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SWEET RIDES AND SWEET TREATS



Senior project gives kids a Halloween jump start

Above: Boys and girls wore all sorts of different costumes and visited classic car owners to fulfill Heidi Cloud's senior project at the Homedale High School parking lot on Friday. Cloud said 22 entries showed up.

Right: Kaleia Walker, who recently moved to Homedale with her parents Richard and Ceina, got a rare photo with Sasquatch (a k a Judd Eide), who drove his 1969 Chevrolet Nova from Nampa for the Trunk or Treat.

Below: Donna Williams sits near her pickup, which won best decoration.



Homedale culvert, bridge work slated

Two anticipated Homedale Highway District replacement projects are closer to getting a start.

Owyhee County commissioners approved paying for a portion of replacing the Johnstone Road culvert over South Canal during their Monday meeting in Murphy.

Highway district officials will meet with Local Highway

Technical Assistance Council staff soon to discuss planned replacement of the Succor Creek bridge on Sage Road, too.

Johnstone Road south of Mule Springs Road has been closed since the corrugated metal pipe (CMP) culvert carrying South Canal under

— See *Culvert*, back page

Halloween happenings

Several Homedale events scheduled

More than 50 Homedale businesses have signed up to help children celebrate Halloween on Tuesday.

Businesses with orange paper jack-o-lanterns in storefront windows are official participants in the city's traditional Safe-n-Sane Halloween.

The pumpkins are available at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., for any businesses in town that want to get into the spirit when young ghosts, goblins and other characters fan out around downtown to

get candy.

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce discussed the annual event at its last meeting, which was held Sept. 26 at The Bowling Alley.

The trick-or-treating in the business sector will take place between 3 p.m., and 6 p.m.

There are other options for businesses that don't have a traditional brick-and-mortar storefront, such as setting up in Bette Uda City Park.

Other businesses will set up

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Marsing Chamber has big plans Tuesday

The Marsing Chamber of Commerce's annual Trunk or Treat will be held Friday in the Marsing Jr./Sr. High School parking lot, 209 8th Ave. W.

The Trunk or Treat will run from 5 p.m., to 7 p.m.

The high school's Business Professionals of America chapter announced Monday that the planned cash carnival and haunted house have been cancelled.

The Eddy's Boos and Brews event also will take place Friday on Main Street.

Anyone who wants to participate in the Trunk or Treat by bringing out a vehicle and handing out candy to the community's boys and girls can register by visiting www.marsingchamber.org.

There also is a contest for the best decorated trunk.

Costumes are encouraged.



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County deputies hunt three suspects in two crimes

Local authorities continue to look for suspects in a couple cases the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office recently investigated.

Sheriff Larry Kendrick said Gilberto T. Rodriguez is believed to have fled to Mexico after shooting a co-worker in the leg on Thursday, Sept. 28.

The shooting occurred at a residence on Tindall Road off Crane Falls Road outside Bruneau.

Kendrick said both men involved are Hispanic.

"Their story is one said that

the one just decided to shoot him in the leg with a .22," the sheriff said.

The victim did not contact dispatchers, but a deputy and Idaho State Police troopers arrived at the scene to investigate at approximately 11 p.m.

"His son called because (the victim is) undocumented," Kendrick said. "And we're



Gilberto Rodriguez

pretty sure the suspect is undocumented."

The victim was transported by air ambulance to a Boise hospital and was in stable condition afterward.

There is an arrest warrant out for Rodriguez. The green Ford F-150 pickup with a brush guard and a license plate of E153163 he was driving was



Jacob D. Smart

located in Utah, Kendrick said.

• Two men also suspected of crimes in Nampa are being sought in connection to a residential burglary on the morning of Monday, Sept. 25.

Sheriff's officials have identified the suspects as 38-year-old Jacob Dean Smart and Avereal Ronald Smart, 40.



Avereal R. Smart

The burglary occurred at a residence on Idaho highway 78 about 25 miles from Marsing.

Kendrick said the suspects had a tow truck parked at the Scorpion Creek Trailhead at milepost 25.

Deputies found property dumped in the desert, the sheriff said.

At least three jurisdictions are involved in the investigation, Kendrick said.

Anyone with information about Rodriguez or either of the Smart men is asked to call OCSO at (208) 495-1154.

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✓ Homedale: Dozens of business ready to treat children for Halloween

in the City Hall parking lot.

City Hall staff will judge the annual costume contest for boys, girls and families, too. Trick-or-treaters with the winning costumes will have their photos displayed in the City Hall lobby for the next year, and each will win a prize package.

Organizers urge parents to park away from downtown and walk their children to participating businesses to cut down on traffic congestion.

Likewise, motorists are asked to use extra caution when driving through downtown (Idaho Avenue, Main Street and even U.S. Highway 95) and to keep an eye out for children and their chaperones making the rounds.

• A trunk or treat is also planned at 7 p.m., on Tuesday at the Homedale Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 708 W. Idaho Ave.

• The Homedale Assembly of God Church will hold a Harvest Festival at 6 p.m., on Tuesday.

The church is located at 15 W. Montana Ave.

The festival is open to the public and will feature free games and food.

Safe-n-Sane Halloween participants

Main Street

- Homedale Drug, 5 N. Main St.
- Golden Ocean Chinese restaurant, 10 N. Main St.
- Matteson's 66, 3 S. Main St.
- Homedale Chiropractic, 111 S. Main St.
- US Bank, 112 S. Main St.
- Owyhee Family Dental, 115 S. Main St.
- Auto Zone, 120 S. Main St.

Idaho Avenue

- Rebecca's Mini Market, 12 W. Idaho Ave.
- Fisher's Saloon, 30 W. Idaho Ave.
- Tacos El Panal, 31 W. Idaho Ave.
- L&L Meats, 106 W. Idaho Ave.
- High and Low Thrift Store, 110 W. Idaho Ave.
- Up the Block Barbershop, 112 W. Idaho Ave.
- Last Chance Saloon, 120 W. Idaho Ave.
- Vance Dairy Construction, 201 W. Idaho Ave.
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- Perfection Repair, 334 W. Idaho Ave.
- Wild Lotus, 1 E. Idaho Ave.
- Murray's Ice Cream and Treats, 9 E. Idaho Ave.
- Owyhee Auto Supply NAPA, 4 E. Idaho Ave.
- The Owyhee Avalanche/Owyhee Publishing Inc., 19 E. Idaho Ave.
- Frosty Palace, 32 E. Idaho Ave.
- ExtraMile, 103 E. Idaho Ave.
- Terry Reilly Health Services, 108 E. Idaho Ave.
- Mari's Clothing, 118 E. Idaho Ave.
- Idaho Pizza Co., 138 E. Idaho Ave.
- Charros Mexican Restaurant, 307 E. Idaho Ave.
- Subway, 321 E. Idaho Ave.

Owyhee Avenue

- Street Dogs, 2 W. Owyhee Ave.

- Gordo's Tacos, 4 W. Owyhee Ave.
- Wishy Washy Laundromat, 16 W. Owyhee Ave.
- The Dog Spa, 16 W. Owyhee Ave.
- Owyhee Lanes/The Bowling Alley, 35 W. Owyhee Ave.
- Owyhee Health and Rehab, 114 W. Owyhee Ave.
- Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.
- Tolmie's Ace Hardware, 1 E. Owyhee Ave.

Wyoming Avenue

- Rumors Hair and Nails, 10 E. Wyoming Ave.
- Parker Advisors, 19 E. Wyoming Ave.
- Albertsons, 20 E. Wyoming Ave.
- City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.
- Owyhee Veterinary Clinic, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. (City Hall parking lot)
- Rock Slide Excavation, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. (City Hall parking lot)
- Homedale Ambulance, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. (City Hall parking lot)

South 1st Street West

- South Board of Control, 118 S. 1st St. W.

West Colorado Avenue

- El-Ada Community Action Partnership, 15 W. Colorado Ave.
- Homedale Fire Dept., 20 W. Colorado Ave.

U.S. Highway 95

- Snake River Ranch and Lumber, 328 U.S. Hwy. 95
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Oct. 21	75	39	.00
Oct. 22	76	40	.00
Oct. 23	61	49	.02

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VANDALS STRIKE IN REYNOLDS CREEK



Sheriff's office issues warrants

After receiving tips from the public, the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office has issued arrest warrants for two individuals connected to a criminal trespassing and vandalism incident that occurred at 8 a.m., on Friday. Multiple fences in the Reynolds Creek area were cut. The suspects were driving a red Jeep Cherokee with yellow "smiley face"-covered fog lights mounted on the grille. The vehicle's Idaho license plate is 2C VB250. Anyone with further information on the suspects' whereabouts can call OCSO at (208) 495-1154. OCSO photos

Homedale man sentenced to prison

A Homedale man is heading to prison for sharing lewd videos with a minor.

Juan Carlos Lemus-Morales, 43, was sentenced Oct. 13 for sending pornographic material to a 15-year-old girl, a k a felony child sexual abuse of a minor under 16 years of age.

Third District Judge Randall S. Grove gave Lemus-Morales a fixed state penitentiary term of two years, but the man could

serve as many as seven years.

Lemus-Morales was ordered to pay \$895.50 in court costs, and he received credit for 166 days spent in Owyhee County Jail since his arrest.

According to a probable cause affidavit from the Homedale Police Department's arresting officer, Lemus-Morales admitted to sending two pornographic videos to his stepdaughter's cellphone.

Third felony DUI in a decade means prison

A persistent drunk driver is heading to prison.

Jeremy Alan Rogers, 43, of Nampa was sentenced to up to 10 years in the state penitentiary after entering a guilty plea to a felony driving under the influence charge.

The man has been convicted of felony DUI three times since 2014.

Third District Court Judge Randall S. Grove sentenced Rogers on Oct. 13 in Murphy for felony DUI for an offender who was previously found guilty of another felony within 15 years.

Rogers will spend at least three

years in state prison and could serve as much as a decade. His

driver's license was suspended for five years. He must pay \$290.50 in court costs.

An Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy made the Sept. 11, 2022 arrest after stopping the black Ford F150 pickup Rogers was driving on Idaho highway 78.

Rogers' blood-alcohol concentration measured .356, more than four times the legal limit, court records said.

The criminal complaint outlined other felony DUI convictions in 2017 and 2014.



Marsing candidate forum called off

One citizen and three Marsing City Council candidates showed up for Thursday's forum at the Phipps-Watson American Legion Post 128 Community Center. The forum was cancelled. **From left:** Citizen David Jones, and council candidates Marie Herman, Lynette Enrico, and Chris Even. A fourth candidate, Shawn Bales, didn't attend. **Nov. 1 edition:** Candidate Q&A for all races.

Calvary Fellowship plans family festival

Homedale Calvary Fellowship will present a free community event Sunday.

The Hallelujah Harvest will run from 4 p.m., to 7 p.m., at the fellowship building, 711 W. Idaho Ave.

Family fun is planned with free refreshments, fellowship, fun children's games, campfire worship, candy and a chili cook-off.

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Drugs in child’s presence lead to prison term

A Homedale man will be in prison at least two years after his conviction on a felony drug charge.

Justin Steven Charles Lepore was sentenced on Oct. 13 in the Murphy courtroom of Third District Judge Randall S. Grove.

Grove levied a sentence of two to five years in state prison for methamphetamine possession stemming from Lepore’s arrest on July 13 by Homedale Police.

According to court records, Lepore was charged with the felony as well as misdemeanors for injury to child, drug possession and drug paraphernalia possession.

Lepore received credit for 258 days served in Owyhee County Jail. He must pay \$635.50 in court costs for the felony conviction and another \$157.50 in court costs after entering a plea of “True” to the child endangerment charge in an agreement with Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Chris Topmiller.

A felony probationer, Lepore was arrested at a residence in the 500 block of South Main Street when a Homedale Police officer served a warrant with Probation and Parole assistance.

According to the police report, a juvenile child and an adult female exited the residence when the search began.

The search turned up paraphernalia for marijuana and methamphetamine consumption as well as 1.2 ounces of pot. Another pipe containing meth residue was located, too.

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Career assistance available at library

The focus may be on the youth of Homedale, but the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library has much more to offer community members.

Each Wednesday, an Idaho Department of Labor representative is available to help folks with job searches, resumé creation, filing for unemployment benefits, applying for job training and many other labor-related tasks.

The assistance is available from noon to 4 p.m., each Wednesday at the library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

- The weekly Teens & Tweens program will celebrate Halloween on Thursday with a party that includes pumpkin carving and painting. Boys and girls ages 10-17 are invited to take part in the event, which will be held from 5 p.m., to 6 p.m., inside the Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.
- Two book clubs — one for adults and one for young adults — will meet in the coming weeks.

The young adult book club meets at 5 p.m., on Friday.

The adult reading club gets together at 5 p.m., on Friday, Nov. 3.

- Another After School Program will be held from 4:30 p.m., to 5:30 p.m., on Monday. The program is available for elementary and middle school students. There will be a Halloween party with a costume contest.
- The Opal Nash Story Time for preschoolers will be held at 10 a.m., on Monday.
- The College of Western Idaho Digital Skills 1: Computer Basics Course is underway with classes scheduled from 4 p.m., to 6 p.m., each Wednesday.
- The CPR class scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 4 is at capacity and enrollment is closed.
- Spending time together as a family is one of the goals of Idaho Family Reading Week, which is observed in November.

The library will celebrate the week with a family art workshop.

“Art is All Around Us” is the theme of the week promoting families working on literacy.

The library’s art workshop will take place from 4 p.m., to 6 p.m., on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

There will be several art stations around the library to facilitate families working together on different art projects.

- The fall adult reading challenge continues until 6 p.m., on Wednesday, Nov. 15. Participants can earn entries into drawings for reading. The winning tickets will be drawn after 6 p.m., on the final day of the challenge.

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Storing the final flavors of summer

As I write this article (a week in advance of publishing), the weather is unseasonably mild, and most Treasure Valley farms and gardens have not experienced a killing frost. However, that’s all set to change this week. So if your produce is still being harvested in the garden, or you’ve brought what you could salvage indoors, you may find yourself hoping to keep the last harvest as fresh as possible for as long as you can.

The good news is that it is easy to preserve the freshness, quality and flavor of your hard work by reviewing a few basic rules related to harvest and storage.

Vegetable quality deteriorates rapidly after harvest. Avoid bruising or otherwise injuring fruits and vegetables, and do not store damaged produce for any length of time as this invites decay, spoilage and pests such as fruit flies. Use any damaged but otherwise edible fruits or vegetables right away and don’t use damaged produce in canning, freezing or dehydrating.

Home storage conditions generally won’t be able to replicate a climate-controlled commercial facility, but we can experiment to find the best approximate conditions and improvise! Refrigerators, basements, cellars or garages, attics, outbuildings, outdoor root cellars or under-the-house crawlspaces are all possibilities.

Most produce stores best in cold, moist storage, the kind provided by a refrigerator. Ideal temperatures range from 32° F to 40° F, and high humidity is achieved by placing vegetables in plastic bags or leaving unbagged in the crisper drawer.

Beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, sweet corn, greens, radishes, peas and leeks should

be stored in this manner.

Some delicate vegetables can be kept in moist, slightly warmer conditions, around 45° F to 50° F. You may consider using a separate refrigerator that you lower to that temperature range if you will be storing any late-season snap beans, cucumbers, eggplant, chard, whole (uncut) melons, okra, peppers, tomatoes, potatoes and summer squash.

Cool, dry storage, at temperatures between 35° F to 55° F, is perfect for storing dried beans, garlic, onions, shallots, and dried peppers. Warmer, dry storage, around 55° F to 60°F is preferred for pumpkins and winter squash.

Mature green tomatoes can be ripened indoors. Pick and store in warm, humid conditions until ripe. Warmer temperatures encourage faster ripening.

The best way to store potatoes at home is unwashed, in a mesh or perforated plastic bag in a cool (42° F to 50° F), dark environment with good air circulation.

And sometimes, the perfect storage place is right in the garden. Some hardy greens and many root crops may be left in the ground, mulched heavily and harvested when needed throughout late fall and early winter.

For more detail on the ideal conditions for garden produce storage, download our University of Idaho Extension publication “Harvesting and Storing Garden Produce” at https://digital.lib.uidaho.edu/utills/getfile/collection/ui_ep/id/27130.pdf. It’s one of my favorites!

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Ariel Agenbroad

Vietnam vet to receive Quilt of Valor

Marsing native Herb Churruca will receive a Quilt of Valor in a public ceremony.

The 76-year-old Vietnam veteran will be honored beginning at 6 p.m., on Thursday inside the Phipps-

Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center.

Churruca was recently installed as the Post 128 commander, taking over from Darryl Burman.

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

Story Time

10:30 a.m., to 11:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Public Library, 111 S. 3rd St. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

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.

CWI Computer Basics Course

4 p.m., to 6 p.m., registration necessary. Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. Information/registration: (208) 337-4428

Thursday

Fit and Fall class

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

Fit and Fall Proof exercise class

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

Fit and Fall exercise

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

Prime Time Swingers perform

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

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., ‘Halloween Party & pumpkin painting/carving’, 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

Adult Murder Mystery night

7 p.m., to 9 p.m., registration necessary, Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. Information/registration: At the library or (208) 896-4690

Friday

Food bank distribution

8 a.m., to 10 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 473-9331

Food bank distribution

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

Blood pressure clinic

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

337-3020

Young Adult Book Club

5 p.m., registration appreciated. Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Marsing Chamber Trunk or Treat

5 p.m., to 7 p.m., parking lot, Marsing Jr./Sr. High School, 209 8th Ave. W., Marsing.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Saturday

COSSA car show

9 a.m. check-in, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. car show, 2:15 p.m. awards. Entry fee \$15 donation, vendor space \$20. COSSA education center, 109 Penny Lane, Wilder. Information: www.cossaschools.org or Facebook page under COSSA Schools, or Rhonda at (208) 482-6074, ext. 1032.

Pressure canning workshop

10 a.m., to 1 p.m., \$25 per person or \$40 for two, U of I Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. Registration: (208) 896-4104

Snake River Country Market

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

Sunday

Hallelujah Harvest

4 p.m., to 7 p.m., Homedale Calvary Fellowship, 711 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Opal Nash Story Time

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Children’s After School Program

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Region III assistance assessments

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Safe-n-Sane trick or treating

3 p.m., to 6 p.m., downtown Homedale businesses.

Harvest Festival

6 p.m., public welcome, Homedale Assembly of God, 15 W. Montana Ave., Homedale.

Trunk or Treat

6 p.m., Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Road, Oreana.

Alcoholics Anonymous

7 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Wednesday

Arock school board meeting

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

Obituary

Donald Lee Josephson

Donald Lee Josephson went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on the morning of October 11, 2023. Don was born in Wilder, Idaho on January 10, 1934 to Gladys and Lawrence Josephson. He was the fifth of six children preceded by Leonard, Florence, Betty, and Jack, his sweet sister Yvonne, born just over a year after him, passed away as an infant. The family farmed near Wilder, and Don spent his youth working to take care of crops and chickens. He went through grade school and high school in Wilder and graduated in 1952. He played tennis for the Wildcats and won the boys doubles state championship.

After graduation, in 1953 he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He spent two years in Japan repairing communication technology. His travel in the Air Force took him to Guam, Okinawa, and Iwo Jima, and several smaller Asian islands. After he returned to the U.S. he was stationed in New York, but traveled frequently to Omaha, Nebraska to work on an underground communication system. He was honorably discharged in 1957.

After his military service he enrolled at The College of Idaho, majoring in Biology with a minor in education. He played tennis for the Yotes. After two years at C of I, he transferred to Idaho State College and graduated with a B.A. in Biology in 1961. He had a unique ability to memorize scientific names of plant and animal species that stayed with him all of his life.

His first teaching job was in Shelton, Washington. He taught biology, and one term of geometry, which he learned right along with his students. He stayed in Shelton for three years, then took a job closer to his family at Emmett High, where he coached tennis for



two years. He then took a year to complete his Masters of Arts in Teaching in Moscow, at the University of Idaho. After completing his degree, he taught three more years, then decided to try something else.

Don bought a vending route, and filled the coin-operated bubble gum and toy dispensing machines throughout Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. He continued to add new locations to his route and enjoyed traveling, often taking time to fish, look for rocks, and enjoy the scenery along the way.

On June 8, 1977 Don married the love of his life, Virginia Tolsma, whom he met at Owyhee Lanes in Homedale, Idaho, which she owned and operated. Along with Virginia, he also gained four adult stepsons, Ron, Don, Tony, and Kim Tolsma, and five grandchildren, Rhonda (Benson) and Randy Tolsma, Kelly Tolsma (McCormick) and Danny Breach, and Margo Tolsma (Phariss). Don and Virginia took the five grandkids on their honeymoon to Disneyland. Two more grandchildren were born later, Carol (Profitt) and Richard Tolsma. He was very proud of all of them. Don and Virginia spent a lot of time traveling

together on his route and took several deep sea fishing trips. They were married for over 40 years, before she passed away in 2018. In his words “I miss her now and will until we meet again.”

Don had many athletic accomplishments. In addition to being a tennis champion, he was an avid bowler and rolled a 297 at Owyhee Lanes. He was also proud of his golf game and achieved an Albatross on the Fairview golf course in Caldwell, by getting a hole-in-one on a par-four hole. It was witnessed by a friend who was watching from a hospital room across the street. He ended that round of golf four under par.

His other hobbies included collecting music, rockhounding, and playing board games. He had an extensive collection of vinyl records, mostly of country music from the 50’s through 70’s. He listened to music for hours a day. One of his favorite pastimes was collecting rocks in the Owyhees and mountains in Oregon. He made beautiful jewelry as gifts for his family from the rocks that he found, cut, and polished. He also enjoyed board games and card games. His favorite games were Uno and Aggravation, which he played on a handmade board.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, his siblings and their spouses, his beloved Virginia, and his step-grandson Danny Breach. He is survived by all of his stepsons, eight grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and a few great-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his nephews and many great nieces and nephews. He will be remembered for his continuous chuckle and hearty laughs.

Graveside services will be officiated by his nephew, Pastor Terrance Josephson, at 2:00 p.m., on October 27, 2023 at the Wilder cemetery.

Homedale accepts Blue Cross walking challenge again

City is only Owyhee County municipality in foundation program

The City of Homedale is in the running, er, walking for another Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health check.

But, for this year’s Mayor’s Walking Challenge, Gheen Christoffersen has a substitute.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller has been seen each morning crossing the Snake River bridge on foot as he tries to get in steps as Christoffersen’s proxy.

The third-term mayor enlisted Eidemiller after it became clear his schedule wouldn’t allow consistent participation in October.

Christoffersen is the only Owyhee County mayor signed up for the challenge, which received its largest turnout this year, according to Blue Cross.

This is the 10th anniversary year for the program.

Mayors can earn up to \$1,000 by walking throughout October.

Those who walk an average of 5,000 steps every day during the month will receive a \$500 check. Mayors covering an average of 10,000 steps per day will get \$1,000.

Christoffersen has brought home money each time he has taken part in the challenge, and those funds have been used to help bring updated playground equipment to Riverside Park as well as shore up other city features that promote

physical activity and a healthy lifestyle.

In past years, Christoffersen has piled up steps by taking a stroll from his office at his SMX, Inc., trucking company across the river in Canyon County to City Hall and back.

Eidemiller has mimicked that route this year, and he also walks the length of Idaho Avenue.

Christoffersen signed up as part of a record number of 105 mayors from across the state taking on the challenge this fall.

“The Mayor’s Walking Challenge continues to grow, and we appreciate the more than 100 Idaho mayors who are walking this year,” Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health executive director Kendra Witt-Doyle said.

“Walking is one of the best things people can do for their health. Mayors can be role models, and walking sets a good example about the importance of exercise and physical activity.”

Christoffersen has promoted physical activity among the youngest of Homedale’s citizens in the past by taking time to walk with elementary schoolchildren during his monthlong competition.

Statewide, mayors have brought more than \$519,000 into their cities to meet activity goals during the decade of the program.

HHS senior parent info event slated today

Homedale High School seniors and their parents are invited to an informational event tonight.

The Senior Parent Information Night for the Class of 2024 will run from 6 p.m., to 8 p.m., inside the high school library, 203 E. Idaho Ave.

- Parents can learn about:
- Idaho Launch and other Idaho scholarships
 - Apply Idaho
 - College entrance exams, including the December ACT test deadlines
 - ASVAB test
 - FAFSA information. The student’s Social Security

number and an email address are required.

- Other senior dates and deadlines

Representatives from Idaho Launch/Workforce Development, Apply Idaho, the College of Western Idaho, and TRiO will be on hand to talk.

A dinner of pizza, drink and cookies will be served to attendees.

Spanish translators will be there to help non-English speaking parents.

For more information, call Kristie Dorsey at (208) 337-4613 or Mayra at (208) 284-6692.

Death notices

PAULINE MARGERY COLYER, 92, of Mountain Home, died on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023. Arrangements: Rost Funeral Home, 500 N. 18th E., Mountain Home. (208) 391-7108

CALVIN WALKER, 80, of Homedale, died on Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023. Arrangements: Bowman Funeral Parlor, Garden City. www.bowmanfuneral.com (208) 853-3131

4-H Friday activity set

The next non-school Friday event at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension has been scheduled.

4-H Friday Mystery Science will be held from 10 a.m., to 2 p.m., on Friday, Nov. 3 at the Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W.

The program is open to boys and girls ages 10-13 and will include exposure to fingerprinting, chromatography and DNA as ways to solve a mystery.

Lunch and a snack will be provided during the free event.

Registration ends next Wednesday, and there are only 10 spots available.

Register at <https://4h.zsuite.org/external-event-registration/24000>

WEED WATCH



Photos by Clint Shock

From Jordan Valley CWMA
Eric Morrison, coordinator

Name: Russian Knapweed (*Acroptilon repens*)
Description: Long-lived, deep-rooted perennial. Light muted green, with finely pubescent leaves, makes the plant appear dusty. Light lavender to purple flowers are borne at stem ends beginning in June and continuing until frost. Seed head bracts are smooth and papery. Produces a lot of seeds; however, most are not viable and seedlings are uncommon. Spreads mostly by root shoots from rhizomes. Roots have a black papery bark layer. Grows from 1 to 2 feet tall, on openly branched stems. Forms very dense, usually concentric stands and appears to exhibit allelopathic characteristics, effectively preventing other plants from growing in proximity, even its own seedlings. This plant is toxic to horses, causing a neurologic disorder (chewing disease); however, it seems to be unpalatable.
Habitat: Pastures, orchards, roadsides, ditch banks, waste areas and cultivated fields in nearly all soils.
Origin: Native of Central to Western Asia into Eastern Europe. Arrived in Eastern Oregon by at least 1925.
Control: This plant can be very difficult to control. Mechanical means are not recommended because of the rhizomatous characteristic. Chopped and scattered root fragments can generate new plants, quickly making the situation worse. Herbicides are the preferred and most effective method. Fall-applied Picloram (Tordon 22K, Outpost 22K) or Aminopyralid (Milestone) have been the most effective. It is recommended that you seek expert advice to manage this plant and use caution when treating with these chemistries as they both have a long residual effect. If the infestation has been on site for a few years, expect control to be difficult but not impossible.
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).
For more information on noxious weeds, contact your local cooperative weed management area (CWMA) or county weed department:
Jordan Valley — Eric Morrison, (541) 586-3000
Northwest Owyhee — Julie Perkins, (208) 519-1533 or julieperk01@gmail.com
Eastern Owyhee — Julie Perkins, (208) 519-1533 or julieperk01@gmail.com
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Malheur weed supervisor — Amanda Zander, (541) 473-5102



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School menus

Homedale Elementary
*Choice of milk and juice
PB&J sandwich, and vegetable and fruit
choices will be offered daily*
Oct. 25: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken fried fingers, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn
Oct. 26: No School
Oct. 30: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, applesauce **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken, steamed buttered carrots, whole grain roll
Oct. 31: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, orange slices **Lunch:** French toast sticks, sausage patty, hash brown patty

Homedale Middle
*Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese
Cereal option and PB&J and string cheese daily
Vegetable and fruit choices offered daily*
Oct. 25: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn, whole grain roll
Oct. 26: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich, Yami yogurt, apple **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, seasoned green beans, pineapple tidbits, Jello
Oct. 30: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, Yami yogurt, applesauce **Lunch:** Italian pull-a-part, buttered corn
Oct. 31: **Breakfast:** Maple bar, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** French toast sticks, sausage patty, hash brown patty

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*
Oct. 25: **Breakfast:** Ham and cheese croissant or cinnamon roll, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, garden salad **Grab ‘n’ go:** Ham and cheese sub
Oct. 26: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, Yami yogurt, iced coffee **Lunch:** Corn dog, Tater Tots, fruited Jello **Grab ‘n’ go:** Taco salad
Oct. 30: **Breakfast:** Sausage and cheese biscuit, string cheese, fruit smoothie **Lunch:**

Pepperoni pizza, curly fries **Grab ‘n’ go:** Turkey bacon sub
Oct. 31: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk biscuits, sausage patty, country gravy, iced coffee **Lunch:** Mozzarella bread sticks, crinkle fries **Grab ‘n’ go:** Berry chicken salad
Marsing
*Each meal includes choice of milk, fruit juice,
fresh fruit & vegetables*
Elementary School each day: Breakfast:
Cereal option
Middle/High School each day: PB&J option
Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sand., salad
Hot Grab-n-go line (varies): Cheeseburger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sandwich; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)
Oct. 25: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, pineapple tidbits, **Lunch:** Chicken drumstick (glazed), mashed potatoes, buttered corn, roll **Hot Grab-n-go:** Pepperoni pizza, curly fries
Oct. 26: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, string cheese, grapes **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper, tossed salad, pineapple tidbits, Jello **Hot Grab-n-go:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, crinkle fries
Oct. 30: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Spaghetti, green beans, garlic toast, snickerdoodle cookie **Hot Grab-n-go:** BBQ pulled pork sandwich, Tater Tots
Oct. 31: **Breakfast:** Pork sausage patty, biscuit, country gravy, apple **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken, green beans, breadstick **Cold Grab-n-go:** Asian chicken salad

Bruneau/Grand View
All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily
Oct. 25: **Breakfast:** Pancakes and egg patty **Lunch:** Chili, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll
Oct. 26: **Breakfast:** Breakfast wrap **Lunch:** Ham and cheese on a bun, fries, baby carrots
Oct. 30: **Breakfast:** Muffins **Lunch:** Chicken taco, romaine salad, baby carrots
Oct. 31: **Breakfast:** Cherry frudel **Lunch:** Glazed chicken with whole wheat roll, romaine salad, broccoli

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center
Served at noon
Milk and roll/bread available each day
Oct. 25: Beef and bean burrito, rice, California blend vegetables, chips
Oct. 26: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas
Oct. 31: Swedish meatballs and rice, sautéed cabbage, green beans

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing
Noon to 12:30 p.m., at Marsing City Hall
Milk available each day
Suggested donation: \$5 (60 and older), \$8 (59 and younger)
\$8 (take-out meal, any age)
Oct. 25: BBQ chicken breast, roasted potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, whole wheat bun
Oct. 27: Spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian vegetables, green salad, peaches, French bread
Oct. 30: Roast beef with gravy, mashed

potatoes. Sunshine carrots, fresh fruit, 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
Oct. 26: Chicken parmesan, steamed vegetables, salad, whole wheat garlic bread, cottage cheese, fruited Jello
Oct. 31: Chili and cheese burgers, whole wheat bun, salad, ice cream, strawberries

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
Oct. 26: Open face turkey sandwich
Oct. 31: Ground beef surprise

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More Homedale,
Marsing, Adrian news

Avalanche Sports

Next week
Homedale Optimist
makes history



Homedale freshman Brody Johnson (right) makes his way over the rolling course in McCall during the 3A District III cross country championship meet. Photo by Machele Randall

Mission accomplished: Christensen reaches state meet

Bobby Christensen’s return to cross country will conclude with a 3A state meet appearance.

A devastating car crash derailed the Homedale High School senior’s running career, but his determined final-year comeback trail will end in Pocatello.

Christensen finished ninth last Wednesday in the 3A District III championship meet to reach Saturday’s state meet at the Portneuf Wellness Center.

He completed the 5-kilometer race at McCall Golf Course in 18 minutes, 2.68 seconds.

Hometown runner George Spiers, also a senior, won the individual championship in 16:49.06 to help the Vandals win the team crown.

Christensen is the only athlete from coach David Gummersall’s squad who will compete in Pocatello.

Freshman Brody Johnson finished 21st in 20:23.84, and sophomore Jesus Monreal was 28th in 21:41.42.

Sophomore Hannah Babineaux was the Trojans’ top-finishing girl, taking 27th in 26:49.37.

Gummersall has a young squad. Christensen is the only senior, and sophomores and freshmen were the only other competitors last week.

Other boys’ results:

- Wayne Stewart, fr., 33rd in 24:14.65
- Quade Christensen, so., 35th, 27:29.52

Other girls’ results:

- Hailey Jakovac, so., 31st, 28:04.88
- Breydyn Ford, so., 33rd, 29:49.15
- Sophie North, fr., 35th, 31:55.72.

Parma junior Megan Atkinson won the girls’ individual district title after a 20:22.18 effort.

Huskies’ state playoff drought ends Friday

Marsing High School football fans have a postseason to look forward to for the first time in 11 years.

The Huskies (5-3) earned an at-large berth into the 2A state playoffs.

Marsing travels to face fellow 2A Western Idaho Conference member Melba (6-2) at 7 p.m., on Friday.

A win puts second-year coach Shea McClellin’s squad into the quarterfinals next week.

The Mustangs edged the Huskies, 22-16, on Marsing’s Senior Night during the conference season.

The Huskies last competed in the state playoffs in 2012 when the team reached the semifinals before losing to Declo.

HHS football boosters won’t mind this re-run

Sixth straight 3A SRV title, another opening-round bye in state playoffs

Homedale High School has won the 3A Snake River Valley conference football championship.

Again.

With their 34-7 victory over host McCall-Donnelly, the Trojans have nailed down the No. 2 seed in the 3A state playoffs.

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Homedale’s Oklin Carson gets McCall-Donnelly quarterback Maddox Arnold in his grasp Friday as teammate Kade Hall closes in. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

Trojans nucleus returning after historic trip to State

Girls’ soccer team bows out on Day 2

Homedale High School’s historic girls’ soccer season ended Friday at the hands of an old rival with a state tournament pedigree.

The Trojans’ first-ever trip to the 3A state tournament closed with a 2-1 loss to Fruitland, which had appeared in the state championship game each of the previous two seasons.

The sixth-seeded Grizzlies beat No. 7 seed Homedale (9-3-3) for the

third time in four meetings this season to eliminate the Trojans from the tournament at Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

Fruitland used the victory to avenge a 4-3 loss to the Trojans in the 3A District III tournament final eight days earlier.

The Grizzlies snapped a 1-1 deadlock Friday when Brooke Tolman powered a direct kick from 30 yards away high into the Homedale net.

“It was a direct kick from a foul that should never have been called,” Trojans second-year coach Shelby Nicoletti said.

The referee began calling fouls with frequency in the final 15 minutes of the contest.

“None of them fell our way,” Nicoletti said.

Homedale owned an early lead. Senior Cadence Nicoletti converted a corner kick from her sister, sophomore Morgan Nicoletti, in the second minute.

The lead stood up until Fruitland’s McKenna Rawlinson scored two minutes after halftime.

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Homedale goalie Kennedy Kildow (right) hugs her sister, Karlie, after the Trojans were eliminated from the tournament Friday.

Sports

Owyheean captures 2A District III cross country crown

Huskies runner
breaks 20 minutes

Owyhee County resident Brooklyn Dayley is heading to the 2A cross country state meet as a champion.

The Melba High School senior ran her best five kilometers of the season last Wednesday to capture the 2A District III girls' championship at Eagle Island State Park.

Dayley finished the race in 20 minutes, 56.82 seconds as the Mustangs took third in the team standings behind Cole Valley Christian and district champion Nampa Christian.

Dayley's sophomore teammate and fellow Owyheean, Hayden Higgins, was 17th in 23:15.43. That also was a

season-best effort.

Freshman Kate Marshall was the best Marsing runner, taking 42nd in 26:58.66.

The Melba boys finished fourth in the team race, while senior Ravio Manzer punched his ticket to the state meet with a third-place time of 17:02.56.

Dayley and Manzer will compete in the 2A state championship races on Saturday at Portneuf Wellness Center in Pocatello.

North Star Charter junior Everett Metier won the boys' championship in 17:02.56.

Melba had three more in the top 20:

- Jack Cazier, so., 15th in the boys' race, season-best 18:15.32
- Isaiah Shoemaker, so., 19th in the boys' race, season-best 18:24.51.

- Eliza Svedin, sr., 20th in the girls' race, 23:34.31

Junior Josie Hansen just missed the top-20, grabbing 21st at 24:00.36

Melba junior Carsten Volkers also pulled in a season-best time in the boys' 5K, taking 26th in 18:49.71.

Junior Alex Christiansen had Marsing's best boys' finish, breaking 20 minutes with a 43rd-place showing of 19:59.59.

Other Marsing boys' results:

- Brody Bowers, so., 45th, 20:07.61
- Jack Marshall, jr., 62nd, 20:56.67
- Andrei Dumitru, jr., 74th, 21:58.4
- Alec Ecklund, fr., 75th, 22:21.16
- Timothy Christiansen, fr., 84th, 24:03.35

Other Marsing girls' results:

- Soyla Contreras, fr., 45th, 28:07.21

- Breann Dickerson, so, 47th, 28:40.86
- Wendy Alvarez, jr., 52nd, 30:42.85
- Morgan Cassidy, so., 55th, 34:07.26

Freshman Jose Deleon (20:21.57, 49th) and sophomore Jacob Gunderson (20:15.2, 48th) hit personal-record times to highlight other Melba boys:

- Raziel Manzer, so., 27th, 18:54.47
- Tavin Heritage, so., 47th, 20:14.83
- Walker Hansen, fr., 88th, 25:17.86
- Garth Spence, so., 94th, 26:56.24

Other Melba girls' results:

- Millie Edwards, fr., 26th, 24:38.46
- Ellie Crimbchin, so., 29th, 25:03.56
- Analise Robson, sr., 40th, 26:52.99
- Kinlee Post, fr., 49th, 29:24.58
- Emma Nelson, sr., 57th, 38:35.12

Adrian, Jordan Valley enter 1A Oregon volleyball playoffs

Football returns
to Jordan Valley

The high school volleyball teams from Adrian and Jordan Valley open the single-elimination 1A Oregon state playoffs today.

The Antelopes are seeded eighth after losing the 1A District 8 Tournament final to host Crane, 25-14, 25-14, 25-22, on Saturday.

Adrian (18-8) plays host to

Central Christian (14-11) from Redmond, Ore., tonight.

Jordan Valley (12-8) is the No. 21 seed and will play on the road today against No. 12 Lost River (17-5) in Merrill, Ore.

The fourth-place Mustangs received an at-large berth. Coach Marcia Eiguren's team beat visiting Harper Charter, 25-15, 25-11, 25-11, on Thursday in a district opener.

On Saturday, Jordan Valley lost to Crane, 25-10, 25-18, 25-12, and the Prairie City/Burnt

River cooperative in a wild 25-23, 29-27, 25-21 decision.

The Antelopes reached the title match by beating Prairie City/Burnt River in the semifinals Saturday. Coach Aimee Esplin's team won its sixth consecutive match, 25-20, 25-15, 16-25, 28-26.

Addy Martin and Presley Speelmon (Adrian) and Kenzie Tuttle (Jordan Valley) were named all-tournament, according to EasternOregonSports.com.

- Adrian's football team closes the regular season at 7 p.m., on Friday on the road against Union in a 1A High Desert League contest.

The Antelopes (5-3 overall, 3-2 in league) collected a non-league victory on the road Friday, beating the Lyle/Wishram/Klickitat/Glenwood cooperative, 66-32.

- Jordan Valley returned to football as a six-man team in Special District 1.

The Mustangs (1-6, 1-4) lost

a league playoff game, 25-6, to Dayville/Monument/Long Creek on Saturday.

Coach Nathan Portenier's squad started with a four-game scoreless losing streak.

The streaks ended on Oct. 6 with a 46-25 league road win over Huntington.

The roster included two juniors, Robert Cheney and Bode Johnsrud, sophomores Lane Jewett and Luke Blackledge, and freshmen Ross Eiguren, Jayden Skinner, and Alex Williams.

MARSING HUSKIES

Athletes of the Week



Football
Jonathon Leon, sr., OL/DL
1 of 6 seniors on 2023 squad



Volleyball
Dulce Lopez
One of only two upperclassmen on this year's team



Volleyball
Emily Richling
One of only two upperclassmen on this year's team



Cross country
Timothy Christensen, fr.
Just missed 24-minute 5K at district meet

THIS WEEK'S SPORTS SCHEDULE

Football
2A state play-in game
Friday, Oct. 27 at Melba, 7 p.m.

Volleyball
Seasons complete
Final varsity record: 6-12

Cross country
Season complete

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Sports

Trojans repeat as junior varsity conference champions

Winning streak reaches 17 games

The final score suggests a wild affair, but there was little doubt about Friday’s title-clinching game for the Homedale High School junior varsity football team.

The Trojans scored the first five touchdowns in the 3A Snake River Valley conference finale and never looked back in a 56-24 triumph on McCall-Donnelly’s field in Valley County.

Coach Josh White saw another team collect another conference championship as Xavier Uranga threw a career-

high five touchdown passes and Javid Blewett ran for three scores.

Homedale teams have won 3A SRV crowns in six of the past seven seasons. The team has won 17 consecutive games overall and 11 straight conference outings.

The team has only lost four times in eight seasons, and the Trojans are 23-1 in conference games since 2017.

Homedale (9-0 overall, 5-0 in conference) stifled the Vandals early and got the upper hand with efficient offense.

Blewett rolled up 149 yards on just eight carries. His first touchdown came on a one-yard run in the first quarter. He

found pay dirt with a 15-yard run in the second quarter to help HHS build a 49-16 advantage by halftime.

Blewett capped his big night with a 52-yard scoring jaunt in the third quarter.

Nearly half of Uranga’s passes went for scores. He completed 11 of 16 throws for 186 yards.

Lukas Hall had a busy night, catching two touchdown passes and notching a perfect 4-for-4 showing on extra-point kicks.

German exchange student Andre Magdea also connected on all four PAT attempts.

Hall caught three passes for 49 yards, including scoring plays of 12 and 21 yards in the

first quarter for Homedale’s first two touchdowns.

McCall covered 145 yards on two scoring drives in the second quarter and scored its final touchdown on a 95-yard possession in the final period.

But the Vandals managed just 18 yards total offense on seven other possessions.

Two first-half drives ended on turnovers. Alec Campos intercepted a Max Stoddard pass on the second play of the Vandals’ third possession, and William McGuire recovered a fumble on the first play of the home team’s sixth possession.

Shayde Volk and Jace Clover

each sacked Stoddard. Clover and Grady Walgamott teamed up on a third quarterback sack.

Ty Cooper led the Trojans tacklers with a team-high seven solo tackles and nine overall. Nick Schlenker added five solo tackles, and Tyce Fisher had four solo stops and helped out on another tackle.

Campos found the end zone after hauling in passes of six and nine yards in the second quarter.

Clover’s 76-yard reception immediately preceded Campos’ first TD.

Chance Martell caught a five-yard TD pass in the opening quarter.

Homedale Trojans

Athletes of the Week



Girls' soccer
First-ever HHS squad to reach state tournament



Football
Andrew Marston, jr., RB
140 yards, TD rushing vs. McCall



Volleyball
Olivia Asumendi, sr., setter
1 of 5 upperclassmen on 2023 team



Cross country
Bobby Christensen, sr.
Will finish career in state meet

THIS WEEK'S SPORTS SCHEDULE

Football
Varsity
3A state playoffs
Friday, Oct. 27, first-round bye
Friday, Nov. 3 or Saturday, Nov. 4, home for quarterfinal, opponent and time TBA

Junior varsity
Season completed
3A Snake River Valley conference champion
Final record: 9-0

Volleyball
Seasons complete
Final varsity record: 7-10

Girls' soccer
Season complete
First-ever 3A state tournament berth
Final record: 9-3-3 record

Cross country
Saturday, Oct. 28 at 3A state championship meet, Portneuf Wellness Center, Pocatello, 12:30 p.m.



Go Trojans!

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Sports

Another State trip for Rimrock’s upperclassmen

Rimrock High School’s senior athletes are returning to where it all began.

Loyd Boren leads the rest of the Raiders boys’ team into the 1A cross country state meet, which takes place Saturday at Portneuf Wellness Complex in Pocatello.

Seniors Goya Lemus and Ashten Moore return to the locale where — like Boren — they kicked off their State pedigree as freshmen.

“I am incredibly proud of all our cross country runners this season. They faced a lot of adversity throughout the season, but they persevered,” Rimrock coach Melissa Raymond said.

“We’re all looking forward to the state meet next weekend and hoping to cap off the season on a high note.”

Lemus and Moore made their state meet debut in 2020 with the Raiders’ first-ever qualifying team. That meet was also held in Pocatello, too.

Boren was one of three teammates in the top 10 as the Rimrock boys finished second in the 1A District III championship meet last week.

Boren finished fifth in 17 minutes, 38.02 seconds. Sophomore Kolton Jewett took ninth in 19:00.93.

Junior Carson Raymond captured 10th at 19:02.04.

The rest of the Raiders boys:

- Crew Merrick, fr., 18th in 19:54.94
- Dylan McNeley, fr., 26th in 20:25.09
- Carlos Herrera, fr., 38th in 21:54.75
- Ronaldo Gomez, jr., 45th in 22:56.65

Moore ran her fastest 5K of the season as the Raiders finished third.

Lemus finished eighth to lead the Rimrock girls at 22:11.24. Moore timed in at 12th at 22:49.41.

Sophomore Juana Lemus also had a season-best time (27:09.4, 30th).

Other Raiders results:

- Olivia Farfan, so., 14th, 23:21.19
- Laine Raymond, fr., 17th, 23:56.04
- Mariel Juarez, fr., 20th, 24:23.72
- Samantha Elizarraraz, sr., 37th, 30:46.9

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✓ Trojans: Young soccer squad plays eventual state runner-up close, too

Tolman’s winning boot came in the 66th minute.

Homedale had a few charges into the Grizzlies’ zone late in the game, but the Trojans couldn’t convert on either of their corner kick tries in the waning minutes.

Shelby Nicoletti said the size of the field — the maximum regulation at 120 yards long and 60 yards wide — took some getting used to and helped Homedale’s offense seem disorganized.

Fruitland players seemed to get to every free ball, and late in the game those challenges became collisions that more times than not resulted in a Homedale player getting called for a foul.

The Grizzlies maintained possession throughout the second half.

Junior Kennedy Kildow recorded a season-high 12 saves to keep the game close as Fruitland applied tremendous pressure on the HHS goal.



Karlie Kildow battles a Kimberly player for control of the ball during Thursday’s opening-round game at Vallivue High School. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

Fruitland’s Briyer Howell notched five saves.

The Grizzlies entered the state tournament having played for the 3A championship each of the previous two seasons.

Fruitland won it all in 2021 and was runner-up to Sun Valley Community School last season.

Homedale’s historic season included the program’s first district title and first trip to the state tournament. The squad also posted the best win-loss record in school history.

The significance of the team’s success wasn’t lost on Shelby Nicoletti, who pointed out that the majority of the Trojans’ major contributors have — in the reality of short high school seasons — only played a few months of soccer.

“This (trip to State) was very important because I have a group of girls who are brand-new soccer players,” she said.

The coach said that it’s inaccurate to say her veteran players have had two seasons of soccer experience because they didn’t play in organized traveling clubs and the high school season is only eight to nine weeks long.

Seven of the team’s 22 athletes realistically only have 16 to 18 weeks of soccer under their belts, she said.

“That’s amazing,” Nicoletti said. “Three of the girls haven’t played since they were 12.

“That’s something that’s unheard-of. I’m so proud of them.”

Half the team will graduate in the spring, and one of those seniors — Cali Smith — missed Friday’s game after injuring her foot in Thursday’s opener against Kimberly.

“We will definitely miss our seniors and their leadership, but I’m excited for the group coming up,” Nicoletti said.

The group who will be back next season includes this year’s leading scorer — Karlie Kildow, who is a sophomore

— her sister Kennedy, a junior; and one of the leading passers on the squad, Morgan Nicoletti.

Other returners include sophomores Tiana Sorenson, Taylor Phelps, Stephanie Quezada, Belen Asumendi, Stella Heck, and Mattea Dimick; and juniors Leeya Haas, Evalina Costello, and Ellie Miller.

A vocal contingent of fans also turned up at Vallivue.

“I can’t say enough of the support the high school has given us, and the opportunity we’ve had,” Shelby Nicoletti said. “The girls are really going to value the camaraderie.

“Being part of a group like that is pretty wonderful and pretty special.”

Thursday: Kimberly 1, Homedale 0 – The second-seeded Bulldogs made a 35th-minute goal stand up as the Trojans made their state tournament debut.

Ellie Stastny put the ball in the net, and the eventual state runners-up held tightly to the 1-0 lead to reach the semifinals.

Homedale was unable to cash in on several chances in front of the Kimberly goal. Bulldogs goalkeeper Abby Johnson made two saves.

Kennedy Kildow made four saves in net for the Trojans.

The once-beaten Bulldogs won their 12th consecutive game. Kimberly, which notched its 15th shutout in 20 games, beat Marsh Valley, 4-1, on Friday before losing the title game, 1-0, to Sugar-Salem.

Kimberly was in the state tournament for the first time since three consecutive appearances from 2019 to 2021. The Bulldogs snapped an 0-6 skid in the state tournament.

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Sports

HMS 8th-graders conclude perfect two-year run

Homedale’s eighth-graders capped perfect middle school football careers with a championship rout last Wednesday.

Coach Ben Roberts’ team trounced Weiser, 24-0, in the 3A Snake River Valley conference championship game at Deward Bell Stadium.

The eighth-graders completed back-to-back conference titles and compiled an unbeaten 15-0 record in two years of competition.

Alejandro Martinez scored on touchdown runs and was perfect on three point-after

kicks.

“Zander Gonzalez set the tone all game with his toughness and physical running,” Roberts said.

Gonzalez scored on a TD run, too.

“The offensive line consistently opened up holes against a much bigger Weiser defense,” Roberts said.

The coach credited the line play of Keiser Garrett, Owen Erickson, Tuff Neider, Symon Carrillo and Easton Dines.

Dines made an impact on special teams, too, with a

blocked punt.

Micah Higley highlighted the Trojans’ smothering defense with an interception.

Roberts said the Wolverines’ offense had been explosive all season, averaging more than 30 points per game.

Seventh-grade: Weiser 14, Homedale 6 — An early fumble put the Trojans in a hole from which they couldn’t pull out in the 3A SRV title game at Deward Bell Stadium last Wednesday.

“The boys battled through so much adversity this year,” seventh-grade coach Kenny

Thomas said in a Facebook post. “We had numerous injuries and kids had to play positions they never had before.

“We also had eight new players on our team who had never played football. Four of those boys ended up starting by the end of the year. And all the rest played quite a bit.

“We have a lot to learn and build on and many things to motivate us moving forward.”

Thomas thanked assistants Lance Bell and Jason Heck for their help.

The Wolverines took an

early lead two or three plays after Homedale’s first possession ended in a fumble.

After another stalled possession, the Trojans finally broke through in the second quarter when Aayden Yost threw a 70-yard touchdown pass to Robert Lomeli.

Homedale kept the pressure up throughout the contest.

“We got inside their 20 twice in the fourth quarter but couldn’t convert,” Thomas said.

Yost and Lomeli stopped Weiser drives with interceptions.

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✓ Football: Offense does its part to stifle Vandals with long possessions

Again.

Homedale (9-0 overall, 5-0 in conference) is the No. 2 seed in the state bracket, and coach Matt Holtry’s team will have a first-round bye and play host to an as-yet unknown opponent next weekend in the quarterfinals.

Again.

And Sugar-Salem is the top-seeded team in the playoffs.

Again.

Of course, that means another collision course for what Trojans fans hope is a fifth meeting in the 3A Milk Bowl state championship game.

But those same fans want a change of the script in this re-run — an HHS victory for the program’s first state championship in the Class 3A era.

And with more than half of this year’s starters new to their roles, perhaps Friday’s 30th consecutive 3A SRV victory is a harbinger of a change in the playoff climate.

“You can say we have quite a bit of ‘new’ to this year’s championship team, but what is the same is the expectations this program and players have of themselves,” Holtry, the Trojans’ 15th-year coach, said.

“These kids expect to win when they step on the field, and they have played their butts off all season in chasing this goal of SRV champions.”

The second-ranked Trojans entered the road game nearly neck-and-neck with the Vandals in overall defensive rankings.

The difference between the two defensive units became apparent as Homedale wrapped

3A state playoffs

This week

Play-in games

No. 10 Marsh Valley at No. 7 Weiser
No. 9 Buhl at No. 8 McCall-Donnelly
No. 11 Fruitland at No. 6 Teton
No. 14 Gooding at No. 3 Kimberly
No. 13 Wood River at No. 4 Snake River
No. 12 American Falls at No. 5 Timberlake

Nov. 4-5

Quarterfinals
(Bracket reseeded after play-in round)

No. 8 seed at No. 1 Sugar-Salem
No. 7 seed at No. 2 Homedale
No. 6 seed at No. 3 seed
No. 5 seed at No. 4 seed

Nov. 11-12 — Semifinals
Nov. 17-18 — Milk Bowl championship game in Moscow or Pocatello

up its fourth unbeaten regular season in the past six years.

Homedale held McCall to 138 yards total offense, and Dillon Fine grabbed his third interception of the season. Luke Henry also picked off Vandals quarterback Maddox Arnold, who managed to complete just five of 19 passes for 51 yards.

“I think part of it is his instinct as a quarterback and being able to read where the ball might be going,” Holtry said of Fine’s knack to play defensive back at a high level.

“The other part is just his natural talent and his ability to get to the ball and make plays when they come his way.”

Oklin Carson sacked Arnold.

Angel Nolasco had another stellar defensive game, leading Homedale with five solo tackles and an assist. Sebastian Larzelier had three solo tackles

and two assists.

“Sebastian has always been a well-rounded athlete, and he has a high sports IQ,” Holtry said. “When you are a student of the game and you can understand the complexities of what Tony Uranga throws at you as a defensive coordinator, then you have the upper hand in making plays on the field.

“It has been fun watching him grow as a football player this season.”

McCall had only four first-half possessions. The first three ended in punts, and the halftime horn halted the final drive.

“The defense did what we set out to do this week, and that was eliminate the big play and shut down the run game,” Holtry said. “All night, the defense continued to stay focused and dialed in as they stopped one of the more successful offenses in the state from producing.”

Homedale also used the clock as another defensive weapon.

The Trojans held the ball for more than 31 minutes while mounting several long scoring drives.

“Honestly that was just part of our goal of taking care of the ball and being consistent on offense each and every down,” Holtry said. “Their defense has done a good job of not giving up the big play all season, and so we knew going in that we would have to sustain drives in order to be successful in the game.

“Our offense has done a good job all season of being efficient, and Friday night was no different.”

The shortest of the team’s five scoring drives covered 65 yards, and Fine led his teammates on two scoring drives of more than 80 yards each in the second half.

The 80-yard scoring drives were completely different, though.

Fine rushed 51 yards for a 27-0 lead to cap a four-play, 82-yard possession in the third quarter.

The long run helped the senior quarterback post 104 yards rushing on seven attempts. Friday marked his second 100-yard rushing game of the season.

In the fourth quarter, Fine connected with Carson on a 16-yard touchdown pass to close out a 14-play, 80-yard march.

Fine completed 15 of 21 passes for 182 yards and three touchdowns.

Seven of his completions

went to Rafael Cuenca, who amassed 104 yards and caught touchdown passes from 14 yards and 27 yards away in the first half.

“The thing about our offense right now is that Dillon has several targets to throw to that can make big plays,” Holtry said. “It just so happened Friday night that the defense moved in the favor of Rafa, and he made the most of those opportunities.”

Homedale finished with 458 yards total offense and overcame 11 penalties for 110 yards.

Andrew Marston helped control the clock with 140 yards rushing on 25 attempts. He scored on a six-yard run in the first period.

“Andrew had a great week of practice leading into the game, and he turned it up the entire week in his approach,” Holtry said.

“I was very happy with how the offensive line attacked their assignment throughout the game, and Andrew did not disappoint in the way he ran hard all night.”

Holtry now has 111 career victories, which is 14 wins shy of matching Jim McMillan’s school record.

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Commentary

Open government Training fosters effectiveness in transparency

by Debbie Critchfield
State superintendent of public instruction

When I became a school trustee in Cassia County in 2001, I knew I wanted to serve my community by being part of important educational decisions. I knew I wanted to help provide an environment for our students to gain the skills and knowledge they would need to be productive citizens. I had worked as a substitute teacher for six years prior to running for my local board and I felt as though I had a pretty decent working knowledge of our school system. Looking back, there was so much more for me to understand.

The transition from willing community member to effective school leader doesn't happen overnight. Chances are good that most new trustees are not well versed in the complexities of school budgets, student achievement goals and open meeting laws. In fact, many trustees running for a second term often share that it took them the first term to know what they were doing!

Thankfully, trustees grow into these roles. The same goes for superintendents, principals, educators and district staff. We learn on the job, but exposure to training can flatten the learning curve and shorten the timeline it takes to become effective. In education, I would argue that training is critical for success. Fortunately, the Idaho education community is blessed with great organizations that support school administrators, trustees, teachers and others. Their workshops and seminars help us become the leaders we all want to be.

With that in mind, I want to highlight two upcoming trainings hosted by Idahoans for Openness in Government (IDOG). Today, IDOG will hold a training on the Idaho Open Meeting Law. A similar session on Idaho's Public Records Act is scheduled for Nov. 28. Both begin at 10 a.m. MDT. They are free and will be streamed statewide through Idaho Public Television's Idaho in Session service. The trainings will originate from the Capitol's Lincoln Auditorium and in-person seating will be available. Recordings

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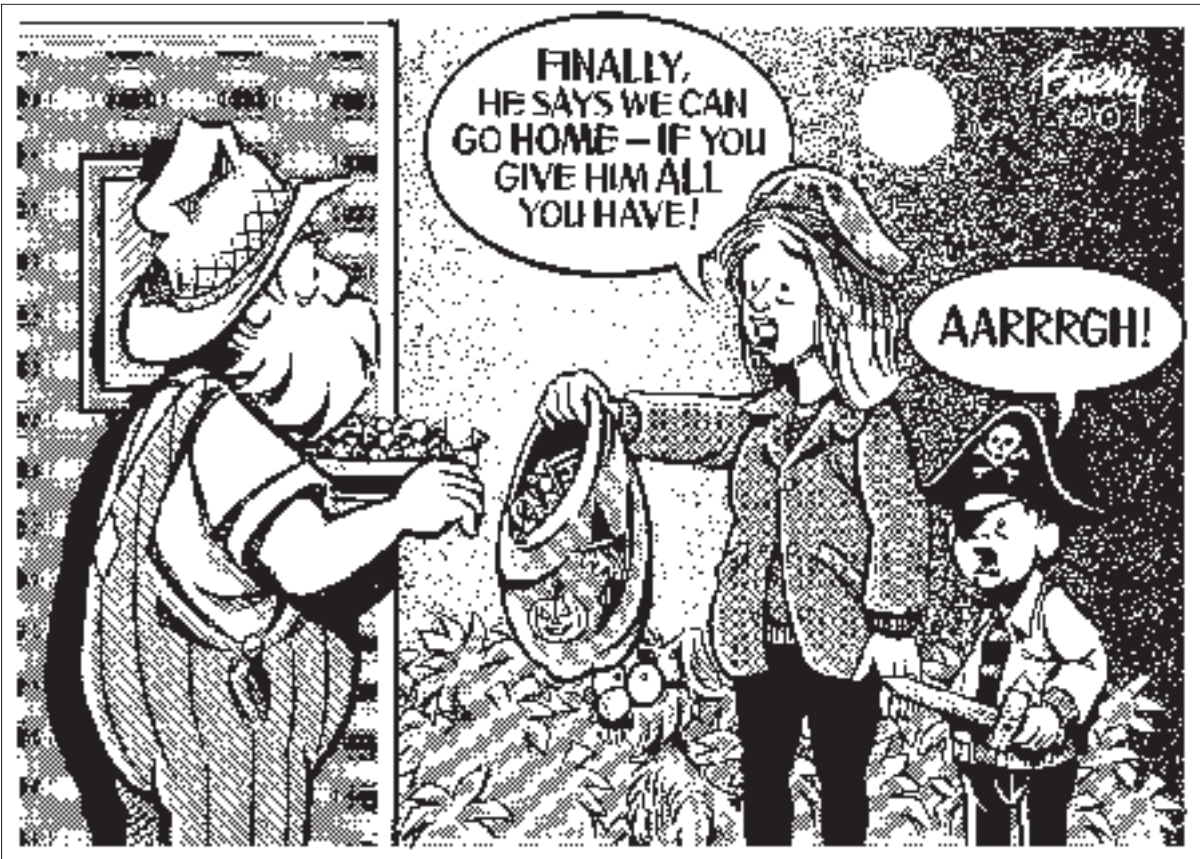
A Republican from Oakley, Critchfield began her first term as superintendent on Jan. 2, 2023.

She served seven years on the Idaho State Board of Education, holding the president's role for the final two years. She co-chaired Gov. Brad Little's Education Task Force in 2019 and was committee chair for Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter's Higher Education Task Force in 2017. She also chaired the Re-Open Idaho Schools Committee in 2020 and was a member of the Governor's K-12 Council.

She served 10 years — half as chair — on the Cassia County school board.



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 Backing Israel in both word and deed

Overlooking Jerusalem's main cemetery, where victims of the recent Iranian-backed terrorist attacks are likely being mourned, stands a monument honoring each of the victims by name of the terrorist attacks on our soils on Sept. 11, 2001. Like Idaho, Israel lost citizens during the 9/11 attacks. A plaque near the monument's entrance is inscribed, "Tolerance, Not Terrorism." It is a symbol of America's deep connection with Israel, our shared loss and our cooperative fight against terrorism.

The Iranian-backed terrorist attacks on innocent civilians in Israel require a forceful response. The world has watched with grief the accounts of the injuries, tortures, slaughters and takings of thousands of people, including Americans. The United States stands firmly with our ally Israel and backs its right to defend itself.

Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) wrote, "In the days and weeks ahead, the brave people of Israel will continue to reclaim their territory, rescue their countrymen, and mourn the innocent men, women and children the terrorists have slaughtered. They deserve the support of the free world, in both word and deed."

I agree. Fellow Senate colleagues and I spoke over the phone with Israeli President Herzog. We offered our prayers and unwavering support to Israel and her people. I co-sponsored bipartisan legislation introduced by fellow Sens. Jim Risch (R-Idaho) and Ben Cardin (D-Md.) expressing solidarity with Israel in the wake of the Hamas attacks and ongoing operations to safeguard Israeli citizens. The resolution includes provisions stating the Senate:

- Affirms it stands with Israel as it defends itself, including Israeli efforts to diminish the threat posed by Hamas;
- Reaffirms Israel's right to self-defense, and is committed to helping Israel safeguard its people from future aggression;

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- Calls on all countries to unequivocally condemn Hamas' war on Israel;
- Demands Hamas immediately cease its attacks against Israel and safely release all living hostages and return the bodies of deceased hostages;
- Condemns Iran's support for global terrorism;
- Calls on the United States to lead an international effort, including through sanctions, to deprive Hamas of Iranian and other sources of funding and lethal assistance that the terror group relies on to threaten

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Commentary

Financial management
Young couple can pile up cash to self-insure later in life

Dear Dave,
My wife and I are both 36 years old, and we have two children. Our son is 6 years old, and our daughter will be 4 next month. We’ve been walking through the Baby Steps, and we should have our home paid off sometime next summer. We realized the other day the one thing missing from our financial picture is life insurance. We both work outside the home. She makes \$60,000 a year, while I make \$80,000 a year. At our age, and in our current situation, do you think we should we get 20-year or 30-year level term life insurance policies?
— Clay

Dear Clay,
You guys are doing a great job of getting control of your finances and planning for the future. Speaking of the future, do you plan on having more kids? If you do, you might want to go with 30-year policies. If you’ve decided two are enough, then based on your present situation I think 20-year policies would work out fine.
I recommend folks have 10 to 12 times their annual income in life insurance coverage. That means you’d need between \$800,000 and \$960,000 in coverage, while your wife needs a policy in the \$600,000 to \$720,000 range.



But let’s take a deeper dive into all this.
Your kids will be in their mid-twenties in 20 years. Ideally, they both should have

finished college by that time, or at the very least, be working and living on their own. If you continue to follow my plan, you and your wife will have paid off your home in a few months and be completely debt-free. And, you’ll have been saving 15 percent of your income for retirement over those 20 years. On average, that alone should give you more than a half-million dollars for retirement.
Do you see where I’m going with this, Clay? Eventually, you two will become self-insured by getting out of debt, staying out of debt and piling up cash. So, if you’ve got \$500,000 or more in a retirement fund, no debt and your children are grown and out of the house,

even if you or your wife were to die unexpectedly at that point, the other would still be taken care of and in great shape financially.
Keep up the good work!
— 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.

✓ Israel: Senators resolve support for Israelis

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Israel;
• Warns against any other party hostile to Israel taking advantage of the current situation;
• Reaffirms the United States’ commitment to Israel’s security; and
• Stands ready to assist Israel with emergency resupply or other security, diplomatic, and intelligence support needs.
We also need to take concrete steps to address Iran’s support of terrorism. I co-sponsored two pieces of legislation that would re-freeze the \$6 billion of Iranian assets and block Iran from accessing them. The legislation follows an August letter to the U.S. Departments of State and Treasury demanding answers from the Biden Administration regarding the release of funds to Iran in exchange for American prisoners. We wrote, “The release of such a significant sum to the Iranian regime ... will only serve to encourage additional hostage taking for financial or

political gain.” Additionally, I joined calls for a Senate investigation into the release of \$6 billion to Iran. It has since been reported that the Biden Administration has agreed to stop Iran from accessing the \$6 billion account, which is a positive step to ensure no fungible funds are used to perpetrate terrorist acts.
Israelis stood with Americans on 9/11 and the years that have followed against terrorists seeking to undermine the respect for mutual understanding, coexistence, human dignity and freedom, at the core of our Republic and central to our hope for our fellow people around our world. We share their loss, as we stand with them now unequivocally in word and deed.
— 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.

✓ Transparency

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of the events will be archived at the IDOG website. More details are available at OpenIdaho.org.
Attendees will learn — or re-learn — the ins and outs of these two important Idaho laws to ensure future adherence and, ultimately, increase transparency. And in our work in the public sector, transparency is essential. It provides accountability to the public and fosters trust amongst the people we serve.
When opportunities like these present themselves, it’s important that we as an education community take advantage. If your schedule allows, I encourage you to attend or tune in online. If it doesn’t, I hope you can find time later to watch the recordings.
Open meetings and public records requests are part of our day-to-day life in public education, so it’s crucial that we’re following the law. Your engagement with these trainings will help promote quality leadership for Idaho’s districts, schools and communities.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

October 28, 1998



Potato sales benefit Senior Centers...

Peg Tallman, left, president of Homedale-Marsing Triad, presents a check to Homedale Senior Center coordinator Barbie VanderBoegh Thursday. About 3,000 pounds of potatoes donated by Randy Hipwell of Grand View were sorted by Triad members and sold to seniors for five cents a pound, with the proceeds going to both the Homedale and Marsing Senior Centers.

County considers implementing pay scale

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners, after consulting with the county’s elected officials, decided Monday to implement a pay scale to bring county employees’ salaries into line.

A pay scale is needed, said both Prosecutor Ed Yarbrough and Sheriff Gary Aman, because some new county employees are starting their jobs at almost the same rate of pay as others who have worked in their respective departments for as many as fifteen years.

Aman said he has a pay scale he drew up more than a year ago that he’d submit to the commissioners for their scrutiny. With a pay scale, longtime employees would be paid higher wages than new employees. Commission chair Dick Bass said he thought a pay scale was a good idea.

“We ought to have a pay scale rather than doing (raises) piecemeal,” Bass said. Assessor Ernie Bahem agreed saying, “It would solve a lot of problems.”

Treasurer Barbara Wright said a proposed pay scale would have to be fine-tuned and ready for implementation no later than next May, when the various county departments begin preliminary work on their budgets. Commissioner Chet Sellman said a salary schedule should run for no more than a 20-year period.

Nettleton returns as MHS Ag teacher

Rimrock High School graduate Jason Nettleton has returned to Owyhee County to teach Agriculture at Marsing High School. Nettleton graduated from Rimrock High in May 1992, then went on to receive his teaching degree in Agriculture at the University of Idaho in Moscow.

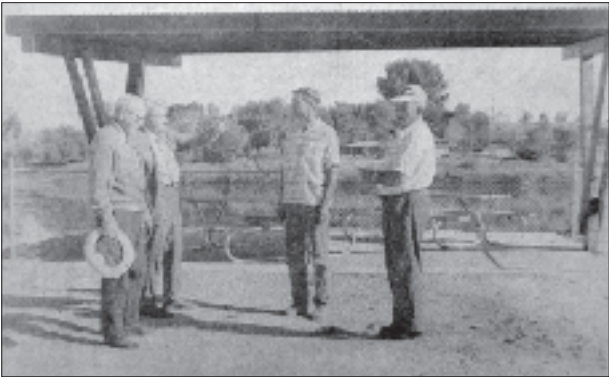
Local runners advance to State

Two local students have advanced to the A-3 District 3 State Cross Country Championships Oct. 31 at Highland Golf Course in Pocatello. Will Black, the top runner for the Homedale team, and Louis Ineck the top runner for Marsing, qualified for the state tournament last Thursday at River Bend in Homedale.

The Trojan girls cross country team took second place in the district meet.

50 years ago

October 25, 1973



RIVERFRONT IMPROVEMENTS at the Homedale park and boat docks this summer include three picnic shelters, with tables, such as the one being examined here by members of the Owyhee Waterways Commission: From left, Norman Tolmie, Homer Anderson, Dave Phelps and Spud Murphy. Funds for these improvements are provided through licensing of boats. Photo by Bette Uda

Trojans take league lead with win over Vikings

MIDDLETON — Homedale’s Trojans grabbed up one of every type of possible score at newly dedicated “Comstock Field” Friday night and edged the host Vikings 12-6. Daryl Kellum’s Red and White moves into disputed leadership of the Southwest Idaho League with a 3-0 record and brings their season standing to 6-1. Middleton drops to 3-5 overall and into a tie for second place in the loop at 2-1.

The contest started off looking like a possible track meet. After Middleton failed to move the ball on the opening possession, Trojan back Kirk Haylett set sail on Homedale’s fifth play from scrimmage and flew in from 71 yards for the TD.

Homedale’s next score came with just 13 seconds left in the first half. Doug Cook came to soccer-style one through the uprights from 22 yards out.

Homedale topped off their scoring hat trick with only :36 left in the game when George Hyer and Steve George blew across the line and nailed runningback Kendall Hopkins for a safety as he attempted to sweep left.



MAYOR GEORGE MURRAY issues a proclamation to promote “Safety on the Streets” as wives of two Wilder rural mail carriers, Mrs. Florence Paxton and Mrs. Bonnie Yorgensen look on. This program, backed by women’s organizations representing 50 million women, seeks to improve safety on streets in every way possible. Photo by Bette Uda

155 years ago

October 24, 1868

THE COST OF MATRIMONY.—Many young men would marry and be happy were they not afraid of the expenses attendant on matrimony, when in reality a life of celibacy is much more expensive. A writer on the subject says:

Against the little so-called extravagances of a good wife we may set presents to other women, billiards, balls, supper parties, cards, fast teams, theater two or three times a week, multitudinous drinks, cigars innumerable, and a thousand other male extravagances. Beckon up the cost of a supper for two or three friends at one of our first class restaurants and then calculate what a supper equally good and ultimately more comfortable when by a married man in his own home. Set the cost of one “spree” against the yearly trip into the country with wife and baby. Set the comfort and blessedness of having some one to love you, one who believes in you, who magnifies your virtues and is half blind to your failings against the pleasure of the companionship of sidewalk and barroom friends.

CRANE’S NEW BUILDING.—W. B. Crane’s new fire-proof is about completed. It is without doubt the finest building in Idaho Territory and would do credit to Montgomery Street, San Francisco. It is 32 feet wide, 60 feet long and 13 feet between the floor and ceiling, making room enough for two magnificent stores. The entire woodwork is composed of the best Boise pine. The inside of the walls is covered with a beautiful hard finish. A splendid cellar, conveniently arranged for storage, occupies the whole space underneath the building. The distinctive feature of the structure is the front, which is a beautiful piece of architecture composed of fine grey sandstone from a quarry near Jordan Valley. Such buildings, besides being profitable investments, add greatly to the value and permanence of the town. Mr. Crane’s income from his building will amount to the snug sum of \$400 to \$500 per month.

SURPRISE PARTY.—Last Saturday evening a number of Mr. and Mrs. R. Tregaskis’ friends made up a social party and took the good people by surprise. Dancing, music, instrumental and vocal, and friendly chit-chat constituted the pastime of the evening. Although taken by surprise, there was no lack of good things to eat and drink. A fun-loving, smiling waitress, with snow white bib and tuck improved for the occasion, served up a cup of coffee that we’ll match against any that was ever made — not excepting the famous Turkish beverage. The amiable host and hostess took particular pains that all should enjoy themselves, which was certainly done till the “noon of night” told that the Sabbath had come.

FOUL PLAY.—Some thief or thieves stole three chickens from Cap. Prescott, at the Silver Cord mine, a few nights ago. They hadn’t better try it again — they will meet with a warm reception the next time.

FOR AMERICA.—Our enterprising and well known friend Bradley Edmunson left here last Tuesday morning for Wisconsin. We are glad to know will return again this Fall. Mr. Edmunson is one of the industrious and substantial pioneers of Owyhee which he intends to make his permanent home. But realizing what constitutes domestic happiness, he has wisely concluded to enter into partnership with that blue eyed, fair haired girl who tearfully bade him “good bye” a number of years ago.

Public notices

NOTICE OF NOVEMBER 7, 2023 ELECTION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: Elections to be held on Tuesday November 7, 2023 are listed along with terms and polling locations. On Election Day, the polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

ELECTION	POLLING PLACE
City of Grand View -Mayor – 4 Year Term -Councilmember – 4 Year Term / 2 Positions	Precinct 009 – Grand View Grand View Community Center 501 Idaho Ave Grand View, ID 83624
City of Homedale -Councilmember – 4 Year Term / 2 Positions Homedale Joint School Dist. 370 -Zone 5 Trustee – 4 Year Term / 1 Position	Precinct 001 & 002 – North & South Homedale Owyhee County Community Center 423 West Nevada Ave Homedale, ID 83628
City of Marsing -Councilmember – 4 Year Term / 2 Positions	Precincts 003 & 004 – North & South Marsing Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall 126 Old Bruneau Highway Marsing, ID 83639
All November 7, 2023 Elections	Absentee Voting Owyhee County Courthouse 20381 State Hwy. 78 Murphy, Idaho

Mail-In Absentee or In-Person Absentee Voting deadlines are October 27 and November 3. Please contact the Owyhee County Clerk’s Office at 208-495-2421 with questions.
Voter Preregistration / Update deadline was October 13.
All Precincts are handicapped accessible and / or offer curb-side voting shall the voter need assistance.
Angela Barkell, Owyhee County Clerk
10/25;11/01/2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
On November 15, 2023 the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St., Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below.

Beginning at 3:00 pm, the Commission will hear application Z24-01 a request for a conditional use permit filed by **Jeanine Anderson** seeking approval to establish a second single family dwelling on approximately 1.8 acres located at 7339 Meininger Road in Marsing. The subject parcel RP02N04W357510, is located in a multiuse zone in a portion of the NE¼ of the SE¼ of Section 35, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 4:00 pm, the Commission will hear application Z24-02 filed by **Roger Jorstad** seeking approval of a conditional use permit to establish a commercial self-storage business at 3520 Highway 95 in Homedale Idaho. The subject parcel RP03N05W106020, is approximately 1.9 acres located in a multiuse zone in a portion of the SW¼ of the SW¼ of Section 10, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Additional information about this meeting is available at owyheecounty.net under Public Hearing Documents on the Community Planning page. The proposed projects are available for review in the Community Planning office or on the webpage listed above. For additional information please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2.
10/25/2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDING DOG POUND FEES CITY OF MARSING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Wednesday, the 8th day of November, 2023, 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, November 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 plus \$25.00 administrative fee per incident per dog

Dated this October 25, 2023
10/25;11/01/2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
A public hearing will be held on Wednesday November 8, 2023, at 7 p.m. at 345 Main Street, Grand View, Idaho, at which time the Board of Commissioners will meet to consider adjusting the Grand View Rural Fire Protection District 2023 Adopted Budget in order to expend necessary funds not known to be required at the time the budget was originally adopted. The additional amount of \$113,843.85 will not result in an increase of anticipated property taxes over the amounts previously levied. Additional revenues (Grant Funds and Donations) and cash carryover will be used to cover the additional expense of capital expenditures.
10/25;11/01/2023

LEGAL NOTICE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Bureau of Land Management [BLM ID FRN MO4500170927; IDI-039687] Notice of Proposed

Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting for Silver City National Historic Site, Idaho
AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.
ACTION: Notice.
SUMMARY: On behalf of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and subject to valid existing rights, the Secretary of the Interior proposes to withdraw 311.09 acres of public land from location and entry under the United States mining laws, but not from leasing under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws or disposal under the Mineral Materials Act of 1947, for 50 years to protect the historic and recreational values associated with the Silver City National Historic Site, Idaho. Publication of this notice segregates the lands for up to two years from location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, but not from leasing under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws or disposal under the Mineral Materials Act of 1947, while the application is being processed. This notice initiates a 90-day public comment period and announces the opportunity to request a public meeting on the proposed withdrawal.
DATES: Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by January 16, 2024.
ADDRESSES: All comments and meeting requests should be sent to the BLM Idaho State Director, Attn: Silver City Withdrawal/ID-933, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, ID 83709.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Sloand, Realty Specialist, BLM Idaho State Office, telephone: (208) 373-3897, or csloand@blm.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

S U P P L E M E N T A R Y

INFORMATION: The BLM has filed a petition/application requesting the Secretary of the Interior to withdraw the following described public lands from location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, but not from leasing under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws or disposal under the Mineral Materials Act of 1947, for a period of 50 years.
Boise Meridian, Idaho
T. 4 S., R. 3 W.,
sec. 31, lots 4 and 5, W ½ NE ¼ SE ¼ and E ½ NW ¼ SE ¼;
T. 5 S., R. 3 W.,
sec. 6, lots 11, 12, 68, 78, 99, 100, and 106 thru 110.
The areas described aggregate 311.09 acres in Owyhee County. The Secretary of the Interior has approved the petition to file a withdrawal application. The Secretary’s approval constitutes her proposal to withdraw and segregate the subject lands (43 CFR 2310.1-3(e)).
The use of a right-of-way, interagency agreement or cooperative agreement, or surface management under 43 CFR subpart 3809 regulations would not adequately constrain non-discretionary uses and would not provide adequate protection for historic and recreational values on these lands.
Water rights will not be needed to fulfill the purpose of the proposed withdrawal.
There are no suitable alternative sites, as the described public lands were specifically selected since they occur within and immediately around the Silver City National Historic Site boundary.
For a period until January 16, 2024, persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections related to the withdrawal application may present their views in writing to the Bureau of Land Management Idaho State Director at the address listed above. Comments will be available for public review by appointment at the BLM Idaho State Office during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personally identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. You may ask the BLM in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, but we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.
Notice is hereby given that the opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the withdrawal application. All interested parties who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the withdrawal application must submit a written request to the Bureau of Land Management Idaho State Director at the address indicated above by January 16, 2024. If the Authorized Officer determines that the BLM will hold a public meeting, the BLM will publish a notice of the time and place in the *Federal Register* and a

local newspaper at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.
For a period until October 17, 2025, subject to valid existing rights, the public lands described in this notice will be segregated from location and entry under the United States mining laws, but not from leasing under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws, or disposal under the Mineral Materials Act of 1947, while the withdrawal application is being processed, unless the application is denied, canceled, or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date.
The public lands described in this notice would remain open to such forms of disposition as may be allowed by law on the public lands. Licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, or discretionary land use authorizations of a temporary nature and which would not significantly impact the values to be protected by the requested withdrawal may be allowed with the approval of the authorized officer during the temporary segregation period.
This withdrawal application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.
(Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1714)
Karen Kelleher,
Idaho State Director.
10/25/2023

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPEN NOW FOR BROADBAND INITIAL PROPOSAL
The Idaho Broadband Advisory Board and Idaho Office of Broadband have opened a public comment period on the State’s Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) program, Initial Proposal (Volumes I and II) for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).
The State has been working to identify Idaho’s internet needs, challenges, and opportunities to develop internet expansion plans. The work is reflected in the State’s draft BEAD Initial Proposal. Volume I establishes the groundwork for the State’s strategy to bring internet to all and identify project areas and locations of interest. Volume II details the plans for distributing deployment funding, workforce and economic development initiatives, tribal coordination and more.
The entire BEAD Initial Proposal is now posted online for review and comment at LinkUp.Idaho.gov. The Idaho Office of Broadband will accept comments submitted to BroadbandComments@Commerce.Idaho.gov from September 29 through October 31. For those who don’t have internet but are interested in submitting comments, copies of the BEAD Initial Proposal, and computers to provide comments, may be available at a public library near you.
For consideration, all comments must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. MT, Tuesday, October 31, 2023.
The Idaho Office of Broadband will also be hosting a Virtual Public Comment Period Meeting on October 11, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. MT.
Learn more at LinkUp.Idaho.gov.
10/11,18,25/2023

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Sports

Mustangs get shot at defending state crown

Melba High School has collected another 2A District III volleyball championship. The Mustangs beat Cole Valley Christian, 25-14, 25-21, 25-22, for the title on Oct. 17 at Nampa High School.

“What a great way to end the regular season,” Mustangs coach Curtis Johnson said. “These girls have really worked hard this year. I’m very proud of each and every one of them.”

Melba (22-8-1) earned the chance to defend its state championship with a win in the district semifinal against New Plymouth on Oct. 16.

Tariah Carter and Joelle Kelly anchored the offense with several spikes up front. Carter led the way with 19 kills, and Kelly added 13 kills.

Both girls contributed on defense, too. Kelly blocked two shots and dug 14 balls. Carter had 11 digs and an ace.

Ella Stosich was hot on serve receive with 16 digs. She also notched three kills and served two aces.

Ellie Johnson dished 39 assists to go with three kills and two aces.

Cole Valley Christian also will make a return to the state tournament because of its semifinal victory.

The state tournament runs Friday and Saturday at Lakeland High School in Rathdrum.

Oct. 16: Melba def. New Plymouth, 3-0 — The Mustangs put down a third-set challenge to beat the Pilgrims and earn a return trip to the state tournament.

Kelly (15 kills) and Carter (14 kills) led the Melba offense in a district semifinal victory inside Potter Gymnasium.

The Mustangs prevailed, 25-12, 25-5, 26-24.

“A great win as we punched our ticket to State,” Curtis

Johnson said.

Carter was also a leading defender, picking up 11 digs. Kelly added eight digs on serve receive.

Ellie Johnson piloted the offense with 37 assists. She came up with six digs and fired three aces and three kills.

Emma Dillbeck led Melba with four aces, while carding five kills and two blocks.

Jada Kelly chipped in six kills.

Public notices

FIRST AMENDED SUMMONS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

Case No. CV37-23-00340

RUSSELL G. METCALF, PLLC, an Idaho Professional Limited Liability Company, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE JEFFREY DOUGLAS LOVIN LIVING TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 9, 2022, JEFFREY DOUGLAS LOVIN, TRUSTEE, and JEFFREY DOUGLAS LOVIN, an individual, Defendant.

NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT. THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 21 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

TO: THE JEFFREY DOUGLAS LOVIN LIVING TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 9, 2022, JEFFREY DOUGLAS LOVIN, TRUSTEE, and JEFFREY DOUGLAS LOVIN

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated Court, located at 20381 STATE HIGHWAY 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650, within 21 days after service of this Summons on you. If you fail to so respond, the Court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Petitioner in the Complaint.

A copy of the Complaint is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek the advice of or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected.

An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include:

2. If your response is an Answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint and other defenses you may claim.

3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney.

4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to Plaintiff’s attorney, as designated above.

To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the above named court at 208-495-2806.

Dated this 19th day of October, 2023.

By: /s/ Lena Johnson
Clerk of the District Court
10/25;11/01,08,15/2023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

CASE NO. CY-37-23-00287 (I.C. 15-3-801)

In the Matter of the Estate of: LITA MIRIAM BOTELHO, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Jerrold Lawrence has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. Mr. Lawrence’s address is Jerrold Lawrence, c/o Michael Duggan, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 26, Caldwell, Idaho 83606-0026. All persons having claims against the decedent, or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated below and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED: this 17th day of October, 2023.

/s/:MICHAEL E. DUGGAN
Attorney for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 26
Caldwell, ID 83606-0026
10/25;11/01,08/2023

CITY OF MARSING					
Quarterly Expenditure & Revenue Report					
4th FISCAL QUARTER, FY2023					
FUND	BUDGET AMOUNT	Expended to Date	% of Budget Expended	Revenue to Date	% of Budget Revenue
01 General	\$ 715,898.00	\$ 292,283.57	40.83%	\$ 509,893.94	71.22%
Law Enforcement	\$ 88,000.00	\$ 69,544.42	79.03%		0.00%
02 Roads & Streets	\$ 705,750.00	\$ 263,547.97	37.34%	\$ 459,760.93	#VALUE!
03 Parks	\$ 166,800.00	\$ 88,416.71	53.01%	\$ 106,175.70	63.65%
05 Planning & Zoning	\$ 132,400.00	\$ 124,313.18	93.89%	\$ 82,452.64	62.28%
Sub-Total	\$ 1,808,848.00	\$ 838,105.85	46.33%	\$ 698,522.28	38.62%
25 Water	\$ 825,450.00	\$ 289,592.56	35.08%	\$ 640,025.01	77.54%
29 Irrigation	\$ 129,200.00	\$ 108,314.10	83.83%	\$ 22,057.01	17.07%
30 Sanitation	\$ 139,000.00	\$ 115,243.31	82.91%	\$ 120,141.11	86.43%
35 Sewer	\$ 750,419.00	\$ 297,595.75	39.66%	\$ 346,456.83	46.17%
Sub-Total	\$ 1,844,069.00	\$ 810,745.72	43.97%	\$ 1,128,679.96	61.21%
TOTAL (all funds)	\$ 3,652,917.00	\$ 1,648,851.57	45.14%	\$ 1,827,202.24	50.02%

The General Public is invited to inspect all supporting documents for the above Financial Statement at City Hall during regular business hours

Financial figures may include fund transfers, service charges, refunds, reimbursements and other accountig procedures

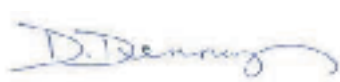
September 30, 2023

Jolyn E. Thompson
City Clerk-Treasurer
10/25/2023

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES SUMMARY STATEMENT - ALL FUNDS				
2022-23				
HOMEDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT #370				
REVENUES	GENERAL M & O		ALL OTHER FUNDS	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Local Revenue	(958,364)	(871,281)	(2,289,206)	(2,879,243)
State Revenue	(9,108,118)	(9,128,273)	(597,088)	(589,463)
Federal Revenue	0	0	(3,934,292)	(1,748,191)
Other Revenue	0	0	0	(9,300)
TOTAL REVENUES	(10,066,482)	(9,999,554)	(6,820,586)	(5,226,197)
Transfers IN	(46,181)	(45,832)	(355,540)	(390,408)
TOTAL REVENUES & TRANSFERS	(10,112,663)	(10,045,386)	(7,176,126)	(5,616,605)
EXPENDITURES				
Salaries	5,255,400	5,234,421	839,657	804,719
Benefits	2,345,955	2,295,766	421,238	388,847
Purchased Services	1,548,757	1,567,640	1,143,378	439,539
Supplies & Materials	405,338	399,783	388,711	858,223
Capital Objects	99,212	56,901	11,660,050	9,501,436
Debt Retirement	0	0	1,155,200	1,155,700
Insurance & Judgments	69,243	69,243	82	82
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	9,723,905	9,623,754	15,608,316	13,148,546
Transfers OUT	82,309	133,813	319,412	302,426
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & TRANSFERS	9,806,214	9,757,567	15,927,728	13,450,972
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE at July 1, 2022	(2,715,977)	(2,882,270)	(16,135,930)	(16,149,541)
Adjustments	0	0	0	0
ADJUSTED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE at July 1, 2022	(2,715,977)	(2,882,270)	(16,135,930)	(16,149,541)
ENDING FUND BALANCE at June 30, 2023	(3,022,426)	(3,170,089)	(7,384,328)	(8,315,174)

The undersigned certifies that this is a true and correct report of the financial condition of the Homedale School District #370.


Kurt Shanley
Chairman of the Board
10/25/2023


Debbie Denney
Business Manager/Treasurer

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Class out Thursday for HES parent-teacher conferences

Homedale Elementary School students will be out of class on Thursday. The students get a day off as teachers wrap up parent-teacher conferences. The conferences will be held from 4 p.m., to 8 p.m., today, and from 10 a.m., to 8 p.m., on Thursday. Parents who have questions are encouraged to contact their child's teacher at the school, (208) 337-4033.

Car show to benefit COSSA courts

Just in case hot-rodders and classic car fans didn't get enough from this month's car show at Bette Uda City Park, there is another show-and-shine scheduled just down the road. The Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency will hold a last bash car show on Saturday at the regional technical education center, 109 Penny Lane in Wilder. The entry fee is a suggested donation of \$15. Vendor space is available for \$20. Proceeds from the car show will help COSSA install bleachers and lighting for an outdoor basketball court that was recently constructed for the school's students. Car show check-in starts at 9 a.m., and the car show will run from 10 a.m., to 2 p.m. Award categories include 1920s-50s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s and 2000 and up. There are also awards for Best Foreign, Best Slammed and Best 4x4. There will be a People's Choice award, and a prize for Best Halloween Display. Cars must be parked by 11 a.m., in order to be judged. The awards ceremony starts at 2:15 p.m., and will be held rain or shine. For more information, visit the COSSA website at www.cossaschools.org or the consortium's Facebook page under COSSA Schools. Further information is available by contacting Rhonda at (208) 482-6074, ext.1032.

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✓ Culvert: Aging bridge to be replaced, too

the roadway began to fail and erode the driving surface. Operating under the assumption that the highway district, Idaho Power and the Bureau of Land Management would share the cost, county commissioners appropriated \$12,932.56 for the county's Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) trust to pay for part of the job to install a series of large box culverts under the roadway. Highway district board secretary Kimberly Hotchkiss said Monday that the total cost of the project is \$51,730.34. That includes seven box culverts from Idaho Precast and crane rental to place the equipment. Hotchkiss said Idaho Power has agreed to pay for one-quarter of the work, although no money has been forwarded. The BLM declined to help with the cost, Hotchkiss said. County commissioners envisioned help from the federal agency because recreationalists use Johnstone Road to access public land south of the county tipping station. With BLM declining, the highway district will pick up half of the price tag, Hotchkiss said. The tipping station remains closed because of the closure of the road near the failing culvert. County residents can still take solid waste to the Republic Services tipping station on Industrial Road east of Homedale on Mondays and Fridays. The culvert replacement will require seven long box culverts that each measure 10 feet wide and 6 feet long, and they'll rise 5 feet, 9 inches from the bottom of the canal. Crews from the highway district and the South Board of Control will carry out the project. Now that irrigation water has stopped flowing for the year, the delivery date of the culvert system is dependent on when Idaho Precast can fill the order. That portion of South Canal still must be prepared for the work, too. The tentative start date is Nov. 20, and crane rental must still be booked to off-load the material. The project may last into December depending on weather conditions, Hotchkiss said. • The Sage Road crossing at Succor Creek will see a new bridge soon. The highway district has received a Local Highway Technical Assistance Council grant to replace the bridge, which has been in place for 40 years but is much older. Hotchkiss said the amount of the grant and a construction timeline are unknown. Officials could visit the site in the next week to determine the parameters of the project. The LHTAC grant will cover the engineering and construction. Currently the bridge over Succor Creek, which is actually half of an older bridge, has weight restrictions with no vehicle with more than a three-ton gross weight allowed across the span. Agriculture producers who use the road to haul equipment and cattle have expressed anxiety to get a new, sturdier span in place to mitigate their logistical nightmares. — JPB

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