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Homecoming Honorees



Parade precursor in Homedale

Brodie White (left) and Abby Hall rode together in Thursday's Homedale High School Homecoming parade. About 28 hours later, they were crowned 2023 Homecoming king and queen prior to the Trojans' 54-7 victory over Parma in the Milk Jug Game. For more Homecoming photos, see **Page 13**. For more on the Trojans' victory, see **Page 14**.



Marsing royalty honored before historic victory

Homecoming royalty for Marsing High School (from left) Queen Mariah Gonzalez, King Eli Ankeny, sophomore duchess and duke Asia Carrillo-Moore and Jaxon Astorquia, and junior princess and prince Yesenia Cuevas and Matthew Ramirez. Freshmen attendants were Maizy Little and Heston McIntyre. **Other attendants:** Juniors Lilly Thoene, Raylynn Vanosdall, Dresden Wood and Dustin Randolph; Seniors Kimmie Loucks, Gwyneth Nielsen, Maria Morales, Kaydence Martinez, Diego Margarito, Jesus Ramirez, Jonathan DeLeon and Jacob Binger. For more Homecoming photos, see **Page 12**.

Garretts have company on Homedale honor ride

Two grandsons accompanied Homedale Homecoming grand marshals Gary and Kristie Garrett during Thursday's procession downtown.



Marsing officials, patrons analyze possible COSSA exit

Consortium, district partners for 54 years

Marsing school officials have begun gathering community input on the idea of ending the district's long relationship with the COSSA consortium.

Federal programs director Jessica Bettencourt outlined the district's difficulties with the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency's special education program, and others stood up to preserve career technical education opportunities during a Sept. 19 town hall meeting inside The HUB school board room.

"Over a few years, we have run into issues with services provided by COSSA, and we were asked by the (Marsing

school board) to conduct a cost-benefit analysis to determine if it's still economically responsible to maintain our participation in the consortium," school district superintendent Norm Stewart told The Owyhee Avalanche before the town hall.

Last week's meeting was the first of two scheduled for parents and patrons to speak up on the issue.

A second forum is scheduled to run from 6 p.m., to 7 p.m., on Monday, Oct. 23.

"We're here to discuss the future of the Marsing-COSSA partnership," school board of trustees chair Jason Sevy said to open the meeting.

"We've been partners for more than 50 years, but recent struggles have forced us to re-

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Homedale to seek judge's approval for \$6.1M water bond

Fiscal Year 24 budget includes elected officials' pay raises

Weeks after approving a \$12.366 million budget, the City of Homedale has announced plans to seek millions of dollars for upgrades to its water system.

The city council will hold a public hearing at 6 p.m., on Wednesday, Oct. 11 on the idea of petitioning for judicial confirmation on a bond to sink a new well and build a new well house.

The city proposes more than \$6.1 million to finance the

water system improvements.

Seeking judicial confirmation allows a government to avoid taking a general obligation bond question to an election.

The city received judicial confirmation for its \$10.7 million wastewater system improvement project, which is nearing completion. The City of Grand View also previously sought judicial confirmation for some of its infrastructure

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✓ Exit: Teachers praise paraprofessionals on special education efforts

evaluate our relationship.”

Marsing has been part of the COSSA consortium since its inception in 1969, but Bettencourt’s presentation provided insight into other options to provide those services, including direct relationships with Idaho Digital Learning Academy and the College of Western Idaho.

Stewart said IDLA and CWI would be part of the career technical education aspect of any post-COSSA plan. He said more cost details on the CTE portion of a breakaway proposal would be available at the October town hall.

Bettencourt said she has been doing research to build her comparisons for several months.

According to Bettencourt’s PowerPoint, the biggest problems facing the district lie within the special education realm.

- Certified special education teachers are at a premium, and Marsing paraprofessionals have been assigned to instruct classes as special ed teachers since the beginning of the school year.
- “Our paraprofessionals are doing an excellent job,” first-grade teacher Danielle Swanson said. “They’re being asked to perform far above what is their job.”
- In the past, paraprofessionals have been thrust into the specialized roles when certified teachers left the jobs mid-year. Likewise, both paraprofessionals and teachers have resigned mid-year.
- Paraprofessionals have been reassigned to other school districts in the middle of the school year.
- Teachers that do stay aren’t doing what’s best for the students.
- The district has to wait extended periods of time for services for which special ed



Marsing School District superintendent Norm Stewart stands at the dais to address the audience during the school board’s Sept. 19 town hall regarding possibly leaving the COSSA consortium.

students must be referred, such as speech therapy and occupational therapy.

- Services received haven’t been worth the cost to the district.

Donna Allen, the mother of a 16-year-old with autism, told trustees that she can’t even get her child into the COSSA special ed program.

“I have been trying since October of last year to enroll my son in COSSA, but I never get my phone calls returned,” Allen said. “I don’t feel they have the appropriate staff or ability to accommodate (patrons and their children).”

Potential issues for the current school year, according to Bettencourt’s report, include legal questions about paraprofessionals carrying out certified tasks, the concerns of parents about their child’s education, completion of individual educational programs, case managers, the presence of online special ed teachers in the elementary school and potentially for middle school students, online speech language pathology services, and Marsing teachers and administrators spending district contract time to resolve staffing and scheduling issues related to the COSSA special ed program.

Bettencourt also outlined a special ed program’s responsibilities:

- Test for learning disabilities
- Diagnose students’ issues
- Provide classroom and speech development services
- Monitor progress and teach students
- Maintain individual education plans (IEPs) and each student’s eligibility for assistance

Swanson said that currently teachers are “left in the dark” about IEPs for their students.

- Provide records to the state through file monitoring

Many of the people in attendance last week were faculty members eager to praise the paraprofessionals who, the teachers say, have been thrust into untenable situations because of the failings of the COSSA special education system.

There should be four special ed teachers in Marsing, but

Bettencourt pointed out that there are instances of paraprofessionals guiding the classroom with a certified teacher tuning in remotely, leading to some parents voicing concerns that there is no in-person teaching presence.

“(Students are) struggling to pay attention, and now they’re supposed to pay attention to a screen?” parent Jessie Payton asked. “It didn’t work during COVID.”

Bettencourt’s presentation outlined a plan in which the district could save money by dividing the three branches of the COSSA educational model among other providers and by bringing some offerings back to Marsing.

But the COSSA question involves much more than special education services, as pointed out by some who spoke last week.

Tonia White, a 1994 Marsing High School graduate, even pointed out that more needs to be done to get more students interested in career technical education, especially given the thousands of unfilled diesel mechanic and other trades jobs

in the nation’s workforce.

“I believe our school isn’t doing what we need to do,” she said, adding that students must be engaged at a young age to begin discussing CTE opportunities.

White said there were five certified nursing assistant (CNA) students at Marsing when she graduated nearly 30 years ago. This year, there are no such students, and officials said only one CNA student has come out of Marsing in the past five years.

Stewart said that interest in a CNA program declined after the class was moved from Marsing to Wilder.

Even now, at least one COS-SA class is offered at the Marsing campus. John Montana, the consortium’s longtime automotive/diesel instructor, teaches an introduction to automotive repair class that commands the attention of students eager to learn a trade.

Other students take CTE classes online already or at Elevate Academy in Caldwell.

One teacher, Juan Garcia, supported offerings such as

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✓ Exit: Parents speak up for value of career technical training programs

the COSSA Academy alternative high school, which is housed with the career-technical classes at the COSSA Regional Technical and Education Center at 109 Penny Lane in Wilder.

Garcia used to teach at COSA Academy before joining the Marsing district. He concurs that special education “is a mess,” but he sang the praises of the alternative school model.

“Academy kids are best served at the academy (in Wilder),” he said. “It has smaller classes, stricter rules. They’re there because they are better served there than here.”

Students from Marsing, Homedale, Parma, Wilder and Notus travel to the COSSA campus for classes each day, which requires creative scheduling to ensure other educational requirements back at the students’ home campuses are met.

Trustee Luke Ankeny agreed with Garcia’s assessment that some students are better suited for a trade school route than a traditional four-year university.

Kelly Ineck, who has two sons who completed the COSA CTE program, backed up that notion with a Class of 2018 statistic: Of the 42 graduates, only four are college graduates. Others, like her son, went to trade schools.

“The schedule gets too overwhelming (for some students) because of the emphasis on college credits,” Garcia said. “I think we’re ignoring a major part of the opportunity we have to serve the rural kids of Idaho.

“There are a lot of programs across the country going towards the COSSA model, and I find it interesting that we’re looking at getting out of it.”

Parent Eric Bowers supports the COSSA CTE programs. His son is working in a trade already through a partnership with YMC Heating, and he’ll be a second-year apprentice by the time he graduates from high school. Bowers said the work program gives COSSA CTE alumni the potential to make \$30 per hour as journeymen by the time they turn 21.

According to Bettencourt’s presentation:

- Marsing School District has 96 students enrolled in the COSSA special education program. The total cost to the district for the 2023-24 school year is \$590,766, or more than \$6,150 per student. Half of the special ed students (48) are elementary school-aged. Twenty-one middle-schoolers and 27 high school students are in the program.
- Marsing will pay nearly \$4,700 per student for 22 students to attend CTE classes during the current school year. Eighteen of those students are attending a 60-minute class on their home campus while two are traveling to COSSA in Wilder. Two additional Marsing residents who are homeschooled are enrolled in COSSA CTE.
- The participation has skyrocketed: Marsing had only four CTE students in 2022-23 and two in 2021-22.
- Twenty-three Marsing students attend the COSSA Academy alternative school, and 14 of those also have special education needs. The district’s presentation didn’t itemize the cost of alternative school.

Marsing’s COSSA participation is funded through a 10-year property tax levy that voters most recently renewed three years ago.

Marsing taxpayers paid \$305,419 and the district picked up \$344,063 of the total COSSA bill in 2022-23. This year, the projection has taxpayers funding \$604,848 with the district kicking in \$58,893, not including transportation costs.

Including an estimated \$110,000 in transportation costs, the district’s total 2023-24 COSSA outlay is projected at \$773,741. The piece of Marsing’s overall budget dedicated to COSSA has risen nearly 19.2 percent (or almost \$250,000) since 2021-22. The biggest portion of the increase was about \$108,000 between 2021-22 and 2022-23).

Of those costs, the COSA fee has increased about \$16,500 from \$649,212.20 in both 2021-22 and 2022-23 to \$663,741 this year. The rest of the increase has come in a \$20,000 bump in transportation costs since 2021-22.

Marsing paid \$90,212.20 for 14,053 miles of travel in the 2021-22 year and nearly \$18,000 more for 4,000 more miles last year.

A third-party company provides referred services some special ed students require.

Bettencourt broke down the costs of each service after receiving a quote from Sara Bergsma, who owns We Are Better Together LLC:

- **Speech-language pathologist** — \$49,920 based on 60 students served for 24 hours each week of the school year at an hourly rate of \$65
- **Speech-language pathologist assistant** — \$28,160 based on 16 hours per week at \$55 per hour
- **Occupational therapist** — \$1,200 based on five hours per week at \$75 per hour to serve five students
- **Certified occupational therapy assistant** — \$5,280 based on three hours each week at \$55 per hour
- **Physical therapist and physical therapist assistant** — No stated need in report

According to Bettencourt’s study, Marsing could save about \$260,000 in the 2024-25 special ed budget if the district opts out of the consortium. It’s estimated the district would pay about \$516,000 for a stand-alone program, but there’s a chance that \$172,500 in federal funding that goes to COSSA would come to Marsing to knock the total district cost down to nearly \$343,265.

The district would have to run a special education levy to replace part of the funding now garnered from the COSSA levy, which would disappear.

Part of the 2024-25 stand-alone cost would be more than \$307,000 in salary and benefits:

- \$49,121 apiece for three certified teachers (elementary, middle school and high school) and \$36,840.75 in benefits for those teachers
- \$24,000 each for four para-professionals plus \$26,880 in benefits

Costs for other services in the Marsing-only model would include:

- \$49,121 for a special education director
- \$49,920 for a speech language pathologist
- \$28,160 for a speech language pathologist assistant
- \$1,200 for an occupational therapist
- \$5,280 for a certified occupational therapist assistant
- \$45,000 for Comprehensive Behavior Rating Scales (CRBS) and a behavioral interventionist

Other districts pay considerably less than Marsing for similar services, but none of those districts are part of a consortium:

- Bruneau-Grand View pays \$80,820 to staff one teacher and one paraprofessional for 65 students.
- Horseshoe Bend pays \$134,902 to staff two certified teachers for 62 students.
- Melba has a budget of \$247,560 for 100 students.
- New Plymouth’s cost of \$533,278 for 70 students is a \$70,000 increase from the prior year, and includes \$527,778 in salaries and benefits. New Plymouth has five teachers and a developmental preschool program.

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Rusty and the Country Jammers entertained the lunch crowd at the Homedale Senior Center on Sept. 5. **From left:** Hal Bolinger, bass guitar; Henry Warn, guitar; Rusty Page, guitar and vocals; Al Fisher, saxophone; and Vaughn Warn, trumpet. Rusty said the band is in transition but will play on the first Tuesday of every month at the senior center and also has gigs at nursing homes and churches elsewhere. Rusty’s father-in-law Wayne Watson played with Woody Purdom’s band when it entertained the senior center crowds decades ago.

Music group plans second senior center engagement

A second appearance by Rusty and the Country Jammers is scheduled for Tuesday prior to the Homedale Senior Center’s congregate lunch. The band will play from 11 a.m., to noon at the center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. The senior center is open from 8 a.m., to 1 p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Congregate lunches are served each day, and Meals on Wheels is available for folks who can’t make it down to the center. Call (208) 337-3020 for information on any of the senior center’s offerings. Each Wednesday, the center plays host to the Ladies Coffee Group at 9 a.m., and bingo is played from 10:30 a.m., until lunchtime. Lunch is preceded by a Fit and Fall class every Tuesday

and Thursday beginning at 10:30 a.m. The senior center board of directors will hold its monthly public meeting at 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Oct. 10. Nominations are still open for the 2024 board of directors. The election will be held in November, and all senior center members in good standing are eligible to run. Call the center for more information. The monthly foot clinic will be offered on Tuesday, Oct. 17. Appointments are necessary and are available beginning at 8:30 a.m. Foot examinations cost \$25, and ear cleanings are available for \$30. The monthly blood pressure clinic will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 18. A week later, on Oct. 25, 15-minute massages will be available for \$15. Call to make an appointment. Another musical appearance by the Prime Time Swingers will precede the Oct. 26 luncheon. The music will begin at 11 a.m.

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Enrollment for the new 4-H year will be open Oct. 1 through March 1st. Families who are interested in joining Owyhee County 4-H for the first time, please complete this survey: <https://bit.ly/4HYouth>. Current 4-H members and volunteers, please complete your enrollments via ZSuite.

We are always on the lookout for additional volunteers and club leaders. If you are interested in sharing your expertise in any of the aforementioned project areas, or in an area we do not currently offer, or you simply want to support the 4-H program by volunteering, complete this survey: <https://bit.ly/Volunteer4HOC>

For more information about enrollment or volunteering, contact the Owyhee County Extension Office.

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



Madi Anderson



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For information on our services or to place an order for service, contact the Oregon-Idaho Utilities, Inc., business office at:

(800) 624-0082

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 gym, 800 Main St. (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

Food bank drop off

1 p.m., to 3 p.m., (weather permitting; holidays could change date), Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206 or (541) 586-2562

After School Bible Club

4 p.m., to 5 p.m., ages 5-11, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 585-7694 or (208) 599-2790

Teens and Tweens

5 p.m., to 6 p.m., ‘Tie Dye Tote Bags’, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

ION Heritage Museum board meeting

6 p.m., Jordan Valley Elementary School library, 604 Oregon Ave., Jordan Valley. (541) 586-2100

Friday

Blood pressure clinic

10:30 a.m., to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Saturday

Gun range clean-up

8:30 a.m. coffee/donuts; 9 a.m. clean-up, volunteers, no children. Marsing shooting range, Trap Shoot Road off Idaho highway 78 near mile marker 3, south of Marsing.

Snake River Country Market

11 a.m., to 3 p.m., London Park, Main Street and 4th Avenue West, Marsing.

Marsing Boosters luau fundraiser

6 p.m., to 11 p.m., adults only, \$40 per ticket, Phipps-Watson American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing.

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Opal Nash Story Time

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

Children’s after-school program

4:30 p.m., elementary and middle school children, ‘Pizza Party and game night’ Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

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Fit and Fall exercise

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

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

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

South Board of Control meeting

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Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to jon@owyheeavalanche.com (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

Bugs of the West

I was moving into the seventh grade in the mid-’60s, and one of the “set in stone” projects was making an insect collection for Mr. Tieschert’s science class. Everyone with an older sibling knew of this and either looked forward to it or dreaded it.

Since insects are seasonal, we were encouraged to spend our summer getting a good start on gathering them, which had a 0% chance of even being a thought in my head. I figured I could outdo anybody’s work in short order with the exotics from the Owyhee country. The insects that live there are supercharged versions of their valley cousins and are accessorized with wings and an extra color or two. Most of them sting or bite. Just how I was going to capture the really mean ones, I hadn’t thought through, but like a lot of things at that age, I figured the solution would present itself in time. It didn’t, and most of the really interesting specimens either got away or were preserved as gooey smudges of wings and legs from a handy board or other makeshift swatter. As usual there was work to do at the cabin, so the bug safari could be attended to at that time.

The ants there live in large piles of needles and twigs about 3 feet across and 2 feet high. They come in both

black and red varieties, and both have the same nasty disposition when annoyed. Catching a few of these was easy enough as long as you didn’t linger more than a few seconds. Any longer, and they will be up your leg biting whatever suits their bad mood. When they start in, the victim will immediately begin to disrobe to find the attacker, which usually invites more of them aboard, so you should suffer the bites long enough to move away from the source before trying to remove them.

By the fall, there is not much water running in Soldier Creek but usually enough to support a few water skippers in the slack pools. Some have wings and can sting, but I’ve never encountered one that did. One of their food sources, the mosquito, has usually cleared out by the end of the summer except for the larger mutants, and none of those were showing themselves either.

The wasps are also hard to find as the weather cools off, but if you really need one just warm up the bunkhouse and a couple dozen will literally come out of the woodwork to accommodate you. Just be ready to vacate the building, as they are the most unreasonable pests next to hornets and the

occasional supersized Great Black Wasp. I met up with one of these while cleaning a room, and it has to be the most intimidating bug I ever encountered. At about 2 inches long, I couldn’t shoo it out without taking the chance that I’d be injected with paralyzing venom. Turns out a bite is supposedly not that bad but I certainly never want to test it, so it became the aforementioned gooey smudge with legs and wings sticking out.

Flies seem always to be plentiful since there is an outhouse on site. Again they come in several sizes and degrees of hostility from “just annoying” to the nasty bite of a horsefly. They can be pestering you all day, but when you want one in one piece, they disappear like kids when it’s time to do dishes.

Grasshoppers are pretty common, and some years they can be found in quantity at the cabin. In one of the drought years of the ’90s, there were so many of them that a walk through the dry grass was like wading into water with them as they fanned out in waves before your footsteps.

Though not technically an insect, this story would not be complete without saying something about ticks. The tick is a parasite that is hard to stay clear of at the cabin



Reminiscing Owyhee memories

by
Stan Soran

and once acquired there are several ways to get rid of it, all of them unpleasant. When Dad said he needed a couple matches to remove one from my brother, I had a visual of him being lit on fire. It wasn’t that drastic since the match is blown out and just the heat on the back end of the bug is supposed to make it back out. Of the many times I’ve heard of this being tried, I’ve only seen it work for Dad. I wind up killing the pest and having to pull it out with tweezers or digging it out. As far as including one in an insect collection, I don’t think you could drive a pin through one without a hammer, and Mr. T. would surely have deducted rather than added extra credit.

The due date for the collection approached, and like most of these school projects in my life it would be a thrash to get the minimum number. With the few specimens from the cabin, I still had to get

most of them from around the neighborhood. I found that the dead June bugs left over and laying around on the front step were always missing a piece or two and wouldn’t work. Nothing from Danise’s collection would do as her penmanship was far better than mine, and again a missing head or leg was a dead giveaway that it was less than a fresh specimen. Moths were plentiful but difficult to get without breaking them.

As I remember I came in with a few less than the minimum and scored something like a “C” on it — a grade that was beginning to appear more and more on my report cards. Dad was able to instill some higher motivation in me by tying a higher GPA to possible future car ownership.

As far as the world of insects and me went, they returned to their rightful place as gooey smudges with wings and legs sticking out.

About the author

Caldwell resident Stan Soran’s family has a long history of Owyhee County capers. Since the 1950s, the Soran Family has had a mine on Soldier Creek. Four generations of family and friends have hiked, hunted, played, panned, partied, mined, built, burned and rebuilt at the “Cabin.”

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Department Of the Air Force Signs a Record of Decision for the Airspace Optimization for Readiness at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho Environmental Impact Statement

On July 14, 2023, the Department of the Air Force (DAF) signed the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Airspace Optimization for Readiness at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho Environmental Impact Statement. The DAF selected Alternative 1, 100-Foot Above Ground Level (AGL) Floor (for subsonic operations) Across All Military Operations Areas (MOAs) and Alternative B: 10,000-Foot AGL Supersonic Floor Across All MOAs. Based on this decision, the DAF will request the Federal Aviation Administration to modify the subsonic low-altitude floors and supersonic altitude floors to be consistent across all MOAs in the Mountain Home Special Use Airspace.

The DAF decision documented in the ROD was based on matters discussed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement, inputs from the public and regulatory agencies, and other relevant factors. The Notice of Availability for the ROD was published in the Federal Register on August 2, 2023 (Volume 88, Number 147, Page 50849). The Final Environmental Impact Statement was made available to the public on March 3, 2023, through a Notice of Availability in the Federal Register (Volume 88, Number 42, Page 13443) with a waiting period that ended on April 3, 2023.

A copy of the ROD can be obtained through the project website:
<https://www.mountainhomeafairspaceeis.com>.

Inquiries should be directed to 366th Fighter Wing Headquarters, Office of Public Affairs, 366 Gunfighter Ave, Building 512, Suite 2014, Mountain Home AFB ID 83648, (208) 828-6800.

Homedale library sets adult classes

As a new fiscal year dawns for the Homedale Library District, more programs are scheduled at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library.

The last program of September takes place Thursday when Teens & Tweens participants will gather at the former Homedale Community Center to make tie-dye tote bags.

The program open to boys and girls ages 10-17 starts at 5 p.m., at the 1980 library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

- On Monday, a new program geared toward students who have completed their day in class will begin.

The after-school program launches with a pizza party and game night at 4:30 p.m.

- At 10 a.m., on Monday, the Opal Nash Story Time for preschoolers will hold another session at 10 a.m., at the Jackson library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.
- Later in October, new offerings for all ages will commence.
- Beginning on Oct. 11, the library will play host to a weekly computer basics course. The College of Western Idaho Digital Skills 1: Computer Basics Course will teach computer basics such as how to type, use email and more.

The class will take place from 4 p.m., to 6 p.m., each Wednesday.

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

- CPR training will be held on Oct. 14 and Nov. 4, which are both Saturdays.

The free course will start at noon and should last between three and four hours, library director Sharla Jensen said.

Call or visit the library to get on the waiting list for class openings.

- The library also announced that classes to help folks get their GEDs will begin soon. Call or visit the library to get on the waiting list.

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

Homedale church plans next car show

The Homedale Assembly of God is rolling out its classic car and bike show again.

The ninth annual show and shine will take place on Saturday, Oct. 7 at Bette Uda City Park on East Idaho Avenue.

Registration will be held from 9 a.m., to noon. Awards will be handed out at 2 p.m.

The show is free to the public. A raffle is planned.

Show entry for a car or motorcycle is \$10.

Chili, hot dogs and onion rings will be sold. Proceeds benefit the church's youth programs, such as The Refuge teen center at the corner of West Montana Avenue and North Main Street.

For more information, call Pastor Ivar Moore at (208) 412-2946 or Randy Friedley at (208) 859-6999.

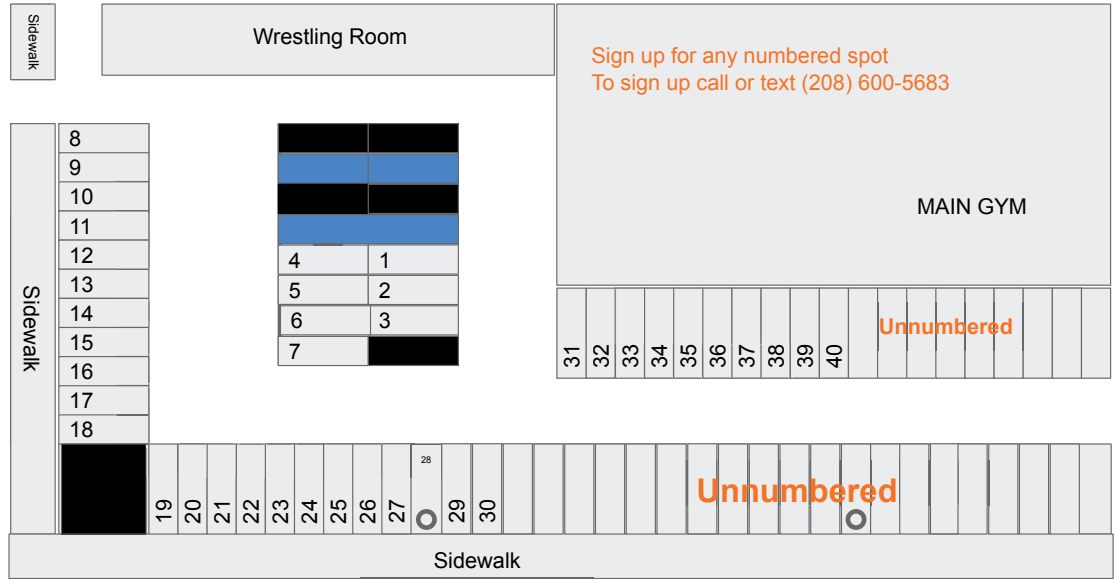
The Homedale Assembly of God is located at 15 W. Montana Ave.

Sunday service starts at 9 a.m., and a family service is offered at 11 a.m., with children's supervision and nursery services available for the later time.

A Wednesday service with adult, youth and children's versions, starts at 7 p.m.

The church's youth group Facebook page can be found at Tru-uth Homedale A.G. Youth Group.

The church also has a social media presence on Rumble under Homedale AG.



The diagram that Homedale High School senior Heidi Cloud wants prospective trunk-or-treaters to use to select their spot for the Oct. 20 event.

Homedale Trunk or Treat spots available

A Trunk or Treat is planned in the Homedale High School parking lot next month.

Heidi Cloud is organizing the Halloween event as her senior project, and she is taking reservations for community members who want to participate in handing out candy.

Call Cloud at (208) 600-5683 to reserve a spot. A limited number of spaces in the gymnasium parking lot are available. Refer to the parking lot diagram to choose your spot.

The Trunk or Treat will begin at 4 p.m., on Friday, Oct. 20. There will be a costume contest, too.

Marsing gun range cleanup help needed

Volunteers are sought for a community cleanup project planned for Saturday at the Marsing shooting range.

Marsing's Owyhee County Republican Central Committee members Mike Nelson and Walt Holton are teaming up with the sheriff's office for the cleanup, which will be held at 9 a.m.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse members also will help out at the range, which is located off Trap Shoot Road south of Marsing on Idaho highway 78 just before mile marker 3.

Coffee and donuts will be provided at 8:30 a.m., a half-hour before the work project begins.

Volunteers are asked to wear appropriate clothing, footwear, gloves and eye protection because of the potential presence of dangerous debris such as broken glass, sharp metal and other hazards.

Additionally, for safety reasons, organizers ask that no children attend the cleanup.

While trash bags and transport vehicles will be provided, volunteers can bring rakes, scoop shovels and trash cans.

✓ Homedale: Council votes mayor a raise he didn't want

improvements.

If Homedale files the petition and a Third District judge confirms the need, the city would then issue bonds for the work, and the bonds would be paid back through a property tax levy.

The revenue from the proposed bonds isn't included in the water system line for the Fiscal Year 2024 budget. The city's FY 24 water budget sits at \$1.838 million, which is \$272,192 (17.4 percent) larger than the FY 23 budget.

When the council passed the FY 24 budget last month, the appropriations included pay raises for all elected officials.

No citizens spoke up at the public hearing on Aug. 9.

City councilpersons received nearly a 42 percent pay raise to \$400 per month. According to city clerk and treasurer Alice Pegram, the last pay raise for council members came in 2006 when the monthly salary was set at \$281.75. The FY 24 pay raise will go into effect on Jan. 1.

The council also gave Mayor Gheen Christoffersen a pay bump, although Pegram said the chief executive didn't ask for an increase. The mayoral salary will rise to \$800, a 14.3 percent increase over the \$700 monthly salary that started on Jan. 1, 2016.

Homedale's mayoral pay scale has increased 77.8 percent since 2005 when the chief executive made \$450 per month.

City employees will also receive raises beginning in January.

Nearly every line in the city budget will increase in FY 24, which begins Saturday.

Overall, the budget is \$4.65 million slimmer than the FY 23 appropriation of more than \$17 million.

The wastewater budget will fall nearly \$4.5 million as the treatment lagoons construction and transmission line improvement project continues to wind down.

The general fund will increase more than \$1 million.

The police department budget is scheduled to rise to \$904,120. That's a 16.2 percent increase (\$126,381) over the FY 23 appropriation. The city indicates HPD could receive a \$10,000 grant during the next fiscal year.

The parks budget was set at \$515,248, an increase of 103 percent. The budget could rise \$261,452, but the city is anticipating a \$300,000 grant to help with improvements.

The city also has indicated a possible municipal airport grant of \$565,000, which would account for the vast majority of the \$590,000 budget.

The city also plans to apply for a \$150,000 grant for streets and highways. That budget was set at \$485,519.

As the Homedale Library District starts its first full fiscal year as a taxing entity, the city won't have to pay more than \$100,000 in support.

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Weather			
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Sept. 19	86	46	.00
Sept. 20	76	40	.00
Sept. 21	70	41	.00
Sept. 22	63	44	.00
Sept. 23	73	44	.00
Sept. 24	77	35	.00
Sept. 25	77	43	.00

Obituaries

Karen Louise Browning (Fuqua)

Karen Louise Browning (Fuqua) born October 3rd, 1952 passed away in her home along the healing waters of Rapid River in Riggins, Idaho on September 7th, 2023 at 11:11 PM.

Karen was surrounded by the loving energy of all her children as she made her final journey home to be with our Lord and Savior.

Karen was the youngest of nine children born to Wilma and Walter Fuqua in Homedale, Idaho. Karen was preceded in

death by her parents Wilma and Walter, her sisters Carolyn, Marilyn, Agnes and her granddaughter Adessa.

She is survived by her loving siblings Gene, Elsie, Jim, Shar, Linda, her 5 children, 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Those who had the privilege of knowing Karen knew that she was completely devoted to her family and friends. Karen was especially grateful for the unwavering love and friendship received from her

besties Jody and Cuca over the years.

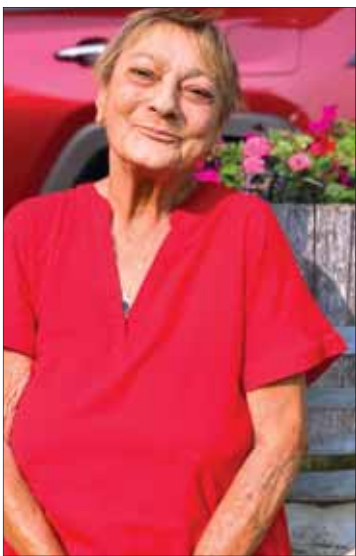
Karen went by many names Daughter, Sister, Aunt, Friend, Mom, Grandmama, but her favorite was GG. Karen was a proud mother of 5 children Charles, Teresa, Michael, Michelle, Wendy whom she loved fiercely and spent her life selflessly providing for. A Grandmama to her 12 grandchildren Haillee, Christopher, LeAndra, Tosha, Mariah, Adam, Melissa, Alexas, Kelsey, Maliki,

Treyson, Lola and GG to her 14 great-grandchildren Danyelle, Justice, Adessa, Jack, Ian, Owen, Austin, Rex Jr., Dorothy, The Senator (Weston), Hayden, Damian, Mila and Diego.

A celebration of life is planned at the Parma Senior Center, 410 N Eighth St. in Parma, ID on October 7th, 2023 at 11:11 AM - 3 PM.

Online condolences may be left at www.mccallfunerals.com

Arrangements in care of McCall Funeral Home.



Bonnie Johnston Floyd



Bonnie Johnston Floyd was born on February 7th, 1943, and passed away on May 13th, 2023, at the age of 80. Bonnie was the daughter of Bill and Faye Johnston. She is survived by her sister Janie (Dan) Cain and her stepsisters Donna (James) McCabe, Carolyn (Riley) Moore and Susan (Ron) Tunning.

Bonnie graduated from Caldwell High School and went on to be a University of Idaho Vandal. She then taught at Borah High School until meeting Jerry Floyd whom she married and moved to Marsing with to raise her

family. Bonnie helped Jerry with the farm and was very involved in their daughters Cindy Floyd (Cory Watson) and Becky (Billy) Avery lives. She coached most of their sports, was their Girl Scout and 4-H leader, substitute taught at the Marsing School District where the girls attended school as well as volunteered at any other community activity that needed a hand.

Bonnie was an avid softball player and bowler. She was in a Caldwell bowling league for many years. She enjoyed the outdoors and doing things like fishing, camping, and caring

for animals. She had several grandchildren and one great-grandson. She was very close and spent many days hanging out with Helen and Caleb, watching Helen ride horses and Caleb build Lego's. She also watched the Sharknado series with them. Bonnie had two close friends Nick and Billy and they enjoyed having lunch and going on trips to Jackpot. She also had her friend Connie Brown who she spent time hiking and camping with. Bonnie had a cat named "Inky," and they shared a very special bond.

Bonnie is survived by her daughters Cindy and Becky,

grandchildren Helen and Caleb Avery, Dylan (Casey) Cady, Daysen Frazier, Joseph, Jakel, Elijah, Jerilyn, Jennings, Zephia, and Jose Floyd. Great-grandson Rowdy Cady. Her beloved sister Janie (Dan) Cain. Her niece Jennifer and nephew Robbie. Ex sisters-in-law Gayle (Al) Hagler and Shirley (Dan) Gibbens. She was preceded in death by her parents. In lieu of flowers a donation in Mom's name can be made to the pet shelter of your choice. A celebration of life will be held at Floyd Farms on September 30th at 5pm at 12367 Marsing Rd. Dinner will be served.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

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

Sept. 27: Baked fish, scalloped potatoes, Brussels sprouts

Sept. 28: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables

Oct. 3: Salisbury steak with mushrooms and onions, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans

Oct. 4: Biscuit with sausage gravy, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing

Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside Marsing City Hall
Suggested donation: \$5 (60 and older), \$8 (59 and younger)
\$8 (take-out meal, any age)

Sept. 27: Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, mixed salad, Baci roll

Sept. 29: Breaded chicken with country gravy, ranch potatoes, green beans, applesauce, 9-grain bread

Oct. 2: Polish sausage with sauerkraut, roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, pineapple,

whole wheat bun

Oct. 4: Salisbury steak with gravy, scalloped potatoes, Chateau vegetables, green salad, 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

Sept. 28: Chicken Parmesan, creamed corn, cottage cheese, fresh fruit, roll

Oct. 3: Kalibala, whole grain bun, yogurt with granola, berries

Oct. 5: Bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich, whole wheat bread, potato salad, cottage cheese, pineapple

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

Sept. 28: Spaghetti

Oct. 3: Salisbury steak

Oct. 5: Tuscan chicken

Death notice

VICTOR J. YTURRASPE, 77, of Lewiston, who was born in Jordan Valley and lived there until his teen years, died on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023. Arrangements: Mountain View Funeral Home and Crematory, 3521 7th St., Lewiston.

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Debbie Carter named Marsing Lion of the Year

Debbie Carter (right) accepts the 2023 Lion of the Year Award from 2022 honoree Sharon VanWassenhove during the Marsing Lions Club meeting Sept. 19 in the Sandbar Community Room. Currently club secretary, Carter was president last year, and she works as a deputy clerk at City Hall. She is also involved with the Marsing Chamber of Commerce. “She is a pillar of our club, and we are grateful for her dedication to the community,” Lions Club president Jason Sevy said. Submitted photo



The finishing touches

A crew from Superior Signs installed lighted signage on the north- and west-facing exterior walls of the new Terry Reilly Health Services clinic in Homedale on Thursday, giving passersby an idea of the comprehensive treatment that is available inside.



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WEED WATCH



Photos by Clint Shock

From Jordan Valley CWMA
Eric Morrison, coordinator

Name: Saltcedar (*Tamarix*)

Description: A shrubby deciduous tree growing from 5 to 20 feet. Usually forming dense clusters of trees. Very young trees are slender, red to russet and willowy rather like a whip. Mature trunks are deeply grooved and light to medium gray. Light to bright pink flowers appear from June through August. Mature trees can produce more than 500,000 seeds per year. Fortunately they remain viable for just a few months. They can germinate within 24 hours. They usually require a soaking period and can actually germinate in water. Leaves appear cedar-like, but they are in no way related to the coniferous cedar. One mature tree can transpire more than 100 gallons of water per day in the summer months. They are capable of reducing or eliminating above-ground stream and spring flow, adversely affecting wildlife.



Habitat: Saltcedar are very adaptable to arid soils; however, they will always be found next to a water source, even though the source may not be apparent. Usually preferring to grow in rocky stream beds and in the bottoms of gullies and draws. Can grow in very saline and alkaline soils.

Origin: Of Mediterranean origin, North Africa, Near and Middle East. Its name may derive from the River Tamaris in Spain where it is thought to have been introduced during the Moorish invasion. Originally brought as an ornamental but later promoted by the U.S. Geological Service for erosion control and stream bank stabilizer. It demonstrated to be the opposite, causing both erosion and stream bank degradation.

Control: Once established, the plant can be extremely difficult if not impossible to eradicate. Some success from burning and mechanical removal has been seen, although this method is very expensive and has had dramatic failures as well. Certain herbicides have proven highly effective. Imazapyr (Habitat) has been the most effective and least expensive per acre as well as being safer to aquatic creatures. Tryclopir (Garlon, Pathfinder II) has been effective in controlling Saltcedar in certain situations, always read the label for proper applications. Leaf Beetles have been released in selected dense stands with dramatic effect. It remains to be seen what the long-term result will be, but early indications are encouraging.

When using herbicides, always read and follow label directions on any chemical. It's the law!

(Modified from *Selected Noxious Weeds of Eastern Oregon*, Gary Page, retired Malheur County weed inspector).

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New H.S. rodeo season coming to Homedale

Locals excel in N.P. openers

Local prep rodeo athletes began the 2023-24 District 2 season during the weekend in New Plymouth.

The first two rodeos of the season were held Saturday and Sunday at the Payette County Fairgrounds.

Rounds 3 and 4 of the season take place this Saturday and Sunday at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale.

Both high school and junior high school

rodeos are contested each time out.

During the first set of rodeos last weekend:

- Sam Saunders won high school reined cow horse (70 points) and reined dry work (73 points) on Sunday.
- Trell McFarlane won the high school saddle bronc event on Saturday with a 66-point ride.
- Colby Carson of Jordan Valley teamed with Blaze Painter of New Plymouth in junior high school team roping. Carson was header as the duo won Saturday's competition in 14.86 seconds.

— Photos and more results next week

Bruneau Round-Up

Results from Sept. 16-17

All around — Jared Parke
Saddle bronc — 1. Mitch Pollock, 79 points; 2. Clayton Brum, 74; 3. Trell McFarlane, 62

Ranch bronc top-five ride-off champ — Cody Catches, 84 points

Ranch bronc preliminary — 1. Cody Catches, 77 points; 2. Trace Neff, 73; 3. (tie) Jr Harney, 71; Lucas Shoemaker, 71; and Thaybe Oian, 71; 6. Newt Arrizblaga, 70

Horse roping — 1. Jim Berrett and Quentin Anseth, 8.66 seconds; 2. Martin Black and Elias Gonzalez, 10.73; 3. Travis Bachman and Taylor Owen, 11.35; 4. Dylan May and Ed Olsen, 12.85; 5. Justin Parke and Candida Eldridge, 13.78; 6. Justin Jarvis and Tub Blanthorn, 13.97

Hide race — 1. Brandi Lisle and Shoni Bailey, 11.08; 2. Riata Goemmer and Josie Periera, 12.92

Breakaway roping — 1. Lori Ireland, 2.47 seconds; 2. Sami Crockett, 2.57; 3. Sierra Palmer, 2.6; 4. Kayla Tiegs, 2.68; 5. Jalee Maestresjuan, 2.83; 6. Joshlyn Shoemaker, 2.97

Steer riding — 1. Dom Derosier, 71 points; 2. Malach Malotte, 70

Dally calf roping — 1. Jared Parke, 15.66 seconds; 2. Dusty Easterday, 16.02; 3.

Sam Saunders, 15.55; 4. Rusty Gill, 18.33

Openteam roping — 1. Dusty Easterday/Teo Mastrejuan, 4.78 seconds; 2. (tie) Dex Maddox and Trevor Alves, 5.3; Rob Webb and Connor Ward, 5.3; 4. Jim Berrett and Quentin Anseth, 5.5; 5. Augie Robinson and Trevor Alves, 5.54; 6. Jared Parke and Jaylen Eldridge, 5.64

Wild cow milking — 1. Colton Whisonaut and Joe Aquiso, 61.9 seconds; 2. Frank Tobias and JR Steiner, 67.12

Women's steer stopping — 1. Candida Eldridge, 4.09 seconds; 2. Lyndie Easterday, 4.4; 3. Riata Anseth, 4.58; 4. CJ Bish, 4.9; 5. Bailey Berrett, 5.03; 6. Bobby-Jean Colyer, 5.18

Barrel racing — 1. Amanda King, 17.11 seconds; 2.

Jamie Gee, 17.17; 3. Kyla Schuknecht, 17.54; 4. Zayne Hall, 17.6; 5. Angie Koyle, 17.64; 6. Joshlyn Shoemaker, 17.79

Wild cow riding — 1. Jared Parke and Justin Parke, 34.28 seconds; 2. Monte Cummins and Thayne Oian, 1:37.12; 3. Clayton Brum and Kendall Thomas, 1:41.38

Local team roping — 1. Matt Tindall and Dusty Easterday, 5.97 seconds; 2. Sierra Palmer and Clayton Brum, 6.38; 3. Bailey Berrett and Jim Berrett, 6.65; 4. Ruby Lisle and Jess Lisle, 7.39; 5. Tom Bailey and Guy Freeman, 7.61

Bull riding — 1. Jayden Herrera, 76 points; 2. Jayden Herrera, 74; 3. Brock Cooper, 71; 4. Anthony Herrera, 67

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Homecoming 2023

Marsing High School



Teacher Mary Beth Prince got into the spirit of the Clue game that the Junior class adopted for He-Man Volleyball last Wednesday, using an oversized magnifying glass to confirm her calls as a line judge. Submitted photo



Senior volleyball players celebrate during the match with the faculty last Wednesday. The faculty pulled out a 25-13 victory with a 10-3 run down the stretch. Photo by Tiffany Wright



Teacher Juan Garcia chases a dig in the match against the seniors.



A senior drives a spike past a faculty member in the showdown.



A member of the junior class runs past a freshman defender during the Powderpuff game last Wednesday. Photo by Tiffany Wright



Students gird themselves during the tug-o-war. Photo by Tiffany Wright

Homecoming 2023

Homedale High School



The Homedale High School student body starts the Snake Dance through town at the conclusion of the bonfire pep rally last Wednesday. Submitted photo



The seniors left the building to try to win the tug-of-war competition Thursday.



Last Wednesday's bonfire at Deward Bell Stadium featured a Panther burned in effigy as the Homedale High School student body amped up for the 3A Snake River Valley conference opener (and Homecoming football game) against Parma. Submitted photo

Two teams work to get a player dressed in football regalia — pants, jersey, pads and helmet — and then send her down the basketball court to repeat the feat in a relay. Each girl had to run the length of the court with a football to complete her turn.



The junior class decorated the staff lounge hallway in a Jumanji board game theme. Submitted photo



Cheerleaders got acrobatic during Thursday's pep rally that also included boys' volleyball, tug-of-war and a football equipment relay for girls.

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Marsing, HHS hold their own in volleyball

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Matlock makes tackle for Chargers

Avalanche Sports

No JV game, no problem for young Trojans

Frosh, sophs lug varsity workload in Milk Jug win

High school athletes are still growing, so a Milk Jug Game victory did the younger Homedale football players good.

With no junior varsity game because of Parma's lack of numbers, Trojans coach Matt Holtry inserted many HHS junior varsity players into the lineup Friday at Deward Bell Stadium.

The younger players responded in a 54-7 victory in the rivalry game that also served as the Trojans' Homecoming game and both teams' 3A Snake River Valley conference opener.

Homedale (5-0 overall, 1-0 in conference) has now won 26 consecutive 3A SRV games stretching to the 2017 season.

The Trojans have won the past 14 Milk Jug Games and hold a 19-4 edge in the rivalry. Trojans coach Matt Holtry has never lost in the classic.

"Honestly, even though the Milk Jug might not mean a lot to the current players as it really hasn't been a highly contested game as of late, it still means a lot to those that were in that game over the years, and it's important to

— See *Trojans*, page 17

Firman flourish for local runners

HHS senior gets PR in Div. II 5K

Four local high school cross country athletes finished in the top 70 of their portion of the Bob Firman Invitational on Saturday.

Two seniors — Melba's Ravio Manzer and Rimrock's Loyd Boren — pulled off top-20 finishes in the boys' Div. II 5-kilometer race at Eagle Island State Park.

Manzer was the 10th boy across the finish line at 16 minutes, 42.4 seconds.

Boren finished 19th in a season-best 17:02.5. He was 20 seconds off his personal-best time of 16:42.3 achieved at last season's 1A state meet.

Homedale senior Bobby Christensen established a personal record with his 50th-place time of 17:43.4. The race marked the second time in his career that Christensen had eclipsed the 18-minute mark, and he was nearly 10 seconds quicker than his previous PR set during the Aug. 31 Caldwell Twilight.

Another area senior — Rimrock's Goya Lemus — was the only local girl to finish in the top 100 of the Div. II race. She crossed the line in 70th and notched a season-best time of 22:34.2.

Homedale's top finish in the girls' race came from sophomore Hannah Babineaux, who posted a 27:03 effort. Team-mate Hailey Jakovac, another

— See *Firman*, page 21



Second-year Marsing High School football coach Shea McClellin (right) lets out a joyful yell after the Huskies beat New Plymouth for the program's first 2A Western Idaho Conference victory in 10 years Friday. Photo by Jason McAdam

The wait is over

Decade of 2A WIC losses ends with Fleary, fury

Marsing High School's football program was one year beyond a glorious season when the last conference victory was secured.

The glory appears to be back after Friday's 24-14 2A Western Idaho Conference-opening triumph against visiting New Plymouth.

The Huskies ran their win streak to three games and ended a 42-game losing skid against 2A WIC opponents.

Marsing last won a 2A WIC game with a 41-30 win on the road against Melba on Oct. 25, 2013. That was the season after former Huskies quarterback Jaime Wood coached his alma mater into the Class 2A state semifinals.

Before Friday, the last time a Huskies team beat a 2A WIC opponent at home came in a 59-7 destruction of McCall-Donnelly on Oct. 4, 2013.

Marsing hadn't defeated



Xyon Fleary skips to the outside to avoid a New Plymouth defender. The Marsing High School senior topped 100 yards rushing for the second consecutive game.

New Plymouth since a 27-26 win over the visiting Pilgrims on Oct. 4, 2012.

Marsing (4-1 overall, 1-0

in conference) set the tone with defense in Friday's Homecoming game.

New Plymouth couldn't get

much going on offense after a rushing play on the opening snap from scrimmage gobbled up 55 yards.

With the Pilgrims threatening just a few plays into the game, Marsing defensive coordinator Chris Ackerman dialed up pressure on senior quarterback Colton Frates.

Senior Troy Smith threw Payton Travis for a seven-yard loss on first down from the 20 then Frates threw a pair of incomplete passes around a harmless five-yard throw to Kaden Hawker.

Smith sacked Frates and led the Huskies with six solo tackles and two assists.

Cache Hance hurried Frates twice, and Caleb Smith got in the quarterback's face, too.

Canadian transfer student Xyon Fleary flourished against the Pilgrims, rushing for 143

— See *Decade*, page 17

Sports

Kildow heads off Homedale's first girls' soccer loss

Last-minute goal
forges draw
at Deward Bell

A set piece in the waning seconds Thursday preserved Homedale High School's unbeaten girls' soccer season. Karlie Kildow's team-leading ninth goal of the season came with 23 seconds left in the match as the Trojans fought McCall-Donnelly to a fierce 1-1 draw at Deward Bell Stadium.

The 3A Snake River Valley conference battle between quick rivals was scoreless until the Vandals' Kailynn Pakjake got a ball past HHS keeper Kennedy Kildow in the 74th minute.

Karlie Kildow headed a corner kick from Morgan



Mattea Dimick moves the ball near midfield during the Trojans' Sept. 19 home match against Weiser. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

Nicoletti beyond the reach of McCall goalie Lauren Mapp to even the score in the 80th minute.

The Trojans (4-1-2 overall, 3-1-1 in conference before Monday's non-conference home game against Baker,

Ore., after deadline) had their chances against McCall. Mapp recorded six saves.

Homedale ended the first half of the conference season in second place behind Fruitland (8-2, 4-0).

Kildow's goal came three minutes after she drew the second of three yellow cards that the referee issued.

McCall's Maddie Lathrop was carded in the 66th minute, and Vandals teammate Elise Johnson was booked in the 78th minute.

Kennedy Kildow didn't record a save for the second consecutive contest.

Sept. 19: Homedale 4, Weiser 0 — Another fast start and another sparkling defensive effort pushed the Trojans to a victory to close out the first half of the conference season with a firm grasp on second place.

With her teammates clamping down, goalkeeper Kennedy Kildow was never challenged in the rout of Weiser at Deward Bell Stadium. The Wolverines didn't get a shot on goal.

Homedale owned a 3-0 lead at halftime.

Jacqueline Zavala put the Trojans on the scoreboard quickly with an unassisted goal in the second minute.

One minute after a Weiser own goal, Karlie Kildow put the ball in the back of the net in the 37th minute. Mattea Dimick provided her second assist of the season.

Eight minutes after the intermission, Nicoletti's unassisted goal provided the final margin. Nicoletti is tied with Zavala for second on the team with three goals apiece.

Weiser's Teagan Hawker managed four saves in net.

Mustangs sweep Pilgrims on court in conference play

Melba High School broke through for its first 2A Western Idaho Conference volleyball victory.

The Mustangs beat host New Plymouth, 25-13, 25-16, 25-9, on Thursday.

Coach Curtis Johnson's squad (8-7 overall, 1-2 in conference) lost, 25-14, 25-20, in a tournament match Friday against Eagle. No other scores from the tournament were available.

Sept. 12: Nampa Christian def. Melba, 3-1 — The Mustangs won the first set, but couldn't maintain the advantage against the host Trojans.

Nampa Christian pulled out a 21-25, 25-22, 25-19, 25-9 conference win.

"Nampa Christian played really well tonight," Johnson said. "They served tough and played great defense."

Tariah Carter led Melba in its battle against Johnson's former team, notching 15 kills and nine digs.

Joelle Kelly added seven kills and nine digs, while Jada Kelly chipped in five kills.

Ella Stosich led the defense with 12 digs, and she served two aces.

Homedale Trojans

Athletes of the Week

Football
Tyce Fisher, fr., RB/LB
All 3 rushes went for first
downs; 3 tackles, 3 assists

Volleyball
Kierstley Roseborough, so.,
MB
.778 digs (14-for-18), 11 kills, 2
aces in 2 matches

Girls' soccer
Ellie Miller, jr.
2 assists, 5 saves in goal this
season

Cross country
Hailey Jakovac, so.
Season-best mark at Bob
Firman

Football
Varsity
Friday, Sept. 29 at Payette, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Sept. 28, home vs. Payette,
Deward Bell Stadium, 6:30 p.m.

Girls' soccer
Varsity
Thursday, Sept. 28 at Payette, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 3, home vs. Fruitland (Senior
Night), 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Tuesday, Oct. 3, home vs. Fruitland, 6 p.m.

Cross country
Boys and girls
Thursday, Sept. 28 at Rambler Lake Run,
Cascade, 4 p.m.

Volleyball
Varsity
Thursday, Sept. 28 at Payette, 6:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 3, home vs. McCall-Donnelly,
6:45 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Sept. 28 at Payette, 5:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 3, home vs. McCall-Donnelly,
5:45 p.m.
Freshmen
Thursday, Sept. 28 at Payette, 4:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 3, home vs. McCall-Donnelly,
4:45 p.m.

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Sports

Young Huskies show spark vs. Chargers

Marsing High School drew a tough assignment for Homecoming and its conference volleyball opener.

Unbeaten Cole Valley Christian sailed through the first two sets and posted a 25-8, 25-9, 25-18 victory in a 2A Western Idaho Conference match on the Huskies' court Thursday.

"We played well in streaks during the first two sets, but allowed errors to occur in sequence far too frequently against a team like Cole Valley," Marsing coach Amy Chadez said.

"We are undersized compared to them, and I felt we were able to hold our own at the net against them."

Sophomore Adyson Chadez led Marsing (4-5 overall, 0-1 in conference) with five kills.

Chadez, fellow 10th-grader Bailey Daugherty and junior Lilly Thoene had two blocks each.

"As a young team, we are working on playing smart and making the best choice given a situation," Amy Chadez said.

"We are also building our confidence. We have been preaching to the girls that we are able to compete with teams like Cole Valley who have been at the top of our league for years when we play at our top level."

The Chargers ruled the first two sets, but the Huskies rallied with their backs against the wall in the third set.

"The third set helped confirm for my team that they are capable of playing with these teams, and you can see they are beginning to believe it, too," Chadez said.

The Huskies' game from the service line was strong against Cole Valley, which qualified for the 2A state tournament last season after losing the District III final to Melba.

Daugherty and Adyson Chadez put all six of their serves in play, while Thoene went 4-for-4, and junior Ashlyn Porter was 3-for-3.

Porter also led the squad with 10 assists. Chadez had six digs, and junior libero Raylynn Vanosdall led the defense with seven digs.

Trojans' all-out effort comes up short against former power

Parma spoils Homecoming in five-setter

Homedale High School thrilled a Homecoming volleyball crowd with a tough battle Thursday.

Stepping on their home floor without two key players, the Trojans stretched former powerhouse Parma to five sets in a 3A Snake River Valley conference setback.

Homedale scrapped until the end of a 25-14, 20-25, 25-14, 19-25, 15-13 loss.

Parma (3-6 overall, 1-2 in conference at week's end) gained position as the fourth-place team in the standings against Homedale (5-4, 1-2).

Both teams finished the week behind third-place Weiser.

With Zayne Hall and Halle King sidelined with leg injuries, HHS coach Heidi Nash called up a couple junior varsity athletes to round out the roster.

Other varsity players stepped forward, though.

Kinlee Garrett drilled 14 kills, and Olivia Asumendi added seven. Kierstley Roseborough contributed to the attack with eight kills.

Asumendi and Lilly Relk set up the offense with 16 and 17 assists, respectively.

Asumendi was masterful in the midcourt, too, converting 24 of 28 dig opportunities (85.7 percent).

Garrett reached 11 digs, and Roseborough went 10-for-11 on defense. Relk also had 10 digs.

Four players — Roseborough, Garrett, Relk, and Asumendi — served two aces apiece.

Sept. 19: Fruitland def. Homedale, 3-0 — The Grizzlies held on to second place in the conference with a 25-9, 25-18, 25-18 home-court victory.

Fruitland (9-5, 3-1 at week's end) trails McCall-Donnelly (12-1, 4-0) in the standings.

The Trojans shook off a poor first set to try to keep pace with the Grizzlies, but service line success was hard to come by.

Isana Larzelier delivered two of Homedale's aces as the team went 3-for-44 (.068 percentage) from the back line.

Fruitland stifled Homedale's offensive attack, too. Garrett notched a team-high eight kills, but the rest of the team only managed eight altogether. Roseborough and Asumendi carded three apiece.

Asumendi (two) and Roseborough were the only Trojans to stuff Fruitland spikes, while Relk came up with an assist at the net.

Relk led the team with 10 assists, and Asumendi came away with five.

Asumendi also led the team in digs (11-for-15), while Larzelier reached eight balls and Lexie Heck got three digs. Garrett amassed six, and Roseborough and Relk each had four.

MARSING HUSKIES

Athletes of the Week



Football
Troy Smith, sr., DB
6 tackles (QB sack), 2 assists



Volleyball
Bailey Daugherty, so., MH
Perfect service, 6 digs, 2 blocks vs. Cole Valley



Cross country
Kate Marshall, fr.
Team's best finish at Firman meet

THIS WEEK'S SPORTS SCHEDULE

Football
Varsity
Friday, Sept. 29 at Nampa Christian, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity (Eight man)
Wednesday, Sept. 27 at Wilder, 6 p.m.

Volleyball
Varsity
Thursday, Sept. 28, home vs. North Star Charter, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 3, home vs. New Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Thursday, Sept. 28, home vs. North Star Charter, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 3, home vs. New Plymouth, 5:30 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Tuesday, Oct. 3, home vs. New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.

Cross country
Boys and girls
Thursday, Oct. 5 at Melba Invite



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Sports

✓ Decade: Pass defenders make big plays vs. Pilgrims

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yards on 23 carries. The senior carded his second straight 100-yard game.

He slashed and weaved his way around New Plymouth defenders on the Huskies’ first drive, finally scoring on an easy 10-yard run with 5 minutes, 27 seconds left in the first quarter.

He caught his only pass of the game on that drive, taking a screen pass from quarterback Jace Chadez, cutting back near the Marsing sideline and flying 43 yards to the New Plymouth 30-yard line.

The Pilgrims’ second possession stalled after a 21-yard run from Travis. Moe Montes knocked down a pass to help force a New Plymouth punt.

Just as Ackerman was able to dial up the right answer when the defense came under fire,

offensive coordinator Sawyer Murphy managed some crucial third-down calls on Marsing’s next drive.

On 3rd-and-long, Chadez fired a pass over the middle to Levi Puga for a 23-yard gain.

A few plays later, Fleary cut back against the grain — again — and flashed 24 yards for a 1st-and-goal situation to start the second quarter.

Three plays later, Hance punched in from two yards away and Luke Steinmeyer made an over-the-shoulder catch on a two-point pass for Marsing’s 16-0 lead.

Hance rushed for 44 yards. Chadez completed seven of 12 passes for 113 yards.

Steinmeyer had three solo tackles and came up with three assists, while Puga had four solo stops, helped out on three other tackles and broke up two passes.

College catch-up

University of Idaho
Hayden Kincheloe, No. 37
Redshirt freshman RB

Saturday: The HHS grad played fullback on a touchdown play as the sixth-ranked Vandals beat Sacramento State, 36-27, to open the Big Sky Conference season.

Sept. 17: Kincheloe got on the Memorial Stadium turf in the 31-17 loss to California from the Pac-12.

Spencer Fisher, No. 27
Redshirt freshman LB

Saturday: The Homedale High School graduate was listed as a participant as the Vandals bounced back from their first loss of the season.

Sept. 17: Fisher had a solo tackle in the Vandals’ 31-17 non-conference loss to California

in Berkeley, Calif.

Vandals’ next game: Idaho (3-1 overall, 1-0 Big Sky) travels to Cheney, Wash., to take on Eastern Washington (2-2, 1-0 after beating No. 15 UC Davis, 27-24, on Saturday) in another conference game. Kickoff is 2 p.m. MDT, and the game will be available on ESPN+.

The College of Idaho
Willie White, No. 40
Sophomore LB

Saturday: The HHS graduate, who is nursing a back injury, did not see action in Saturday’s wild 44-35 Frontier Conference loss to Montana Tech in Butte, Mont.

Coyotes’ next game: No. 12 C of I (3-1 overall, 1-1 Frontier) plays host to Rocky Mountain College for its Homecoming game at 1 p.m., on Saturday at Simplot Stadium.

The next level

Scott Matlock, No. 99
Los Angeles Chargers defensive tackle

Sunday: The Homedale High School graduate and Boise State standout made one tackle in the Chargers’ 28-24 victory over the Minnesota Vikings at US Bank Stadium in

Minneapolis.

Next game: The Chargers (1-2) return to SoFi Stadium to challenge the Las Vegas Raiders in LA’s first AFC West Division game of the season. Kickoff is set for 2:05 p.m., MDT, on Sunday. TV: CBS

✓ Trojans: Homedale’s five-year shutout streak vs. Panthers ends in win

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them that we keep that thing here in our locker room,” Holtry said.

“With so many community members that live close by and even work together, I would be lying if I said it wasn’t important to our community.”

Senior quarterback Dillon Fine threw touchdown passes to Rafael Cuenca and Luke Henry to stake Homedale to a 28-0 lead just 70 seconds into the second quarter.

Fine and other varsity mainstays had a short night because of the large scoring advantage.

“We were able to rest some kids that really needed it after that Sandpoint game,” Holtry said. “It was definitely a plus to be able to get a little breather as we get closer to the meat of our conference schedule.”

Sophomore Xavier Uranga, the JV’s starting quarterback, ran his father’s offense the rest of the game.

With offensive coordinator — and former Trojans QB — Darren Uranga looking on, the younger Uranga completed seven of eight passes for 52 yards. Fine was 3-for-3 for 40 yards and two scores.

The Trojans rolled out to an early lead behind their defense.

After the Panthers couldn’t move the ball in the game’s first three plays, Parma punter Omar Alvarez mishandled the snap, and the visitors were nailed with a personal foul.

One play after he recovered Alvarez’s fumble, Fine set up shop and handed the ball to Andrew Marston for a 13-yard touchdown run.

On 4th down-and-2 on his own 39-yard line on the next possession, Parma quarterback Brandon Heffelfinger

Milk Jug results

Homedale leads, 19-4

- 2001** — HHS 32, Parma 3
- 2002** — Parma 30, HHS 14
- 2003** — HHS 27, Parma 3
- 2004** — HHS 28, Parma 14
- 2005** — HHS 28, Parma 0
- 2006** — HHS 31, Parma 18
- 2007** — Parma 25, HHS 13
- 2008** — Parma 21, HHS 7
- 2009** — Parma 30, HHS 13
- 2010** — HHS 25, Parma 21
- 2011** — HHS 14, Parma 0
- 2012** — HHS 49, Parma 14
- 2013** — HHS 47, Parma 14
- 2014** — HHS 49, Parma 0
- 2015** — HHS 55, Parma 0
- 2016** — HHS 35, Parma 6
- 2017** — HHS 56, Parma 13
- 2018** — HHS 63, Parma 0
- 2019** — HHS 58, Parma 0
- 2020** — HHS 42, Parma 0
- 2021** — HHS 54, Parma 0
- 2022** — HHS 60, Parma 0
- 2023** — HHS 54, Parma 7

fumbled. Marston recovered the errant ball and returned it to the 10.

From there, Rafael Cuenca caught a seven-yard TD pass from Fine with less than four minutes left in the first quarter.

The Trojans’ defense wasn’t done, though.

On the next possession, Angel Nolasco scooped up Heffelfinger’s second fumble and raced 16 yards into the end zone. Lukas Hall’s third point-after kick of the quarter gave the Trojans a 21-0 lead just over 10 minutes into the contest.

Freshman Tyce Fisher anchored the

defense with three tackles and three assists. Fellow ninth-grader William Dunn led all tacklers with seven stops, including four solo tackles.

“These kids know from a young age what the level of performance is expected of them as they step on the varsity field,” Holtry said. “That is a testament to the coaches preparing them as well as the players that have played before them.

“There is a general expectation to play at a high level when you put on a varsity jersey, and these kids stepped up to that expectation.”

Another freshman, Nick Schlenker, made an impact on both sides of the ball. He notched four solo tackles, including two behind the line of scrimmage.

Schlenker replicated his work for the JV this season, rushing for 58 yards on seven carries.

“Any time you have the opportunity to get younger players an opportunity to gain varsity reps, it increases your skill and talent in the program for the future,” Holtry said. “We were pleased with how our younger players executed starting in the second quarter and throughout the second half.”

With starting varsity back Marston getting just one carry — a 13-yard TD run to open the scoring — other JV and backup running backs shared the spotlight.

Sophomore Kade Hall ran for 66 yards on four carries. He scampered 34 yards for a TD in the second quarter.

Junior backup Alex Sotelo rushed four times for 21 yards, scoring on a two-yard run to give the Trojans a 42-0 lead at the break.

“Our (offensive line) all year has been coming closer and closer together,” Holtry said. “Coach (Matt) Strong has done an amazing job with them and getting them to the point that they are right now.

“It is just fun to watch them work as a group and to watch them communicate and interact throughout the game. They are a special group, and our success starts right up front with them.”

Senior receiver Fabian Nolasco-Contreras rushed six yards for a touchdown to cap the scoring in the fourth quarter.

“It was an opportunity for a senior football player that comes to work every day and does everything we ask of him to be rewarded for his efforts,” Holtry said. “Every kid loves to carry the ball into the end zone. It just happened to be a good opportunity to get Fabian some love.”

Sophomore Chance Martell needed just one play to establish himself as one of the Trojans’ leading rushers. His 60-yard ramble gave Homedale a 49-0 edge on the second half’s first play from scrimmage.

“That was just good execution on the offense’s part as a whole,” Holtry said. “Chance is a heck of a young talent, and he has some great speed.

“For a sophomore, he is going to do some great things for our program and this was just a glimpse.”

The Panthers put points on the Milk Jug scoreboard when Heffelfinger threw a 17-yard touchdown pass to Cutler King.

The TD ended the Trojans’ run of five consecutive shutouts in the series and marked the first score Homedale had surrendered in the past 18 quarters stretching to 2017.

— JPB

Commentary

Jon P. Brown,
managing editor



Eyes on Owyhee

Changing hearts, minds in Marsing

The cliché heard throughout languishing athletic programs is “change the culture.”

Marsing High School football culture for far too long seemed to be one of struggling to get enough young athletes interested in playing the game let alone playing it well.

At one point, the school board even dabbled with the idea of ending the program.

When Super Bowl-winning alum Shea McClellin signed on as the program’s seventh head coach since 2012, he faced the same struggles. Prior to his first season at the helm, he took to Facebook and posted mini-manifestos about the right way to right the Huskies’ long-listing ship.

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Letter to the editor

Senior center director gives thanks for volunteers

I wanted to do an appreciation note to all of my volunteers:

- Linda Mayes for being my treasurer who also spearheads our yard sales.
- Bob Hulse for getting my rescue food from Albertsons.
- Carolyn Turner, Pam Franks, Kate Payne, Ginny Hill for sifting, sorting and cleaning up our thrift store
- Robert Kratzberg for being my mailman and also my repair person.
- Helene Welch for being my outreach person, providing gifts for bingo and being my bingo caller
- Jim Mayes for always taking my cardboard to recycling along with keeping the garage organized and in good repair.

I have many, many more volunteers that do so much for our Homedale Senior Center, and I really, really appreciate everyone.

Without them we would not be able to run properly.

Melissa Sorlien, coordinator
Homedale Senior Center

Election letters

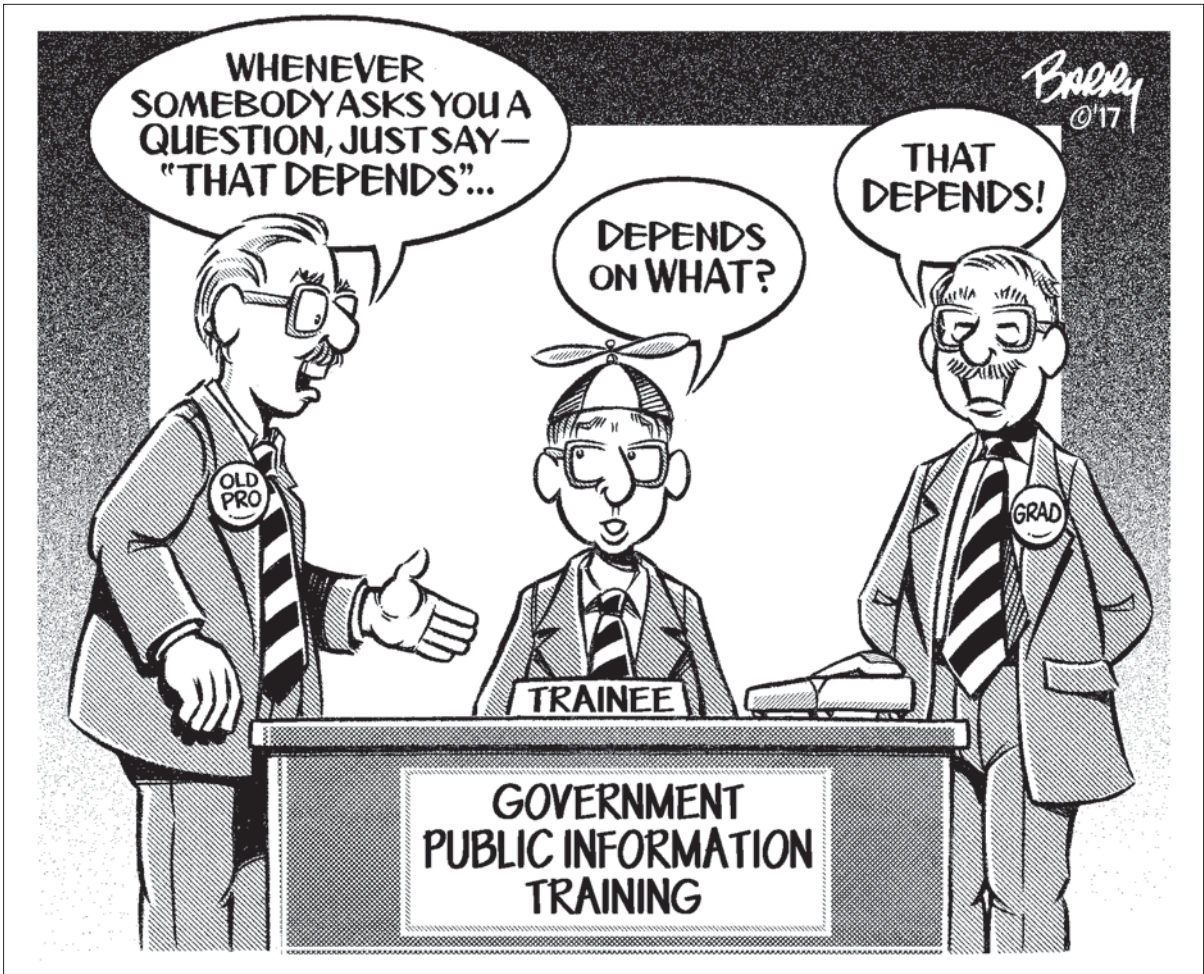
The Owyhee Avalanche will accept letters to the editor pertaining to the Nov. 7 city and taxing district elections until noon on Friday, Oct. 27.

The usual letters to the editor guidelines apply, including letters must be no more than 300 words and letters must include contact information, including a phone number, of the letter-writer. Submit by:

- Email to jon@owyheeavalanche.com
- Mail to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
- Or drop off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale

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

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

Working to strengthen community pharmacy access for Idahoans

When Medicare’s prescription drug benefit, Part D, was created 20 years ago, the program was intended to protect Idaho seniors’ ability to access the pharmacy of their choice. Oversight and enforcement of these protections, however, have fallen short of that promise, forcing far too many independent pharmacies to close up shop.

For countless Idahoans, those independent community pharmacies serve as critical frontline health care providers, offering vital medications and services from a trusted, local source. Unfortunately, certain practices of pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) — companies that negotiate drug benefits and, therefore, have a significant behind-the-scenes impact in determining drug costs and patients’ access to medication — jeopardize the viability of the crucial community pharmacy model.

Before the August state work period, the Senate Finance Committee, where I serve as the lead Republican, took a major step toward addressing the challenges community pharmacies face across our state. With an overwhelming bipartisan majority, we voted to advance the Modernizing and Ensuring PBM Accountability Act. This legislation takes aim at a wide range of problematic PBM practices, from inappropriate patient steering to opaque and unreasonable network contracts.

With respect to steering, PBM-owned specialty pharmacies have come to dominate that market, enabling pharmacy benefit managers to game and distort dispensing rules to divert a growing portion of prescriptions away from independent pharmacies and

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toward their own business affiliates. Our bill helps to curb this practice by establishing clear criteria for drugs that PBMs can subject to these narrow and

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Commentary

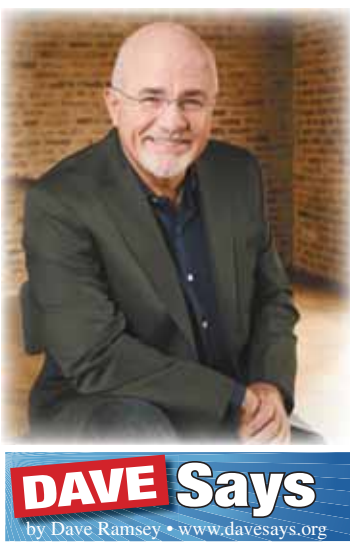
Financial management

Daughter not responsible for divorced parents final expenses

Dear Dave,
My girlfriend’s parents are divorced, and they’re both in their early 70s. We talked the other night, and she’s thinking about buying them each life insurance policies. The only coverage her dad has is through his employer. Her mom has remarried, and she doesn’t have any life insurance at all. On top of this, her dad is worried he might have to pay her mom’s funeral expenses if she died, and he’s not in good enough shape financially to do that. Do you have any advice?
— Joshua

Dear Joshua,
If the only life insurance her

dad has is furnished through his employer, then he probably won’t have it anymore once he stops working. I suppose it’s fine if she wants to buy them each a small policy, but it’s liable to be pretty expensive at their age.
Now, she can do this, but I don’t think it would be a good long-term plan. I’d tell your girlfriend she needs to start saving money and building up her own wealth. If she had just \$20,000 in savings, that’d be more than enough to bury two people. Please understand, I don’t mean to sound insensitive. We’re talking solely about the economics involved in this kind of situation.



The other thing your girlfriend should do is have a discussion with her mom to find out if the stepfather has

the money to handle that kind of thing. When it comes right down to it, any final expenses for her mom would be his responsibility now — not her dad’s.
She should have a discussion with her dad about preparing for things, too. But if her dad’s got insurance through work, and the stepdad is ready to pay for her mom’s burial, then they’re covered for the immediate future.
In short, I wouldn’t do it unless they absolutely don’t have this sort of thing covered. Even then, I’d prefer she just covered it with cash, because all we’re talking about is enough to cover

burial costs.
No matter what anyone else says, Joshua, a nice funeral doesn’t have to be crazy expensive.
— 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 Ramsey Solutions.

✓ Marsing: Milestones may mark start of team’s long-sought turnaround

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It was going to take dedication and commitment — to your school, to your teammates, to the weight room, to getting better.
The hype of a former No. 1 NFL draft pick taking over a program the fanbase of which had long clamored for a winning tradition paid off quickly in the 2022 season.
But the joy was fleeting.
The Huskies came out with a fire and a purpose and beat Orofino, 35-12, on the road in McClellin’s coaching debut.
Outside of a couple of close calls later in the season, though, Marsing would never get another win in that inaugural season.
But it wasn’t back to the drawing board, or change the tune.
McClellin and his coaches maintained the same mantra — “We all we got.”
When the roster numbers didn’t improve ahead of the 2023 season, the mantra became a solid fact. The junior varsity team would play eight-man football because of the lack of depth — 24 varsity players and just eight JV-only athletes.
Even with no bump in the roster population, the still-young Huskies hit a new summer of preparation with some returning skill players and a new quarterback.

And a new running back from north of the border.
Xyon Fleary has added a dimension to coordinator Sawyer Murphy’s offense, which is now in the hands of quarterback Jace Chadez. The re-fueled scheme resulted in breaking the program’s single-game scoring record twice this season.
Cache Hance is still in the stable, and Luke Steinmeyer is still towering over defenders with his height.
But on Friday against New Plymouth, Fleary flashed an element that many Huskies fans probably have never seen.
Although he is compact and stout at 5 feet, 7 inches tall and 170 pounds, Fleary used a lot of the football field Friday to get his yardage. He slashed and cut and juke to his second 100-yard game, leaving many a Pilgrims defender grasping at air or falling down while trying to maintain pursuit.
When Fleary ran toward the sideline (only to cut back to the middle of the field), he came close to a line of coaches who seemingly have changed their demeanor from a year ago.
Perhaps McClellin’s staff is growing as much as his players.
Last year, as the Huskies struggled through eight consecutive losses to end the season, coaches’ frustrations seemed to boil over in real time during the games.

There were shrieks instead of calm instructions or hollers of encouragement. Fans couldn’t help but notice animated body language when something went wrong or execution went awry.
But Friday when New Plymouth opened the game with a big running play, the reaction was one of resilient determination.
Defensive coordinator Chris Ackerman’s charges tightened up in the shadow of their own goalpost and denied the Pilgrims any further advance.
When players came off the field, they received praise instead of criticism. The vibe permeated the teammates as they also supported one another throughout the game.
The team is 4-1 now. The Huskies have snapped a decade-long losing streak in the 2A Western Idaho Conference.
A decade has passed since the last Marsing team won more than two games in a season.
A victory Friday against Nampa Christian will give Marsing its first winning season since 2013. As it is, Friday’s triumph against New Plymouth means the Huskies won’t have a losing season for the first time since 2014.
There are good things brewing in Marsing. Hopefully the demeanor will remain intact throughout the program and the fanbase to keep the positivity high.

✓ Pharmacy: Legislation would help prevent PBM-pharmacy bad acts

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ever-changing dispensing restrictions.
Our legislation would also boost oversight through reporting requirements and ensure any pharmacy can access a Part D plan or PBM’s special dispensing rules at any time. Additionally, we would require PBMs to report regularly on the share of prescriptions dispensed through their affiliated pharmacies, which would help to identify and act against inappropriate patient steering, which violates the letter of the law.
To deter unreasonable contracting practices, our legislation would standardize and streamline the so-called quality measures that PBMs include in their pharmacy contracts as a pretext for massive reimbursement reductions. Under our bill, pharmacies would also gain access to standardized information on how PBMs calculate the reimbursement for any given claim, undercutting efforts by some of these

companies to skirt the rules. The federal agencies overseeing all of these requirements would also need to report to Congress and taxpayers on any and all enforcement and oversight activities undertaken. These regular updates would bring accountability to the officials tasked with enforcing the law.
Finally, our legislation would end spread pricing in our federal programs, including Medicaid, closing off an avenue for PBMs to profit off of low and declining reimbursement for independent pharmacies. Together, these widely supported measures go a long way toward ensuring a meaningfully competitive and vibrant pharmacy marketplace for seniors and Idahoans more broadly.
Although this bill makes good progress, we have more work to do. As committee Chairman Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and I recently wrote in a joint letter, we view pharmacy access as a key goal for additional

policies moving forward. At a press conference in Twin Falls in August, where I had the opportunity to talk directly with local health providers, I stressed that our legislation is a massive step toward empowering local, independent pharmacies to provide Idahoans the best, most affordable care possible.
I look forward to moving forward with comprehensive and meaningful reforms that will empower consumers, plans, providers and pharmacies to make informed, cost-effective and clinically appropriate decisions, ultimately modernizing federal prescription drug benefits and driving down costs for Idahoans.
— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho’s senior member of the U. S. Senate. He is in his fifth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999, and 2023 marks his 30th year in the U.S. Congress. Prior to that, he served eight years in the Idaho State Senate.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

September 30, 1998



Wearing our pajamas to school...

Angela Ensley, Alexis Perkins, and Jessica Love did not have to get dressed for school Monday. Students came to school dressed in their pajamas Monday to begin celebrating Homedale’s homecoming week.

Homedale Ambulance solving daytime crisis

Homedale Ambulance is making progress toward solving its daytime help dilemma.

Six people interested in becoming emergency medical technicians have contacted the volunteer ambulance service, and more help from the community is anticipated in the near future, Tim Sickler said.

In addition, some members of the Homedale Rural Fire District have indicated they would assist the service in any way they can as soon as a repeater is installed on the water tower located next to Homedale City Hall, Sickler said.

Intermountain Communications will install the repeater and an antenna soon, which will allow the volunteers to speak directly with each other through their hand-held radios. Sickler said he hopes the repeater will make it possible for the volunteers to talk directly to State Communications in Boise, which dispatches the service.

Homedale Ambulance needed to solve its daytime crisis because Marsing Ambulance, which has been providing daytime service in the Homedale district for several months, announced recently it could no longer do so.

Homedale Ambulance has been handicapped for the past year, because there are only a handful of volunteers, and nearly all of them either work out of town or have work schedules preventing them from being available from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

County to receive payment for tax-exempt lands

Owyhee County will receive \$338,396 as its share of the federal government’s “Payments in Lieu of Tax.”

The Bureau of Land Management distributes PILT payments to local governments each year. The payments are intended to offset the loss of tax revenue caused by the presence of tax-exempt federal land administered by the BLM, the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Forest Service, as well as federal water projects and some military installations.

50 years ago

September 27, 1973



MARTHA WOOD, the new “Miss Homecoming Queen of 1973”, center, Opal Chrz left, and Sherry Quintana, right, senior princesses. The queen and her court reigned over the Homecoming parade held Friday afternoon and also were introduced before game time Friday night.

Trojans wax Grizzlies 35-0 in league opener

Two powerful Trojan ball carriers, George Hyer and Kirk Haylett, each scored a pair of touchdowns Friday night in outstanding rush performances as the Homedale Trojans crushed the Fruitland Grizzlies 35-0 in a Southwest Idaho League opener.

Doug Cook matched the performance by booting five points after touchdown. He also intercepted one pass, as did Hyer.

Haylett rushed for 216 yards in 28 carries and Hyer went 122-14 for averages of 7.7 and 8.7 yards per carry, respectively, to spearhead Coach Daryl Kellum’s Tros, who had three TDs nullified by penalties, which included 120 yards.

Succor Crik Sam Sez:

“It won’t be so bad to turn off outside lights, if them kids keep buildin’ homecoming bonfires.”



Marsing tax levy remains at last year’s 51 mills

MARSING — The Marsing city council at its recently monthly meeting verified that last year’s 51 mill levy to the county will remain the same for this year.

The levy breaks down into the following funds: general fund — 30 mills or \$11,665.59; street fund — 10.5 mills or \$4,082.96; park fund – 3 mills or \$1,166.56; and debt fund — 7.5 mills or \$2,916.40 for a total of \$19,831.51.

The city’s assessed value went up to \$55,466.

Shields Realty, represented by Bud Shields, presented the preliminary plat of the proposed Hidden Hollow subdivision, a six-acre tract within the city limits at the north end of Second Ave. West. It was approved by the council.

Councilman Jerry Bowman presided at the meeting in the absence of Mayor Charles Falen.

PROBLEM DRIVERS was the subject of a driver-counseling session at Homedale Wednesday arranged by Carl Burt, Boise, a counselor for the Third Judicial District. Those attending included, from left, Paul R. Hale, chief counselor, Sen. Walter Yarbrough, Police Chief Larry Ryel, and Judge C. J. Jurries.

150 years ago

September 27, 1873

STAGE ROBBERY.—About 9 o’clock last Sunday night the upward bound Winnemucca stage was brought to a halt by three masked highwaymen on Willow Creek, some 55 miles this side of Winnemucca, and about 4 miles this side of Joe Snapp’s station. Besides the driver and W. F. & Co.’s messenger Jack Bowden, U. S. Paymaster Col. Wood and clerk were the only passengers on the stage, when it was thus rudely brought to a stand. Bowden was on the outside seat with the driver. The three robbers sprang out of the sage brush, one of them seizing hold of the lead horses, while the other two, one on either side of the stage, leveled double barreled shot guns at the heads of the driver and messenger and commanded them to “shell out.” Bowden seeing that the villains had the “drop” on him, very wisely concluded that resistance would be in vain, and therefore delivered up his treasure box. Upon demanding who were inside the stage, Bowden told the highwaymen that they were “two men going to Silver City to work in the mines.” The would-be miners were ordered to yield up their valuables, whereupon a small carpet sack and \$10, which the Paymaster’s clerk had in his pocket, were passed out to the robbers, who thinking that the carpet sack contained nothing of value, tossed it back into the stage without searching it. They then broke open the treasure box, and were very indignant at finding no money in it. All the money that the robbers got was the \$10 handed them by the Paymaster’s clerk. They told Bowden that they would leave his arms somewhere on the road in order that he might get them the next day and ordered the driver to proceed on his way. In the carpet sack referred to, the Paymaster had about \$5,000, with which to pay off the troops at Camp McDermitt, and which the robbers failed to get, neither did they get some \$4,000 or \$5,000 which messenger Bowden fortunately had stowed away in his over-coat pocket, instead of putting it in the treasure box. Bowden thinks there were two more men with the horses belonging to the party a short distance from the road.

THE MENNONITES.—Several hundred Mennonites have recently arrived in the United States, and have purchased a large tract of land in Dakota Territory, where they propose establishing themselves as a colony. We have been asked who and what are the Mennonites; therefore a few words in relation to that religious sect may be of interest to our readers. The colony just arrived came from Denmark, Holland and Germany. Their name is derived from the name of their founder, one Menno, who died two centuries ago. Menno published a book defining his peculiar religious views, which is accepted by his followers as their guide. The principal points of their religious faith are these. Opposition to all kinds of oath-taking, to all wars, and to every species of revenge. They will not permit divorce except for adultery, do not believe in infant baptism, will not set as magistrates, and believe in the universal application of God’s graces. Their preachers, elders and teachers receive no salaries, but are supported by the voluntary contributions of the people. Their form of worship is similar to that of the Lutheran church, and, at the celebration of the Lord’s Supper, they practice washing each other’s feet.

As there are no obnoxious features in their faith or practice, and they are a quiet, industrious people, their settlement in a wild country like Dakota can only result in good, and it is to be hoped that they may prosper and receive large accessions to their colony.

Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDING DOG POUND FEES CITY OF MARSING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Wednesday, the 4th day of October, 2024, at the hour of 7:00 o'clock p.m., at Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing, Idaho, the City of Marsing will hold a public hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments regarding the proposed amendment to the Dog Pound fees. The City Council will consider and hear all comments thereto which may also be made in writing and filed with the City Clerk on or before said time.

All persons desiring to be heard concerning the proposed fee should be in attendance at the hearing. The file relating to this proposal is available for review in the office of the City Clerk at Marsing City Hall. Written comments may be submitted prior to the Council meeting, but must be received by the City Clerk no later than 4:00 pm, Friday, February 3rd, 2023 in order to be considered as part of the record. Written comments can be mailed to Marsing City Hall, PO Box 125, Marsing, ID 83639 or emailed to office@marsingcity.com.

Current fees are
Proposed fees are
\$40.00 for five (5) days
\$20.00 per day

Dated this September 14, 2023
09/20,27/2023

LIEN SALE

The unit listed below will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 10:00am.

Unit B29: Martin Delora, 13748 Sunny Slope Rd, Caldwell ID 83607. Tools, furniture, baseball cards, household items.

Auction location: Toy Storage Idaho, 3885 Jump Creek Rd., Homedale, ID 83628. (208) 586-0324

You are encouraged to contact Idaho Toy Storage immediately if you occupy the unit listed above at info@toystorageidaho.com
09/20,27/2023

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE CASE NO. CV37-23-304 IN RE: RAY PAUL NICHOLS.

A petition to change the name of Ray Paul Nichols, now residing in the city of Marsing, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Ray Melhouse Johnson. The reason for the change in name is: I was adopted at 17 yo but never used my adopted name, I only ever used my birth name. I need my birth certificate changed back to birth name.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 3:00 o'clock p.m. on November 1, 2023 at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: September 7, 2023
s:/Aiesha Zenor, Deputy Clerk
Angela Barkell, Clerk of the District Court
9/20,27,10/4,11/23

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING PROPOSED BUDGET, FISCAL YEAR 2023 - 2024 OPALINE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

FISCAL YEAR NOVEMBER 1, 2023 TO OCTOBER 31, 2024

Notice is hereby given that the Directors for the Opaline Irrigation District will meet October 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. for a budget hearing pursuant to the Idaho Code 42-3229 at 7300 Opaline RD. Melba, ID. 83641

The proposed Budget may be examined by contacting Secretary/Treasurer Pam Howard call for appointment 208-880-9695

The following is a copy of the proposed budget including the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.

EXPENSES:			
ITEM	2022-2023 BUDGET	2023-2024 PROPOSED	
Insurance	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00	
L & P Fees	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	
Maintenance	\$40,000.00	\$35,000.00	
Office	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	
Phone	\$600.00	\$650.00	
Power	\$175,000.00	\$188,800.00	
Payroll Tax	\$3,200.00	\$3,000.00	
Wages	\$45,000.00	\$44,500.00	
Reseve Fund	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	
TOTAL	\$367,800.00	\$373,950.00	
INCOME:			
ITEM	2022-2023 PROJECTED	2023-2024 ANTICIPATED	
Prior Year Fees	\$2,901.00	\$3,900.00	
2024 O & M	\$258,942.00	\$263,970.00	
Office Fee	\$2,640.00	\$2,600.00	
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Transfer Fees	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Rebates	\$7,160.00	\$7,000.00	
Rental	\$5,400.00	\$5,400.00	
Credit/Prepay	(\$343.00)	(\$120.00)	
LGIP Fund	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	
TOTAL:	\$367,800.00	\$373,950.00	
Pam Howard, Secretary-Treasurer, Opaline Irrigation District, PO Box 331			
Marsing, ID 83639			
Publish 9/20/2023 : 9/27/2023			
09/20,27/2023			

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (I.C. § 15-3-801(a)) CASE NO. CV37-23-00309 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE Magistrate Division In the Matter of the Estates of ILA MEYERS and CECIL JOHN MEYERS, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned were appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the above-named estates. All persons having claims against either decedent or the estates are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must both be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

Dated: 9/6/2023
/s/: REGANAL MANDA, Co-Personal Representative
/s/: THOMAS T. MEYERS, Co-Personal Representative
c/o Wm. F. Nichols, ISB #3496
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09/27;10/04,11/2023

MONTANA 5th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, BEAVERHEAD COUNTY IN RE: the Marriage of: REATA SHEPARD, Petitioner and TANNER SHEPARD, Respondent CASE NO. DR-1-2023-13972 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE TO: Respondent TANNER SHEPARD

You are named in a petition to dissolve your marriage and to get a final parenting plan for your children. Unless you respond in 21 days, the court may decide against you without you being heard and give Petitioner everything asked for in the petition. You must submit your written response within 21 calendar days. The 21 day period starts after the last date of publication of this notice. If the final day falls on a weekend or court holiday, you may file your response on the next business day.

You must file your written response with the Clerk of District Court at: 2 South Pacific Street, Dillon, Montana 59725 and serve a copy of your answer to the Petitioner.

The following real property is part of this case:

✓ Firman: Adrian runs varsity, Marsing JV

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sophomore, was 19.3 seconds behind Babineaux.

Back on the boys' side, Homedale senior Brock Johnson turned in a 21:27.7.

Rimrock put five other athletes in the boys' race:

- Dylan McNeley, fr., 19:40.1
- Carson Raymond, jr., 19:43
- Kolton Jewett, so., 19:49.4
- Crew Merrick, fr., 20:11.9
- Ronaldo Gomez, jr., 22:52.9

Adrian sophomores Keegan Johnson (19:45.2) and Grayson Cleaver (20:36.4) also competed in the boys' race.

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SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE Case No. CV37-23-00288 ROBERT FAY HARRIS and MICHAEL EARL HARRIS in their capacity as Co-Personal Representatives of the ESTATE OF ROBERT EARL HARRIS, deceased, Plaintiff, Vs. The Heirs and Devisees of ART G. MOORE, a/k/a ARTHUR G. MOORE, deceased; The Heirs and Devisees of MARY M. MOORE, Deceased; and STATE OF IDAHO, Department of Health and Welfare, Division Of Medicaid – Estate Recovery (IDHW); and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described herein, adverse to Plaintiff's ownership or constituting any cloud upon Plaintiff's title, Defendants.

TO: The heirs, devisees and successors in interest to Art G. Moore, deceased, and Mary M. Moore, deceased, and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described herein adverse to Plaintiffs' ownership or constituting any cloud upon Plaintiff's title:

You have been sued by Robert Fay Harris and Michael Earl Harris in their capacity as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Robert Earl Harris, deceased, in the District Court in and for Owyhee County, Idaho, Case No. CV37-23-00288.

The nature of the claim against you is to quiet title to the following described real property, namely:

Lot 24 of Block 61 of the Amended Townsite Plat of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Recorder of Owyhee County, Idaho, commonly known as 18 W. Idaho Street, Homedale, Idaho.

Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case No. CV37-23-00288, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at mailing address: P.O. Box 128, Murphy, Idaho 83650; physical address: 20381 ID-78, Murphy, Idaho 83650; Telephone number of Clerk of Court: 208-495-2806 and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiffs' attorney, Michael G. Pierce, at P. O. Box 1019, Cascade, Idaho 83611, telephone: (208) 382-3929.

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

ANGELA BARKELL
CLERK OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT
By: Brittany Gonzalez
Deputy
09/06,13,20,27/2023

Dated this 12 th day of September 2023. /s/:Carly Jay Anderson, Clerk of Court	By: /s/: Chen Pierce, Deputy Clerk <u>09/20,27;10/4/2023</u>
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One other Melba athlete competed in the Div. II boys' race as sophomore Raziel Manzer crossed the line 18:46.3.

Other Rimrock athletes in the girls' race:

- Laineey Raymond, fr., 23:38
- Ashten Moore, sr., 23:48.5
- Olivia Farfan, so., 24:12.4
- Mariel Juarez, fr., 25:13.4

Adrian sophomore Emma Nicholes (29:52) also took to the course.

Huskies in JV meet

Two Marsing athletes placed in the top 100 of their respective junior varsity 5Ks at Eagle Island State Park.

Sophomore Brody Bowers was 67th in the boys' race (19:36.9), and ninth-grader Kate Marshall finished 98th (27:29.1) in the girls' meet.

Other boys' results:

- Alex Christiansen, jr., 20:53.9
- Jack Marshall, jr., 21:18.7
- Alec Ecklund, fr., 21:30.2
- Andrei Dumitru, jr., 21:53
- Timothy Christiansen, fr., 24:33.2
- Zane Mechling, so., 27:54.4

The rest of the girls' results included:

- Soyla Contreras, fr., 28:55.4
- Breann Dickerson, so., 30:03.6

School menus

Homedale Elementary

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

Sept. 27: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Orange chicken bowl, mixed vegetables

Sept. 28: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, apple **Lunch:** Chicken Crispito, buttered corn

Oct. 2: **Breakfast:** Raised donut, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken sandwich, crinkle fries

Oct. 3: **Breakfast:** Sausage patty, buttermilk biscuit, country gravy, sliced pears **Lunch:** Mac-n-cheese, seasoned green beans, whole grain roll

Oct. 4: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken fried fingers, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn

Homedale Middle

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

Sept. 27: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Orange chicken bowl, egg roll, seasoned green beans

Sept. 28: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, sliced pears **Lunch:** Crispitos, buttered corn

Oct. 2: **Breakfast:** Raised donut, string cheese, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, curly fries

Oct. 3: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk biscuit, country gravy, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs, mixed vegetables, chocolate chunk cookie

Oct. 4: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn, whole grain roll

Homedale High

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt, string cheese or hard-boiled egg
Vegetable and fruit choices offered daily
Cereal option, grab ‘n’ go items each day

Sept. 27: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, string cheese, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn **Grab ‘n’ go:** Turkey bacon wrap

Sept. 28: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich, Yami yogurt, iced coffee **Lunch:** Buffalo popcorn chicken, Tater Tots, whole grain breadstick **Grab ‘n’ go:** BBQ chicken salad

Oct. 2: **Breakfast:** Raised donut or bagel and cream cheese, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, crinkle fries **Grab ‘n’ go:** Chicken Caesar salad

Oct. 3: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk biscuits, sausage patty, country gravy, iced coffee **Lunch:** Orange chicken bowl, seasoned green beans, chocolate chunk cookie **Grab ‘n’ go:** Turkey bacon sub

Oct. 4: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll or ham and cheese croissant, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans, garden salad **Grab ‘n’ go:** Ham and cheese sub

Marsing

Meals include choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables

Elementary School each day: Breakfast: Cereal option

Middle/High School each day: PB&J sandwich option

Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sandwich, salad

Hot Grab-n-go line (varies): Cheeseburger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sandwich; nuggets; bites),

Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)

Sept. 27: **Breakfast:** French toast bites, maple syrup, Yami yogurt, applesauce **Lunch:** Orange chicken, steamed rice, mixed vegetables, spring roll, fortune cookie **Hot Grab-n-go:** Mozzarella and garlic pull-apart, potato wedges

Sept. 28: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, toast, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Mozzarella breadsticks, mixed vegetables, chocolate chunk cookie **Cold Grab-n-go:** Southwest chicken salad

Oct. 2: **Breakfast:** Glazed donut, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken Alfredo, steamed carrots, garlic toast **Hot Grab-n-go:** Pepperoni pizza, Tater Tots

Oct. 3: **Breakfast:** Pork sausage patty, biscuit, country gravy, orange wedges **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans **Cold Grab-n-go:** Chicken bacon ranch wrap

Oct. 4: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, Yami yogurt, pineapple tidbits **Lunch:** Chicken drumstick (glazed), mashed potatoes, buttered corn, roll **Cold Grab-n-go:** Taco salad

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily

Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily

Sept. 27: **Breakfast:** Waffle **Lunch:** Chili, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll

Sept. 28: **Breakfast:** Breakfast bar **Lunch:** Ham and cheese on a bun, fries, baby carrots

Oct. 2: **Breakfast:** Muffins **Lunch:** Mac attack, romaine salad, broccoli

Oct. 3: **Breakfast:** Mini Cinnabon **Lunch:** Orange chicken, Oriental rice, stir-fry vegetables

Oct. 4: **Breakfast:** French toast **Lunch:** Beef and bean burrito, romaine salad/salsa, corn

Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
Trustee’s Sale No. PLTS103671
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Pioneer Title Company of Ada County dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 1/16/2024, 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;

A parcel of land situate in the Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, more particularly described as follows:
BEGINNING at the Southwest corner of said Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter; thence North along the West boundary of said Southwest Quarter

Northwest Quarter, a distance of 348.48 feet; thence South 89°48’00” East, parallel with the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter, a distance of 625.00 feet; thence South parallel with the West boundary of said Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter, a distance of 348.48 feet to a point on the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter; thence North 89°48’00” West along the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter, a distance of 625.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

E X C E P T I N G THEREFROM the following described parcel:

A parcel of land situated in the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Southwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence North along the West boundary of said Southwest Quarter a distance of 45.00 feet; thence South 89°48’00” East parallel to the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter a distance of 625.00 feet; thence South parallel to the West boundary of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter a distance of 45.00 feet to a point on the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence North 89°48’00” West along the South boundary of said Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter a distance of 625.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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 3886 Jump Creek

Road, Homedale, ID 83628, 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 Gary McCoshum, an unmarried man and Cassandra Hammar, an unmarried woman, as Grantor, to Pioneer Title Company of Canyon County, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Echo Hall, an unmarried woman, as Beneficiary, dated 12/31/2013, recorded 1/9/2014, under Instrument No. 283027, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, ID, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by Echo L. Hall, an unmarried woman.
THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, 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 12/31/2013, FAILURE TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL BALANCE WHICH BECAME DUE AT MATURITY, TOGETHER WITH ACCRUED AND ACCRUING

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DATED: September 12, 2023.
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Trustee
/s:/Deb Duncan
By
Deborrah Duncan, Assistant Secretary
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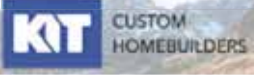
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