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Homedale may have a farmers market after all

Park event may return; Snake River Country Market ready to go

The Snake River Country Market is gearing up for another summer at London Park in Marsing.

Once believed to be out in the cold

for a 2024 summer event, Homedale may yet have a farmers market at Bette Uda City Park, too.

Even with vendor applications still available, Snake River Country Market director Megan Poole already has a large contingent of vendors on board.

"In just the first round of applications, which opened Feb. 15, we've had over 140 booths sign up," she said. "We

have several returning business signed up and lots of new vendors as well."

After three weeks of registration, Poole had 35 percent of the market vending capacity filled.

There is still nearly a month before the first market on Saturday, May 4 at London Park in Marsing.

"I am very hopeful that we will be able to fill our roster and reach my

goal of having over 35 booths at every market," Poole said.

The market will run from 11 a.m., to 3 p.m., on two Saturdays each month between May and October.

It once appeared that — in regards to the Homedale-Marsing area — the Snake River Country Market is the only

— See **Market**, page 3

Agencies undergo lawman shuffle

HPD officer joins OCSO, another leaving for Adams County

Two officers have decided to leave the Homedale Police Department.

Owyhee County commissioners approved the sheriff's office hiring of Justin Herman as a patrol deputy.

Herman previously worked at HPD. He'll make \$24 per hour with the sheriff's office, and his employment began Monday.

Herman had worked as a part-time detention deputy in the county jail since November 2021.

Less than a month before Herman's departure, Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller honored Officer Andrew Arnold agreed to work part-time at HPD as he transitions into his new job as an Adams County Sheriff's deputy.

Eidemiller presented Arnold with a plaque of appreciation during the March 13 city council meeting.

"He has done a fantastic job. Never was a duty shirked,

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Homedale Senior Center coordinator Melissa Sorlien hopes to find advertising and a volunteer driver to help put the new bus to use in the most comprehensive way possible.

Homedale Sr. Center fueled by donations, volunteers

Donated bus gets non-profit moving

Homedale Senior Center patrons may have a new transportation option soon.

Center coordinator Melissa Sorlien is looking for local businesses interested in sponsorships on a bus recently received from the Weiser Senior Center.

Sorlien hopes to secure generous sponsorships to display as a vinyl wrap on the windows and panels of the 2012 Ford F350 12-passenger bus.

"I will be looking to sell the advertising spots to help cover the insurance and main-

tenance costs," Sorlien said. "I'm hoping as soon as I get it back I can start transporting people to and from the center. Even if Weiser info is on it."

The bus was back in town last week. Sorlien wants to use it initially to bring homebound folks to the senior center for congregate luncheons as well as the entertainment and exercise programs.

Seniors 65 and older and disabled persons of any age are eligible to use the bus. The senior center is registering riders for the program now.

Sorlien will serve as the bus driver for

— See **Volunteers**, page 2

BOCC pockets draft RV ordinance

Issue still being considered

County commissioners voted down the proposed recreational vehicle ordinance, but didn't put an end to the years-long debate.

Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi (R-Homedale) dissented when his colleagues — Dist. 1 Commissioner and

— See **RV**, back page

NOCWMA offers free herbicide Saturday

The annual Northwest Owyhee County Weed Management Area spray day will be held later this month.

NOCWA officials will provide free herbicide to battle puncturevine, a k a goatheads.

The spray day will be held at 9 a.m., on Saturday, in the U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center parking lot, 250

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Population explosion strains EMS response

Police chief wants people prepared to help during medical crisis

Being prepared for a medical emergency has been a hot topic in Owyhee County lately.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller broached the subject at last month’s Chamber of Commerce luncheon, and classes are planned in Homedale and Marsing to ensure that ordinary citizens are ready to help if a fellow community member encounters a health crisis.

Eidemiller spoke about community members looking out for one another during his keynote address at the Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon on March 26 at the Bowling Alley restaurant.

“We’re getting more and more calls at businesses for medical emergencies,” the veteran Homedale lawman said.

“I’d like to see more of a focus that makes sure employees are prepared for medical emergencies.”

Eidemiller offered his expertise as a certified CPR instructor, but he also

urged business leaders to consider obtaining doses of NARCAN to deploy against suspected drug overdoses.

Among training employees could undergo is knowing how to administer NARCAN and also operate an automated external defibrillator (AED).

“My goal is that everyone sitting around this table could handle a medical emergency if they have to,” Eidemiller said during the Chamber meeting.

The increase in medical calls handled by Homedale Ambulance triggers a need for folks to know basic medical response in case both ambulances are in service and can’t make it to a third call.

Eidemiller said time is of the essence when someone is suffering a cardiac event. Treatment must begin within six minutes to avoid catastrophic consequences.

“As busy as our town is getting, and as taxed as our emergency services are, what worries me is someone

won’t have enough time if they have a medical emergency,” he said.

The idea is to have community members properly prepared to help a person in distress until emergency medical personnel can arrive.

On the CPR front, Eidemiller said he’d be willing to teach a CPR class — and include AED training — if he could a group of between six and eight people.

He warned that doses of the OD-reversal drug NARCAN are no longer available for free, but they can be obtained at pharmacies.

Youth to learn CPR, First Aid

Homedale Ambulance emergency medical technicians (EMTs), of which Eidemiller is one, will teach a CPR and First Aid class for youths ages 10 to high school age during a Teens & Tweens session from 5 p.m., to 6 p.m., on Thursday, April 25 at the Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The Teens & Tweens program is part of the offerings at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library.

CERT plans Marsing class

A disaster medical response class will be held later this month in Marsing.

The Marsing Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will provide the instruction from 10 a.m., to 6 p.m., on Saturday, April 20 at the Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St.

A potluck will be held, too.

During the class, participants will learn how to:

- Identify life-threatening conditions resulting from trauma such as severe bleeding, low body temperature and airway blockage
- Apply correct lifesaving techniques
- Provide basic first aid for non-life-threatening injuries

Pre-register by emailing disaster911@juno.com.

Participants must bring class material that can be printed by visiting https://fema-community-files.s3.amazonaws.com/CERT-Basic/CERT+Basic_Unit+3+Participant+Manual_English.pdf

— JPB

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✓ Volunteers: Coordinator seeks sponsorships, driver for new bus

now, but she’s looking for a volunteer to take the wheel. Once a volunteer driver gives the bus program more flexibility, out-of-town trips could be possible, she said.

The Elderly Opportunity Agency donated the bus to Homedale, and Sorlien would like to replace the Weiser-related advertising decals with advertisements from local businesses from Homedale, Marsing, and Wilder.

“We are also accepting bids for the decal work,” Sorlien wrote in a flier to help drum up support for the bus project.

The EOA took possession of the bus to fix a “small electrical

problem,” Sorlien said.

“I plan to use the bus as soon as it is returned in proper working order,” Sorlien said.

Once Sorlien secures a volunteer driver, the bus will transport patrons to other senior centers, shopping centers, the zoo, and more. She envisions a program that would allow seniors to take their grandchildren on short day trips.

The senior center used to have a bus, but the transportation service ceased when a driver couldn’t be found.

Sorlien is always looking for volunteers. She said the senior center receives a credit of \$27.79 for every hour of volun-

teer work. Volunteers’ community service also helps expand the center’s bottom line.

“I have to have volunteers to get more grants,” she said.

Sorlien encourages volunteerism from anyone, but also appreciates folks with specific skills, such as a bus driver or, most importantly, a grant writer.

She would like to find someone to work part-time in the afternoons to re-organize the thrift store once shoppers are done.

A volunteer from the Owyhee County El-Ada Community Action Partnership office visits the senior center now to pro-

vide bilingual services. Sorlien said that opens the center up to Spanish-speaking Homedale residents.

Lunches are served each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The suggested donation is \$8.

Sorlien said just like the importance of volunteerism, community donations help keep programs humming.

Albertsons donates all the produce for the luncheon salad bar, and the store also provided eggs for the Buckaroo Breakfast series in August.

The Fit and Fall exercise class precedes lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays. With a new instructor, exercise now starts runs from 10 a.m., to 10:50 a.m., which is a change from the old time slot of 10:30 a.m., to 11:30 a.m.

Appointments for foot examinations and ear cleanings

are available beginning at 8 a.m., on the third Tuesday of each month.

Folks can play bingo at 10:30 a.m., each Wednesday. The coffee ladies meet at 9 a.m., each Wednesday.

The thrift store is also open from 10 a.m., to 2 p.m., on the third Saturday of each month.

The senior center’s Meals on Wheels program also provides nutrition for dozens of home-bound folks, and applications are available for others who may qualify but don’t take advantage of the opportunity.

For more information on the bus project or to volunteer for other aspects at the senior center, call the center at (208) 337-3020.

The center is open from 8 a.m., to 1 p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center
Served at noon. Milk, roll/bread available each day
Suggested donation: \$8
April 10: Baked fish, fries, Brussels sprouts
April 11: Beef pot pie, beets, cornbread
April 16: Salisbury steak w/mushrooms and onions, mashed potatoes and gravy, country trio vegetables
April 17: Pasta primavera with ham, Calif. veggies

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)
April 10: Beans and ham, roasted potatoes, Brussels sprouts, cornbread, applesauce
April 12: Roast beef with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, orange
April 15: Pulled BBQ chicken, baked beans, carrots, whole wheat roll, banana

Rimrock Senior Center
All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
April 11: Taco bar (taco vegetables, tortillas), Jello

April 16: Baked ham, mixed vegetables, roll, applesauce, ice cream
April 18: Beef stroganoff, coleslaw, roll, bananas and oranges, 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
April 11: Baked chicken
April 16: Breakfast for lunch

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✓ Market: Woman hopeful of Homedale event to address council tonight

game in town.

Organizers who ran last year's Top Hat Market at Bette Uda City Park in Homedale announced they would not bring the market back.

But, in the wake of the March 26 Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon in which she announced her intention to revive the Homedale marker, Alicia Wages is scheduled to speak with the Homedale City Council today about using Bette Uda City Park for a farmers market.

The city council meeting starts at 6 p.m., today inside the

magistrate courtroom at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Wages is director of the El-Ada Community Action Partnership Owyhee County office, which is located in Homedale.

"We live in a community of farmers and ranchers, so it would be great to get farmers and ranchers out there with a trailer of fresh beef or produce," Homedale Chamber president Leslie Griffith said during the meeting.

Wages and Griffith are looking for folks interested in participating in a rejuvenated

market.

The Snake River Country Market is held at London Park on the corner of 4th Avenue West and Main Street in Marsing.

Vendor fees are \$25 per market for a 10-foot-by-10-foot space or \$50 for a 10x20 space. Trailer vendors and food truck operators will pay \$50 each Saturday.

The first booth payment is due at the time a vendor application is approved, and all payments are due one week before your scheduled markets.

Email snakerivercountrymarket@gmail.com for more information or to get questions answered.

There is a vendor application online at www.snakerivercountrymarket.info. The application includes a list of themed markets that can be chosen, including the planned Dec. 7 Winter Wonderland indoor market, which has an increased vendor fee.

Each market has a theme:

- **May 4** — Cinco de Mayo
- **May 18** — Mini Makers
- **June 1** — Art in the Park
- **June 15** — Vintage Flea Market

- **July 6** — Freedom Festival
- **July 20** — Dog Days Market
- **Aug. 3** — Back to School Bash
- **Aug. 17** — Mindful Moments
- **Sept. 7** — Country Carnival
- **Sept. 21** — Community Yard Sale
- **Oct. 5** — Oktoberfest
- **Oct. 19** — Spooktacular Market

Vendor cancellations require at least one week's notice sent to Poole.

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School menus

Homedale Elementary

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

April 10: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, mixed fruit
Lunch: Orange chicken bowl, mixed vegetables
April 11: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, blueberry muffin, sliced pears
Lunch: Chicken Crispito, buttered corn
April 15: **Breakfast:** Raised donut, string cheese, applesauce
Lunch: Chicken sandwich, crinkle fries
April 16: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk biscuits, country gravy, sausage patty, sliced peaches
Lunch: Mac-n-cheese, seasoned green beans, whole grain roll
April 17: **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 offered daily
Vegetable and fruit choices offered daily

April 10: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, mixed fruit
Lunch: Orange chicken bowl, egg roll, seasoned green beans
April 11: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, orange slices
Lunch: Crisпитos, buttered corn
April 15: **Breakfast:** Raised donut, string cheese, applesauce
Lunch: Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, curly fries
April 16: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk biscuits, country gravy, orange slices
Lunch: Mini corn dogs, mixed vegetables, chocolate chunk cookie
April 17: **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 offered daily
Cereal option, Grab ‘n’ go items each day

April 10: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, Yami yogurt, fruit smoothie
Lunch: Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, Tater Tots
Grab ‘n’ go: Asian chicken crunch wrap
April 11: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich, Yami yogurt, iced coffee
Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, garden salad
Grab ‘n’ go: Southwest chicken salad
April 15: **Breakfast:** Raised donut, Yami yogurt, fruit smoothie
Lunch: Meatball sub, crinkle fries
Grab ‘n’ go: Chicken Caesar wrap

April 16: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk biscuits, sausage patty, country gravy, iced coffee
Lunch: Cheeseburger, Tater Tots, chocolate chunk cookie
Grab ‘n’ go: Turkey bacon sub
April 17: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, fruit smoothie
Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, garden salad
Grab ‘n’ go: Ham and cheese sub

Marsing

Meals include choice of milk, fruit juice,
fresh fruit & vegetables
Elementary each day: Breakfast: Cereal option
Middle/High School each day: PB&J option
Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sand., salad
Hot Grab-n-go line (varies): Ch’burger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sand.; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)

April 10: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, banana
Lunch: French toast sticks, pork sausage patty, hash browns, strawberry cup
Cold Grab-n-go line: Asian chicken crunch wrap
April 11: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, string cheese, mixed fruit
Lunch: Cheeseburger, curly fries
Cold Grab-n-go line: Italian salad
April 15: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, Yami yogurt, sliced apples
Lunch: Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, Tater Tots
Hot Grab-n-go line: BBQ pulled pork sandwich, coleslaw, Tater Tots
April 16: **Breakfast:** Pork sausage patty, biscuit, country gravy, sliced pears
Lunch: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn, roll
Hot Grab-n-go line: Meatball sub, curly fries
April 17: **Breakfast:** French toast bites, Yami yogurt, orange wedges
Lunch: Orange chicken, steamed rice, green beans, spring roll, fortune cookie
Hot Grab-n-go line: BBQ chicken pizza, Tater Tots

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily
April 10: **Breakfast:** Waffle
Lunch: Nachos and whole wheat chips, refried beans/salsa, broccoli
April 11: **Breakfast:** Bagels and cream cheese
Lunch: BBQ pulled pork on a bun, fries, celery sticks
April 15: **Breakfast:** Cereal
Lunch: Macaroni and cheese, tossed romaine salad, broccoli
April 16: **Breakfast:** Pancakes
Lunch: Chili, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll
April 17: **Breakfast:** Mini Cinnabon
Lunch: Chicken taco, tossed romaine salad, refried beans

Correction

A ribbon-cutting caption for the Ahu Café in Marsing misidentified the business owner, James Glenn.

✓NOCWMA

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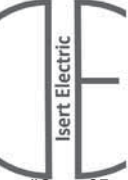
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This fun project will get your children's creative juices flowing, while also helping them think about and recognize positive traits about themselves.

To create each flower, you will need:

- Tape
- Construction paper
- Colored pencils
- And, of course, a place to display their art!

Follow these steps to make the flowers:

Step 1: Cut a large circle from a piece of construction paper.

Step 2: Cut four to eight pieces of construction paper into petal and/or leaf shapes that are wide enough to write on. Encourage the children to be creative with different colors of paper and different shapes!

Step 3: Ask your children to write down things they like about themselves on half of the petals/leaves and things that they are good at on the other half. If they are struggling to come up with ideas, have them ask friends or family members for ideas, or suggest some yourself.



Madi Anderson

Step 4: When the children are done, help them tape each strip to the center of their flower. Instruct them to write their name on the center of their flower and allow them to color or decorate the flower as they wish.

Step 5: When they are finished, hang the flower on your display area of choice, and be sure to point out and celebrate a few of the qualities/skills they wrote down.

Discuss with your children how everyone is unique and has different qualities that make them great, just like different kinds of flowers. Every flower has different colors and petals and scents, just like each child has strengths and traits that make them great.

Activity adapted from: <https://4-h.org/clover/activities/garden-of-greatness/>

For more fun curriculum and activities like this, visit CLOVER at <https://4-h.org/clover/about/>

CLOVER offers free interactive, exciting activities for ages 5-18, created and compiled by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Cooperative Extension.

For more information about Owyhee County 4-H, contact Madi at madisona@uidaho.edu or call (208) 896-4104.

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

Homedale school registration set Friday

Kindergarten and preschool enrollment will be held Friday in Homedale.

Registration for the both Trojans T.O.T.S. preschool and kindergarten will be available from 10 a.m., to 6 p.m., on Friday at the elementary school, 420 W. Washington Ave.

Parents must bring a completed registration form for the 2024-25 school year, an

updated immunization record, Social Security card, current proof of residency (within 30 days), and a valid birth certificate.

For more information on kindergarten registration, call the school at (208) 337-4033.

Call (208) 974-4589 or email Erica Dines at edines@homedaleschools.org for preschool registration.

Preschool space is limited.

Calendar

Today

Foot clinic

8:00 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

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., Alejandra's Mexican Restaurant, 208 Main St., Marsing.

School Talks forum

12:45 p.m., 'Fentanyl Awareness,' Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, 39678 ID-77, Bruneau. Information: <https://www.sd365.us/>

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., Jordan Valley.

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

Marsing City Council meeting

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

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

10:00 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., 'Popcorn Bar & Game Night,' Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Friday

4-H Friday

10 a.m., to 2 p.m., 'Mars Base Camp', ages 10-14, free, University of Idaho County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. Register on ZSuite. Information: (208) 896-4104

Community Food Pantry

4 p.m., Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd., Melba.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Saturday

NOCWMA spray day

9 a.m., USDA Service Center, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., Marsing. (208) 337-5331

Catholic Mass

10 a.m., Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Oreana. (208) 466-7031

NOCWMA spray day

1 p.m., Owyhee County Fairgrounds, 432 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-5331

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., Steve Belknap reading TBA, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

After school program

4:30 p.m., to 5:30 p.m., 'U of I Extension visit', 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.

U of I Parenting series

5:30 p.m., to 7:30 p.m., free, for families with children ages 5-11, The Marsing HUB, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. RSVP by April 12th to bit.ly/24parenting. Information: (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu

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Region III assistance assessments

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

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Obituaries

Penny Lee Anne Gough Kent

Penny Lee Anne Gough Kent, age 53, passed away peacefully on March 21, 2024, at her home in Homedale, Idaho, after a long battle with cancer.

She was born Penny Lee Anne Gough on July 8, 1970, at St. Luke's in Boise, Idaho, to her parents Amy (Randolph) and Earl Gough. A 1988 graduate of Boise High School, she went on to earn an Associate of Applied Science degree from Boise State University. She worked as a scheduler for St. Luke's, and as a mother and homemaker.

On July 31st, 1989, she accepted an invitation to float the Boise River, and on that trip, met the love of her life, Kevin Kent. They began their life together that day, marrying officially in May of 2000, a devoted couple for 34 years.

Their son, Justin, was born in 1990, and their daughter, Hannah, in 2003.

As small as she was in stature, Penny lived a big, joyous life. She put much loving effort into caring for her husband, her kids, and her family's circle of kindhearted and generous friends, whom they referred to as their tribe. She spent many days throwing barbeques, swimming parties, and birthdays. Always the host, she had a way of scooping her people up together and making even a stranger feel at home. Penny was born in July and was a summer baby through and through — sun-bronzed, with icy drink in hand, you could always find her in the midst of her tribe. She and Kevin were music lovers and attended every concert that came to town. She loved anything outdoors — whether



it was a drive through an Idaho forest or Owyhee canyonland with the top down in her bright yellow Jeep, or a bonfire on an Oregon coast beach. She was an avid traveler, camper, and photographer. Last summer, she was still able to travel in her camp trailer, and she experienced and photographed all the Yellowstone bears she

ever wanted to see. Penny was known for a smile that could light up your day, straightforwardness accompanied by just a touch of sass, and her absolutely fierce determination to live every single second that was given to her. As her cancer progressed, her mobility became limited, but her love for everyone around her only grew. No visit ended without her expressing how much you meant to her. One of her last desires was to host a final get-together of her tribe, so she could see all the people she loved one last time. And in her last hours, as throughout her entire journey with cancer, Kevin attended to her needs with the most tender care.

Penny was preceded in death by her mother and father, Amy and Earl Gough, and by her nephew, Michael Casper. She is survived by her husband

Kevin, children Justin and Hannah, her sister Fran Gough and brother-in-law David Long, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The Kent family has asked that special thanks go out to the staff of St. Luke's, Dr. Steven Smith, Dr. Dan Zuckerman, and all of the staff at Canyon Home Care and Hospice.

A memorial service honoring Penny's life will be held at Bridgepoint Church on Broadway in Boise, Idaho, on Saturday, April 6 at 1:00pm. Penny asked that no black be worn — only fun, vibrant colors, please! Hawaiian shirts are perfect! In lieu of flowers, please donate or volunteer at St. Luke's Cancer Institute (formerly Mountain States Tumor Institute – MSTI), at www.stlukesonline.org/about-st-lukes/donate-or-volunteer.

Rickey (Rick) Wayne Shanley

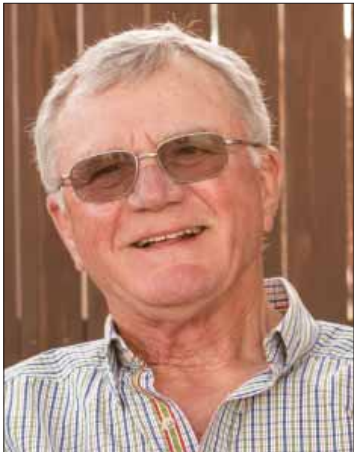
Rickey (Rick) Wayne Shanley left this world in the early morning of April 1, 2024 at his home in Caldwell, Idaho. Rick was born on April 18, 1946 to his mother, Wilma Jean Bowman, and father, Charles Henry Short. When he was a toddler, his mother married Johnnie Michael Shanley, who later adopted him.

He grew up in Homedale, Idaho, having graduated in May of 1964. In high school he participated in football, basketball and excelled in track. While in high school he joined the Army National Guard and upon graduation he headed to Fort Ord, California for his basic training. He continued serving in the Guard for the next seven years. In 1966 he married Mildreta Nash, his high school love.

He spent the majority of his working years first as a truck driver and then owning his own company, Rick Shanley

Trucking. In 1985 the name was changed to R.S.T., Inc. What started as one old freightliner hauling spuds and grain grew into a diversified company hauling myriad freight all over the United States. In 1985 he and his stepdad purchased Homedale Feed, which he ran until 2003 when it was sold.

In his semi-retirement and retirement, he formed a partnership with his son, Kurt. Some men play golf or fish to relax, Rick Shanley raised hay and cattle. He enjoyed this endeavor until 2020 when his legs began failing him. Finally in June of 2023, he was diagnosed with Progressive Muscular Atrophy, a rare form of ALS. This meant uprooting their lives from their beloved home of thirty-seven years on a hill with a beautiful view overlooking Homedale to a one-story home near Lake Lowell in Caldwell, Idaho,



which would accommodate his progressive illness.

It can be clearly said that Rick Shanley was a self-made man. He found hard work exhilarating and passed that work ethic onto his four sons: Randy Wayne born in 1966, Kurtis Michael in 1969, Nicholas Steven in 1980 and Kyle Nash in 1982.

Having grown up mostly an only child, he reveled in parenting a houseful of busy, athletic, rowdy boys and

entertaining all their many friends who came to visit. He led by example and set a high standard for them to follow. He was warm, affectionate, and they never doubted his love for them. He was a special human who loved his wife and whole family more than himself. To be loved by Rick Shanley was a special thing, indeed!

With his passing he leaves behind his wife and sons, his special daughters-in-law Nicole (Kurt), Jessica (Nick) and Vanessa (Kyle). The grandchildren whom he adored include Erika (Blake), Sydnee (Kendall), Ari (Trent), Kinley, Reed, Devin, and Sloan. He was also blessed with great-grandchildren Oaklee, Kaiden, Ireland and Myles. Other family members he leaves include his sister, Doni Lynn Shanley, his brother, Darren Krzesnik (Sherri), and his sister Kerry (Mark) Dines and numerous nieces and nephews

and many, many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his eldest son, Randy Wayne, and his eldest grandson, Brett Randall.

A "Celebration of Life" was held on Friday, April 5, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the Homedale High School Gym with a procession following to the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. This was led by R.S.T.'s #155, a Peterbilt driven by Doug Loon, our beloved and long-time heavy-haul driver. Immediately following the Interment, a tri-tip dinner was served at the Owyhee Community Center (fairgrounds) for family and friends to gather and rejoice in a life well lived.

The family suggests that any donations be made to the ALS Association for research, your local humane society or a charity of your choice. Condolences and memories can be shared at www.flahiffuneralchapel.com

Glenice Cathrine Atkins

Glenice Cathrine Atkins, 97, passed away peacefully March 29, 2024.

Glenice was born May 30, 1926 in Liberal, Kansas, to Harrison and Milla Dunn. She was the third of six children.

In 1932 the family moved to Marsing, Idaho then on to Homedale. Glenice met the love of her life Willis

Atkins in Caldwell, and they were married on February 11, 1943.

They spent the rest of their life on a farm near Grave Yard Point. They were blessed with three children, Martha (deceased), Lee (deceased), and Patricia and Art Lacey of Cambridge Idaho. Glenice was also blessed with 7 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and 50 great-great-grandchildren.

Glenice requested no funeral arrangements.

Death notices

RAY ROYCE EASTERDAY, 93, of Hagerman and formerly of Jordan Valley, died on Thursday, April 4, 2024 at home. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m., on Friday, April 12, 2024 at the Hagerman American Legion Hall. Burial will be in the Jordan Valley Cemetery in Jordan Valley, Ore., on a later date. Arrangements: Demaray Funeral Service – Gooding Chapel. Condolences, memories, photos can be shared on obituary link at www.demarafuneralservice.com

GLENDA KAY URANGA, 80, who grew up on a Homedale farm, died on Monday, March 22, 2024. A viewing and funeral service took place on Monday, April 1, 2024 at Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise. A reception followed. Private interment will take place at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

LINDA M. WILSON, 78, of Jefferson City, Mo., a Marsing High School graduate, died on Monday, April 1, 2024. Visitation and funeral service took place on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at Houser-Millard Funeral Directors, Jefferson City, Mo. Burial followed at Resurrection Cemetery. Condolences: www.millardfamilychapels.com

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Obituary

Jack A. Thompson Sr.

Jack A. Thompson Sr., born 12/21/1930 and passed away 3/30/2024 at the age of 93.

He was born to Theodore Frederick Thompson and Genevieve “Dolly” Langabeer Thompson in Tacoma, WA. Jack was raised in the Nampa, Idaho area and graduated from Nampa High School in 1949. He attended Boise Junior College for two years. He assisted with the family farms in the Marsing area and later moved onto the Marsing farm and married his first wife, bringing four children to that union. Jack remained on the Thompson farm in Marsing after divorcing. Jack met the love of his life due to a close friend and fellow farmer, Mitchell Gaviola. Jo Anne Gaviola came to the Marsing area to take care of her father’s estate and from the time they met, Jack and Jo Anne were destined to be together. Jack and Jo Anne married August 30, 1963 and took over farming the Gaviola



ranch and farm. This union produced their 4 children, Jennifer, Janelle, Jolyn, and Jon.

Jack farmed until he retired at 65 years old, and this included custom combining and custom swathing for area farmers. Jack was a former Northwest Champion Water skier, avid snow skier, fisherman, wood worker and spent 25 years making wine in his shop with his signature wine label “VINO BANDITO”. Jack was heavily involved in the Marsing Lions Club, Farm Bureau, and other civic engagements early on in his life. Jack and Jo Anne sold the majority of

the farm in 1990 and built their final home on part of the original property.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Dolly, his eldest son, Jack Allen Thompson Jr. and his brother, Tom.

Jack is survived by his children, Richard Lee Thompson (Carol), Janice Ann Thompson Ruth (Darrell), and Mark William Thompson (Debbie), Jennifer Ueda (Ben), Janelle Peterson (Jim), Jolyn Thompson (Gary Warden), and Jon Thompson, aswell as, 14 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Jack additionally recognizes many local Owyhee and Canyon County friends as his family.

A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, April 6th at Sandbar Community Room, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing, ID.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be given to Marsing Volunteer Firemen and Marsing Ambulance or your favorite charity in Jack’s name.

Ballot initiative petition circulates

Volunteers will be out Friday again with Reclaim Idaho’s petition for an open primary and ranked choice voting.

The petition drive will visit The Eddy on Main Street in Marsing from 10 a.m., to noon before shifting to Moxie Java in Homedale from 2 p.m., to 4 p.m.

Weather			
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April 2	66	36	.00
April 3	72	42	.00
April 4	68	43	.12
April 5	51	41	.00
April 6	42	35	.00
April 7	50	35	.00
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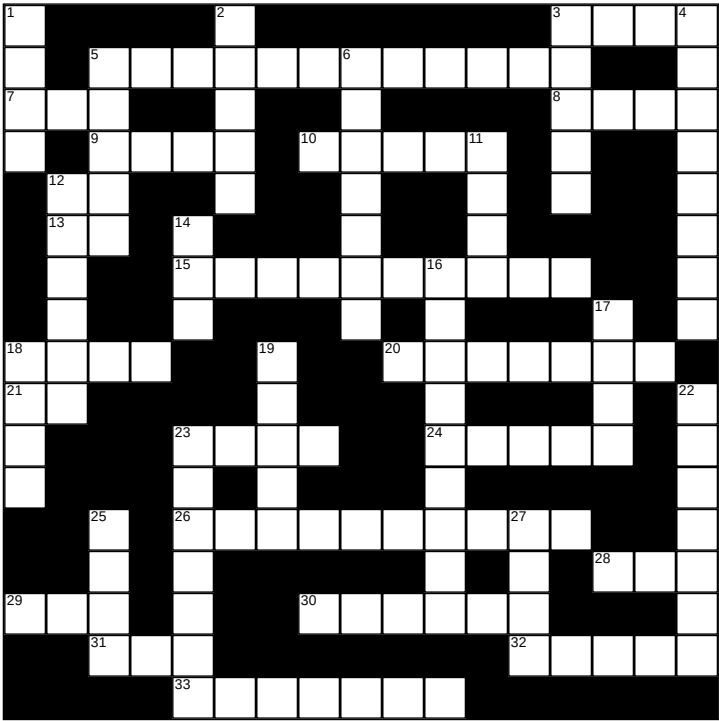
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Silver City’s buildings

Owyhee County Historical Museum staff has developed Owyhee-themed crossword puzzles as a new feature in The Owyhee Avalanche. This month’s puzzle was built through information contained in the book “Interesting Buildings in Silver City” by Helen Nettleton.



Across

3 ____ and minerals of Owyhee County

5 A general merchandise store made of granite down Washington St. It was later used as a warehouse when it burned down in 1939.

7 A period of time

8 What happens when you yell into a canyon

9 ____ or without

10 Our Lady of ____

12 ___, myself, and I

13 Exist

15 John Upham and Hank Townsend used this building for a _____ parlor in the 1880s

18 You fill a prescription at this store.

20 This hall was built to be a planing mill and was remodeled in 1892.

21 Used to form plural words

23 Stars and Stripes

24 One of the oldest buildings still standing was used as a gambling hall, boarding house, saloon and café.

26 The office of the Avalanche was formerly on this site and referred to it “an ornament to Silver City.” With interior elegance woodwork by Otto Patschek

28 “Oh say can you ____”

29 Before modern refrigeration things were kept cold in this house

30 This house was lived in by a state senator and son of Col. Dewey. The home was built in 1876 by Benjamin Abbott.

31 Tool that cuts wood

32 Old ____ Rd. The old road to Silver City

33 This building was a dentist office, candy store, merchandise and last a saloon: The Silver _____

Down

1 Stairs have this

2 The ____ Hotel

3 This house was built by Dr. Rupert in 1874. Bought in 1892 by this family who still own it today.

4 A noted cabinetmaker Otto Patschek created the fancy wood trim on this well-known house

5 William F. Sommercamp had a general store here for years. He was killed in a mineshaft in 1890. This family bought it in 1885 and opened a restaurant.

6 A huge barrel that stood in front of the ice house “_____ vat”

11 Not feeling well

12 In 1897 was bought for a hospital and continued to be used for a hospital ’til 1908. It’s privately owned today. “_____ Union Hospital”

14 Squeeze tight. “Bear ____”

16 In 1865, this was the first daily published paper in Idaho.

17 Owyhee’s first county seat: “Ruby ____”

18 An alley in Silver City: “_____ Man’s Alley”

19 This building housed the first model pharmacy: “_____ Drug Store”

22 The _____ of Silver City

23 This building was bought by the I.O.O.F. and the Knights of Pythias: “Odd _____”

25 He came from Norway in 1859 and opened a jewelry store: “_____ Jewelry” store

27 Tater ____

Don’t peek!

This week’s crossword puzzle answers appear on **Page 18**

Partisan candidates’ forum brings pointed questions

BOCC hopefuls reveal diverse objectives

A relatively small group of Owyhee County voters got to learn about some of the candidates during a forum recently.

The High Desert Republican Women staged the first of what appears to be four partisan candidate forums in Marsing on March 26. The county Republican Central Committee plans three more forums across the county in the coming weeks.

Candidates in the May 21 Republican primary were invited to face questions submitted by the GOP women’s organization membership.

For some candidates, it may have been the first chance to get before the electorate.

Sheriff

Appointed Sheriff Larry Kendrick of Murphy and his opponent, former OCSO Sgt. Tim Riha of Homedale, stood for questions and got a chance to share their background with the group at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center.

Riha has lived in the Homedale area for 14 years. He’s an Idaho native who grew up in Nampa and attended Nampa schools.

He began his law enforcement career with his hometown police department in 1993 before spending eight years in various roles as the Idaho State Police Valley County resident trooper. He returned to NPD and retired in 2021 after filling several roles, including public information office and internal affairs investigator over 17 years.

Most recently, he has served as the marine sergeant for OCSO under Kendrick’s predecessor, Perry Grant.

Riha said he earned a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Boise State University and he holds several certifications from the Idaho Peace Offices Standards and Training academy.

During his time at OCSO, he obtained grants for the Black Sands marina rehabilitation and off-highway vehicle program.

Kendrick began his law enforcement career 31 years ago with the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Department in California. He has been with OCSO for 11 years, with the first decade coming as a Bruneau-Grand View deputy.

Kendrick listed his accomplishments since his appoint-

ment as sheriff a year ago, including what he called a team of experienced individuals in the jail and on patrol.

The sheriff said he has eliminated out-of-state training, and deputies no longer take home their patrol vehicles.

He also said that nearly \$70,000 in grants have been obtained in the past six months and were applied to operation of the jail and buying computers for patrol deputies.

He also pointed out that OCSO is now doing background checks on employees that weren’t being done previously, and he said he was able to get three “big” raises for employees.

The GOP women’s group asked questions about how each man would handle different situations within the operation of the department, including discovering a supervisor breaking law by violating policy.

“If they broke the law, they’d be prosecuted. If they violated policy or ethics, they would be terminated or they would be disciplined,” Kendrick said. “If they broke this code of ethics right here, they’d be decertified.”

Kendrick got first crack at answering the question.

“That’s a fairly simple question, and I can’t disagree with the sheriff on that. You just don’t tolerate misconduct in an agency,” Riha said. “I was brought up in two very professional agencies. I understand how this works. I did background checks, and I also did internal affairs investigations, and you deal with those employees.

“You try to keep them out by doing a good background investigation, but if somehow someone squeaks in, I can’t disagree with your question answer, Larry.”

The men were also asked if they had any experience operating a jail, and how their current jobs could prepare them of the job of sheriff.

Riha reiterated that he is retired from law enforcement and said he didn’t have jail experience. But he pointed to his three decades of experience as preparation to lead the sheriff’s office, and also said he was studying regulations to prepare himself to lead the jail. He would also rely on his experience of being around jails as a patrol officer.

“I know what it takes to run a professional agency,” he said. “That’s the way I was raised.

“I’ve been in law enforcement since I was 15 years old, and I’m still young enough to

serve.”

Kendrick said he was “dual certified” for patrol and jail.

“I have quite a bit of experience running jails,” Kendrick said. “That’s why my chief deputy (Steve Crawford) is certified in jail and my jail administrator (James Vincent) has 10 or 11 years of jail administration experience.”

Crawford isn’t patrol certified, but said last week that he will be attending the Idaho POST patrol academy soon.

Riha addressed “rumors” about who his leadership team would be.

“I know the Owyhee County Sheriff has some good folks that are working there,” he said. “And there is no way that I could walk into the agency — even though I’m hearing the rumors — and fire everybody. That’s not going to happen.

“I want to get to know all the employees and figure out who’s best for those jobs.”

Dist. 1 commissioner

Two Marsing-area men are seeking the GOP nomination and — with no Democrats running — the right to succeed Jerry Hoagland (R-Wilson) on the Board of County Commissioners.

Whoever is elected next month will serve a two-year term.

Walt Holton lives northwest of the city limits and currently serves as a North Marsing precinct representative for the county GOP central committee. He faces a challenge from Lavada Loucks for that two-year position in May, too.

Lath Callaway lives southwest of the city limits and currently chairs the Owyhee County Fair Board. He has been on the fair board for about a decade.

“I grew up in agriculture my entire life,” Callaway said. “That’s all I know is agriculture, whether it be farming, ranching, anything to do with ag. That’s what I’ve always been.”

Both men own businesses.

Holton said he authored a GOP resolution that is heading to the state committee that seeks nullification of the World Health Organization treaty if it’s not ratified by Congress. He also tipped his hat to the state treasurers of Utah and Idaho for their fight to stop a Securities and Exchange Commission rule that would have allowed Natural Asset Organizations to trade on the stock markets. Holton said NAOs seek to buy agricultural land for the carbon rights and then take the acreage

out of production.

Holton also said, if elected, he would lobby the state government for more money to help Owyhee County deal with the influx of recreationalists.

“If you’re looking for somebody to write a lot of ordinances and turn the county into an HOA (homeowners association), I’m not your guy,” he said.

Callaway said he wants to keep Owyhee County “what it is,” adding that he is against residential subdivisions, but supports a property owner’s right to put a house on their land.

“There’s a lot of good people in this county, and we like it the way it is, and we’d like to keep it that way,” Callaway said.

“This is a farming community whether it be for farmers or ranchers or dairymen, whatever it may be.”

Dist. 3 commissioner

Bruneau resident Cindy Bachman was appointed the District 3 commissioner Sept. 5 after the death of Joe Merrick. She faces Michelle Spencer in the GOP primary in search of a fresh four-year term.

Spencer lives north of Givens Hot Springs off Idaho highway 78.

“Owyhee County means a lot to me,” Spencer told the forum audience. “Our county was quite literally made up on folks’ dreams, grit and a lot of dedication — all things that helped us get to where we are today.”

Bachman said her background is in ranching, and she has experience dealing with public lands issues as a former member of the Bureau of Land Management Resource Advisory Council and the Owyhee Initiative working group.

“The reason I am running is to protect and preserve our way of life in Owyhee County,” Bachman said.

In a statement that echoed last week when she initiated rejecting the proposal, Bachman said she wasn’t in favor of the proposed recreational vehicle ordinance.

Spencer also is a fan of what she called “20 magic.”

“There’s literally magic is

this great county,” Spencer said. “Why I’m here is I don’t want to see that magic go away. I want to keep that feeling running for future generations.”

Dist. 23B representative

District 23, Seat B in the Idaho House of Representatives was the only other elected office on the May 21 ballot that featured more than one candidate at the forum.

Guffey resident Shawn Dygert, a former county GOP chair, and incumbent Tina Lambert of Caldwell were able to address the forum.

One of three Owyhees seeking a legislative seat — and the only Republican of that group — Dygert said he’s trying to preserve the political voice south of the Snake River at the Statehouse.

“It’s a really diverse area, and the needs of southern Ada County are not the needs of Owyhee County, and Owyhee County is due to have somebody to represent the diversities of Owyhee County,” he said.

Dygert wants to ensure that his home county has a say in trying to cope with the strains of being the Treasure Valley’s playground and a cog in the state’s agricultural machine.

“The county commissioners, quite frankly, are the first line to deal with the fed government, and they do a lot of work with federal congressmen and senators in order to work with (the Bureau of Land Management), and what we need to do on the state (level) is make sure they have the maximum ability and maximum leverage to be able to protect our land, our grazing rights and our water and all the things that are such a challenge out here in Owyhee County,” he said.

Lambert is wrapping up her freshman term in the House, and she has served on the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee (JFAC).

“I’ve been happy to stand for freedom from government overreach, fiscal conservatism, shrinking the government — we all know it’s way too big — protecting the unborn and keeping our guns,” she said.

— JPB

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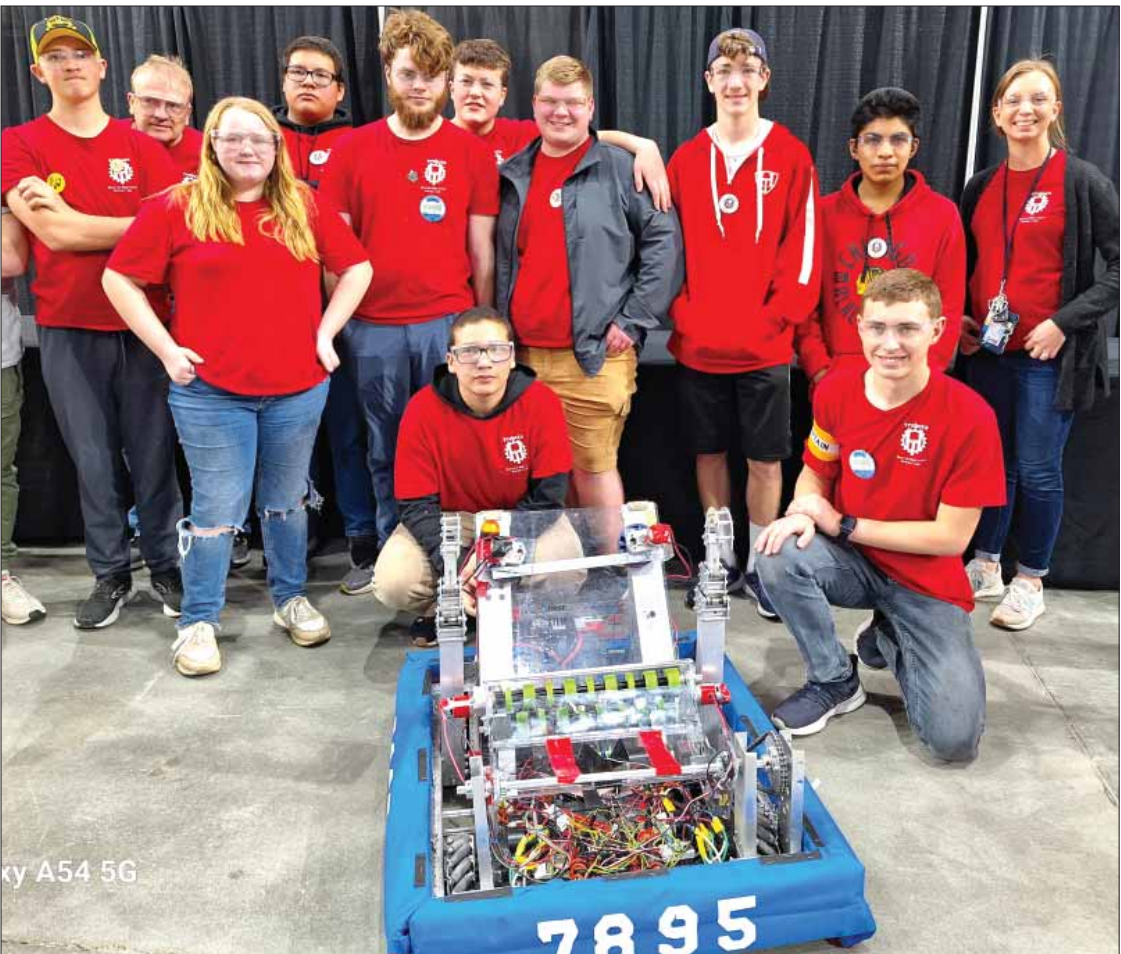
WEED WATCH



Photos by Clint Shock

From Jordan Valley CWMA
Eric Morrison, coordinator

Name: Puncturevine (*Tribulus terrestris*) a k a goatheads
Description: Commonly called goatheads, it is one of the most obnoxious and irritating of all weeds. Summer annual with prostrate stems radiating from a central root crown extending to three feet or more in diameter. Each seed pod has three pointed spines, and each fruit separates into four or five three-pronged burs, each containing two or more seeds. These seed capsules are very hard and durable, making them resistant to drought, moisture rot, insect feeding or predation by seed feeding rodents and birds. These capsules help preserve the seeds for up to 20 years. These sharp spines also provide this weed with an easy way to get its seeds spread around. Stems are highly branched and reddish brown on mature plants. Five-petal, bright yellow flowers are borne from the leaf axil. From flowering to viable seed can be as short as three weeks. Leaves are opposite and divided into three to seven leaflets on a short petiole. Can be toxic, mainly to sheep in early spring.
Habitat: Prefers disturbed, well-drained sandy and loose soils. Found along roadsides, canals, in pastures and cultivated fields.
Origin: Mediterranean region of Europe and Africa.
Control: Many people become frustrated trying to control puncturevine. It grows so quickly in the summer months that it can be difficult to keep up with. The smallest shower seems to trigger more germination. Very susceptible to most common herbicides. It is essential that spraying commences at or before flowering. A shallow-rooted plant, it can be controlled with tillage. It does have the capability to regenerate if the root crown is not removed. Continued tillage is required during the season for new seedling. Pre-emergent control with chlorsulfuron is the best initial treatment, followed by tillage or herbicide treatments later in the season.
You need to bag or burn puncturevines that have flowers because viable seeds can form even after being pulled.
When using herbicides, always read and follow label directions on any chemical. It's the law!
(Modified from *Selected Noxious Weeds of Eastern Oregon*, Gary Page, retired Malheur County weed inspector).
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Homedale High School's robotics team with the Trobot. **Standing, from left:** Wayne Stewart, coach Mark Thatcher, Hailey Evans, Salvador Monreal, Kaden Ashliman, Callin Bingham, Corey Romriell, Todd Thatcher, Kevin Sanchez Ruiz, and coach Abbi Jones. **Kneeling:** Jose Monreal (left) and Carson Bingham. Submitted photo

HHS robotics team ends year in 2nd day of Idaho Regional

The Homedale High School Robotics team put together its strongest tournament of the season last month in Nampa. Mark Thatcher, who leads the group with Abbi Jones, said the team made the second day of the FIRST Robotics Idaho Regional as the No. 2 seed. Held March 22-23, the tournament attracted 43 teams from Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Arizona, California, and Canada to the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

The Trobots went 9-1-1 during March 22 qualifications, and that put Homedale into the March 23 playoff round as the captain of the second-seeded three-team alliance.

In the double-elimination playoffs, Homedale lost its first match then rallied with a win in the second match. Although the Trobots tied their third match, the tournament's tiebreaker rules gave the edge to the other alliance, eliminating Homedale's alliance.

The Trobots ended their competitive season in Nampa, but are looking forward to making improvements in the offseason to build on the program's most successful season to date, Thatcher said.

Upgrades include:
• Improving the drive system to make the Trobot faster and more competitive.
• Adding a vision tracking system.



Homedale High School's Trobot (right) suspends from a chain at the end of a match.

The Trobots seek businesses and individuals who would like to sponsor the club and help fund the upgrades.

The team also seeks individuals who want to mentor with engineering, computer programming, and/or mechanical design.

Call the high school at (208) 337-4613 for more information about the Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) competition that Thatcher calls fast-paced and high-intensity.

Several businesses already have stepped forward. The Trobots thank their sponsors for the 2023-24 season:

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- Tolmie's Ace Hardware
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- NAPA Owyhee Auto Supply
- Parker Advisors
- Idaho EcosySTEM
- Argosy Foundation
- OutNAbout Floor Covering of Meridian

The Trobots also expressed gratitude for the support of the Homedale School District.

Although the competitive season is over, the Trobots aren't done showing off their machine.

The robotics team will visit the Teens & Tweens program in May. The Homedale District Library program was originally planned for April 18 inside the Homedale Community Center next door to the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library.

Trojans win Desert Canyon title; Henry swings runner-up

Luke Henry’s runner-up finish among nearly 50 golfers highlighted Homedale High School’s win last Wednesday in Mountain Home.

The Trojans captured the championship in an 18-hole tournament played in occasional windy conditions at Desert Canyon Golf Course.

A junior, Henry scrambled with pars from the rough after a couple of errant tee shots. He finished at 4-over-par 76 to take second in the medalist running.

“He was playing awesome golf and well-focused on his game,” HHS second-year

coach Raymond Smith said. “He did it with a smile knowing he’s having a great time playing golf.

Tyler Erickson fired an 81 to help Homedale to a winning team score of 327.

“Tyler had a great day on the course, and his overall game was an average for him,” Smith said.

“Some of the shots he took were upsetting, and he didn’t understand where it came from because that’s not normal for him. Overall, he had a good round.”

— See *Trojans*, page 14

Wood’s throw chops down Marsing’s foe

Huskies split 2A WIC baseball contests

JW Chadez wasn’t fooling when he said timely hits would be the key to Marsing High School baseball wins. But defense doesn’t hurt.

Dresden Wood’s right arm saved the day in a 7-6 win over North Star Charter of Eagle in an extra-inning 2A Western Idaho Conference game.

On April Fool’s Day, just a day after his hitting comment, Chadez seemed prophetic as the Huskies scored three times over its final two at-bats, including the go-ahead run in the top of the eighth inning.

“We battled hard versus North Star to get the extra-inning win,” Chadez said. “We had several things not go our way, and we stayed though to get the win.”

Wood’s throw to home plate cut down the potential tying run to end the game in the bottom of the eighth.

Marsing (5-4 overall, 1-1 in conference at week’s end) stormed back after North Star (7-3, 0-1) scored four times in the bottom of the fourth inning to take a 6-3 lead.

The Huskies stumbled later in the week, losing at home to Cole Valley Christian, 10-3, in

a conference game.

“Overall on last week’s games going 1-1 wasn’t really a bad thing. There’s not a bad team in our conference, and we are not playing great at the moment,” Chadez said. “Our hitting has been well below average so far on the season.

“Right now it is all a mental approach. We are really pressing, which is causing our timing to be off. We have to be able to relax at the plate and stay simple.”

Jeremiah Rodriguez seemingly got that message against North Star. He went 3-for-4, slammed a double and drove in three runs.

Dresden Wood scored three times and went 2-for-3.

Luke Steinmeyer crushed another home run, and Wyatt Barber and Mason Conger knocked in runs.

Teagan Kinney struck out 10 and allowed a hit and three walks in five innings, leaving the game with a 3-2 lead.

North Star had a rude greeting for reliever Steinmeyer, but he settled down to survive the four-run fourth to limit North Star on a pair of hits and four walks.

Last Wednesday: Cole Valley Christian 10, Marsing 3 — The Chargers took advantage of seven errors to pile up runs through the first

— See *Marsing*, page 13



Rimrock freshman Dylan McNeley watches one of his golf shots. He won his high school debut tournament. Photo by Rimrock Journalism

More numbers mean more potential for Rimrock golf

Freshman starts prep career with FalconCrest medal

by Eli Boren
Rimrock Journalism

Not many small schools have the chance to play golf, but Rimrock High School athletes took action and started training with TJ Gomez, a professional golf coach who lives in Mountain Home.

Gomez has given Rimrock students the opportunity

to learn how to play and compete with a professional coach who has been there and done that in the golf world.

This is the second spring the Raiders have fielded a golf team.

Gomez’s love for golf began early. As a kid of 14, he discovered the game and spent hours perfecting his

swing at his local course. His passion for golf led him to coaching all ages.

“I’ve always enjoyed working with kids,” Gomez said. “Coaching high school golf felt like the perfect fit.”

This year, the Rimrock golf team has six boys and two girls compared to last year’s two players. TJ has high hopes for the team this year because of the influx of players.

— See *Golf*, page 13

HHS pitchers pummel opposing pitchers

Trojans score 32 runs in two softball games

Dani Sitts and Olivia Asumendi already know where they’re playing softball in college, so their senior season has been one of relaxed execution.

And that’s bad news for Homedale High School’s opponents.

The pair continued to feast on opposing pitching last Wednesday in the Trojans’ wild 17-13 win over Weiser in a 3A

Snake River Valley conference game stopped in the bottom of the seventh inning.

According to HHS athletic director Casey Grove, the game’s final score reverted back to the final completed inning (the sixth) because the contest was halted when inclement weather visited the Wolverines’ field.

The weather continued to wreak havoc on the schedule Saturday. The Trojans (6-4 overall, 3-0 in conference) and Marsh Valley cancelled a non-conference doubleheader.

Batting from the top of the lineup, Sitts went 5-for-6 with

a double against the Wolverines. She scored four runs and drove in five more. She has signed to study and play softball at Hastings College in Nebraska.

The College of Idaho-bound Asumendi went 3-for-4 with a double and three RBI. She also crossed the plate once as Homedale ended Weiser’s three-game win streak.

The pair also battled through in the pitching circle.

Asumendi started and benefitted from the run production she, Sitts and Emily Taylor

— See *HHS*, page 14

Sports

Reigning champs end Trojans' home win streak

HHS blasts
McCall, Weiser
in 3A SRV play

The home-field magic ended Saturday against a tough non-conference opponent.

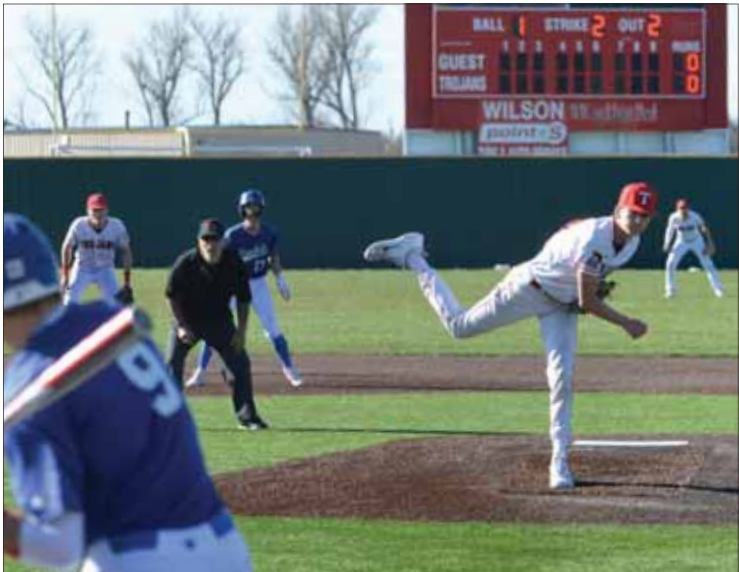
Two-time reigning Class 3A state champion Marsh Valley became the first team to beat Homedale in six outings at John Jackson Field, sweeping a doubleheader.

Marsh Valley scored an unearned run in the top of the seventh inning in the opening game to snatch a 4-3 victory.

Payton Fine took the loss, striking out three and scattering two hits in three relief innings.

Marsh Valley (8-3 overall) owned a 3-1 lead until Dillon Fine ripped a game-tying two-run home run in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Chance Martell went 2-for-3 with a run and an RBI for Homedale (9-3), which lost for the first time in five home games and saw a three-game winning streak end.



Senior right-hander Payton Fine follows through on a pitch to McCall-Donnelly's John Hatfield.

Sophomore Lukas Hall started the game, allowing just one hit in four innings. Hall struck out eight, but he walked four and gave up three runs.

The Trojans posted six hits. Marsh Valley edged Homedale, 1-0, in eight innings in the state semifinals last season. The Eagles knocked off the Trojans, 14-2, in the 2021 state consolation semifinals.

Saturday, Game 2: Marsh

Valley 8, Homedale 0 — The Eagles roared to the front, building a 5-0 lead with a four-run second inning.

The Eagles managed only five hits, but capitalized on 12 walks from Oklin Carson, Martell, Wylee Bidiman, and Xavier Uranga. The Trojans also committed two errors.

Marsh Valley junior Ruger Scott fired a four-hit shutout, notching seven strikeouts.

Dillon Fine hit a double, while Homedale teammates Martell, Payton Fine, Carson Fine and Andres Garcia picked up base hits.

Last Wednesday: Homedale 9, Weiser 0 (2 inn., susp., rain) — Lukas Hall ripped a two-run home run to help the Trojans to a huge lead before the 3A Snake River Valley conference game at Walter Johnson Memorial Field was halted in the top of the second inning because of rain.

Dillon Fine was 2-for-2 and working on a one-hitter with three strikeouts after an inning.

April 1: Homedale 14, McCall-Donnelly 0 (5) — Payton Fine couldn't get past Cole Naugle, who picked up a hit with two outs in the first inning. But the Vandals couldn't get past Fine and his teammates the rest of the way.

The senior right-hander threw a perfect 3 1/3 innings after surrendering Naugle's single, striking out seven.

Sophomore Chance Martell closed the 3A Snake River Valley conference game with

three strikeouts in the fifth, giving the pitching staff 4 1/3 innings of perfect baseball.

Leading 3-0, Homedale blew the game wide open with an 11-run third inning.

Andrew Marston and Jayden Wutherich led a 10-hit attack.

Marston was 2-for-2 with a double and three RBI, while Wutherich went 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI.

Carson Fine drove in a pair of runs, and Martell clubbed a triple and picked up an RBI.

Homedale (2-0 in 3A SRV) scored twice with two outs in the first. Dillon Fine lined a single into center field and went to third when Sam Jacobsen's pickoff attempt bounced past first baseman John Hatfield and into foul ground.

Dillon Fine scored when Jacobsen dropped Lukas Hall's pop fly near the mound. Courtesy runner Sebastian Larzelier (on base for Hall) scored from second base when McCall's Ethan Roberts couldn't handle Jayden Wutherich's fly ball double in left field.

Homedale Trojans
Athletes of the Week



Baseball
Chance Martell, so., 3B/P
3Ks in 1 inning; triple, RBI at plate vs. McCall; 2 hits vs. Marsh Valley



Softball
Emily Taylor, jr., 3B
Double, 3 runs, 3 RBI vs. Weiser



Track and field
Charlie Moore, sr., hurdles
Won Parma 300 hurdles and PR'd in 100



Golf
Stella Heck, so.
Solid front nine during Desert Canyon tourney



Tennis
Jayden Lyman, jr.
Part of scrappy No. 2 boys' doubles team

THIS WEEK'S SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

Baseball - Varsity
Wednesday, April 10, home vs. Parma, 6 p.m.
Friday, April 12 at Kimberly, 6 p.m.
Monday, April 15, home vs. Fruitland, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, April 17 at McCall-Donnelly, 5 p.m.
Baseball - Junior varsity
Wednesday, April 10, home vs. Parma, 4 p.m.
Friday, April 12 at Kimberly, 4 p.m.
Monday, April 15, home vs. Fruitland, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, April 17 at McCall-Donnelly, 3 p.m.

Softball - Varsity
Wednesday, April 10, home vs. Parma, 5 p.m.
Monday, April 15, home vs. Fruitland, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, April 17 at McCall-Donnelly, 5 p.m.
Softball - Junior varsity
Wednesday, April 10, home vs. Parma, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 11 at Weiser, 5 p.m.
Monday, April 15, home vs. Fruitland, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, April 17 at McCall-Donnelly, 3 p.m.

Track and field
Varsity
Friday, April 12 at Dave Mangum Invitational, Melba, 2:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Tuesday, April 16 at Parma
Tennis
Thursday, April 11 at Nyssa, Ore., 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 16, home vs. Weiser, 4:30 p.m.

Golf
Junior varsity
Monday, April 15 at 3A Snake River Valley conference meet (nine holes), Rolling Hills GC, Weiser, 3 p.m.
Boys and girls
Wednesday, April 17 at 3A SRV meet (nine holes), Rolling Hills GC, Weiser, 3 p.m.

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Sports

✓ Golf: Raiders host tourney

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“Lots of players means lots of potential and a full team,” the coach said.

The team practices on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at the Mountain Home Air Force Base golf course. When the weather doesn’t cooperate, the team goes to Desert Canyon Golf Course in Mountain Home to practice on a golf simulator.

Gomez is the former head pro at Desert Canyon.

This week, the team is playing host to a tournament Thursday at the Mountain Home AFB course.

The Raiders’ first meet was an 18-hole tournament on March 20 at FalconCrest Golf Course in Kuna.

Rimrock freshman Dylan McNeley won medalist, shooting a 1-over-par 73 to top a field of more than 100.

The Raiders will play host to a Western Idaho Conference junior varsity tournament Thursday at the Mountain Home AFB course.

The District III Tournament will be held on May 6 at Desert Canyon Golf Course in Mountain Home.

✓ Marsing: Huskies falter behind errors vs. Cole Valley

From Page 11

“For some reason, I feel like they think there is added pressure to perform at a high level, which in return causes frustration when we don’t produce,” Chadez said. “It’s a good time to have these struggles, as we work out different things with our team.”

The Huskies managed just two hits at home — a double from Kinney, and a single from Jace Chadez, who knocked in two runs. Conger had the team’s other RBI. Heston McIntyre scored runs in the fifth and sixth innings.

Huskies athletes post Parma PRs

Raylynn Vanosdall had two of her team’s top-10 finishes in the girls’ portion of a track and field meet in Parma on Friday.

The Marsing High School junior soared to a personal record of 32 feet, ¼ inch to finish fourth in the triple jump.

Vanosdall also finished seventh in the 100 meters in 13.82 seconds.

On the boys’ side, senior thrower Nate Delaney continued his breakout season with a second-place shot put effort of 50 feet, 8 inches, which established a personal record for him.

Freshman Bethany Steinmeyer posted the Huskies’ best finish in the meet, taking third in the girls’ long jump in 14-9¾.

Junior Sydney Nelson took 10th in the 400 in 1 minute, 13.93 seconds.

Another 11th-grader, Ashlyn Porter, collected her best mark of the season to take ninth in the triple jump at 28-5¼.

Eighth-place discus thrower Trinity Stimmel attained a mark of 76-1 in the girls’ discus. Sophomore Joey Prescott took 10th with a PR of 75-3.

Freshman Emmanuel Lemus took ninth in the boys’ discus with a career-best 108-3.

Junior Kaitlyn Sevy took eighth in the girls’ long jump at 13-9¼.

Parma cruises past HHS tennis

Homedale High School faced the class of the 3A Snake River Valley conference April 2 in tennis.

Host Parma cruised through most of the 12 matches that were staged. Homedale forfeited the No. 2 mixed doubles slot.

In the No. 2 boys’ doubles match, the Trojans junior pair of Miguel Albor and Jayden Lyman put up the fight of the day.

Merrik Scott and Jared Grambo needed a third-set tiebreaker to finally dispatch the scrappy HHS duo, which had captured the first set in another tiebreaker. The Parma pair prevailed, 6-7 (4), 6-3, 7-6 (5).

Every other match went Parma’s way in straight sets.

German exchange student Andre Magdea fell, 6-2, 6-2, to Parma’s Braden Hancock at the top of the boys’ singles ladder.

Kayleb Atkins picked up one game in his straight-set loss to Cade Grambo at No. 2 singles.

Melissa Gonzalez won a game in each set of her setback to Parma’s No. 2 girls’ singles player Claire Page.

AJ Robles and Cameron Burke won a game in each set of a 6-1, 6-1 loss to Parma No. 1 boys’ doubles players Myles Spence and Dodson Kaylor.

In the top girls’ doubles match, Mila Binford and Emma Olson won a first-set game against Parma’s Maria Gentry and Natalia Jemmett.

Runners shine for Adrian

Presley Speelmon ran to a pair of championships for Adrian High School’s girls at the Parma Invitational.

The senior won the 1,600 meters with her fastest effort of the season, crossing the line in 5 minutes, 44.84 seconds.

She won the 800 in 2:30.52.

Junior Addy Martin was runner-up in the girls’ short sprints, posting season-best times in the 100 (13.17) and the 200 (27.76).

MARSING HUSKIES

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

This week’s schedule

Baseball Varsity Wednesday, April 10, home vs. New Plymouth, 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 12 at Orofino, 7 p.m. MDT Saturday, April 13 at Orofino, 11 a.m. MDT Monday, April 15 at Melba, 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, home vs. North Star Charter, 5 p.m. Junior varsity Wednesday, April 10, home vs. New Plymouth, 3:30 p.m. Monday, April 15 at Melba, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 17 at Nyssa, Ore., 3:30 p.m.	Softball Varsity Wednesday, April 10, home vs. New Plymouth, 5 p.m. Friday, April 12, home vs. Payette, 5 p.m. Monday, April 15 at Melba, 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 17 at Nyssa, Ore., 5 p.m. Junior varsity Wednesday, April 10, home vs. New Plymouth, 3:30 p.m. Monday, April 15 at Melba, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 17 at Nyssa, Ore., 3:30 p.m.
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Baseball
Luke Steinmeyer, jr., C/P
HR vs. North Star



Softball
Dany Daugherty, fr., 2B
Batting .312 (4th on team)



Track and field
Bethany Steinmeyer, fr., jumps
3rd in Parma long jump

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Sports

Two Homedale girls triumph at Parma; boys post PRs

The competition was tough, but Homedale High School girls still found a way to the top of the podium at Friday's Parma track and field meet.

Senior hurdlers Kinlee Garrett and Carlie Moore turned in season-best performances to win events against a field of athletes from 16 schools, including state-caliber Melba and Adrian.

Garrett captured the title at 100 meters, covering the course in 16.47 seconds.

Moore won the 300-meter race in 50.54.

Sophomore Domingo Asumendi posted the best HHS finish in the boys' meet, taking runner-up in the 800-meter run with a personal-record time of 2 minutes, 10.63 seconds.

Senior pole vaulter Conner McCarney took second with a season-best 12-foot clearance.

Junior Alex Sotelo grabbed a silver medal in the 200 hurdles at 44.27.

Sophomore Kade Hall PR'd in the boys' 200 in 24.19 to take fourth. He was also fourth in the 100 (11.57).

Junior Rafael Cuenca PR'd in the 400 with a third-place mark of 53.14.

Freshman Brody Johnson put together a pair of third-place finishes in the hurdles. He finished the 110 in 17.3, and crossed the line in 44.9 in the 300 meters.

Freshman Alec Campos finished 10th in the boys' discus with a PR of 107 feet, 11 inches.

Sophomore Kayden Barrett also PR'd in the shot put (14th, 37-3½).

Two seniors posted top-five finishes in girls' field events. Melani Whitehead was fourth in the pole vault (7-0), and Mylisa Barrett took fifth in the triple jump (31-0).

HHS seniors present youth baseball camp on Saturday

Two baseball players will take time out of their final season with Homedale High School to teach youngsters.

Andres Garcia and Payton Fine are presenting a free baseball camp for all kindergarteners through eighth-graders as their senior project.

The clinic will be held from 1 p.m., to 4 p.m., on Saturday at John Jackson Field in the 300 block of East Owyhee Avenue in Homedale.

The organizers welcome donations, too.

✓ Trojans: Stella Heck plays solid front-nine for girls

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Kinley Balkovetz used solid iron play and a good short game to finish at 82.

"Kinley had a great round. His irons were dead-straight down the fairways, wedges were on target," Smith said. "He started out putting very well, but he miscalculated on a couple of greens."

Jackson Kerbs came in at 88 after bagging his driver for irons off the tee because of the wind.

"His tee-offs were great and also his approach shots were on target except his struggles on the green with putting," Smith said.

Breken Frank struggled as his long drives missed the fairways. He scored 97.

"He had a rough day at this tournament. Nothing was going right except his putting was on his side," Smith said. "I'm sure he'll bounce back quickly for the next one."

Girls

Stella Heck led the Trojans at 111 after a solid front-nine. Smith said bogeys and double-bogeys hampered her on the back-nine.

"Stella was having a great time on the course no matter what day or whom she's playing against," the coach said. "(A) great effort from Stella in this tournament as she carried

our varsity girls as top player on our team."

Danielle Price scored a 112 as her short game abandoned her after she hit good drives.

"She was doing awesome with her tee-off using her 7-iron, straight and long," Smith said. "She reached par 4s and 5s in two or three shots. (But she) struggled on chipping from 80 yards, out and putting was not dropping as she normally putts."

Mattea Dimick fired a 115 in her 18-hole debut as a varsity player. Smith said she "played awesome."

"(She's) still learning the game and made a great effort to stay below 120," the coach said. "(She) made some great drives out of the box, and I think chipping was a struggle. But, overall, a great effort."

Kinlee Garrett finished at 120 while struggling to find her rhythm.

"She never played like this in the past, but I'm sure she'll bounce back with a different game plan in the next tournament," Smith said.

Like Dimick, freshman Sophie North made her varsity 18-hole debut and scored a 151.

"(She's) still working hard on her game every practice, but (this was) a great learning experience playing against other varsity players from other good schools," Smith said.

✓ HHS: Dani Sitts manhandles McCall

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provided. Homedale scored nine runs in the top of the first inning and held a 14-1 lead after two innings.

That gave the Trojans' defense some much-needed breathing room. Homedale committed four errors, which led to six unearned runs on Asumendi's watch. The right-hander struck out seven and worked around five hits, four walks, five hit batters and five wild pitches.

Sitts got five of her six outs in relief by strikeout, but surrendered two hits and two unearned runs.

The game was halted with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Taylor doubled twice in four trips to the plate. She racked up three RBI and three runs scored.

Isana Larzelier scored three times and knocked in a pair of runs.

April 1: Homedale 15, McCall-Donnelly 0 (3)—The game only lasted three innings, but the Vandals (2-9, 1-2) probably saw enough of Sitts to last all season at Homedale Middle School.

The Trojans' right-hander picked up the win and picked apart McCall pitching from the top of the order.

Sitts struck out half of the 12 batters she faces, picking up two-thirds of the Vandals' outs by strikeout.

Val Sofaly and Izzy Pietri were the only players to get singles for McCall. The Vandals' scorer gave only a hit to Pietri.

The Trojans put the game away with 10 runs in the first inning.

Sitts drove in three runs with a pair of singles. She also scored twice and was on base four times.

Isana Larzelier scored two runs and knocked in two more while notching a single.

Arlett Quezada scored three runs and collected two RBI.

Miller and junior Ciarah Barnett each crossed the plate twice.

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✓ Agencies: OCSO gets new jailer, clerk

never a report passed off," Eidemiller said. "He's been a fantastic asset to the department."

Arnold was to continue on a part-time basis to help with administrative transition.

"This is bittersweet," Arnold said. "I'm excited and nervous. I want to thank the chief for the opportunity 15 years ago. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with everybody and serve the citizens of Homedale."

"This is a comfort. It feels like family. You're still in good hands, and you're not rid of me yet."

Arnold will work in Council when he transfers to Adams County. His son, Dylan, will remain in the area to complete his high school education at Marsing. Dylan is a junior who pitches for the Huskies' varsity baseball team.

Herman's hiring wasn't the only OCSO personnel move the commissioners signed off during last week's meeting in



Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller (left) presents outgoing Officer Andrew Arnold with a plaque in recognition of his 15 years of service to the community during the March 13 city council meeting.

Murphy.

- Tabetha Bailey was reassigned from the Division of Motor Vehicles, and she will become the sheriff's office civil clerk. She started in the new job Monday and will make \$21.53 per hour, the same wage she drew with DMV.
- Detention deputies Brant Monahan and Tyrell Lowe are now each making \$21 per hour. They received raises of 71 cents per hour — effective Monday — after completing the Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training detention deputy academy.

— JPB

Looking back...

from the files of *The Owyhee Avalanche* and *Owyhee Chronicle*

25 years ago

April 14, 1999



Frosty 40th anniversary...
Mike and Sheila Matteson enjoy a hamburger at 1959 prices, during the 40th anniversary/grand opening celebration at the Frosty Palace last week. Approximately 1,000 people attended the celebration with over 900 hamburgers sold.

Middle school to be completed by end of April
Work on the new Homedale Middle School is expected to be substantially completed by the end of April, according to Superintendent Bob Lisonbee and Beniton Construction Company manager Matt Newton.

The inside of the structure is beginning to look more like a school, with the hardwood floor installed in the gymnasium and lockers lining the hallways of the north and south wings.
Many of the classrooms have been completed, and the administration area, the computer lab, the art room and the media center are nearly finished. Outside, the bus lane is being extended.

HHS students qualify for BPA Nationals
Top students from Homedale High School will attend the Business Professionals of America 1999 National Leadership Conference, "Freedom To Excel," in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 23-27.
Chapter members, Bryan Penrose, Joseph Slawson, Carol Lauson and Mary Louise Kaufman, will join over 4,000 other conference delegates from across the nation to participate in national level business skill competitions, workshops, general sessions and the national officer candidate campaigns and elections.
Chapter advisor Dennis Ankeny teaches Business and Computer education classes at the high school.
The students earned their way to the national conference by placing in the top four of their competitive event at the state conference held in Boise March 11-13. Bryan placed first in Database Application, Joseph placed second in Financial Specialist and third in Banking Concepts, Mary Louise placed first in Office Specialist and Business Knowledge Skills, and Carol placed second in Business Math and third in Administrative Assistant.

Tess Zatica to attend Jr. Nat'l Championships
Homedale Senior High School Junior Jessica "Tess" Zatica is not planning to spend her summer as most students will by relaxing, swimming or taking a summer job. Tess plans to enhance her future in sports by attending three very important meets.
On April 30-May 2, Tess will attend the tryouts for the USA Junior National Volleyball Team in Colorado Springs, Colorado; on June 19-20, she will travel to the University of North Texas to attend the USA Track and Field Junior National Championships in Denton, Texas; then she'll finish her summer at the USATF Women's Junior Elite Track and Field Training Camp in San Diego, California on July 26-31.

50 years ago

April 11, 1974



HOMER ANDERSON, manager at Homedale's Idaho Power Co., shows Larry Corta, left, and Terry Uda the booklet "Come Fly With Me Safely," a guide to kite flying safety distributed by Idaho Power to area elementary students. Among the safety precautions, Anderson tells the boys, are: Always use wood and paper in kites, not wire or metal; always use dry string instead of wire or anything metallic; always fly kites on days when there is no rain; always fly kites far from electric power lines, and remember these rules when flying model airplanes, too; always keep away from fallen wires; always fly kites far from radio and TV antennas; and if your kite should get snagged in a power line, call your power company, but don't pull the string or climb power poles. Photo by Bette Uda

School board sets May 21 date for election
All members were present except Chuck Yost at the monthly school board meeting Monday night. Bills amounting to \$9,396.37 were paid.
Visitors included Nancy Ash, Paul Thatcher, Pat Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. Staley. The board authorized Karen Staley to attend school as a married student.
Pat Kelly, representing the Homedale Jaycees, asked that the former Lutheran church building, which the Jaycees purchased, be permitted to remain on school property after the Jaycees take possession. The board approved the request as long as the property isn't needed for school use.
A contract was offered to Andrea Guy as 3rd grade teacher for next year.
School board election date was set for Tuesday, May 21. Two trustees will be elected: one from Zone 1, where the term of Roy Kubosumi will expire, and one from Zone 5, where Harold Tolmie is finishing the term to which Paul Zatica was elected.

Succor Crik Sam Sez:
"With everything else goin' up, it's no wonder Hank Aaron boosted his home run total to 715."



Delegates named to convention by Democrats
MURPHY — Six delegates were elected at the Owyhee County Courthouse to the Idaho State Democratic Party convention June 27-29 in Coeur d'Alene. R. M. "Rollie" Foreman, Owyhee County Democratic Central Committee chairman, resigned. Lawrence Lineberger of Homedale was elected his successor. Delegates will be Mrs. Esther Kotschevar, Homedale, county committeewoman; Nick Ihli, Jr., Murphy; Lineberger; Jack Daniel, Homedale; Doran Parkins, Marsing, and Mrs. Kay Parkins.

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An Owyhee Invention.

Chas. P. Bowen of this place has, during the past winter, employed his leisure time upon the invention of a new steam governor, for which he has applied for letters patent. After a careful examination of a handsomely constructed model, we cannot see why the inventor is not on the high road to fortune and renown. By an ingenious contrivance it is twice as sensitive as any other governor now in use, and is so constructed that in case the driving belt should break, it will have full control over the engine, by cutting off and only admitting a given amount of steam. By lengthening, or shortening the hollow valve stem, the exit port in the bottom of the glove is closed or opened, thereby admitting any required amount of steam in the cylinder. The engine will thus run at the same speed, though the belt should slip off or break. This is an important consideration and will effectually guard against all accidents resulting from an engine "running away," while, at the same time, the expense and delay of starting up again will be avoided. Without illustrations, the component parts and excellencies of the invention cannot be properly described and explained. But what Mr. Bowen claims as new, is as follows: First — A combination of the working arms, causing a double or reverse motion to two half valves. Second — Combined hollow and solid valve stems. Third — Double, or two half valves. Fourth — Mechanical construction of the globe or valve box. Fifth — Combination of all the working parts, causing the engine to run at any required speed and obviating the necessity of stopping in case of accident to driving belt. Mr. Bowen is a thorough machinist and tip-top engineer. We hope his most sanguine expectations may be realized, and that he may reap a golden harvest from the fruits of his ingenuity.

FLINT DISTRICT.—Quite a number of Flintites were in town this week, among whom we noticed Fred Warnkee, Geo. King, Jas. Brown, Henry Darr and others. They report plenty of fish, flowers, and fine weather over there. C.S. Miller is putting the Rising Star Mill in running order and will start it up before long. Black is expected back with new machinery for his mill in a few days. There is an abundance of rich ore in Flint, and that district must, sooner or later, rank high among the mining camps of this coast.

Commentary

Mtn. States Policy Center Legislature look back

Idaho’s 2024 Legislative Session appears to be in its final days. Lawmakers planned to conclude major business last Wednesday and then recess until today. They would then return to consider any veto override votes. While this is the current plan, as noted by the Idaho Capital Sun:

“While it is possible House Concurrent Resolution 51 sets up April 10 as the final day of the 2024 legislative session, legislators will not be obligated to adjourn when they return April 10. They could adjourn, or they could simply keep going or take another recess. There is no legal requirement to adjourn the legislative session by a certain date.”

If last Wednesday marked the end of consideration of major bills, there were several exciting reforms advanced, a few disappointing roadblocks hit, and a couple of head-scratching moments this year. Before the session started, we provided lawmakers with our top policy recommendations. We are happy to report that several of them made it across the finish line. Here is a quick review of some of the proposals we were tracking this year and the outcome:

Ending home equity theft

With a unanimous vote, the Idaho Legislature adopted our recommendation to close the state’s unconstitutional loophole that could allow home equity theft to occur. (HB 444 - adopted)

Tax relief, here we come

Among the provisions of the school facilities funding reform is an additional reduction in Idaho’s income tax rate. With this change, Idaho is now in between our friends in Utah, who just reduced their income tax rate to 4.55 percent, and Montana with its two rates of 4.7 percent and 5.9 percent. The combined corporate and personal income tax relief is estimated to be around \$59.1 million for Fiscal Year 2025. According to the Tax Foundation, moving from a 5.8 percent to a 5.695 percent individual income tax rate will help improve Idaho’s ranking from 33 to 29 for all states and from 24 to 20 for those states where wage income is taxable. (SB 521 – adopted)

Also, by a vote of 69-1 in the House and 35-0 in the Senate, the Legislature enacted a 20 percent reduction in Unemployment Insurance taxes for businesses.

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Jason Mercier

Mountain States Policy Center

Jason Mercier joined the Mountain States Policy Center in late April as free market think tank’s vice president and director of research.

MSPC president and CEO Chris Cargill says Mercier is one of the nation’s top budget and tax analysts.

Mercier has two decades of experience with free market think tanks, working with the Washington Policy Center and the Freedom Foundation.

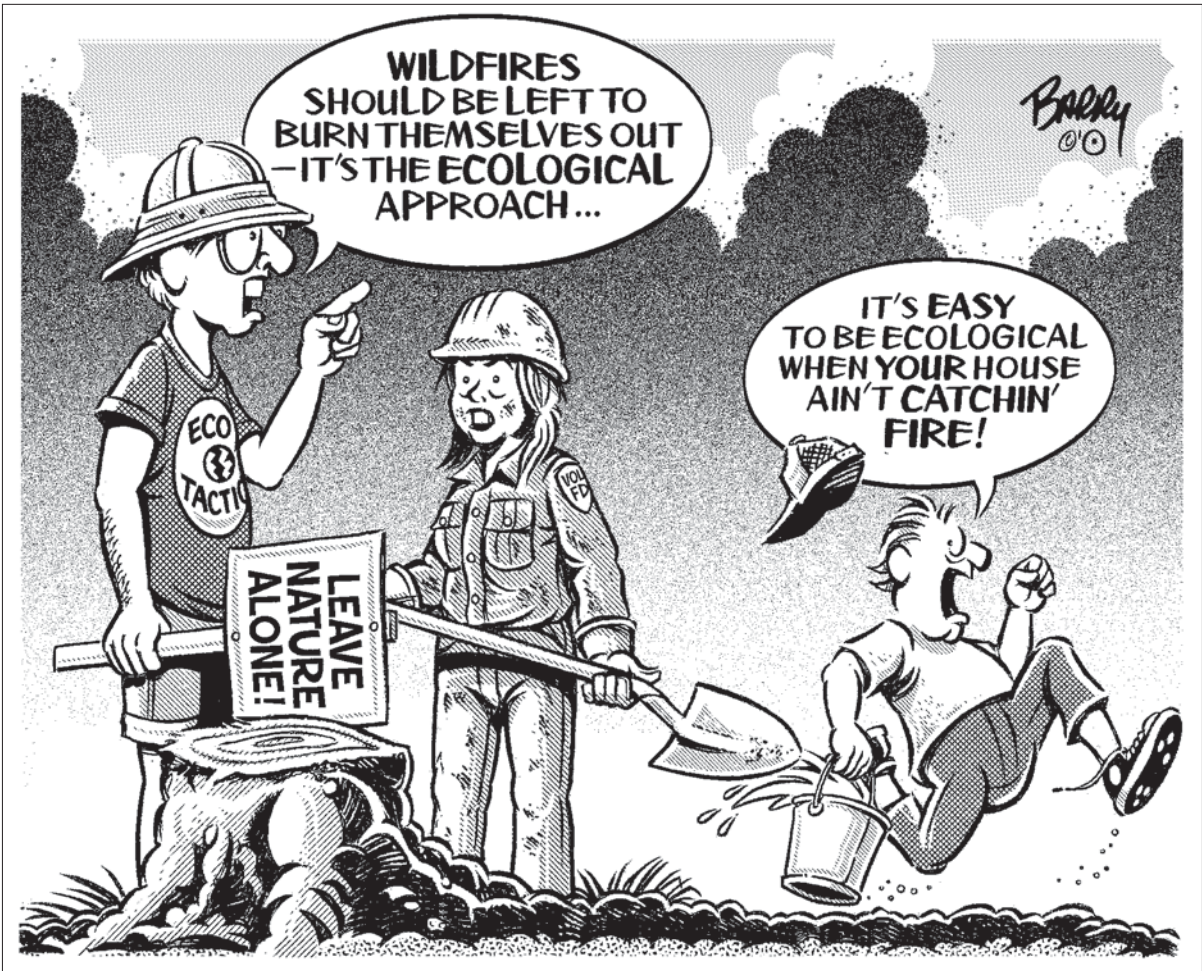
He is a Fellow with the national Better Cities Project and a member of the State Tax Advisory Board for the Tax Foundation.

Fifteen years ago, he worked with Washington state lawmaker’s to create the government’s budget transparency website.

Learn about MSPC at mountainstatespolicy.org.



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 Advancing legislation to promote healthy forests, prevent wildfires

As snow melts, winter turns to spring and Idaho landscapes turn from white to green to brown, we look forward to the activities the change in seasons enable, but also must always prepare for perpetual concerns of wildfire. This includes making certain federal policies promote healthy forests to prevent wildfires in Idaho and across the West.

Throughout my time representing the interests of the great people of Idaho, I have advocated for providing land managers with resources to counter unhealthy conditions on public lands to reduce the threat of fires. This led to me helping craft the Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA) of 2003 that provided the U.S. Forest Service with the tools needed to do the necessary work on the ground to restore our forests to health and reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire to our communities and ecosystems.

In the years since enactment of the HFRA, Congress passed additional legislation to advance forest health. This has included Farm Bill provisions, such as permanent authority for stewardship contracting, the authorization of Good Neighbor Authority that has expanded the federal government’s ability to partner with state foresters on restoration projects, and the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP), which has enabled the expansion of active collaborative land-use groups in Idaho. Congress also worked to ensure federal agencies can respond to wildfires as they would other natural disasters through a bipartisan law I worked with Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) to enact to end fire borrowing.

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Now, as we usher in the changing seasons, we must again examine federal land management policies to make certain they best support firefighting and help

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Financial management

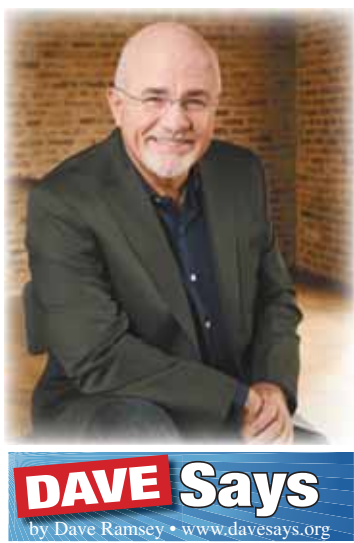
Young sister can be rich in old age with wise investments

Dear Dave,
My mother died about a year and a half ago, and she left me and my younger sister \$75,000 each. My sister is 16, and she plans on enlisting in the military after high school, then using the G.I. Bill to pay for college afterward. She won't receive the inheritance money until she's 18. What advice can I give her to ensure she makes good decisions with the money?

— Davis

Dear Davis,
I'm truly sorry to hear about your mom. At the same time, I'm so proud of you for stepping up to help your little sister. You know, \$75,000 sounds like a lot of money — especially to a

teenager. But that kind of cash can disappear in a heartbeat if she's not careful. And then, all she'd have left where her inheritance is concerned is a lifetime of regret.
If she'll be smart with this money, and by that, I mean investing wisely and having a little bit of fun, she could end up a rich, little old lady one day. Not only that, but she can honor the memory of your mother and change her family tree forever. Her family will think differently, and be able to live differently, all because she had the maturity to not blow the money.
You said she'll get \$75,000, right? Think about this: She could just have fun with \$15,000 or so, and invest the



rest in good, growth stock mutual funds. If the stock market continues to average what it has since its start, she'll be a multi-millionaire — and then some — by retirement.

Even if I'm half-wrong on the math, the advice still stands. She'd have millions waiting for her. The point is that investing a big lump sum of money, and leaving it there for her golden years, is a great idea.
Now, I'm going to give you some homework, Davis. I want you to talk to a bunch of rich, old folks. Learn what they did to build wealth and hang onto it. Also, make sure the friends and family you both have around you are quality people — the kind who have your best interests at heart. Remember, the Bible says, "In the multitude of counsel there is safety."
Your sister is very lucky to have a big brother like you. Walk her through this advice.

Be there for her. Look out for her. She needs you right now, and she'll need you in the years to come.
God bless you both!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is an eight-time No. 1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of *The Ramsey Show*, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on *Good Morning America*, *CBS Mornings*, *Today Show*, *Fox News*, *CNN*, *Fox Business*, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions.

✓ Legislature: Lawmakers worked for the people, but more work needed

From Page 16
Idaho continues to put out the "Open for Business" sign. (HB 428 - adopted)
Another positive development was ending the practice of political messages on taxpayer refund checks, thanks to the unanimous adoption of HB 618. Government officials should be commended for prioritizing tax refund checks when taxpayers overpay. The refund checks speak for themselves; however, without turning them into a government-funded political advertisement. (HB 618 - adopted)

Education bright spots

Although there were a couple of education reform roadblocks this year, lawmakers did adopt several bills to help improve the existing public school system. The approval of the school facilities bill (HB 521) should help address the safety of school buildings for students. The overwhelming adoption of "The Accelerating Public Charter Schools Act" will remove some of the administrative handcuffs on high-performing charter schools so they can focus on student outcomes instead of paperwork. It is very exciting to see Idaho continue to embrace charter schools and act to enhance their ability to meet the needs of students and families who are looking for alternative education opportunities. (HB 422 - adopted)

Taxpayers, govt. on equal footing

In a positive development for Idaho, lawmakers signaled their intent and desire to stop agency end-runs around the legislative process with the strong approval of HB 626. As noted by the statement of purpose for the bill, "reviewing courts must rule, where an interpretation is in relative doubt, to limit agency power in favor of individual liberty." This reform will help put citizens on an equal footing with government agencies if a legal dispute occurs. Administrative agencies need to be kept in check, and this new law will help end judicial deference on agency rules. (HB 626 - adopted)

Public notice, good lawmaking can co-exist

One thing that became clear during the 2024 legislative session, additional transparency reforms are needed. Unless you are camping at the Statehouse, it is very difficult to know when a public hearing will occur, what bills are under consideration, and even if a bill has been adopted. Illustrating this problem, one of the stakeholder email updates I received this year had this note about action on a bill: "We will get little to almost no notice if that takes place." Another example is a committee agenda email notice on a bill that I was invited to testify on that didn't arrive until 1:15 a.m. on the same day as the 8 a.m. public hearing.
While this type of format may work for lobbyists,

it is not structured to enhance public participation in the legislative process. This is why we believe there should be at least a three-day notice for public hearings, remote testimony options provided for all public hearings, and legislative bill pages should be updated in real-time when a roll call vote occurs so you don't have to be actively watching floor action to know if a bill was adopted.

Better luck next year

Along with the previously discussed failure of the education choice tax credit and Public School Transparency Act, other worthwhile proposals also didn't get adopted this year. Among them:

- Providing a statewide voters' guide (SB 1273 – passed Senate; not heard in House);
- Ending taxpayer subsidies for teacher unions (HB 602 – failed House floor);
- Using performance outcomes for education spending (HB 595 – passed House; not heard in Senate);
- Authorizing an Artificial Intelligence Advisory Council (HB 568 – passed House; not heard in Senate); and
- Helping Congress adopt a balanced budget (SCR 112/SCR 115 not voted on by the full Senate).

✓ Forests: Policy, court decision must be overcome to ensure forest health

From Page 16
improve the health of our natural resources to reduce fire risk. I am advocating for a number of legislative efforts to improve our country's ability to prevent and respond to wildfires.

- This includes remaining a strong proponent of reversing the disastrous *Cottonwood* decision handed down by the Ninth Circuit. This decision provides a loophole for outside groups to effectively pause forestry activity by filing a lawsuit. Passing legislation to reverse the *Cottonwood* decision would reduce the risk of wildfires and allow agencies to partake in important wildfire restoration activities.
- I also continue to support expediting the

environmental review process for projects that remove invasive species and support policies that play a vital role in maintaining the economic and environmental well-being of our region.

- Prescribed fires and targeted grazing must also remain available as vital tools for mitigating wildfire risk.
- Further, Congress must enact legislation I co-sponsored to reauthorize and expand the CFLRP to support collaborative and community-based forest management.

Forests, which make up 39 percent of the land in Idaho, are key to air and water quality and sustain wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities. They

support communities through wood and paper product jobs and recreation dollars. They are the backdrop and means for an unparalleled quality of life. Their vitality hinges on their effective management, and I will continue to work to ensure federal policy best enables the long-term health of public lands to help prevent wildfires and back those protecting our communities from wildfires.

— 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.



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✓RV: Commissioner vents frustration over minority dictating progress

board chair Jerry Hoagland (R-Wilson) and Dist. 3 Commissioner Cindy Bachman (R-Bruneau — voted to not adopt the proposed ordinance during last week’s Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Aberasturi said he voted against rejecting the draft ordinance because the county must do something about the proliferation of RV dwellers living in dangerous conditions.

“I agree we do need to do

something, but I don’t think the current RV ordinance draft is the way to go at the moment,” Bachman said.

“I would like to take the proposed RV ordinance off the table and look at amending the current RV ordinance that we have.”

The commissioners decided to continue the RV ordinance discussion until Monday afternoon (after press time).

But Aberasturi vehemently voiced his displeasure in maintaining the status quo during the April 1 meeting.

“The problem with the RV ordinance we have in place is it’s very restrictive,” he said.

The current ordinance doesn’t allow RV living unless a conditional use permit has been obtained.

Aberasturi said the way things stand, a county commissioner must investigate complaints of violations.

“Nothing will get done if we leave it like it is,” Aberasturi said. “I really don’t care because I don’t like going after people for property rights.

“Somewhere along the line, we need to quit kicking the can down the road and do something.”

Aberasturi said that the commissioners will have to start over if they’re going to address the ordinance

question.

“If we’re going to go back to the old one, we might as well stay with it for 10 years,” he said. “I would prefer that we do something and not go back to the old one because the old one is not enforceable.”

Aberasturi voiced his frustration because of the amount of work that has been done on the proposed ordinance, discussions about which began several years ago before being derailed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prosecuting Attorney Chris Topmiller said he was willing to look at revising the proposed ordinance, but added the commissioners probably wouldn’t like what he’d come back with.

“I’m going to ask you for things that you may not be willing to give like funding for a code enforcement officer because I think the enforcement component is problematic as things are now,” Topmiller said.

Bachman conceded that a code enforcement officer would be necessary to uphold the proposed ordinance, too.

Topmiller acknowledged that the county doesn’t have the money for a code enforcement officer.

But Aberasturi said the conditions in some areas — he

mentioned China Ditch Road, and said “I’ve seen worse” — may supersede county enforcement anyway.

“I’m working with Southwest District Health and (Idaho Department of Environmental Quality) on one, and hopefully the attorney general will allow us to move forward before we can get funding because the county can’t afford to clean it up,” Aberasturi said.

Aberasturi said that the backlash about the proposed RV ordinance is not an example of democracy at work.

“I’m just frustrated because I’ve been doing this for 14 years with very little help,” he said. “Twenty percent of the population comes out screaming and yelling at us, and 80 percent wants it, and now we’re going to kick the can down the road because 80 percent wants it and 20 percent doesn’t.”

The veteran commissioner also said that if a survey is circulated and another ordinance brought forward, it will be his final go-round with the issue.

“This is the last one I’ll do. After this, I won’t do it again,” he said. “I don’t know where (the opposition) is coming from because it’s not coming from my end of the (county).”

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