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Councilperson pleads guilty to drug charge, gets fined

First meeting since sentencing is tonight

Marsing City Councilperson Elizabeth Wahl was sentenced Sept. 10 after entering a guilty plea to a misdemeanor charge stemming from a traffic stop during which THC vape pens and other illegal products were found.

Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington fined

Wahl \$497.50 but didn't impose jail time or probation after she pleaded guilty to misdemeanor controlled substance possession.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Chris Topmiller said he had recommended a suspended 180-day jail term, two years of supervised probation, 100 hours of community service and a fine.

Topmiller gave details of the plea deal.

"The only agreement was to drop the para-

phernalia (charge) in exchange for a plea to the possession of (marijuana)," he said.

Wahl already has completed eight hours of community service and a 16-hour substance abuse class, which Darrington also put in the disposition document at last week's sentencing.

Topmiller said Wahl made a comment during the hearing.

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Elizabeth Wahl

South Board reveals tentative shutoff date

Joint Board could set solid end to water year this week

With summer winding down, folks are wondering when irrigation water will cease to flow for the year.

only indication was a tentative shutoff date.

South Board of Control

Heading into this week, the

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Museum's Harvest Dance to advance print shop project

Fundraiser, field trip scheduled Saturday

Elements of the Owyhee County Historical Museum's expansion plan are falling into place.

Construction of the R&M Steel-donated building to house

the Owyhee Nugget Print Shop was recently completed, and Conoco globes for the old-style "Mae West" visible gas pumps destined for the annex's Homedale gas station exhibit have been restored.

Museum director Eriks Garsvo said while JMF Construction has completed

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Participating in Thursday's groundbreaking were, from left, Marsing resident Janet Miller, representing the Idaho Commission on Aging; Marsing Mayor Hayzen Corder; Suriñe Greenway, representing the Owyhee Health Coalition and University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension; Boise resident McKenzie Coltrin, National Fitness Campaign partnership development manager; Dist. 1 County Commissioner Jerry Hoagland; Ken Price, representing the Marsing School District; Emily Hendrickson, Integra DeLamar external affairs manager; and Hailee Ketchum of Southwest District Health and the Owyhee Health Coalition.

A good turn for county's health

Officials tout health benefits at fitness court groundbreaking

More funding has poured in for the Owyhee County Fitness Court like the dirt off ceremonial shovels turned during Thursday's

— See **Health**, page 7

Bruneau Round-Up shows reverence for longtime ranchers

Lahtinens will kick off annual rodeo as grand marshals

David and Barbara Lahtinen's ties to the Bruneau area are undisputed and far-reaching.

On Saturday, they'll be honored as grand marshals at the Bruneau Round-Up rodeo.

"Dave and Barb are wonderful

people and have supported Bruneau and Owyhee County and the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association for a very long time," Round-Up publicist Kelli Prow said.

The Lahtinens will ride in

a place of honor — probably on a side-by-side as has been the tradition at the rodeo arena on Hot Creek Road — both Saturday and Sunday.

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David and Barbara Lahtinen stand behind a sign proclaiming their Idaho Century Ranch. Submitted photo



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Clarity Credit Union construction begins

Community was a key component to the Clarity Credit Union groundbreaking held on Sept. 4 at 600 U.S. Hwy. 95, and the Homedale community was a key factor in the company’s decision to build in Owyhee County and create Mobi, a mobile full-service banking RV that will be housed in the 7,500-square-foot building, according to Clarity president and CEO Wendy Edwards. The building, which will be completed in a year, will also include a community room available to groups and a garage for Mobi (background in photo), which will travel in a 30-mile radius from town to give rural customers better access, Edwards said. Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen joined Edwards, TJ Winger of the Babcock Design architecture firm, and McAlvain Companies Inc. vice-president Tyler Resnick as guest speakers in a ceremony emceed by McAlvain’s Bryan McMartin. Dignitaries closed the ceremony by tossing the first shovelfuls of dirt to kick off the project.



Homedale council remembers 9/11

In a rare occurrence, Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller (far left) leads the Homedale City Council and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Gheen Christoffersen asked for the Pledge — which usually isn’t recited prior to meetings — and a moment of silence in remembrance of the 9/11 terror attacks. Last Wednesday was the 23rd anniversary of the attacks that killed thousands in deliberate plane crashes at the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and a Shanksville, Pa., field when passengers stopped terrorists from reaching their intended target — either the U.S. Capitol or the White House.

Subdivision residents demand help making irrigation transition

Silver Sage subdivision residents sought answers at last Wednesday’s Homedale City Council meeting. Officials will transfer irrigation operations in many subdivisions to residential panels, and the Silver Sage group — ostensibly represented by longtime resident Gary Evans — wanted to know how and why.

City attorney Paul J. Fitzer had the answer — the Idaho Constitution.

“We’d like you to clarify a few things about this irrigation thing that’s been dropped in our laps,” Evans said.

Evans, who said he built in the subdivision 23 years ago, contended the city had “accepted” the irrigation system from the developer and would supply maintenance.

He paraphrased then-Mayor Paul Fink and public works supervisor Larry Bauer that residents were to “call the city anytime” there was a problem.

“Why did this change?” he asked, demanding councilmembers quote the statute authorizing the transfer.

“It’s not a statute,” Fitzer said. “It’s part of the (Idaho) Constitution.”

Evans said state law mandated the city operate the system, but Fitzer said Idaho 50-180 was merely “an enabling statute,” allowing the city to supply residents with water.

“It doesn’t say we’re compulsorily required to do it,” he said.

Evans and another resident clarified why they came to the council.

“I’m not here to resolve the issue tonight,” Evans said. “I just want to put the onus back on the council to help us.”

Vi Liddell implored the council to help develop Silver Sage’s governing mechanism.

“We don’t have the slight-

est idea how to get anything started,” she said. “Did it cross your mind to give us a list of what to do? Is there any way you can help us?”

Then she uttered a phrase that got an ovation from the crowded council chambers.

“My yard and my garden is my lifeblood in the summertime. It’s what I live for,” she said. “Without water, I’m done for.”

The city’s operation of irrigation systems in a handful of subdivisions within the city limits is unconstitutional, Fitzer said, because taxpayer funds can’t be used to benefit a private entity. In essence, the city has been subsidizing the irrigation users by performing maintenance and repairs — in some cases — since the 1970s.

The affected subdivisions include Silver Sage, Big Sky, Cascade, and the Marion and Audrey Drive developments. Residents have always managed the Santa Fe and Westwood subdivision systems, City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said previously.

Each subdivision has a fund through which repairs and other maintenance is paid, Pegram said. The city also stores a backup pump for each system. The money and hardware will be turned over to the subdivisions when residential boards are in place prior to the 2025 water year, she said.

The city bills each resident for their irrigation water based on a percentage of the overall assessment the South Board of Control charges Homedale for the acreage within the city limits. The process was explained incorrectly previously, and South Board of Control manager Carl Seiders clarified how the city is billed for irrigation water last week.

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✓ Museum: Membership meeting focuses on letterpress printing Friday

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the print shop build (complete with an Old West storefront), interior work such as painting, installing electrical infrastructure and finishing the restrooms is necessary.

“Still lots more to be done, and fundraising needs to happen before these things can be accomplished,” Garsvo said.

He said the 1920s-era gas pumps will be fully restored and back on the premises this month. Steve Grothaus and Treasure Valley hot-rodding enthusiast Mel Eggleston are donating their skills, Garsvo wrote in the most recent OCHS Bulletin.

The museum’s annual Harvest Dance will serve as a fundraiser for the print shop project. The commemorative brick fundraiser is ongoing, too.

There is also a fundraising website for the museum now available — owyheemuseum.max.gives/about-us.

“I hope to be moving the print shop equipment into the new building by the end of September or early October,” Garsvo said.

The gas station display and print shop are all part of the museum’s “Dare to Dream:



Left: The print shop’s rustic Old West façade belies the metal building frame donated by R&M Steel that will house a printing press and other equipment from the old Owyhee Nugget office. **Right:** The restored Conoco gas pump globe now sits, lighted, inside the Homedale filling station display in the Annex. The gas pumps are being restored, too. Owyhee County Historical Museum photos



Expansion 2025” project.

The Harvest Dance is set for Saturday. Dan Sevy Band will provide live music, and there will be a live auction. Auction donations are being accepted either at the museum or on event night. All sorts of items are welcome from gift cards to fresh-baked pies.

The dinner will start at 6 p.m., and Homedale’s Hoagland Meats is supplying hamburgers and hot dogs.

The dance will run from 7:30 p.m., to midnight, and the entry

fee is \$15.

Before the Harvest Dance, the Owyhee County Historical Society will present its second-to-last field trip of the year. “Traveling the Skinner Wagon Road” will begin at 9 a.m., on Saturday at the Idaho Hotel in Silver City. Historian Mike Hanley will provide highlights of the toll road that stretched from Silver City to Rome, Ore.

A potluck lunch at the Hanley Ranch will be an opportunity to see Hanley’s 30-piece wagon collection, which is destined

for the museum. Inskip Station near Danner, Ore., is also on the itinerary.

A film crew documented Hanley’s lifelong passion of collecting 19th-century transports like freight wagons and stagecoaches on Aug. 19, Garsvo reported. The documentary will be part of the museum’s future display, but Idaho Public Television will also air the piece in the near future.

With the print shop project in full swing, the OCHS will

bring in Wheelhouse Press co-owners Caitlin Harris and Tony Marostica for a presentation about letterpress printing during the membership meeting at 6 p.m., on Friday.

The meeting will take place inside McKeeth Hall at the museum, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy.

For more information about the museum and its projects, call (208) 495-2319. You can also visit the museum’s website at www.owyheemuseum.org.

— JPB

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✓ Shutoff: Gem board of directors nomination window runs 'til Sept. 26

manager Carl Seiders said that the Joint Board of the Owyhee Project set a tentative shutoff date of Oct. 11 during an Aug. 13 meeting in Nyssa, Ore.

A solid date may have been set Tuesday after deadline during the Joint Board's latest meeting, Seiders said.

Seiders also offered a couple corrections to recent reporting in The Owyhee Avalanche.

A typographical error provided potentially confusing information about the candi-

date nomination period for the Gem Irrigation District board of directors.

Seiders said Thursday, Sept. 26 is the final day that water users throughout the district can submit candidate declaration paperwork to the South Board office, 19 S. 1st St. W., in Homedale.

All board positions — Divisions 1-5 — potentially could be on the Nov. 5 ballot.

A person must live within the boundaries of the division

for which they are seeking the board spot.

Seiders said all incumbents were given nomination forms during the Sept. 10 monthly Gem Irrigation meeting. At least one of the five — Div. 1 Director Rick Smith — probably will not file for re-election. Smith tried to retire earlier this year, but his replacement was found to live outside the boundaries of the division.

Seiders traveled to Murphy on Monday after deadline

to attend a Board of County Commissioners public hearing on Gem District's petition to change the boundaries of Division 1 and Division 5 to create a deeper pool of potential candidates.

All three Ridgeview Irrigation District board members are up for election this year, too. Seiders said Mike Pendergrass doesn't plan on running for his own term in office after coming out of retirement to fill a spot on the board after Mark

Aman's death in January.

Ridgeview candidacy forms will be accepted beginning next month. A mail-in election, if necessary, will be held. Patrons will have until Nov. 12 to return their marked ballots once the election window opens.

Neither district will hold an election if only one person throws their hat into the ring for each of the available seats.

— JPB

✓ Councilperson: Wahl completes service, treatment class

"She mentioned how embarrassed she was, indicated that she hadn't smoked weed since being busted, and deeply regretted her actions," Topmiller said.

Wahl remains on the city council, which holds its rescheduled regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m., today inside the Sandbar Community Room at City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave.

The 35-year-old Wahl received misdemeanor possession citations for controlled substance and drug paraphernalia after an April 15 traffic stop near the intersection of Johnstone Road and Pioneer Road south of Homedale Middle School. A Homedale Police officer had stopped her for speeding and driving her BMW with expired tags. She

was cited for the automobile registration infraction.

An HPD drug detection K-9 alerted to the presence of drugs during an external search of the vehicle. Officers found three vape cartridges, two vape pens, and two small bottles of cannabis-infused tincture, which is typically administered under the tongue with a dropper.

Wahl assumed office with-

out an election in 2021 after she and Brandy Johnson (then Bennett) were the only candidates for two available positions. She is up for re-election in November 2025.

— JPB

Correction: The headline in the Sept. 4 article regarding this case misspelled Wahl's last name.

— Ed.

✓ Round-Up: BBQ, vendors, dance, youth roping planned

The 41st annual rodeo starts each day at 12:30 p.m., and features a ranch bronc Calcutta, saddle cow riding, a hide race, wild cow milking, mutton bustin', horse roping, bull riding, saddle bronc, ranch-style calf roping, open and local team roping, barrel racing, women's steer stopping and breakaway roping.

More than \$7,000 in added money is up for grabs, and the top five stock ranch bronc riders

circle back for the Calcutta.

Children can compete for a buckle with wild west roping on Saturday (11-year-olds and younger) and Sunday (12-16).

There will be vendors and food trucks, too.

The community is invited to the roast beef dinner at 5 p.m., on Saturday at the American Legion Post 83 Hall on Belle Avenue in Bruneau, and a dance with music by the Jeff Palmer Band will be held at the

Bruneau Park that night at 8.

The Lahtinens live in Little Valley and run Sunset Ranches, an Idaho Century Ranch started in 1884. David's great-great-grandfather, R.M. Stone, is believed to be the Little Valley's first white settler, and he started the family's Owyhee County ranching tradition in the 1860s.

And the couple doesn't shy away from sharing the beauty of Little Valley with visitors.

"A couple years ago, my

husband, kids and I were out in the desert exploring, and we ran into Dave and Barb on ATVs," Prow said. "They showed us a couple cool spots we'd never seen before."

David will turn 88 next month, and Barbara celebrated her 87th birthday in June. The couple will mark 69 years of marriage in early December.

They were named OCA Honorary Life Members in 2006.

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Bell retires after 40 years of helping folks grow valley gardens, landscapes

The singular Horticulturist and Extension Educator from Ada County, Susan Bell, retired at the end of August after 40 years of service to the University of Idaho.



Ariel Agenbroad

Susan’s reach has extended far beyond Ada County, however; and if you have read an Extension gardening bulletin, grown a garden, planted a tree, cared for a landscape in the Treasure Valley or hired someone to do so, Susan has probably been an influence whether you are aware of it or not.

Susan hosted a weekly television gardening show for five years for two Idaho television stations — KBCI-TV (now KBOI) Channel 2 (1989-1991) and KTVB-TV Channel 7 (1991-1992). She was a garden columnist for seven years with the Idaho Statesman (1988-1992) and the Boise Weekly newspapers (2003-06). She also wrote feature articles on gardening for the Idaho Business Review (2005-07).

Her mass media efforts reached regional audiences from Southern Idaho and Eastern Oregon to Northern Nevada.

These days, Susan encourages her Master Gardener students to share horticultural knowledge globally through the Ada County Master Gardener Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest accounts.

Hundreds of Zamzow’s, D&B Supply, nursery, garden center, landscape and parks and recreation employees have audited her superb Master Gardener Courses.

She has consulted for tree companies, turf companies, cut flower growers, greenhouse businesses and spoke to auditoriums of hundreds at the

Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association.

Susan enjoys teaching and has been an innovative educator for four decades. She puts creativity into a curriculum. Susan emphasizes practical horticulture knowledge and encourages hands-on learning.

She initiated the first Advanced Master Gardener course in the Pacific Northwest in 1986 and the first Master Composter course in Idaho in 1993. Susan worked with her students to establish and maintain 12 educational display gardens and a compost demonstration site at UI Ada County Extension Office.

Susan has been recognized for her educational efforts with 21 national, regional, state and civic awards, including state awards for Excellence in Extension, Excellence in Outreach, and the UI Diversity Award. Her 28-year collaborative team effort teaching a series of annual workshops on water conservation in landscapes with Boise’s largest water purveyor won the team a National Education Award from the American Water Works Association in 2010.

When Susan isn’t teaching or talking about horticulture with someone, she can be found tending her gardens out on her farm. As we celebrate her career, we wish her well in retirement, and hope she will be able to spend even more time in her own garden. Thank you, Susan!

You can still benefit from Susan’s lifetime of expertise through her legacy of top-notch UI Extension garden and landscape publications at <https://bit.ly/sbellpubs>

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Marsing Ambulance sets open house

With the vote for a new emergency services district on the horizon, Marsing Ambulance has planned an open house.

Citizens will have the opportunity to view the new ambulances — one acquired through a grant and the other

purchased from Homedale Ambulance — and learn more about the Nov. 5 ballot question.

The open house will take place from 5:30 p.m., to 7 p.m., on Thursday at the Marsing Rural Fire District headquarters, 303 W. Main St.

Calendar

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Ladies coffee group

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

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9 a.m. to 10 a.m., for school families only; 10 a.m., to 1 p.m., for general Marsing community. The HUB food pantry, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411

Bingo

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

Labor Dept. bilingual employment services

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

Teen Book Club

4 p.m., to 5 p.m., ‘The Giver’ by Lois Lowry, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Sourdough class

6 p.m., to 8 p.m., Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd., Melba. (208) 495-2168

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 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

Early Childhood Learning class

10:30 a.m., to 11:30 a.m., ages 0 through 5 (parents must attend with children), Eastern Owyhee County Library meeting room, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

After school Bible club

4 p.m., to 5 p.m., ages 5-11, Eastern Owyhee Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. Information: Cyndi Fullmer, (208) 599-2790 or Amber Good, (208) 585-7694

Teens and Tweens

5 p.m., to 6 p.m., ‘Cooking Class,’ Homedale Library Community Room, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Marsing Ambulance open house

5:30 p.m., to 7 p.m., Marsing fire station, 303 W. Main St., Marsing.

Friday

Mobile food pantry

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

Card making class

1 p.m., to 3 p.m., Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd., Melba. (208) 495-2168

Homedale Farmers Market

3 p.m., to 7 p.m., Bette Uda City Park. Information: Alicia Wages (208) 608-3122 or visit their Facebook page

OCHS membership meeting

6 p.m., McKeeth Hall, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Saturday

OCHS field trip

9 a.m., ‘Skinner Toll Road’, Idaho Hotel, Silver City. (208) 495-2319

Food bank distribution

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

Homedale Senior Center thrift store

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Snake River Country Market

11 a.m., to 3 p.m., ‘Community Yard Sale,’ London Park, Main Street and 4th Avenue West, Marsing. Information: snakerivercountrymarket@gmail.com

Bruneau Round-Up rodeo

12:30 p.m., 29743 Hot Creek Rd., Bruneau.

Bruneau Legion roast beef dinner

5 p.m., 29743 Hot Creek Rd., Bruneau.

OCHS Harvest Dance

6 p.m., to midnight, McKeeth Hall, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy.

Bruneau Round-Up dance

8 p.m., live music, Bruneau Community Park, 28664 Benham Rd., Bruneau.

Sunday

Bruneau Round-Up rodeo

12:30 p.m., 29743 Hot Creek Rd., Bruneau.

Awana youth Bible club

5 p.m., to 6:30 p.m., ages kindergarten through high school, Valley Christian Fellowship, 37866 Hwy 78, Grand View. Information: Amber Good, (208) 585-7694

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., ‘Fall is Here,’ Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

After school program

4:30 p.m., ‘Levi Pocket Fridge Magnets,’ elementary and middle school-aged children, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Tuesday

Massage

8 a.m., to 1 p.m., \$15 for 15 minutes, appointments necessary. Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Fit and Fall class

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

Fit and Fall exercise

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Homedale Chamber meeting

Noon to 1 p.m., Bowling Alley, 18 N. First St. W., Homedale

Region III assistance assessments

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

After School at the Library

4 p.m., to 5 p.m., ‘Red Pyramid,’ pre-K through 5th grade, Eastern Owyhee County Library meeting room, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

HHS Drama Club seeks raffle donations

The Homedale High School Drama Club is organizing a fundraiser as it prepares for its fall performance.

A “Crack the Code” fundraiser is shaping up, and club members are seeking donations to build three gift baskets for the raffle.

Donations can be dropped off at the high school, 203 E. Idaho Ave., or contact club advisor DeAnn Thatcher.

Once gift baskets are organized, the club will sell raffle tickets at HHS athletic events, according to a social media post about the fundraiser.

The drama club will present performances of Cinderella between Nov. 5 and Nov. 7.

“Nov. 5 will be daytime performances for some fortunate younger students,” Thatcher said. “Nov. 6 and Nov. 7 will be performances for the community at 7 p.m.”

Raffle proceeds will help acquire set designs, costumes, audio equipment and more.

Volunteer raffle coordinator Amy Fossette said she has several donation commitments, including Tolmie’s Ace Hardware, Homedale Drug, Liberty Lounge, Boots & Bling Custom Creations, Jacksons Food Stores, Mats & Mixers, PaintBox as well as a handful of individuals.

Obituary

Pharris Thurman Hughey

November 25, 1938-
November 22, 2023

Pharris passed away peacefully at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, Oregon with his wife Ellen (Lincoln), son Mark (Niki), daughter Melissa Cornish (Bill), and other family present.

He was raised in Klamath, Oregon and attended Oregon State University, University of Oregon, and Independent Baptist College. He was ordained a Baptist minister and served as a missionary at the Independent Baptist Direct Mission of Chiloquin in Chiloquin, Oregon, before attending IBC. He was a pastor



at Homedale Baptist Church in Homedale, Idaho, for ten years, and Calvary Baptist Church of Aloha, Oregon, for forty-three years, and hosted a

public access television show. He preached up until two Sundays before his demise. His great love was preaching and teaching the sovereign grace of God and the redemptive sacrifice of Jesus.

His survivors include his wife Ellen, son Mark (Niki), daughter Melissa (Bill) Cornish, eight grandchildren, and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Pharris was preceded in death by his parents, wife Mary, and daughter Capri Spotts.

His body rests in Klamath, Oregon. A memorial service was held on December 6, 2023.

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✓ Health: Public could enjoy exercise benefits by the end of the year

groundbreaking.

Owyhee Health Coalition member Hailee Ketchum announced prior to the event on the grounds of the HUB in Marsing that two other organizations were poised to provide \$70,000 to the project.

Additionally, Western States CAT provided the heavy equipment and Integra Resources DeLamar the manpower to complete the site preparation, which began in the hours after the groundbreaking.

The health coalition announced last week before the groundbreaking that St. Luke’s FitOne had dedicated \$50,000.

Once Marsing Mayor Hayzen Corder and City Clerk and Treasurer Jolyn Thompson complete the Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation Community Health Academy this fall, the project will receive another \$20,000 grant.

Corder joined other dignitaries, including Owyhee

County Dist. 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland — the man credited with bringing the opportunity forward — at a ceremonial groundbreaking Thursday.

A program coordinator with Southwest District Health, Ketchum emceed the event, and she started the proceedings by hailing the waves of support aimed at “enriching the lives and health of people in the community.”

The fitness court is an outdoor array of exercise activities that will be open to the public for free use. Classes could be held there, too. Kirby Cook, a civil engineer with Marsing ties, said the layout will be 38 feet by 38 feet square.

The court will be located in the northwest corner of the district office property in the former middle school green space. The location is east of the high school’s outdoor sports complex.

Ketchum said the National Fitness Campaign, which provided the technical

support and original \$30,000 for the court, wants to help create healthier spaces and help enhance community wellness.

“We really are super-grateful to work alongside champions for health and wellness in Owyhee County,” National Fitness Campaign partnership development manager McKenzie Coltrin, a Boise resident, said.

Hoagland said the road to the fitness court started when he began receiving “persistent” emails from a National Fitness Campaign representative. At first, he comically admitted, he couldn’t understand why they would be interested in the courthouse in Murphy.

Eventually, the commissioner handed off the idea to the Owyhee Health Coalition members.

“They have really moved it forward,” the retiring county commissioner said. “They went

out and got contributions.

“They have been very thorough in understanding the project and how it would help the community.”

Corder said he hoped the court would help bring health into the forefront of the community consciousness.

Ken Price, the school district’s 21st Century Community Classroom coordinator, stood in for superintendent Norm Stewart, who was ill. The district provided the ground for the fitness court, clearing a big hurdle in the project timeline.

“Everybody who has interacted with Norm knows he can be persuasive, and he’s the hardest-working guy I know.

“He has a real passion for bringing people together and getting things done.”

Price says the fitness court can encourage social interaction among the community’s young people while improving their

health.

“Children can come here and get physically fit and get to know each other as they do,” he said.

There will also be opportunities for group classes, including for senior citizens.

Marsing resident Janet Miller, who works for the Idaho Commission on Aging, called the court an “exciting vision.”

“It’s a place to come together and get healthy,” she said.

Miller said studies show that 150 minutes of exercise each week can increase a person’s lifespan by seven years, and physical activity can also improve the quality of those years.

“It doesn’t matter if you’re 2 or 92, this fitness court is for you,” Miller said.

The court could be completed by the end of the year or early in 2025.

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Many happy returns in Homedale's latest rout

Defense sets early tone, offense deflates ball late in game

Homedale High School's football players no doubt returned from the Magic Valley with huge smiles. Using three return touchdowns in the first half, the second-ranked Trojans clobbered Kimberly, 47-21, in non-conference action Friday. Homedale (3-0) scored six touchdowns in the first half, including three on return plays, to chain up a Bulldogs team that had received votes in the latest statewide polls generated by IdahoSports.com from Class 4A coaches' and media members' voting. The Trojans were ranked No. 2 in last week's polls behind Sugar-Salem. Kimberly (1-3) is coming off a 2023 season that ended in the 3A state quarterfinals against Weiser. The Bulldogs had won 10 consecutive games before the Wolverines took them out. But Friday's game didn't resemble a slugfest between two state-caliber

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Kills thrill, but Huskies are rolling with defense

Solid serving in home sweep

Volleyball fans come for the excitement of an offensive smash, but Amy Chadez's gratification comes from the work before the blistering point. "It has been exciting to watch them offensively, but again I have to give a huge shout-out to our defensive play," Marsing High School's fourth-year coach said. "Our digging and serve receive is allowing us to provide the excitement that fans appreciate." The Huskies (6-0 overall, 1-0 in 3A Western Idaho Conference) conquered three opponents, including conference foe Compass Charter on Sept. 10. "Our team is really beginning to work together and support one another in the role each of them plays," — See *Huskies*, page 10



Marsing High School senior Raylynn Vanosdall grimaces as she hits the floor and keeps a point alive Thursday against Payette.

Raiders tame Mustangs

Ronaldo Gomez and Kas Bachman took care of business on the road Friday. Rimrock High School's offensive leaders each topped the century mark in yardage as the Raiders beat Horseshoe Bend, 40-22, in non-conference eight-man football. Bachman caught four passes for 100 yards and a touchdown, and Gomez rushed for 112 yards and a score. Gomez also completed seven of 17 passes for 175 yards and TD strikes to Bachman, Riley Gonzalez, and Jose Jaramillo (a 25-yard play). Gomez also dominated for the Raiders (2-0) on defense with 16 tackles. Gonzalez caught two balls for 50 yards and rushed for 25 yards. He also racked up eight tackles. Morgan Field recovered a Mustangs (1-1) fumble and made seven tackles, while Bachman, Joshua Jaramillo and Kolton Jewett made six stops each. The Raiders take their unbeaten record to Cambridge on Friday in their non-conference finale against Tri-Valley (3-0). Rimrock opens the 2A Western Idaho Conference season against winless Notus on Sept. 27 in Bruneau. The conference season also includes Idaho City (on the road Oct. 11) and Wilder (in Bruneau Oct. 18).

Marsing win streak fades in second half



Huskies overcome mistakes, play tough before intermission

Football is a game of adjustments and communication. Halftime adjustments appeared to be the difference Friday when Marsing High School suffered its first loss under new coach Mike Foristiere. Ririe snuffed out whatever momentum the hometown Huskies pulled from late first-half heroics, rolling through the second half for a 49-18 non-conference victory. Marsing (2-1) looked primed for its third consecutive victory after Foristiere's clock management culminated with Jaden Shaw's two-yard touchdown reception 22 seconds before halftime. Luke Steinmeyer couldn't reach Jace Chadez's would-be game-tying two-point throw, and that was the last time any Marsing player would set foot in the end zone. Marsing trailed 20-18 when Moe Montes picked off Breylon Moon's pass during Ririe's last-ditch drive moments later, but the Huskies couldn't maintain whatever edge

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At left: Luke Steinmeyer looks to turn upfield after snagging a pass late in the first half.

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Sports

✓ Huskies: Big net play by Daugherty, Fee as Marsing dominates three

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Chadez said. “Their willingness to communicate and hold one another accountable to their roles is paying off.”

Thursday: Marsing def. Nyssa, Ore., 3-0 — Senior Raylynn Vanosdall capped a big week with 10 digs in the Huskies’ 25-19, 25-20, 25-21 non-conference win.

Vanosdall started the week with a .983 serving percentage (missing on just one of 60 serves) in victories over Compass Charter and Payette. She averaged 13 digs per

match, too.

Against the visiting Bulldogs, junior opposite hitter Adyson Chadez was the sharpshooter, nailing all nine of her serves and notching an ace. She had six kills and nine digs.

Likewise, senior defensive specialist Sydney Nelson was spot-on, going 14-for-15 (.933) with a team-high three aces.

Middle blockers Bailey Daugherty and Mikayla Fee carried the offense.

A junior, Daugherty had 10 kills and two blocks, while Fee continued her dazzling

freshman season with 11 kills and two blocks.

Thursday: Marsing def. Payette, 3-1 — The visiting Pirates rose up to challenge midway through the non-conference match, but four Huskies servers dominated to keep the momentum in another non-conference contest.

Vanosdall was 19-for-19, and Chadez went 26-for-27 (.963) with five aces as Marsing powered to a 25-14, 25-21, 23-25, 25-13 victory.

Vanosdall scrapped her way to 12 digs, while Chadez added

18 digs and eight kills.

Defensive specialist Asia Carrillo, an 11th-grader, was perfect on nine serves with an ace.

Daugherty went 17-for-18 (.944) with a pair of aces. She added five kills and two blocks.

Senior setter/opposite hitter Lily Thoene had 13 assists and 11 digs, and Fee was at it again with 11 kills and two blocks.

Sept. 10: Marsing def. Compass Charter, 3-1 — The Huskies lost the first set of their 3A WIC season but bounced back for a 22-25, 25-20, 25-15,

25-10 home-court triumph.

Vanosdall was virtually unstoppable, stroking eight aces during a 40-for-41 service night (.976). She also had 17 digs and five kills.

Chadez went 12-for-12 with five aces, adding 11 kills and 14 digs.

Senior setter Ashlyn Porter erupted for 25 assists to go with her 17-for-18 serving (.944) and seven digs.

Daugherty punched a team-high 14 kills to go with two blocks. Thoene had 10 kills and set up 10 other points.

✓ Marsing: Bulldogs pull away after home team’s first-half tenacity

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the exciting end to the half had given them.

A3Asquad just like Marsing, the Bulldogs (3-0) scored 29 points over the final 24 minutes.

Marsing’s three touchdowns are the most the Bulldogs have surrendered this year.

Ririe came into the game with a share of the No. 4 ranking in the statewide 3A coaches’ poll.

The Bulldogs led, 14-0, less than five minutes into the contest when Rafe Newton scored the second of his three touchdowns. He rushed for 131 yards as Ririe amassed 290

yards on the ground.

The Bulldogs were set up deep in enemy territory when Marsing miscommunication left the kickoff uncovered. When the live football fell to the ground, Ririe senior Brayden Kunz rushed in and claimed possession.

According to Foristiere and a loud fan in the stands, the miscue was a repeat from seven days earlier.

“That’s two weeks in a row, coach!” the fan yelled from the stands moments after Foristiere had completed his own — somewhat quieter — recollection.

Marsing succeeded on the

next kickoff, and Chadez ended a 60-yard drive with a one-yard sneak.

After Newton took a double-flip handoff and scored on a misdirection play, Marsing went to work again.

The next drive started when Chadez stepped away from a collapsing pocket and zinged a pass to a wide-open Shaw for a 22-yard gain.

Chadez regrouped after a 15-yard defensive pass interference call nullified Bryce Barber’s interception.

The senior gained 13 yards on a quarterback draw two plays before Levi Puga took a pass in the middle of the field

— and a crowd — and outran the defense for a 24-yard scoring play with 4 minutes, 7 seconds left in the half.

Chadez completed 13 of 19 passes for 106 yards and two touchdowns.

Three plays and 50 seconds after Puga’s TD, the Huskies had the ball again when sophomore defensive end Joseph Mark recovered a Ririe fumble at the Bulldogs’ 35.

That turnover set up an eight-play possession that chewed up nearly three minutes and saw another mistake extend another drive. Marsing faced a 4th-and-3 at the 28 when Chadez’s barking got a Ririe defender to

jump offsidess.

The Bulldogs were nailed with a personal foul after Steinmeyer’s nine-yard reception, and the Huskies set up shop at the 7-yard line. Three plays later, Chadez rolled out and hit Shaw with a short scoring pass after their coach had let the clock drain down to 27 seconds in an attempt to erase any significant time Ririe would have to counter late in the half.

Marsing’s defense was anchored in help. Puga had a team-high nine assisted tackles, and defensive end Bridon McIntyre counted eight assists among his 10 tackles. Wyatt Barber had four assists.

MARSING HUSKIES

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Football
Bridon McIntyre, jr., OL/DE
2 solo tackles, 8 assists vs. Ririe



Volleyball
Raylynn Vanosdall, sr., OH
13 digs per match; 59-60 (.983), 8 aces in first two matches
Breeana Lootens photo



Cross country
Brody Bowers, jr.
Best finish among teammates in Nyssa, Ore.
Breeana Lootens photo

THIS WEEK'S SPORTS SCHEDULE

Football
Varsity
Friday, Sept. 20 at Payette, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Sept. 19 home vs. Payette, 6 p.m.

Volleyball
Varsity
Thursday, Sept. 19 at Rimrock, Bruneau, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 24, home vs. Jordan Valley, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Thursday, Sept. 19 at Rimrock, Bruneau, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Wednesday, Sept. 18, home vs. Vision Charter, 4:30 p.m.

Cross country
Wednesday, Sept. 18 at Parma Invitational



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Sports

Trojans bring own thunder, lightning to shortened win

Six different girls got in on the scoring last Wednesday when Homedale High School won a shortened soccer match.

The Trojans were declared 3-1 winners over Emmett when thunder and lightning along the Snake River force suspension of their 4A Snake River Valley conference game in the 52nd minute.

Strong rain greeted the Homedale players when they emerged from the Mike Mateson Fieldhouse, and the teams played in a downpour for the first 12 minutes of the second half.

“I wished we could have finished because it was fun and we were playing well,” Trojans coach Shelby Nicoletti said.

Idaho High School Activities



Karlie Kildow watches her shot scoot past Emmett goalkeeper Emma Simonsen. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

Association rules make any match suspended by weather after halftime an official contest, giving Homedale its third

victory in the past four conference games.

Karlie Kildow scored off an assist from Leeya Haas two minutes before the stoppage for the only goal of the second half at Deward Bell Stadium.

The Trojans (4-2) led 2-1 after Morgan Nicoletti cashed in on a pass from Ellie Miller to snap a 1-1 stalemate one minute before halftime.

Stella Heck set up Evalina Costello’s goal for HHS’ 1-0 advantage in the 14th minute.

Emmett tied the score when Milly Mendez punched an unassisted shot past Tiana Sorenson in the 35th minute.

Sorenson and her Emmett counterpart, Emma Simonsen, recorded two saves each.

Sept. 10: McCall-Donnelly 1, Homedale 0 — It took a scramble in front of the net to settle the conference game at Deward Bell Stadium.

The Vandals won the battle for the ball in the 70th minute, converting their third consecutive try at a corner kick for the game’s only score.

The Trojans were thwarted throughout the contest with McCall-Donnelly goalkeeper Emily Hyatt stopping the only two shots HHS managed.

Sorenson played in goal for Homedale, notching a pair of saves.

There were two yellow cards in the game, including the Vandals’ Zion Rushton being cited in the 36th minute and the referee raising a card to Homedale’s Mattea Dimick in the 77th minute.

Melba boys capture third in Nyssa cross country meet

Two top-20 finishes sparked Melba High School’s third-place showing at the Nyssa Invitational cross country meet.

A pair of juniors — Raziel Manzer and Isaiah Shoemaker — finished 14th

and 16th, respectively, last Wednesday in Oregon.

Manzer crossed the line in 18 minutes, 51.95 seconds, and Shoemaker finished the five kilometers in 18:56.16.

Another 11th-grader, Jacob Gunderson

crossed the line in 32nd place at 20:21, while freshman Beckett Boren was 33rd (20:22.4) and junior Luke Clark took 38th (20:34.33).

Led by freshman Sunny Hilber’s ninth-place time of 23:36.32, all three

Melba runners were in the top 20 for the girls’ race.

Sophomore Millie Edwards finished 18th in 25:14.64, and junior Elle Crimbchin was right behind her in 19th (25:23.04).

Homedale Trojans

Athletes of the Week

Football
Rafael Cuenca, sr., WR/DB
Pick-six, 6 catches, 32 yards vs. Kimberly

Volleyball
Lilly Relk, so., setter
Averaged 14.5 assists in 2 matches; 5 aces, 8-for-9 digs vs. Fruitland

Girls' soccer
Morgan Nicoletti, jr.
4 goals, 2 assists in 2-week span

Cross country
Heidi Gibson, so.
Achieved PR in Nyssa Invitational

FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Football (Home games at Deward Bell Stadium) Varsity Friday, Sept. 20 at Jerome, 7 p.m. Junior varsity Thursday, Sept. 19, home vs. Jerome, 7 p.m. Freshman Thursday, Sept. 19, home vs. Jerome, 4 p.m.	Girls' soccer (Home games at Deward Bell Stadium) Varsity 4A Snake River Valley conference Wednesday, Sept. 18, home vs. Payette, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24 at Fruitland, 5 p.m. Junior varsity 4A Snake River Valley conference Wednesday, Sept. 18, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24 at Fruitland, 3:30 p.m.
Volleyball Varsity 4A Snake River Valley conference Thursday, Sept. 19, home vs. Payette, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24 at Cole Valley Christian, Meridian, 7 p.m. Junior varsity 4A Snake River Valley conference Thursday, Sept. 19, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24 at Cole Valley Christian, Meridian, 6 p.m. Freshman 4A Snake River Valley conference Thursday, Sept. 19, home vs. Payette, 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24 at Cole Valley Christian, Meridian, 4:45 p.m.	Cross country Saturday, Sept. 21 at Vallivue Invitational, Caldwell, 5 p.m.

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Sports

Trojans pull career-best times

Nearly half of Homedale High School’s cross country contingent achieved personal-best marks last week.

Junior Breydyn Ford had the best finish among coach David Gummersall’s charges, taking 57th in the girls’ 5-kilometer race at the Nyssa Invitational in Oregon last Wednesday.

Ford crossed the line at 28 minutes, 45.96 seconds.

Another 11th-grader, Tyler Isham led HHS’ slew of career-best times. He finished 61st in the boys’ race at 21:26.76.

Returning junior Jesus Monreal ran his best race of the season, taking 78th at 22:24.38. Wayne Stewart, a sophomore in his second season with the Trojans, also had a season-best 24:44.42.

The rest of Homedale’s

PRs included:

- Heidi Gibson, so., 83rd in the girls’ race at 33:11.93
- Camden Sorenson, fr., 80th in 22:43.24 in the boys’ race
- Kristofferlee Slawson, fr., 26:28.4 in the boys’ race
- Cylas Purdom, fr., 26:29.58 in the boys’ race

Another ninth-grader, Kegan Hotchkiss, finished the boys’ 5K in 26:43.32.



Freshman Camden Sorenson carries his inhaler toward the finish line in Nyssa, Ore. Photo by John Braese / Eastern Oregon-Sports.com

Homedale individuals show prowess vs. net powers

Trojans take on state’s top volleyball team

Homedale High School’s 4A Snake River Valley conference volleyball struggles continued last week.

The Trojans (6-6-1 overall before the Mountain View tournament, 1-3 in conference) entered this week having lost

three consecutive matches and nine straight sets in match play.

Thursday: Fruitland def. Homedale, 3-0 — The top-ranked Class 4A team in the state shook off its pesky hosts in the first set and cruised to a 25-16, 25-11, 25-13 conference victory.

The Grizzlies remained unbeaten after 10 matches this season.

Setter Lilly Relk powered

a season-high five aces for Homedale and was 8-for-9 on digs while delivering 16 assists. The 5-foot, 6-inch sophomore also had three kills.

Piper Kushlan added two more perfect serves from the back line.

Lily Schwabauer’s all-around effort at the net produced three kills and three blocks, while Teague Taylor led the team with five spikes. Kushlan added four kills.

Kynna Soland Pfeil stuffed one Grizzlies point attempt and helped out on six other blocks. Taylor also had four assists at the net.

Charity Pate went 11-for-16 on dig attempts (.688 digging percentage), while Claire Salutregui hit all but one of her eight tries on serve receive.

Aly DeVice pulled off four digs, and Halle King added five.

Sept. 10: McCall-Donnelly

def. Homedale, 3-0 — A hard-fought second set couldn’t turn around the Trojans’ fortunes in Valley County.

The Vandals pulled out a 25-14, 26-24, 25-19 conference victory.

Taylor served four aces for Homedale, and she blocked a pair of McCall spikes.

Kushlan led the offense with seven kills.

Relk posted 18 assists and nine digs.

✓ Returns: Opportunistic Trojans steal away from Magic Valley with win

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squads.

Homedale defenders ended three of Kimberly’s first five drives with turnovers, and two of those were interception returns for touchdowns.

The Bulldogs started the gift-giving when Damon Taylor lost a fumble one play

after Xavier Uranga’s 86-yard touchdown pass to Luke Henry opened the scoring.

Javid Blewett, who had the tackle with Henry on Taylor’s fumble, cashed in on the turnover with a three-yard scoring run.

Two plays later, Homedale was back on the scoreboard

when Alex Sotelo picked off Bulldogs quarterback MaCraye Bruning and ran 28 yards to pay dirt.

Rafael Cuenca returned Bruning’s second interception of the half 77 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter.

The Trojans held a 40-0 lead at halftime after McCoy Swallow returned Eddy Paz’s blocked punt 26 yards for another touchdown. Diego Cortez was able to get penetration and swat Paz’s kick to the ground.

Uranga had a big first half throwing the football thanks to a couple of huge scoring plays. The junior followed up his first-quarter throw to Henry with a 62-yard TD play to Alec Campos.

Uranga completed 12 of 19 passes for 230 yards and three touchdowns. His final scoring pass came on Henry’s second TD reception of the game. The senior receiver went 22 yards in the third quarter.

Kimberly played catch-up in the second half, scoring on each of its three possessions.

But just as opportunistic as the Trojans were in the first half, they were equally stingy with the ball in the third quarter.

The Bulldogs pulled off a rare feat and outgained a

Homedale student body looks to Homecoming

Homedale High School student leadership huddled last week in preparation for Homecoming.

Dress-up days start Monday for the weeklong celebration, which will culminates Friday, Sept. 27 with the crowning of a king and queen prior to the Trojans’ 4A Snake River Valley conference football season opener against Payette.

The coronation takes place at 6:30 p.m., at Deward Bell Field, followed by kickoff at 7 p.m.

More details about Homecoming will be reported on www.owyhee.com when they become available.

Homedale offense, racking 361 yards, but needing 61 plays to do it.

Homedale had 316 yards on 42 offensive snaps.

In the third quarter, though, the Trojans held the ball for more than 9½ minutes. They chewed up 10½ minutes of the second half with a 15-play, 91-yard drive that culminated in Henry’s second touchdown catch.

Henry caught three passes for 116 yards. Blewett rushed for 69 yards on 16 carries.

Blewett and Tyce Fisher reached Bruning for quarterback sacks, and Fisher finished with five solo tackles and seven tackles overall (two assists). His sack was one of two solo tackles for loss.

Sebastian Larzelier and Kade Hall teamed up on a third quarterback sack. Larzelier came away with three solo tackles and five assists for a team-high eight total tackles.

Sotelo had four solo tackles and an assist to go with his pick-six.

Kimberly came into the game one week after snapping a season-opening two-game losing streak with a narrow 28-24 triumph against Snake River.

The Bulldogs lost to host Fruitland in a high-scoring contest, 32-28, before falling to Sutter (Calif.), 28-14, in the Rocky Mountain Rumble at the Idaho Central Credit Union Dome in Pocatello on Aug. 30.

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Looking back...

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25 years ago

September 22, 1999



Summer sailing...
Several sailboats drifted around C. J. Strike reservoir last weekend during late summer-like weather. With temperatures still ranging in the upper 80s to lower 90s parks at the reservoir are still filled with weekend campers.

P&Z delays decision on Opaline proposal
The Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission Thursday night voted to take under advisement a Marsing woman’s proposal to expand her mobile home court and build a combination convenience store and restaurant on the corners of Opaline and Clark roads.

At a public hearing in Murphy, Katharine Pike withdrew the most controversial aspect of her request for a conditional use permit, to establish a bar as part of the store and restaurant.

Several residents living near the proposed development, located four miles south of Marsing, testified in opposition to Pike’s request, citing traffic, water quality, encroachment upon nearby Squaw Creek, congestion and other concerns.

Pike dropped the bar proposal after Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman, in a letter to the commission, said his department lacked the manpower to curb a potential increase in accidents caused by drunken drivers.

Ralph Stanford inducted into Buckaroo Hall
Lawrence Ralph Stanford, one of the last of the old-time working buckaroos, was inducted into the Buckaroo Hall of Fame in Winnemucca, Nev., on Sept. 4. Forty family members attended the ceremony.

Ralph was born March 17, 1890 on the family ranch on Reynolds Creek. His father, Lee Stanford, was one of the first white children born in Owyhee County.

His mother, Christine Nielson (later spelled Nelson), came to Jackson Creek, Idaho, from Sweden in 1881 at the age of 11. Her father had acquired a homestead on Jackson Creek, 12 miles “over the hill” from Reynolds Creek. Ralph was the oldest of three boys in the family.

Ralph’s buckaroo, teamster, blacksmith and rancher life began early, at the age of 14, when his family migrated from Emmett to Maple Creek, Saskatchewan, Canada, where they homesteaded.

In Canada, he buckarooed for some of the larger cattle spreads as well as the homesteaders until the family returned to Reynolds Creek in 1910. The next couple of years Ralph was a swamper for the freight lines between Reynolds Creek and Silver City. He was soon driving eight-horse freight teams and also drove a six-horse team stagecoach between Murphy and Silver City.

Megan Hopkins tops WIC cross country meet
Megan Hopkins led the Homedale girls’ cross country team in a WIC A-3 cross country meet at River Bend Golf Course last week. Hopkins finished with a time of 25:01.03. She kept a short distance over New Plymouth runner Katy Holly.

50 years ago

September 19, 1974

CLASS OF 1944 of Homedale High School had its 30-year reunion recently. Classmates and their spouses attended a steak dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Uria. Members included, front row, from left: Marvin Hetrick, Orovada, Nev.; Jim Costley, Oregon; Joe Itano; Dale Jackson. Second row up stairway: Verla (Griffith) Rose, Boise; Margaret (Miklancic) George; Alene (Adams) Downing; Naomi (Neal) Jordan, Colorado; Tony Miyasako; Bobbie (Kershner) Simon; Florence (Chadez) Paxton; Vic Uria. Third row: Jim Olsen, Meridian; Emmett Woody, Council; Clifford Jordan, Colorado; Jack Walker; Bob Paxton. Photo by Bette Uda



Arvin Millwork faces closure due to market
A depressed housing market is forcing a shutdown of the Arvin Millwork Co. on Oct. 1. Tom Arvin, president, told The Owyhee Chronicle Wednesday. The shutdown could be from 30 to 90 days, depending on the company’s ability to raise adequate financing or effect a merger or sale. Up to 85 employees on two shifts will be affected by the shutdown. The company’s annual payroll is some \$600,000 per year, and has had a sizable economic impact on the communities of Homedale, Marsing and Wilder since operation began in 1968.

Housing starts are off nearly half nationally, and the demand for millwork is off 65% from a year ago, Arvin declared. Sale price of mouldings produced by the company has also slumped.

An effort is being sought to get this area designated as an economic depressed area, which would allow making an emergency loan.

Arvin said he plans to ask businessmen, service club members, church groups and others to attend a meeting next Tuesday evening, Sept. 24, seeking the help of everyone in the community in pursuing possible course of action to obtain emergency funding and keep the Arvin Co. operating in Homedale.

Succor Crik Sam Sez:
“I ain’t sure President Ford kin solve our problems by speakin’ softly and carryin’ a big golf club.”



Trojans roll over Kuna 34-12
Shaking off a sloppy performance in the second quarter, the Big Red of Homedale knocked off the Kuna Kavemen here 34-12 Friday night. The Trojans took the field as if they intended to completely dominate the game. After having their initial drive stopped at the five by a fumble, Homedale’s defense forced a poor punt. From the 28, it took speedy Kirk Haylett only one play to break into the end zone. Regaining the ball at midfield, Homedale marched 54 yards in eight plays, scoring on a ten-yard pass from Doug Cook to Dan Landa.

153 years ago

September 16, 1871

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A GRAVEYARD ball was the novel event of last week at Far Rockaway. It was given by the parishioners of the little Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary Star of the Sea, for the purpose of raising funds to liquidate the debt still due for their new cemetery. The idea of dancing for the benefit of the dead and of those that are to die is a novelty which Far Rockaway can claim as entirely original. —N. Y. Sun, Sept. 1st.

Our solar contemporary may be omnipresent as it professes to shine for all, but omniscience is not one of its attributes. Graveyard balls are not regarded as novel affairs in Idaho. The last Fourth-of-July ball in Boise City was given for the purpose of raising funds to fence their city of the dead.

LOST IN THE MOUNTAINS.—A dolorous story reaches our ears of how our esteemed legal friend, Hon. F. E. Ensign, got lost while on his way to South Mountain one day this week, compelling him to seek the friendly shelter of a sage brush during the long hours of the wearisome night; how the hootings of owls and the howling of coyotes filled his soul with mortal dread and kept him awake; how, with a pen-knife, he cut his way through dense thickets and interminable jungles, reaching Farneman’s ranch in woe-begone condition the next day; and finally, after a two-day’s rest, how he reached Silver City again in safety. Mr. Ensign says that he now can sympathise with Mungo Park and Dr. Livingstone. It was certainly an oversight on the part of Springer & Ragan in not furnishing the honorable gentleman with a horse that knew the way to South Mountain.

Local Hints and Happenings.
—
Col. Preston has returned from San Francisco. J. S. Gardner, head book-keeper at the Owyhee mill, has gone to New York. Mike Phelan has leased and is now running Lynch’s boarding house at the Oro Fino. S. Lebrecht went to San Francisco this week after a new stock of stationery, notions, &c. Gilmore & Winchester are fitting up a livery stable on the corner of Clinton and Second streets. Under the skillful care of Dr. Colmache, Jno. McMahon is now able to get around on crutches. Miller has bought Clarke’s interest in the Surplus Oro Fino boarding house and is now going it alone.

Commentary

Mtn. States Policy Center

The doctor can't see you now

The Affordable Care Act, a.k.a. Obamacare, became law in 2010 and provisions from the legislation began in 2014. The overall goal of the law was to provide health insurance to an increased number of Americans. To accomplish this, Obamacare created an expansion of Medicaid to include able-bodied 18- to 64-year-olds and also established a health insurance exchange with premiums subsidized by taxpayers.

Obamacare has many provisions, many of which have been controversial. The law requires every adult to own health insurance, forces every health insurance company to include costly “essential benefits,” and forces these insurance companies to offer plans to anyone regardless of pre-existing conditions.

The initial insurance company participation in the Obamacare exchanges was very marginal. Many regions of the country had only one or two companies offering plans. The problem was that companies had no idea how many older, sicker patients would sign up for plans versus young, healthy patients.

It was estimated that at least 40 percent of enrollees needed to be young and healthy to offset the costs of the sicker patients. Over the past 10 years, the government has increased the taxpayer subsidies in the exchanges to encourage more insurance companies to participate.

Competition among insurance companies for patients in the exchanges has now increased. No surprise, companies are looking for ways to hold costs down, especially when the number of young and healthy patients has never reached the required 40 percent. One proven way for companies to keep their costs low is to pay doctors less than private insurance and less than their competitors. Of course, fewer physicians want to participate with these companies, which creates a limited network of doctors for patients.

A recent study by KFF, formerly known as The Kaiser Family Foundation, found that on average, patients in Obamacare exchanges had access to only 40 percent of doctors in any one given area. A

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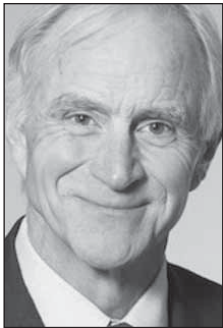
Dr. Roger Stark
Mountain States Policy Center visiting fellow

About Mountain States Policy Center

Founded in 2022, Mountain States Policy Center is based in Boise and Coeur d’Alene, and is an independent think tank that believes in providing research and recommendations to lawmakers, the media and the public, based on facts — not emotion. Harnessing the power of publications, conferences and video events, MSPC brings forward free market solutions to our region’s biggest challenges and will be a watchdog to improve government transparency and effectiveness. Our mission is to empower those in the Mountain States to succeed through non-partisan, quality research that promotes free enterprise, individual liberty and limited government.

Homedale resident Oscar Evans is on the board of directors.

Learn more at mountainstatespolicy.org.



JP Doodles



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

Changing the vote

Prop. 1 replaces traditional elections with expensive, convoluted alternative

A liberal group, fueled by out-of-state money, has successfully placed Proposition 1 on Idaho’s November ballot. Contrary to its proponents’ assertions, Proposition 1 does not broaden primary election access for independent (“unaffiliated”) voters. While supporters claim that independent voters face obstacles to participation, these voters can already request and cast ballots in any party primary they choose.

One of the key, unstated goals of Proposition 1 is to allow registered Democrats into Republican primaries, to make Idaho more like California. Even the Idaho Supreme Court stated that the term “open primary” means something very different than this proposal.

And critically, buried within Proposition 1’s text is the replacement of the system Idaho has used to determine election winners throughout its history. Under Idaho’s normal process, an election for public office is held, votes are cast and tallied, and the candidate with the most votes wins. Simple.

In place of this, Proposition 1 would eliminate Idaho’s primary elections and impose a California-style jungle election in which Democrats would vote for Republican candidates and vice versa. The top four would then advance to a “ranked choice voting” (“RCV”) election in November.

RCV is an old idea tried by dozens of American cities in the early 20th century, but soon abandoned because of its complexities and confusion. Alaska already has an initiative on its ballot to repeal the harebrained scheme after using it just once. Its only “benefit” was electing Democrats to office.

RCV involves a series of complex contingency voting preferences that the voter would attempt to

Rep. Mike Moyle, Speaker of the House
R-Boise (term expires 2024)

Moyle is in his 13th term in the Idaho House of Representatives. He represents District 10 from Seat A.

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Committee: Agribusiness



express. To tally votes, computer algorithms would begin transferring votes between candidates, until the computer declares a winner. Because this is done by algorithms, it will be almost impossible for humans to verify.

RCV also:

- Eliminates Idaho’s traditional “one person, one vote” elections — the candidate receiving the most votes will not always win, once votes are transferred and the ballots of exhausted voters are tossed out;
- Eliminates third-party and independent candidates from the general election in most major statewide races, disenfranchising voters;
- Requires four times as many marks to complete a ballot, disenfranchising thousands who either cannot wait in longer lines, or will leave their ballot incomplete out of frustration;
- Takes longer to report election results;
- Triples the number of recounts;

— See **Prop. 1**, Page 15

Commentary

Financial management

Take unemployment, but don't lose your work ethic

Dear Dave,

We've been following your plan for a while. We're debt-free, except for our home, and we have six months of expenses set aside in our emergency fund.

Recently, I lost my job. I'm luckier than some, because I received a generous severance package from my previous employer, plus my wife still has a good job.

My parents always raised me to take care of things myself and not rely on others. I suppose it's because of this I feel a little guilty about filing for unemployment compensation.

Do you think there's anything morally wrong with accepting unemployment benefits?

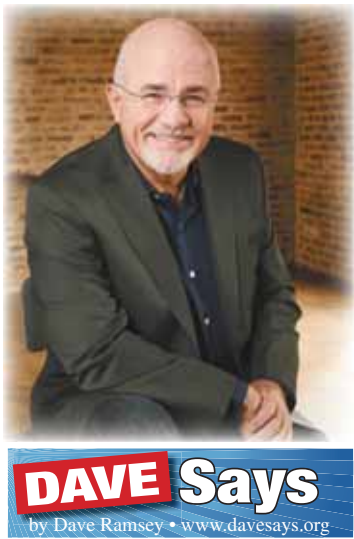
— Brandt

Dear Brandt,

I really appreciate your self-sufficient attitude. I don't know what happened at your last job, but I've got a feeling you're a hard worker and a decent guy. I'm sorry you and your wife are having to deal with this kind of situation.

The Social Security system in this country is a mathematical failure. But that doesn't mean I'm not going to take my money when I deserve it. The government took it from me in the first place, so I don't have a problem with accepting something I've already paid into.

Now, I'll throw out a warning here. Sometimes when people start receiving unemployment benefits, it causes them to take their foot off the gas. The idea



that "free" money is coming in can help them rationalize sitting at home on the couch, instead of working hard to find another job and being extra careful with their finances. I'm not hearing that kind of mentality from you, though.

And it's obvious you and your wife have been pretty smart with your finances.

One more thing I'd suggest is making sure you look at your severance package as survival money only. Make a strict budget and stick to it. Cut out all excess spending. That means no eating out, vacations or anything like that until you're working again and everything's back on solid ground. Right now, focus on covering your Four Walls. By that, I mean food, utilities, shelter and transportation. Feed your family, keep the electricity on, pay the mortgage and put enough gas in the car to get where you need to go.

Everyone hits a rough stretch of road in life from time to time, Brandt. But you two are in a position to handle it better than most. Just remember what got you to such a good place with your finances in the first place. The discipline muscle is already there, and it's strong. Just flex it, and it'll help get you through this and back on your feet again!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is a national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives.

✓ Prop. 1: Idahoans would lose one-person, one-vote if measure passes

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- Lengthens many election campaigns by six months, favoring wealthy candidates and those with the most special interest money;
- Allows party bigwigs to manipulate what candidates and parties appear on the November ballot AFTER the May election; and

- Is at risk of reporting the wrong winner, as actually happened in a California school board race.

According to Idaho Secretary of State Phil McGrane, Idaho's current election equipment cannot accommodate RCV. Replacement costs are "at least \$25 to \$40 million" in new taxpayer money.

The fact is Idaho's elections are not broken, and

do not need to be replaced with this expensive, complicated, and failed idea. Please protect "one-person, one-vote" and vote "No" on Proposition 1.

— Rep. Mike Moyle (R-Star), a lifelong Idaho farmer.

✓ Doctor: Physician access not what it used to be

From Page 14

quarter of patients had access to only 25 percent or less of physicians in their communities. Interestingly enough, the narrowest networks were in larger metro areas where patients had access to only 34 percent or less of doctors.

Physician participation in Medicaid, the other health insurance expansion in Obamacare, is a bit better. On a national basis, roughly 70 percent of all doctors accept Medicaid patients, even with the poor reimbursements of 35 to 40 percent of what private insurance pays.

When President Obama signed the ACA into law, one of his famous lines was "if you like your doctor, you can keep that doctor." It turns out that many

Americans can't keep their doctor or at least have a limited choice of who they can see. This is yet another example of "buyer beware" when government officials make promises.

— Dr. Roger Stark is a visiting fellow with Mountain States Policy Center, an independent research organization based in Idaho, Montana, Eastern Washington and Wyoming. Online at mountainstatespolicy.org. A retired surgeon, Dr. Stark has authored three books including "Healthcare Policy Simplified: Understanding a Complex Issue," and "The Patient-Centered Solution: Our Health Care Crisis, How It Happened, and How We Can Fix It."

Letter to the editor

Water issue still in forefront through Avalanche coverage

We read The Owyhee Avalanche's reporting on the U.S. v. Idaho case and Jon Brown's editorial and want to say thank you! You have done a commendable job keeping your readers informed on the important water issues over the years.

The fact that you have never forgotten the Nettletons and us and continue to call out the political powers for their lack of any semblance of justice means more to us than we have words for.

Tim and Rosa Maria Lowry
Jordan Valley

Contacting city councilmembers

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City council — Mike Aebischer (president), Kimberly Murray, Steve Atkins, and Aaron Tines
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City council — Chris Even (president), Lynette Enrico, Elizabeth Wahl and Brandy Johnson
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Grand View City Hall
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City council — Terry Nielson (president), Andrea Owens, Tom Payne, and Mike Smith
Meetings — 6 p.m., on second Wednesday

Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer's address and daytime phone number.

The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in these ways:

- E-mailed to jon@owyhee.com
- Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
- Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale

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

Public notices

BOARD OF
OWYHEE COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
August 2024 Synopsis
August 5

-Approved the claims report as presented, in the amount of \$261,753.14: Current Expenses-\$76,264; R&B Fund-\$123,377; Dist. Court-\$3,109; Fair, Grounds and Buildings-\$393; Probation-\$2,198; Historical Society & Museum-\$254; I&C-\$28,264; Revaluation-\$1,144; Solid Waste-\$22,600; Veterans Memorial-\$500; 911-\$329; Waterways Fund-\$133; Off Hwy Vehicles-\$269; Elections, Taxing District Fund-\$10; Child Safety Fund-\$50; Interlock Device Fund-\$84; Hazardous Waste-\$1,776.

-Approved the minutes from the July 22 & 25, 2024 meetings.

-Approved County Resolution 2024-21 – Sale of 1973 Pinzgauer Truck.

-Approved County Resolution 2024-22 – Destruction of Documents-BOCC, Clerk, & HR.

-Approved County Resolution 2024-23 – Approve Owyhee Co. & Marsing Rural Fire District Intergovernmental Agreement for Impact Fees.

-Approved County Resolution 2024-24 – Approve Owyhee Co. & Homedale Rural Fire Protection District Intergovernmental Agreement for Impact Fees.

-Approved County and Marsing & Homedale Rural Fire Districts Intergovernmental Agreements.

-Approved ES&S Sales Order Agreement for two (2) DS300 Poll Place Scanners & Tabulators, with the Chairman’s signature for the Board.

-Approved Notice of Intent to Sell for County Treasurer’s Tax Deed Sales on parcel RPB0280001013A.

-Approved Notice of Intent to Sell for County Treasurer’s Tax Deed Sales on parcel RPA0040002004A.

-Approved Notice of Intent to Sell for County Treasurer’s Tax Deed Sales on parcel RP009200010070.

-Approved the 2024 Valley Air Agreement for Murphy Airport Agriculture use.

-Approved College of Southern Idaho 24-04 and College of Western Idaho 24-10 certificates of residency.

-Approved the Order Granting Petition to Form an Ambulance Service District.

-Approved County Resolution 2024-25 – Calling for Election to Form a New Ambulance District.

-At 10:20 a.m. went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (f) possible litigation. Open session was resumed at 10:48 a.m.

-Approved authorizing PA Topmiller to send a letter to property owners.

-At 10:50 a.m. went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (a) personnel. Open session was resumed at 11:00 a.m. No action taken.

August 8

-Approved the National Opioid Settlement–Kroeger Participation Agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Hoagland. Motion carried.

August 12

-Approved the claims report as presented, in the amount of \$52,323.30: Current Expenses-\$33,398; R&B Fund-\$6,237; Dist. Court-\$410; Probation-\$68; I&C-\$4,167; Junior College

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES SUMMARY STATEMENT – ALL FUNDS		
2023-2024		
MARSING JT SCHOOL DIST #363		
	BUDGET	ACTUAL
REVENUES		
Local Revenue	2,145,084CR	2,411,525CR
State Revenue	7,750,446CR	8,124,641CR
Federal Revenue	2,520,174CR	1,799,147CR
Other Revenue	9,180CR	9,180CR
TOTAL REVENUES	12,424,884CR	12,344,493CR
Transfers In	91,614CR	103,710CR
TOTAL REVENUE & TRANSFERS	12,516,498CR	12,448,203CR
EXPENDITURES		
Salaries	5,474,054	4,836,865
Benefits	2,658,580	2,067,772
Purchased Services	1,788,160	1,390,510
Supplies & Materials	1,149,639	1,360,703
Capital Objects	2,247,780	305,170
Debt Retirement	3,301,061	833,463
Insurance & Judgements	70,787	70,775
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	16,686,061	10,865,258
Transfers Out	91,614	103,710
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & TRANSFERS	16,777,675	10,968,968
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE at July 1		4,464,095CR
Adjustments		105,001CR
ADJUSTED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE		4,569,096CR
ENDING FUND BALANCE at June 30		6,048,330CR
The undersigned certify that this is a true and correct report of the financial condition of the MARSING JT SCHOOL DIST #363		
Chairperson of the Board Clerk of the Board Publish Date September 18, 2024		

09/18/2024

Tuition-\$200; Solid Waste-\$1,708; 911-\$4,540; Waterways Fund-\$1,431; Off Hwy Vehicles-\$38; Child Safety Fund-\$125.

-Approved the minutes from the August 5, 2024 meetings.

-Approved the Wage Scale Update Proposal from Calyx Weaver & Associations, at \$125 per hour and not to exceed \$1,000.

-Approved the Owyhee / Canyon Counties Juvenile Detention Housing Agreement FY2025 for \$235.00 per day, per juvenile.

-Approved the Sheriff’s ‘Graduation from POST Academy’ wage adjustment request for Nathaniel Smith, increasing from \$21.63 to \$22.27, effective August 12, 2024.

-Approved the Idaho Transportation Department’s Salmon Creek Bridge Communication Verification regarding closure due to cracks in the steel girders with the Chairman’s signature for the Board.

-Approved the catering permit for Lucky Shoe, Inc for the Bruneau Cowboy Christmas on November 9-10, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

-Approved College of Southern Idaho certificate of residency 24-05.

-Approved College of Western Idaho certificate of residency 24-11.

-At 9:36 a.m. went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (a) personnel. Open

session was resumed at 9:55 a.m. No action taken.

August 19

-Approved the Eagle Land Survey quote for a lot split in the amount of \$3,500, with the Chairman’s signature for the Board.

-Approved the claims report with an amendment to the original amount, removing the payment of \$6,219.03 from Weeds for a new total of \$46,166.91: Current Expenses-\$14,745; R&B Fund-\$12,553; Probation-\$182; Historical Society & Museum-\$1,106; Revaluation-\$1,086; Weeds-\$4,860; 911-\$300; Waterways Fund-\$27; Capital Project Fund / ARPA-\$11,307.

-Approved the minutes from the August 12, 2024 meetings.

-Approved the minutes from the August 8, 2024 meetings.

-Approved the letter of support –for Genesis Community Health.

-Approved the Road & Bridge #1 reassignment of J.C. Fuquay from equipment operator to department supervisor, with a pay rate change of \$25.37 to \$31.32 per hour, effective September 2, 2024.

-Approved Commissioner Hoagland signing for the Board when the Stream Channel Alteration Permit/404 for Salmon Creek Road bridge repairs becomes available this week.

-Approved College of Southern Idaho certificate of residency 24-06.

-Approved College of Western Idaho certificate of residency 24-12.

-At 9:52 a.m. went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (f) possible litigation. Open session was resumed at 9:58 a.m. No action taken.

-Approved pay application #2 to Desert View Construction for work done on the Fairgrounds Well House & Piping in the amount of \$62,526.15.

August 26

-Approved the claims report with an amendment to the original amount, adding the payment of \$6,219.03 from Weeds (removed during last week’s meeting), for a new total of \$332,260.24: Current Expenses-\$33,145; R&B Fund-\$151,065; Dist. Court-\$934; Probation-\$100; Historical Society & Museum-\$147; I&C-\$15,114; Waterways Fund-\$277; Capital Project Fund / ARPA-\$125,011.

-Approved the minutes from the August 19, 2024 meetings.

-Approved the Bruneau Water & Sewer Dist. re Region IV Development, CDBG Drawdown #13, for \$140,102.00.

-Approved the Chairman’s signature for the Board on the Bruneau Water & Sewer Dist. re Region IV Development, CDBG Drawdown #13.

-Approved the catering permit for Cowboy’s Pastime for a Horse Roping Event at Bruneau Rodeo on August 31, 2024, for the hours

9:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.

-Approved the catering permit for Cowboy’s Pastime for the Bruneau Round-up at Bruneau Rodeo on September 21, 2024, for the hours 9:00a.m. to 1:00 a.m. and September 22, 2024, for the hours 9:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.

-Approved County Resolution 2024-26– Ratification of Signature for Stream Channel Alteration Permit/404 for the Salmon Creek Road Bridge.

-Approved the Armortex Quote for Bullet Resistant Transaction Window for Sheriff Front Counter, for \$7,998.00.

-Approved the Eagle Masonry & Stone Estimate for Block Infill with Rebar for Sheriff Front Counter, for \$3,740.00.

-Approved the GeoComm Contract Termination Agreement, for \$14,617.00, with a termination date of August 21, 2024, and with the Chairman’s signature for the Board and Sheriff’s Office.

-Approved the Letter to BLM Owyhee Field Office Re: NextEra Energy Right-of-Way Application.

-Approved College of Western Idaho certificate of residency 24-13 and 24-14.

-Approved County Resolution 2024-27 – Fixing the Owyhee County Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 for \$20,745,111.00.

-Recessed as Board of County Commissioners and convened as Marsing Ambulance District.

09/18/2024

NOTICE OF ELECTION
OPALINE IRRIGATION
DISTRICT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to IDS 43-201 to 43-207, inclusive, the election of one Director from Division 2 and one director from Division 5 of the Opaline Irrigation District, will be held on November 5, 2024 to elect a director of the term of three (3) years from the first of January 2025 and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Nomination for Director may be made by Petition, signed at least five (5) electors of the district, qualified to vote for the candidate nominated and filed with the Secretary of the District, not less than 40 days nor more than 60 days before the date of election. Petitions may be obtained from Pam Howard, Secretary of the District, Ph. 208-880-9695. (Petition due date September 26, 2024.)

In the event more than one (1) candidate is nominated within a division, notice of the time and place of election will be posted as is required by IDS 43-206.

Dated: August 31, 2024
Opaline Irrigation District
Pam Howard, Secretary
09/11,18/2024

LIEN SALE

Ken Sweet, 320 W. Arizona Ave., Homedale, ID 83628. 1998 Chevy Blazer VIN# 1GNCT18W9WK186449
Simeon Brovont, 26380 Ustick Rd., Wilder, ID 83676. Unit# I-13: Unit includes misc. building materials
Silent auction will be held at Highway 95 Self Storage located at 3685 Highway 95 in Homedale. Bidding will close at 1pm on Saturday, September 21st, 2024. Viewing for the vehicle and unit is available during business hours between September 11th and 21st.

09/11,18/2024

Public notices

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO
SEEKS
QUALIFIED CONTRACTOR
TO UPDATE
OWYHEE COUNTY ALL
HAZARD MITIGATION
PLAN

Selected Vendor will Assist Owyhee County, including the cities of Homedale, Grand, View, and Marsing, in the process to update and adopt their Multi Jurisdiction All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

This process will result in a FEMA approved plan per 44CFR 201.6. Selected Vendor will complete this work using the steps and process outlined in the FEMA Local Mitigation Planning Handbook and guidance from the Idaho Office of Emergency Management.

SCOPE OF WORK

Selected Vendor will complete the following tasks in coordination with the County Planning Team and under the direction of the County Emergency Manager as outlined in the Owyhee County Application for Hazard Mitigation Grant:

- Complete a risk analysis and vulnerability assessment.
- Review goals, strategies and mitigation actions from previous plan and update.
- Prioritize and update goals.
- Add identified mitigation actions.
- Provide updates to the Planning team for Comment.
- Solicit and integrate public comments into plan.
- Update and include/ integrate the County Wildfire Prevention Plan (CWPP). (Billed separately to County as separate from the FEMA Grant)
- Finalize plan update
- Provide electronic Word and PDF copies and six printed copies of the completed plan.

In addition to these specific tasks identified above, Selected Vendor will work closely with the Owyhee County Emergency Manager to complete all tasks outlined in the Multi-Jurisdiction All-Hazard Mitigation Grant Application, to include:

- Participate in planning team and public meetings.
- Review existing plans.
- Provide guidance and support to Emergency Manager and Planning Committee.
- Assist with Communities Capability Assessment.
- Assist with grant reporting requirements.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT
REGARDING ADOPTION OF AMENDED BUDGET FY 2023-2024
[STATUTORY PROCEDURE I.C. §40-1326 AND §40-206]

To: All Interested Persons
TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING: Legal Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on the 26th day of September 2024 at 12:00 p.m. at the administrative office of Homedale Highway District, 102 E Colorado, Homedale, Idaho, at which time any interested person may appear and show cause why the proposed Amended Budget for FY 2023-2024 as below described should not be adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

CURRENT AND AMENDED BUDGET FY 2023-2024
2023-2024 ANTICIPATED INCOME

	Original	Amended
Balance Carryover FY 2022-2023	700,000.00	
Ag Replacement/Pers. Property Replacement	3,797.00	3,797.18
Highway User Funds & HB772 & IC-63-3638	1,000,000.00	1,790,327.83
Miscellaneous Revenue & Permit Fees	4,500.00	150
Penalty and Interest	500	641.36
Sales Tax/Surplus	12,000.00	18,257.67
Property Tax	111,745.00	109,648.82
Transfers and Adjustments	-20,000.00	-18,931.44
TOTAL REVENUE	1,812,542.00	1,903,891.12

BUDGETED PROPOSED EXPENDITURES	BUDGETED AMOUNT	EXPENDITURES TO DATE
Advertising Expense	1,000.00	871.82
Commissioner Salary	16,680.00	15,268.00
Contingency Fund	30,000.00	
Dues and Subscriptions (IAHD)	4,000.00	3,750.00
Engineering Fees	15,000.00	5,500.00
Equipment Lease/Purchase	150,000.00	125,277.96
Equipment Rental	2,000.00	1,278.00
Gas, Oil and Tires	35,000.00	24,925.20
Insurance [General]	8,000.00	7,736.00
General Supplies and Misc. Expense	16,000.00	14,356.56
Materials/Construction Expense	1,006,362.00	852,176.05
Mileage	500	370.22
Office Supplies	2,000.00	787.66
Payroll Benefits and Taxes	38,500.00	31,403.16
Health/Dental Insurance	29,000.00	14,092.84
Phone Expense	3,500.00	1,493.34
Professional Fees-Audit	5,000.00	5,000.00
Professional Fees-Legal	3,000.00	
Repairs & Maintenance & Tools	40,000.00	22,816.10
Salaries and Wages	200,000.00	135,014.40
Signs	3,000.00	406.32
Utilities	4,500.00	4,338.36
Weed Control	32,000.00	33,364.29
Workmen's Compensation	7,000.00	5,345.00
Training and Education	500	400
Ending Fund Balance	160,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,812,542.00	1,305,971.28

Please take further notice that the budget under consideration above set out is available for public inspection at the Homedale Highway District Office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale, ID 83628 during normal business hours, which are Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Kimberly Hotchkiss
Homedale Highway District
09/18,25/2024

Assist the County with collecting, organizing, and documenting the planning process.
Assist with the cost-match documentation and reporting.

Support the County in the plan review and approval process.

Upon notice of selection as the Selected Vendor, Selected Vendor will meet with the Owyhee County

Emergency Manager to establish a schedule for coordination and task completion which meets the requirements of the FEMA Grant.

Provide:
Date available to begin work:

Anticipated Date of Completion of work:

Include in your submitted proposal costs for the following:
The proposed cost for total work by the selected vendor:\$

A payment schedule as follows for task completions (or proposed payment schedule if different from below):

Risk analysis and vulnerability assessment.....\$

Mitigation goals and strategies.....\$

Update and integration of CWPP.....\$

Completion of draft plan ready for public review.....\$

Finalize plan, adoption, and submittal to FEMA.....\$

Schedule of Events

Issue date:

September 9, 2024

Publish Dates

September 18 & 25

Questions due by

September 27, 2024

Answers by

October 1, 2024

BID DUE BY

OCTOBER 4, 2024

Bids should be mailed to Owyhee County Clerk, PO Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650 or delivered to Owyhee County Clerk, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, ID by close of business on Friday, October 4, 2024.

OPENING OF BIDS

Monday, October 7, 2024

09/18,25/2024

NOTICE OF ELECTION
GRAND VIEW IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Please take notice that pursuant to IDS 43-201 to 43-207, inclusive, the election of one Director from Division 1 of the Grand View Irrigation District, will be held on November 05, 2024 to elect a Director of the term of three (3) years from the first of January 2025 and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Nomination for Director may be made by Petition, signed by at least six (6) electors of the District, qualified to vote for the candidate nominated and filed with the Secretary of the District, not less than 40 days nor more than 60 days before the date of election. Petitions may be obtained from Dixie McDaniel, Secretary of the District, 645 Idaho Street, Grand View, Idaho. (Petition due date September 26, 2024) by 3:30 p.m.

In the event more than one (1) candidate is nominated within a Division, notice of the time and place of election will be posted as is required by IDS 43-206.

Dated September 06, 2024

Grand View Irrigation District

Dixie McDaniel, Secretary

09/11,18/2024



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Sports

Many Huskies finish in top half of Nyssa Invite field

Six Marsing High School runners finished in the top 50 of their respective aspects of the Nyssa Invitational last Wednesday.

Wolfe Ryska posted a personal-record time to finish 45th in the boys’ 5-kilometer race in Oregon. The sophomore finished in 21 minutes, 2.55 seconds and was sandwiched between teammates.

Senior Alex Christiansen took 44th in 21:00.03, and 10th-grader Alec Ecklund was 46th at 21:03.31.

Junior Brody Bowers crossed the line in 30th place at 20:19.79.

On the girls’ side, sophomore Kate Marshall finished 40th in 27:07.25, and fellow returner Breann Dickerson took 44th in 27:34.82.

Freshman Mia Benson posted a PR in 30:14.47, and ninth-grader Nolan Archer (24:15.33) and junior Zane Mechling (24:51.8) ran career-best times in the boys’ race.

Two other returners for coach Isaiah Ponce’s girls’ squad joined Marshall and Dickerson with season-best runs.

Sophomore Soyla Contreras took 59th in 28:49, and Wendy Alvarez finished in 31:30.79.

Returns on the boys’ roster, senior Jack Marshall ran a 22:02.1, and sophomore Timothy Christiansen chimed in with a 24:13.41.

Junior girl Morgan Cassidy finished in 34:06.38.

Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
Trustee’s Sale No. PLTS103964

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Pioneer Title Company of Ada County dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 1/7/2025, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, at Owyhee County Courthouse, In The Lobby, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the “Property”), situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, to-wit;

Lot 4, Block 1, Eagle View Estates, according to the official plat thereof recorded as Instrument No. 215482, records of Owyhee County, Idaho, and as amended by amendment to the plat of Eagle View Estates recorded June 18, 1997 as Instrument No. 222082, Owyhee County records.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 12532 Cinnabar Way, Murphy, ID 83650, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Tish Powell, a married woman as her sole and separate property, as Grantor, to Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Joseph E. Stewart and Paula L. Stewart, as Beneficiary, dated 7/14/2017, recorded 7/31/2017, under Instrument No. 293396, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, ID, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by Joseph E. Stewart and Paula L. Stewart.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
PROPOSED BUDGET, FISCAL YEAR 2024 – 2025
OPALINE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR NOVEMBER 1, 2024 TO OCTOBER 31, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the Directors for the Opaline Irrigation District will meet October 1, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. for a budget hearing pursuant to the Idaho Code 42-3229 at 7300 Opaline RD. Melba, ID. 83641

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

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

EXPENSES:	2023-2024	BUDGET	2024-2025	PROPOSED
ITEM				
Insurance		\$5,000.00		\$6,300.00
L & P Fees		\$6,000.00		\$6,000.00
Maintenance		\$35,000.00		\$35,662.00
Office		\$1,000.00		\$820.00
Phone		\$650.00		\$600.00
Power		\$188,800.00		\$200,000.00
Payroll Tax		\$3,000.00		\$3,500.00
Wages		\$44,500.00		\$48,000.00
Reseve Fund		\$90,000.00		\$70,000.00
TOTAL		\$373,950.00		\$370,882.00

INCOME:	2023-2024	BUDGET	2024-2025	ANTICIPATED
ITEM				
Prior Year Uncollected		\$3,900.00		\$14,500.00
O & M Fees		\$263,970.00		\$271,512.00
Office Fee		\$2,600.00		\$2,600.00
Late Fees		\$700.00		\$1,500.00
Transfer Fees		\$500.00		\$500.00
Rebates		\$7,000.00		\$5,000.00
Rental		\$5,400.00		\$5,400.00
Credit/Prepay		(\$120.00)		(\$130.00)
LGIP Fund		\$90,000.00		\$70,000.00
TOTAL:		\$373,950.00		\$370,882.00

Pam Howard, Secretary-Treasurer, Opaline Irrigation District, PO Box 331, Marsing, ID 83639
09/18,25/2024

The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 7/14/2017, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 6/1/2024 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH.

All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$145,690.48, together with interest thereon at 6% per annum from 4/29/2024, until paid.

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same.

DATED: September 4, 2024.

Pioneer Title Company of Ada County dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services
Trustee
/s/:Deborrah Duncan,

Assistant Secretary
Pioneer Lender Trustee Services
8151 W. Rifleman Street
Boise, ID 83704
09/11,18,25;10/02/2024

AMENDED NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On Thursday, the 19th day of December, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 o’clock a.m. of said day at Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Real property in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, described as follows:
A part of land being a portion of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 1 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, said parcel being more particularly described

as follows:
COMMENCING at a found aluminum cap marking the Northwest corner of said Section 14, Township 1 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, said aluminum cap bears
North 89°14’45” West 2654.78 feet from a found brass cap marking the North Quarter corner of said Section 14; thence
South 89°14’45” East 1991.09 feet along the Northerly boundary of the said Northwest Quarter of Section 14 to a point; thence leaving the said Northerly boundary of the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, South 0°43’50” West 333.13 feet to a found ½” iron pin, said pin marking the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing
South 0°43’50” West 137.56 feet to a set ½” iron pin; thence
South 85°00’25” West 292.08 feet to a set ½” iron pin; thence
South 00°40’45” East 166.62 feet to a set ½” iron pin; thence
North 89°17’42” West 376.78 feet to a found ½” iron pin lying along the Westerly boundary of the said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 14; thence along the said Westerly boundary of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, North 00°41’50” East 172.42 feet to a set ½” iron pin; thence leaving the said Westerly boundary of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, South 87°14’00” East 237.75 feet to a set ½” iron pin; thence
South 00°43’47” West 5.44 feet to a set ½” iron pin; thence
South 89°16’13” East 32.41 feet to a set ½” iron pin; thence
North 00°41’50” East 174.89 feet to a set ½” iron pin; thence
South 89°16’13” East 393.50 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street

address of 12635 Trail Drive Rd., Melba, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by DULCE JUAREZ and HENRY PASCAL DOYLE, Wife and Husband, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., recorded June 22, 2022, as Instrument No. 312516, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho; and assigned to IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on October 13, 2023, as Instrument No. 316182, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

Said sale is a public auction for which the bid price must be paid immediately upon close of bidding by certified funds in the form of cashier’s checks, certified checks, or valid money orders only. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason whatsoever, the successful bidder’s exclusive and sole remedy shall be the return of actual monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated June 20, 2022, in the amount of \$2,214.22 each, for the months of May through October, 2023, inclusive. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus all escrow advances, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 5.25% per annum from April 1, 2023, and the Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$354,162.65, plus accrued interest at the rate of 5.25% per annum from April 1, 2023.

DATED This 20th day of August, 2024.

/s/:RYAN M. FAWCETT,
a Member of the Idaho State Bar,
SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
08/28;09/04,11,18/2024



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SALE EVENT
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LOCAL CDL DRIVER
JC Watson Packing Co. in Parma, Idaho is hiring a CDL driver. Candidate must hold a current Class A CDL drivers license, hold a current medical certificate, and be registered with the DOT Clearinghouse. Forklift experience is required, and farm equipment experience is a plus. Our CDL drivers haul onion bins between our packing facilities in Parma and Wilder, ID and our local storage locations. Physical requirements include occasionally lifting to 50 lbs and being able to throw straps and secure loads. This is a full-time position and all local driving. We offer an hourly wage with occasional overtime. Our benefit package includes PTO, paid time off for sick and vacation days, comprehensive medical package, vision plan, dental option and company paid life and AD&D insurance for you and your immediate family. We offer a 401k/Roth plan with a company match and flexible spending accounts for medical and daycare. JC Watson Co. is a 4th generation family owned and operated growing and packing company in Parma, ID established in 1912. We are an equal opportunity employer with strong roots in our community. If a small-town community appeals to your quality of life, you are invited to apply at JC Watson Packing Co. - 201 E. Main St - Parma, ID. Visit our website at www.soobrand.com where you can download an application and email to shellyb@soobrand.com



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