and homeschool families are eligible. To date, tens of thousands of students have benefited from the grants.

“The Parent Advisory Council is a key part of the Empowering Parents program, something that has already benefited tens of thousands Idaho families and students. This panel will help ensure the continued success of the program and connection with families in Idaho,” Moyle said.

— JPB

Jason Sevy’s board history

- Appointed to Marsing board, June 2016
- COSSA board for five years, including three as chair
- Became Marsing board chair in 2020 when Brad McIntyre moved out of district
- Four-year member of ISBA executive board

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June 1: Swedish meatballs with rice, cabbage, carrots
June 6: Salisbury steak with mushrooms and onions, mashed potatoes and gravy, beets
June 7: Nachos, broccoli, corn and bean salad

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 31: Lasagna with meat sauce, Italian blend vegetables, spinach salad, French bread, pears
June 2: Polish sausage with sauerkraut, garlic mashed potatoes, Capri vegetables, fruit cup, whole wheat bun
June 5: Chili cheese baked potato, broccoli and cauliflower, spiced apples, 9-grain bread
June 7: Mushroom Swiss burger, potato wedges, sunshine carrots, whole wheat bun

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
Curbside pickup from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or delivery only.
Call (208) 834-2922 as early as possible to place order
May 30: Chef salad (ham, turkey, bacon), whole wheat bread stick, veggies, peaches, yogurt
June 1: Chicken Alfredo, peas and carrots, whole grain noodles, orange or banana, cottage cheese
June 6: Meatloaf, green beans, mashed potato and gravy, pears, whole wheat garlic bread, yogurt

Melba Valley Senior Center

Meals served at noon (Salad bar at 11:30 a.m.)
Phone ahead (208) 495-2168 same day for complete menu
Payment by donation. All ages welcome
June 1: Spaghetti and meat sauce
June 6: Chicken and cheese bake

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Choice of milk and juice
PB&J sandwich, and vegetable and fruit choices daily
May 31: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, seasoned potato wedges

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 daily
May 31: **Breakfast:** Frudel, string cheese **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, French fries

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 31: **Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito, Yami yogurt, iced coffee **Lunch:** Mozzarella bread sticks, Tater Tots **Grab 'n' go** Southwest chicken salad

Collecting Old, Worn Out or Damaged American Flags

Anyone is welcome to retire their flags to Homedale Drug from June 1 - 14, 2023

The flags will be collected and sent to the Stars for Troops Organization, 501 c 3. "We are a group of volunteers that are patriotic, who take old tattered and faded US Flags, retired from service and we pass the legacy of their embroidered Stars to those that defended them".
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County seeks residents' input for broadband improvement grant

Government officials have launched an effort to improve internet service in part of Owyhee County.

The county and White Cloud Communications will apply for a Capital Projects Fund Broadband Grant to help citizens and businesses from Bruneau to Givens Hot Springs.

But, officials say, county residents need to get involved to promote the viability of the application. Comments must be received 5 p.m., on Thursday, June 15.

White Cloud representative Eric Smallwood will visit Outpost Days on Saturday and Sunday at the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy to answer questions and provide sample letters of support.

If a grant is awarded, the project will be built with the latest technology available, and speeds of 100x100 will be available to those served by the grant.

A press release also reported that the proposed project area encompasses a significant number of the residences currently unserved by broadband or experiencing limited speed access.

The Idaho Broadband Advisory Board will review applications and award grants.

White Cloud will provide significant technical information in the grant on the need in Owyhee County and what this project will do to fill that need.

To ensure the state advisory board recognizes the impact of the current sparse state of available broadband service, county officials are asking residents to write letters of support detailing their lack of acceptable broadband service.

Send letters to County Clerk Angela Barkell:
By mail: P.O. Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650
By fax: (208) 495-1173

By email: abarkell@co.owyhee.id.us

Letters received by the comment deadline will be submitted to the State Broadband Advisory Board for consideration.

Each letter should include your name and address and description of your current internet service along with download speeds. Residents can conduct a download speed test at www.speedtest.net.



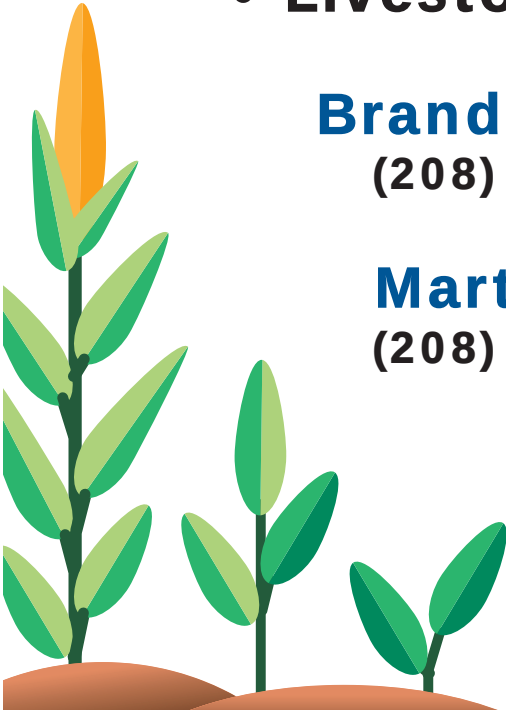
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High School Commencement 2023



Rimrock High School's Class of 2023 graduates throw their caps into the air at the end of Saturday's commencement ceremony in Bruneau. Photo by Jonathan Waterlander



First-year Adrian School District superintendent Nick Ketterling reflects on his time as Marsing's secondary school principal during his keynote speech at Friday's commencement inside the new Marsing High School gymnasium.



Honor graduates Kambell Garrett, Elizabeth (Lizzy) Egusquiza, Olivia Smith show their joy of finally getting their diplomas as more classmates' names are called at the podium. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography



Homedale High School English and History teacher Ed Lee, Thursday's guest speaker, motions toward the sugar beet dump when talking about why football coach Matt Holtry likes where the stadium is located in relation to the aroma. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography



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Sunday: Adrian High School

Adrian High School senior Morgyn Babcock receives her diploma from board chair Eddy Kinkade (left) as superintendent Nick Ketterling looks on Sunday's ceremony. Submitted photo

Five Owyhee seniors earn Integra scholarships

Integra DeLamar has announced recipients for the fourth annual Integra Resources Scholarship.

Five high school seniors from Owyhee County have been named winners of the \$500 scholarship which is to be used in their continued education during the 2023-24 school year at an accredited college, university, trade, or technical school.

This year, Integra awarded scholarship to three seniors from Homedale High School and two from Marsing.

“The Integra Resources Scholarship focuses on more than just academic achievement. We look for students who demonstrate an alignment with our core values: integrity care, and innovation, as well as a strong commitment to giving back to their communities,” Integra DeLamar external affairs manager Emily Hendrickson said.

“This year’s scholarship recipients exemplify these values, and we look forward to seeing how they utilize their education to better their communities in the future.”

Hendrickson awarded schol-



Integra DeLamar external affairs manager Emily Hendrickson (left) presents Homedale High School seniors Sigmund Goode (second from left) and Anna Pawlak with their scholarships during a May 17 awards assembly as HHS principal Matt Holtry stands with the students.

arships to Homedale seniors Sigmund Goode, Cindy Gonzales and Anna Pawlak during last week’s year-end awards assembly.

Marsing seniors Abby Percifield and Anna Gluch also received scholarships.

• **Sigmund Goode** — A first-generation college student, Goode will attend University of Idaho to study agriculture economics and accounting. His

goal is to become a certified public accountant and open his own business.

• **Cindy Gonzales** — Gonzales plans to study business at the College of Western Idaho then transfer to a four-year school to earn her bachelor’s degree. The daughter of immigrant parents, Gonzales wants to become a financial advisor to help families, like her own, achieve a better financial future.

• **Anna Pawlak** — Pawlak is heading to the U of I to study crop science and sustainable food systems. Her goal is to one day help her community’s farmers produce their crops more efficiently and sustainably.

• **Abby Percifield** — Percifield will be attend two post-secondary institutions, the Premier Aesthetics Institution and Boise State University. Percifield currently works

three jobs, including owning her own eyelash extension business. Her goal is to get her aesthetics certificate to continue operating her business and to help fund her studies at BSU, where she plans to major in radiology with an emphasis in obstetrics sonography.

• **Anna Gluch** — Gluch loves helping others, so she will attend Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston to study nursing. She hopes to combine the skills she will gain through her education with her proven passion for helping her community.

Integra Resources, owner of the DeLamar Project, established the Integra Resources Scholarship in 2020 to help contribute to the sustainable development of our local communities and beyond. The annual scholarship is offered to graduating high school students from Jordan Valley, Homedale, and Marsing High Schools. Recipients are chosen based on their academic accomplishments, community service, references, personal essay, motivational fit, and financial need.



Bailey Purdom (left) accepts the Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 academic scholarship from Worshipful Master George Decker during the May 17 awards ceremony. Julie Page, a Parma High School senior, received the Homedale-based Masons’ scholarship for post-secondary vocational-technical education. Each scholarship was for \$1,500.



Gavin Parker from Parker Advisors presents Homedale High School sophomores and juniors with \$500 scholarships during the May 17 awards ceremony. The contest is essay-based and is part of the company’s interaction with the school. Parker Advisors staff also conducted financial literacy courses at the high school in May. **From left:** Parker, Addison Brixey, Brock Johnson, Katie DeVice, Lilly Trescott, and HHS teacher David Correa

Homedale High School scholarship recipients

- Frank Matteson Memorial Scholarship — Rylan Binford
- Bryan Tolmie Memorial Scholarship — Rylan Binford and Sigmund Goode
- Carol Lopez Memorial Scholarship — Sydney Davis
- Deward and Leah Bell Memorial Scholarship — Bailey Purdom
- Homedale Lions Club Scholarship — Rylan Love, Lizzy Egusquiza, Jacy Parker, Omar Rios, Rylan Binford, Sydney Davis, and Katie Christoffersen
- Silver City Masonic Lodge

- Scholarship — Bailey Purdom
- Conner Landa FFAAg. Scholarship — Trenton Fisher
- Conner Landa Athletic Scholarship — Jacy Parker
- Mary Jo Pottenger Memorial Scholarship — Bailey Purdom
- Robert & Elaine Batt Vo-Tech Scholarship — Erikka Mercado, Rylan Binford, and Sydney Davis
- Rosandick Family Scholarship — Bailey Purdom
- Nolan Taggart Memorial Scholarship — Sydney Davis



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Assessor's daughter
medals at state track

Avalanche Sports

In June 7 edition

More all-conference
spring selections

Adrian's sprinting siblings bring home seven state titles

Boys win 1A crown,
girls finish second

Hopefully when the bus left Adrian last Wednesday, the high school track and field team had a big trailer in tow.

The Antelopes had 1A Oregon state championship meet for the ages on the big stage in Eugene, Ore., on Thursday and Friday.

Competing at Hayward Field on the University of Oregon campus — which has become something of a home away

from home — Adrian won the boys' state championship and came within just three points of tying Damascus Christian for the girls' championship.

Air Force Academy-bound senior Jace Martin flew to a pair of boys' state meet records to win titles in the 100-,

200-, and 400-meter sprints.

He grabbed the top seed in the 100 final with a record-shattering 10.6-second run in the preliminary. The senior also held the previous state meet

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A long road back

State PR latest chapter in HHS runner's comeback story



You can call it a comeback, but Bobby Christensen isn't quite done.

The distance runner who is used to long roads wrapped up his junior year with a career day at the 3A track and field state championship meet in Middleton on May 19.

Finally feeling somewhat healed 18 months after a car crash shattered his left leg, and 14 months after he could finally walk again, the Homedale High School athlete ran to a personal-best time and an 11th-place showing.

"I was a little bit concerned because it was a really hot day and not too many people were competing well," the 17-year-old son of Bobby and Edene Christensen said. "I just told myself, 'Well, alright, this will be the last race of the season,' so I decided to just go out there and go as hard as I can and see what will come of it."

Running his fastest 1,600 meters since his freshman season, Christensen finished in 4 minutes, 49.56 seconds 512 days after a head-on collision on U.S. Highway 95 destroyed his 1999 Nissan Maxima and derailed his athletic plans.

"It was almost like disbelief," Christensen said of finally breaking his personal record. "For so many years, I was saying that my mile time was 4:52, and I guess part of me never thought I would do something to change that."

"It's kind of weird that, like, 'Oh, dang! I have a whole new mile time.' It was really good to see that I'm really getting faster."

Christensen said he wasn't



Bobby Christensen competed his improbable junior season with a personal record time in the 1,600 meters at the 3A state meet. Photo by Joseph Larsen

too confident he could attain a PR given the track and weather conditions.

But about halfway through the race, he said, "Why not?"

"We're going to give this everything I've got," he said.

That could be a mantra on the bedroom wall in his Fruitland home. Christensen attends Homedale through the open-enrollment policy, and that long commute home along U.S. 95 five days a

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11th-grade nucleus dominates All-3A SRV

Homedale High School's 1-2 softball pitching punch topped the all-conference roll again.

This time, it was Dani Sitts' turn in the 3A Snake River Valley conference player of the year slot, while fellow junior Olivia Asumendi was chosen as first-team pitcher by the conference's coaches.

The Trojans had fewer first-team selections as Weiser and Payette cranked up its talent pools in 2023.

Other HHS first-teamers:

- Zayne Hall, jr., first base
- Olivia Miller, sr., third base
- Katie Christoffersen, sr., outfield

No Trojans were placed on the second team, but there were a couple honorable mention selections for coach Larry Corta's squad:

- Lilly Trescott, so., catcher
- Arlett Quezada, jr., outfield



Olivia Asumendi (left) and Dani Sitts. Submitted photo

Sports

Track coach Dygert leads Rimrock honors

Amanda Dygert has been named the 1A Western Idaho Conference girls' track and field coach of the year, highlighting Rimrock High School postseason spring sports honors.

The All-1A WIC baseball team also was released, and the Raiders landed a few spots:

- **Kas Bachman**, a freshman, was tabbed as a first-team outfielder.
- **Ronaldo Gomez**, a sophomore pitcher, was named to the second team.
- **Eli Aquiso** and fellow senior **Jack Meyers** were second-team infielders.
- **Rocky Aquiso** received an honorable mention to close his sophomore season.



Kenzie Tuttle JV's Tuttle takes third in Oregon girls' discus

Kenzie Tuttle was a lone wolf at the 1A Oregon track and field state championship meet, but she stood out nonetheless.

The Jordan Valley High School sophomore, daughter of Owyhee County Assessor Tiffany Nettleton, collected a bronze medal with a personal-best effort during the state meet at Hayward Field on the University of Oregon campus in Eugene.

Tuttle flung the discus 32.02 meters for third place.

HHS boys' basketball presents youth camp

The 2023 Homedale High School boys' basketball youth camp takes place next week.

The camp will run from 10 a.m., to noon each day between Monday and Thursday, June 8 inside the HHS gymnasium.

Children entering the fifth through eighth grades in the fall are invited to the camp, which has a \$50 fee. A camp T-shirt is provided.

Registration and payment can be accomplished at the elementary school or middle school office today or Thursday.

The players and coaches that locked up the 2023 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament consolation championship will conduct the camp.

Fundamentals such as dribbling, passing, shooting and defensive skills will be built through drills and reinforced with small-sided scrimmages and camp contests.

For more information, contact HHS head coach Cam Long at clong@homedaleschools.org.

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✓ Adrian: Air Force-bound Jace Martin soars to 1A state meet records

mark at 10.99 set last season.

He pulled back on the throttle in the championship dash, but the 10.95 would have broken his previous best anyway.

Martin also set the state meet record in the 400 preliminaries, finishing in 49.8 for the top seed in the final. He won a gold medal at a 50.94 clip.

Martin and fellow senior teammate Jesse Walker ruled the 200 preliminaries, finishing first and second, respectively.

In the final, Martin ran to the crown in 22.02, and Walker finished fifth at 23.6.

Walker also made the championship heats in the 100 (11.76) and the 400 (53.72), finishing seventh in both.

Martin turned out to be a four-event state champion in his final high school meet. He joined forces with Walker, fellow senior Carter Bayes, and freshman Chase Franklin to win the 4x400 title in 3 minutes, 32.25 seconds.

Addy Martin fueled the girls' runner-up showing with her own sprint showcase.

The sophomore swept to three gold medals in the 100 (12.73), the 200 (26.13) and the 400 (59.53, a personal record).

Martin had a running mate in the finals, too. Adrian freshman Kiara Rios PR'd in the 400 (fourth, 1:02.16) and the 100 (eighth, 13.3).

Junior Presley Speelmon collected two distance race championships, winning the 800 meters in a personal-best 2:23.71, and capturing the 1,500 in 5:07.71.

Martin, Rios, Speelmon and junior Evalyn Nunez were runners-up at 4:15.7 in the 4x400 relay final.

Back in the boys' meet, sophomore Colten Bayes won a silver medal in the triple jump with a season-best effort of 12.79 meters, while ninth-grader Silvestre Rico was eighth at 12.3 meters. Rico finished 10th in the long jump at 5.64 meters.

✓ Road: Coach's son fights depression, disappointment to PR at 3A State

week for nine months out of the year was the only reason he was on the highway near the Parma Motor-Vu on Dec. 23, 2021.

A car swerved and hit Christensen's vehicle nearly head-on at highway speed, which is 65 mph in that stretch.

The impact left the Maxima shattered in the middle of the highway.

The impact also smashed the tibia, fibula, kneecap and femur in Christensen's left leg. His hip, also broken, was dislocated. He had bruised internal organs.

He was trapped inside the wreckage for more than an hour. He didn't walk again for another four months.

Two days after the crash — Christmas Day — surgeons placed a rod in his shin to stabilize the bones in his lower leg. A plate was screwed on to his hip.

After four months, he began walking. It was late March. Track season was back.

But there was no way the sophomore could run 1,600 meters (in which he had attained a 4:52 as a freshman) let alone a 3,200 (11 minutes flat as a ninth-grader).

"I stayed involved with track," Christensen said. "I tried throwing. The thing that's unique with bone damage and unlike tendons is it does fine with twisting, but it can't handle the pressure (constant pounding of running)."

So throwing it was for his sophomore season because his right leg (undamaged in the accident) was his push-off leg.

"It was nothing super-impressive, but I just stayed involved with track."

Christensen was ready to run again in August when the cross country season rolled around, but his hip had other ideas.

After one meet, he went under the knife again — this time to remove bone spurs in his hip.

He was on crutches for a month. He didn't run again until January.

"I wanted to train before the season started because I had high hopes for the season because it seemed I was getting some good times," Christensen said of his early track workouts.

"I started faster this season than my freshman year. That was pretty cool, and it gave me some confidence."

But he was still dealing with a bum leg. He said early in the season he felt like he was dragging the leg rather moving with a fluid gait. He points out that a kinesiologist told him that 21 muscles have to fire to move the leg, and none of them were doing their job.

Midway through this season, issues with his right leg (he says he was over-compensating) sidelined him for two weeks.

"It was super-hard to say motivated because progress was a lot slower than I was used to," he said.

Still, he pushed onward.

Late in the season, he set a goal to get a new 1,600 PR at the Pilgrim Invitational. That didn't happen, and he admits he was bummed. But he made a decision not to stay down.

"There were a lot of times I could just give up and not care about it as much as I can," he said. "At the end of the day, I realized I really care about running, and that's who I am."

"Throughout the year, I really didn't give up on something because that's not who I am."

Besides, giving up would have been difficult because of the support he received from his teammates. Likewise, Christensen began to realize that he was a source of inspiration as the athletes pushed through a frustrating season of having a new running surface not quite ready for prime time. The team traveled daily up U.S. 95 to Parma — the same route Christensen was on when his accident occurred.

"My goal was to be an inspiration to my teammates," Christensen said. "It has been a really dark season without a track."

Christensen said a lack of practice facilities for push-offs or hand-offs and the travel to Parma led to some athletes leaving the team.

"It's kind of been my least-favorite season of track," he said. "But I thought if I got out there and did great, maybe it would motivate my teammates."

He stays motivated, too, looking to running the 800, 1,600 and 3,200 next spring. At some point he and friend Brock Johnson will start road work again.

Therefore, it's a good bet that his fastest 1,600 meters since the 3A District III championship meet in 2021 and what some observers may see as an improbable comeback from a would-be tragedy probably isn't the last you'll hear from Christensen.

"And when I was finished (at the state meet), I said I really felt like I had a lot more in me," he said. "I have a lot more for my senior year."

— JPB

Commentary

Dorothy Moon,
Idaho GOP chairwoman



Property rights

SCOTUS steps up for producers, landowners

In a groundbreaking decision, the United States Supreme Court handed down a monumental victory for property rights with its ruling in the case of *Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)* on Thursday. The ruling, which has far-reaching implications for property owners in Idaho and across the nation, represents a significant victory for landowners, reaffirming their rights and providing essential clarity on the scope of federal regulatory authority.

The Sacketts, a couple from Priest Lake, Idaho, purchased their land in 2004, and began construction on their home in 2007. They found themselves in a frustrating predicament when in 2007 the EPA issued a compliance order, alleging that their property contained wetlands and thus fell under the purview of the Clean Water Act.

The agency claimed that the Sacketts had violated federal law by commencing construction on their lot without obtaining the necessary permits. This order effectively prevented the Sacketts from using their own land for more than 15 years and left them with

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Letter to the editor

Coordinator: Help and sponsors make sr. citizens prom successful

Our first Senior Citizens Prom was a success. We had around 30 people show up.

I would like to say thank you to the following people for making this all happen:

- Albertsons for donating a gift card
 - Owyhee Health and Rehab for purchasing our decorations
 - Autumn Gold Senior Apartments for the two veggie trays
 - Kelsee Gabel for allowing me to use her lights for photos
 - Katelyn Dudley for the cake
 - Jay Fromlath and the Backwoods Ramblers for providing the music
 - Anthony Gonzales Jr. for doing the Prom photos and shooting videos
 - My neighbors, friends and family for helping me decorate and clean up
 - Marie and Marty for bringing deviled eggs
 - The Idaho Pizza Co., for helping me find the best deal
 - Helene Welch for bringing homemade whipped cream and strawberries
- Melissa Sorlien
Homedale Senior Center coordinator

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 Seeking solutions to reduce prescription costs for Idahoans

Some of the most life-saving medications remain out of reach for far too many working families and seniors. We must empower consumers, plans, providers and pharmacies to make informed, cost-effective and clinically appropriate decisions. As Senate Finance Committee Ranking Member, I joined Committee Chair Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) last month in releasing a bipartisan framework for legislative solutions to modernize and enhance federal prescription drug programs, with the goal of reducing drug costs for patients and taxpayers.

Medicare and Medicaid are not living up to their potential of delivering affordable prescription drugs. In large part, this is because of the complex and murky arrangements between pharmaceutical manufacturers, health insurance plans and pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) that have evolved within this system. Federal policy has not kept pace. Simply put, we must shed light on these practices so Idahoans and all consumers can make more informed decisions about their prescription spending and these programs can operate more efficiently for patients and taxpayers.

The problems

The legislative framework I worked with Chairman Wyden to develop outlines four key challenges

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo

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Commentary

Financial management

Don't let inner drama queen exaggerate market losses

Dear Dave,

I'm 61, and I hope to be able to retire soon, but I'm watching my retirement savings completely eroding away day after day. The only place I'm not losing money is \$180,000 I have sitting in the bank earning almost zero interest. What should I do?

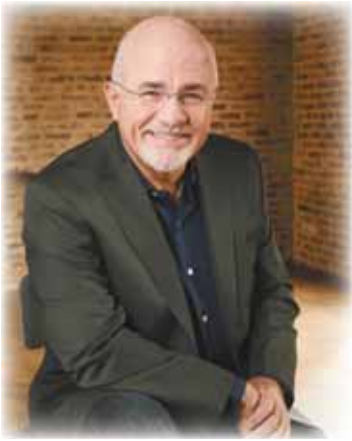
— Jesse

Dear Jesse,

Come on, man. "Completely eroding away day after day"? That's a little dramatic. One of the things you have to understand — and coming to grips with it has helped me since I began doing research on things

like this 30 years ago — is we all have a drama queen living in our brain that exaggerates things — especially when it comes to investing. So, take a deep breath and calm down. Everything's going to be OK.

Studies have shown us it takes \$3 of gain in an investment to emotionally offset \$1 of loss. Our brains record negative things at a much greater rate than they do positive things, and it takes a lot of emotion to recover from that. Your investments may be down a little. If you've got \$1 million in there, it may be worth \$900,000 right now. Next year, it's liable to bounce up to \$1.1



million. In other words, your entire retirement savings is not "eroding away."

Have you ever heard people say they lost all their money in the stock market? Well, that's mathematically impossible, unless you put all your money into one company, and that company completely closed and was worth zero. Remember Enron? What most people really mean when they say that is they lost a bunch of money because they freaked out and went into hyper-drama mode then pulled all their money out while the market was down.

Jesse, did you know that in the past 20 years, every down year in the stock market was followed by two years of record gains? Facts and mathematics

are your two best friends when it comes to telling your inner drama queen, "Shut up, we're going to continue to invest!"

— Dave

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

✓ Prescription: Middlemen compensation keeps drug prices too high

From Page 14

currently facing federal prescription drug programs, including:

- 1. Misaligned incentives that drive up prices and costs** — The current system incentivizes higher drug prices resulting in higher costs for consumers. For example, higher drug list prices often result in higher compensation for intermediaries, and PBMs are paid these price-based fees both by health plans and the manufacturers with which they negotiate.
- 2. Insufficient transparency that distorts the market** — Policymakers and researchers lack an adequate view of this pricing network. But, even more importantly, Americans need clear information for making prescription drug and health coverage decisions.
- 3. Hurdles to pharmacy access** — Many independent and regional pharmacies, which are a key part of care in communities across our country, have struggled and been forced to shut their doors leading to gaps for patients.
- 4. Behind-the scenes practices that impede competition and increase costs** — Reports have identified a range of practices that appear to drive up

out-of-pocket costs for seniors that ultimately increase taxpayer spending. This includes overpayment for certain generic prescriptions that should have more competitive pricing for seniors and the Medicare program.

The start of the solutions

The legislative framework we put forward identifies potential policy solutions that will address these challenges, including:

- Delinking PBM compensation from drug prices to align incentives for lower costs;
- Enhancing PBM accountability to health plan clients to drive cost-cutting competition and produce better choices for beneficiaries;
- Ensuring discounts negotiated by PBMs produce meaningful savings for seniors;
- Addressing and mitigating practices that unfairly inflate the prices patients and government programs pay for prescription drugs;
- Modernizing Medicare's "Any Willing Pharmacy" requirements to improve options and access for seniors; and
- Increasing transparency to foster a better

understanding of how financial flows across the prescription drug supply chain impact government health care programs.

In weighing and developing policy solutions, my priority is always the patient. A few major points regularly raised by Idahoans — transparency, incentives and out-of-pocket costs — drive my efforts to enact solutions. We need to identify avenues for lowering out-of-pocket costs, increasing competition and promoting access to life-saving innovation — and we need to do so in a fiscally responsible manner. Throughout this process of further refining these and other solutions, I am pressing for policies that make life-saving prescriptions more affordable, and pressing back against policies that add complication and expense without benefitting Idahoans.

— 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.

✓ SCOTUS: Ranchers had eyes on Sackett because of WOTUS redux

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no recourse but to comply or face severe penalties. Last week, the Supreme Court rendered a unanimous decision in favor of the Sacketts, with all nine justices agreeing that the wetlands on the Sacketts' property are not covered by the Clean Water Act, and that the CWA applies only to wetlands that are "as a practical matter indistinguishable from the waters of the United States" and that the wetlands on the Sacketts' land "are distinguishable from any possibly covered waters". This ruling is a significant victory. Justice Clarence Thomas stated that this decision "curbs a serious expansion of federal authority that has simultaneously degraded States' authority and diverted the Federal Government from its important role as a guarantor of the Nation's great commercial water highways into something resembling a 'local zoning board.'"

In Idaho, where the preservation of private property rights are highly cherished, the Supreme Court's ruling carries exceptional significance. The state's vast landscapes and natural resources make it particularly vulnerable to overreach by federal agencies in environmental regulation. The Sackett decision reinforces the principle that landowners in Idaho have a right to maintain control over their properties and ensures the balance between responsible environmental stewardship and individual liberties. In a statement, Pacific Legal Foundation, the firm representing the Sacketts, stated that "Courts now have a clear measuring stick for fairness and consistency by federal regulators. Today's ruling is a profound win for property rights and the constitutional separation of powers." The significance of this ruling impacts property

rights throughout the country, reaching beyond the boundaries of Idaho. It serves as a powerful precedent, establishing a clear standard for federal jurisdiction, ensuring that property owners in every state are protected from excessive regulatory control. The decision strengthens the rights of individuals and is a resounding affirmation of property rights and a crucial check on the power of federal government agencies. It serves as a beacon of hope for property owners across the nation, fostering a system in which private property is respected and protected from undue government interference. As the chairwoman of the Idaho Republican Party, I would like to sincerely thank our Idaho Attorney General Raúl Labrador, and the 25 other state AG's across the nation for their leadership on this critical issue. This victory is yet another example of Idahoans leading the way.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

June 3, 1998



Marsing seniors Sarah Ineck and Rachael McIntire celebrate the end of their high school days.



Homedale seniors Traci Johnson and Brianne Asumendi perform a special musical number.

County students receive UI scholarships

The following is a list of Owyhee County high school students who are receiving scholarships to attend the University of Idaho in Moscow.

From Bruneau, Brandon J. Medrano: Electrical Engineering Department; from Homedale, Dustin V. Batt: College of Business and Economics; Tasha M. Grammer: George and Mabel Falk, Animal Science, Idaho Academic Scholarship, Presidential; Brent J. Huddleston: Florence Summers Hollada Scholarship; Jacqueline Y. Itano: Idaho Academic Scholarship, Presidential; Gavin S. Parker, Presidential; Kenneth D. Thomas: General Studies - UI, Presidential; Camille C. Uranga.

From Marsing, Rachael J. McIntire: General Studies - UI; Jonathan F. Millett: John M. Bieber, Presidential; Michelle Millet: Idaho Academic Scholarship, Presidential; Douglas J. Vincent: Idaho Academic Scholarship, Presidential.

Business owners: Town should share cost

A majority of Homedale’s business owners would be willing to support the city’s downtown revitalization effort on one condition: that everyone in town share in the project’s cost.

At a meeting of the Homedale City Council last week, about 40 members of Homedale’s business community listened to a representative of the engineering firm Keller Associates describe the scope and costs of the \$1.5 million project.

Much of the funding would come from a \$500,000 grant from the Idaho Transportation Department and a \$500,000 HUD—ICDBG economic revitalization grant available from the state Department of Commerce.

In addition, the city is negotiating for an additional \$100,000 from the transportation department. But the rest of the funds would have to be raised locally.

A local improvement district tax in the amount of \$377,000 would be required to complete the project.

50 years ago

May 31, 1973



THE OWYHEE CHRONICLE was a typical old time weekly newspaper shop 35 years ago when this picture was taken. Mrs. Grace Colley, center, was publisher, assisted by her daughter, Maibelle, seated at linotype on left, and son Kenneth Colley, a college student. At right is Claude Townsend, who gained his first printing experience at The Chronicle, which was housed in the Daws building on Owyhee Avenue, since torn down to make way for Flahiff Chapel.

Owyhee Historical Society event benefits museum

Murphy will be the scene of many events scheduled for Sunday, June 3. The Owyhee County Historical Society will host the public, serving both food and entertainment on its annual Outpost Day. A full course dinner will be served from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Adults \$3, children \$1.50.

Free entertainment will include the arrival of Mike Hanley’s historic four-horse stagecoach carrying mail from Jordan Valley, Oregon. The American Indian League, an organization of Indian inmates of the Idaho State Penitentiary, under the supervision of L.D. Smith, Counselor, will perform traditional Indian dances in full regalia.

Jackpot team roping is scheduled at John Wright’s rodeo corral. Dave Dorsey will show color slides and describe his many wonderful scenes taken in Owyhee County. Dan Heidel will have a one-man show of black and white photos of local views. Exhibits will be in both museum buildings featuring Al Perry’s collection of Indian artifacts and his lecture. The “country store” will offer antiques, handcrafts and home-cooked goodies for sale. Dinner, supervised by George L. Crookham, will be served by society members from noon to 3 o’clock in Pedracini Hall.

All profits will be used for museum exhibits, landscaping and improvements, according to Paul B. Evans, Outpost Day general chairman.

Container explosion rocks Homedale business area

The West Homedale business district was rocked by an explosion Sunday evening, when a gas cylinder stored in a building at the back of the South Board of Control equipment lot exploded.

The explosion occurred near the corner of Wyoming Avenue and South 2nd Street West, about a block from Boise Cascade Building Center on Idaho Avenue. Buildings in the area were shaken, including Two Boys store, which was open. A plate glass window in the Homedale Supply was broken.

Pieces of sheet metal and containers were blown high in the air, some landing as far away as the alley back of the Homedale Supply, nearly two blocks away.

155 years ago

May 30, 1868

ROAD ENTERPRISES.—As our mines become more fully developed a corresponding degree of confidence in their richness becomes seated, and this confidence leads to the projecting of important local enterprises. It is a matter of pride and encouragement to all hands interested in Idaho to know that our local capitalists are taking hold of public enterprises with the purpose of putting them through on their own means. No other steps could so readily and unmistakably enlist the aid of outsiders.

These preliminary remarks are suggested by the project of “The Idaho Central Road Company” — the advertisements of their purposes appear in the AVALANCHE. The incorporators are Thos. Cole, Jr., W. D. Walbridge, and H. L. Preston. These men bring to the enterprise ample energy and cash. They possess the foresight to secure valuable privileges, and are posted as to what the merits and needs of the Territory will warrant. They intend to make an accurate survey as early as it can be done. The road and branches projected by this Company are designed to be the shortest practicable from the Central Pacific Railroad to the Owyhee and South Boise Mines and Boise City. The natural formation of the country shows that it must ever be a commanding thoroughfare — no matter how soon all projected railways may be constructed. The Company who have the work in hand will make the best possible road and keep it such. It is their intention to put their own money into it and make it a stock paying property. The main line and branches will pass through much valuable agricultural and more choice grazing lands, and the richest quartz-mining sections of the world. Prominent men of means who fully understand the value of the enterprise and reside in Idaho intend to seek stock in the Company. Inasmuch as definite surveys are not made, we cannot more accurately describe the proposed line of road than can be seen in the Company’s advertisements in the AVALANCHE.

THE LINCOLN MILL.—R. H. Leonard, formerly of the Owyhee mill, is now chief amalgamator and Superintendent of machinery, &c., at the Lincoln mill which J. M. Wilson is now running on Ida Elmore ore. Mr. Leonard has caused the entire machinery to be overhauled, cleaned and repaired where necessary. The mill now has an inviting interior to visitors. The battery-frame, tubs and other articles inside are painted blue and present a very tidy appearance. The battery is composed of twenty stamps, only ten of which are in operation, there being pan capacity for no more on account of the richness of the ore that is being worked. As has been built with a pan for each stamp, which those who contemplate building more mills should observe. When the first quartz mills were built here our mines were but little prospected and people were ignorant of the immense richness thereof; consequently the relative number of stamps and pans used in other mining countries was adopted — two stamps to one pan — and as a consequence not more than half the stamps in our principal mills have been in operation while every pan has been kept at work.

R. H. Leonard, or as the boys call him, “Bob,” lives with his household goods in a neat little cottage near the Lincoln mill. He has an eye to everything about, is a jolly, genial fellow and is well liked by all the men in his employ. Before taking charge of the Lincoln he occupied the same position under Mr. Walbridge at the Owyhee mill and we have yet to hear of the first word of complaint against him, a rare exception to the men in this country.

Public notices

NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE Case No. CV37-23-00042 Sheriff Case No. 2023-00017

Under and by virtue of a Writ of Execution on Judgment of Foreclosure issued on April 11, 2023, and an Order of Sale of Foreclosure issued on April 7, 2023, out of the District Court of the Third Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Owyhee in the case of:

AMERICAN ADVISORS GROUP,
Plaintiff,
v.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF HOLLY R. WADE; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AND DOES 1 THROUGH 20, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 15th day of June, 2023, at 10:00 o’clock am of said day, at Owyhee County Courthouse Front entrance, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, I am commanded and required to proceed to notice for sale to sell at public auction the real property described in said Order for Sale of Foreclosure and Writ of Execution and to apply the proceeds of such sale to the satisfaction of said Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure with interest thereon and my fees and costs, all payable at time of sale to the highest bidder, for the following described property, situated in Owyhee County, Idaho:

9446 Wright Rd, Melba, ID 83641 and legally described as follows:

LOT 6 OF JAKUBOWSKI SUBDIVISION IN GOVERNMENT LOTS 4 AND 5, SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY RECORDER AS INSTRUMENT NO. 181411.

The sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession, or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation of

Defendants pursuant to the Judgment entered in this matter, and recorded in the official records of Owyhee County.

The real property sold at the sale shall be subject to the redemption rights of redemptioners, as that term is defined in Idaho Code Section 11-402, may redeem the property from the purchaser within six months after the sale, upon paying the purchaser the amount of their purchase, with interest on that amount at the rate allowed by Idaho Code from the date of the sale to the date of redemption, together with the amount of any assessment or taxes which the purchaser may have paid after the commencement of the action and which are not included in the judgment and interest allowed pursuant to Idaho Code Section.

In the event the purchaser is a creditor having a prior lien to that of the redemptioners, other than the judgment under which the purchase is made, the purchaser will also be entitled to payment of that lien amount with interest at the rate allowed in Idaho Code Section 18-22-104(1).

The Sheriff, by Certificate of Sale, will transfer all right, title and interest of the judgment debtors in and to the property at the time of execution of attachment was levied.

DATED this 28 day of April, 2023.

DEPUTY SHERIFF OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

By: Luisa Jaca Civil Deputy
NOTE: THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE DOES NOT GUARANTEE CLEAR TITLE OR GUARANTEE CONTINUED POSSESSORY RIGHTS.

EVERY PERSON WHO INTENTIONALLY DEFACES, OBLITERATES, TEARS DOWN OR DESTROYS THIS NOTICE, BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF THE TIME FOR WHICH IT IS TO REMAIN SET UP, IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR (I.C. ‘ 18-3205).

05/24,31;06/07/2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ANNEXATION AND ZONING RKA LLC – HWY 55 STORAGE PROPOSED

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDING ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS IN REGARD TO MULTIPLE DWELLINGS WITH 3-4 UNITS CITY OF MARSING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at the hour of 7:00 o’clock p.m., at 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing, Idaho, the City of Marsing will hold a public hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments regarding the proposed amending zoning district regulations in regards to multiple dwellings with 3-4 units

LAND USE

	DISTRICT				
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Dwellings, multiple with 3-4 units and townhouses	S		P-S		

This time and place are when and where the City Council will consider and hear all comments thereto which may also be made in writing and filed with the City Clerk on or before said time.

All persons desiring to be heard should appear at this hearing. Written testimony may be sent to Marsing City Hall, PO BOX 125, Marsing, Idaho, 83639. Written testimony must be received no later than June 9, 2023 by 5:00 pm.
05/31,06/07/2023

ANNEXATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Marsing City Council will hold a public hearing at Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing, Idaho 83639 on June 14th, 2023 at 7 pm on zoning classification for an annexation of approximately 2.82 acres. Zoning requested is Commercial.

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

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

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

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

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

North 0°32’ West 248.92 feet; thence

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

South 0°32’ East 248.92 feet (in error of record shown as

South 0°32’ West); thence

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

AND

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parcel II:
A part of the Southwest Quarter

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All records pertaining to this annexation request is available for inspection at Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. All persons desiring to be heard regarding this matter should appear at this hearing. Written testimony may be sent to Marsing City Hall, PO BOX 125, Marsing, Idaho, 83639. Written testimony must be received no later than JUNE 17, 2023 by 4:00 pm.

Dated this May 10, 2023.
05/31;06/07/2023

SUMMARY STATEMENT 2023 - 2024 SCHOOL BUDGET

ALL FUNDS

School District: Pleasant Valley School District

	GENERAL M & O FUND				ALL OTHER FUNDS			
	Prior Year Actual 2020-2021	Prior Year Actual 2021-2022	Prior Year Actual/Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024	Prior Year Actual 2020-2021	Prior Year Actual 2021-2022	Prior Year Actual/Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
REVENUES								
Beginning Balances	277590	268586	214344	206029	47389	41732	46521	58835
Local Tax Revenue	11688	12370	15886	11737				
Other Local	9515				4405	4400	4800	4800
County Revenue								
State Revenue	189962	203745	231585	308507	14106	7156	656	10958
Federal Revenue	36892	1196			22221	29000	71844	20357
Other Sources								
Totals	\$525,647.00	\$485,897.00	\$461,815.00	\$526,273.00	\$88,121.00	\$82,288.00	\$123,821.00	\$94,950.00
EXPENDITURES	Prior Year Actual 2020-2021	Proposed Budget 2021-2022	Proposed Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024	Prior Year Actual/Budget 2020-2021	Proposed Budget 2021-2022	Proposed Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024
Salaries	84043	98440	93443	138664	11685	16640	16640	16640
Benefits	20962	25470	33197	55508	12570	11627	15760	15760
Purchased Services	88857	118537	122082	93254	9214	9000	15500	15500
Supplies & Materials	8586	9569	11550	8050	822	4000	4000	4000
Capital Outlay	1422			3600	36060	2000	2000	2000
Debt Retirement								
Insurance & Judgments	15566	8451	6600	8000				
Transfers (net)	37625	11086	-11086		-23962	-7500	11086	
Contingency Reserve								
Unappropriated Balances	268,586.00	214,344.00	206,029.00	219,197.00	41,732.00	46,521.00	58,835.00	41,050.00
Totals	\$525,647.00	\$485,897.00	\$461,815.00	\$526,273.00	\$88,121.00	\$82,288.00	\$123,821.00	\$94,950.00

A copy of the School District Budget is available for public inspection at the District's Administrative or Clerk's Office.

05/24,31/2023

Sports

Marsing middle-schoolers medal in 2A meet

Marsing Middle School athletes snagged medals during the 2A Western Idaho Conference championship meet on May 3 in Vale, Ore.

Eighth-grader Emanuel Bedolla Lemus won the boys' discus conference championship with a 117-foot, 2-inch effort.

The Huskies' sprint medley relay team captured a runner-up spot in 2:02.57. The group includes Ian Gibson, Alec Ecklund, Joseph Mark, and Damien Leon. The medley team covered 800 meters total.

Antonio Serrato was third in the boys' shot put at 37-5.



Marsing Middle School's sprint medley relay team, from left, Ian Gibson, Alec Ecklund, Joseph Mark, and Damien Leon. Submitted photos



Emanuel Bedolla Lemus



Antonio Serrato

Public notices

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

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CANYON
Case No. CV14-23-01186
NAFCO, INC., an Idaho corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
BRADY FAIRCLOTH, an individual, Defendant.
TO: BRADY FAIRCLOTH
You have been sued by Plaintiff NAFCO, INC., in the District Court in and for Canyon County, Case No. CV14-23-01186.

The nature of the claim against you is for breach of contract and unjust enrichment. Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this Summons,

the Court may enter a Judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form including the case number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 1115 Albany St., Caldwell, Idaho (208-454-7572) and serve a copy of your response on the Plaintiff's attorney Abigail McCleery at NAFCO Inc., 3449 E Copper Point Dr, Ste 275 Meridian, Idaho 83642, Telephone: (541-335-4549)

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.

Date: 5/22/2023
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: /s/ Zachary Snively

Deputy Clerk
05/31;06/07,14,21/2023

Homedale receives school pathway grant

After seven years of trying, the City of Homedale will be able to move forward with a pathway from Sundance Park to Johnstone Road.

The pathway will allow Homedale Middle School students to travel to and from school without walking on Idaho highway 19 (West Idaho Avenue).

The Local Highway Technical Assistance Council awarded a Fiscal Year 2023 Children Pedestrian Safety Program grant to the city in mid-April.

The city's application ranked fifth out of 36 projects that were awarded funding, and Homedale received a \$250,000 grant.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said the balance of the \$337,702 project will be paid for with in-kind funding from the city, including the purchase of a hawk light from the City of Middleton.

That light, which has been in storage since the city bought it for about \$2,000, will be

placed across Johnstone Road to give children safe passage to the middle school campus.

During last week's Chamber of Commerce luncheon, Christoffersen said the effort is about seven years old. He said the city received letters of support from the school district, the Chamber and town businesses to add to the grant applications.

Last year, the city missed a grant by about four spots on the scoring chart.

The city must have the project halfway completed by October, and Christoffersen said LHTAC officials would like to see full completion by January. Construction extension will be available, though, he said.

"We have to put it out for bid," Christoffersen said. "We have to get contractors to bid on it to figure out the total cost of project."

"Hopefully with construction slowing down we can get a good deal."

— JPB

Homedale Chamber nixes June festival

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce's planned Snake River Festival, scheduled for next month, has been cancelled.

Chamber president Gavin Parker cited a lack of organizational participation and difficulty in securing vendors at a late date as reasons the plan for the festival at Riverside Park was scrapped.

The event was scheduled for Saturday, June 24 and would have included a classic car

show, cornhole tournament, live music, vendors and free swimming at the Homedale municipal pool.

During last week's monthly meeting in the Bowling Alley banquet room, Sheila Matteson reminded business leaders that the Alforex seed plant owned by Corteva Agriscience will close on June 30.

Matteson said that there has been some interest to purchase the plant and re-open it for local seed production

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.

Registration 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.



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