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DRAMATIC RISE IN HOMEDALE LIBRARY ACTIVITY



Homedale High School actors spend the day with library youth

Above: The Big, Bad Wolf (Paige Van Vliet, right) startles Pig 1 (Drake Manning). **Right:** HHS “Drama Mama” DeAnn Thatcher (left) asks questions during the Homedale High School Drama Club’s visit to the library’s visit to the after school program on April 22.

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BLM presses pause on GV travel plan

Input from county, others sparks re-evaluation

Citing a large amount of feedback, the Bureau of Land Management Boise District has put the brakes on the fifth and final travel management plan dealing with a portion of public lands access in Owyhee County.

In a Friday press release, the federal agency said a “large volume of public comments” regarding off-highway vehicle

— See **BLM**, back page

Marsing market soars in popularity

Themed bi-monthly events begin Saturday

As Megan Poole begins her third year as Snake River Country Market director, she — and the Marsing-based market — is getting noticed.

She recently received a 2024 Local

— See **Marsing**, page 12

SRO deputy on the Marsing beat now

Angel Juarez began patrolling the Marsing school grounds last week.

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy’s arrival on campus came 13 days after the district board of trustees asked Sheriff Larry Kendrick why the memorandum of understanding to put a deputy in the schools hadn’t been executed.

“It’s good to have an SRO here,” Marsing Elementary teacher Wendy Swenson said.

Juarez, a 25-year-old Nampa resident, has been part of OCSO since October as a Marsing-area

patrol deputy.

Kendrick said after Juarez began his new assignment on April 22 that the deputy would work out of his office in The HUB.

During his first week on the job, Juarez also walked the halls and the grounds of the school complex, high-fiving students and interacting with both students and staff.

OCSO’s only bilingual deputy will also attend games and special events during a four-day workweek.

Juarez received his Idaho Peace Officers Standard and Training basic

certificate after six months on the OCSO force. He completed the law enforcement course at the College of Western Idaho, which provides the same training as seen at the POST Academy.

More training will be coming, Kendrick said.

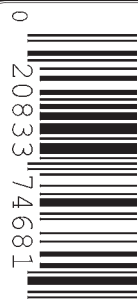
“We are looking for an SRO school as well, but none are local, so we may need to send him out of the area for that training,” the sheriff said.

That training could come during

— See **SRO**, page 3



New Marsing school resource officer Deputy Angel Juarez (left) greets fifth-grader Guillermo Martinez, 11, in the halls Thursday.



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Legal saga continues for men nabbed in raid near HES

Feds indict one; state drug charges for the other

Both men taken into custody during an Idaho Crimes Against Children task force warrant service near Homedale Elementary School still face criminal proceedings.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Chris Topmiller filed felony and misdemeanor drug charges against Matthew S. Harris a month after the Feb. 29 action by a task force including Idaho State Police, Department of Homeland Security and various Idaho municipal police personnel. A search warrant was served at 301 W. California Avenue, about a block north of grade school.

Richard Marlin Kellogg, 49, was arrested and charged with two felony counts of sexual exploitation of a minor for allegedly possession digital images of children.

Task force personnel found both men secluded in a secret room inside the house after two or three hours of hiding, according to court records.

While Harris still faces state charges, Kellogg is now the subject of federal prosecution.

In an April 22 email to The Owyhee Avalanche, Topmiller said he never handled the state case, but the Idaho Attorney General's Office-filed charges were dismissed when a federal indictment was handed down.

Kellogg's state case was dismissed March 18, days after his federal case was filed in the U.S. District Court for Idaho. Harris had been released by investigators after several hours of interviews in February.

But now the 38-year-old man has been charged with felony marijuana trafficking, felony drug possession and misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession. The AG's task force filed an arrest warrant after his release, Topmiller said.

After receiving the warrant, Topmiller filed charges stemming from items found upstairs in the house inside a safe, in a nightstand drawer and in a bathroom on the day of the search warrant service, according to an ISP probable cause statement.

The sworn statement includes an affidavit from a Homeland Security agent who reported finding nearly 800 grams of marijuana, marijuana grinders, a scale and a glass pipe containing methamphetamine. The drugs and paraphernalia had been handed over to an ISP trooper at the scene.

Harris made his initial appearance in Third District Court on April 5, at which time he posted \$5,000 bail and was released from custody.

A preliminary hearing scheduled for April 16 was continued, and a status conference has been scheduled for 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington.

— JPB

Big Loop entries open Saturday

Big weekend to include more than rodeo events

Entry books for the annual Big Loop Rodeo open at 8 a.m., on Saturday, but that's just the start of the big doings this year in Jordan Valley.

Entries for several rodeo events to be held Friday through Sunday, May 17-19, will be taken in person at the rodeo office inside the Jordan Valley Lions Hall on Saturday, or by phone between 8 a.m., to 7 p.m., on Saturday by calling (541) 586-2551.

The open amateur rodeo entries also can be mailed to Dennis Stanford at P.O. Box 167, Jordan Valley, OR 97910.

All fees must be paid by Wednesday, May 17 for an entry to remain valid.

It costs \$150 to enter each of the following events (added money in parentheses):

- Big Loop (\$1,500)
- Saddle bronc (\$1,500)
- Bull riding (\$1,500)
- Calf roping (\$1,000)
- Women's breakaway (\$1,000)
- Stock saddle bronc (\$1,000)
- Senior barrel racing (\$1,000)
- Team roping (\$1,000)

Junior events can be entered for \$50 each:

- Barrel racing, 14-and-under (\$250)
- Steer riding, 10- to 14-year-

olds (no added money)

King Cattle Co., Blossom Ranches, Chad McDaniels, and Nevada Livestock are the stock contractors for the three-day rodeo.

Slack starts at noon on Friday, May 17, and the Saturday and Sunday rodeos begin at 1 p.m.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

There is a raffle for a Winchester 6.5mm rifle Jim and Mary Sue Davis donated in memory of Lee Stanford.

Big Loop championship saddles are sponsored by the Jordan Valley Rodeo Board, and Skyline Silversmiths created the first-place trophy buckles.

Associated events are planned to celebrate rodeo week in the Oregon border town:

• **Cowboy Poetry 2024** — The free event sponsored by the Jordan Valley High School Drama Club will be presented at 7 p.m., on Friday, May 17 inside the high school gymnasium.

Poetry performers will include high school drama club members, Annie Mackenzie, Gary Eller, Mike Hanley, Darrell Holden, Dana Wirth, and Matt Robertson.

• **Big Loop Parade** — The procession, themed "Big Loops, Deep Roots," will begin at 11 a.m., on Saturday, May 18. The grand marshals are local FFA and 4-H club members representing the future of agriculture.

Parade lineup will take place at the Methodist church, and all entrants must hold a release of liability form.

A \$100 cash prize will be available in each of several categories — Most generations on a float, Best farming/ranching, Best motorized, Best non-motorized, Best ages 11-18, Best 10 and younger, Best business, and Largest group

• Buckaroo Breakfast will be held each morning on Saturday and Sunday.

• A barbecue steak dinner, at a cost of \$25 per person, will be served Saturday after the rodeo.

• **"Living an American Dream"** — A documentary film by Jordan Valley resident Clare McKay will be screened at 6:30 p.m., on Saturday inside the high school gym. Admission is \$10 at the door.

The film about Clare's siblings Gabe and Luke, who were adopted from Haiti and raised in Eastern Oregon, will be presented by the Drexel H Foundation with a grant from the Creative Heights Initiative of the Oregon Community Foundation.

Clare McKay will sit for a question-and-answer session after the screening, and she also will be interviewing ranching and farming women for her next documentary lifting up the voices of rural ranching women.

• **Cowboy Church** — 10 a.m., on Sunday inside the high school gymnasium.

Grand View Days parade in the works

More Grand View Days news has been rolled out. The annual festival will take place on Saturday, July 13.

Entry lineup will begin at 10 a.m., at the American Legion Post 134 Hall parking lot, 410 Roosevelt Ave.

The parade starts at 11 a.m., and organizers promise candy, prizes and fun.

Floats are wanted for the parade, and anyone who wants to enter can call Amanda Snyder at (208) 590-9724.

Prospective market vendors can call Cyndi Fullmer at (208) 599-2790 or Savannah May at (208) 591-1468.

The market will begin at 10 a.m., and vendor booths are available for \$20 each.

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Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Angel Juarez keeps an eye on older Marsing schoolchildren as he walks his beat in between buildings at the campus Thursday.

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✓ **SRO:** Sheriff still working on K-9 plan the summer. Marsing contract deputy would fill that role. But six weeks of full-time training is needed to bring a K-9 officer online.

As for the K-9 plan Kendrick mentioned during the April 9 school board meeting, the sheriff said that either Juarez or the City of

— JPB

DMV offices close again for training

Owyhee County Division of Motor Vehicles branches in Murphy and Marsing will close Thursday for another training. Marsing's DMV office is located at 15 Reich St. The doors are open from 8:30 a.m., to 4 p.m., on Monday through Friday. Exams are offered until 3 p.m. Call (208) 896-4210.

The closure will allow staff to attend the Idaho Transportation Department's annual driver's license training. The branches will open again for regular hours on Friday. The Grand View DMV branch, which is located at 420 Boise Ave., is open only on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m., to 3 p.m. Written exams are available until 2 p.m. Call (208) 834-2060.

The Murphy DMV branch, 20381 State Hwy. 78, is open from 8:30 a.m., to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The office closes at noon for a half-hour lunch, and written exams are available until 3 p.m., each day. Call (208) 482-3090.

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Marsing councilperson's arraignment waived

The details have changed regarding Marsing City Councilperson Elizabeth Wahl's initial court appearance to face misdemeanor drug charges. Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell clarified last week that Wahl has retained legal representation. "When that happens, arraignments are vacated, and the case moves to a pretrial hearing," Barkell said. Wahl, 35, will have a pretrial conference before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington at 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, May 21 at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy. It was reported in last week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche that Wahl was to face an arraignment at 9 a.m., today inside the new Owyhee County Justice Center on North 2nd Street West in Homedale. But, because she retained an attorney, the arraignment was waived, Barkell said. Although a Homedale Police officer cited Wahl, the proceedings were moved to Murphy because the traffic stop and subsequent citation occurred outside city limits. Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Chris Topmiller will handle the case. Wahl was cited on April 15 near Pioneer Road and Johnstone Road after the HPD officer stopped her for speeding and expired vehicle registration. A subsequent search by the HPD drug detection dog, Ruger, turned up THC vape pens, cartridges and tincture, according to the police.

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Rimrock Natl. Honor Society chapter brings in new members

by **Samantha Elizarraraz**
Rimrock Journalism

Rimrock High School is proud to have an active National Honor Society chapter. The members consist of president Josie Lisle, vice-president Samantha Elizarraraz, secretary Molly Mulberry, treasurer Alexa Hurtardo, and Alia Aquiso, Tyler Lisle, Morgan Field, and TJ Gonzalez.

On Thursday, April 18, seven new members were inducted. They are Tony Gallardo, Nataly Rivera, Paisley Prow, Kloe Borgen, Lainee Raymond, Gael Gallardo, and Ruby Lisle.

National Honor Society is a program that has been nationally recognized since 1921. Each chapter recognizes students who are all-around. This means students who are involved in many different school community activities.

The National Honor Society has four core values:

- Scholarship
 - Service
 - Leadership
 - Character
- Scholarship means having a commitment to learning.

Service refers to voluntary contributions, which are done by a student who is a part of National Honor Society.

Leadership is a student who is resourceful, a problem-solver, and has good ideas.

Character means to have morals and ethics exemplified in all parts of a member's life.

Each member of Rimrock's NHS chapter has proven to be proficient in all four core values of the program.

Special thanks go out to the Bruneau Boosters and Grand View Lions Club for their financial support making this event successful, as well as members, families, and staff who helped the night of the event.



Rimrock High School's National Honor Society inductees, from left: Tony Gallardo, Nataly Rivera, Paisley Prow, Ruby Lisle, Lainee Raymond, and Gael Gallardo. **Not pictured:** Kloe Borgen. Rimrock Journalism photo

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GRAND VIEW

Owyhee native marks 50 years in Legion

A man born in Three Creek nearly in southeastern Owyhee County nearly a century ago has been honored by the Oregon Department of the American Legion.

According to an article published by the Malheur Enterprise in Vale, Ore., Jack

Dunn received a plaque from American Legion Post 96 (Vale) to commemorate 50 years of membership in the American Legion.

The newspaper's online article said Dunn was born in Three Creek in 1925 and he enlisted in the military

shortly after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Dunn, 99, is now an Eagle resident after working for the Bureau of Land Management in the Vale Field Office and as a real estate agent in the Malheur County seat.

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Busy Homedale Chamber of Commerce agenda ahead

Ribbon cuttings, business mixer planned

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce is launching several events in the coming weeks.

The events were discussed during the April 23 luncheon at The Bowling Alley.

- The Chamber’s first

evening mixer will take place from 5:30 p.m., to 7 p.m., on Tuesday at Wild Lotus Coffee, 1 E. Idaho Ave.

The mixer will feature a raffle, and Chamber vice-president Shelly Lee said proceeds will benefit either a beautification campaign or a planned scholarship program.

The beautification campaign is a follow-up after a storefront-related meeting at Wild Lotus last month.

“We want to make the Chamber of Commerce known in the area,” Lee said. “People are going to know what’s going on.

“We want to beautify the street and give businesses a nice facelift with flowers. When people come to Homedale, they’re going to see it’s a nice hometown that people want to stay in.”

One business that has taken the storefront update to heart

is NAPA Owyhee Auto Parts on East Idaho Avenue. Work on a new façade began last week with the removal of the old signage and the start of a new storefront.

- The first of two ribbon cuttings will take place at 10 a.m., on Friday at Groomer Has It – formerly The Dog Spa – at 2 W. Owyhee Ave.
- Another ribbon cutting is planned for 5:30 p.m., on Wednesday, May 15 at Liberty Lounge – formerly Last Chance Saloon – at 120 W. Idaho Ave.

“The more people we have from the Chamber, the better,” Lee said of attendance at the ribbon cutting events. “It just shows good support.”

For more information on the Chamber or its events, contact president Leslie Griffith at (916) 899-0422.

During last week’s Chamber luncheon, Homedale Assembly of God pastor Ivar Moore said that he is working with city officials on protocol to open the snack shack planned at the church, 15 W. Montana Ave.

A public hearing on the church’s special use permit to operate the snack shack will be held during the city council’s 6 p.m. meeting next Wednesday at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Chamber secretary/treasurer Sheila Matteson also asked Chamber member business owners to double-check the information on the Chamber website to ensure details are as up-to-date as possible.

Lee also talked about the Chamber’s planned Hometown Harvest Festival, which is planned for Riverside Park on Saturday, Oct. 5 and will coincide with the Assembly of God’s annual car show at Bette Uda City Park.

Chamber members are encouraged to volunteer to help out with the festival or to set up booths promoting their services.

The Chamber is also planning a small-business Saturday promotion once a month. The Chamber’s executive board is working on bringing the first event in June to life.

— JPB

School menus

Homedale Elementary

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

May 1: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Orange chicken bowl, mixed vegetables

May 2: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, blueberry muffin, sliced pears **Lunch:** Chicken Crispito, buttered corn

May 6: **Breakfast:** Raised donut, string cheese, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken sandwich, crinkle fries

May 7: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk biscuits, sausage patty, country gravy, sliced pears **Lunch:** Mac-n-cheese, seasoned green beans, whole grain roll

May 8: **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

May 1: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Orange chicken bowl, seasoned green beans, egg roll

May 2: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, orange slices **Lunch:** Crisпитos, buttered corn

May 6: **Breakfast:** Raised donut, string cheese, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, curly fries

May 7: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk biscuits, country gravy, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs, mixed vegetables, chocolate chunk cookie

May 8: **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

May 1: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, Yami yogurt, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, Tater Tots *Grab ‘n’ go:* Asian chicken crunch wrap

May 2: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich, Yami yogurt, iced coffee **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza slice, garden salad *Grab ‘n’ go:* Southwest chicken salad

May 6: **Breakfast:** Raised donut or bagel and cream cheese, string cheese, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Meatball sub, crinkle fries *Grab ‘n’ go:*

Chicken Caesar wrap

May 7: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk biscuits, sausage patty, country gravy, iced coffee **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, Tater Tots, chocolate chunk cookie *Grab ‘n’ go:* Asian chicken salad

May 8: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Cheese pizza, garden salad *Grab ‘n’ go:* Cheese 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): Cheeseburger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sandwich; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)

May 1: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** French toast sticks, pork sausage patty, hash browns, strawberry cup *Hot Grab-n-go:* Mini pepperoni pizza, curly fries

May 2: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, Yami yogurt, banana **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, curly fries *Cold Grab-n-go:* Club sub

May 6: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, string cheese, sliced peaches **Lunch:** *Hot Grab-n-go:* BBQ pulled pork sandwich, coleslaw, Tater Tots *Cold Grab-n-go:* Chicken bacon ranch wrap

May 7: **Breakfast:** Biscuit, pork sausage patty, country gravy, sliced pears **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn, roll *Cold Grab-n-go:* Very berry chicken salad

May 8: **Breakfast:** French toast bites, Yami yogurt, applesauce **Lunch:** Orange chicken, steamed rice, green beans, spring roll, fortune cookie *Cold Grab-n-go:* Taco salad

Bruneau/Grand View

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

May 1: **Breakfast:** Waffle **Lunch:** Nachos and whole wheat chips, refried beans/salsa, broccoli

May 2: **Breakfast:** Bagels and cream cheese **Lunch:** BBQ pulled pork on a bun, fries, celery sticks

May 6: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Chicken patty on a bun, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli

May 7: **Breakfast:** Cook’s choice **Lunch:** Chili, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll

May 8: **Breakfast:** Mini Cinnabon **Lunch:** Glazed chicken, whole wheat roll, tossed romaine salad, corn

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Served at noon
Milk and roll/bread available each day

May 1: Tuna melt, fries, California blend vegetables

May 2: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, beets

May 7: Beef stroganoff, sautéed cabbage

May 8: Salmon, scalloped potatoes, peas and carrots

May 9: Chicken with mushroom gravy over rice, broccoli

May 14: Salisbury steak with mushrooms and onions, mashed potatoes and gravy, Brussels sprouts

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)

May 1: Chicken and chile casserole, corn/spring vegetables, green salad, whole wheat tortillas

May 3: Beef Philly on hoagie roll, potato wedges, peas, banana

May 6: Sherry mushroom chicken over pasta, Catalina vegetables, snap peas, breadstick, fresh fruit

May 8: Pastrami and Swiss on 9-grain bread, potato salad, chickpea salad, fresh fruit

May 10: Roast pork with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, asparagus, Baci roll, applesauce

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
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May 2: Pulled pork, coleslaw, applesauce, rolls, baked beans, milk

May 7: Open-faced turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, bread, milk

May 9: Philly cheese steak sub sandwich, tots, fruit, salad, milk

May 14: Hamburger/hot dogs, potato salad,fruit jello, roll, milk

Latest GOP candidate forum focuses on legislators

Not all questions are partisan during Marsing event

Most candidates for the Republican nomination for District 23 legislative positions showed up for another partisan forum last week.

The High Desert Republican Women’s candidates forum for District 23 and Canyon County candidates on the May 21 primary ballot was held April 23 inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center.

Only appointed Canyon County Clerk Rick Hogaboam appeared among the county candidates. Running unopposed, Hogaboam succeeded Chris Yamamoto earlier this year after Yamamoto retired.

The candidates for Canyon County Board of Commissioners didn’t make it to the Marsing forum after participating in a Chamber of Commerce election event in Nampa. Dist. 23 Sen. Todd Lakey (R-Nampa), who is running unopposed in the GOP primary, didn’t make the forum south of the Snake River.

All House of Representatives candidates fielded questions first posed by moderator Tammy Payne, the Owyhee County Republican Central Committee chair, on behalf of High Desert chair Heather Martin. Payne said Martin was absent because of a bout with pneumonia.

Each candidate — Dist. 23, Seat A incumbent Melissa Durrant and challenger Chris Bruce of Kuna, and Seat B incumbent Tina Lambert of Caldwell and challenge Shawn Dygert of Guffey — were asked if they supported the state GOP platform

100 percent. If they didn’t support the platform completely, they were asked to explain why.

Bruce said he supports the platform and signed a pledge to do so, and Lambert said, “I support the whole thing.”

Dygert and Durrant both took exception with the platform’s support of an abortion ban without exceptions.

“Do I agree with it? Yes. Would I follow as a guiding document? Yes. But, when you take that type of document and say you’re going to pledge allegiance, you have be very careful when it can change on a whim this summer,” Dygert said.

Standing on that possibility of change, Dygert said he didn’t support a total abortion ban if it means the life of the mother is endangered.

“I struggle with the times when it’s the dire needs of the mom and a last-ditch resort and the baby is not viable,” Durrant said.

She also said she supported school choice, but not when it affected current funding for schools.

The candidates were also asked if they took any campaign contributions from large corporations, out-of-state sources or political action committees.

“I think I received one large donation from one PAC,” Lambert said. “The whole rest of it is from citizens, mostly District 23.”

A sitting Kuna city councilman, Bruce said his donations have come from citizens, and when he received donations during campaigns from builders or developers, he returned the checks.

Durrant said she received “quite a bit” from PACs and from out of state because she and her husband do business outside of Idaho. She said the out-of-state contributions come from

organizations that like her work in the Legislature.

Dygert said he has received contributions from PACs representing agricultural interests, including associations for sugar beet growers, potato growers and Idaho cattlemen. His one out-of-state contribution came from a company that does business in Homedale, too.

But he said the campaign contributions won’t influence his work in the Legislature, if he’s elected.

“They’ll get an honest conversation,” Dygert said.

Another question about campaign contributions sought to ferret out whether candidates were accepting support from PACs or organizations “actively enabling illegal immigration and border crisis in this country.”

Dygert said he wasn’t sure what “actively participating in open borders” meant, but added “everybody I talk to in all of agriculture want the same thing: They want a secure border” and to identify everyone in the workforce.

He said he has support from the Idaho Dairyman’s Association, saying that group is interested in water, nutrient management and ways to avoid the impact of nuisance complaints near the rural/urban interface.

He also said he wants to secure the border through the use of a valid worker program.

Durrant said she is endorsed by the Idaho Dairymen and that 30 percent of Idaho’s dairies operate inside the boundaries of District 23.

“They understand the value of a closed border, but they understand that we need the workforce,” she said.

Five questions generated by audience members were allowed at the end of the forum.

One questioner wondered what could

be done to prevent “sneaker bills” from getting through the hectic final days of a session.

Lambert said the bills could be read in the House chamber before a vote, and she also said that the practice of a suspended calendar, which piles up work.

“If we had enough people who agreed, we could vote ‘No we’re not going to go to that (a suspended calendar).’ ” she said. “I don’t know with the current makeup of our Legislature if that would happen, but that would be one way to solve it.”

Durrant said relying on committee members is important when it comes time for a full floor vote.

“We have to start trusting the people who are in there during the committee meetings that this is what the public wanted because we read it and we do our best, but I will admit we’re not always perfect,” she said, adding that recordings of committee meetings are also available for more research.

Dygert said the crucial factor is examining every proposal that comes before the Legislature before voting.

“I think it’s really important to make sure that everything that comes through gets to be fully vetted and exposed and testified on and talked about,” he said. “I’ve been known to be a parliamentarian on occasion. Even though its Roberts’ Rules of Order and Legislature uses Mason’s.

“You should use the rules of the organization to say, ‘We’re going to take the time to fully expose this and fully vet it.’ ”

Bruce was succinct: “If you don’t read the bill, I don’t think you can vote on it. And listen to the debate because it can bring up ideas you don’t even think about.”

— JPB

County chair: Audience can ask questions at forums

Homedale, Murphy events yet to come

Republican primary candidates will face questions from the audience at the remaining Owyhee County Republican Central Committee forums.

In an email to the media and the candidates, county committee chair Tammy Payne laid out the ground rules for the three forums, one of which was held Tuesday after press time in Bruneau.

“You’ll be given 5 minutes to introduce yourself, tell us why you’re running, and anything else you might want to tell the voters,” Payne wrote.

“Audience questions will then be asked of the candidates at the close of all the candidates’ introductions.”

Five questions were taken from the audience during the forum for District 23 legislative candidates and candidates for Canyon County offices held April 23 inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center.

Although the High Desert Republican Women sponsored the forum, Payne asked questions from the podium, saying that HDRW president Heather Martin was absent because of a bout of pneumonia.

Questions from Payne were formulated by the High Desert Republican Women

membership.

Audience members who asked questions at last week’s forum weren’t asked to identify themselves, but some were known to the moderator. One was the husband of a candidate for the Canyon County Board of Commissioners, and another was a man whose testimony was credited with helping kill a muzzleloader modernization bill. Some of the questions were directed only at the incumbent legislators, although their challengers did get a chance to speak up on some of the broader questions.

After last week’s forum, a woman was seen in a conversation asking Payne if audience members would be allowed to pose questions during the central committee-

sponsored forums.

Those forums are scheduled to feature candidates running for the Board of County Commissioners District 1 seat now held by Jerry Hoagland (Lath Callaway and Walt Holton) and the District 3 seat (appointee Cindy Bachman and Michelle Spencer), county sheriff (appointee Larry Kendrick and Tim Riha), and county prosecuting attorney (appointee Chris Topmiller and Trent McRae).

Republican candidates for the District 23 state legislative positions also have been invited, including state Sen. Todd Lakey (R-Nampa), who is running unopposed for the nomination, and House of Representatives hopefuls for Seat A (incumbent Melissa

Durrant and challenger Chris Bruce, both of Kuna) and Seat B (incumbent Tina Lambert of Caldwell and challenger Shawn Dygert of Guffey).

The next Owyhee County GOP forum is set for 7 p.m., on Tuesday at the Owyhee County Community Center at the fairgrounds in Homedale, 432 W. Nevada Ave.

The final county GOP forum will be held at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, May 14 inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy.

Friday was the final day for voter pre-registration for the May 21 primary election. People who want to vote can still register at the polls on Election Day with a valid form of identification.

— JPB

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Considerations for new fruit tree selection and planting

Driving around the Treasure Valley is such a treat this time of year, when all the fruit trees are in full bloom! And now is a great time to consider adding fruit trees to your garden or small farm.

But I am always surprised at how little research or preparation many gardeners put into choosing fruit trees that will be with them for the next 10 to 20 years or more!

What do you look for when choosing a tree?

How do you know you’re getting a good specimen?

And, finally, how do you set your new long-term tree friend up for success?

This week, let’s look at these questions and a few answers.

First, when you think about the kind of fruit you want to grow, you will want to choose those that are the best options for your landscape, your tastes and your time. Do you have any existing fruit trees? How about the neighbors? How much room do you have? How much time do you have?

Most fruit trees grow well in our region.

Apples and pears can be the most hardy species, but also sometimes require the most time when it comes to pruning and pest management.

Peaches, apricots and nectarines are delightful, but can be more sensitive to cold temperatures and late freezes.

Plums are hardy, tasty and have few insect and disease problems, but may also be messy if you don’t use all the fruit.

Apples and pears (except for Seckel pears) will need a pollinator. Peaches and nectarines are self-fruitful, so if you have room for only one tree and no fruit-growing neighbors, that might be a good choice for you.

Whatever species you choose, consider dwarf and semi-dwarf choices rather than seedling or standard trees. You will have fruit years earlier, and the trees will remain a manageable size for pruning, thinning, spraying and harvesting. Keep in mind that we all want to preserve and protect the commercial orchards in our area, and growing a standard apple tree that can get to 60 feet tall and serve as a host for insects and disease is not

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doing anyone any good.

Ok, so you’ve narrowed down your selection, and you’re ready to go shopping! How do you choose the best trees, whether you’re looking at bare root or container grown trees? Here’s my personal checklist:

- Graft union well-callused with no breaks in the bark or holes in the wood
- Trunk caliper of about a half-inch – smaller than that, and the tree might be weak, and if larger, the tree might not have a sufficient root system to support itself in the first summer of establishment.
- Healthy-looking roots – not pot-bound

You’ve picked a beautiful, healthy specimen, now you need to find it a new home in your landscape.

Here is another checklist for choosing the right spot for your new trees:

- Full sun
- No low-lying areas, frost pockets, or areas with poor drainage
- An area with a depth of about 3 feet to 5 feet of workable soil — or even a

raised bed for dwarf trees

Should you amend your soil? A little compost worked in across the whole planting area is fine, but don’t amend the planting hole or you will encourage the roots to stay in the hole and not establish into the surrounding soil.

More young fruit trees are killed because of “too much love” after planting. When it comes to irrigation, avoid overwatering and underwatering your young tree. This is why we always recommend that fruit trees not be placed in the lawn. Lawns often receive short, frequent watering, which is not good for establishing deep tree roots. And over-fertilization is a bad, bad thing – don’t even fertilize the first year. The tree often won’t need it until it starts to produce fruit.

Despite our hard work, it’s not uncommon for young fruit trees to die. So keep in mind that the decline or death of newly planted trees usually is caused by:

- Roots suffocated by planting too deep (keep the graft union and root flare above the soil level)
- Water standing in the hole (overwatering or no drainage)
- Top growing before roots

(late planting, compromised root system)

- Drought (lack of irrigation or weed competition)
- Fertilizer placed in the hole burning the roots or causing salt damage

Hopefully these tips can help you successfully chose and plant new fruit trees that will be enjoyed for years to come. You can browse our University of Idaho Extension fruit tree resources and learn more about this at <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/landscapes/edible/tree-fruit>.

And another exciting piece of news, we have begun searching for a new Professor of Pomology to serve the region as a fruit specialist at our Parma Research and Extension Center. We’ll let you know when we know more.

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Ariel Agenbroad

Today

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.

Thursday

Fit and Fall class

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

Fit and Fall exercise

10:00 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

Friends of the Homedale Library meeting

4 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

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., Robotics Club visit, Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

READY! for Kindergarten workshop

5:30 p.m., for parents/caregivers of children ages 2-5, ‘Math and reasoning,’ Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. Presented by Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (IDAEYC). Childcare available. Registration: www.idahoaeYC.org/ready

Friday

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Saturday

Auto maintenance class

10 a.m., to 11 a.m., Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Snake River Country Market

11 a.m., to 3 p.m., ‘Cinco de Mayo’, London Park, Main Street and 4th Avenue West, Marsing. SnakeRiverCountryMarket@gmail.com

Sunday

Marsing Gun Club

11 a.m., Marsing Gun Club, 7598 Trap Shoot Rd. (off Hwy 95), Marsing.

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Opal Nash Story Time

10 a.m., ‘Weather’, Gypsy Jackson Memorial

Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

After school program

4:30 p.m., to 5:30 p.m., ‘Magnetic Slime/STEM’, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

U of I Parenting series

5:30 p.m., to 7:30 p.m., free, for families with children ages 5-11, The HUB/Marsing School District Office, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. Information: (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu

Tuesday

Fit and Fall class

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

Fit and Fall exercise

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

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

Rusty and the Country Jammers perform

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

Region III assistance assessments

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

GOP central committee forum

7 p.m., Owyhee County Community Center, 432 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale.

Death notices

KIRBY NEIL FOREMAN, 90, of Oreana and Nampa, died at 1 p.m., on Friday, April 26, 2024 surrounded by his children. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., on Friday, May 3, 2024 at St. Paul’s Catholic Church, 510 W. Roosevelt Ave., Nampa. A graveside service will be held afterward at Oreana Cemetery. A dinner will follow at the Oreana Community Hall. Arrangements: Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel, 415 12th Ave. S., Nampa. (208) 442-8171. Full obituary: www.nampafuneralhome.com

GAIL LEE TUTTLE, 93, of Wilder, died on Wednesday, April 24, 2024. Arrangements: Dakan Funeral Chapel, 504 S. Kimball Ave., Caldwell. (208) 459-3629

Homedale Senior Ctr. launches bid for help

The Homedale Senior Center has launched an effort to bring in volunteers and money to operate its new bus.

Advertising spots on the former Weiser Senior Center bus, recently donated to the center by the Area Agency on Aging, are available for \$1,000 per year with the possibility for renewal.

Center coordinator Melissa Sorlien also seeks three “vital” community volunteers:

- She’s looking for a someone familiar with grant writing or someone who is willing to learn the craft and volunteer their time to create applications for the center.
- A bus driver who is willing to drive to Nampa, Caldwell and/or Boise.
- A bilingual person who can serve as a Spanish translator.

The translator would be available to help people with bingo, exercise and to answer questions about the senior center. Sorlien envisions someone who could translate documents, too.

“Volunteers are vital to the senior center,” Sorlien said in a social media post.

Sorlien said every volunteer hour in Idaho is worth \$27.79, and volunteering helps non-profits like the senior center show community support needed to continue receiving grants and government support.

Folks interested in helping the senior center is invited to drop by between 8 a.m., and 1 p.m., each week Tuesday through Thursday or the call the senior center at (208) 337-3020.

Wroten memorial scholarship dinner scheduled for Friday

Tickets are available at the door Friday for the annual Pat Wroten Memorial Scholarship Foundation fundraiser.

The benefit will take place at the Jordan Valley Lions Hall and raise money for the scholarship foundation established in honor of a longtime area rancher and resident who lost her battle with cancer in 2012.

The doors open at 5:30 p.m., and a 90-minute happy hour sponsored by Fisher’s Saloon will be held.

A New York steak dinner from Cowboy Catering will be served at 6 p.m.

Bids will be available in a

silent auction from 5:30 p.m., to 7 p.m., and a live auction will start at 7:30 p.m.

Auction items donated include loads of hay, cowboy gear, knives, pipe and much more.

The foundation has given more than \$90,000 in scholarships and college credits to local students in the past 11 years.

Dinner tickets cost \$25 for adults and \$15 for ages 7-15. Boys and girls 6 and younger get in free.

For more information, call (208) 831-7339 or (208) 870-8421.

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Obituary

Annie Corta Davis

Annie Corta Davis, beloved mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend, passed away on Thursday, April 25, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. She was 96.

A spirited and resilient woman Annie was born Annie Krzesnik on June 16, 1927, in Homedale, Idaho to parents John and Anna Krzesnik. She attended school in Homedale, Idaho and married Benacio (Ben) Corta on June 24, 1944, at Saint Paul’s Catholic Church in Nampa, Idaho. Annie and Ben moved to Jordan Valley, Oregon where they made their home and had five children — Jim, Sherry, Cynthia, Steve, and Larry. Ben passed away in 1967. Annie and her children moved to Homedale in the Summer of 1967. Annie married Gene Davis in 1972; he passed away in 2013.

Annie was an avid sports fan and a devoted proud spectator at her children and grandchildren’s athletic games. She expressed her creativity through ceramics, loved catching up with friends over



coffee, and enjoyed sitting outside on her patio watching the birds.

In addition to her five children — Jim Corta and wife Carole, Sherry Dines and husband Rich, Cynthia Frazier and husband Steve, Steve Corta, and Larry Corta and wife Margie — Annie is mourned and survived by nine grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and many

close friends. She was preceded into death by her parents, husbands, her brother Johnny, sister Pauline, sister Mary, and two grandsons — Doug Corta and Ryan Dines.

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses, and staff at Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation in Homedale for the comfort and care they provided for Annie.

A rosary recital will be held on May 1st at 7:00 pm at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, 27 E. Owyhee Ave. in Homedale.

The funeral mass will be celebrated on May 2nd at 10:00 am at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, 1122 W. Linden St. in Caldwell. Lunch will be served immediately after mass at the Basque Center, 333 S. Main St. in Homedale. Interment will take place after lunch at 3:00 pm at the Jordan Valley Cemetery.

Annie lived a long and full life and will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

Memories and condolences can be shared at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com

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What appears to be a roadway is all that remains of an old hot pond on Simplot Co., property after the company filled in the body of water. OCSO photo

Simplot fills in pond at 2023 murder site

Mountain Home man’s criminal case ongoing

Months after a homicide at the so-called Bruneau hot ponds, the property owner has closed the area. Simplot Co., has filled in the pond and piped the naturally occurring hot water elsewhere, Owyhee County Sheriff Larry Kendrick said. The mitigation comes nearly a year after a 27-year-old Boise woman, Starla Thomas, was shot and killed after an incident at the site. Manuel Jose Cabrera, a 24-year-old Mountain Home man, was arrested and charged with second-degree murder after the June 8 incident. Cabrera, who was freed after posting a \$50,000 property bond, has never entered a plea, according to court records. A status conference was held via Zoom on Monday after press time, according to the state’s

online case repository. The hot ponds area has been a locale for aggravated assaults, rapes, drugs, fights, prostitution and more, Kendrick said, reflecting on his decade as a Grand View-Bruneau-area patrol deputy. “Ninety-nine percent of the people going there came from other counties,” Kendrick said. A sliver of land between the road and the water’s edge is BLM land, but the well head is owned by Simplot, the sheriff said. “BLM put a gate up a couple of years ago to block vehicle traffic, but the lock was broken,” Kendrick said. “The best solution was to eliminate the pond.” With help from reserve deputy Scott Snyder, who works for Simplot, Kendrick said OCSO arranged with the company to spend money to relocate the well head, fill in the pond and pipe the water a quarter-mile away.

— JPB

FIFTH-GRADERS FLOOD FAIRGROUNDS



Left: University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Educator Scott Jensen tells a group of Parma Middle School fifth-graders about the unique exhibit at Thursday’s Owyhee Watershed Council Field Day that will allow them to reach inside one of the cow’s stomachs and pull out some cud. **Right:** One of the middle-schoolers shows off the partial digested grass he found. The Field Day was moved to the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale because of high water at the Owyhee Reservoir.



A Bureau of Land Management firefighter (right) shows Homedale Middle School fifth-graders how federal firefighters would use a flare to set back fires when battling a wildfire during Thursday’s round of tours at the fairgrounds.



Fifth-graders pet an animal at one of the booths manned by Adrian FFA members during last Wednesday’s first day of the event.

HHS greenhouse ribbon cutting slated

With spring in full bloom, the Homedale High School greenhouse will hold a spring gala grand opening. A ribbon cutting is planned at 5:45 p.m., next Wednesday at the greenhouse behind the HHS Ag shop near the corner of East Owyhee Avenue and North 2nd Street East. The festivities will include art, music and ag-related themes. Sales will be held from 6 p.m., to 8 p.m.

Ag lobby recognizes two Dist. 23 lawmakers

Two of the three legislators who represent District 23 appeared on the Ag All Stars list. The Food Producers of Idaho based their selection on lawmakers’ voting records on select pieces of legislation during the 2024 session. Sen. Todd Lakey (R-Nampa) and Seat A Rep. Melissa Durrant (R-Kuna) were among the 53 legislators singled out by the lobbying group. Seat B Rep. Tina Lambert (R-Caldwell) wasn’t chosen. Food Producers of Idaho, representing more than 45 different agriculture commodity and farm organizations in Idaho and the Pacific Northwest, annually recognizes legislators for their voting record on issues supported or opposed by the organization. In a press release, the organization said Ag All Star legislators are important to Idaho’s agriculture and natural resource industries. The award has been presented for the past 25 sessions. Every bill that is identified as a tracked issue by the Food Producers organization may be a bill that will be used on the organization’s scorecard at the end of the session.

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At left: Teresa Ryska from Homedale Ambulance helps a couple Teens and Tweens participants simulate a patient loaded onto a gurney Thursday. Above: Air Idaho Rescue paramedic Rusty Chambers (right) demonstrates how to place a bandage on a patient. Submitted photos

The wolf climbs the chimney of the brick house built by Pig 3 as Pig 1 looks up in fear. The wolf was chased away after zooming down the chimney and landing into a pot of boiling water left in the fireplace.

Auto service class coming to Homedale library

Summer reading signups open

The Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library’s expanded schedule of offerings continues into May.

The Homedale District Library complex is located in the 100 block of West Owyhee Avenue.

The Homedale High School Robotics Club will visit the Teens and Tweens program at 5 p.m., on Thursday inside the Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The library’s adult book club will gather at 5 p.m., on Friday to discuss “Red Queen” by Juan Gomez-Jurado.

Ryan Tooke of Paradigm Automotive & Performance will lead an auto maintenance class at 10 a.m., on Saturday at the library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

Tooke will teach the basics of auto repair, vehicle servicing and more. The Paradigm Rally Bug will be on hand for class participants to take photos with.

Opal Nash Story Time for preschoolers, themed “Weather,” begins at 10 a.m., on Monday and will feature Laura Aebischer reading “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs” by Judy Barrett and “Bruce’s Big Storm” by Ryan Higgins. The children will make a rain-themed craft.

Monday’s after school program for elementary schoolchildren and middle-schoolers will be held at 4:30 p.m., and feature STEM exercises with circuits and flashlights.

The weekly Idaho Department of Labor visit will take place from noon to 4 p.m., today and every Wednesday. Help is available

in career-related areas, such as filing for unemployment, building resumes and applying for jobs.

Registration for library’s summer reading program — “Adventure Begins at Your Library” — will be taken until Wednesday, May 22. The program is open to ages 5-12, and will be held on

Wednesdays for six weeks between June 5 and July 10.

For more information on the summer program, drop by the library, call the library at (208) 337-4228, or email yschomedalelibrary@yahoo.com.

The summer reading program schedule includes:

- June 5 — Idaho Reptile

- Zoo
 - June 12 — Tie-dye STEM Day
 - June 19 — World Center for the Birds of Prey
 - June 26 — Space STEM Day
 - July 3 — Fourth of July STEM
 - July 10 — Nature Scavenger Hunt/Escape Room

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✓ Marsing: Tejano musician to provide entertainment for first market

Business Person Award from online business networking service Alignable.

And vendor applications for the market, which starts Saturday with a Cinco de Mayo-themed event, have exploded.

The debut market will run from 11 a.m., to 3 p.m., at London Park, which is located near the corner of Main Street and 4th Avenue West in Marsing.

Tejano musician Damian Rodriguez will perform live music in Spanish from noon to 2 p.m., on Saturday.

Less than a month into the application period, Poole already had reported getting one-third of her vendor capacity for the twice-monthly market.

The market locale stays the same for a second year in a row for the first time in a while.

Markets will be held on the first and third Saturdays each month until October.

Poole joined the Marsing Chamber of Commerce last year to increase the exposure of the market.

And this year, all eyes turned to the market when Shanna Sorenson announced she would step down as director of the Top Hat Market in Homedale after one year.

“I was sad to hear that the coordinator of the Top Hat Market moved out of state and that no one has taken her place,” Poole said. “The Homedale markets have always held such a special place in my heart, as that is where I first started vending my wares in 2019.

“Because of that stepping stone, it led to connections at the Snake River Country Market in 2020, which is how I got my position as the market director in 2022.”

Poole said that with the dissolution of the Homedale market, “there has been a huge response from vendors interested in participating at the Snake River Country Market in Marsing.”

Since the flood of calls from vendors looking for a new market, Alicia Wages has launched efforts to bring the Homedale market back for a June-to-September run at Bette Uda City Park.

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

Adding to the Snake River Country Market allure are



Tejano musician Damian Rodriguez will perform live music in Spanish from noon to 2 p.m., for Saturday’s Cinco de Mayo event for the first Snake River Country Market of 2024. Submitted photo

different themes for each market.

“With these special events, I hope to bring more variety of vendors and, therefore, increased participation from the community,” she said.

Themes include:
• **Saturday** — 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

Poole said she has learned a lot now that she’s moving into Year 3 as director.

“I started with only a Facebook page, an envelope with \$100 and a list of 12 vendors,” she said of the first year.

That lack of budget forced Poole to move from The Spot Pavilion, successfully petitioning the city council to use City Park with the backing of then-Mayor Chad Sevy.

“I am so grateful for Mayor Chad Sevy and his enormous

support of the Snake River Country Market. He came to almost every market to show his support,” she said.

Despite the pastoral setting and a concrete pavilion for live music, Poole discovered that City Park’s location tucked away off Marsing’s main drag it was “out of sight, out of mind” to most people who were just out on a Saturday looking for something to do (as opposed to the hard-core farmers market crowd).

“We did not have enough attendees to keep the market in that location,” she said. “After much deliberation, prayer and sleepless nights, I decided to move the market again. Two locations in two years was a huge risk, but it was a risk I felt I needed to take.”

Consideration of Island Park was quickly quashed — licensing, permits, logistical issues and more restrictions.

Then Poole saw a sign — “London Park.”

It was a grassy area across a side street from the Marsing Fire Station.

“I loved how visible and accessible the location was in relation to Main Street, and there was the parking lot next to it,” she said. “I had no idea who owned the property or how to start looking for that information. All I could find was a little sign.”

Seemingly at a dead end, Poole received what she calls “tender mercy.”

Her husband was a Marsing Ambulance Service volunteer, and they were invited to the annual Christmas party.

During a party chat with Randall Samples, Poole discussed the need for a new market home and wondered aloud who owned the property.

“We do!” Samples, a member of the Lizard Butte Baptist Church, said. “Would you like to use it?”

“Talk about a Godsend,” Poole said. “We started discussing plans and logistics that evening.”

The church council gave the market permission to use the park free of charge.

“The response from the community and vendors regarding the location change was overwhelmingly positive and supportive,” Poole said.

Market attendance more than doubled last year compared to the 2022 market at City Park.

After two years at the helm, Poole has seen the vendor roster grow to 270 vendors.

“The market had a very humble beginning, and I am so grateful to the community supporting our small-town market,” she said. “It has been such a pleasure to meet other small business owners, and foster connections between vendors and other entrepreneurs.”

Week 1 vendors

- Tacos La Chiquilla — Food truck
- Sweet Toxicas Chamoy — flavored chamoy
- PaperPie, Alisha’s Book Nook — Books, activities, and puzzles for all ages
- Sweet Comfort Candy LLC — Homemade candy and fudge
- Poppyroad Creations — Defense sets and wristlets
- Blu Dew Boutique — Western Apparel and accessories
- Scentsy
- Rustic Treasures — handmade furniture and birdhouses
- C & J Handmade Crafts — Crochet kitchen accessories
- Crazy Critters Custom Designs — Tumblers, shirts, accessories
- Gramma’s Snack Shack
- Renewal by Andersen
- Knives and Jewelry by Colleen
- Penelope’s Pudding
- Color Street Nails
- Kaleidoscope Creations — Scottish shortbread, craft items
- Abigail’s Sweets
- Amanda’s Massage LLC
- Sevy Sweets and Sourdough
- Homedale Hobby Farm — Produce and plant starts
- Susanna’s Naturals — Herbal Infused Essentials
- Nails by Tyleena & Butterfly Creations
- Phenomenal Finds by Pam — Vintage and upcycled items
- The Wood Keeper — Handmade woodwork
- Mericorn Gifts — Mugs, apparel, gift items
- Elegantly Audacious LLC — Bouquets and plants
- Summer Wolf Creations — Tie-dye clothing
- Sage Meadows Emporium
- Wander in Wildflowers — Floral art
- Free water provided by the Marsing Church of the Nazarene

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Marsing grad, BSU club reach softball World Series



Mila Astorquia concentrates at the plate during a game this season in Spokane. Submitted photo

A former Marsing High School softball player is heading to the World Series.

Mila Astorquia, a 2023 Marsing graduate attending Boise State University, is part of the school’s club softball team that turned a No. 4 seed in the regional tournament into a trip to the National Club Softball Association World Series.

The World Series will be held May 16-19 in Columbus, Ga.

An at-large invitee, the BSU club lost two games during Sunday’s final day of Pacific Regional action at Blackburn Talley Park in Yuba City, Calif.

Second-seeded NAU avenged an earlier loss to the Broncos with a 14-0 victory in the first game. The Flagstaff, Ariz., squad then won the regional title with a 7-3 triumph.

The Broncos rolled into the tournament’s championship round

on Saturday when Astorquia and her teammates beat UC Davis, 7-5. Boise State upset NAU, 3-1, in their opener earlier Saturday.

The two teams qualifying for the championship round received automatic berths into the World Series.

Mila Astorquia is the daughter of Megan and Jake Astorquia, and she is the granddaughter of fellow Marsing residents Sharon and David VanWassenhove.

Christening record at Christoffersen

Nicoletti breaks her own HHS vault mark

The first of two high-profile track and field meets visited Deward Bell Stadium on Friday.

The host Homedale High School athletes found out how they might stack up against their 3A Snake River Valley conference competition in the upcoming 3A District III championship meet, which also will be at the Trojans’ complex.

Kinlee Garrett and Morgan Nicoletti sent their own messages with two gold medals each in the girls’ portion of the second annual Amy Christoffersen Invite.

A sophomore, Nicoletti cleared the bar at 10 feet, 6 inches to shatter her own school record in the pole vault. Friday’s title mark was six inches better than the record she set at the Dave Mangum Invite at Melba High School on April 12.

A senior, Garrett won the 300-meter intermediate hurdles in 49.88 seconds, and she ran the second leg in Homedale’s winning turn

— See *Christoffersen*, page 17



Homedale freshman Peyton McCarney achieved a personal-best javelin distance of 125 feet, 6 inches Friday on his home turf. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

HHS golfers get huge win before district

Swallow, team 2nd in Baker precedes 3A SRV 18-hole triumph

With all scoring golfers in the top 10, Homedale High School scored what could be a telling 18-hole victory over its 3A Snake River Valley conference foes.

With the 3A District III Tournament looming at Rolling Hills Golf Course in Weiser on Monday, the Trojans outpaced the field by six shots April 23 at Scotch

— See *Golfers*, page 17

Legion to honor Luke Aman

As the high school baseball draws to a close, Homedale fans will look toward the American Legion season.

And the portion of that season at John Jackson Field will include the inaugural Luke Aman Memorial Tournament.

The tournament, named for a boy who died in a farming accident months before he was to play Legion ball, will be held between Thursday, May 30 and Sunday, June 2.

Proceeds from the tournament, formerly known as the Owyhee Rivercat Classic, will benefit the Homedale High School baseball program.

“This means so much to me and my family,”

— See *Aman*, page 17

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Sports

Homedale machine crushes more 3A SRV opponents

Trojans lock up
No. 1 district seed

Homedale High School ended the week with the No. 1 seed in the district tournament and one win away from a perfect 3A Snake River Valley conference baseball season.

The Trojans (16-4 overall, 9-0 in conference) swept a doubleheader from non-conference Buhl on Friday and took a six-game winning streak into Monday’s conference season finale at Parma.

Homedale will play host to a 3A District III semifinal at 5 p.m., on Monday at John Jackson Field.

Homedale rolled over two more opponents in three conference victories last week, including wrapping up a 15-2 shellacking of Weiser that had been suspended because of weather on April 3.

Heading into the conference finale, Trojans pitchers had allowed an average of 2.7 hits in 3A SRV games (24 hits and nine contests).

Last Wednesday: Homedale 13, Payette 3 — Homedale dodged a season-high seven errors in a sloppy conference game at Harmon Killebrew Field.

The Trojans scored early and often, running out to an 8-2 lead after three innings. Payette scored twice in the bottom of the first inning to tighten the early score, 3-2.

Payton Fine allowed three hits in the game’s first four innings, and Payette posted three unearned runs on the Trojans’ winning pitcher. He struck out six batters.

Sophomores Chance Martell and Wylee Bidiman pitched three innings of no-hit ball to close out the game.

Another 10th-grader, Carson Fine, knocked in four runs during a 3-for-4 day at the plate that also featured a double and two runs scored.

Lukas Hall was 2-for-4 with a double and three RBI, and fellow sophomore Xavier Uranga singled in a run and scored three times.

Jayden Wutherich doubled and scored twice, and fellow senior Dillon Fine ripped a triple and had two RBI.

April 22, Game 2: Homedale 17, Weiser 0 (5) — Wutherich and Hall drove in three runs apiece as the Trojans finished off the sweep of an unorthodox doubleheader at John Jackson Field.

Homedale scored 10 times in the first inning.

Dillon Fine, who also started the April 3 game that was completed prior

to Game 2, got the win, giving up a hit and striking out five over the game’s first three innings.

Senior Andres Garcia went 3-for-3 with two runs scored and two RBI from the top of the batting order.

Dillon Fine, fellow 12th-grader Andrew Marston, and Carson Fine scored two runs apiece. Martell was 2-for-2 with three runs scored.

Seniors Oklin Carson and Payton Fine knocked in a pair of runs. Fine was also credited with a double.

Last Wednesday: Homedale 15, Weiser 2 (5) — The Trojans finished off a rout of the Wolverines that had began three weeks earlier in Weiser.

With Dillon Fine on the mound, Homedale owned a 9-0 lead in the top of the second inning on April 3 when weather suspended the contest.

Fine had allowed one hit while striking out the side in his only inning of work earlier in the month. Hall took completed the game last week, giving up three hits while striking out six.

Weiser scored two runs — one earned — while trailing 15-0 in the fifth.

Hall went 2-for-2 with a home run and three RBI. Dillon Fine and Martell both scored three times while each collected one of the Trojans’ four doubles. Fine also tripled and singled

in three at-bats.

Uranga and Garcia knocked in two runs each.

Friday, Game 2: Homedale 12, Buhl 1 (5) — Dillon Fine struck out 12 of the 19 batters he faced and allowed just two hits in 4 1/3 innings

Leading 1-0, Homedale erupted for 10 runs in the top of the fourth.

Oklin Carson drilled a three-run home run in the fourth.

Each of the Fine brothers — Dillon, Payton, and Carson — connected for doubles.

Dillon was 3-for-4 with three runs scored and two RBI.

Carson went 3-for-4 with three RBI. Wutherich also scored three times.

Friday, Game 1: Homedale 15, Buhl 2 (5) — The Trojans scored the game’s first 12 runs, including eight in the top of the third, while Dillon Fine and Hall teamed on a three-hitter.

Dillon struck out five and walked no one during two no-hit innings in the first of his two starts Friday.

Andrew Marston was 2-for-4 with a double, two RBI and two runs scored.

Dillon went 2-for-3 with two runs scored, two RBI and a double.

Wutherich, Uranga, Hall and Payton Fine drove in two runs apiece. Wutherich also went 2-for-3.

Homedale Trojans
Athletes of the Week



Baseball
Andres Garcia, sr., 1B
Batting .340 with 19 runs scored, 8 RBI



Softball
Ciarah Barnett, jr., 3B
6 walks, 5 RBI, 3 runs in 4 games



Track and field
Peyton McCarney, fr., throws
PRs in javelin and discus in home meet



Golf
Mattea Dimick, so.
Won girls' 3A SRV JV tourney



Tennis
Cameron Burke, so.
Part of victories No. 1 boys' doubles team

THIS WEEK'S SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

Baseball - Varsity
3A District III Tournament (At John Jackson Field)
Monday, May 6, semifinal vs. No. 4 or No. 5 seed, 5:30 p.m.
If win Monday: Wednesday, May 8, championship, time and opponent TBD
If lose Monday: Tuesday, May 7, loser-out game, time and opponent TBD
Baseball - Junior varsity
Friday, May 3 at Weiser, 11 a.m.
Friday, May 3 vs. Fruitland, Weiser, 1:30 p.m.

Softball - Varsity
3A District III Tournament (At Homedale M.S.)
Monday, May 6, semifinal vs. No. 4 or No. 5 seed, 5 p.m.
If win Monday: Wednesday, May 8, championship, TBD
If lose Monday: Tuesday, May 7, loser-out game, TBD
Softball - Junior varsity
Wednesday, May 1 at Cole Valley Christian, Heritage M.S., Meridian, 3 p.m.
Friday, May 3 at Weiser, 11 a.m.
Friday, May 3 vs. Fruitland, Weiser, 1 p.m.

Track and field
Regular-season finale
Friday, May 3 at Lynn Behrman Invitational, Parma, noon
3A District III championship meet
(At Deward Bell Stadium)
Wednesday-Thursday, May 8-9, start time TBA
Tennis
Thursday, May 2 at Weiser, 4:30 p.m.

Golf - Varsity
Boys and girls
Wednesday, May 1 at 3A Snake River Valley conference 18-hole finale, Meadows Valley GC, New Meadows, 10 a.m.
Monday, May 6 at 3A District III Tournament (18 holes), Rolling Hills GC, Weiser, 10 a.m.
Junior varsity Boys and girls
Wednesday, May 1 at 3A SRV conference 18-hole finale, Meadows Valley GC, New Meadows, 10 a.m.

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Sports

Huskies cling to No. 3 seed heading into final week

A quick-strike offense ended Marsing High School's three-game baseball losing streak Friday.

Teagan Kinney and Jace Chadez teamed up on a two-hitter as the Huskies shut out non-conference host Parma, 4-0.

Before Friday's victory, Marsing slipped further away from the top of the 2A Western Idaho Conference pinnacle with losses to lead Nampa Christian and second-place Cole Valley Christian

The Huskies (9-10 overall, 3-5 2A WIC) entered Monday's game against New Plymouth tied for the No. 3 seed into the upcoming 2A District III Tournament but owning the tiebreaker against the Pilgrims.

Marsing's final game of the regular season comes against Melba on Senior Night. The Mustangs are one game behind the Huskies in the standings and owns the tiebreaker at this point.

Friday: Marsing 4, Parma 0 — Kinney and Levi Puga scored in the top of the first inning to put the Huskies in control early.

Puga was 2-for-4, and Luke Steinmeyer tripled as five different Marsing players posted hits.

Dresden Wood singled in a run and scored, and Chadez had a base hit and a run scored.

Kinney struck out four and gave up a pair of hits. Chadez post three strikeouts during a four-inning no-hit performance.

Last Wednesday: Nampa Christian 7, Marsing 4 — The Huskies grabbed a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first, but the Trojans used a five-run third inning to preserve their unbeaten run in the conference.

Marsing out-hit Nampa Christian and pulled to within two runs, 6-4, in the bottom of the third.

Wood went 2-for-3 with three RBI, and Kinney had a pair of singles and two runs scored from the top of the batting order for the Huskies.

Chadez went 2-for-4 with a run.

Steinmeyer and Chadez limited the Trojans to five hits, but Nampa Christian took advantage of three errors and six walks.

Nampa Christian Brayden Schaefer struck out 14 batters and scattered six hits over 6 2/3 innings. Only one of the Huskies' runs was earned.

April 22: Cole Valley Christian 8, Marsing 6 — The Huskies clawed back from an early seven-run deficit, but couldn't complete the comeback in a crucial conference game.

The Chargers scored seven runs in the bottom of the second then dodged Marsing's six consecutive runs in the third and fourth inning.

Marsing bounced back with a five-run third inning and tried to stay with the second-place 2A WIC team despite collecting only five hits.

Chadez doubled twice, collecting and RBI and scoring a run.

Kinney went 2-for-3 with a double and two runs scored, and Puga also doubled and drove in two runs.

Marsing committed only two errors, but the Chargers scored five unearned runs against starting pitcher Kinney.

Puga struck out four in two innings of work, and Chadez fired another two innings of no-hit ball.

Marsing softball players struggle from the plate

Laney Goostrey's double gave Marsing High School an early lead, but Nampa Christian quickly took control in a conference softball game last Wednesday.

The Trojans erased the one-run deficit quickly and wound up with a 7-1 victory in a 2A Western Idaho Conference game played on the Huskies' field.

Sophomore Mikayla Montgomery went 2-for-3 for Marsing. She singled and scored the team's only run in the bottom of the second.

Bailey Daugherty went 2-for-4 for Marsing (8-10-1 overall, 0-5 in conference), and her younger sister Dany was 2-for-4 from the top of the order.

Macy Boothby, the daughter of former Homedale High School assistant wrestling coach Mark Boothby, drove in two runs for Nampa Christian.

She also scored two runs and singled.

Brooklyn Roadenbaugh amassed 16 strikeouts in a losing effort. Four Huskies errors led to three unearned runs.

April 22: Cole Valley Christian 10, Marsing 0 (5) — Chargers pitcher Karlie Barnum came within a hit batter from a perfect game against the Huskies in a conference game played in Meridian.

Barnum struck out 13 batters, and Marsing's only baserunner was Taylor Callison, who also stole a base.

Cole Valley scored nine runs in the bottom of the third inning to snap a scoreless tie. The first-place Chargers remained unbeaten after five games in conference play.

Only two of the Chargers' runs against Roadenbaugh were earned as Huskies fielders committed three errors.

Roadenbaugh struck out eight.

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MARSING HUSKIES

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Baseball
Jeremiah Rodriguez, Jr., OF
5 RBI, 4 runs scored this season



Softball
Mikayla Montgomery, so., 1B
10 runs scored, 7 RBI, HR this season



Track and field
Alec Ecklund, fr., distance
4th in 3,200, 11th in 1,600, both PRs

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This week's schedule

Baseball-Varsity
Regular-season finale
Wednesday, May 1, home vs. Melba (Senior Night),
5:30 p.m.
Note — Also Senior Night for track and field athletes
2A District III Tournament
(Site, time, opponent TBA)
Friday, May 3
Saturday, May 4
Tuesday, May 7
Thursday, May 9
Junior varsity
Regular-season finale
Wednesday, May 1, home vs. Melba, 3:30 p.m.

Golf
Boys and girls
Friday, May 3 at 2A Western Idaho Conference meet, Cascade GC
Monday, May 6 at 2A District III Tournament (18 holes), Ridgecrest GC, Nampa

Softball - Varsity
Wednesday, May 1, home vs. Melba (Senior Night),
5 p.m.
2A District III Tournament
(Site, time, opponent TBA)
Friday-Saturday, May 10-11
Junior varsity
Regular-season finale
Wednesday, May 1, home vs. Melba, 3:30 p.m.

Track and field
Regular-season finale
Friday, May 3 at Lynn Behrman Invitational, Parma, noon
2A District III championship meet
Friday-Saturday, May 10-11 at New Plymouth



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Sports

Trojans roar to life to clinch softball No. 1 seed

New state championship display will greet district tourney fans

Olivia Asumendi and her fellow Homedale High School seniors have definitely left their mark on the softball program.

Last week, Asumendi unveiled her senior project, which provides a permanent reminder of how much she and the teammates have meant to the squad led by coach Larry Corta.

The College of Idaho-bound shortstop/pitcher showed off a new state championship display at the Homedale Middle School complex on April 22 when the Trojans beat second-place Weiser to clinch the No. 1 seed in the 3A District III Tournament.

Asumendi thanked the Trojans’ softball coaches and alumni for “unwavering commitment and hard work,” and expressed gratitude for the fans’ support.

The senior also said she was “especially grateful” for the project mentorship from Shane Wetzel and Mrs. Fisher.

But Homedale’s wild 11-6 3A Snake River Valley conference victory over the Wolverines won’t be the last time fans can catch a hometown glimpse of the Trojans’ seniors — Asumendi, winning pitcher Dani Sitts, first baseman Zayne

Hall, second baseman Isana Larzelier, and right fielder Arlett Quezada.

The HMS complex will play host to the district tournament beginning Saturday at noon. Games are also scheduled for Monday, Tuesday and next Wednesday.

Heading into Monday’s final day of play, only the top seed and the No. 6 seed (Payette) were solidified.

The Trojans (12-5 overall, 9-0 before Monday’s conference finale in Parma) will play in a 5 p.m., semifinal on Monday against the winner of a first-round game between the No. 4 seed and the No. 5 seed.

A win Monday puts Homedale in another district final, set for next Wednesday.

The Trojans are trying to return to the 3A state tournament — this year scheduled to start May 16 in Moscow — for a chance to add to the sign that Asumendi completed for her senior project.

Asumendi’s metal sign is situated near the entrance to the softball complex and includes the silhouette of a girl swinging at the plate topping a grid that displays each of the Trojans’ championship seasons as black numerals on softball backgrounds. The years include



Homedale High School senior softball player Olivia Asumendi unveiled her senior project sign honoring the Trojans’ state championship seasons during Senior Night on April 22. Submitted photo

the three consecutive titles coach Jim McMillan’s teams won between 1996 and 1998 to put the program on the map as well as the five crowns Corta’s squads have captured — 2013, 2015, 2016, 2018 and 2022.

April 22: Homedale 11, Weiser 6 — Hall doubled and drove in four runs during a 3-for-4 Senior Night performance.

The Wolverines (10-6, 6-3) jumped on the Trojans early, taking advantage of five errors in the game. Weiser led, 3-0, after a half-inning.

Homedale wasted little time climbing out of the hole, though, posting five runs in the bottom of the first inning.

Sitts and Larzelier scored three runs each from the top two spots in the Trojans’ batting order. Larzelier laced two singles in three at-bats.

Asumendi and junior catcher Lilly Trescott drove in two runs each. Trescott drew three walks and didn’t have an official at-bat. Weiser pitchers walked 14 HHS batters.

Only one of the six runs Sitts surrendered were earned. She notched 11 strikeouts and scattered four hits.

Friday, Game 2: Homedale 18, Buhl 1 (5) — Sitts already has had a standout career for the Trojans, but against the Indians, the senior exploded with a career-high two home runs and seven RBI.

She went 4-for-5 with two doubles and four runs scored. Sitts came up with 12 extra bases in her four hits.

Asumendi spun a two-hitter with nine strikeouts. Homedale owned an 11-0 lead when Buhl came through with its only run in the bottom of the third.

Asumendi knocked in two runs on two singles and scored twice.

Ciarah Barnett scored three runs and knocked in two more. Isana Larzelier and Stephanie Quezada each crossed the plate twice. Zayne Hall went 2-for-2 with a run and an RBI.

Friday, Game 1: Buhl 13, Homedale 3 (5) — The Indians wiped out a three-run deficit with a 12-run fourth inning to end the Trojans’ nine-game winning streak.

Homedale and Buhl entered the non-conference doubleheader ranked No. 2 and No. 3, respectively, behind top-rated Kimberly in

the MaxPreps rankings. The MaxPreps ratings are used to seed the state tournament brackets.

The Trojans struck first with starting right-hander Dani Sitts, a senior, and the Indians’ sophomore Adalyn Pearson locked in a scoreless duel after three innings.

Homedale scored three earned runs in the top of the fourth inning with the bottom of the order starting things with RBI from Stephanie Quezada and Belen Asumendi. Batting leadoff, Sitts also picked up an RBI in the inning as Zayne Hall, Ellie Miller, and Arlett Quezada crossed the plate.

Hall was 2-for-3, and Miller singled for Homedale’s only hits against Pearson.

Buhl, meanwhile, peppered Sitts with seven hits and took advantage of eight walks. The Hastings College-bound pitcher struck out nine, and 11 of Buhl’s 13 runs were earned.

The Indians put the game on ice with a dozen runs in the fourth inning. Pearson drove in five runs with a 2-for-4 showing, and Jenna Ambrose was 2-for-3 with two runs scored and an RBI.

Addyson Ridley scored twice and knocked in a couple runs while ripping a double, and Kadie Alexander also doubled and scored a run.

Last Wednesday: Homedale 9, Payette 2 — The Trojans played from behind again even with Asumendi firing a two-hitter with 16 strikeouts.

Pirates catcher Victoria Walker slammed a two-run home run in the bottom of the first inning for one of those hits. She gave the home team (0-9, 0-15) a 2-1 lead. Both runs were unearned.

Homedale tied the score, 2-2, in the second inning and pulled away with two runs in the third capped by a four-run fourth.

Junior center fielder Ellie Miller scored three times for Homedale. She doubled for one of the Trojans’ eight hits.

Junior third baseman Ciarah Barnett drew three walks and knocked in three runs.

Sitts was 2-for-5 with two runs scored, and Hall crossed the plate twice.

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Sports

Huskies claim titles, Raiders PRs in New Plymouth meet

Two Marsing athletes struck gold Thursday when several high school teams went Down the Home Stretch in New Plymouth.

Huskies Nate Delaney and Raylynn Vanosdall won events.

A junior, Vanosdall established a personal record to win the girls’ 100-meter dash in 13.14 seconds.

Delaney won the boys’ shot put with a heave of 49 feet, 8 inches.

Rimrock sophomore Morgan Field posted a PR in the boys’ discus, finishing third at a distance of 131-1

Vanosdall and fellow junior Sydney Nelson were part of the Huskies’ runner-up 4x100 relay team. The girls joined forces with 11th-grader, Kaitlyn Sevy, and freshman Bethany Steinmeyer for a 52.64-second effort.

Steinmeyer was runner-up in the long jump with a PR of 16-2½, and Sevy PR’d at 15-8½ for fifth.

Nelson and Steinmeyer ran to PRs in the 100 and 200. Nelson was second in the 200 (27.4). Vanosdall also PR’d in the 200, taking fourth in 28.39.

Nelson took third in the 400 at 1 minute, 3.31 seconds.

Steinmeyer achieved another career-best mark with a second-place 16-2½ in the long jump. Sevy was fifth in the event with a PR of 15-8½.

Marsing freshman Alec Ecklund reached PRs in the boys’ 3,200 (fourth, 11:35.95) and the 1,600 (5:26.53).

Brody Bowers notched PRs in the 400 (eighth, 56.74) and 800.

Senior Trinity Stimmel and junior Erika Frazier tied for seventh in the girls’ shot put with PRs of 26-11.

Freshmen Kate Marshall (seventh, 7:25.02) and Soyla Contreras (eighth, 7:27.74) PR’d in the 1,600 and the 3,200 — Marshall sixth in 16:11.97 and Contreras seventh in 16:34.12.

Rimrock

Freshman Lainee Raymond finished third in the girls’ 1,600 in 6:22.81. She also PR’d in the 800 (2:52.11).

Senior Ashten Moore took fourth in the triple jump at 32-5½.

Junior Ronaldo Gomez attained PRs in the long jump (18-10½) and triple jump (36-3).

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✓ Christoffersen: 3A SRV teams return to Homedale soon for district

in the 4x100 relay.

The first high school meet held on Homedale’s new all-weather track is named for a former Trojans coach.

Garrett was runner-up in the 100 hurdles at 16.35.

Weiser edged McCall-Donnelly by two points for the team championship. The Trojans were third.

McCall won the boys’ meet, and Homedale finished sixth.

A sophomore, Nicoletti started the relay race and handed to Garrett who was followed on the all-weather track by fellow 12th-graders Ahna Shaffer and Carlie Moore.

The quartet won the race in 51.07 seconds.

Nicoletti was fifth in the 300 hurdles with a PR of 52.09.

Several HHS vaulters delivered personal-best heights in the pole vault.

Ninth-grader Teague Taylor was third at 9-0.

Another freshman, Aly DeVice, was fifth at 8-6.

Senior Mylisa Barrett took eighth at 8-0.

Kaylee Schlotterbeck, a 12th-grader, cleared 7-6 for 12th.

Barrett finished third in the high jump (14-6), and her PR of 31-4 took fourth in the triple jump.

Shaffer was runner-up in the 100 with a 13.29.

Junior Tayler Trout won a bronze medal in the shot put with a heave of 30-11.

Freshman Brody Johnson finished second in the boys’ 110 hurdles with a personal-record time of 16.59 to lead the Trojans’ effort in the other meet.

Johnson also posted a PR with his fifth-place finish (43.14) in the 300 hurdles, while junior teammate Alex Sotelo PR’d for fourth at 42.85.

Sophomore Kade Hall ran the third leg of the 4x100 relay as the Trojans finished second in 44.72. Another 10th-grader, Javid Blewett, led off and handed the baton to senior Danny Lomeli. Another upperclassman, Izmael Ortiz, ran the final leg.

Hall took third in the 100 at 11.82, and Rafael Cuenca was bronze medalist in the 400.

Ninth-grader Peyton McCarney fired the javelin a distance of 125-6 for a personal record and a fourth-place finish. Freshman Alec Campos was 10th at 109-4½.

Conner McCarney, a senior, took fourth in the pole vault at 12-0.

Junior Angel Nolasco set a PR to take sixth in the long jump at 18-11½.

Melba

Junior Grace Clark attained a PR while winning the girls’ javelin with an effort of 95-9½.

She had two more top-five finishes in throws – going 30-10½ for fourth place in the shot put and 88-6 for fifth in the discus.

Sophomore Nyah Richardson was runner-up in the high jump at 4-10, and took third in 72-9½.

Another 10th-grader, Emma Dillbeck, was second in the high jump at 4-10.

Senior Eliza Svedin was sixth in the 400 with a time of 1:06.81.

Freshman Brooke Hisey took eighth in the long jump with a personal-best 13-6½ effort.

Senior Raivio Manzer took the runner-up spot in two boys’ races. He crossed the line at 2:00.46 in the 800, and 4:37.39 in the 1,600.

Sophomore Razi Manzer was seventh in the 3,200 after running a PR time of 11:19.92.

Fifth-place Brendan Svetich, a junior, PR’d in the javelin with a throw of 124-4½. His ninth-place height of 10-6 was a personal-best in the pole vault.

Adrian

Senior Presley Speelmon achieved a personal record to win the girls’ 1,600 in 5:30.79.

Junior Addy Martin finished second in the 400 in 1:00.98, which is her fastest time of the season at that distance. She took fourth in 13.39 during the 100.

Another 11th-grader, Colten Bayes, notched a pair of PRs while achieving three top-six finishes.

He was third in the triple jump at 41-8½, and took fifth in the 110 hurdles in a personal-best 17.14. Bayes finished sixth in the 400 with a PR of 54.24.

✓ Golfers: Girls’ squad finds its rhythm at Scotch Pines

Pines Golf Course in Payette.

McCoy Swallow and Luke Henry shared medalist honors with 7-over-par scores of 72, and the Trojans beat tournament host Fruitland by six shots with a 328 total.

“It was another excellent performance today from our Trojans golfers,” HHS second-year coach Raymond Smith said after the tournament.

McCall-Donnelly was a distant third, 29 strokes behind Homedale.

Fruitland’s Rylan Pierce was runner-up, finishing two shots behind Swallow and Henry.

Homedale’s dominance continued with Tyler Erickson firing an 84 for a piece of fifth place along with Fruitland’s AJ Hyatt and Connor Fitzsimonds.

The Trojans’ fourth

qualifying scoring, Jackson Kerbs, finished tied for ninth with a pair of McCall-Donnelly golfers. Trevor Joe and Gus Dyson equaled Kerbs’ 86.

Kinley Balkovetz carded a 94 to round out the HHS effort.

• **Varsity girls** — Homedale and Fruitland were the only schools to field scoring teams, and only the Trojans’ full contingent finished the tournament at Scotch Pines.

Three of the Homedale’s golfers notched top-10 placements — Danielle Price finished fifth (111), Kinlee Garrett took seventh (117), and Stella Heck with ninth at 120.

Kennedy Kildow scored 125, and Cadence Nicoletti came in at 127.

• **Junior varsity boys** —

Breken Frank’s medalist score of 7-over 43 led the Trojans to victory in a nine-hole 3A SRV meet in Weiser.

Homedale scored 192 as Matt Riha and Boston Garrett tied for third place after shooting 49s.

Kaleb Coronado finished sixth at 51, and Nathan Dominguez carded a 64.

• **JV girls** — Mattea Dimick’s 60 was the low medalist score, and teammate Sophie North was runner-up at 63.

McKenna Murray (66) and Eva Larsen (72) rounded out Homedale’s scoring.

Trojans take second place in Baker (Ore.) Invite

Swallow finished second individually with a 3-over 75 as the Homedale boys were

runners-up in the 18-team Baker Invitational at Quail Ridge Golf Course in Baker City, Ore., on April 22.

The host Bulldogs won the team title with a 301, and Baker’s Isaiah Jones was medalist with a four-stroke cushion against Swallow and a 1-under score of 71. Swallow finished five strokes ahead of third-place golfer Palmer Chandler of Baker.

Homedale scored 323.

Swallow was even-par after the front nine, trailing Jones by a shot. HHS teammates Henry and Erickson sat four shots back at the turn.

Erickson wound up at 80 for eighth, and Henry shot a ninth-place score of 81. Kerbs finished at 87, and Balkovetz scored a 102.

✓ Aman: Tournament would have been debut

Luke’s mother, Sherri McCoy, said in a social media post.

Chris Marston has created several items commemorating the tournament, from socks to jerseys to hoodies to hats to shorts to stickers. Some have an interlocking fingers design creating and “L” and an “A” for Luke Aman’s initials.

The link to buy the apparel is <https://www.ckmarstonclothing.com/shop/luke-aman/88>

A tournament schedule will be released in the coming weeks.

Commentary

Letters to the editor

PA: Wrong number led to forum miscommunication

I did not get the texts for the High Desert Republican Women forum in March. I called Penny Allmer at the number she provided, and we figured out the problem. On the “declaration of candidacy” form I included my office line rather than my cell. I regret not being able to attend the forum, and I apologize for missing it, which I passed on to Penny.

Lesson learned. I will include my cell on any campaign forms going forward.

Chris Topmiller
Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney

Vote Larry Kendrick for Owyhee County Sheriff

Owyhee County neighbors:

Since Larry Kendrick’s appointment to Sheriff, he and his team have brought integrity and professionalism back to the OCSO, and proven Sheriff Kendrick is the man for the job. As a business owner, I appreciate knowing my property is safe, that our Sheriff embraces being accountable to the people, and that his agency is responsibly managing public tax dollars.

Example: Because of the last administration’s poor management, on April 5th, 2023 the Owyhee County jail inspection resulted in Idaho POST notifying the OCSO that the jail was going to lose state certification. The inspection was done before Sheriff Kendrick was appointed by the Owyhee County Commissioners. When Sheriff Kendrick’s team received notice of OCSO failing the inspection, they immediately took measures to ensure jail improvements and that Idaho jail certification standards were met. I appreciate that Sheriff Kendrick and his team worked hard to make sure OCSO did not lose this important OCSO revenue source.

Sheriff Kendrick inherited huge management and morale problems from the prior administration. It is good to know cronyism is no longer the prerequisite to being hired at the OCSO. Under Larry’s direction, the OCSO has implemented skills and ethics training for all employees, and now does thorough background investigations, including criminal background checks, on all new hires.

I appreciate all the hard work Sheriff Larry Kendrick has done over the past year toward making

— See **Letters**, Page 19

Election letters

The Owyhee Avalanche will accept letters to the editor pertaining to the May 21 primary election and Bruneau-Grand View School District supplemental levy election until noon on Friday, May 10.

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

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

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

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.

Fighting Mormon crickets Assessing the Mormon cricket predicament in Owyhee County

by John Romero

In recent discussions with an Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) representative tasked with monitoring Mormon cricket populations in Owyhee County, it has become evident that this year’s infestation will surpass previous years in both magnitude and geographic spread. Personal observations on my own property confirm the widespread presence of crickets, indicating a significant challenge ahead.



A contentious issue among stakeholders pertains to the Bureau of Land Management’s reluctance to use aerial spraying of Dimilin, a pesticide considered by scientific research to be the safest option for mitigating cricket populations. While I acknowledge potential environmental ramifications with the use of any chemical applications, effective pest management strategies are an important tool in the toolbox to alleviate the impact of the infestation.

The BLM’s hesitance to utilize Dimilin aerial spraying is primarily rooted in concerns over its potential effects on sage grouse habitat as well as the potential threat of litigation. However, may I suggest Mormon cricket infestations may indirectly jeopardize

sage grouse (and other species) populations by depleting herbaceous vegetation, a critical component of their diet. My observations suggest that areas heavily affected by Mormon cricket swarms have experienced substantial herbaceous vegetation loss, raising valid concerns about habitat degradation.

A more comprehensive and evidence-based approach is needed in evaluating the use of Dimilin aerial spraying for cricket control; a thorough assessment that considers both short-term gains and long-term environmental impacts. Through collaboration and dialogue among stakeholders, a more balanced solution than the present “no action” situation can be attained to address the infestation while still safeguarding the ecosystem health.

The escalating Mormon cricket infestations in Owyhee County underscores the urgency of adopting a measured and informed approach. While the focus of this article is on sage grouse, the impact of Mormon cricket infestations is far broader. Prioritizing scientific research and carefully weighing the potential benefits of Dimilin aerial spraying is needed to address the infestation effectively while minimizing adverse impacts on the ecosystem.

— John Romero owns a cattle ranch in the Owyhees. He was the initial chairman of the Owyhee Sage Grouse Local Working Group and has also served on the Idaho State Sage Grouse Advisory Committee and the Idaho Fish and Game Advisory Committee. He holds a Bachelor’s of Science in Wildlife Management.

Commentary

Financial management

A side hustle, no weekends can eliminate surprise old debt

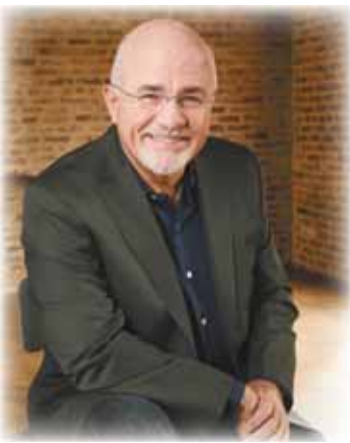
Dear Dave,

A few years ago, I had a real problem with credit card debt. Since then, I've gotten much better at handling my money, and I'm making about \$80,000 a year. Two weeks ago, I received a letter about a credit card I had in 2020. The amount owed is \$7,688. The letter doesn't say I'm being sued, but it says I have to appear before a judge in two months for a pretrial conference. I live in Florida, and I've never heard of anything like this. I only have \$1,000 in savings.

— **Damari**

learning that old debts don't necessarily die, aren't you? Ignoring debts isn't a good plan, because many times they come back to life like a zombie and come looking for you.

I'm not an expert on Florida law, but a pretrial conference in a case like this — over a \$7,688 credit card bill — is highly unusual. I've been helping people with money problems for 30 years, and I've never heard of anything like this. It could be some kind of new tactic the collections attorney is using to try to intimidate you.



DAVE Says
by Dave Ramsey • www.davesays.org

Dear Damari,

I'm glad to hear you're handling your finances better now than you did in the past. But at this point, you're

or so and offer it as payment in full, they'll take it. I don't mean to be unkind, but these guys figure you're a deadbeat because you've got a five-year-old debt hanging over your head and haven't tried to pay

it. They'll take almost anything they can get at this point.

In general, when you go to court over a situation like this, you're going to lose. You have a legal debt, and you haven't paid it. It's that simple. So, if you don't have anything to sell to make some money that way, you need to get busy working an extra job or two. I'm talking about doing Door Dash or something — in the morning before work or in the evening after work. Kiss those weekends goodbye, too. Just go nuts for a few weeks, and make a bunch of extra money fast.

It won't be easy, and you're going to be dog-tired for a while. But you can scrape together \$3,000 to \$4,000 before June easily if you'll just put your head down and make

it happen. Then, offer it up to the attorney. Demand a written release, with the debt declared settled and paid in full, and chances are, this thing will be off your back!

— **Dave**

— *Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show," the second-largest syndicated talk radio show. He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS Mornings," "Today," 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 of Ramsey Solutions.*

✓ Letters

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the OCSO a professional and respected agency. I truly believe Larry is a good man with the law enforcement and management experience needed to keep the peace in Owyhee County.

On May 21st, I'll be voting for Larry Kendrick, the best man for the job of Owyhee County Sheriff. I hope you do, too.

William "Billy" Wolfe
Wolfe Brothers. Inc.
Grand View

Primary election is great chance to get rid of RINOs

It is coming up primary election time:

I used to think Owyhee County was pure, as we didn't have an attorney living in the county. I still do, but we need a prosecutor. We haven't had a good one since Jim Blaine of Oreana died many years ago. Topmiller — it should be Plea Bargain Topmiller — has been a disaster. Let's elect Trenton McRae. Maybe he can get some of our criminals locked up.

As for District 23, we really got screwed in the redistricting. We do have one representative in the Legislature that believes in freedom — Tina Lambert. Melissa Durant is pretty wobbly on freedom, so I hope we can elect Chris Bruce. Melissa was straight F with the Idaho Freedom Foundation this year from a C+ last year. As far as the state Senate goes, Lakey does not believe in freedom at all, and it is too bad that Dygert wouldn't run against him instead of one of the premier legislators in Idaho.

When it comes to the Congress of the United States and the Idaho state Legislature, I believe it is time to start playing hardball. We have a President of the United States who is playing puffball, and look where it has gotten us. Hardball is the name of the game.

Let's elect people who believe in freedom and can throw strikes! It is time to get rid of the RINOs.

P. T. Rathbone
Former Owyhee County GOP state committeeman
Marsing

From Washington

Craters of the Moon centennial: Living laboratory, extraordinary Idaho landscape

A Boise taxidermist by trade, Robert Limbert's explorations and depictions of Idaho 100 years ago helped to establish one of Idaho's most unique and vast monuments and preserves. "The 'Valley of the Moon' lies in a region literally combed with underground caves and passages, bewildering in their immensity, mystifying in their variety of strange formations, where there are natural bridges as yet unknown to geographers, where bear tracks hundreds of years old may be traced for miles across cinder flats," he described.

Two months after Limbert's prominent National Geographic article, "Among the 'Craters of the Moon'," President Calvin Coolidge, on May 2, 1924, made the proclamation that 54,000 acres of heavily volcanized land in south-central Idaho would become the Craters of the Moon National Monument. Craters of the Moon has become a bastion for tourism and geological preservation ever since.

Since the construction of the first visitor center in 1925, Craters has brought in thousands of people from around the world, peaking at an incredible 285,227 visitors in 2017. This year, as we celebrate the Monument's centennial, we take a moment to reflect on its history.

The landscape of Craters of the Moon is like no other. It is a place where one can walk on the same ground that was once molten lava, flowing from deep within the Earth. The vast lava fields, with their remarkable formations, create a moonscape that has captured the imagination of all who visit. It is a living laboratory for scientists and a classroom without walls for educators and students.

Our celebration of Craters of the Moon's centennial is not merely a commemoration of the past. It is a reaffirmation of our ongoing commitment to conservation, education and recreation. It is a recognition of the monument's role in our understanding of volcanic activity, ecological resilience and the broader questions of planetary science. As we look to the stars and aspire to explore

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other worlds, places like Craters of the Moon remind us of the wonders and mysteries that lie within our own planet.

Over the past century, Craters of the Moon has been a place of discovery and adventure. It has welcomed hikers, campers, scientists and tourists from around the world, offering an exceptional experience that cannot be found elsewhere. The monument has also been a place of solace and reflection, where the vastness of the landscape and the silence of the wilderness speak to the heart in ways words cannot convey.

I invite all Americans to join in the celebration of Craters of the Moon's centennial. Whether you visit in person or explore through stories and photographs, I encourage you to reflect on the importance of this monument and what it represents — a legacy of sustaining this extraordinary Idaho landscape, a beacon of scientific inquiry and a symbol of the enduring beauty and strength of the natural world.

— *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.*

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

May 5, 1999



NAPA sweepstakes winner...

Chad Christiansen of Homedale, right, was the winner of a Travel Pack in NAPA’s “Gone Fishing” Sweepstakes last week. With him is Tom Chamberlain, manager of Homedale Auto Parts.

Hurricanes gain six state titles

The Homedale wrestling club attended the Idaho State Greco Roman and Freestyle Championships April 24-25. The Hurricanes brought home six state titles and qualified 19 wrestlers for the Northwest regional championships in Pocatello June 14-19.

State champions for Homedale were Justin Ensley, Trevor Meligan, Elias Garcia, Jeremy Perkins in Greco and second in Freestyle, Kale Hartwig in both Greco and Freestyle, Jesse Gonzalez in Greco and second in Freestyle. Wrestlers who finished in second place were Ryan Ryska, Jeremy Ensley in both Greco and Freestyle and Spencer Hartwig in Freestyle.

Wrestlers who placed third were, Marcus Eby, Jason Christoffersen in Greco, Cassidy Cook, Tyler Christoffersen in Greco and sixth in Freestyle. Fourth place wrestlers were Tyler Maxwell in Greco, Adam Duryee in Greco, Christian Cahill, Richard Hartwig and Casey Christoffersen, Ricco Gonzalez and Robert Ayala placed fifth and Brett Ryska, Mark Mashburn finished in sixth. Derek Petersen placed seventh.

Simper awarded dual scholarships

Kelly Simper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Simper of Grand View and a graduate of Rimrock High School, was awarded the Sparks Companies, Inc. Scholarship and the Stillwater National Bank Scholarship on March 27 in Stillwater, Okla.

Oklahoma State University awarded the two scholarships to Simper, a native Idahoan, during the Agricultural Economic Department and Aggie-X Club awards banquet.

Simper is a junior and majoring in agri-business and computers.

Trojan girls finish second at Vale track meet

The Homedale Trojans girls’ track team took a second place finish at a Vale track meet last week with 89 points, two points behind La Grande at 91.

The boys team took a seventh place finish.

Tess Zatica took a gold in the 100 high hurdles with 15.57. The Homedale team also took first in the 4x100 with 51.65.

Zatica finished in second place in the 100 meters with 12.87, and tied for first place in the high jump at 5 feet 2 inches.

In the boys events Nick Shanley took the only gold for the Trojans placing first in the 300 hurdles at 41.41.

50 years ago

May 2, 1974



HAL TOLMIE, left, outgoing president of the Homedale Parent Teachers Association, hands over the gavel to Bob Cook, new PTA president.

City plans to go ahead with airport improvements

The Homedale City Council has decided to proceed with enlarging and extending the Homedale airfield to provide a runway of some 4,000 feet, Mayor George Murray reported following a meeting with State Aeronautics Engineer Darrell Manning Tuesday noon at Owyhee Lanes.

Manning and Homedale Airport Manager J. Ray Jackson discussed financing of the airport and other aspects of the project with the mayor and council, and some property owners of the area at a luncheon meeting.

Mayor Murray said Engineer Carlyle Briggs of Boise estimates the total project to cost \$314,000, with 83.6 per cent, or \$262,661 to be financed by the federal government.

The balance of \$51,339 would be shared by the sponsors, with the state paying 75 per cent, or \$38,504.

The city’s share of the balance, or some \$12,835, would be raised by an airport levy of 2 mils which brings in about \$2,000 per year, plus rentals of the field which amounts to \$1,500 to \$2,000 per year.

Succor Crik Sam Sez:

“I’m plannin’ to go to that sidewalk sale Satiddy — to find out how much sidewalks is sellin’ for.”



Rimrock girls’ track team sweeps Class B District

Records fell like tenpins Saturday at the Class B Third District girls’ track meet here, with Rimrock High School of Grand View sweeping to the team title. Rimrock rolled up 45 points to best Cascade in second place with 35 and Melba and McCall-Donnelly tied for third with 32 points apiece.

Uria graduates from Naval recruit training

Navy Fireman Joe E. Uria, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Uria of Homedale, recently graduated from recruit training at the National Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif., and spent his leave at home.

Hurler’s bat raps extra-base hit in winning effort

FRUITLAND — Helping his winning effort with the only extra-base hit of the afternoon, right-hander Charlie Warfield hurled Homedale past Fruitland Tuesday in Southwest Idaho League baseball action 9-6.

Getting only six hits in the game, the Trojans’ nine runs were aided by four Grizzlie errors.

Trailing by two going into their half of the sixth, HHS pulled a four-run rally out of their hat to give them the go-ahead runs.

The Trojan victory marked an upset in SWIL action as the cellar-bound Tros with a pre-game league record of 0-3 and 0-4 overall handed the league-leading Grizzlies, 3-0 and 7-2, their first conference defeat of the season.

153 years ago

April 29, 1871

DISTRICT COURT.

Judge Lewis and District Attorney Prickett came over from Boise City last Sunday and the April term of the District Court commenced on Monday. The calendar is a light one, there being only four or five criminal, and sixteen civil suits, including the tax cases remanded from Supreme Court for new trial. In the matter of the tax cases, judgment was entered for taxes on personal property, with five per cent penalty, fifteen per cent for District Attorney’s fees, and fees of Clerk and Sheriff, which judgment was satisfied.

The case of the people vs. the Webfoot Mill Co. dismissed at cost of plaintiffs — no personal property assessed.

The court issued a writ of *certiorari*, on application of Ben. Cook and others, to Justice Lynam, commanding him to appear with transcript of docket and proceedings in the case of the Mahogany C. & S. M. Co. vs. Ben. Cook and others.

The trial of John Thomas, indicted for horse-stealing, occupied the attention of the Court yesterday, and would probably be concluded last evening.

John Gilloon was adjudged guilty of contempt of court for refusing to answer certain questions before the Grand Jury, and ordered to be fined \$500 and imprisoned until he could make up his mind to answer said questions. After remaining in jail over night he went before the Jury and answered the questions referred to, whereupon he was discharged from custody and his fine remitted.

The following named gentlemen constituted the Grand Jury, which was in session during the week, and brought its labors to a close yesterday: O. H. Purdy (foreman), Ed. Ayears, F. Bishop, Jos. Brooks, Jno. Catalow, M. Eastman, Z. Gilson, Jno. Grete, J. S. Hubbs, C. F. Miller, J. M. Short, J. Huelat, W. F. McKay, W. F. Sommercamp, A. J. Stucker, A. J. Borland, Ben. Davis.

GUBERNATORIAL.—General E. Dumont, recently appointed Governor of Idaho, died at his residence, near Indianapolis, on the 17th inst. This has resulted in the appointment and confirmation of another Idaho Governor in the person of one Thos. A. Bowen, of Arkansas. The *Statesman* has been investigating the pedigree of our new Executive and says that he is known as a Southern republican, as contra-distinguished from the so-called carpet-bagger. He is said to have been district Judge of that State, and to have represented it two terms in Congress. He is a middle-aged man, and is believed to be a nephew of Judge May, who formerly practiced law in this Territory.

Local Hints and Happenings.

W. D. Walbridge has gone East.
B. G. Hooker, of Cope, is in town.
Webfoot mill started up last Monday.
G. W. Grayson has arrived from San Francisco.
Miss Martha Hymer took her departure for Winnemucca on Thursday morning.
A. F. Canter, of Jordan Valley, has returned from the States with a blooming young wife.
Judge Gray accepted an invitation to dine with the Hungry Brothers at the Delmonico last Tuesday.
Mahogany case yet undecided. Third jury “hung”.
No further proceedings scheduled.

BIG OWYHEE COUNTY PRESENCE AS PREP RODEOS RESUME



Homedale High School's Trell McFarlane captured the saddle bronc riding championships both Saturday and Sunday as Owyhee County cowboys and cowgirls made a big impression. The spring portion of the District 2 high school and junior high school rodeo seasons resumed during the weekend at Crooke 8 Arena in Kuna. The son of Jared and Katie McFarlane scored a 71-point ride Sunday.

Photos and
information by
**Cherie
Rolland**

of Cherie Rolland
Photography



Homedale sixth-grader Karlee Smith took third in Saturday's junior high school pole bending with a 21.325-second run.



Collins Mulrony took a ride in the junior high barrel racing competition Sunday, scoring a 17.464-second run.



Wilder's Manny Mulrony, the son of Cameron and LeAnne Mulrony, was one of three cowboys to share first-place honors with a 65-point ride in Saturday's bull riding. He tied Homedale High's Trey McFarlane and Kobie Olson of Cascade.

Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
On May 22, 2024 beginning at 9:30 am, the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St., Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below.
Beginning at 9:30 am, the Commission will hear application Z24-24 filed by **Rolly and Rebecca Lisle** seeking approval of a conditional use permit to construct a single-family dwelling on approximately 7.64 acres off Hwy 51 in Bruneau. The subject parcel, RP07S05E079502, is located in an agricultural zone in a portion of the SE¼ of the SE¼ of Section 7, Township 7 South, Range 5 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.
Additional information about this meeting is available at owyheecounty.net under Public Hearing Documents on the Community Planning page. The proposed projects are available for review in the Community Planning office or on the webpage listed above. For additional information please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2.
05/01/2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale City Council on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at Homedale City Hall, 31 W Wyoming Ave. Homedale, ID 83628.
The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for Special Use Permit filed by the Homedale Assembly of God Church requesting they be allowed to run a concession stand on a residentially zoned property at 15 W Montana Ave Homedale, ID 83628, lots 6-10 of block 60.
The public is invited to attend and offer input.
Alice E. Pegram
City Clerk
City of Homedale
04/24;05/01/2024

CALL FOR BID FOR MODULAR BUILDING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by Homedale Jt. School District No. 370, Homedale, Idaho for the purchase of one (1) modular two (2) classroom building.
Bid documents and detailed specifications are available at the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday until day of bid opening.
Bids must be submitted on or before 9:00 a.m. on May 8, 2024 to the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho. Bids received after the stated time and date will not be considered. At the stated time and place, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.
The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject or to select any portion thereof of any or all bids and to waive any technicality. No bidder may withdraw his bid after the opening of such bids unless the awarding of the bid is delayed for a period exceeding thirty days.
/s/:Faith K. Olsen, Finance Specialist/Board Clerk
04/24,05/01/2024

REQUEST FOR BID
Sealed bids for the Homedale Highway District Johnstone Road Project will be received at the Homedale Highway District, 102 E Colorado, P.O. Box 713, Homedale, Idaho 83628, until 2:00 p.m. Local Time on May 15th, 2024. Sealed bids will be publicly opened at 2:05 p.m. Local Time that same day. Bids received after the time specified above will not be accepted or opened.
The project involves providing base aggregate, asphalt, and installing asphalt for roughly one mile of Johnstone Road. This encompasses all necessary labor, materials, and supplies for transporting and delivering the base aggregate. Additionally, it includes the labor, materials, and supplies for delivering, installing asphalt, and any other tasks specified in the project manual. All work is to be in accordance with the project plans, specifications and ISPCW.
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If you need more information, contact Kirby Cook, PE, Civil Dynamics, PC, (208) 453-2028.
05/01,08/2024

NOTICE OF AUCTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY HOMEDALE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STATUTORY PROCEDURE I.C. § 31-142
PUBLIC AUCTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY: On the 8th day of May, 2024 at the hour of 11:00 a.m. during a Special Commissioners' meeting at Parker Advisors, 208-337-3271, 19 East Wyoming, Homedale, Idaho 83628, the Board of Commissioners will conduct a public sealed bids auction of the below described personal property which the Board of Commissioners intends to sell as-is without warranty at public auction to the highest

bidder for cash at not less than the minimum valuation. The Board of Commissioners had two (2) individuals, independent of the Board, determine the value of personal property at \$75,000. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. Sealed bids must be in writing, identify the bidder by name, address and contact information, the amount of the bid, the method and date of payment, and delivered to the District's Secretary at the offices of Parker Advisors, 19 E Wyoming Avenue, Homedale, Idaho, during regular office hours [8 a.m. to Noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 am to Noon on Friday] on or before the 7th day of May, 2024 by 5:00 p.m.
REAL PROPERTY TO BE SOLD:
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/s/:Mikeal D. Parker
Board secretary/treasurer
04/24;05/01/2024

GRAND VIEW RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT GRAND VIEW, ID
In Accordance with Idaho Code, Section 63-802A, our 2025 budget hearing will be held on August 27, 2024 at 7:00pm at 720 Roosevelt Ave, Grand View, ID 83624.
04/24;05/01/2024

LIEN SALE
Unit # E-17, Suzan Stewart, P.O. Box 133, Drewsey, OR 97904
Unit includes furniture, clothing, camping equipment, and misc. household items.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
Case No. CV37-24-00086 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SUSAN SHEPARD, Deceased Person.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be both filed with the Court and presented to the Personal Representative of the estate at the law office of DAVID E. KERRICK, 213 S.10th Avenue, (Post Office Box 44), Caldwell, Idaho 83605.
Dated this 16th day of April, 2024.
/s/: ROSE MARIE SALGADO
Personal Representative
Attorney for Personal Representative:
David E. Kerrick, ISB No. 2565
213 S. 10th Avenue
P.O. Box 44
Caldwell, ID 83606
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
To be sold for cash at a Trustee's Sale on August 29, 2024, 09:00 AM in the Lobby, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, the following described real property situated in Owyhee County, State of Idaho ("Real Property"):
In Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho Section 17: All that part of Government Lot 6 lying South and West of State Highway No. 78
Commonly known as: 10977 State Highway 78, Melba, ID 83641
Chad E. Adair and Katrina D. Adair, as Trustors conveyed Real Property via a Trust Deed dated May 31, 2018, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, as nominee for HomeBridge Financial Services, Inc. DBA Real Estate Mortgage Network, its successors and assigns as Beneficiary, in which Aldridge Pite LLP was named as Trustee.
The Trust Deed was recorded in Owyhee County, Idaho, on June 1, 2018, as Instrument No. 296222, and corrected pursuant to the Affidavit recorded on April 4, 2024, as Instrument No. 317327, of Official Records. The Deed of Trust was assigned for value as follows: Assignee: Freedom Mortgage Corporation Assignment Dated: April 28, 2021 Assignment Recorded: May 5, 2021 Assignment Recording Information: Instrument No. 307688
Shelly M. Casares f/k/a Shelly M. Espinosa is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Owyhee, State of Idaho on March 4, 2020 at Instrument No. 302785, of Official Records.
The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to Trustor's failure to make monthly payments beginning October 1, 2023, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable.
The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$156,695.65, interest in the sum of \$5,062.99, escrow advances of \$328.95, other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$3,512.33, for a total amount owing of \$165,599.92, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced. The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Trustors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale, and late charges, if any.
Beneficiary has elected, and

has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation. The sale is a public sale and any person, including the Beneficiary, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding by certified funds (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed, without any representation or warranty, including warranty of title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards.
The Trustors, successor in interest to the Trustors, or any other person having an interest in the property, or any person named in IRC § 45-1506, has the right, at any time prior to the Trustee's Sale, to pay to the Beneficiary, or the successor in interest to the Beneficiary, the entire amount then due under the Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Deed of Trust with Successor Trustee's and attorney's fees. In the event that all defaults are cured the foreclosure will be dismissed and the foreclosure sale will be canceled.
The scheduled Trustee's Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 30 days for any reason. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.
The above Trustors are named to comply with IRC § 45-1506(4) (a). No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Dated this 16th day of April, 2024.
/s/:Shelly M. Casares f/k/a Shelly M. Espinosa
Substitute Trustee
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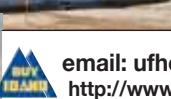
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√ **BLM:** Commissioners weigh in with 98-page letter, documentation

(OHV) use and demand for access led to the decision to cancel the Grand View Travel Management Plan Environmental Assessment.

The set of comments included a 98-page letter the Owyhee County Commissioners sent to BLM Boise District manager

Tanya Thrift and Bruneau Field Manager Aaron Rasmussen on April 15.

The BLM said it will work with partners to reassess information and validate route inventory.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process

will be reinitiated in the future, and the BLM plans to build on information and data already in hand from the public and partner organizations.

“The BLM received a lot of good feedback on the Grand View TMP. We appreciate the interest the public has for this incredible area,” Rasmussen said. “As a result of that feedback, we’ve decided to cancel this Travel Management Plan Environmental Assessment. We will reengage with stakeholders and the public to ensure we have the best data and information available.”

The BLM has been on the clock to complete a series of Owyhee County TMPs since the passage of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act 15 years ago. The law established 517,000 acres of wilderness and hundreds of miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers in Owyhee County and was the result of years of collaborative work by diverse interests united as the Owyhee Initiative group.

The law also required the BLM to complete the TMP process within four years of the OPLMA's enactment.

The county commissioners assert that some of the routes within the TMP scope were subject to Revised Statute (RS) 2477 rights-of-way claims, and that state law mandates the BOCC maintain those routes and federal rules protect the county's sovereignty on the route.

“BLM’s own rules prohibit any regulatory authority over “public highways constructed under the authority of (RS 2447),” commissioners assert in their letter.

Throughout the EA vetting for all TMPs, county commissioners have called the BLM to task on both recognizing the county's RS 2477 rights but refusing to address those interests during the TMP process.

“BLM takes the curious and disingenuous position in the Grand View TMP-EA by simultaneously acknowledging the existence of RS 2477 interests held by Owyhee County, yet stating this travel management process I not the time and place to speak to such interests,” the commissioners state, citing the agency’s own TMP.

In another point, the county

claims the BLM did not consider or assess baseline conditions of routes as required by settled federal case law. One reason the federal agency is called out is the refusal to evaluate “newly pioneered trails” that have been created by use since the last scoping process, the county said.

The county also claims that ignoring existing trails show a lack of management about future needs. The county contends that trail conflicts have been part of the record during three years of meetings about trails in the Wilson Creek area during which safety concerns and one user group's demand for new trails have been brought to light.

“In the four previous TMP decisions, BLM has taken the ‘close redundant trails approach’ and ignored future needs and existing trail conflicts that should be seen as clear warnings of great numbers of future conflicts,” the county commissioners write.

TMPs already put forward include Canyonlands East and Canyonlands West, Morley Nelson Birds of Prey National Conservation Area South, and Silver City.

The county also asserts BLM has never completed an inventory of existing routes as required by the 2009 law. As evidence, the county puts forward its own inventory — the last comprehensive one — completed 30 years ago.

The commissioners also allege the BLM has violated the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and a 2006 memorandum of understanding with insufficient coordination during the TMP process. Apparently agency staff hasn't conferred with the county about the TMP process since the original coordination in 2017.

The commissioners' comment letter also implores the BLM to include a public information component in the TMP process to educate the public on which trails are open and to help Owyhee County battle the ill-effects of an explosion of recreational activity in the backcountry.

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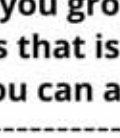






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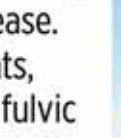




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