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Folks can follow the progress of Bull's-eye's training on the Reynolds Creek 4-H Facebook page. Submitted photo

Reynolds Creek 4-H'ers launch mustang training

Group will compete in March challenge

by Sawyer Krum
Reynolds Creek 4-H

Members from Owyhee County's Reynolds Creek 4-H Club are currently participating in the University of Idaho 4-H and BLM Wild Horse Training Program.

Alex Worley, Sierra Krum, Alicia Worley, and Andrew Worley, all from Marsing, along with members of six other southern Idaho 4-H clubs are helping train mustang yearlings

to prepare them to be adopted.

On Jan. 27, the 4-H clubs took turns choosing which mustang they would like to take home and work with.

Reynolds Creek chose a gelding from the Black Mountain Herd Management Area in Owyhee County and named him Bull's-eye.

Over the course of nine weeks, the members of the group will instill a basic handling foundation of their mustang, which includes learning to lead, picking up his feet, and loading him into a trailer.

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Tim Little to leave Marsing schools for Nampa charter job

Coach, principal resigns after 15 years with district

For more than a quarter century, Tim Little has pushed his students and his athletes to excel.

But Little is the type of guy who practices what he preaches.

Pushing himself to be better professionally has led him to resign his Marsing School District positions as elementary school principal and high school boys' basketball coach.

He has accepted the kindergarten through 12th-grade administrative position at Gem Prep, a Nampa charter school with about 550 students.

— See *Marsing*, back page

Man shot dead by BIA officers identified

Nevada man led OCSO deputy on pursuit in December

The officer-involved shooting that took the life of a 39-year-old Nevada man occurred 15 miles north of the state line on Idaho highway 51.

Owyhee County Coroner Aaron Tines identified the man Bureau of Indian Affairs personnel shot and killed as Cody Allen Whiterock of Owyhee, Nev.

Whiterock was pronounced dead at the scene of the shooting at 6:38 p.m., on Saturday, March 2 at milepost 15 near Riddle.

It took Tines about 2½ hours to get to the scene once he was dispatched from his office on Reich Street in Marsing. He arrived around 2:30 p.m., and



Cody Whiterock

only made the determination hours later upon examining Whiterock's body once the scene was processed.

The cause of and manner of death is pending determination, according to a coroner's office press release.

BIA officers, who are part of the U.S. Department of Interior, chased Whiterock in a vehicle from the Nevada

— See *Identified*, back page

Owyhee County Fair is going retro

"Let's Go Retro" is the theme for the 2024 Owyhee County Fair.

The fair will be held from Aug. 5 to Aug. 10 in Homedale.

According to a post made last week to the fair's Facebook page, vendor applications will be available soon.

There is also work being done on a new website.

There are two points of contact for people who want to use the Owyhee County Fairgrounds facilities for their events.

Call April Binford at (208) 494-

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Burning pole cuts electricity to some

A power pole south of Homedale began smoking during the March 5 snow event, leaving scores of people without electricity for a time.

Idaho Power spokesperson Melissa Thom said a weather-related outage at about 2:15 p.m., affected 254 customers.

Cross beams on the smoldering pole at the southeast corner of U.S. Highway 95 and Pioneer Road collapsed.

Homedale Fire Department sent a truck, but was called off when the crew reached South Main Street and the highway. Homedale Police and Owyhee County Sheriff's personnel

monitored the pole until an Idaho Power crew could arrive to replace it.

Thom said electricity to all but 80 customers was restored within an hour of the initial outage.

The remaining customers remained without electricity as an Idaho Power crew replaced the damaged pole.

After the replacement, another short outage for all 254 customers occurred as Idaho Power personnel re-energized the equipment, Thom said.

Power was fully restored at 8:08 p.m.

— JPB



Reynolds Creek 4-H leader Michelle Parr stands with some of the club members who are helping train Bull's-eye for the competition later this month. Submitted photos

✓ Mustang: March 30 challenge looming

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The 4-H club members will then compete in the 2024 Mustang Trainer Trail Challenge, which includes different obstacles, at the Bureau of Land Management corrals at 10 a.m., on Saturday, March 30.

The public is invited to

attend, especially if they may be interested in adopting any of the available mustangs.

Bull's-eye and the six other yearlings will be auctioned during the first weekend in April at the 2024 Horse Expo 4-H Mustang Adoption event. The proceeds from his adoption fees will go back to

the Reynolds Creek 4-H.

A Facebook page called "Reynolds Creek 4H Club" will document Bull's-eye's training progress.

Michelle Parr, who has experience in mustang competitions along with her children, is leader of the Reynolds Creek 4-H club.



Bull's-eye gets used to some of his new handlers during some time the corrals.

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County Republicans schedule candidate forums

The Owyhee County Republican Central Committee has scheduled three candidate forums ahead of the May 21 primary election.

Central committee chair Tammy Payne of Grand View announced the candidate forums in an email that also announced the cancellation of last week’s ORCC meeting in Murphy. She said there was no plan to reschedule the meeting that had been planned for Thursday.

The forums featuring Republican candidates for county and District 23 offices will start at 7 p.m., each day:

- **Tuesday, April 30** — Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, 39678 Hwy. 78, Bruneau
- **Tuesday, May 7** — Owyhee County Community Center, 432 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale
- **Tuesday, May 14** — Owyhee County Historical Museum, McKeeth Hall, 17085 Basey St., Murphy

The candidate filing period ends at 5 p.m., on Friday. Offices ton the Owyhee County primary ballot include:

- **District 1 county commissioner** — Marsing-area Republican Walt Holton has announced he will run for the two-year term to succeed retiring commissioner Jerry Hoagland.
- **District 3 county commissioner** — Bruneau appointee Cindy Bachman will seek her own four-year term during the Republican primary.
- **Sheriff** — Appointee Larry Kendrick of Murphy is facing off with Homedale’s Tim Riha for the Republican nomination.
- **Prosecutor** — Appointee Chris Topmiller has announced his intention to seek election to a four-year term during the GOP primary. He is still a resident of Canyon County and would have up to a year to move into Owyhee County if he’s elected in November.
- **Magistrate judge** — Shane Darrington is up for confirmation.
- **District 23 state senator** — Incumbent Todd Lakey (R-Nampa) has filed for re-election.
- **District 23, Seat A, House of Representatives** — Melissa Durrant (R-Kuna) is in her first term. She didn’t attend the Owyhee County Lincoln Day luncheon last month, but according to the Idaho Secretary of State’s voteidaho.gov website, she has filed to appear on the May 21 ballot.
- **District 23, Seat B, House of Representatives** — Both incumbent Tina Lambert (R-Caldwell) and Guffey resident Shawn Dygert announced their candidacies at the Owyhee County Lincoln Day luncheon.
- **Congressional First District** — Russ Fulcher (R-Idaho), a Meridian resident, has filed for re-election. There are two would-be challengers who have entered primaries for other political parties — Libertarian Matt Loesby of Eagle, and Boise resident Brendan J. Gomez from the Constitutional Party.

All Owyhee County precinct committee positions, which have two-year terms, also will appear on the primary ballot.

Friday is also the deadline for supervisor candidates to file for Nov. 5 elections in the Owyhee Conservation District and the Bruneau River Soil and Water Conservation District.

Voters have until April 26 to pre-register for the primary election. May 10 is the final day to request an absentee ballot.

All pertinent application forms — for candidates and voters — are available under the county clerk’s Elections tab at owyheecounty.net. More information is also available at voteidaho.gov.

Payne also announced that Donald Trump was the overwhelming winner in Owyhee County’s presidential caucus on March 2. Trump, who won the state’s Republican delegates, picked up 93.175 percent of the Owyhee GOP vote, appearing on 314 ballots.

Fifteen people voted for Nikki Haley (4.451 percent), the only other GOP presidential candidate that was still in the race at the time. She later suspended her campaign.

Ron DeSantis, who suspended his campaign earlier, received five votes (1.483 percent), and Payne said three votes (0.89 percent) were cast for “others” without specifying which candidates.

Payne said 8.5 percent of eligible voters — or 337 people — cast ballots during the caucus.

As of Jan. 2, Owyhee County had 3,948 registered Republican voters, Payne said, citing the Idaho Secretary of State Office. But the figure seemed flawed when the caucus began.

“During our March 2nd caucus, caucus workers on the pollbooks identified a number of individuals still on the voter rolls whom have moved from the county or who are deceased,” Payne said. “So getting at the exact number of eligible voters may have a significant margin of error in some precincts.”

— JPB





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Bruneau ranchers headed to the Hall of Fame

A Bruneau couple with a long family history of ranching will become part of the Southern Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame.

Cattle producers Frank and Cindy Bachman are among the inductees that will be honored on Tuesday, April 9 at the Stone House, 330 Fourth Ave. S., in Old Town Twin Falls.

The Hall of Fame’s 63rd annual banquet will start with a social at 6:30 p.m., followed by a steak dinner at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 and can be reserved by calling Eric Bennett at (208) 320-5769.

Also heading into the Hall of Fame are Burley cattle producers Ken and Nina Black, University of Idaho Extension forage specialist Glenn Shewmaker of Kimberly, dairy producers Bill and Donna Stoltzfus of Buhl, and cattle producers Ted and Bonnie Tracy of Almo.

Frank Bachman comes from a long line of ranchers who have been involved with the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association. He served as president in 1989, and his son, Lynn, held the gavel in 2018.

Another Lynn Bachman was OCA president from 1942 to 1947, and Earl Bachman served 1951-52.

Cindy Bachman currently serves as Owyhee County commissioner from District 3.

Frank Bachman was instrumental as part of the public advisory team that fought to keep the Boardman-to-Hemingway 500-kilovolt electrical transmission line off private property in Owyhee County.

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Gypsy Jackson library Winter Reading Challenge ends Friday

The Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library’s Teen Winter Reading Challenge is winding down.

Eighth- through 12th-graders can earn raffle tickets for reading books through Friday.

The raffle prizes include, but aren’t limited to, a bicycle, a drone, \$100 gift cards from Amazon and Dick’s Sporting Goods, a \$50 Ultra Beauty gift card, and a Groot Lego kit.

Boys and girls have been reading books and filling out questionnaires. They earn a raffle ticket for every book they complete, and those tickets are placed in the drawing for the prize of their choice.

Participants can earn bonus tickets by reading librarian-recommended books. Weekly drawings have featured gift cards from Idaho Pizza Co., Frosty Palace, Murray’s Treats, Wild Lotus and other local eateries.

The library is located at 121 W. Owyhee Ave., in Homedale.

Meanwhile, Sally Gonser’s Homedale High School sophomore Honors English students donated a 60th anniversary edition of Ray Bradbury’s Fahrenheit 451, F. Scott Fitzgerald’s The Great Gatsby, Harper Lee’s To Kill a Mockingbird, Dr. Seuss’s Spring Things, novels by Stephen King and James Patterson, and several other titles for varying age groups.

Programs continue

- Today and every Wednesday from noon to 4 p.m., an Idaho Department of Labor rep is on hand to help folks with job searches, creating resumes, filing for unemployment, applying for job training and other work-related endeavors.
- Retired teacher Steve Belknap, a Homedale resident involved in the Friends of the Library group, will read at the Opal Nash Story Time, at 10 a.m., on Monday at the library.
- In an early nod to Easter, the after school program will feature STEM egg drop to expose the elementary school and middle school students to concepts in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The program takes place at 4:30 p.m., on Monday.
- Staff from the Terry Reilly Health Services group, which has clinics in Homedale and Marsing, will visit the Teens & Tweens program at 5 p.m., on Thursday. The Teens & Tweens group meets inside the Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.
- The Teen Book Club holds its next meeting at 4 p.m., next Wednesday at the library.

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Area Agency on Aging plans shindig in Homedale today

The Area Agency on Aging is throwing a party today at the Homedale Senior Center.

Senior center coordinator Melissa Sorlien said the party is for “seniors and all generations.”

The “Connection in Every Bite” event will coincide with the congregate lunch, which starts at 11:30 a.m., at the senior center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

The purpose of the visit is to highlight the work of the Senior Nutrition Program and the relationship between meals and social connection, which can be found on each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday through the senior center’s congregate luncheon.

The Area Agency on Aging will provide a cake and balloons. A proclamation will be read.

Idaho Commission on Aging program specialist Birgit Luebeck will provide some information for seniors, too.

Cause Month ongoing in Marsing

Marsing High School’s Student Council has wrapped up the first week of its annual March Cause Month.

The first week, which ended Thursday, saw council members work to raise money for the Treasure Valley Down Syndrome Association.

Two causes for which the Student Council is collecting money or items remain this month.

Community members who would like to donate can do so through boxes at the school’s main office on 8th Avenue West.

Students voted on the charities that would be helped:

- **Cause No. 2, through Thursday** — Money raised for the Alzheimer’s Association Greater Idaho Chapter
- **Cause No. 3, Monday to March 21** — Items donated for the Lake Lowell Animal Shelter, including:
 - Any brand of canned or dry cat and kitten food or dog and puppy food
 - Puppy pads for housebreaking purposes
 - Kitten formula
 - Dog chew toys for super chewers (black Kong toys or Nylabones)
 - Cat litter: Wood-pellet style sold as horse bedding pellets at stores like D&B Supply and Tractor Supply, non-clumping style for young kittens, or clumping style for adult cats
 - Gift cards for D&B Supply, Tractor Supply and Zamzows to buy items such as cat litter, which is heavy can be hard to store during donation drives

- Cat toys
- Bleach wipes and bleach
- Large contractor trash bags (Brute brand recommended)
- Regular trash bags, such as Hefty Force Flex
- Liquid laundry detergent for high-efficiency machines
- Lysol laundry sanitizer
- Dryer sheets
- Dish soap and dishwasher detergent (tabs or liquid)
- Rabbit food
- Chicken food
- Beds, blankets, or towels

Foster homes are also needed for dogs, kittens and cats.

Wrestling club feeding hungry

Cereal, lunch money drives launched

The Homedale Wrestling Club is launching into a two-pronged community service project to help the town’s hungry.

In an open letter, club organizers said the project will help instill the values of hard work, commitment and integrity beyond the wrestling mat.

The first leg of the project is gathering breakfast cereal for the El-Ada Community Action Partnership food pantry. The Owyhee County office and pantry is located at 15 W. Colorado Ave., in Homedale.

Club wrestlers are asked to bring a box or a bag of cereal to practice this week — either today or Thursday — so the club can make a donation on behalf of the team.

Club parents and wrestlers will man a table at Albertsons from 10 a.m., to 2 p.m., on Saturday to collect more cereal for El-Ada.

The club also wants to help pay off outstanding meal debts for students in the Homedale School District.

Information from the Homedale School District Food Services reveals a \$450 deficit on elementary school and middle school lunch accounts.

“We have set the goal to pay off the debt with any extra going to food services for future needs,” the wrestling club said in its letter.

Homedale Wrestling Club said it will put up the first \$100 or \$200, and its asking the community to help raise the rest.

Contact Lance at (208) 406-4374 or Christina at (208) 539-8063 for more information on how to contribute. Venmo contributions can be made to @Christina-Watson-132.

“We hope through our efforts that the needs of our peers can be met and a little burden be lifted off their families,” the club wrote in concluding the letter.

“We are grateful for all the help and support those of this great community has given Homedale Wrestling Club in achieving our goals and success, in our wrestling room, in tournaments and in the community.”

Flamingo flocking helps Rimrock Class of ’25

The Rimrock High School junior class will benefit from a funky fundraiser.

In the Get Flocked Fundraiser, community members can order a flock of 10 to 12 fake flamingos, which will be installed in someone else’s yard.

For \$30, you can have a flock of flamingos roost in a yard of your choice for two days.

Proceeds will benefit the graduating Class of 2025.

Orders will be taken from Friday, March 22 to Friday, April 5.

Call Katy Carothers at (208) 695-1633 for more information.

Religious Expression

The secular delusion

What is most important anyway? There are the bills; they need to get paid. So work, work, work is the story of life. After all that work, a couple days off on weekends to go play somewhere seems like a no-brainer. God warns us about committing our lives to what cannot last. He says:



Nate Good

“There is a way that seems right to a man but it’s end is the way of death.”

— **Proverbs 14:12**

Jesus shows us that to live for the earthly locks us out of the heavenly.

“What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?”

“For what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”

— **Mark 8:36,37**

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other or he will hold to the one and despise the other. No one can serve God and mammon (material things).”

— **Matthew 6:24**

We see exclusivity: Either things of heaven will reign in supreme importance or things that are of earth. The result is that the realm to which we attach our soul decides the realm of our eternal abode. If we attach to things that are temporary and corruptible, we will find ourselves condemned along with the corruptible. If our heart is attached to what is incorruptible, we will experience what is perfect, holy, beautiful and infinitely blessed.

A true knowledge of God, a true Christian faith, connects a person, steadfastly in heart and priority to Christ and His heavenly kingdom. Jesus directs us to this, saying:

“Store up for yourselves treasure in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal, for where your treasure is there will your heart be also.”

— **Matthew 6:19,21**

The overwhelming tragedy is that many who have knowledge of Christ and His gospel, who claim to be born again and to love Jesus, have their hearts set upon things on Earth. Jesus warns us to escape this delusion saying:

“Strive to enter by the narrow door; for *many*, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.”

— **Luke 13-24**

And:

“Not everyone who says to Me ‘Lord, Lord’, will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. *Many* will say ‘Lord, Lord’ . . . and I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me you who practice lawlessness’.”

— **Matthew 6:21-23**

Paul echoes the warning:

“Brethren, join in following my example and observe those walk according to the pattern you have in us. For *many* walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things.”

— **Philippians 3:17-19**

These earthly minded people are within the professing church. Our Lord in His great loving kindness is warning us and urging us to listen to reason and to break away from the deadly delusion. May we come wholeheartedly to Christ, denying the control of this world, becoming a separate, purified people for our Lord!

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Calendar

Today

Foot clinic
8:30 a.m., appointments necessary, foot exams, \$25; ear cleanings, \$30, 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

CWI GED Class
11 a.m., to 2 p.m., 8-week course, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

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

Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting
12:30 p.m., OC Coffee, 6138 Hwy. 55, Marsing.

Homedale City Council meeting
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641

Jordan Valley Ambulance meeting
6 p.m., ambulance hall, 706 Main St.

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

Homedale Highway District meeting
7 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale.

Marsing School Board meeting
7 p.m., school district office boardroom, The HUB, 301 8th Ave W, Marsing. (208) 649-5411

Thursday

Therapy Dog visit
9:30 a.m., to 11 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

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

Fit and Fall Proof exercise class
10 a.m., to 11 a.m., free, old Marsing High School gymnasium, 800 Main St., Marsing. (208) 296-0847

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

Owyhee Conservation District meeting
Noon, Owyhee Conservation District office, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., Marsing. (208) 880-6284

Owyhee Gardeners Meeting
1 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 250-0943. Information: info@OwyheeGardeners.org

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., ‘Terry Reilly Visit,’ Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Friday

Mobile Food Pantry
7:30 a.m., to 10 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 473-9331

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

Saturday

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

Homedale Boosters Crab & Steak Feed
6 p.m. doors, 7:30 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m., live auction, \$55 per person or \$500 table for 8, Owyhee County Community Center, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. Tickets: Casey Grove (208) 340-4611.

Marsing Lions Club bingo
6:45 p.m., early bird, 7 p.m., regular sessions, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

Monday

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

Opal Nash Story Time
10 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

After School program
4:30 p.m., to 5:30 p.m., ‘STEM Egg Drop,’ Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Creative writing group
5 p.m., Lizard Butte Library community room, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing.

Tuesday

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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 high school gym, 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

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

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

Wednesday

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

Death notice

EDWARD LOYD JONES, 62, of Marsing, died on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024. His ashes will join his parents’ in Two Rivers, Alaska, this spring. Condolences: The Wallers, P.O. Box 2658, Valdez, AK 98686 or DonnaLWaller@yahoo.com

Service notice

CINDY MARIE CEGNAR, 60, of Homedale, died on Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023. A celebration of life and luncheon will be held at 1 p.m., on Saturday, April 20, 2024 inside the Bowling Alley banquet room, 18 N. 1st St. W., in Homedale.

HMS Academic Bowl team back in action

The Homedale Middle School Academic Bowl team got back into the swing of things recently after an unscheduled hiatus.

Today, the team travels to McCall for the next round of competition at Payette Lakes Middle School.

A month ago, first-year advisor Jessica Lillquist took 10 HMS students to Fruitland for a six-team Academic Bowl meet.

The topic for the Feb. 14 competition was “Valentine’s Day Trivia.”

“Our team put in a great effort and ultimately ended right around the middle of the pack,” Lillquist said.

The Trojans’ fourth-place finish was highlighted by seventh-grader Marshall Eells, who had the most correct answers for the team. Another seventh-grader, Quinton Gonzalez, had the second-most right answers.

The team was most successful during the second round, the advisor said.

“HMS unfortunately came up short on points in the final round, the speed round, as we just couldn’t seem to hit the buzzer quickly enough despite knowing many of the correct answers,” Lillquist said.

Payette Lakes won for the second meet in a row.

“We felt that we did a good job overall, but strive to do even better in our next competition,” Lillquist said.

Weather				
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March 5	44	31	.19	0"
March 6	33	28	.4	3"
March 7	37	21	.00	0"
March 8	45	23	.00	0"
March 9	44	30	.00	0"
March 10	48	32	.00	0"
March 11	53	32	Trace	0"

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Senior menus

Rimrock Sr. Center slates bake sale, soup luncheon fundraiser

Homedale Senior Center

Served at noon

Milk and roll/bread available each day

- March 13: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans
- March 14: Corned beef, cabbage, roasted potatoes
- March 19: Salisbury steak with mushrooms and onions, mashed potatoes and gravy, country trio vegetables
- March 20: Deli style sandwich, fries, carrot salad
- March 21: Baked fish, baked potato, broccoli and cheese

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing

Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside Marsing City Hall

Milk available each day

Suggested donation: \$5 (60 and older), \$8 (59 and younger)
\$8 (take-out meal, any age)

- March 13: BLT pasta salad, broccoli salad, cottage cheese, whole wheat roll, fruit cup
- March 15: Lemon dill fish over rice, Capri vegetables, peas, whole wheat roll, fresh fruit
- March 18: Turkey Florentine, cauliflower, beets, 9-grain bread, fresh fruit
- March 20: BBQ cheddar burger, roasted potatoes, corn, whole wheat bun, corn
- March 22: Pasta e Fagioli, Catalina vegetables, snap peas, French bread, peaches

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served at noon 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

- March 14: Chicken strips, green salad, garlic bread, mixed fruit
- March 19: Pork roast, mixed vegetables, mashed potatoes, roll, applesauce
- March 21: Lasagna, beets, green salad, garlic bread
- March 23: Bake Sale Luncheon: Soups, salad, roll, ice cream

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

- March 14: Cheesy enchiladas
- March 19: Shepherds pie
- March 21: Breakfast for lunch

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For information on our services or to place an order for service, contact the E4 Connect, business office at:

(800) 624-0082

The Rimrock Senior Center will hold its spring bake sale later this month.

The bake sale and soup/salad luncheon fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 23 at the senior center, 525 Main St., in Grand View.

The bake sale starts at 10 a.m., and the lunch

will be served beginning at 11 a.m.

The cost is \$6 per bowl of soup, and the meal includes a salad and a roll.

Call the senior center at (208) 834-2922 for more information.

The senior center is open on Tuesday and Thursday for congregate lunches.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Choice of milk and juice

PB&J sandwich, and Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily

- March 13: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Orange chicken bowl, mixed vegetables
- March 14: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, blueberry muffin, sliced pears **Lunch:** Chicken Crispito, buttered corn
- March 18: **Breakfast:** Raised donut, string cheese, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken sandwich, crinkle fries
- March 19: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk biscuits, country gravy, sausage patty, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Mac-n-cheese, seasoned green beans, whole grain roll
- March 20: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, sliced pears **Lunch:** Chicken fried fingers, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn

Homedale Middle

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese

Cereal option and PB&J and string cheese offered daily

Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily

- March 13: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Orange chicken bowl, seasoned green beans, spring roll, fortune cookie
- March 14: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, orange slices **Lunch:** Crisпитos, buttered corn
- March 18: **Breakfast:** Raised donut, string cheese, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, curly fries
- March 19: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk biscuits, country gravy, orange slices **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs, mixed vegetables, chocolate chunk cookie
- March 20: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, string cheese, sliced pears **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn, whole grain roll

Homedale High

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt, string cheese or hard-boiled egg

Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily

Cereal option, Grab ‘n’ go items each day

- March 13: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, Yami yogurt, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, Tater Tots **Grab ‘n’ go:** BBQ chicken salad
- March 14: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich, Yami yogurt, iced coffee **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, garden salad **Grab ‘n’ go:** Club sub sandwich
- March 18: **Breakfast:** Raised donut or bagel and cream cheese, Yami yogurt, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Meatball sub, crinkle fries **Grab ‘n’ go:**

Chicken Caesar wrap

March 19: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk biscuits, sausage patty, country gravy, iced coffee **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, Tater Tots, chocolate chunk cookie **Grab ‘n’ go:** Asian chicken salad

March 20: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, garden salad **Grab ‘n’ go:** Ham and cheese sub

Marsing

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

Elementary School each day: Breakfast: Cereal option

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

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

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

March 13: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, Yami yogurt, banana **Lunch:** French toast sticks, pork sausage patty, hash browns, strawberry cup **Cold Grab-n-go:** Asian chicken krunch wrap

March 14: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, string cheese, orange wedges **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, curly fries **Cold Grab-n-go:** Club sub

March 18: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, Yami yogurt, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, Tater Tots **Hot Grab-n-go:** BBQ pulled pork sandwich, coleslaw, Tater Tots

March 19: **Breakfast:** Pork sausage patty, biscuit, country gravy, sliced pears **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn, roll **Cold Grab-n-go:** Very berry chicken salad

March 20: **Breakfast:** French toast bites, Yami yogurt, applesauce **Lunch:** Orange chicken, spring roll, steamed rice, green beans, fortune cookie **Hot Grab-n-go:** BBQ chicken pizza, Tater Tots

Bruneau/Grand View

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

March 13: **Breakfast:** Mini Cinnabon **Lunch:** Chicken patty on a bun, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli

March 14: **Breakfast:** Muffins **Lunch:** Hamburger on a bun, Tater Tots, baby carrots

March 18: **Breakfast:** Breakfast bar **Lunch:** Orange chicken, oriental rice, stir-fry vegetables

March 19: **Breakfast:** PB&J sandwich **Lunch:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden spinach salad, peas, breadstick

March 20: **Breakfast:** French toast **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets with whole wheat roll, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli

Safely sprouting sprouts to get your fix for garden greens

This recent return to winter weather has caused me to feel even more cabin fever than normal, and around this time of year I start really craving fresh, garden-grown greens. With-



Ariel Agenbroad

out a greenhouse or hoophouse in my backyard to provide me with early produce, I start thinking about what I can grow indoors. I wrote about micro-greens a few articles back, but this week I want to talk about sprouts.

Sprouts germinate easily indoors without soil and have intense flavor and high nutrient content in their early stages of growth. Commonly sprouted crops include alfalfa, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, kale, lentils, peas, radishes, buckwheat, soy and mung beans. Sprouts are a good source of vitamin B, iron and vitamin C. And they are delicious on sandwiches, salads, in smoothies and wraps. And they can be ready in a matter of days, which is good news for those impatient for little homegrown, tasty greens.

However, you may have heard some not-so-good news

about sprouts, too.

It is true that sprouts have been identified as the source of Salmonella or E. coli O157:H7 outbreaks. Sprouts become a food safety risk when the seed has been contaminated, typically because the seed has come in contact with the bacteria present in animal manure in the field, during harvest or storage. Then, because sprouts are a nutrient-rich food source grown in warm temperatures with lots of water, these bacteria have everything they need to flourish and impact human health.

There are some things we can do to reduce the health risks, but it is important to note that young children, the elderly, and people with any medical condition that suppresses the immune system should avoid raw sprouts altogether to be safe. (Learn more at <https://extension.psu.edu/what-you-should-know-about-sprouts>).

If you decide to grow sprouts yourself, purchase seeds intended for sprouting. You may find these at natural food stores, some garden centers and online. Do not sprout seeds meant for garden or farm planting; they may have been treated with fungicides or insecticides.

There are plenty of fancy

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and elaborate set-ups and equipment you can buy for sprouting, but a simple quart glass jar and a piece of clean screen or cheesecloth is really all you need to get started. Be sure to wash and sterilize your sprouting equipment before use with a mild bleach and water solution (soaking for five minutes in a solution of three-quarters plain chlorine bleach to one gallon water is recommended).

Though you can buy various gadgets for sprouting seeds, all you need is a glass jar that you can cover with cheesecloth. A wide-mouth quart jar with a screw-on ring works fine. Sterilize your seed-sprouting jars by soaking them for at least five minutes in the chlorine solution. Be sure to rinse well and air dry before using.

To best avoid the potential for Salmonella or E. coli O157:H7 in your homegrown sprouts, University of Nebraska Extension specialists recommend using one of the following treatment options:

- **Heat Treatment:** Pour a three percent solution of hydrogen peroxide (available at pharmacies) in a small saucepan on the stovetop and

heat to 140° F. You can make sure you're reaching that temperature by using a cooking thermometer. Once you've reached that temperature, place your seeds in a small wire strainer and lower them into the hot peroxide solution for five minutes. Swirl the seeds a few times to evenly heat them. Discard the peroxide solution after each batch because it loses its effectiveness quickly. Rinse the seeds in tap water for one minute.

- **Vinegar Treatment:** Soak seeds in undiluted vinegar for 15 minutes. White distilled vinegar (5 percent acetic acid) is fine. Rinse the seeds in tap water for one minute.

Now that your seeds have been treated, add one to two tablespoons of seeds to the jar and cover with a few inches of water. If any debris or seeds rise to the top at this time, pour that off before filling the rest of the jar with lukewarm water. The seeds can then soak for 12 to 16 hours, or overnight. After the soaking period, pour off the water, rinse the seeds, fill the jar with more lukewarm water and then drain well. Next secure cheesecloth or clean screen to the top of your jar since you'll be rinsing and draining multiple times over the next few days.

Store the jar on its side (you

can place something under the jar to collect any additional water that drains out) in a dark place at room temperature.

Rinse and drain your seeds at least two times and up to four times per day. You will continue this process until the sprouts have achieved your desired length. This is typically between three and six days.

Be sure not to leave any excess water in the jar after rinsing and draining. On the final day, place your jar of sprouts in a location where they receive sunlight for a few hours to develop a nice green color.

At this time, your sprouts are ready for a final wash to remove the seed hulls and should be drained and stored in the refrigerator.

Eat your fresh sprouts within two weeks. It might be a good idea to write the date on the storage container so you remember.

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Marsing discussion, dinner on town youth

Another youth well-being action team meeting will be held in Marsing on Monday.

All community members — adults and teens — are welcome, and a free dinner will be served.

The event sponsored by Southwest Idaho Communities for Youth, Southwest District Health and the Marsing School District will run from 5:30 p.m., to 7 p.m., inside the Marsing schools cafeteria on 8th Avenue West.

This is an extension of the community meeting that was held on Feb. 8, according to Hailee Ketchum of the Owyhee Health Coalition. New ideas and insight is always welcome.

For more information, call (208) 477-4998 or email tara.woodward@swdh.id.gov.

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Wildly popular items shatter Bruneau auction record



Matt Tindall selling the annual St. Patrick’s Day Scavenger hunt advantage donated by sister Brooke Tindall



Papa Ray Schaffer (center) with Sherry and Guy Colyer after they bought the bull cake. Submitted photos

Sweets, surprises and sloppy joes highlight annual community event

by Brandi Lisle
For The Owyhee Avalanche
It was a great year to be a part of the Bruneau Boosters Auction.

Good friends, food, and bidding wars kept the Bruneau Boosters Auction lively on Feb. 24 inside the American Legion Post 83 Hall. Dick Strickland’s horseshoe-and-iron mirror topped the sales at \$5,500 this year, beating out the baked goods, which almost every year top the sales. “Aunt Fern’s Red Velvet Cake” and Ol’ Smokey, both made by Lez Rahn, were other top-selling items, bringing thousands of dollars each. However, this year, a surprise

cake made a mysterious appearance. The hefty Hereford bull and pasture cake, donated anonymously, brought \$3,500, and was bought by Ray Schaffer, Sherry Colyer’s father and a longtime supporter of the auction. Other locally provided, high-selling items included:
• A \$4,500 sturgeon fishing trip with Chuck Ceccarelli
• Reins made by Jess Lisle
• A Brazzen dog kennel donated by Matt Tindall
• Eight hours of electrical work donated by Jon Gainza
Bruneau Cowboy Christmas donors brought a number of additional items to the auction, and contributed significantly to

the record-breaking year. This year’s amount outpaced the previous record significantly, organizers said. The evening was friendly and fun, adding a significant amount of laughter when a friendly bidding war occurred over the Basque Basket. As always, the Boosters want to give a huge shout of gratitude to the amazing patrons of the auction. Jessie Miller and crew cooked for the crowd, and outdid themselves once again. The Boosters look forward to upcoming improvements on the community park, the latest project they have been saving up for.



Mark and Cris Alzola with Aunt Fern’s cake.

Familiar chorizos, generosity fuel Marsing auction

The Marsing Disaster Auction committee wrapped up another year with its final meeting Thursday. Board member James Ferdinand reports that this year’s auction generated more than \$98,000 for the community disaster fund.

“Our amazing community has shown up big again this year,” Ferdinand said. Part of the proceeds came from the sale of chorizos to hungry bidders. Oregon’s Hill’s Premium Meats bought the wildly

popular recipe from Boise-based Gem Pack. “The chorizos from Hills were a big hit,” Ferdinand said. “We picked them up in Pendleton a couple of days before the auction.”

Grand View Lions report another auction success

Handmade wishing well from the late Jerry Roby keeps tradition alive

by Mandi Boren
For The Owyhee Avalanche
Another successful Grand View Lions Club Auction is in the books. For the fourth year in a row, the auction was held online, and club treasurer Doug Thurman said the Lions plan to keep it that way. The auction and gun raffle helped the Lions Club bring in about \$21,000, which is \$2,000 more profit than the event last year. “The donors seemed to be more than generous this year,” Thurman said. “The old saying, ‘There are no friends at an auction’ must have been true, or everyone was just having a great time bidding.”

Auction items included local baked goods, handmade quilts, hay, fertilizer, beef and tools. The highest bid item was a Traeger grill, which sold for \$1,120. Thurman said ticket sales for the Ruger American 7mm rifle were down, but the auction more than made up for it. One item that was very special this year was a wishing well made by the late Jerry Roby. Roby had donated a handmade well every year, and this year his family carried on the tradition. “We sure missed having Jerry deliver it this year with his old pickup with his knuckle boom on the back,” Thurman

said. “We thank his family for this special donation.” The Grand View Lions Club also thanks everyone who participated in the auction. “Everyone stepped up to let us have a great auction,” Thurman said. “It was fun to watch some of the bidding wars and to get into a few.” All auction proceeds go back into the communities of Grand View, Oreana and Bruneau to help support scholarships, libraries, schools, little league athletics, and various community improvement projects. — Mandi Boren, an Oreana resident, covers the Grand View-Bruneau-Oreana area for The Owyhee Avalanche. Send news tips to her at mandi@owyhee.com



Jerry Roby’s family continued his auction wishing well tradition. Submitted photo

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photos and results

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Trojans tennis players
learning as they go

Jordan Valley’s Tuttle named 1A HDL player of year

Adrian, Jordan Valley
all-leaguers announced

A girl with deep Owyhee County ties has been named player of the year for an Oregon high school league.

Kenzie Tuttle, a Jordan Valley High School junior, is the 1A High Desert League East Player of the Year, EasternOregonSports.com reported.

Tuttle is the daughter of Owyhee County Assessor Tiffany Nettleton and the granddaughter of Sinker Creek

rancher Paul Nettleton.

Tuttle led four players from the tiny Mustangs roster (only six varsity players) on the all-league list.

Tuttle and junior Meg Eiguren were first-team selections, while another 11th-grader — Claire Collins —and sophomore Jalee Maestresjuan were placed on the second team.

First-teamers Lucy Martin, a senior, and Addy Martin, a junior, led four Adrian players on the All-1A HDL squad.

Two 12th-graders — Presley Speelmon and Suguey Beltran — were

second-teamers.

Jordan Valley (20-4) entered the 1A Oregon state playoffs as the No. 3 seed, beating Spray/Mitchell/Wheeler, 64-31, in the opening round. The Mustangs were upset by No. 14 Echo, 51-41, in the second round.

Coached by Kelsi Skinner and Mike Skinner, Jordan Valley was the No. 1 seed in the league tournament after going 8-0. League nemesis and eventual state champion Crane knocked off Jordan Valley, 61-40, in the championship game.

Coached by Anthony Hansen, Adrian (19-9) went 6-2 in the league season and lost the tournament’s third-place game to Prairie City/Burnt River.

George Ellsworth’s Adrian boys reached the state playoffs, too. The top-seeded Antelopes lost the league tournament final to Crane, 70-34. Adrian (15-12) bowed out of the state playoffs with a narrow 57-55 first-round loss to Perrydale.

Alek Quintero led the Jordan Valley boys (10-13) to a split of their league tournament games.



Homedale High School’s Andres Garcia (right) slides in safely at home plate as Filer’s catcher loses control of the baseball Saturday. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

Fine displays — including no-hitter — carry Trojans

Baseball brothers leave mark
on opening doubleheader

With his immediate future secure, Dillon Fine went to work on his senior season for the Homedale High School baseball team Saturday.

The senior right-hander fired a no-hitter in the Trojans’ season-opening 10-0 win over Filer in a five-inning non-conference contest.

Fine, who has committed to attend the University of

Utah, struck out 13, and the Wildcats managed just three baserunners — two on walks and another on an error.

Homedale (2-0 at week’s end) held a 7-0 lead when Lukas Hall opened the fourth inning with a towering home run.

Payton Fine and Oklin Carson led the offense with two RBI each. Payton went 2-for-3 with a double, and

Carson was 2-for-3 with a triple.

Dillon Fine helped his cause with a double and an RBI, and Carson Fine smashed a triple.

Carson, Xavier Uranga and Andres Garcia scored two runs apiece, and Wylee Bidiman knocked in a pair of runs.

Game 2: Homedale 14, Filer 2 (5) — Lukas Hall doubled and knocked in four runs to help the Trojans

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Red-hot Roadenbaugh leads Marsing in Week 1

Three HRs,
12 RBI in first
two games

Brooklyn Roadenbaugh hit her second and third home runs of the young season in Marsing High School’s wild 17-11 non-conference win over Fruitland

on Saturday.

Roadenbaugh’s second homer of the contest sparked the Huskies’ seven-run rally in the top of the seventh that snapped a 10-10 stalemate on the Grizzlies’ field.

Roadenbaugh went 3-for-4 with eight RBI and four runs

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2A WIC softball season previews

Huskies’ may be reloading

Most softball coaches would be worried if they watched three seniors graduate from one of the most successful teams in recent years.

But, while Kortney Ford says she’ll miss Mila Astorquia, Anna Gluch and Mariah Colbert, the Marsing High School coach is encouraged by the return of a large group of experienced underclassmen.

The Huskies went 9-16 last year.

“It was the best season Marsing has had in a long time,” Ford, the fifth-year coach, said.

“We were able to compete in our league which was exciting. I see us this season continuing what we started last year. We have a young group with a lot of varsity returners.”

Sophomore **Brooklyn Roadenbaugh** returns to the pitching circle after notching 169 strikeouts as a freshman.

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Veteran mentors Melba

Larry Lincoln knows his way around the Melba High School softball diamond. He has been part of the program for nearly three decades.

Many of his players, though, are just finding their way in the sport.

“We were young last year with multiple girls playing for the first time in high school,” the Mustangs’ second-year head coach said.

Melba went 6-11 in 2023, getting half its victories in the season’s first five games.

The team repeated the feat of winning a season opener when the Mustangs knocked off Fruitland, 10-9, on Thursday.

“We are blessed with multiple girls who can contribute to the team,” Lincoln said.

He said the team possesses speed and good defensive skills, and a few good hitters, too, but Lincoln admits that

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Sports

Trojans tennis team's trial by fire

With no feeder program, expanding roster learns on the go

With Abbi Jones and her assistant Emily Thomas back for a second year, the Homedale High School tennis program has a solid footing in the mentor department.

And, with 2024 players, it seems the pool of athletes is starting to deepen as well.

“Last season was a growing season with all but two players being new to the sport,” Jones, the HHS head coach, said. “Many students have returned this season with greater confidence and understanding of the game.

“The program has gained even more new players, making for exciting player combinations and matches.”

There could be fewer forfeits and more chances to get game action with 16 players out for the squad. Jones said that’s just two players shy of a full varsity roster.

Key returners include senior Miguel Albor, juniors Jayden Lyman, Paige Van

Vliet, and Emma Olson, and sophomores Kayleb Atkins and Cameron Burke.

“All of these players progressed a lot last season, even though none of them made it past the initial rounds at (the 3A District III Tournament),” Jones said.

Newcomers are plentiful with seniors Edith Alonso, Jeremiah Montes and Crystal Sanchez, juniors AJ Robles and Adam Francis, and sophomores Ava Wilson, Jillian Castro, and Mila Binford.

“All of these players are new to the sport but have already added to our team in terms of positive attitude and willingness to learn,” Jones said.

Senior Andre Magdea, an exchange student from Germany, will play boys’ singles this season.

Jones, who is in her third year as part of the HHS coaching staff, is still gauging which players will lead the team this season.

“Because the team is so new to the sport, it is difficult to determine who the stand-out players will be, but it is sure fun to watch each player improve with each match,” Jones said.

Unlike established 3A Snake River Valley conference programs — Fruitland, Parma, and Weiser — Homedale doesn’t have a developmental arm. Growth and experience will come in the heat of battle.

“This team’s greatest strength is their love for the sport, which translates to the amount of time you will catch them practicing on their own over the weekend and during the off-season,” Jones said.

“Their love of the game is infectious and vital as they learn these new skills.”

The lack of a feeder program and the daunting task of going up against the Grizzlies, Wolverines and Panthers doesn’t dampen Jones’ enthusiasm, though.

“I am excited for another season of growth and the confidence that comes with experience,” she said. — JPB

HHS bats come alive

Dani Sitts was on top of her game from the pitching circle and the top of the Homedale High School batting order.

The senior spun a one-hitter and scored four runs in the Trojans’ 10-0 victory over Kimberly to open the softball season at Homedale Middle School.

Sitts struck out six in the five-inning game.

In the first game, Ciarah Barnett went 4-for-4 and drove in six runs with a home run and a double.

Olivia Asumendi was 2-for-2 with two RBI and a double. Arlett Quezada doubled and

scored a run.

Emily Taylor scored three times.

Game 2: Kimberly 5, Homedale 2 — The Trojans snagged a 2-0 lead after three innings, but the Bulldogs fired back with five runs in their final two at-bats to win.

Asumendi went 3-for-4 with a solo home run, but she took the loss in the pitching circle.

Kimberly scored only two earned runs as Asumendi walked 11 and struck out 14.

Isana Larzelier notched her first hit of the season, and the Trojans collected eight in the contest.

✓ Trojans: Opening sweep features plenty of highlights

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sweep the non-conference doubleheader.

Payton Fine got the job done on the mound and from the plate.

He picked up the victory with six strikeouts in four innings of work. He threw a one-hitter and allowed one run.

Fine went 2-for-3 with a triple, three RBI and three runs scored.

Andrew Marston also scored three runs while driving in another score.

Carson Fine thrilled the home crowd with a diving catch deep in center field with the bases loaded.

Homedale Trojans

Athletes of the Week



Baseball
Dillon Fine, sr., P
Utah commit fires no-hitter to start final prep season



Softball
Olivia Asumendi, sr., P/SS
C of I commit notched 14 strikeouts vs. Filer



Track and field
Kinlee Garrett, sr., hurdles/relays
Three-time state silver medalist returns



Golf
Luke Henry, jr.
4th at last year's state tourney



Tennis
Miguel Albor, sr.
Lone returning upperclassman

THIS WEEK'S SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

Baseball (Home games at John Jackson Field) Varsity Friday, March 15 at Baker, Ore., (2), 1 p.m., and 3 p.m., MST Tuesday, March 19 at Fruitland, 6 p.m. Junior varsity Friday, March 15 at Baker, Ore., (2), 1 p.m., and 3 p.m., MST Tuesday, March 19 at Fruitland, 4 p.m.	Softball (Home games at HMS) Varsity Tuesday, March 19 at Fruitland, 4 p.m. Junior varsity Tuesday, March 19 at Fruitland, 6 p.m.	Track and field Friday, March 15 at Melba Ice Breaker, 3:30 p.m. Tennis Tuesday, March 19 at Caldwell, 4:30 p.m.	Golf Boys Wednesday, March 13, home for Ice Breaker Invitational, River Bend GC, Wilder, 10 a.m. Boys and girls Monday, March 18, at 3A Snake River Valley conference meet (9 holes), TimberStone GC, Caldwell, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 20 at Cole Valley Invitational (18 holes), Falcon Crest GC, Kuna, 9 a.m.
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Sports

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✓ Huskies: Young returners could begin to fill gaps left by graduation

“Brooklyn is a strong pitcher for our team,” Ford said. “She is also a very strong hitter.”

Roadenbaugh’s bat will be needed after the graduation of Astorquia, the Huskies’ backup pitcher and starting third baseman who hit seven home runs in her senior season.

Gluch was catcher, and Colbert patrolled left field.

“They will be missed on the defensive side of the ball,” Ford said.

Roadenbaugh is one of 16 players out for the team this season. Ford, whose second coaching stint began in 2022,

gets mentoring help from DeLaynie Dorsey and Emily Thoene.

Thoene’s younger sister, **Lily Thoene**, has moved to shortstop after playing second base as a sophomore.

“She can cover so much ground on defense with her quickness,” Ford said. “I am excited to see her take on this new position.”

Roadenbaugh and Thoene are co-captains this season.

Ford said Thoene is also a huge offensive asset, coming in as the overwhelming statistical leader for the team in her first two prep campaigns.

Sophomore **Bailey Daugherty** returns to catch.

“She has a strong arm behind the plate and is quick to fire the ball to second,” Ford said. “Bailey is also one of our top hitters from last season.”

Thoene’s move to shortstop has opened a spot at second base for freshman **Danylle Daugherty**.

“Danylle has fit well into this position. She is quick and can get to the ball in the gaps,” Ford said.

“She has also been working well with our shortstop, Lily Thoene, as the two middle infielders.”

With returners Roadenbaugh, Thoene and Daugherty carrying big bats, Ford sees a stronger offensive potential this season.

“We have been working very hard and putting in a lot of work to improve our hitting,” she said.

But the departure of Astorquia and Colbert has created a dilemma beyond the infield.

“We have no returning outfielders,” Ford said. “The girls have been working hard to fill that role, and my two assistant coaches both were outfielders in their days playing softball.”

Ford anticipates a competitive 2A Western Idaho Conference season from her squad, though.

“The 2A WIC conference is a tough one with a lot of great athletes. Cole Valley Christian and Nampa Christian will be the top teams to beat. They are returning a lot of key players,” she said.

“I believe that our team will be up there and competing with the top teams this season.”

— JPB

✓ Marsing: Fielding woes ding Huskies against non-conference opponent

scored. She doubled and scored in the first inning and ripped a three-run homer to snap a 4-4 tie in the second inning.

She also got the win, striking out nine and surviving nine unearned runs and 10 walks.

Taylor Callison went 4-for-6, and she and Bailey Daugherty each scored three runs.

Thursday: Parma 15, Marsing 5 (5) — Roadenbaugh got her season off to a smashing start with a grand slam in the first inning of the Huskies’ opener, but the early lead wouldn’t hold up.

The Panthers took control of the game with a five-run second inning for a 7-4 lead.

Marsing committed five errors, and Roadenbaugh’s grand slam was one of four hits.

Lily Thoene was 2-for-4 with a run scored from the top of the batting order.

Daugherty also had a single, an RBI and a run scored.

Roadenbaugh struck out seven, but surrendered eight earned runs and eight walks to take the loss.

Lakota Leppert was 4-for-5 for the Panthers, and Mackenzie Heitz knocked in four runs.

MARSING HUSKIES

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Baseball
Teagan Kinney, jr., P/IF
2A WIC player of the year returns



Softball
Brooklyn Roadenbaugh, so., P
Returns as starter in the circle

Roster information for the 2024 golf and track & field teams has not yet been provided

This week's schedule

Baseball
Varsity
Friday, March 15, home vs. Firth, 5 p.m.
Junior varsity
Friday, March 15, home vs. Firth, 3 p.m.

Softball
Varsity
Wednesday, March 13, home vs. Parma, 5 p.m.
Saturday, March 16, home vs. Fruitland, 2 p.m.

Track and field
Friday, March 15 at Melba Ice Breaker, 3:30 p.m.
Golf
Boys and girls
Tuesday, March 19 at 2A Western Idaho Conference meet, Falcon Crest GC, Kuna, 10 a.m.



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Looking back...

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25 years ago

March 17, 1999



Homedale High School’s MVPs ...

Eddy “One Show” Nelson shows his most valuable player trophy with his opponent from the faculty team, Jason “Round Mound Rebound” Cagle, at last week’s faculty vs. seniors’ basketball game in Homedale.

County agent Chad Gibson to retire

Owyhee County Extension Office Agent Chad Gibson will retire this year after 17 years of service with the Owyhee County office.

“I have other interests I would like to pursue,” Gibson said. “The University offered me a buy-out program which helped with my decision. I have some family obligations that I also want to pursue.”

Gibson was born in Payette, Idaho in 1944 and he grew up on a cattle ranch near Midvale. He graduated from Midvale High School in 1961. Gibson went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in animal science at the University of Idaho in 1965. In 1967 Gibson accepted a Fellowship at the University of Nevada Reno and earned a Master of Science degree in general animal science. Gibson again enrolled at the University of Idaho in 1994 and completed his Ph.D. in range management.

Gibson began his career in Extension in 1967 as the Assistant County Agent in Elko County, Nevada. He was stationed on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation.

Former pro pitcher to coach Husky baseball

The Marsing Huskies baseball team will spend their season being coached by a retired professional baseball player. George “Joe” Decker, formerly a pitcher for the Seattle Mariners, will coach the Husky team for the 1999 season.

“We think he is great,” Scott Young the catcher for the Husky team said. “We have only had a couple of practices with him so far, but he has already shown us some new ideas we can use.”

Decker graduated from high school in Petaluma, Calif. and attended college in 1965 at Arizona State. In 1969, Decker joined the Treasure Valley Cubs in Caldwell. In 1973 he joined the Minnesota Twins where he pitched his best season in 1974. He pitched for nine years in the major leagues including tenures with the Cubs, the Twins and the Mariners.

Decker moved to Boise in 1986 to work as a pitching coach for the Boise Hawks’ inaugural season.

Decker lives in Boise with his wife, Rosie.

“I found out about the position from my wife’s friend, Sue Showalter,” Decker said.

50 years ago

March 13, 1974



CONSTRUCTION of the new Senior Citizens Center is underway following groundbreaking ceremonies held March 1 at the site, corner of Idaho Avenue and 3rd Street West in Homedale. Participating were, from left, Mayor George Murray; Key Pell, Boise, head of the Idaho Office on Aging; Peter Tomasino, co-designer of the Center; Mrs. Ethel Woodburn, president of Homedale Senior Citizens; Mrs. Rhoda McWaters, director; Dave Phelps, chairman, Owyhee County Commissioners, and Sam Vance, chairman of the building fund. Photo by Bette Uda

Succor Crik Sam Sez:

“I ain’t in favor of damin’ the Bruneau river, but I done it plenty on a raft trip down the canyon several years ago.”



Tolmie takes oath as school board member

All trustees were present at the school board meeting Monday night.

Visitors were Lillian Schwab and daughter, Sharon Horn, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Vanderhoff and son Mark; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bahem and son Kenny, Nancy Ash, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Elordi, Sharon Frost and Paul Thatcher.

Minutes were read and approved. Harold Tolmie was given the trustee’s oath of office. Bills were paid amounting to \$15,486.32.

Roy Kubosumi gave a report on COSSA. He said COSSA has purchased seven acres of land at Wilder, adjacent to the high school football field for a proposed new building.

Homedale C of C to install officers

Officers and directors of the Homedale Chamber of Commerce will be installed at a banquet Friday.

The banquet will be held at the Tango with a social hour beginning at 6:30. Special guest speaker for the program will be Ken Stearns of Boise, administrative assistant to Lloyd Howe, director of the Idaho Department of Commerce and Development.

Norbert Heying is serving as general chairman with Homer Anderson as master of ceremonies for the evening. Other committeemen include: Hal Tolmie, dinner arrangements and place; Monte Kirstine and Verdis Wilson, social hour; Homer Anderson, securing a speaker; and Mrs. Elinor Ballinger, making the introductions.

Officers to be installed are Jerry Shipley, president for a second term; Gordon Cahill, vice president for a second term; and the following members of the board of directors for a two-year term: Paul Bull, Mrs. Elinor Ballinger; one-year term: Monte Kirstine, Jon Heitzman, and Norbert Heying. Holdover directors are Jerry Shipley, Gordon Cahill, Hal Tolmie and

153 years ago

March 11, 1871

FATHER POULIN’S CONCERT.—Father Poulin’s concert will take place at Hill’s Hall next Friday evening, St. Patrick’s Day, commencing at half past seven o’clock. A number of ladies and gentlemen will assist the reverend gentleman in the performance, which will consist of choice selections of both vocal and instrumental music. Father Poulin is an accomplished musician, and we have no hesitation in saying that it will be the best musical entertainment ever enjoyed by the people of Owyhee. After the concert there will be a dance for which an additional fee will be charged to those who participate The performance will also be reproduced at Fairview, probably next Saturday night. Admission tickets will be printed and ready for distribution to-morrow evening. A crowded house is anticipated.

ANOTHER INCORPORATION.—Last week there was filed in the office of the Secretary of the State of California the certificate of incorporation of the Minnesota Gold and Silver Mining Company, organized to carry on the business of mining in the county of Owyhee, Idaho Territory. Capital, \$2,000,000 in shares of \$100 each. The principal place of business will be in San Francisco. Trustees: Wm. M. Lent, George S. Dodge, George D. Roberts, George Hearst, and J.W. Gashwiler.

THE AVALANCHE IN NEW YORK.—A complete file of the AVALANCHE may always be found at the offices of Geo. F. Rowell & Co., advertising agents, 440 and 41 Park Row, New York, who are authorized to represent us in that city.

AN AVALANCHE.—Last Monday an avalanche occurred on the east side of Florida Mountain. A huge mass of snow gave way and, coming in contact with a high bluff of rocks, was divided into two branches, one of which came half way down the gulch back of the Ida Elmore mill, the other down the gulch to the Chinese hydraulic diggings a short distance below town. Fortunately no damage was done, although the latter branch passed within twenty feet of Mat. Fife’s residence — a narrow escape. It tore up the ground, taking rocks, sagebrush and willows with it in its course. If it had struck Silver City, the town would have been knocked into a “cocked hat.”

ANOTHER MINING WAR.—Last Sunday morning a party consisting of some half a dozen armed men took possession of the Mahogany mine. What action the Company in San Francisco will take, when they come to hear of it, of course cannot now be told. At present there is no Superintendent here, nor any one else to attend to the matter. The jumpers claim that they are the *bona fide* owners of the mine, having bonded it to L. W. Greenwell, who would neither pay the money specified in the bond, nor give up the ground. The affair, unless compromised, will probably terminate in a protracted and expensive lawsuit.

Local Hints and Happenings.

To give a man a hard name, call him a brick.
P. C. Adams is now teaching the District School.
The Cosmos mill started up again yesterday on Chariot ore.
G. W. Grayson went to San Francisco this week

Commentary

Keeping kids fed, healthy
You can help feed kids during summer

While the recent weather reminds us that we’re still in winter, the warmth of summer will be upon us before we know it. For many of us, that means backyard cookouts and fresh produce from the garden.

But for some Idaho children, summers can mean a lack of food. When they’re dismissed from class on the last day of school, students lose access to regular lunchroom meals. In some cases, these school day vitamins and nutrients are their most reliable source of nutrition.

To address this need, the Idaho Department of Education organizes a statewide Summer Food Service Program that provides free meals, Monday through Friday, in communities determined by need. Kids up to the age of 18 can show up for a nutritious meal, no questions asked. Site sponsors keep a tally of meals served and are reimbursed with U.S. Department of Agriculture funds. The program started in 1975 as a means of supplementing a student’s summer food access. It’s 100 percent optional, and no names or other information is collected from the children or their families.

Historically, the program has been best suited for students in cities and towns. They could easily access

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Debbie Critchfield
Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction

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.



Denise Dixon
Executive director, Idaho Hunger Relief Task Force

Dixon is the former president of the Homedale Farmers Market.

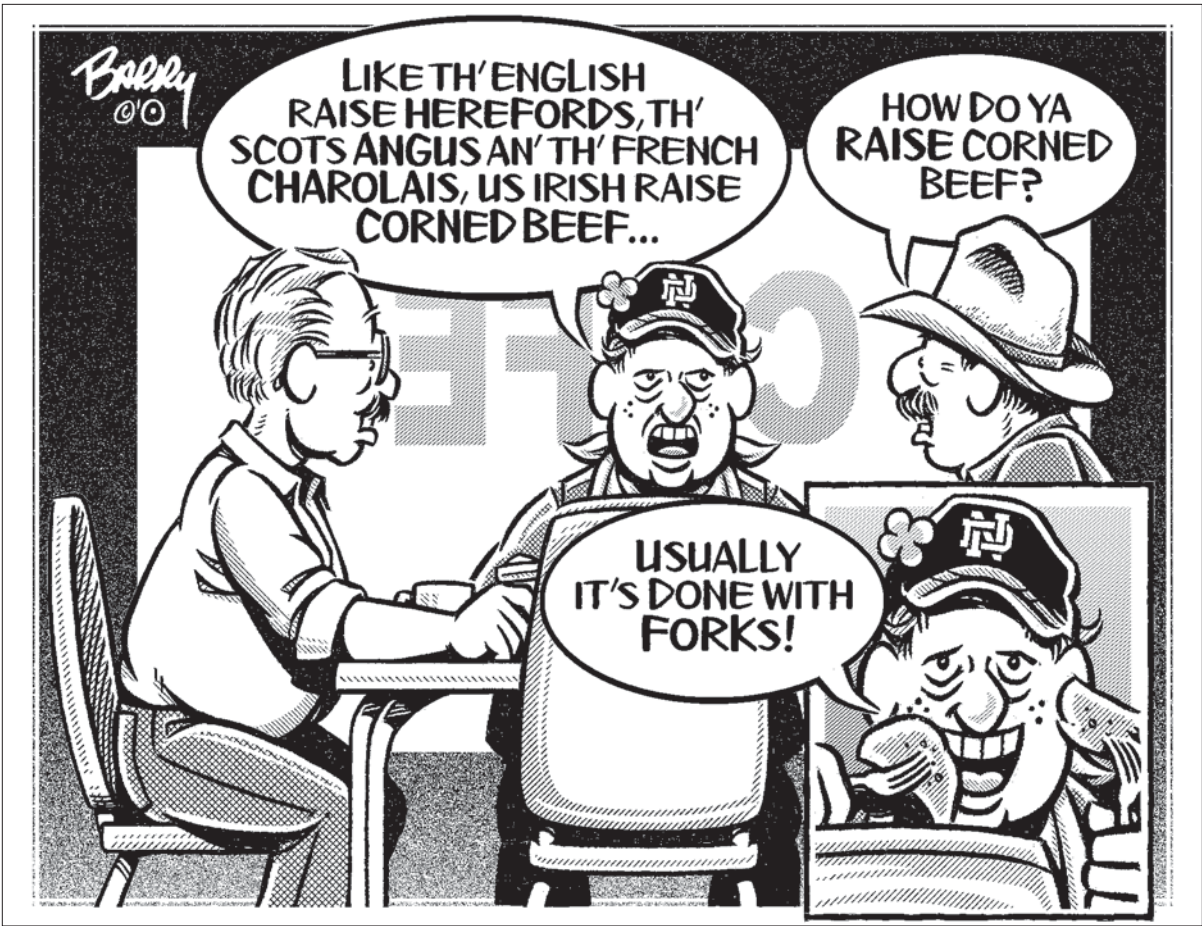
According to its website, the Idaho Hunger Relief Task Force collaborates to leverage policy change and inspire social change to eradicate hunger through the state.

Board members are sought. Donations to fight hunger in Idaho can be made through the organization’s website.

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JP Doodles



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

From Washington
We must do more to address suicide in Idaho and across U.S.

As participants in the decisions made in Congress, Idahoans contact me regularly with valuable input about the issues our country faces. One of the issues Idahoans have periodically contacted me about is addressing the high rates of suicide. The following is my response:

I agree we must do more to address the prevalence of suicide across Idaho and the United States and welcome this opportunity to respond.

On July 16, 2020, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) designated 988 as a new short, three-digit dialing code for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The FCC’s action follows the 2018 enactment of legislation commissioning the FCC to study the feasibility and usefulness of a three-digit suicide hotline. The FCC reported that moving to an easy-to-remember, three-digit hotline would make it simpler for Americans in crisis to access the help they need and decrease the stigma surrounding suicide and mental health issues.

As part of this effort, on May 13, 2020, the Senate amended and unanimously passed legislation I co-sponsored to require the FCC’s designation of 988 as the universal national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline. In passing the legislation, the Senate recognized, “To prevent future suicides, it is critical to transition the cumbersome, existing 10-digit National Suicide Hotline to a universal, easy-to-remember, 3-digit phone number and connect people in crisis with

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life-saving resources.” The bill was signed into law on Oct. 17, 2020. Effective July 16, 2022, the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline was made available to all landline and cellphone users.

— See Suicide, Page 17

Commentary

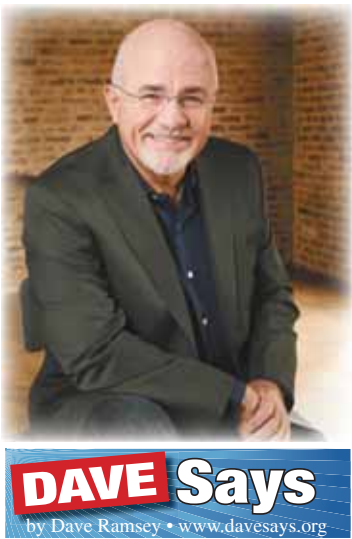
Financial management Focus and a budget will help you control money

Dear Dave,
I'm trying to work my way out of debt, but it seems like something always happens to stall things or knock me backwards. I make \$55,000 a year, I'm single and I have \$15,000 in debt, along with a mortgage payment of \$1,224 a month. I've been trying to live on a budget, but I'm still not sure where all my money goes. Can you help?

— **Lindley**

Dear Lindley,
I know living on a budget can be hard at first. And honestly, it usually takes folks who are new to doing it about three or four months of practice before they start getting it right and

seeing the results.
For starters, your house payment is a little heavy for someone making \$55,000 a year. I generally recommend keeping your mortgage or rent payment at about 25 percent of your take-home pay. Sometimes you can slide by paying a little more, but in those cases, you'd really have to be on top of your finances. So, the biggest thing you can do right now is take control of your money, instead of letting it — or a lack of it — control you. And the best way to make all this happen is by consistently living on a realistic, written monthly budget.
Once you start doing this, you've taken your first big step



toward having a real gameplan for your money. At that point, the idea of trying to live on a budget ends, and the fact that you are living on a budget,

and telling your money what to do — instead of a lack of it dictating what you can do — becomes more of a reality.
Remember the Star Wars movie “The Empire Strikes Back”? At one point during Luke’s training, Yoda tells him, “Do, or do not. There is no try.” In a larger sense, Yoda is urging Luke to focus and work harder, instead of continuing with half-hearted attempts and giving up easily. If you want to accomplish a difficult task, Lindley, you have to throw yourself into it completely. You must fully commit, and stop making excuses. You have to focus, and fight to make it happen.
It's not fun waking up broke

at the end of every pay period. We both know this. So, put your head down and get your mind in gear. Make. This. Happen.
You can do it!
— **Dave**

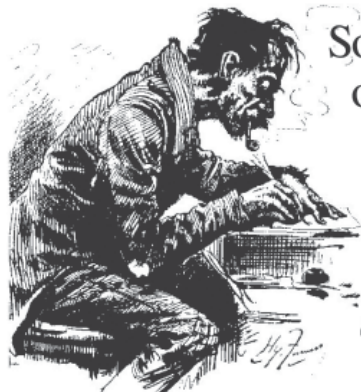
— *Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and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

✓ Summer: New option for summer meals will send food home for an entire week if wanted

From Page 16
the meals at their local libraries, a church parking lot or a city park. Kids last summer could access the meals at more than 230 locations across Idaho. That will be the case again this year, but the program is also adapting to allow for more participation in rural areas.
This summer, sponsors in rural communities will have the option of offering a week’s worth of food all at once. This means students and their parents can show up once and receive enough food to benefit the child throughout the week. This option means rural students who can’t get to town every day can still benefit from the program.
It also means we want to increase sponsor participation in these areas. While we’re always looking for new sponsors to grow the program’s reach and feed more students anywhere, our organizations are especially focused on cultivating more sponsors in rural Idaho. Sponsors can include public or private nonprofit schools, local nonprofits, churches, cities and camps. Training for sponsors is required and will be provided by the Idaho Department of Education in the coming weeks.

We’ve all heard the saying that it takes a village to raise a child. This is a perfect opportunity for organizations that understand the need to step forward and help some of the most vulnerable members of their communities. Helping feed Idaho students while they’re away from their school lunchrooms ensures that they can come back to school nourished, energized and prepared to learn.
The Summer Food Service Program is a practical way to invest in their education and keep our communities healthy. And, whether our sponsors are serving a single meal or helping students with a week’s worth of nutrition, they make themselves pivotal to the success of our young people.
To learn more, please visit <https://sde.idaho.gov/cnp/sfsp/index.html>.
We hope you’ll consider taking part.

— *March is National Nutrition Month. Republican Debbie Critchfield is in her first term as Idaho’s Superintendent of Public Instruction. Denise Dixon, formerly president of the Homedale Farmers Market, is executive director of the Idaho Hunger Relief Task Force.*



Something on your mind?

We welcome letters to the editor

Election letters

The Owyhee Avalanche will accept letters to the editor pertaining to the May 21 primary elections for county, state and federal offices until noon on Friday, May 10.

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

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

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

✓ Suicide: More work being done to make 9-8-8 more efficient hotline

From Page 16
While the initial implementation has been a success, local hotline centers have noted that using a caller’s area code has meant that those out of their home state experiencing crises are not directed to local resources. This is why I am a co-sponsor of S. 3444, the Local 9-8-8 Response Act. This ensures that calls within a particular state are directed to the local 988 response center through geofencing, giving people access to the resources closest to them.

Realizing many Idahoans may not have the chance to contact me, I post information about various issues of importance on my website at <http://crapo.senate.gov> as well as news releases, information about

accessing my Facebook and YouTube pages and following me on Twitter and Instagram. Resources to assist Idahoans who need help with federal agencies and how to contact me are also on the website and as follows:

- **Boise** — 251 E. Front St., Ste. 205, Boise ID, 83702, Phone: (208) 334-1776, Fax: (208) 334-9044
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- **Washington, D.C.** — 239 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20510, Phone: (202) 224-6142, Fax: (202) 228-1375

The messages you send me help shape my approach on a number of important matters. Please continue to contact me and share your thoughts and ideas.

— *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 he has served 31 years in the U.S. Congress. Prior to that, he served eight years in the Idaho State Senate.*

Felon arrested near GV

OCSO truck hits cow on Idaho 51

A Nampa man facing dozens of charges, including felony drug counts, has been released on his own recognizance.

John H. Perry, 36, was arrested at the Jacks Creek sportsman’s access near Grand View after a traffic stop last Wednesday.

Acting on information from the Bureau of Indian Affairs out of the Shoshone-Paiute Duck Valley Reservation, an Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy followed Perry’s vehicle for several miles on Idaho highway 51 before making the stop at milepost 73 on Idaho 78.

Perry was pulled over after committing a traffic infraction, Sheriff Larry Kendrick said. The sheriff added the deputy had information from BIA that Perry was traveling from the reservation with guns and drugs in his vehicle.

The deputy found drugs in plain sight upon approaching the vehicle, Kendrick said.

An OCSO press release reported Perry faces 28 charges. The court filing on the Idaho case repository lists felony counts of unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and methamphetamine possession. Misdemeanor charges include marijuana possession, drug paraphernalia possession, and possession of an open alcoholic container in a vehicle.

Facing several criminal counts, Perry made his initial appearance before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington on Thursday, according to the Idaho court case repository. He is due back in court for a preliminary hearing at 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, March 26.

— JPB

An Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy was bruised but not seriously injured when his vehicle collided with a cow while responding to an agency assist call in southern Owyhee County.

Sheriff Larry Kendrick said Deputy Jake Smith was en route on Idaho highway 51 to investigate a hit-and-run accident involving a Bureau of Indian Affairs vehicle on the Idaho side of the Shoshone-Paiute Duck Valley Reservation.

Kendrick said the 2019 Ford F-150 Smith was driving suffered extensive damage and the black Angus cow died in the collision at milepost 57 on Idaho 51 at about 9 p.m., on Saturday.

Smith was struck when the airbag deployed, Kendrick said.

Idaho State Police wound up investigating the BIA incident, Kendrick said.

— JPB

Election initiative signatures sought

Volunteers will gather signatures Friday in Homedale and Marsing to support an initiative to change Idaho election law.

Signatures are sought for a petition to get a ballot initiative before voters that, if passed, would create one open, non-partisan primary election with ranked choice voting. With enough signatures, the initiative would appear on the Nov. 5 ballot.

Volunteers will accept signatures from Owyhee County residents who are registered voters from 10 a.m., to noon at The Eddy on Main Street in Marsing and from 2 p.m., to 4 p.m., at the Moxie Java Bistro at the corner of Industrial Road and U.S. Highway 95 in Homedale.

For more information, call (208) 250-2458.

Public notices

**NOTICE OF PENDING
ISSUE OF TAX DEED**
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, AS FOLLOWS: That a delinquent entry was entered as of January 1, 2020, in the records of the County Treasurer as Tax Collector of Owyhee County, State of Idaho, for the following properties:

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Jesus S & Maria G Berrospe
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Marsing, ID 83639
Property known as Lots 13-15 Block 1 Moler Addition 33 3N 4W, or more commonly known as 911 Franklin St, City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho
Tax: \$507.56
Late Charge: \$ 10.16
Interest: \$266.72
Costs: \$248.00**
TOTAL \$1,032.44

Parcel RP009200010070
Robert J Miller
5791 Johnstone Rd
Homedale, ID 83628
Property known as Lot 7 Block 1 Canyon Estates Sub 5 2N 5W, or more commonly known as 5791 Johnstone RD, Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho
Tax: \$924.44
Late Charge: \$ 18.48
Interest: \$485.78
Costs: \$248.00**
TOTAL \$1,676.70

Parcel RP02N04W210175
Devin Santoro
7443 Trap Shoot Rd
Marsing, ID 83639
Property known as Tax 6 21 2N 4W, or more commonly known as 7443 Trap Shoot Rd, Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho
Tax: \$1,117.22
Late Charge: \$ 22.35
Interest: \$ 587.09
Costs: \$ 248.00**
TOTAL \$1,974.66

Parcel RPA0040002004A
David C Ward JR
109 S 7th St W
Homedale, ID 83628
Property known as Lot 4 Less the N 80’ Block 2 & Adj N 10’ of vacated alley Shults Addition, or more commonly known as 109 S 7th St, City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho

Tax: \$ 439.54
Late Charge: \$ 8.80
Interest: \$ 230.98
Costs: \$ 248.00**
TOTAL \$ 927.32

**Pursuant to Idaho Code §63-1005 (3), amounts will increase as additional cost and fees in the tax deed process are added.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that if said delinquent entry is not redeemed on or before April 15, 2024, by payment of said unpaid taxes together with late charge, interest and all unpaid costs and expenses up to the date of said payment at my office as Tax Collector, Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, ID, I shall thereupon, as required by law, make application to the Board of County Commissioners of Owyhee County, State of Idaho, for a hearing to be held on May 6, 2024, or as soon thereafter as said application can be heard at the **Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, Idaho**, for tax deed conveying the above described property to **OWYHEE COUNTY**, State of Idaho, absolute title, free of all encumbrances, except any lien for taxes which may have attached subsequently to the assessment hereinafter referred to. **YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED**, that the record owner or owners or any party of interest as defined by §63-1005, Idaho Code, may appear in person or by counsel, and if appearing, shall have adequate opportunity to be heard for the purpose of protesting the procedures used in taking this tax deed. **NO OTHER TYPE OF PROTEST WILL BE HEARD. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED**, that inquiries and objections concerning this notice of the information contained therein shall be directed to the **OWYHEE COUNTY TREASURER** at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650; or by calling (208) 495-1158 no later than five (5) working days before the hearing date. 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27

Dated this 1st day of March 2024.

Annette Dygert
COUNTY TREASURER
and EX-OFFICIO TAX COLLECTOR FOR OWYHEE

COUNTY, IDAHO
03/06,13,20,27/2024

**SUMMARY OF
CITY OF HOMEDALE
ORDINANCE NO. 442**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE AMENDING TITLE 17, CHAPTER 72, SECTION 090 OF THE HOMEDALE CITY CODE “ANNEXATION”; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SUMMARY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. §§ 67-6501 et seq. and I.C. §§ 50-302 cities are empowered to make all such land use ordinances by and through its proprietary and police powers; and A summary of the principal provisions of Ordinance No. 442 of the City of Homedale,

Owyhee County, Idaho, adopted on February 14, 2024, is as follows:

Section 1. Enacts a new Title 17, Chapter 72, Section 90 of the Homedale City Code providing a process for the annexation of land into the City of Homedale including providing for the utilization of annexation agreements, an adoption process, and application procedures.

Section 2. Declares all conflicting ordinances, resolutions, orders, or parts thereof as void.

Section 3. Provides that the ordinance shall be effective upon its passage and proclamation of the Mayor with publication via posted notice at City Hall.

Section 4. Provides for that the required three readings rule and by title only be dispensed with.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Homedale, Idaho, this 14th day of February, 2024.

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Homedale, Idaho, this 14th day of February, 2024.

CITY OF HOMEDALE
Owyhee County, Idaho
/s/:Gheen Christoffersen

ATTEST:
/s/:Alice Pegram, City Clerk
03/13/2024

**SUMMARY OF
CITY OF HOMEDALE
ORDINANCE NO. 443**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE AMENDING TITLE 16, CHAPTER 20 OF THE HOMEDALE CITY CODE BY ENACTING A NEW 16.20.040 “DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS” AND 16.20.050 “LATECOMER’S AGREEMENTS”; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SUMMARY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A summary of the principal provisions of Ordinance No. 443 of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, adopted on February 14, 2024, is as follows:

Section 1. Enacts a new 16.20.040 providing for the utilization of developments agreements including its purpose, criteria, application procedures, commitments, approval processes, compliance, modification, termination, and enforcement of developments agreements.

Section 2. Enacts a new 16.20.050 providing for the utilization of latecomer’s agreements providing definitions, identifying types of improvements subject to reimbursement, eligible property for inclusion, the basis for reimbursement, reimbursement terms, collection process, an independent contract process, and an appeals process.

Section 3. Declares all conflicting ordinances, resolutions, orders, or parts thereof as void.

Section 4. Provides that the ordinance shall be effective upon its passage and proclamation of the Mayor with publication via posted notice at City Hall.

Section 5. Provides for that the required three readings rule and by title only be dispensed with.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Homedale, Idaho, this 14th day of February, 2024.

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Homedale, Idaho, this 14th day of February, 2024.

CITY OF HOMEDALE
Owyhee County, Idaho
/s/:Gheen Christoffersen
Mayor

ATTEST:
/s/:Alice Pegram, City Clerk
03/13/2024

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL
MEETING**

The Marsing Ambulance Service Board of Directors will hold its annual meeting, following the regular monthly meeting, as designated below. By-laws and board assignments will be reviewed. Taxpayers and residents of Marsing Ambulance District are invited to attend.

DATE: Thursday, March 21, 2024
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Marsing Fire Hall
03/6,13,20/2024

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED
CHANGE OF WATER
RIGHT**
TRANSFER NO. 88711

ACE BLACK RANCHES LLP, 28892 HOT SPRINGS RD, BRUNEAU, ID 83604-5007 has filed Application No. 88711 for changes to the following water rights within OWYHEE County(s): Right No(s). 51-10252, 51-27B, 51-28B, 51-29B, 51-30; to see a full description of these rights and the proposed transfer, please see <https://research.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/waterrights/querynewtransfers>. The purpose of the transfer is to change a portion of the above rights as follows:

to expand the permissible place of use for the involved water rights to include an additional 80 acres. The expansion to the ppu is located in NWNE and NENE Section 31, T06S, R06E, approximately a mile south of Bruneau Idaho.

For additional information concerning the property location, contact the Western Region office at (208)334-2190. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-222. Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 W AIRPORT WAY, BOISE ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 3/25/2024. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

MATHEW WEAVER,
Director
03/06,13/2024



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✓ Marsing: Principal, coach has won accolades for both sides of his job

“The main reason for the move is that this position and building has a vision, academic rigor and personal accountability measure that will challenge me to be a better administrator and leader,” the veteran administrator and basketball coach said.

“I love to prepare and face challenges — whether on the court or in my profession. However, accepting the job was the most difficult decision my family and I had to make during my 25-plus years in education.”

The four remaining Marsing School District trustees accepted Little’s resignation during their February meeting.

Little won’t coach basketball next year, the first season in some time since he hasn’t stalked the hardwood sideline.

“My 15 years in Marsing as a

teacher, AD, high school principal, elementary principal and basketball coach has been a taxing adventure that I would not replace for anything,” Little said.

“I have no idea what the future holds for me regarding coaching, but I thank all the players, students and coaches for the great memories, sleepless nights, game sheets, camaradery, and friendships.”

He started his high school coaching career in 1995 when he accepted a junior varsity position in La Grande, Ore. He coached JV basketball and



Tim Little

taught in Sweet Home, Ore., from 1997 to 2002.

Little began his Marsing stint as a coach and administrator in 2009 when he accepted the athletic director job and began coaching girls’ basketball.

During Little’s five years as coach, the Marsing girls visited the 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament three times. The squad won three consecutive 2A Western Idaho Conference titles in 2012, 2013 and 2014, beginning that run after capturing the 2A District III championship in 2011.

The Huskies won two of eight state tournament games during Little’s tenure.

Little switched to lead the Marsing boys in the 2014-15 season. The Huskies went 1-2 in the 2019 state tournament and played Wendell in the

2016 state tournament play-in game. Little and his Marsing charges won the 2A WIC title in 2020.

Little compiled an 185-189 win-loss record while coaching Marsing varsity teams.

He is eight games short of coaching 500 contests in his career and has amassed a 243-249 record.

“Nothing spectacular in regards to winning percentage, but I took pride in trying to create basketball programs that focused on being as competitive as possible, fostering a culture of hard work and positivity, resilience and displaying high levels of sportsmanship at all times,” Little said.

His peers took note.

“Although on the court we faced our share of challenges, other coaches in our league and

around the state gave Marsing respect — no matter where we were placed within the standings,” Little said.

“These program values were increased exponentially when Coach (Daryl) Lemos agreed to join me in 2016. The boys’ program reached its peak in developing a legacy of positivity, character and hard work once Coach Lemos was added. He was truly the foundation of the program’s culture.”

Little received seven coach of the year awards in his career, including the Idaho State Distinguished Coach of the Year, and the AFLAC national assistant coach of the year award.

As an administrator, he was honored with the Idaho State Secondary Principal of the Year Award for his work at Marsing. — JPB

✓ Identified: Pursuit with OCSO deputy led to felony arrest warrant

portion of the Duck Valley Reservation north into Owyhee County.

Idaho State Police, which is investigating the incident, reported that officers fired their weapons after Whiterock ran

from his vehicle.

According to the Idaho courts repository, Whiterock was wanted on a \$100,000 bond set in February for a felony charge of eluding law enforcement in a vehicle and

misdeemeanor resisting arrest or obstructing officers. The charges were filed in Third District Court stemming from a late December incident.

Owyhee County Sheriff Larry Kendrick said a deputy tried to stop Whiterock on Dec. 27 after he allegedly ran a stop sign at the Idaho 51-78 junction. Whiterock was driving a BMW coupe eastbound on

Idaho 78.

The deputy found Whiterock stopped on the side of the highway, Kendrick said. After the man gave the deputy his driver’s license for identification, Whiterock flipped a U-turn and headed south on Idaho 51 from the Loveridge Bridge at milepost 71. A pursuit ensued and reached speeds of 80 mph before Whiterock outran

the deputy’s patrol truck near milepost 45, the sheriff said.

Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington dismissed the charges March 5 after Whiterock’s death.

The ISP investigation will attempt to determine if Whiterock threatened officers, if he was armed and why deadly force was necessary. — JPB



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