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The road surface crossing South Canal is eroding on the east side of Johnstone Road, which has been closed south of Homedale until a new culvert can be installed.

Johnstone north of tipping station temporarily closed

Agencies huddle on plan to replace culvert

Homedale citizens wanting to take the trash out will have to make adjustments to their disposal plan.

Owyhee County's Homedale tipping station was closed temporarily Monday. The county commission-

ers announced the decision in a Thursday press release.

The Homedale Highway District will launch a project to replace a culvert on Johnstone Road, which is the main access to the tipping station. There is no timeline on completion of the project, which Subdistrict 2 highway commissioner John Demshar and district director of highways Dan Herman discussed with county commissioners

during the Aug. 21 meeting in Murphy.

"There is other access for the tipping station, but it's a long ways around," Dist. 2 County Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said during the meeting.

Johnstone Road was already closed Thursday afternoon at the South Canal crossing about two miles south of

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Ranchers forwarded to governor in BOCC succession process

County GOP ranks Cindy Bachman No. 1

The state's rancher-in-chief will now choose between three ranchers to fill the District 3 spot on the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners.

Idaho Gov. Brad Little is expected to interview the three finalists then make an appointment — probably by the end of the week.

The Owyhee County Republican Party Central Committee selected a pool of

three nominees after interviews during a special meeting Aug. 21 inside Courtroom 1 at the county courthouse in Murphy.

The precinct people ranked their preferences on who should succeed Joe Merrick, the longtime commissioner and BOCC chair who died in the midst of his fifth term on Aug. 12:

1) Cindy Bachman of Bruneau, who is part of a ranching family

2) Ted Blackstock, who ranches outside Marsing

— See *BOCC*, page 8

Use fee, end to camping proposed at Jump Creek

BLM gives 30 days to comment on plan

The Bureau of Land Management has proposed charging a day-use fee to help improve Jump Creek Recreation Site southwest of Marsing.

The other change to the current program at Jump Creek would prohibit camping to and make the rec area exclusively a day-use site.

The federal agency is accepting public comment on the idea for 30 days.

The Jump Creek Recreation Site Business Plan proposes a day-use fee of \$5 per vehicle each day.

An annual pass would be available for \$25, and the fee would start no earlier than this summer and remain fixed at the inaugural rate for 10 years.

The BLM determined the fee schedule after a comparative cost review of similar public

and private facilities in surrounding counties.

Recreation at the site, home to a 60-foot waterfall, almost doubled during a six-year period, the BLM reported.

Jump Creek offers swimming at the base of the falls or hiking along the easy mile-long Jump Creek Falls Trail to the Falls Overlook to picnic near rock crevices and the meandering stream.

Fees would help the agency cover increased operational, maintenance and emergency response costs associated with increased use.

"These fees will enable BLM to improve services, add amenities desired by visitors and help offset costs incurred to administer the site, as well as for our partners at Owyhee County, who assist with enforcement patrols and search and rescue efforts," BLM Boise District manager Tanya Thrift said.

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State reports Owyhee WNV death

An Owyhee County resident has died from West Nile Virus complications, according to the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

The male over the age of 50 was one of five humans infected across the state thus far this year. He was the only person infected in Owyhee County.

The man was infected with the neuro-invasive form of the virus, according to state records.

West Nile Virus is transferred through mosquitoes. It can take three to 14 days for symptoms to appear.

According to the Centers of Disease Control, about 80 percent of people infected don't present with symptoms.

In other cases, symptoms can include: High

fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness, and paralysis.

No positive mosquito pools have been reported in Owyhee County, according to data found on the Health and Welfare website.

Ways to "Fight the Bite" and prevent mosquito infestation, according to the state health agency: Wear repellent containing DEET, Picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus (all EPA-approved repellents) according to the label; remove standing water around your home. These are the likely locations where mosquitoes will breed; and cover up skin with clothing between dusk and dawn, which is the period when mosquitoes are most active.



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Private firms help county keep road work costs down

Partnerships helped stretch tax dollars; FY 24 budget OK'd

Kelly Aberasturi likes what he heard at Monday's public hearing for Owyhee County's Fiscal Year 2024 budget. He'd just like to hear more from more citizens.

"I would really appreciate the citizens to be involved. I understand, but the apathy is sad to see," the Dist. 2 commissioner said after only two east county residents — Sid Erwin and Cindy Bachman — spoke up.

"We do a really good job of taking care of the county dollars, but it's very important for the citizens to have a knowledge of what we do. I feel bad that we don't have a room full of people questioning what we're doing because that's their right."

With that, Aberasturi and Dist. 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland voted to pass an \$18.3 million budget.

Of the appropriated amount, nearly 16 percent of it — or about \$2.9 million — will cover wages and benefits in the

sheriff's office and jail, County Clerk Angie Barkell said.

Erwin focused his comments on the sheriff's office wage issue and county roads.

The longtime Owyhee County resident started by asking about the reduction in the Road and Bridge budget.

The commissioners explained that the difference in the FY 23 budget and the budget that will begin on Oct. 1 is a matter of finishing a project for which the county had built up funds.

Hoagland pointed out that the \$1.4 million Wilson Creek Road reconstruction project was recently wrapped up.

Barkell explained the county paid for that by saving money for four years and with a \$350,000 injection of funding from the owner of Wilson Creek Feeders. And the work — which also included Wilson Cemetery Lane — came in about \$100,000 under estimates, Hoagland said.

The FY 24 focus was to be

Pleasant Valley Road in District 1.

"(Estimates are) coming in so high, we decided to back off," Hoagland said.

Commissioners earlier had said that maintenance or rehabilitation could be carried out on other roads, such as Oreana Loop Road, Oreana Short Cut, Bachman Grade and Mud Flat Road.

Private assistance such as the Wilson Creek Road help from John Hepton with Wilson Creek Feeders also helped improve Silver City Road prior to the summer rush. Bill Earll, an excavation company owner who hauls mine tailings out of the Silver City area, put a lot of work into the road to make a smoother ride, the commissioners said.

Aberasturi told Erwin that the ebb and flow of the Road and Bridge budgets most likely will continue.

"Unless we have some type of windfall of money, it will be cyclical where we save up, save up, save up," the commissioner said.

Erwin urged the commissioners to remain consistent

on their levy to be prepared for projects and other needs. Barkell said the county always takes the allowed three percent increase in the annual levy at budget time.

In FY 24, the county is set to collect \$3.64 million in property taxes, which in only about \$700,000 above the total OCSO salary and benefits commitment.

That led Erwin to offer some more — albeit tongue-in-cheek — advice: Start a GoFundMe page.

"The amount of services the urban sector wants requires resources, and my take is figure out how to pay for it ahead of time," Erwin said. "Maybe we should look into an override levy."

"I just think that county government should be funded at a sustainable level."

Erwin closed his time with something that Aberasturi hinted the federal government could take a lesson from:

"Remember, folks, you have to budget it to spend it," Erwin said. "But you don't have to spend it just because you budget it."

One area that the commissioners did budget for a pending project was the capital construction line in the building and grounds budget. Of the nearly \$374,000 budget, \$95,000 will help remodel the old Terry Reilly Health Services dental clinic to create the Owyhee County Justice Center. The plan is to move Homedale's magistrate courtroom to the building, which shares space with the county probation office. Land has also been purchased for parking.

The TRHS clinic has moved to the organization's new building on East Idaho Avenue and South 1st Street East. Aberasturi said the old building on North 2nd Street West should be available for the next phase after it's completely vacated at the end of August.

After the FY 24 budget hearing, the county commissioners convened as the Marsing Ambulance District board of commissioners and approved a \$161,540 budget after a hearing at which no public testimony was offered.

— JPB

From page 1

✓ Johnstone: Road blocked after it turns to gravel south of Thompson

West Thompson Road.

In the meantime, the county has made an arrangement to enable county citizens to haul their trash to the Republic Services disposal center at 3396 Industrial Road in Homedale. This is the former Westowns Disposal Inc., location.

Call (208) 337-4359 for more information on the Republic Services option.

The failing culvert carries the South Canal under the roadway, Demshar said.

"The 8.5-foot, squashed CMP (corrugated metal pipe) has reached the end of its lifespan," he told commissioners. "We have temporary

repairs in there right now, but we're watching it very close."

Herman inspects the temporary culvert repair twice a week, Demshar said.

"We will have a shortage of employees come middle of September, and we feel (for safety reasons) we should shut that road down," Demshar said without elaborating on the personnel situation.

Demshar said the district has sought cost estimates for the materials. South Board of Control and highway district crews will carry out the project.

The commissioner said the rough estimate on a 40-foot-wide CMP and associated

components is \$19,700.

Demshar said the district has also contacted Idaho Precast for an estimate on a cement box culvert to replace the pipe. Aberasturi and Dist. 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland agreed that a box culvert would be a better option.

"I like the idea of concrete because it has a minimum of 100 years (lifespan)," Aberasturi said.

Hoagland estimated a box culvert would cost about \$80,000, and Demshar said the timeline to obtain one from Idaho Precast would be tight to pull off an installation in mid-October.

The culvert replacement wouldn't begin until after Oct. 13, which Demshar said is the tentative irrigation shut-off date after conversations with SBOC manager John Eells.

Aberasturi speculated that the highway district and county could share the cost along with Idaho Power and possibly the Bureau of Land Management.

"If four (organizations) were involved, we could commit a quarter," Aberasturi said. There was no action item on the agenda, and the commissioners didn't vote to appropriate funds.

Idaho Power wants to use Johnstone Road to access

BLM ground on which the Boardman-to-Hemingway 500-kilovolt transmission line will be built. Idaho Power plans to start moving material to the construction site in October, Demshar said.

Aberasturi presented the idea to get financial help from BLM during the county's coordination meeting with the BLM Boise District later in the day on Aug. 21.

Aberasturi reasoned that the public uses Johnstone Road to access public lands south of Homedale.

BLM officials weren't sure if funding would be available for assistance.

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November candidacy window opens for cities, schools

Two mayor spots up; fire, cemetery board elections also possible

Voters could be busy when election time rolls around on Nov. 7 in Owyhee County.

Two mayoral positions could be on the ballot as well as six city council spots in the county's three municipalities.

There are also school board, fire district, and cemetery district elections possible.

Prospective candidates have until 5 p.m., on Friday, Sept. 8 to submit the proper petition to get their name on the November ballot.

The write-in candidacy deadline for city government elected positions is also Sept. 8, while write-ins for the other three categories have until 5 p.m., on Friday, Sept. 15.

The municipal elected positions that may appear on the Nov. 7 ballot include (four-year terms):

Homedale — Two councilman positions held by incumbents Aaron Tines and Steve Atkins.

Marsing — Interim Mayor Hayzen Corder must run for his own term once he completes Chad Sevy's time in office. Sevy resigned the post.

The positions currently held by council incumbents Chris Even and Marie Herman are also up for election.

Grand View — Jon Pennington is closing out Danny Martinez's unfinished mayoral term and must seek

re-election if he chooses to remain. Michael Smith and Tom Payne will be up for city council election.

There are a slew of school board positions that could create a potential run on the ballot box in a few months (four-year terms):

Homedale — Incumbents Kurt Shanley (Zone 1) and Shane Muir (Zone 5)

Marsing — Incumbents Chad Showalter (Zone 2) and Sean Rowley (Zone 4). Rowley was chosen to compete the late Deb Holzhey's term.

Bruneau-Grand View — Incumbents Allen Merrick (Zone 2) and Scott McNeley (Zone 4)

Melba — Incumbents Ed Smith (Zone 2) and Megan Volkers (Zone 3)

Pleasant Valley — Incum-

bents Dave Smith (Zone 1) and Bryan Greenfield (Zone 2)

Three Creek — Incumbent David Severe (Zone 1)

Castleford — Incumbent Jason Nunes (Zone 3)

Glenns Ferry — Incumbent Marilyn Peak (Zone 2)

Fire district boards have several positions that could potentially wind up on the ballot (four-year terms):

Homedale — Incumbents Mick Woodburn (Subdistrict 1) and Jared Asumendi (Subdistrict 3).

Asumendi is completing Gregg Garrett's term after the latter's retirement last summer.

Marsing — Incumbents Leonard Wilson (Canyon County district) and Jeff Percifield (at-large)

Grand View — Districtwide

incumbents Anthony Fullmer and Laura Zaragoza

Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson — Incumbent Neva Miller (Murphy)

Bruneau — Incumbents Reed Markham (Zone 2) and Shane Ward (Zone 3)

There is the potential for six cemetery district positions to be on the ballot (four-year terms):

Marsing-Homedale — Incumbent Steve Hoagland (Subdistrict 3)

Owyhee Pioneer — Incumbents Jerry Hoagland (District 1) and Bonnie Kershner (District 3)

Bruneau — Incumbent Lezlie Rahn

Riverside — Districtwide incumbents Robert "Bob" Swenson and Donald W. Mead

Judge gets serious about importance of jury duty

14 who skipped obligation ordered to explain themselves — in court

It may not be a constitutional crisis of the caliber we're used to hearing about, but a recent rash of no-shows for Owyhee County jury duty has triggered some serious repercussions.

Third District Judge Randall S. Grove has ordered 14 county citizens to appear before him at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, Sept. 8 to answer a simple question:

Why didn't you fulfill your civic duty and show up for jury service when summoned to appear on July 26?

Anyone who doesn't appear for the summons can be found in contempt of court, according to Idaho Code. Generally, contempt convictions carry a penalty of a \$500 fine and/or up to five days in jail.

Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell, in a letter to the editor appearing on Page 17 of this week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche, said the no-shows amounted to nearly a quarter of the jury pool that was summoned for a potential trial in Murphy.

"Luckily, the case was settled before we actually had to take it up in court and seat a jury," she wrote.

The root of the problem is indeed constitutional. Without enough people showing up for jury orientation and possible selection, the county would

be unable to seat a jury of a defendant's peers as mandated in both the U.S. Constitution and the Idaho Constitution.

People who don't appear for jury duty without arranging to be excused also cost their fellow citizens time and money, Barkell said.

Citizens who are selected for jury duty are obligated to be available for a term of four months. They call the night before they are summoned to appear to receive recorded instructions. There is also a jury orientation video to be

watched.

Barkell said not everyone who receives a juror qualification notice will serve.

About 550 juror qualification notices are sent to a combination of voters and drivers six weeks prior to the start of each jury term of service, she said.

"Of those 550 forms, we average about 190 to 200 qualified jurors for each term," Barkell said.

In the last term, which started in May and will end with the close of August, the county exempted 239 jurors, she added.

"Typically, those folks are not citizens, over 70, deceased,

have health issues or have moved out of the county," Barkell said.

But there is a disturbing trend that starts well before the actual summons to appear at the courthouse for jury duty.

"We had approximately 111 people that just didn't reply at all," Barkell said.

The notification process also strains county resources.

"The process is time-consuming and expensive," Barkell said. "It is very much a team effort here to get a panel of qualified individuals to serve when a jury trial is requested."

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Sudden, torrential downpour strikes downtown Homedale



Storm drains couldn't handle the volume of rainwater, and Idaho Avenue and Main Street flooded. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

A rapid downpour overpowered Homedale's storm drain system and flooded downtown near the main intersection of Idaho Avenue and Main Street on Aug. 22.

A torrent of rain fell in a 30-minute span shortly after 3:30 p.m., adding to an already-wet August in the Homedale-Marsing area.

According to the weather watchers at Helena Chemical Co., nearly an inch of rain fell between Aug. 22 and last Wednesday. The first part of last week saw 1.68 inches of rain, and the town has seen 2.11

inches of total precipitation this month.

Another .27 of an inch of rain fell overnight Monday.

The Aug. 22 cloudburst left flooded areas along North Main Street and on both sides of East Idaho Avenue. Water overran the sidewalk on the north side of Idaho Avenue clear up to the intersection with North 1st Street East.

Stormwater covered sidewalks, curbs and gutters throughout the immediate area of the Idaho Avenue-Main Street intersection, flooding Matteson's pavement near the northwest corner of the store and driving water about five feet into the Homedale Drug building.

Homedale Drug's Leo Frank said water remained in the building's basement last Wednesday, and he was caught on video sweeping standing water off the sidewalk in front of the business' front door.

Water also permeated the Post Office next door to Homedale Drug clear to the area where patrons pick up their mail from post office boxes.

—JPB

More music heads to Homedale Sr. Center

A second musical group will provide entertainment during the Homedale Senior Center's congregate luncheon next month.

Rusty and the Country Jammers are a group of local senior citizens, center coordinator Melissa Sorlien said.

The leader of the group played music at the senior center in the past, she said.

Rusty and the Country Jammers perform old country music and gospel music.

The band will play for diners on the first Tuesday of each month when lunch is served between 11 a.m., and noon.

The senior center is open from 8 a.m., to 1 p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. It's located at 224 W. Idaho Ave.

The Prime Time Swingers will play their monthly gig from 11 a.m., to noon on Thursday, Sept. 28.

Call (208) 337-3020 for information.

Labor Day closures announced

Schools are closed Monday for the Labor Day holiday in every district that serves Owyhee country students — Homedale, Marsing, Bruneau-Grand View, Jordan Valley, Adrian and Melba.

All government offices are closed, too, including the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy and county satellite offices in Marsing and Homedale.

City Halls in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View are closed.

First-responder services, including fire, emergency medical, Homedale Police and Owyhee County Sheriff's Office, are still available with dispatchers on duty for routine calls and 911 calls.

The Board of County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m., on Tuesday in Murphy.

Republic Services will delay trash pick-up in Homedale and Marsing by one day next

week.

The Owyhee Avalanche office is closed for the holiday, and that will alter the classified advertising deadline for the Sept. 6 edition.

Deadline to submit a classified ad is 5 p.m., on Friday. All other deadlines — display advertising, legal notices, and letters to the editor — remain noon on Friday.

Corrections

The University of Idaho Extension Office corrected Owyhee County Fair sheep show results provided to The Owyhee Avalanche for publication on Aug. 23:

- Jabe Maxwell, Homedale FFA, grand champion, breeding
- Sigmund Goode, Homedale FFA, reserve grand champion, breeding
- Shane Beaver, Country Kids 4-H, grand champion, market.
- Scottie Beaver, Homedale FFA, reserve grand champion, market

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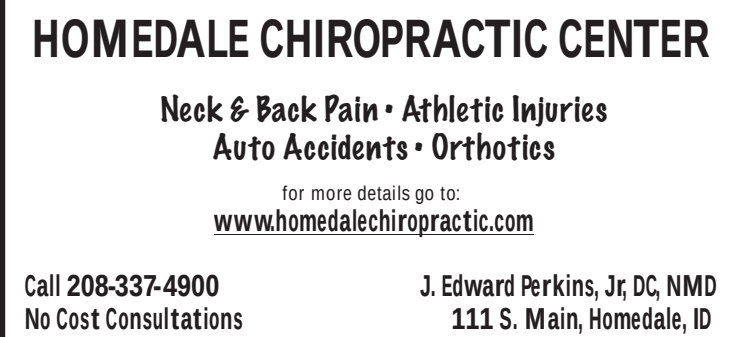
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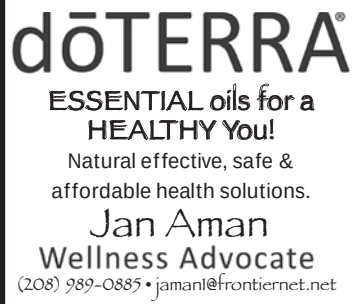
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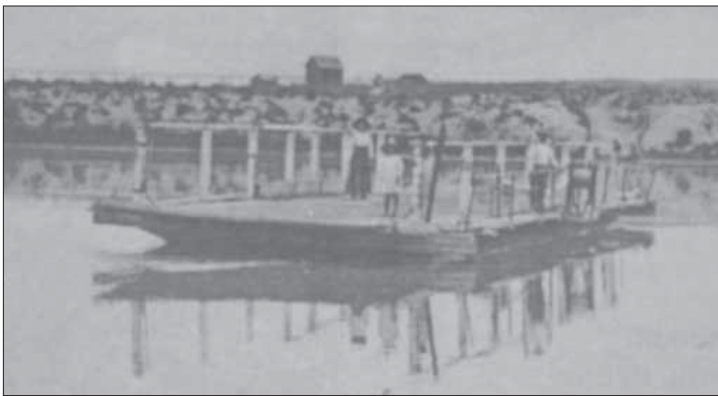
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Homedale church discontinues lunches

The First Presbyterian Church of Homedale has announced a temporary cessation of its free luncheon program. The free lunches were served each Saturday at the church, 320 N. 6th St. W. The lunches could return as a summer-only program next year.



Mussell Ferry about 1905
Beathrice Vivian, Blanche Adams, and Harry Stevens make their way across the Snake River of Jacob Mussell’s ferry, which was located approximately where the Homedale bridge now spans the river.

Senior menus Historic time for Homedale

Homedale Senior Center

Served at noon
Milk available each day
Roll/bread available each day

- Aug. 30: Baked fish, scalloped potatoes, Brussels sprouts
- Aug. 31: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables
- Sept. 5: Salisbury steak with mushrooms and onions, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots
- Sept. 6: Pancake, scrambled eggs, sausage link, hash brown patty

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing

Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside Marsing City Hall
Milk available each day
Suggested donation: \$5 (60 and older), \$8 (59 and younger) \$8 (take-out meal, any age)
Aug. 30: Turkey and cheese sandwich, potato salad, white bean salad, pineapple, 9-grain bread, soup
Sept. 1: Chicken cacciatore over pasta, peas, baby carrots, fresh fruit, French bread
Sept. 4: Closed – Labor Day
Sept. 6: Sweet and sour pork over rice, Asian vegetables, snap peas, Mandarin oranges, whole wheat roll

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
Aug. 31: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, whole wheat garlic bread, yogurt
Sept. 5: Chicken enchilada, green salad, cottage cheese, pears, roll
Sept. 7: Chicken patty sandwiches, coleslaw, melons, yogurt, roll

Melba Valley Senior Center

Meals served at noon (Salad bar at 11:30 a.m.)
Phone ahead (208) 495-2168 same day for complete menu
Payment by donation. All ages welcome
Aug. 31: Breakfast for lunch
Sept. 5: Chicken and dumplings
Sept. 7: Salisbury steak

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Mussell Ferry marked beginning of the town 125 years ago

Aug. 8 was a birthday of sorts of the area that would become Homedale. The Aug. 5, 1998 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche took a look at Jacob Mussell, who could be considered the father of Homedale. In that edition, Mrs. Cloyd Olsen, Mussell’s granddaughter, recounted the events that transpired to help form the town:

Jacob Mussell, a native of Canada, came to the Snake River Valley from Silver City, where he met and married Ada Norton. They moved to the Succor Creek area in July 1883. In the spring of 1886, Jacob and Bill Kneer sheared their sheep in Strodes Basin. Jacob was the first farmer in the Gem district to file a squatter’s claim on Succor Creek. He was also the first to file for water on the creek and dug a two-mile ditch to irrigate his farm. Jacob had the first house built of lumber in the Gem district. He hauled the lumber from Middleton, and then ferried it across the Snake River on a skiff he built from his wagon. He dismantled the wagon’s wheels and then floated it across the river. Jacob lost a great deal of sheep in the dreadful 1887-88 winter when temperatures dipped between 30 and 40 degrees below zero. The sheep would lie down at night and thaw the snow, and the next morning the wool would be frozen to the ground. Jacob would have to lift the sheep up off the ground. He traded his wool in Caldwell when it was only a tent town. He was the first to ship wool to Caldwell. In the spring of 1888, Jacob traded for a house below the Oregon line, where he moved his sister Sarah and her children. In 1895, she opened the Succor Creek Post Office. In 1897, Jacob took another homestead by the Snake River, where he built a large two-story home. In 1898, Jacob built “Mussell Ferry,” which was later called the Homedale

ferry. The first school and church services were held in the Mussell home in 1899. His 11 children were the first students. Later, Jacob helped organize a school district and the first school house was built. Students attending that first year were six Mussell children, three McDowell children, six Tracy children and one Orr child. Jessie Stanton was the teacher. Jacob petitioned for a post office at the Homedale Ferry, and it was approved. Ada Mussell was the first post-mistress. It was at this time that the small community felt it deserved a name. A group of men each wrote a name on a slip of paper, and the name was drawn from a hat. Mussell’s entry was drawn, and the small community had a name — Homedale. Most emigrants on the wagon trains would pass up the dry sagebrush country of the Snake River Valley, but by the beginning of the 20th century more than 6,000 acres of land were irrigated and producing crops. Sagebrush was everywhere, the roads were made by horses, buggies and wagons plowing through the brush and eventually making one-way paths. By 1923, more than 32,000 acres of land were under irrigation. The first store was built by a Mr. Jordan. His son-in-law moved to Homedale about the same time and built the first hardware store. Soon after a church, a school, a livery stable and a hotel were built. In 1914, a group of Austrians settled south of town. They had bought land in Homedale from people who didn’t own it. When they arrived, they did not find the rich, irrigated farm land they had been promised, but instead found dry, unirrigated sagebrush land. They also found that to stay, they would have to buy the land again. The Austrians had to decide between staying and trying to work what looked like useless land, or return to

Wyoming and the treacherous, unsafe coal mines. “For a year, the 40 pioneers fought the desert. Women and children included fought the brush, dug ditches, met and battled one obstacle after another, and, at last, they were able to plant beans and onions,” according to a story about the Austrian settlers published in the March 1, 1962 edition of The Owyhee Chronicle. **Founding of ferry service marks town’s beginnings** Mussell and his wife homesteaded on Succor Creek. Their nearest neighbor at that time was Jack Sands, who lived at the foot of Jump Creek Canyon on the flats and ran his cattle in Sands Basin above the canyon. The Mussells moved to the river bank near the present bridge in 1898. Mussell built a rowboat and with a long pole sounded up and down the river for two miles to find the best place to locate a ferry crossing. With a wagon sheet for a sail, he crossed the river in 1899, where he later built the ferry. Prior to the establishment of the ferry, cattlemen crossed herds of cattle and wild horses brought from Jordan Valley on the ice. After several years of running the ferry, Mussell leased it to Harry Stevens and Gerard Adams. Bert Heath was also an early-day ferryman. Some time later, the adjoining land was sold to John Hellyer, who ran the ferry until October 1920. The bridge, built with state and county funds, was dedicated by Gov. Davis. Homedale celebrated with a barbecue, a rodeo, races, speeches and a dance at Daws Hall in the evening. Earlier in the summer of 1920, a dance was held on the unfinished bridge. Someone cut the cable when the bridge was built, and the old ferry drifted downstream. — Information for this article was taken from a history of Homedale written by the late Mildretta Adams.

EU nations’ diverse economic realities can devastate euro

More than 20 years ago, I sat in Mr. McDowell’s world history class while he taught us about Europe’s new currency, the euro. I don’t remember exactly what he said, but I do remember that he was concerned about the impact the euro would have on the U.S. dollar (USD); therefore, I, too, became concerned. But with the benefit of hindsight, we can now look at the euro’s 25-year history.

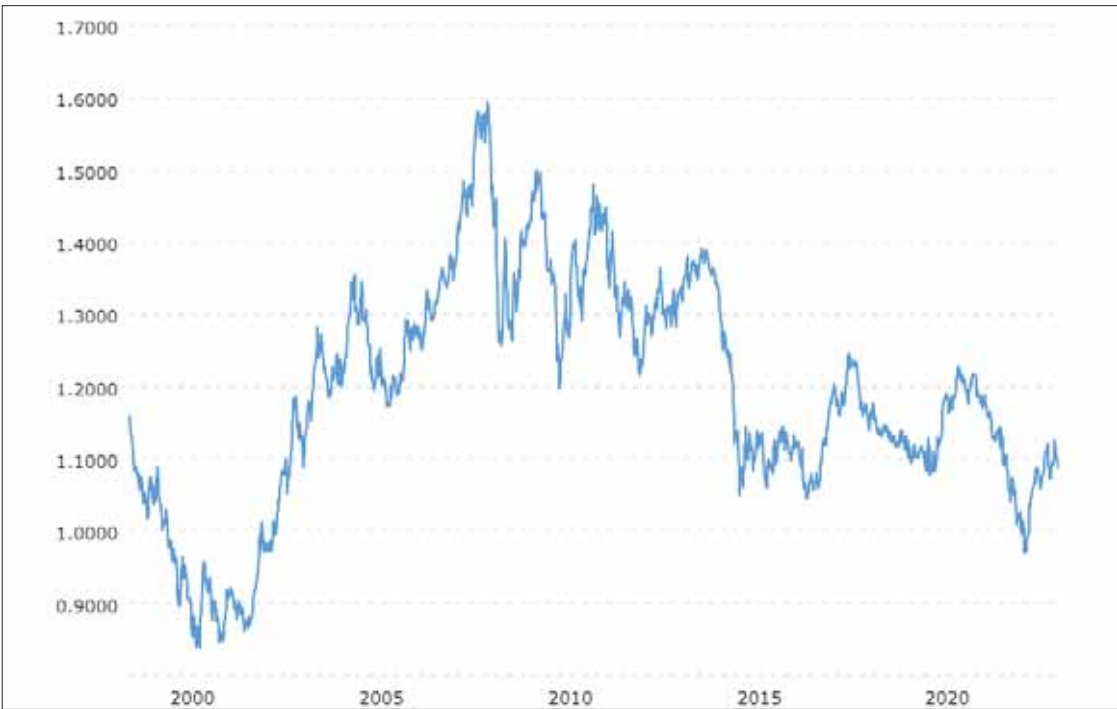


Andrew Bingham

The euro was instituted in January of 1999, and its value immediately sunk (see image). For nearly the first four years of its existence, the euro was worth less than the USD. But around the end of 2002, it would surpass the dollar, and it would remain that way until last fall when the dollar would hold more value for a few months. There are a few key events that happened between then and now, though, that

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exposed a few flaws with the European Union’s currency. First, the Great Recession hit the European economy in 2008. Prior to this event, the euro looked poised to double the dollar in intrinsic value, but it came crashing down just like every other market of its time. The difference, though, is that Europe had a more difficult time recovering from the crash. That is because the European Central Bank had to support 27 different nations of varying economies, cultures, and fiscal policies. In the U.S. with its one-to-one central bank-to-country ratio, we were able to move much more nimbly with our monetary policies. Seeing this, the rest of the world recognized that the euro had its shortcomings, resulting in the euro exchanging within a constrained range for the next six years. At the end of those six years, the euro would drop again — this time as a result of the



A timeline of the euro’s valuation in past quarter-century.

Greece bailout. This second shortcoming of the euro is like the first. Having so many nations at the table proves difficult, especially when a handful of those countries run up a huge deficit and insist that their partners pay the bill. To make matters worse, there was little Germany and leading countries in the EU could do. Letting Greece default

on its loans would have been extremely costly in terms of money and political stability in Europe. While catastrophic results were avoided, the bailout did prove that the EU and its currency are only as strong as its weakest members. As a result, the world lost more confidence in the euro and its value fell to a new range that it has been trading in ever since.

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Calendar

Today

- Massage**
8 a.m., to 1 p.m., \$15 for 15 minutes, appointments necessary. Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. Appointments: Jo (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**
10:30 a.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.

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
- Prime Time Swingers perform**
11 a.m. to noon, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- ION Heritage Museum board meeting**
6 p.m., Jordan Valley Elementary School library, 604 Oregon Ave., Jordan Valley. (541) 586-2100

Friday

- High Desert atlatl throw**
10 a.m., Oxbow Trailer Park, off U.S. Highway

- 95, Jordan Valley. Information: Glenn Fretwell (541) 586-2477
- The Zoo Factory stuffed animal workshop**
10 a.m., to 11 a.m., ages 6 and under, \$5 per child, registration before event required. Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. Registration: (208) 337-4228
- Alcoholics Anonymous**
7 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 860-9674

Saturday

- High Desert atlatl throw**
10 a.m., Oxbow Trailer Park, off U.S. Highway 95, Jordan Valley. Information: Glenn Fretwell (541) 586-2477
- Snake River Country Market**
11 a.m., to 3 p.m., London Park, Main Street and 4th Avenue West, Marsing.

Sunday

- High Desert atlatl throw**
10 a.m., Oxbow Trailer Park, off U.S. Highway 95, Jordan Valley. Information: Glenn Fretwell (541) 586-2477

Monday

- High Desert atlatl throw**
10 a.m., Oxbow Trailer Park, off U.S. Highway 95, Jordan Valley. Information: Glenn Fretwell (541) 586-2477

Tuesday

- Board of County Commissioners meeting**
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
- Fit and Fall class**
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- Fit and Fall exercise**
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Rusty and The Country Jammers perform**
11 a.m. to noon, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Region III assistance assessments**
Noon to 3 p.m., appointments necessary, Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 495-5688
- OC Sheriff’s Office Fentanyl training**
6 p.m., to 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Alcoholics Anonymous**
7 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. Hwy. 95, Wilder.
- 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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✓BOCC: Applicants included three ranchers and a man who ran last year

3) Steve Boren, a rancher who lives in Oreana

Citing Idaho Code 59-906(A), Little’s press secretary, former contributing writer for The Owyhee Avalanche Madison Hardy, laid out the process now that finalists have been chosen from a field of six applicants.

“The governor typically interviews the candidates nominated by the county central committee — virtually or in-person — before appointing one individual within the timeframe defined in Idaho law,” Hardy said Friday.

“The Governor’s Office expects to make an announcement about the Owyhee County commissioner appointment sometime in the next week or so.”

The three ranked finalists were selected after four hours of interviews and deliberations. Six applicants stood before the central committee, each answering the same 14 questions.

Other applicants interviewed were Brian Collett, Russell Dygert and Wyatt Frederick.

Frederick lost a three-way Republican primary race for

the District 3 commissioner position when Merrick won his fifth term in May 2022.

All three finalists have strong ties to ranching and advocating for livestock producers.

Cindy Bachman

Bachman attended Monday’s BOCC meeting in person, and she is no stranger to attending confabs at the county courthouse — or elsewhere — to



Cindy Bachman

work on issues important to Owyhee County.

“I have extensive knowledge of private land and water right issues in Zone 3 from Three Creek and the Sho-Pai Tribes in the southernmost area of Owyhee County to Marsing in the northern portion of Zone 3,” Bachman wrote in her application to the central committee.

She has been a co-owner of Bachman Land & Livestock LLC for 42 years along with her husband Frank and their

son and daughter-in-law Lynn and Tiffany Bachman. The family operation was a founding outfit in the 71 Livestock Association.

She was on the ground floor of the Owyhee Initiative movement after county commissioners appointed her to represent local soil conservation districts on the initial committee. She served on the Bruneau River Soil Conservation District board at the time.

Bachman was chair of the Farm Service Agency Owyhee County Committee and on the FSA Idaho Partnership Council.

She has served as vice-chair of the Owyhee County Land Use Planning Committee and chair of that group’s endangered species subcommittee and as co-chair of the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area Subcommittee.

She also was part of the Bureau of Land Management’s Lower Snake River Resource Advisory Council and served on the Idaho Tri-RAC Standards and Guides Subcommittee that made suggestions on grazing

regulations. In her LOI, she cited her knowledge of issues in all three BLM resource areas in the county as well as the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area.

Bachman studied Agriculture at the College of Southern Idaho.

Ted Blackstock

Ted Blackstock has extensive experience dealing with natural resource issues as a longtime rancher, which brought him to the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association board of directors and a stint as board president 30 years ago.

He owns Blackstock Ranch, which has been in his family for generations, and lives in the Opaline area.

His public service includes time on the Marsing Ambulance Service board of directors.

He also serves as treasurer for the Owyhee County Farm Bureau board.



Ted Blackstock

Steve Boren

Like Blackstock, Boren has experience on the OCA board of directors.

He currently sits on the Bruneau-Grand View School District board of trustees.

For the past 13 years, he has

Steve Boren

been a cattle rancher at Arrow B Ranches in Oreana.

“I have lived in Owyhee County for 13 years and have a deep interest in seeing this county thrive,” Boren wrote in his letter of interest.

In his resume, Boren said he collaborates with other organizations and individuals to create a positive learning environment for youth as a school trustee. As a rancher, he works with ranchers in Owyhee and surrounding counties to ensure the success of the agriculture and beef industries.

He attended Boise State University and Brigham Young University.

— JPB



School menus

Homedale Elementary

Choice of milk and juice

PB&J sandwich, and vegetable and fruit choices will be offered daily

Aug. 30: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, syrup cup, Yami yogurt, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Spaghetti, seasoned green beans

Aug. 31: **Breakfast:** Maple bar, Yami yogurt, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, curly fries

Sept. 4: No school – Labor Day

Sept. 5: **Breakfast:** French toast bites, syrup cup, string cheese, applesauce **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs, buttered carrots, chocolate chunk cookie

Sept. 6: **Breakfast:** Sausage patty, whole grain toast, Yami yogurt, sliced pears **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans, carrot sticks

Sept. 7: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken Crispito, buttered corn

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

Aug. 30: **Breakfast:** Maple bar, Yami yogurt, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken Alfredo, mixed vegetables, garlic toast

Aug. 31: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich, Yami yogurt, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, Tater Tots

Sept. 4: No school – Labor Day

Sept. 5: **Breakfast:** French toast bites, syrup cup, string cheese, applesauce **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans, carrot sticks

Sept. 6: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Orange chicken bowl, seasoned green beans, egg roll

Sept. 7: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, sliced pears **Lunch:** Crisпитos, buttered corn

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

Aug. 30: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, string cheese **Lunch:** Crisпитos, Tater Tots **Grab ‘n’ go** Club Sub

Aug. 31: **Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito, Yami yogurt, iced coffee **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, curly fries **Grab ‘n’ go** Southwest chicken salad

Sept. 4: No school – Labor Day

Sept. 5: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, sausage patty, whole grain toast, iced coffee **Lunch:** Malibu chicken sandwich, crinkle fries **Grab ‘n’ go:** Chicken bacon salad

Sept. 6: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, syrup cup, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Soft taco, Spanish rice, refried beans, **Grab ‘n’ go:** Malibu chicken wrap

Sept. 7: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich, Yami yogurt, iced coffee **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn **Grab ‘n’ go:** Turkey bacon wrap

Marsing

Each meal includes choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables

Elementary 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): Ch’burger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sand.; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)

Aug. 30: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, Yami yogurt, bananas **Lunch:** Chicken drumstick, breadstick, mashed potatoes, country gravy **Hot Grab-n-go** Walking taco, potato wedges

Aug. 31: **Breakfast:** French toast or waffle sticks, maple syrup, applesauce **Lunch:** Hamburger or cheeseburger, French fries **Cold Grab-n-go** Chicken bacon ranch wrap

Sept. 4: No School – Labor Day

Sept. 5: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, Yami yogurt, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, green beans **Cold Grab-n-go:** Chicken bacon ranch wrap

Sept. 6: **Breakfast:** French toast bites, maple syrup, Yami yogurt, orange wedges **Lunch:** Orange chicken, spring roll, green beans, fortune cookie **Hot Grab-n-go:** Pepperoni pizza, crinkle fries

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily

Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily

Aug. 30: **Breakfast:** Pancake **Lunch:** Taco salad, whole grain tortilla chips, refried beans

Aug. 31: **Breakfast:** Mini Cinnabon **Lunch:** Chicken taco, fries, baby carrots

Sept. 4: No school – Labor Day

Sept. 7: **Breakfast:** Pancakes **Lunch:** Orange chicken, oriental rice, steamed broccoli

Obituary

Jill Dian Grossman Berry

October 21, 1938
– August 21, 2023

Jill was born in Sturgis, Michigan to Dale and Dorothy Grossman. She graduated from Centreville High School. After spending time in Washington DC as a teletype operator for Capitol Airlines, she returned to Centreville. She met Roger Berry from Constantine at a Halloween party and they were married August 6th, 1960. She and Roger raised their 3 daughters on Big Fish Lake, Sturgis. After retirement, she and Roger spent several years traveling the US in their RV, then settled in Idaho with their youngest daughter and her family.

Jill was extremely creative and artistic. She spent hours sewing doll and Barbie clothes,

along with matching outfits for her daughters. Many prom and formal dresses were created from pictures brought to her from catalogs. There were always homemade ornaments for both Christmas and Easter egg trees. She built several dollhouses for daughters and granddaughters along with a miniature horse ranch, play kitchens, doll furniture and campers. Much time was spent at Christmas with music blaring on the “record player” while cookies were being baked, taffy was being pulled, marshmallow square houses were being built, craft projects were being made, and a general mess of the house was going on. She always managed to laugh at the frosting or taffy that ended up on the kitchen



ceiling from those sessions!

She was an avid sports buff and could always be counted on when you needed an answer for sports trivia. No matter what, she always looked forward to the start of football season and could remember coaches and players from all the Michigan

teams. Jill started and coached her youngest daughter on the first all-girls Little League team in Centreville, designing and making uniform shirts. She never missed any of her daughters’ sporting events and could always be found in the stands supporting their teams.

Jill was known as “Mom Berry” to many of her daughters’ friends. All were made to feel welcome at the Lake, and enjoyed her homemade pizza, fried zucchini and onion rings, as well as doughnuts as fast as she could make them.

Jill was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Roger, her daughter Romaine, and her brother Jan Grossman. She is survived by her sister Sue Scott, daughters Johnna (Gary) Harlan, Rebecca (Jeff)

Wasson, son Brian (Tami) Mayer; Granddaughters Anika (Jackson) Draime, Teah Mayer, Montana Wasson, Fallon Wasson; great-grandchildren Bentley and Navy Draime; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Grandma Jilly, your girls are sending up lots of love, as well as an unlimited supply of Pizza Sandwiches, White Cheddar Cheezits and Diet Dr Pepper! And we know that Heaven will never run out of pens for you. XOXOXOXO

Per Jill’s wishes, she will be cremated and brought home to Michigan. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Condolences can be given at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com

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Bruneau Fire acquires BLM wildland tender

In an effort to bolster wildfire response capabilities, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Boise District recently transferred a surplus wildland fire tender to the Bruneau Rural Fire District.

The transfer came at no cost to Bruneau Fire and is part of the federal agency's support of the firefighting capabilities of local fire districts, volunteer firefighters and rangeland fire protection associations (RFPAs).

On July 24, Bruneau Fire Chief Stacey Buckingham accepted the Freightliner FL112, Type 2 tender, which can carry 3,500 gallons of water.

"As the Chief of Bruneau Fire, I manage a large and diverse district with limited water availability," he said.



Bureau of Land Management Boise District Fire officials James Brummond (left) and Dustin Hall (right) present the Freightliner water tender to Bruneau Fire Chief Stacey Buckingham. BLM photo

"We respond to various fire-related calls, encompassing structures, vehicles, RVs, and wildland incidents.

"I cannot stress enough the significant impact of having a 3,500-gallon water tender in our fleet, tipping the scales

and strengthening our efforts in protecting life and property. This vehicle transfer serves as an excellent example of how different agencies can collaboratively work together for a positive outcome."

The acquisition bolsters the department's capabilities and allows for a more rapid response to wildfires in the region.

The tender was previously in service in the Boise area.

"Investing in our local co-operators through the Rural Fire Readiness Program is not only a vital responsibility but a cornerstone of our commitment to effective firefighting," BLM Boise District acting fire management officer Lance Okeson said. "The ability to transfer equipment is a result of continued collaboration and

ensures that we stand better prepared against the threat of wildland fires."

The BLM's collaborative approach with volunteer fire departments is essential because those outfits are typically the first to respond to wildfires on private, state, and federal lands. With wildfire seasons becoming longer and more extreme, such partnerships have become paramount in safeguarding communities and natural resources.

Over the years, the BLM has consistently transferred surplus wildland fire engines, water tenders, tools, hose, pumps, and other equipment to numerous fire programs across Idaho, further solidifying commitments to fire readiness in Idaho.

Route closures planned during research burn in Reynolds

A mixed-ownership swath of land is targeted in the Bureau of Land Management's Johnston Draw Prescribed Burn.

The burn near the Reynolds Creek Watershed in the Owyhee mountains will occur between Sept. 15 and Oct. 31. The actual operation date is dependent on weather and ground conditions.

The fire, held in coordination with the Agricultural Research Service, will

encompass 2,311 acres, including 592 acres on BLM ground, 65 in the Idaho Department of Lands purview, and 1,654 privately held acres.

Researchers are investigating how prescribed fire influences vegetation diversity, wildlife habitat, soil properties, and stream flow in mountain big sagebrush and mountain shrub communities. They'll also assess post-fire vegetation recovery relative to post-fire livestock management and

fire severity.

Fire managers will wait for appropriate weather conditions to safely conduct the prescribed fire. Once initiated, burning operations are expected to last three to five days. Personnel and equipment will be patrolling the burn and mopping up hotspots for three to seven days after the burn.

All routes into the immediate burn area will be posted and patrolled during ignition operations to ensure the public

remains clear of the burn area for safety. Visibility on roads may be reduced because of smoke, and Owyhee County officials will temporarily close routes in the area.

Off-highway vehicle users and others recreating in the area should exercise caution when in the vicinity of the prescribed fire.

Call the BLM Boise District fire information line at (208) 384-3378 for more details.

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✓ Jump Creek: Business plan includes big usage change

Operational and maintenance costs for Jump Creek include trash removal, vault

toilet pumping, improving picnic site amenities, graffiti removal and road and trail

maintenance. Much of this work is done through independent contract services.

The proposed plan can be viewed online at <https://www.blm.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2023-08/IdahoJumpCreekBusinessPlan508.pdf> or at the BLM Owyhee Field Office.

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More fentanyl town halls scheduled

Another round of fentanyl awareness gatherings is planned at the Homedale Senior Center.

Owyhee County Sheriff Larry Kendrick will present another series of talks about the deadly drug each of the next two Tuesdays at the Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

The town halls will run from 6 p.m., to 8 p.m., both days.

Idaho State Police drug enforcement troopers spoke at a similar town hall that attracted about 60 people to the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center last month.

As with the Marsing town hall, a free Narcan training will be offered at the senior center presentations.

A Southwest District Health representative presented the Narcan training last month.

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Rimrock athletes
taste victory



Homedale High School senior defensive lineman Michael Rose snags the jersey of Filer quarterback Tristan Rea during Friday’s opener at Deward Bell Stadium. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

No opening-night stage fright

HHS seniors
make big debuts
in key roles

Forty-nine weeks after a devastating knee injury, Andrew Marston devastated opposing defenders without remorse Friday.

The senior running back celebrated his return to the athletic arena as one of the punishing cogs in Homedale High School’s machine-like 54-7 destruction of non-conference foe Filer.

“He has been rehabbing weekly since he had his surgery last fall,” Trojans coach Matt Holtry said. “It has been a long process, and this summer when he was able to start running and participating in practices we



Senior wide receiver Danny Lomeli has his eyes on the end zone as he looks for a way around Filer’s Cody Sanchez.

were’n’t sure exactly how long it would take before he was running hard again.”

Put that at five carries, Coach.

Marston’s longest run of the game was a 30-yarder that was a combination of burst

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Small in numbers, Trojans haul loads of experience onto court

Five seniors on
nine-girl squad

Everyone had a role when the curtain went up on the Homedale High School volleyball season Thursday.

A different player on the nine-athlete roster led in each category as the Trojans beat host New Plymouth, 25-19, 21-25, 25-13, 25-14, in non-conference action.

On Saturday, the Trojans (2-1 overall) were back on the Pilgrims’ court for a tournament. They split matches against Caldwell (a 25-19, 25-16 loss) and Prairie from Cottonwood (a 25-16, 25-17 victory).

“We have excellent team chemistry, a commitment to one another and what we can accomplish together,” third-year coach Heidi Nash said. “We always talk about the

team coming first, and this year I really see that belief in these girls.”

The senior-laden team marched into Payette County with their young teammates in tow. The only missing piece from last season’s squad that went 3-17 and lost its final five matches is first-team All-3A Snake River Valley conference middle blocker

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New arrivals blend in with core group; Huskies roll to win

Canadian transfer,
Chadez account
for 6 touchdowns

A night of great debuts carried Marsing High School to a lopsided non-conference football victory Friday.

Marsing overpowered Orofino, 66-6, at home.

Xyon Fleary, a 5-foot, 6-inch 170-pound transfer from Canada, scored three rushing touchdowns in his first game with the Huskies.



Marsing’s Luke Steinmeyer leaps to catch a pass that he turned into a touchdown against visiting Orofino on Friday. Photo by Jason McAdam

Another first-time varsity player, new starting quarterback Jace Chadez, completed seven of 10 passes for 159 yards and three touchdowns.

“This is a great start to the season,” second-year Huskies coach Shea McClellin said. “We got off to a fast start just

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Melba volleyball turns roster over after title

Melba High School’s volleyball team began this season with a significantly younger roster after a perfect state championship run.

Coach Curtis Johnson began the season without seven seniors from last year’s squad, including four that went on to play collegiate athletics.

“We have some big spots to fill, for sure,” the Mustangs’ third-year coach said. “We will have some younger kids on the court filling some big roles.

“It will be fun to watch it all come together.”

Among the seniors who graduated in the spring were Kendall Clark, who will play basketball at Northwest Nazarene University; Keylee Wilson, who has signed to play volleyball at The College of Idaho; Meya Young, who will compete with the Idaho State University track and field team; and Hallie Arnold, who has joined the women’s basketball program at Walla Walla Community College.

The Mustangs’ new season

began Tuesday after deadline inside Potter Gymnasium against non-conference foe Weiser.

Returning players for Melba, which was the top seeded team in the state tournament and finished the campaign unbeaten in 20 matches, include senior Emma Dillbeck, setter and opposite side hitter; junior Tariah Carter, opposite side hitter; sophomore Ellie Johnson, setter; senior Jessica Tackett, middle blocker and opposite hitter; and senior Ella Stosich, libero.

Curtis Johnson said the returning players “must contribute at a high level for us to be successful on the court.”

While saying, “We have a long way to go,” Johnson also pointed out that the 2A Western Idaho Conference season is going to be a tough row to hoe, too.

“I think that our conference will be the best it has been in a long time,” he said.

— JPB

Sports

Raiders impress in cross country debut

Loyd Boren kicked off his senior cross country season with his third career victory Friday in Heyburn.

The Rimrock High School standout won the Oakley Small Schools Meet, covering the five-kilometer course in 18

minutes, 28.7 seconds.

The Raiders' girls' squad finished second to Raft River in the team competition at Kasota Park.

Three of Rimrock's five female competitors finished in the top 15, including seniors

Goya Lemus and Ashten Moore, who crossed the line eighth and ninth respectively.

Lemus finished her race in 24:43.33, while Moore turned in a 25:20.02 time.

Freshman Laineey Raymond, the daughter of Raiders coach

Melissa Raymond, debuted with a 13th-place time of 26:45.21.

Sophomore Olivia Farfan was 17th in 27:47.27, and senior Samantha Elizarraraz took 37th in 35:26.45.

Rimrock's other boys'

runners are freshmen. Crew Merrick also had an impressive first race, taking ninth in 21:47.89. Dylan McNeley was 22nd in 23:53.58.

The Raiders are back in action on Thursday for the Valley Invite in Hazelton.

Trojans get top-10 places in Vale

Bobby Christensen did just as was ordered in the event name during the Vale Dash-N-Splash.

The Homedale High School senior covered the two-mile course at the Vale, Ore., swimming pool in 11 minutes, 13 seconds, finishing fourth in the boys' meet last Wednesday.

Christensen turned in the top time and best finish in the season opener for coach David Gummersall's squad.

Sophomore Breydyn Ford clocked in at

15:18.6 and finished seventh for the Trojans' best showing in the girls' race.

Adrian boys start season

Adrian had three competitors in the two-mile boys' race in Vale with sophomore Keegan Johnston leading the way with a 17th-place time of 12:41.9.

Another 10th grader, Brady Ineck, was 25th in 13:26, and freshman Grayson Cleaver finished 35th in 13:55.7.

New talent arrives in Marsing

Young runners were the top finishers for Marsing High School in the cross country season opener Friday.

Freshman Kate Marshall led the Huskies' girls with a 45th-place time of 29 minutes, 22.73 seconds in her prep debut.

Returning athlete Brody

Bowers, a sophomore, took 38th in the boys' race in 21:23.04.

The Huskies boys finished seventh in a nine-team field:

- Alex Christiansen, jr.,
- Alec Ecklund, fr., 53rd at 22:37.89
- Jack Marshall, so.,
- Andrei Dumitru, jr., 71st in 24:34.1

- Timothy Christiansen, 84th in 26:31.3

Junior Alex Christiansen (49th, 22:17.03) and sophomore Jack Marshall (58th, 22:55.57) are returning athletes to coach Isaiah Ponce's program.

Junior Wendy Alvarez (51st, 32:28.12) is back for the girls.



Raiders rally for season-opening victory
Junior Molly Mulberry smashes a kill during Rimrock High School's season opener as freshman Ruby Lisle — one of four new starters this season — looks on during a 24-26, 25-18, 25-16, 25-18 non-conference win over Glenns Ferry on the road Thursday. "The girls worked together and figured out what they needed to change and adjust," Raiders coach Karlee Aquiso said. "We had some fun rallies, amazing hits and blocks." The Pilots' junior varsity won 25-20, 25-20.
Photo by Kurtis Workman / Glenns Ferry Times

Homedale Trojans

THIS WEEK'S

Athletes of the Week

SPORTS SCHEDULE



Football
Dillon Fine, sr., QB
14-for-18 passing for 334 yards, 6 total TDs in first varsity start



Volleyball
Lexie Heck, sr., libero/defensive specialist
15 digs in season-opening win vs. New Plymouth



Girls' soccer
Morgan Nicoletti, so.
Scored team's first goal of season



Cross country
Hannah Babineaux, so.
28th at Vale Dash-n-Splash opener

Football
Varsity
Friday, Sept. 1 at Gooding, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity
Friday, Sept. 1 at Gooding, 4 p.m.

Volleyball
Varsity
Saturday, Sept. 9, home for tri-meet vs. American Falls and Nyssa, Ore., noon
Junior varsity
Friday, Sept. 1 at Weiser tournament, 8 a.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 5 at Jordan Valley, 6 p.m.
Freshmen
Tuesday, Sept. 12, home vs. Payette, 4:45 p.m.

Girls' soccer
Varsity
Thursday, Aug. 31, home vs. Emmett, Deward Bell Stadium, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 5 at McCall-Donnelly, 5 p.m.
Junior varsity
Tuesday, Sept. 5 at McCall-Donnelly, 3:30 p.m.

Cross country
Thursday, Aug. 31, Caldwell Twilight Invitational, 4:40 p.m.

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Sports

Young Marsing athletes fill key volleyball roles

Despite losing their opener in three sets, Marsing High School’s volleyball players are on the right path in coach Amy Chadez’s mind.

Liberty Charter posted a 25-20, 25-14, 25-23 non-conference victory last Wednesday in Nampa.

“While the match did not go our way, we are feeling optimistic about the girls we have on this team,” the fifth-year coach said. “The athleticism they each bring to the court allows us to implement our scheme in a new and exciting way this year.”

Aces by junior Raylynn Vanosdall and sophomore Ashlyn Porter gave Marsing (0-1 at week’s end) one-point leads early in the third set.

“We had some moments in the first and third sets that looked like the way we imagine us playing consistently in the next few weeks,” Chadez said.

Moving from her middle blocker spot as a freshman, Adyson Chadez put down a kill for 10-9 edge.

“She has worked hard in the off-season to make this transition possible,” coach and mom Amy Chadez said. “We look forward to seeing her experience from last season help her lead our defensive play as well.”

Asia Carrillo’s ace pushed Marsing ahead, 17-16, before the Patriots won a seesaw battle to the end.

“Adyson and Raylynn each displayed why we moved them to the outside hitter position. They were aggressive offensively yet also played with a strong volleyball IQ and adjusted to the opposing block appropriately,” Amy Chadez said. “They also played solid defensively and used their strong attack to motivate the team.”

Adyson Chadez and Lily Thoene combined for 15 digs, but the coach sees it as only the beginning “as we settle into our defensive scheme.”

A junior, Thoene has accepted a new role as middle blocker with the graduation of Mila Astorquia and Emily Vanosdall.

“She gives us a strong front row presence in her ability to block and attack,” Chadez said.

Sophomore Brooklyn Roadenbaugh was perfect from the service line (7-for-7) and added four kills, while Adyson Chadez (9-for-10) and Porter (10-for-11) each served a pair of aces.

“(Roadenbaugh) will continue to offer us a strong opposite-side attack and block,” Amy Chadez said. “She also offers us a consistent pass or dig when we need it.”

Porter finished with 15 assists, and Thoene had a pair of blocks.

“Ashlyn has grown as a setter over the past year and did a lot of good things for us on Wednesday night,” the coach said. “She is coachable and is consistently asking for feedback and identifying areas she wants to grow.”

Sophomore middle blocker Bailey Daugherty posted a 2.50 serve/receive percentage.

“She is a smart player and understands situations and gives us aggressive front-row play,” Chadez said.

“We have the talent to make other teams uncomfortable this year,” Amy Chadez said. “We are excited to continue to grow and improve with our young team and they are all putting in the work to achieve great results this year.”

The coach also welcomes two seniors new to the varsity roster — Emily Richling and Dulce Lopez.

“We look forward to seeing them continue to develop and play a utility role on our team,” Chadez said.

Richling and Lopez are the only upperclassmen on the squad.

“We are young, but this team trusts one another to play their role,” Chadez said. “If we play as a team, we have the opportunity to compete.” — JPB

✓ Huskies: Defense stifles Maniacs with takeaways, tackles for loss

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like we talk about all the time and kept our foot on the gas the entire game.”

Fleary rushed for 86 yards and caught two passes for 28 yards. He also had 99 yards on four punt returns.

Chadez threw TD passes to Luke Steinmeyer, who made a leaping grab over a defender then bolted for the end zone, Mason Enochson, and Cache Hance.

Hance found pay dirt twice on the ground, rushing for 68 yards.

Steinmeyer led receivers with 81 yards on two catches.

Linebackers anchored an effort that delivered five sacks — two from sophomore Caleb Smith — and three fumbles.

Junior Gavin Patterson led the defense with 8.5 tackles.

Hance, 11th-grader Caleb White and sophomore Bridon McIntyre also got to the Maniacs’ quarterback. McIntyre forced a fumble, and Hance finished with 5.5 sacks.

Falling on those fumbles were junior defensive lineman Matthew Ramirez, Smith, and Everett Young.

“We had a lot of different guys step up and contribute on both sides of the ball, which is great to see,” McClellin said.

The Huskies were disciplined, too, committing just six penalties. Only one infraction came on defense and one on special teams. Players were whistled for personal fouls only twice.

“I’m proud of the team for their mentality throughout the game,” McClellin said. “We’re nowhere near where we wanna be yet.

“We still have a lot of work to put in and a lot to prove that we’re capable of being a dominant team in 2A.”

MARSING HUSKIES

Athletes of the Week



Football
Cache Hance, jr., DE/RB
5 solo tackles, assist, and 85 yards total offense vs. Orofino



Volleyball
Ashlyn Porter, jr., setter
15 assists, 10-for-11 serving with 2 aces



Cross country
Brody Bowers, so.
38th at New Plymouth Invite

THIS WEEK'S SPORT SCHEDULE

Football
Varsity
Friday, Sept. 1 at Wendell, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity
Eight man
Thursday, Sept. 7, home vs. Greenleaf Friends Academy, 7 p.m.

Volleyball
Varsity
Thursday, Aug. 31 at North Star Charter, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 5 at tri-match vs. Payette and Nyssa, Ore., Payette, 6:45 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Thursday, Aug. 31 at North Star Charter, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 5, home for tri-match vs. Payette and Nyssa, Ore., 5:45 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Tuesday, Sept. 5 at tri-match vs. Payette and Nyssa, Ore., Nyssa, 4:45 p.m.

Cross country
Thursday, Aug. 31, Caldwell Twilight Invitational, 4:40 p.m.



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Sports

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✓ Opening: Fine tops 300 yards in debut; defense wins with team-think

and brawn. He plowed into a defender while sprinting to the Wildcats’ 12-yard line to set up Danny Lomeli’s acrobatic catch, run and dive into the end zone on the first play of the second quarter.

Marston rushed for 107 yards. Seven of his 12 carries went for first downs, and he scored on a three-yard run in the third quarter.

“He has done so much to get to this point, and it was nice to see him have some success in the first outing,” Holtry said.

As a junior, Marston had 130 yards total offense and two touchdowns on 17 touches before his season ended in the fourth game of the year.

Marston wasn’t the only senior who made an impact in a much-anticipated return to the Deward Bell Stadium turf.

New starting quarterback Dillon Fine worked quickly in his debut, ending the Trojans’ 11-play, 72-yard game-opening drive with a score.

The senior rolled left then scrambled right for a seven-yard touchdown run.

Fine wasted little time getting the Trojans into the end zone on the second possession.

Two plays after Homedale’s first score, Angel Nolasco fell on a fumble by Filer running back Zach Porter.

On the next snap, Fine floated a short pass over the middle that Luke Henry cradled and then sprinted to pay dirt to complete a 48-yard play.

There was little time to react when Fine had the ball. If you blinked after a snap on Homedale’s third possession, you missed the senior’s attempt-

ed pass to Oklin Carson.

The pass fell short — only one of four attempts Fine would miss on during a 334-yard, five-touchdown outing.

“Impressive,” Holtry, who in his 15th season is now the longest-tenured coach in HHS history, said of Fine’s debut. “... I would say this is easily a top-five-type performance and probably a top-three if we are just talking first game of the season.

“He had a great game, and we are excited to see him continue to grow this season.”

Fine rallied from his misfire two plays later — on the first snap of the second quarter — by hitting Lomeli on a roll-out. Lomeli did the rest, juking past a defender, diving toward the goal line and twisting into the end zone on a seven-yard TD

reception.

The offense scored on eight of nine possessions and gave up only a second-quarter fumble.

“We put a lot of time in this past spring/summer in preparing for this fall,” Holtry said. “I feel like we did all the right things in order to get our kids in a position to be successful earlier than years past. I was happy to see that that time and preparation was worth it.”

Consistency continued on defense with Michael Rose recovering a second Filer fumble and Brock Walker picking off Wildcats quarterback Tristan Rea in the third quarter.

Homedale cashed in on Walker’s takeaway with Lomeli’s 35-yard TD reception.

Alex Sotelo also scored two touchdowns, and Rafael Cuenca caught a touchdown pass.

The teamwork of the Trojans’ defense showed, too. Nolasco’s two solo tackles led the club. Sotelo had seven assists.

Homedale defenders logged 14 solo tackles and 35 assists.

“I think it is a combination of our kids being in our program for a long time and understanding the demands that our defensive staff puts on them to know and understand,” Holtry said.

“It’s not a simple task to play football for (defensive coordinator) Tony Uranga, and if they are out there you can bet they are going to be coached up and dialed in. Josh White does an amazing job with our linebackers and with the defense as a whole.

“When you get some great kids to go out there and carry out the tasks, only good things are bound to happen.” — JPB

✓ Trojans: Underclassmen ready to help program take the next step

Katie Christoffersen, who graduated.

“We continued to work really hard last year to build upon our experience and technique,” Nash said. “We had some curve balls thrown at us last year, but overall the experiences made us all stronger people, and we are hungrier for a successful season than we’ve ever been.”

There are two returning seniors, both of whom have attained all-conference status — honorable mention setter and pin hitter Olivia Asumendi (5 feet, 7 inches), who is a four-year starter; and two-time second-team selection Zayne

Hall (5-9), who is a pin hitter and defensive specialist.

Nash says Asumendi is an “extremely strong, athletic, smart player.”

“She is a very determined, competitive player who wants to win,” the coach said. “The maturity she brings and her leadership as a senior will be critical to our success.”

Asumendi had four kills, six digs and a team-high 15 assists against the Pilgrims.

Hall notched 11 kills.

“She handles pressure well,” Nash said. “Her presence brings confidence to those around her.

“She is willing to play wherever we need her, and she has the ability and strength to be that versatile.”

Two underclassmen — 5-6 freshman setter Lilly Relk and 5-9 sophomore middle blocker Kierstley Roseborough — led the attack from the back line against New Plymouth.

“Lilly is only a freshman, but she’s a setter with maturity and experience and really solid skills and volleyball IQ,” Nash said.

Relk was second to Asumendi with 10 assists Thursday.

“Having both Lilly and Olivia gives us the opportunity

to run a 6-2 offense, which will allow us to utilize our hitters in six rotations.”

Relk and Roseborough — who saw varsity action during last year’s 3A District III Tournament as a JV call-up — served four aces apiece.

“(Roseborough is) strong and aggressive, and it’s going to be fun to see what she can do as a varsity hitter and blocker this season.”

Roseborough had one block and helped out on two others in the opener. She was No. 3 on the team with six kills.

Senior libero/defensive specialist Lexie Heck added three unreturned serves as the Trojans piled up 15 in 90 tries (16.7 percent).

“Lexie is a really smart player. She makes great decisions as a server and scores a lot of points as a result,” Nash said. “She’s a great passer and reads the ball really well. We are excited to have her in our backcourt again this season.”

Heck posted a team-high 15 digs against New Plymouth.

Kinlee Garrett, a 5-9 senior middle blocker, started her final prep season with nine kills and two blocks. She was also perfect in three dig attempts.

“Kinlee has come in stronger and quicker than ever this season,” Nash said. “After a standout track season as a junior, her strength and speed are proving deadly on the

volleyball court.”

Senior defensive specialist/libero Isana Larzelier notched 11 digs in 12 tries.

“Isana is an athletic, quick defender with great reading ability,” the coach said. “She has a tough serve (two aces vs. New Plymouth) that takes the opponent out of system.”

The lone junior — 5-7 pin hitter Halle King — had four kills and was 2-for-3 on digs.

“Halle continues to bring great energy on the court and is a really hard worker,” Nash said. “She’s versatile and athletic and has grown a lot in the past year.

“She’s putting the ball away with a lot of power.”

Nash sees a grind with a small crew, but adds, “It’s going to be a fun, successful season.”

“We have some grueling weeks in our schedule toward the end of September, so staying mentally focused and physically healthy will be critical to our success,” she said. “But it will also serve to prepare us well for postseason play.”

There is consolation in how seasoned this bunch is, the coach said.

“We have the most experience on our team we’ve had since I started coaching,” she said. “I can see the growth and maturity in these players, and I’m really optimistic and excited about what we will accomplish as a cohesive team this season.” — JPB



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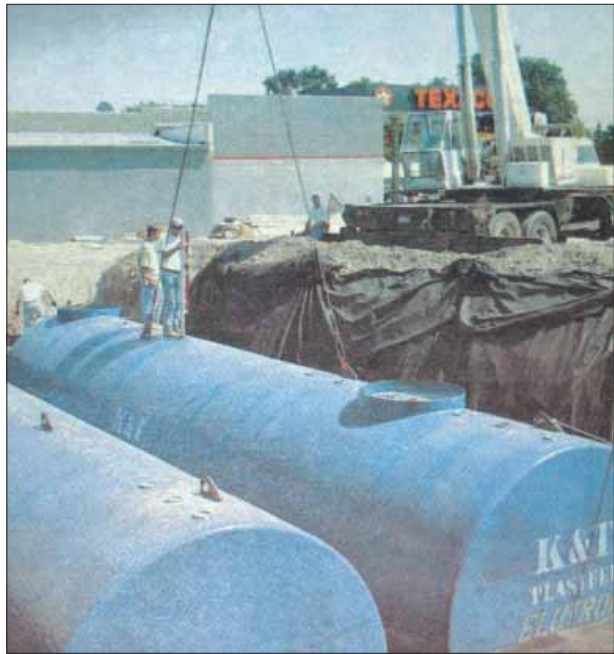
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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

September 2, 1998



Jackson’s expansion...

Two fuel storage tanks holding 20,000 gallons each were buried last week at Jackson’s Food Store on East Idaho Avenue in Homedale. The existing store building at the site will be razed and a larger building constructed. The new facility will feature eight fuel pumps, including diesel. The new store is slated to open in mid-November, but the business will remain open throughout construction.

Trojans defeat Vikings in first game

The Homedale High Trojans opened this year’s football season with a big win over the Middleton Vikings, ending the non-conference game 40-6. The Vikings met the Trojans in Homedale last Friday in the first non-conference game of the season for both teams.

Middleton took the opening kickoff, but on the Vikings’ third play sophomore quarterback Brian Anderson’s pass was intercepted by Shawn Maybon on the Viking 40 yard line, 1:28 into the first quarter, giving the Trojans the opportunity to make their first touchdown.

Nick Shanley and Andrew Endicott took turns carrying the ball as Homedale put together an eight-play touchdown drive to begin their lead of 7-0, 2:01 in the first. On their next drive, the Trojans went 67 yards in four plays, with a 2-yard run by Darren Uranga putting the Trojans ahead 13-0, 11:58 in the first. The Trojans scored on their first three possessions to take a 21-0 lead.

Eaton chosen as clerk candidate

The Owyhee County Republican Central Committee last week selected Cynthia Eaton as the new county clerk candidate to replace the party’s nominee, who was convicted of stealing county funds.

The committee voted 7-6 to nominate Eaton to replace JoAnn McDaniel’s name on the general election ballot, said committee member Chris Salove. McDaniel defeated Eaton in the primary election in May.

Two other candidates, Homedale City Clerk Pam Dugger and Helen Aman, approached the committee to ask for the nomination. The field was narrowed to Eaton and Dugger, and Eaton won in a secret ballot, Salove said.

50 years ago

August 30, 1973

THE WINNER OF THE Butter Pound Cake contest at the Owyhee County Fair, Mrs. W.E. Bredy of Homedale, center, is presented with a \$5 check from the “Udder Half” Dairy Wives Club. The check is presented by Miss Linda McFadden, right, dairy princess, and holding the winning entry is Mrs. Albert Eidemiller, president of the “Udder Half” which sponsored the contest. The first runner-up was Holly Hickox of Wilder, who received a cash prize of \$4; and second runner-up was Nona Hickox of Wilder, who received \$3. Miss McFadden, 16, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan McFadden of Meridian.



Trojan football squad sports speed, experience

Homedale High School football team has 17 returning lettermen to build its 1973 team around, reveals Coach Daryl Kellum.

Senior lettermen returning are Kent Curtis, Greg Cook, Fred DeGeus, Bill Ferguson, Steve George, George Hyer, Dan Silveria, Doug Takasugi, and Steven Yamamoto.

Juniors returning are Doug Cook, Don Drum, Rich Fritzley, Kirk Haylett, Danny Landa, Albert Lopez, David Takasugi, and Charles Warfield.

Graduation took five starters from the 1972 team — 2 offensive and 5 defensive in Rick DeGroat, Doug Folger, Greg Haylett, Mike Hyer, and Mike Parker. These vacated positions will be filled by experienced players except at tight end and defensive end.

Junior John Weston, sophomores, Danny Parrill, and Bryan Zatica are battling it out for the starting offensive tight end spot, and the defensive end spot is being challenged by several lettermen.

Among prospects for the 1973 team are: senior Don Packer; juniors Jerry Wilkes and John Weston; sophomores: Les Boren, Matt Bright, David Cook, Clarence DeGeus, Jim Ferguson, Marcus Kubosumi, Danny Parrill, Jeff Russel, and Bryan Zatica.

Captains leading the Trojans this season will be Steve George, George Hyer, and Doug Takasugi.

1973 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Homedale Trojans

Aug. 31 — Weiser at Weiser
Sept. 7 — Payette here
Sept. 14 — Vallivue here
Sept. 21 — Fruitland here
Sept. 28 — Open
Oct. 5 — New Plymouth at New Plymouth
Oct. 12 — Kuna at Kuna
Oct. 19 — Middleton at Middleton
Oct. 26 — Parma here
Nov. 2 — McCall at McCall
(Game Time 8:00 p.m.)

155 years ago

September 5, 1868

A WORD ABOUT FIRE.—We would ask each property holder in this town, and particularly those who have been residents for any considerable length of time in such places as this upon the Pacific Coast, if they are aware of the percentage of losses by fire? We will remind such, for they doubtless already know that it is about 33 1/3 per cent. We remember of seeing it stated not long since that wooden mining towns of a thousand inhabitants or more have burned on an average once every three years, and we believe that the statistics will show this not only to be true, but in new places like ours, filled up with so many reckless and unsettled people, the percentage has been much greater. Business men can only insure against fire when they are supposed to have houses that are thoroughly fireproof, which they will readily do at from four to ten per cent. We will ask, then, how reckless it is for persons to go on and build up block after block of shell pine-board houses when they know that in all reason without some protection they cannot stand more than a year or two, and that in their destruction is involved not only the cost of their property but all they may have as well as their business.

Now, with these facts which no one can dispute constantly before our eyes, why not go to work in earnest and at once to organize some thorough and efficient means for checking and subduing fires? There are two ways to do this, either one of which can be adopted for less than ten per cent of the property valuation and render the town perfectly secure. The first, and in our estimation the cheapest and best, is to take advantage of what nature has already done — build say three large reservoirs on the side of the mountain above town, at proper distances, which can be easily supplied with water from either Long Gulch or Sawpit Gulch; then by laying main pipes of sufficient capacity through the entire length of one of the principal streets, with hydrants or plugs at proper distances, with three or four sets of hose and hose trucks, and with a properly organized force to manage them we believe property would be almost entirely safe, and its advance in value would more than cover the expense of the work. Another plan, and a good one, is to purchase a hand engine — many of which have gone out of use in the cities below, and are for sale cheap — and organize a regular fire company and hook and ladder company. At any rate and by all means let some one course be adopted and pursued with proper energy and discard all others — then something may be done.

We have of late been most forcibly reminded of our danger by the frequent cry of fire! and we cannot hope to escape the devouring element much longer.

MINING VILLAGE.—Quite a village is springing up about the Oro Fino mine. Mr. P. McMahon, foreman, and family, occupy a snug dwelling close by. The office and boarding house are conveniently situated. John Boyle keeps store, where miners can get anything they want, including whisky and other stimulants warranted to get up a pugilistic exhibition or a horse race in ten minutes after being administered. Boyle is one of the most clever and accommodating men. Near the Surplus works is another well-patronized boarding house kept by Mr. and Mrs. Powers. There are also several resident families and a number of miners’ cabins, where the occupants hole themselves up at night to dream off the cares of the day, make big strikes and possess themselves of golden millions — in a horn.

Commentary

Idaho Republican Party

First presidential debate highlights party's strength

Republicans have never been afraid of debating the issues. Unlike the other side, which conspires to silence and censor anyone who disagrees with them, Republicans embrace the marketplace of ideas. Last Wednesday's Republican presidential primary debate was a perfect example.

It was a privilege to have the opportunity to attend the first presidential debate as a guest of the Republican National Committee. The crowd was wild, and I was thrilled to see so many young engaged voters in the audience. Over the course of two hours in Milwaukee, Wis., eight Republican contenders debated a wide range of pressing issues, including the Russia/Ukraine War, how much aid America should send to foreign nations, what limits the federal government can place on abortion, and what — if anything — should be done about climate change.

The shadow of 2020 dominated the discussion, as candidates debated what should have been done in the wake of a crooked election, the unjust COVID lockdowns, and the summer of rioting by Black Lives Matter and Antifa.

Of course, one of the biggest subjects of discussion was not on the debate stage last Wednesday. Former President Donald Trump, who appears to be the frontrunner for the 2024 nomination, chose to skip the debate and instead spoke to Tucker Carlson on Twitter (now X). Rather than discussing his primary opponents, Trump took aim at the one man who is most responsible for our nation's current predicament: President Joe Biden. Trump rightly called out Biden's failed administration, from his foreign policy disasters to his plans to ban gas stoves. Trump also worried about the level of division in our country, but explained that as president he must represent all Americans.

These debates show the importance of next year's presidential nominating caucus in Idaho. After the Secretary of State and the Idaho Legislature attempted to move the presidential primary from

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Dorothy Moon

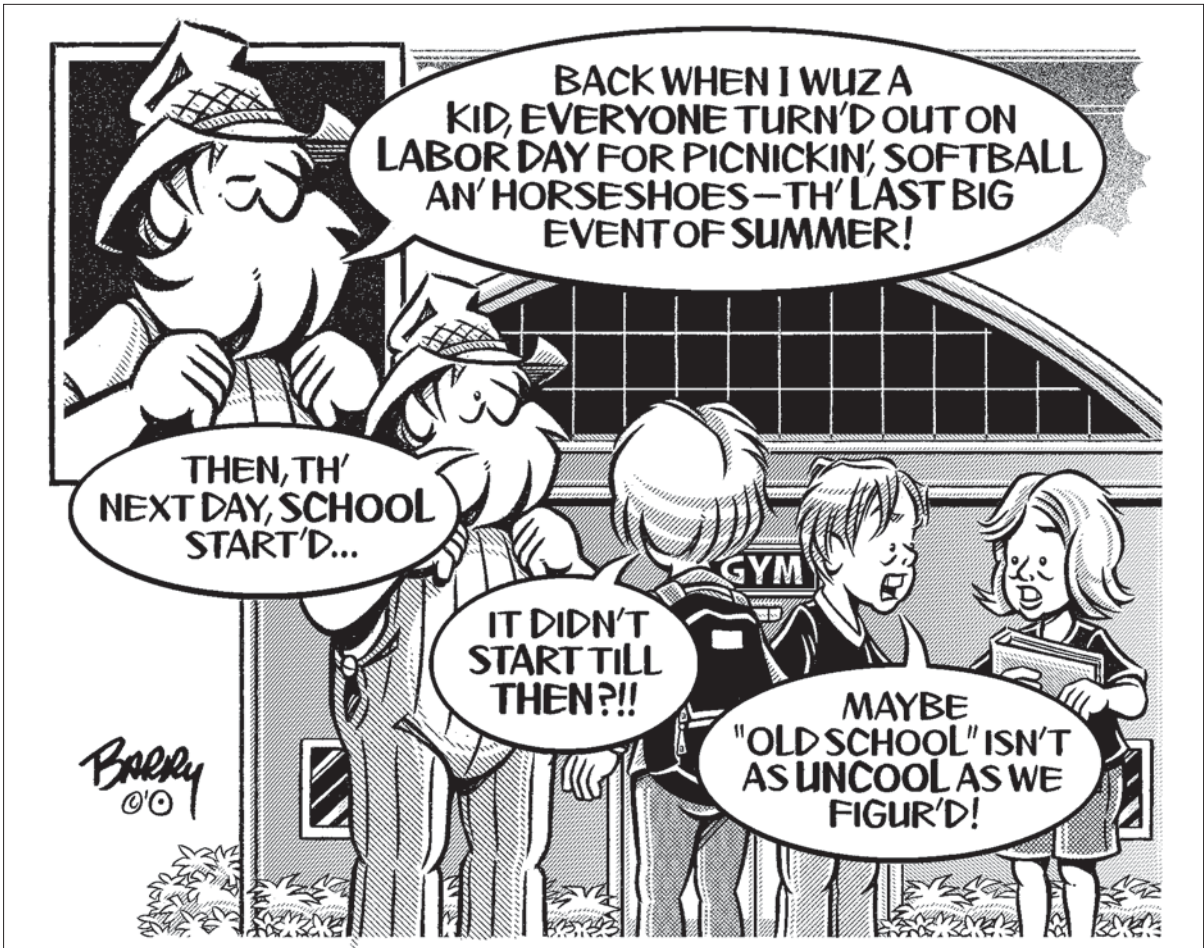
Idaho Republican Party chair

Dorothy Moon was elected chairwoman of the Idaho GOP in July 2022 after serving District 8 for three terms in the Idaho House of Representatives. She was voted Outstanding Republican Legislator by Idaho GOP in 2018.



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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

Smart natural resource policies can help enhance Idaho's environment, economy

Idaho is fortunate to be home to some of our nation's most unique landscapes and vast natural resources. I am dedicated to protecting our environment in a manner that ensures the vitality of our forests and rangelands, protects the rights of property owners and addresses the economic needs of our rural communities.

We have a responsibility to ensure that our local communities are consulted on decisions that impact the land on which they live and depend. Measures that empower state and local officials and private stakeholders to lead in the decision-making processes pertaining to our public lands help to avoid the drawn-out conflicts and costly litigation that we see all too often in communities throughout the West. I continue to work to enact land management policies that ensure the strength of our natural environment, maintain public access and maintain resilient, self-sustaining economies for our rural counties for years to come.

For example, I recently joined fellow members of the Senate Western Caucus, including fellow U.S. senator for Idaho Jim Risch, in requesting Senate appropriators support policies that play a vital role in maintaining the economic and environmental well-being of our region. The Senate Western Caucus is made up of senators from western and rural states unified behind a western approach to solving America's problems. In the letter, we advocated for the following priorities:

- **Block the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Conservation and Landscape Health Rule:** We stressed that rewriting the multiple-use mandate of our federal lands goes against both congressional

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo

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intent and the will of those who work, recreate, or live near federal lands. We expressed our strong opposition to this rule and urged the prohibition of its implementation.

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Commentary

Financial management

Wise investing will keep Mom comfortable in new digs

Dear Dave,

My mother-in-law is 85, and she’s had some health setbacks recently. The family got together with her, and as a group, we decided it was time to sell her property and move her into an apartment at a nice senior living facility. She should see a little over \$300,000 from the sale of her house. Aside from that, she has about \$10,000 in a savings account. The problem is, she’ll only receive \$2,100 a month in Social Security, and rent at the facility is \$2,600 per month. Plus she loves making donations to charities. With interest rates where they are, is a CD ladder a good place to put the money to help her cash flow expenses in the future?

— Ed

Dear Ed,

If this were my mother-in-law, I’d want her to do better than a CD (certificate of deposit) ladder. Even with the deficit between her Social Security income and the cost of rent, she’ll only need to see \$6,000 a year from the investment to make up the difference. And plus, she’s 85. Even if she got nothing in terms of interest, the chances of her burning all the way through her nest egg before she dies are almost zero. I know the thought of her passing away isn’t pleasant, but it’s something you have to take into consideration.

As far as the charities go: Right now, she’s the charity. Maybe not in the traditional sense of the word, but it’s time for Mom to come first. Only the strong can help the weak. I



didn’t let my toddlers carry our newborn. And when it comes to money, you’ve got to have the financial strength — the free and clear assets — to carry others. Take care of your own household first. That’s her responsibility at this point.

Ed, you’re not going to mess this up unless you put the money in crypto, or something stupid like that. If you want to do some high-yield savings as a part of it, that’s fine. If it were me, I’d probably end up investing some of it, too. Here’s the thing: Overall, if you could make eight percent on it, that’s \$2,000 a month, and it lasts indefinitely. That’s not even touching the principal. But like I said before, even if you make nothing on it, just divide \$6,000 into \$300,000. See what I mean? It’s probably going to last as long as she does.

Of course, there may be some other medical bills, and you’d probably want her to have a life other than just paying bills. That’s why I’d like to see that extra \$2,000 a month happening. It would provide a

little cushion. And there may be a few other little things from time to time the family would have to pick up, but that’s not unusual in a situation like this.

You all can make this work for her. Just don’t be super-aggressive, but don’t be super-conservative 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 for the company Ramsey Solutions.

✓ Debate: State GOP schedules presidential caucus for March 2

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March to May, only to eliminate it entirely, and Gov. Brad Little signed it into law, the Idaho Republican Party overwhelmingly agreed to host a nominating caucus on Saturday, March 2, 2024.

Registered Republicans are invited to meet with their neighbors and make their voices heard regarding the presidential nomination. The winner of Idaho’s caucus will earn our state’s delegates to the 2024 Republican National Convention. We invite all of the Republican presidential candidates to come to Idaho and make their cases to our voters — I have already received word that several will be making that trip.

Ever since America’s first Republican president, Abraham Lincoln, the GOP has led the way in wrangling

with the most important issues of our time. The next president will shoulder the enormous responsibility of putting America back on track, which means the voice of the voters is more important than ever. Idaho Republicans are ready to play their part.

The eight Republican presidential candidates who chose to participate in last Wednesday’s debate included North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum, former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, former Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson, former Vice President Mike Pence, entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy and South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott.

— Ed.

Letter to the editor

Jury duty is an important civic service

A hot topic in the Owyhee County Courts these days is jury duty. We recently summoned 60 qualified jurors and had 14 that did not show up. Typically, we only have about five or six no-shows with that size of a pool. Luckily, the case was settled before we actually had to take it up in court and seat a jury.

This is concerning for a couple of reasons.

First, everyone is guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and the Idaho Constitution to a trial by a jury of their peers. With that many no-shows, it was a real possibility that we wouldn’t have enough people to seat a jury.

And second, the cost and time for everyone else that shows up has value. As a juror you become an integral part of the court system, right along with the judge and attorneys. The trial, simply put, cannot proceed without jurors.

Like the privilege of voting, jury service allows an individual to participate in our democratic process. One of the most significant benefits of jury duty is that you have a chance to make a difference. Through your service as a juror you have the opportunity to bring fairness and justice to the world and the ability to make a difference in the lives of others. You will also learn how the system works and have an opportunity to interact with other Owyhee County citizens.

We appreciate and respect our jurors, and we understand things happen. We do our best to accommodate vacation schedules and other emergent events as they arise. The key is to contact us early or as soon as you know there could be an issue that may impact your availability. Thank you for your service!

Angie Barkell, Owyhee County Clerk

✓ Policies: Local sage-grouse decisions, wildfire priorities vital to state

From Page 16

- **Block the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Clean Power Plan 2.0 and the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) Rule:** We expressed opposition to the implementation of these proposed rules that force power plants to close, discourage new investments, increase costs for consumers and harm the reliability of our electric grid. We also noted these rules have dubious legal standing based on Supreme Court decisions and exceed congressionally delegated authority.
- **Continue prohibition on greater sage-grouse listing:** We stressed that enabling state and local communities to make informed decisions on the ground remains the most effective approach for conserving the greater sage-grouse and sustaining

rural western communities and urged the continuation of the prohibition against listing the greater sage-grouse under the Endangered Species Act.

- **Wild horse and burro management:** We highlighted that because wild horse and burro populations double every four years, the federal government needs to take the necessary steps to prevent overpopulation that would pose a threat to western rangeland.
- **Wildfire suppression and prevention:** We urged the prioritization of resources for wildfire suppression, forest management and the firefighting workforce to address the challenges with forest fires burning longer and hotter.

We concluded the letter, “As members of the Senate Western Caucus, we seek to promote and defend the western way of self-reliance, local decision-making,

and love of the land. We believe the most successful land management policies are collaborative in nature and take into full consideration those whose heritage and livelihoods are tied to our lands and resources. Those who are closest and depend the most on the land are best equipped to take on land management challenges.”

I will continue to work to advance policies that best address these and other issues that impact the economic and environmental well-being of the West.

— 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.

Public notices

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Declarations of Candidacy for the following City, Cemetery, Fire and School Trustee positions must be filed with the political subdivision clerk / secretary no later than 5:00 pm. Friday, September 8, 2023 (Sec. 34-1404, Idaho Code).

Such Declarations are available at the political subdivision office address listed below, or at the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho

Individuals who run as a write-in candidate for City positions have until 5:00 p.m. Friday, September 8, 2023 to submit their Declarations of Intent to the political subdivision / secretary. (Sec. 34-702A, Idaho Code)

Individuals who run as a write-in candidate for Cemetery, Fire, and School Trustee positions have until 5:00 p.m. Friday, September 15, 2023 to submit their Declarations of Intent to the political subdivision / secretary. (Sec. 34-1407, Idaho Code)

CEMETERY DISTRICT	POSITION(S)	LENGTH OF TERM	ADDRESS
Bruneau Cemetery	Commissioner - 1 Position Districtwide	4 Years	30073 Hot Springs Road Bruneau, ID 83604
Marsing-Homedale Cemetery	Commissioner Sub-District #3	4 Years	4410 Cemetery Road Marsing, ID 83639
Owyhee Pioneer Cemetery	Commissioner District #1 Commissioner District #3	4 Years 4 Years	239 Morning Sun Drive Nampa, ID 83686
Riverside Cemetery	Commissioner - 2 Positions Districtwide	4 Years	645 Idaho Street Grand View, ID 83624

CITY	POSITION(S)	LENGTH OF TERM	ADDRESS
City of Grand View	Mayor Councilman – 2 Positions Districtwide	4 Years 4 Years	425 Boise Avenue Grand View, ID 83624
City of Homedale	Councilman – 2 Position Districtwide	4 Years	31 W. Wyoming Ave. Homedale, ID 83628
City of Marsing	Mayor Councilman – 2 Positions Districtwide	4 Years 4 Years	425 Main Street Marsing, ID 83639

FIRE DISTRICT	POSITION(S)	LENGTH OF TERM	ADDRESS
Bruneau Fire Protection	Commissioner Zone 2 Commissioner Zone 3	4 Years 4 Years	31286 Highway 51 Bruneau, ID 83604
Grand View Rural Fire	Commissioner - 2 Positions District-Wide	4 Years	720 Roosevelt Avenue Grand View, ID 83624
Homedale Rural Fire	Commissioner Sub-District #1 Commissioner Sub-District #3	4 Years 4 Years	19 E. Wyoming Avenue Homedale, ID 83628
Marsing Rural Fire	Commissioner Canyon Co. Zone Commissioner Floater Zone	4 Years 4 Years	303 Main Street Marsing, ID 83639
Murphy Reynolds Wilson Fire	Murphy Dist. Commissioner	4 Years	17104 Tumbleweed Ln. Murphy, ID 83650

SCHOOL DISTRICT	POSITION(S)	LENGTH OF TERM	ADDRESS
Bruneau Grand View #365	Trustee Zones 2 & 4	4 Years	39678 State Hwy 78 Bruneau, ID 83604
Castleford #417	Trustee Zone 3	4 Years	500 Main St. Castleford, ID 83321
Glenns Ferry #192	Trustee Zone 2	4 years	800 Old Hwy 30 Glenns Ferry, ID 83623
Homedale #370	Trustee Zones 1 & 5	4 Years	116 East Owyhee Avenue Homedale, ID 83628
Marsing #363	Trustee Zones 2 & 4	4 Years	209 8 th Avenue West Marsing, ID 83639
Melba #136	Trustee Zones 2 & 3	4 Years	511 Broadway Avenue Melba, ID 83641
Pleasant Valley #364	Trustee Zones 1 & 2	4 Years	28026 Juniper Mt. Road Jordan Valley, OR 97910
Three Creek #416	Trustee Zone 1	4 Years	49909 3 Creek Road Rogerson, ID 83303

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NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE
AUGUST 28TH –
SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2023
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Declarations of Candidacy for the following City of Marsing positions must be filed with the City Clerk no later than 5:00 pm **Friday, September 8, 2023** (Sec. 34-1404, Idaho Code). Such Declarations are available at Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing, ID 83639, and at www.cityofmarsing.org or at the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho or at www.owyheecounty.net .

Offices open to election for
November 7th, 2023
Mayor – 4 years
Councilman - 2 positions
– 4 years

Candidates for city elected office are required to file a Declaration of Candidacy specifying the office sought and affirming that the individual is a qualified city elector, meaning: at least 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen, the candidate’s primary residence must be within the city, the address of the candidate’s voter registration must match the residence address provided on the candidate’s declaration and the candidate must have resided in the City for at least 30 days prior to submitting their declaration. The Declaration of Candidacy must be accompanied by one of the following: (1) a nonrefundable filing fee for \$40.00 or (2) a Petition of Candidacy signed by at least five qualified city electors with the signatures verified by the County Clerk’s office.

Individuals who run as a **write-**

in candidate have until 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 10, 2023 to submit their Declaration of Intent to the City of Marsing City Clerk (Sec. 34-1470, Idaho Code).

Jolyn E. Thompson
Marsing City Clerk
Aug. 20, 2023
08/30/2023

NOTICE OF ELECTION GRAND VIEW IRRIGATION DISTRICT
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to IDS 43-201 to 43-207, inclusive, the election of one Director from Division 2 of the Grand View Irrigation District, will be held on November 07, 2023 to elect a Director of the term of three (3) years from the first of January 2024 and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Nomination for Director may be made by Petition, signed by at least six (6) electors of the District, qualified to vote for the candidate nominated and filed with the Secretary of the District, not less than 40 days nor more than 60 days before the date of election. Petitions may be obtained from Dixie McDaniel, Secretary of the District, 645 Idaho Street, Grand View, Idaho. (Petition due date September 28, 2023 by 3:30 p.m.).

In the event more than one (1) candidate is nominated within a Division, notice of the time and place of election will be posted as is required by IDS 43-206.

Dated August 25 2023
Grand View Irrigation District
Dixie McDaniel, Secretary
08/30;09/06/2023

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
Trustee’s Sale No. PLTS103649
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Pioneer Title Company of Ada County dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 12/19/2023, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, at Owyhee County Courthouse, In The Lobby, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the “Property”), situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, to-wit;

Lot 12 of Block 1 of the Moler Addition to the City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 917 Franklin Street, Marsing, ID 83639, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Curtis Batho and Destiny Batho, husband and

wife, as Grantor, to Pioneer Title Company of Canyon County, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Dennis Boyd, as Beneficiary, dated 11/22/2021, recorded 11/30/2021, under Instrument No. 310415, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, ID, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by Dennis Boyd.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THATTHEYARE,ORARENOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 11/22/2021, FAILURE TO PAY THE INSTALLMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST WHICH BECAME DUE ON 5/1/2023; PLUS LATE CHARGES, AND ADVANCES FOR DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXESANDHAZARD INSURANCE AS SET FORTH; AND ALL SUBSEQUENT INSTALLMENTS OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST, PLUS LATE CHARGES, DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES, DELINQUENT INSURANCE PREMIUMS AND ALL FORECLOSURE COSTS AND FEES.

All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$149,723.70, together with interest thereon at 6% per annum from 4/3/2023, until paid.

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same.

DATED: August 14, 2023.

Pioneer Title Company of Ada County dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services Trustee
/s:/Deborah Duncan
Assistant Secretary
Pioneer Lender Trustee Services
8151 W. Rifleman Street
Boise, ID 83704
08/23,30/09/06,13/2023

Brooklyn Dayley dials up runner-up at NP Invite

Melba cross country teams start strong

Owyhee County athletes were the first two runners to cross the finish line Friday for Melba High School.

Senior Brooklyn Dayley was runner-up in the New Plymouth Invite girls’ 5-kilometer race, pulling in at 22 minutes, 1.99 seconds.

Sophomore Hayden Higgins took 10th in 24:28.46 as she and Dayley highlighted the team’s runner-up showing.

Fellow Class 2A program Nampa Christian won the championship.

The Mustangs’ only other top-10 finish came from senior Ravio Manzer. He ran a 17:3.65 and took fourth in the boys’ 5K.

The boys’ team finished fourth.

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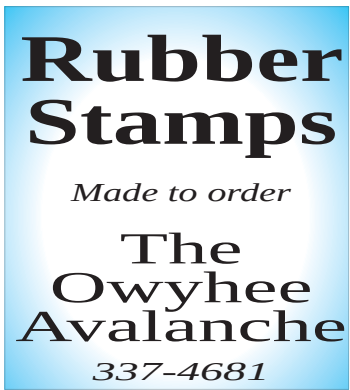
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THE JOE MERRICK family would like to send a huge “Thank You” to this community for all of the love and support shown immediately after the passing of Verla’s husband and our father. The love and concern shown is very much appreciated. We cannot count the number of individuals who have helped our family in one way or another! We would like to give a special “Thank You” to the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Department for the love, concern, and respect shown during the funeral procession and interment. Joe loved serving the youth of Owyhee County through the 4-H program and enjoyed serving as County Commissioner and was dedicated to the success and progress of Owyhee County. Thank you for your support as he served in that capacity. Again, thank you to all who supported our family with love, hugs, prayers, time, food, flowers, and genuine concern. Sincerely, Verla Merrick and Family



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