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From left: Marsing Ambulance Service board chair Jim Briggs, emergency medical services chief J.D. Phipps, and emergency medical technician Betty Ackerman stand with the agency's two new ambulances.

SBOC irrigation to cease Oct. 11

Right now, the only certainty about irrigation water in the Marsing-Homedale area is that it will stop flowing on Oct. 11.

South Board of Control manager Carl Seiders got the final word on the end of the 2024 water year from the Joint Board of the Owyhee Project on Sept. 17.

The shutoff date covers both the Gem Pumping Plant on the Snake River that serves the old Gem Irrigation District and the Owyhee Dam, which feeds the new Gem district and the Ridgeview Irrigation District in Oregon via the South Canal.

But there was little talk of a forecast for the winter and the 2025 year during the meeting in Nyssa, Ore.

"Nobody's really saying much," Seiders said last Wednesday. "Even last night at Joint Board they didn't elaborate much."

Seiders was pleased with the first water year on his South Board watch, though.

"I thought it went really good — as good as it could be for a first-year guy," said the Adrian resident who was hired to succeed John Eells earlier this year.

Seiders oversaw operations that included three new ditch riders.

"I thought they all stepped up and did a great job with everybody in different spots," he said.

"Mike (Miller) stepped up and did really good on any maintenance concerns. He was really Johnny-on-the-spot."

Seiders said watermaster Ryan Nash continued his

Crowded house

The reason for a new ambulance district in Marsing

The sparse turnout at Thursday's open house didn't worry Marsing Ambulance Service officials.

Board president Jim Briggs and Emergency Medical Services chief J.D. Phipps know that the people within the

proposed taxing district understand why there is a question on the Nov. 5 ballot.

Last week's event at the Marsing Rural Fire District headquarters on Main Street was presented to educate folks on why replacement of the current Marsing

Ambulance District is being proposed.

A map showing the district boundaries (the proposed district is the same as the current district, and as such encompasses

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OCSO pact boils beyond Marsing meeting

Sheriff, councilman exchange emails days later

A pointed exchange and subsequent emails are harkening a previous law enforcement contract squabble between Marsing and the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office.

The city and OCSO have yet to come to terms on a Fiscal Year 2025 enhanced coverage agreement with five days left

on the current contract.

Sheriff Larry Kendrick brought a draft contract with him to last Wednesday's council meeting, but the terms he specified only lit a fire with Councilman Chris Even.

After confirming with Kendrick that the sheriff's office is statutorily required to provide

law enforcement coverage in the city limits, Even asked:

"Give me a good reason why we should contract with you if you're already required by law to provide coverage?"

The exchange and the apparent impasse are reminiscent of the difficulty the city and the county had in negotiating

an enhanced law enforcement contract during Sheriff Daryl Crandall's administration about 15 years ago.

Crandall's insistence on "geo-policing," or providing more regional patrol coverage, didn't sit well with the Marsing council at that time — also because city officials were

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Homedale celebrates Homecoming this week

Football coach,
wife lead
Thursday's
parade

Homecoming Week hits full throttle beginning today at Homedale High School.

This year's Homecoming royalty candidates include:

Queen — Allie Bell, Kennedy Kildow, and Ellie

Miller

King — Miguel Albor, Cruz Bullard, and Brock Walker

The class princess and prince pairings include:

Junior — Karlie Kildow and Domingo Asumendi

Sophomore — Marley McLaughlin and Weston Woodward

Freshman — Matti Bidiman and Dylan Taylor

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Catch the bus to Homedale’s Harvestfest

City’s parks will be packed for church’s car show, Chamber’s festival

People looking to take in the entire entertainment spectrum of the Homedale’s Hometown Harvestfest will have a transportation option.

Homedale Senior Center coordinator Melissa Sorlien announced at last week’s Chamber of Commerce mixer that the senior center’s bus will be in service to shuttle folks between the Assembly of God car and bike show at Bette Uda City Park and the Chamber’s festival at Riverside Park.

Bus rides will be available for a donation, and 100 percent of the proceeds will go back to the senior center.

The 10th annual Homedale Assembly of God Car and Bike Show and the Hometown Harvestfest will take place on Saturday, Oct. 5.

Car show registration will take place from 9 a.m., to noon at Bette Uda City Park. The fundraiser for the church’s youth programs, including The Refuge youth center. Car and bike registration costs \$20 per vehicle. There will be raffle prizes and chili, hot dogs and onion rings sold as more fundraising mechanisms.

Car show awards will be handed out at 2 p.m.

Call Randy Friedley at (208) 859-6999 or Pastor Ivar Moore at (208) 412-2946 for more information on the car show.

Chamber president Leslie Griffith said the Hometown Harvestfest will be a family-friendly event. She hopes people will bring their lawn chairs to Riverside Park to enjoy live music and get to know their neighbors. There will be various contests, vendors, children’s activities — including a bounce house — and food trucks during



Kim Ashliman of Insurers of Idaho reacts after winning a tumbler created by Owyhee Graphics at last week’s Chamber mixer at Liberty Lounge.

the event, which will run from 10 a.m., to 4 p.m.

Contests include pie baking, pie eating and pumpkin carving.

Pumpkin categories include cutest, funniest, and most creative pumpkin. There’s a \$10 entry fee, and the Chamber will supply the pumpkin and the carving tool.

The pie baking contest is free to enter, and categories include cream pies, fruit pies, most

Harvestfest schedule

Saturday, Oct. 5 at Riverside Park
10 a.m. — Opening
11 a.m., to 1 p.m. — Sage Brush Band
11 a.m., to noon — Pumpkin carving contest
12:30 p.m. — Pumpkin judging
1 p.m., to 2 p.m. — Pie contests
2 p.m. — Pie judging
2:30 p.m. — Pie-eating contest
4 p.m. — Closing

original pie, and prettiest pie.

For contest information, contact Chamber vice-president Shelly Lee at shelly.lee@movement.com or (208) 713-8741.

Sage Brush will play popular music from 1970s and country

music from 11 a.m., to 1 p.m.

Vendors can rent a 10-foot-by-10-foot space for \$25. Food truck spaces will cost \$50.

Email chamber@cityofhomedale.org or call Griffith at (916) 899-0422 for vendor information or with general festival questions. Chamber members can get a booth for their business for free.

“We are proud to be partnering with the Homedale Assembly of God’s 10th annual car show,” Griffith said.

Homedale High School’s golfers are coordinating the Hometown Harvestfest cornhole tournament from 10 a.m., to 3:30 p.m. Entry is \$30 per two-person team and prizes of cash and merchandise are planned for the champions (\$100), the runners-up (\$50) and the third-place team (\$25).

Contact Trojans coach Raymond Smith at rsmith@homedaleschools.org or (208) 577-0717 for information.

— JPB

New Chamber president maintains momentum for Marsing

There has been a change in leadership at the Marsing Chamber of Commerce, but not a change in direction.

Megan Poole was elected to the presidency during a Sept. 11 meeting at Alejandra’s Mexican Restaurant.

“I have a passion for advocating for small businesses and want to help create opportunities for growth and innovation in our community,” Poole said. “As Chamber president, I strive to make a positive impact in our local community. I love Marsing, and am honored

to continue serving this community.”

The Snake River Country Market manager succeeds Steve Derricott, the Gfeller Casemakers owner who has been at the head of the table since his campaign to revive the Chamber began in the summer of 2022.

“Steve Derricott has been a pillar in our community. His steady voice of advocacy and his unwavering support of local businesses continues to inspire me,” Poole said. “Under his leadership, membership



Megan Poole

increased significantly, and the impact of the Chamber has been recognized and felt in the community.”

Tom Kudlo was retained as treasurer/secretary. Ed Lodge continues as vice-president.

Lodge’s position will be up for a vote next year.

Derricott brought Gfeller Casemakers to Marsing in 2018 and soon joined the Chamber. He jumped in to revive the group when the previous president declared the organization defunct four years later.

“I am honored and grateful for all the support received during my term and I’m looking forward to more opportunities in the future,” Derricott said in response to well wishes through a Chamber email chain.

He pledged his support for Poole as she embarks on the

new leadership challenge.

The Chamber also praised Poole in a Facebook post:

“Megan is a hard-working businesswoman who is already making big changes in our community. We look forward to seeing her continued impact.”

Poole joined the Chamber in 2023 after two years at the helm of the Snake River Country Market, which takes place on the first and third Saturday of the month from May to October at London Park at the corner of 4th Street and Main Street in Marsing.

She and her husband, Hayson, have been married four years. They have three children — Ryker, Kaitlyn, and Syllas. They’ve lived in what Megan calls “the Greater Marsing Area” since 2015, including the past three in Marsing.

Poole has founded Gather & Grow: A Small Business Collective to “empower local businesses and cultivate opportunities for connection and growth within our community.”

The collective will feature products from businesses in

the “Greater Marsing Area,” and will be located at a Main Street storefront in Marsing.

“I’m excited that, at this time, over 40 businesses plan to partner with Gather & Grow,” Poole said, adding that the endeavor enhances her mission as Chamber president to support expansion of small businesses.

“Gather & Grow will aid in showcasing local products, increasing economic development, and advocating for local businesses.”

An online store is planned to launch in the fall at letsgatherandgrow.com, Poole said. The brick-and-mortar store is expected to open early next year.

The Chamber meets at noon on the second Wednesday of each month. The meeting location rotates among member businesses, typically restaurants, coffee shops or the Sandbar Community Room inside City Hall.

The next meeting is set for 12:30 p.m., on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at OC Coffee on Main Street.

— JPB

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Sheriff: Deputy to return to Bruneau-Grand View schools

A state grant will bring a school resource officer back to the Bruneau-Grand View School District.

Owyhee County Sheriff Larry Kendrick announced Friday that the Idaho State Department of Education awarded a three-year grant based on an application he wrote with Bruneau-Grand View school officials.

Kendrick said either Brant Monahan or Jake Smith will serve as the SRO deputy once the program is established.

“We have to get a contract made and another position hired to plug in (for the SRO deputy),” Kendrick said.

Kendrick said the grant still must be accepted by the Board of County Commissioners.

Between approximately \$75,000 and \$78,000 will be provided annually over the life of the grant for deputy salary and benefits. The salary starts at \$49,330 in Year 1 and tops out at \$52,330 in Year 3, Kendrick said. Benefits will range from \$25,000 to \$26,000 over the three years.

“The school district will be the main force in figuring out how we fund the position,” Kendrick said.

The renewal of an SRO contract with the Marsing School District was on the agenda for Monday’s BOCC meeting, which was held after deadline.

Kendrick said Marsing is operating off its own \$75,000 grant, and that Deputy Angel Juarez will continue as SRO.

“Angel is doing a great job interfacing with the students, staff and parents,” Kendrick said.

Kendrick also announced last week that emergency communications equipment now housed on a tower near the Owyhee County Historical Museum will be transferred to a tower constructed near the county courthouse in Murphy.

A 4-foot transmission dish will accompany “thousands of dollars” in communications equipment that was purchased but never installed. Kendrick said the equipment was discovered in the OCSO boat shed in Murphy.

“This will allow us to communicate better on (dispatch repeater) Rough Mountain because we’ll be going out (from the dispatch center) at a higher altitude,” Kendrick said. “We’ll be able to transmit further and clearer for deputies.”

The sheriff said the new UHF equipment will enhance the repeater of Squaw Butte, too, improving communications with Silver City Fire and Rescue as well as volunteer first-responder agencies in Bruneau and Grand View.

“We’re hoping we can provide some space for a cellphone company to put antennas (on the tower) to benefit the county because we’ll be saving money,” Kendrick said, explaining that the county could rent space on the tower for cellphone providers to install antennas.

— JPB

Chief deputy attending POST

Crawford one of two OCSO deputies in patrol academy

Steve Crawford, who was appointed Owyhee County Sheriff’s chief deputy more than two years ago, is finally going to patrol academy.

Sheriff Larry Kendrick said his undersheriff, who hasn’t been able to be out on the road on his own because of his lack of patrol certification, started the Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training patrol academy on Sept. 9.

Kendrick and Backcountry Sgt. Kenny Hoagland are covering Crawford’s workload while he takes part in the 13-week training.

Patrol Deputy Phillip Overlin also is enrolled in the current POST academy.

Kendrick said a detention deputy will attend the next POST academy for that side of the profession from Oct. 28 to Dec. 6.

Meanwhile, county commissioners signed off on Nathaniel Smith’s pay raise after his POST graduation. During their Aug. 12 meeting, commissioners approved an increase of 64 cents per hour from \$21.63 to \$22.27.

The sheriff’s office recently posted a solicitation for job applicants on social media. Kendrick said OCSO is looking for a dispatcher and a jailer.

The other open jailer position was filled when Dawson Hammond started work on Sept. 9. He’s a “lateral transfer” from Jefferson County, Kendrick said, and is already POST-certified. Hammond will make \$20.89 per hour.

But, he added, the job applicants solicitation is part of an effort to keep a pool of candidates, too.

“We already have a list, but we will always actively recruit and keep a hiring list,” he said.

— JPB

Road district has new boss

Owyhee County has promoted from within to find a new road district supervisor. Commissioners have reassigned J.C. Fuquay to head up Road and Bridge District 1. Previously an equipment operator, Fuquay started his new position succeeding Phil Rittenhouse on Sept. 2.

Rittenhouse retired on July 31 after serving the county for more than 15 years.

A 10-year county employee, Fuquay received a pay increase from \$25.37 to \$31.32 per hour.

Felony drug case set for arraignment

A man arrested during a Leap Day raid on a California Avenue home is set for arraignment later this month.

Matthew S. Harris has been charged with felony marijuana trafficking, felony controlled substance possession and misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession.

He was arrested on Feb. 29 when the Idaho Internet Crimes Against Children (ICC) task force surrounded the house at 300 W. California Ave., that Harris shared with Richard Kellogg.

Kellogg was subsequently arrested on child pornography possession charges.

Harris waived his preliminary hearing during an Aug. 27 appearance before Third District Senior Judge James A. Schiller in Murphy. Schiller was on the bench in place of Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington, who was ill.

Harris’ case was bound over to Third District Court with an arraignment set for 9 a.m., on Friday, Sept. 27 in Murphy.

Kellogg’s state case regarding two felony counts of possession of child pornography was dismissed as the U.S. District of Idaho attorney decided to make a federal case out of Kellogg’s arrest.

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Sept. 26: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, beets
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Oct. 2: Deli sandwich, BLT cucumber salad, Calif. blend veggies
Oct. 3: Lasagna, side salad, green beans

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Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside Marsing City Hall
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Sept. 25: Roast pork with mushroom gravy, scalloped potatoes, baby carrots, whole wheat roll, peaches
Sept. 27: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, baby carrots, breadstick, fresh fruit

Sept. 30: Breaded chicken with country gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, Hawaiian roll, pineapple
Oct. 2: Sweet and sour pork over brown rice, California vegetables, coleslaw, whole wheat roll, peaches

Rimrock Senior Center

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Curbside pickup from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or delivery only.
Call (208) 834-2922 as early as possible to place order to go
Sept. 26: Beef enchiladas, bean and broccoli salad, Spanish whole wheat tortillas, yogurt, apricots

Melba Valley Senior Center

Meals served at noon (Salad bar at 11:30 a.m.)
Phone ahead (208) 495-2168 same day for complete menu
Payment by donation. All ages welcome
Sept. 26: Quiche

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✓ District: Fire call volume increase could force changes

only portions of Owyhee County) was on display in one of the bays of the fire station. Also on display were the service’s two rigs — a 2023 model that was acquired with a state grant and a 1997 model that was purchased from Homedale Ambulance. Both Briggs and Phipps said they couldn’t believe the current ambulance district was established in 2017. While Briggs chairs a board that makes decisions for the ambulance service, property tax money is allocated each year by the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners based on suggestion from the ambulance service board. Other local board members include Cindy Howarth, Ted Blackstock, Hayzen Corder and Janie Nielson. Ambulance service officials

began the quest of replacing the current district with a locally governed entity after a 2020 state law was passed that put ambulance districts on the same footing as fire districts. The four-year-old law allows ambulance districts to own property just like their fire district counterparts. Until then, ambulance districts had to find — for rent or lease — stations to house equipment. Marsing Ambulance shares the Marsing fire station, but the fire district owns the building. And, Briggs said, it’s “only a matter of time” before the benevolent landlord may have to ask the tenant to move out. While Marsing Ambulance calls have increased seven percent in recent years, the fire district has seen a 110 percent rise in the number of incidents

the volunteer agency responds to, Briggs said. That means, even with a second firehouse in Canyon County, the fire district will have to look at acquiring more equipment, which would require more space — and squeeze the ambulance service out of its downtown digs. Briggs said while creating an ambulance district to replace the existing one won’t affect property taxes, the community members to which he and Phipps have spoken understand that expansion will be necessary at some point. And, without a district of its own, the ambulance service board would have to work with county commissioners on future general obligation bonds. Briggs said the county commissioners were all too happy to sign off on the

dissolution of the current taxing district because it would relieve some responsibility on Murphy and — more importantly — put control of the district’s finances and capital decisions on the shoulders of people who are more connected to the Marsing community. Briggs and Phipps were joined at last week’s open house by Phipps’ predecessor, Betty Ackerman, who now concentrates on her duties as a volunteer emergency medical technician. Deputy county coroner Dee Gregory — also a volunteer EMT — also stopped by. A second open house is scheduled from 5:30 p.m., to 7 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 17. A simple majority of 50 percent plus one vote is required to establish the new district. — JPB

✓ Irrigation: BOCC approves divisional boundary shift

steady work, too. Some help may be on the way for the Gem Irrigation Board directors, too. Seiders said the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners OK’d redrawing the boundaries of Division 1 and Division 5 in an effort to deepen the pool of potential board nominees. That’ll come as a relief to Rick Smith, the Division 1 director who had retired this year only to be pulled back into the governing body when it was discovered his prospective successor lived just outside the boundaries of the division. After the county commissioners’ Sept. 16 vote, the Gem district has more possibilities.

The BOCC reallocated 403.73 acres from Division 5 to Division 1, providing 15 new potential board nominees in Division 1. There are 84 resident water-users in Division 5 who are eligible to serve. Seiders said property owners must live and pay assessments on irrigation water in the division in which they serve, clarifying that merely owning irrigated land in a division doesn’t qualify a landowner to serve that constituency. “That’s the key deal on some of these,” Seiders said about the difficulty in finding eligible board nominees that actually lived in Division 1. All five Gem Irrigation Board

positions are up for election on Nov. 5. The candidacy filing deadline is Thursday. The change in acreage for the two divisions had to be approved by the county commissioners, according to a new state law allowing such juggling of boundaries. When the Gem Irrigation District board established divisional boundaries on Nov. 6, 1951, the directors strived to keep all the divisions close to the same acreage, Seiders said, reciting research that he carried out in the run-up to last week’s public hearing and subsequent BOCC vote. The boundary for the divisions in 1951 were the A lateral

and B lateral to Jump Creek. The zoning established in 1951 was part of the work to bring the Ridgeview Irrigation District into the Owyhee Project. Previously, Seiders said, Ridgeview was an independent ditch company, but the need to find more revenue to pay for the 19-year-old Owyhee Dam facilitated the merger. Seiders said the new boundaries actually provide more equitable acreage between the two divisions than when the original lines were drawn nearly 73 years ago. Division 1 now encompasses 6,558.14 acres, and Division 5 has 6,239.44 acres. — JPB

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Today Massage 8 a.m., to 1 p.m., \$15 for 15 minutes, appointments necessary. Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. Appointments: Jo (208) 337-3020 Ladies coffee group 9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020 Food distribution 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., for school families only; 10 a.m., to 1 p.m., for general Marsing community. The HUB food pantry, 205 8 th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411 Field Trip to Parma Senior Center 10 a.m., to 3 p.m., Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd., Melba. (208) 495-2168 Bingo 10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020 Zoo Factory Teddy Bear Workshop Noon, ages 1-6, \$5, registration required, Homedale Library Community Room, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 Labor Dept. bilingual employment services Noon to 4 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 364-7781 or canyoncountymail@labor.idaho.gov for appointment or information.	 Library meeting room, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785 Prime Time Swingers perform 11 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020 Food bank drop off 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., (weather permitting; holidays could change date), Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206 or (541) 586-2562 After School Bible Club 4 p.m., to 5 p.m., ages 5-11, Eastern Owyhee Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 599-2790 or (208) 585-7694 Teens and Tweens 5 p.m., to 6 p.m., ‘Puppet Show and Homemade Ice Cream,’ Homedale Library Community Room, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.	 high school, Valley Christian Fellowship, 37866 Hwy 78, Grand View. Information: Amber Good, (208) 585-7694
Friday Food bank distribution 9 a.m., to 10 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho St., Grand View. Alcoholics Anonymous 7 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 860-9674 Homedale High School Homecoming 6:30 p.m., king and queen coronation; 7 p.m., kickoff. Homedale High School, Deward Bell Stadium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.	Monday Board of County Commissioners meeting 9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421 Opal Nash Story Time 10 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 After School Program 4:30 p.m., ‘Cooking Class,’ elementary and middle school-aged children, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228	
Saturday Marsing Gun Club Craig and Hayden Dines Memorial, 8 a.m., sign-up; 10 a.m., shooting starts; Marsing Gun Club, 7598 Trap Shoot Rd., Marsing.	Tuesday Fit and Fall class 10 a.m., free, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168 Fit and Fall Proof exercise class 10 a.m., to 11 a.m., free, old 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 Region III assistance assessments Noon to 3 p.m., appointments necessary, Lizard Butte Library, 111 3 rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 495-5688 After School at the Library 4 p.m., to 5 p.m., ‘Spy School,’ pre-K through 5 th grade, Eastern Owyhee County Library meeting room, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785 Opaline Irrigation District meeting 7 p.m., 7300 Opaline Rd., Melba.	
Sunday Awana youth Bible club 5 p.m., to 6:30 p.m., ages kindergarten through		

School menus

Homedale Elementary <i>Choice of milk and juice</i> <i>PB&J, and vegetable and fruit choices daily</i> Sept. 25: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, string cheese, grapes Lunch: Orange chicken rice bowl, mixed vegetables Sept. 26: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, blueberry muffin, mixed fruit Lunch: Chicken Crispito, buttered corn Sept. 30: Breakfast: Raised donut, string cheese, applesauce Lunch: Chicken sandwich, crinkle fries Oct. 1: Breakfast: Sausage patty, buttermilk biscuit, country gravy, sliced peaches Lunch: Cheesy mac with nuggets, seasoned green beans Oct. 2: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, sliced pears Lunch: Chicken fried fingers, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn	 Oct. 2: Breakfast: Texas toast, sliced peaches Lunch: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn, whole grain roll	 Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sand., salad Hot Grab-n-go line (varies): Ch’burger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sand.; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies) Sept. 25: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, string cheese, mixed fruit cup Lunch: Pork sausage patty, French toast sticks, hash browns, strawberry cup Cold Grab-n-go: BBQ chicken wrap Sept. 26: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, Yami yogurt, grapes Lunch: Grilled cheese sandwich, creamy tomato soup, green beans Hot Grab-n-go: Pepperoni pizza stuffwich, crinkle fries Sept. 30: Breakfast: Lunch: Mac-n-cheese, chicken nuggets, steamed carrots, garlic toast Oct. 1: Breakfast: Sausage patty, biscuit, country gravy, orange wedges Lunch: Super nachos, refried beans Cold Grab-n-go: Chicken bacon ranch wrap Oct. 2: Breakfast: Waffles or frudel, string cheese, banana Lunch: Chicken drumstick, steamed rice, green beans, roll Cold Grab-n-go: Taco salad
Homedale Middle <i>Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese</i> <i>Cereal option and PB&J offered daily</i> <i>Vegetable and fruit choices offered daily</i> Sept. 25: Breakfast: Sausage breakfast pizza, Yami yogurt, orange slices Lunch: Orange chicken rice bowl, seasoned green beans, spring roll, fortune cookie Sept. 26: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, string cheese mixed fruit Lunch: Crisпитos, steamed buttered carrots Sept. 30: Breakfast: Raised donut, applesauce Lunch: Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, curly fries Oct. 1: Breakfast: Buttermilk biscuits, country gravy, orange slices Lunch: Mini corn dogs, mixed vegetables, chocolate chunk cookie	 Homedale High <i>Choice of milk and juice, yogurt, string cheese or hard-boiled egg</i> <i>Vegetable and fruit choices offered daily</i> <i>Cereal option, Grab ‘n’ go items each day</i> Sept. 25: Breakfast: Sausage breakfast pizza, Yami yogurt, fruit smoothie Lunch: Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, Tater Tots <i>Grab ‘n’ go:</i> BBQ chicken salad Sept. 26: Breakfast: Croissant breakfast sandwich, Yami yogurt, iced coffee Lunch: Mini pepperoni pizza, garden salad, chocolate chunk cookie <i>Grab ‘n’ go:</i> Asian chicken salad Sept. 30: Breakfast: Maple bar, bagel and cream cheese, Yami yogurt, fruit smoothie Lunch: Meatball sub, crinkle fries <i>Grab ‘n’ go:</i> Chicken Caesar salad Oct. 1: Breakfast: Buttermilk biscuits, sausage patty, country gravy, iced coffee Lunch: Cheeseburger, Tater Tots, chocolate chunk cookie Grab ‘n’ go: Asian chicken salad Oct. 2: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, string cheese, fruit smoothie Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, garden salad Grab ‘n’ go: Ham and cheese sub	 Bruneau/Grand View <i>All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily</i> <i>Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily</i> Sept. 25: Breakfast: Waffles Lunch: Chili, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon rolls Sept. 26: Breakfast: Uncrustables Lunch: Ham and cheese on a bun, French fries, baby carrots Sept. 30: Breakfast: Cereal Lunch: Macaroni and cheese, romaine salad, celery Oct. 1: Breakfast: Mini Cinnabon Lunch: Crispy chicken wrap, garden spinach salad, baby carrots Oct. 2: Breakfast: French toast Lunch: Lasagna rolls with garlic bread, romaine salad, peas
Marsing <i>Meals include choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables</i> <i>Elementary each day: Breakfast: Cereal option</i> <i>Middle/High School each day: PB&J option</i>		

Obituaries

Kevin Charles Rhead

Kevin Charles Rhead, beloved father, grandfather, brother, and friend, passed away peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of love and generosity that will be cherished by all who knew him. Born on February 27, 1967, in Blackfoot, Idaho, to Raeola Jensen and Douglas Rhead, Kevin was the youngest of ten children, and his parents often joked they had finally found their perfect child.

Kevin is survived by his loving partner, Lois Peterson, and his four adored sons: Jordan (Kai), Ethan, Garrett (Claudia), and Kaden (Maddi). He also leaves behind four cherished grandchildren, as well as those he claimed as children and grandchildren,

Mandi (Ty) and their children, Donna and her children, Colton, Hannah and her son, and numerous other cherished family members and friends whom he embraced as his extended family. Kevin had a special way of making those around him feel loved and included, and many came to him affectionately calling him dad, grandpa, and papa.

Residing in Pocatello, American Falls, and Pingree, Idaho, Kevin served his community for many years with heartfelt dedication at the Post Office, culminating in his role as Post Master in Pingree, Ririe, and Homedale. He retired recently after a complicated foot surgery, leaving behind a legacy



of service and kindness.

Kevin's passions included spending quality time with family and friends, indulging in thrilling concerts alongside Lois, cheering on his favorite team, the Minnesota Vikings, and pursuing his love for woodworking. He had an extraordinary gift for making every gathering delightful with his

larger-than-life personality, his calm presence, and his ability to listen with an open heart. Those who knew him understood that he was a wellspring of practical wisdom and support.

Preceded in death by his parents, brother Randy, and niece Tonya Anderson, Kevin leaves behind eight siblings: Ron, Kent, Linda Rasmussen, Sandra Robbins, Richard, Stephen, Deborah, and Ronda Johnson, along with countless nieces and nephews who will carry his spirit forward.

The impact of Kevin's kindness and generosity knows no bounds, and the void left by his absence will be deeply felt across the community and in

his family.

A viewing will be held at Bowman Funeral Directors, located at 10254 W. Carlton Bay Drive, Garden City, Idaho 83714, at 4 PM on September 27, 2024. This will be followed by a Celebration of Life at the Owyhee County Community Center, located at 432 W Nevada Ave, Homedale, Idaho 83628, at 6 PM, where all are welcome to gather and share in the memories of Kevin's extraordinary life while enjoying food and fellowship.

In our hearts, Kevin will always be remembered as an amazing, generous, loving, kind, and fun person whose spirit will continue to inspire us all.

John S. Townsend, Jr.

On Sunday, September 15, 2024, John S. Townsend, Jr. passed peacefully at his home in Moses Lake, Washington. With him were his long-time companion and members of his family.

John was born in 1930 in Jordan Valley, Oregon, when his parents were living and working near Silver City, Idaho. John was the oldest of John and Sybil Townsend's five children. After John's birth, the Townsends farmed near Tuttle, Idaho, but lost the farm when a windstorm destroyed their crop.

In 1938, the family moved to Silver City. John's father worked in the mine and his mother was the sole teacher at the school. The family bought a cow and it was John's responsibility to milk it twice a day and deliver the milk to some of their neighbors. Silver City received a lot of snow each year and John said it was very cold delivering that milk.

When the mine closed in 1941, they moved to Hager-

man, Idaho, just down the road from Tuttle, to work Sybil's parents' farm. There John's three siblings, his maternal grandfather and his uncle along with his parents, all lived in a two-room house. It was so crowded that John and his younger brother Edgar slept in an old car body. In the winter they would snuggle to keep warm. A fifth child would be born after the family moved into a larger house.

At age 14, John developed an infection in his right hip which left him bedridden. Doctors were unsure how to treat it and he was hospitalized in Boise, Idaho for about six months. When penicillin became available after the war, it finally cleared the infection, but the damage was done and his hip was destroyed. Doctors fused his femur to his hip at an angle so he could both stand and sit, but this left him with a pronounced limp. About forty years later, he was able to get his first hip replacement sur-



gery which greatly improved his mobility.

In 1948, unable to be drafted because of his hip, John attended the University of Idaho in Moscow studying chemistry. There he met his future wife, Alice Compton of Blackfoot, Idaho. They were married in Blackfoot in 1952.

John worked in the potato processing industry most of his career. He worked in Blackfoot and Idaho Falls, Idaho until 1978. His career culminated with the purchase of Western Polymer in Moses Lake, Washington in the early '80s. He turned the business around

and made it successful in a few short months.

Alice and John had three children: Michael John Townsend in 1954, Lynn Marie Townsend-White in 1956, and Sheldon Evan Townsend in 1960, all of Moses Lake, Washington.

John was active in Rotary most of his adult life, up until 2020. He also served as a member of the Board for the Big Bend Community College Foundation for twenty-six years, from 1995 – 2021. The Foundation provides scholarships, books, and emergency assistance to financially assist students in their goal of earning a degree or certificate.

When John was younger, he enjoyed fishing and hunting. The family would go on adventures that were called "Sunday stucks" when the entire Townsend clan would pile in the car after church and drive into the mountains around Blackfoot until the car could go no farther, having

been stuck. John also enjoyed visiting family members such as his sisters and his brother and their families in addition to numerous cousins.

John is survived by his long-time companion, Betty Gard, his children Mike (Becki), Lynn (Alan), and Sheldon (Lynn), his younger brother Edgar Townsend of Moscow, Idaho, and his former wife, Alice McAlexander of Moses Lake. He has eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters, Gwendolyn Townsend Thorne, Charlotte Townsend Allen, and Lenora Townsend Pepin.

A memorial service will be held at Moses Lake Christian Church, 200 Yonezawa Blvd, Moses Lake, Washington, on Saturday, October 12th, 2024 at 11 am. Please express your thoughts and memories for the family at www.kayserschapel.com. Arrangements are under the care of Kayser's Chapel of Memories.

Oma "Bronc" May

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Oma Kenneth May Jr., affectionately known to everyone as "Bronc." Bronc was born on September 10, 1953, in Hereford, Texas, as the middle child of Oma Kenneth Sr. "Ken" May and Felva "Febe" Wright. He spent his formative years in Vega, Texas, where his love for football blossomed. Bronc attended the University of Texas at Arlington, where he played as a quarterback (No. 11) for the Mavericks.

During his time at the university, Bronc met his first wife, Dale Smith, and together they shared 40 beautiful years

of marriage. Their union blessed them with two wonderful children, Brandon May and Jessica May. Bronc was a proud father and grandfather. His son Brandon, along with his wife Carrilee and their children Sawyer, Brooks, and Brecklee, reside in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Jessica and her husband Ryan Gaskill reside in Mineola, Texas. Bronc lovingly supported Dale through her long battle with Rheumatoid Arthritis. She passed away in 2016.

Bronc dedicated 16 years of his professional life to Simplot Land and Livestock, where he served as the Custom Feeding



Manager. He collaborated with local ranchers, sourced cattle, served customers, and oversaw all fat cattle sales. Bronc was an award-winning cattleman who found immense joy in making cattle deals and overseeing the Simplot wild horse facility. He considered all of his customers

close friends and worked tirelessly for them.

In 2018, Bronc once again found love when he crossed paths with Dixie Black. Their love story led to a beautiful marriage, and they spent the last six years together in Bruneau, Idaho. Bronc's life was not without its share of loss, as he was preceded in death by his first wife, Dale, sister, Debbie, his brother, Brent, his mother Felva, and his father Oma Kenneth. He is survived by his loving wife Dixie, his son Brandon, his daughter Jessica, and his stepchildren Joseph, Justin, and Bridget Black.

Bronc passed away peacefully in his home on Friday, September 20, 2024, after battling lung cancer. His departure leaves an irreplaceable void in the lives of all who knew and loved him. A memorial service to celebrate his life and legacy is scheduled to honor the man who touched the hearts of many on September 29, 2024, at American Legion Post #83, 32536 Belle, Bruneau, ID 83604, at 1 PM. Bronc will forever be remembered for his unwavering love, his passion for cattle, and the profound impact he made on all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Woman files second tort claim against Owyhee County

With one tort claim already pending against Owyhee County, a woman has filed another claim in the wake of a newspaper article.

Karis A. Young sent a copy of her latest tort claim to The Owyhee Avalanche, and her attorney, Quentin W. Lackey, mailed a copy to the county.

The tort claim dated Thursday, Aug. 22 was addressed to the office of Prosecuting Attorney Chris Topmiller and the Board of County Commissioners. County Clerk Angie Barkell, the county’s risk management officer, confirmed the tort was received by mail.

The tort claim alleges Topmiller violated her constitutional rights as a domestic violence victim and violated her privacy when he revealed her identity in an article published in The Owyhee Avalanche.

In a press release sent to the Avalanche, Topmiller provided details about the domestic violence conviction of 27-year-old Casey Ray Young and lamented the fact that the man’s victim was uncooperative in the course of the investigation.

The tort claim says Topmiller defamed Karis Young by characterizing her as uncooperative.

“This is the unfortunate reality of domestic violence,” Topmiller said last week when responding to the allegations. “Victims are generally uncooperative with prosecution, and Ms. Young was no exception.

“She has stymied efforts to prosecute her abuser at every step of the way, even after he was released from jail and battered her again.

“We will continue to prosecute the person who battered her despite her considerable efforts to stop us from doing so.”

In the tort claim, Young’s attorney said his client’s relief for loss of reputation and dignity and physical and emotional distress would amount to \$250,000.

In her previous tort claim, also seeking \$250,000 for damages, filed against the BOCC and the Owyhee County Sheriff Office, Young alleges deputies harassed her by driving by her Marsing residence repeatedly and denied her due process by conducting an unwarranted traffic stop.

— JPB

Eastern Owyhee County Library expands early education offerings

The Eastern Owyhee County Library has expanded its offerings for early childhood learning.

A new Early Childhood Program has started at the public library located at 520 Boise Ave., in Grand View.

The child/parent program caters to children up to the age of 5 years old and runs from 10:30 a.m., to 11:30 a.m., each Tuesday and Thursday.

With parents in attendance, each class will focus on getting children excited to learn by working with the alphabet, colors, shapes, and numbers.

The children will sing songs and a book will be read at each session. An activity will be undertaken and a snack will be served.

The After School program for kindergarteners through fifth-graders continues to meet from 4 p.m., to 5 p.m., each Tuesday at the library, which serves patrons in and around Grand View and the surrounding area.

The After school program started a new year on Sept. 10

After school at the library

Themes for the first weeks of the Eastern Owyhee County Library’s After School Program, which will be held on Tuesdays:

- Oct. 1 — Spy School
- Oct. 8 — Michael Vey
- Oct. 15 — No program; parent-teacher conferences at elementary
- Oct. 22 — Goosebumps
- Oct. 29 — Dealing with Dragons
- Nov. 5 — Family Reading Week
- Nov. 12 — Mystery at Lilac Inn
- Nov. 19 — Pharaoh’s Secret
- Nov. 26 — No program: Thanksgiving break

and will continue with themed programs each week that the

classes are in session in the Bruneau-Grand View School District. For example, there will be no activity on Oct. 15 because of parent-teacher conferences at Grand View Elementary School, and the program will take off Nov. 26 because of Thanksgiving break.

For more information on the library or its programming, call (208) 834-2785.

Library director Tammy Gray also announced plans to update the library’s display and storage capabilities thanks to grant funding.

Republic Services (formerly US Ecology Idaho), the hazardous waste disposal site outside of Grand View, provided a \$7,800 grant to update wall shelving and adjustable shelving.

The Friends of the Eastern Owyhee County Library donated \$1,500 to leverage with a \$20,000 Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation grant. The funding will be used to replace old metal shelving with wood shelving in the library’s adult fiction and non-fiction sections.

Grand View church offers youth clubs

Church-sponsored youth clubs have started in Grand View. Awana Clubs and a Bible club are available through Valley Christian Fellowship.

Awana for kindergarteners through high-schoolers meet from 5 p.m., to 6:30 p.m., on Sundays at Valley Christian Fellowship, 37866 Hwy. 78 in Grand View. Contact Amber Good at (208) 585-7694.

An after-school Bible club meets weekly at the Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., in Grand View.

The club for ages 5-11 will meet at 4 p.m., each Thursday.

Children will engage in Bible stories, arts and craft, games, and a snack will be provided.

The club will not meet on Nov. 28, Dec. 19, Dec. 26, Jan. 2, or March 27.

For information, contact Good or Cyndi Fullmer at (208) 599-2790.

University of Idaho Extension

Registration deadline nears for U. of Idaho’s rangeland fall forum

The following information is taken directly from the University of Idaho Rangeland Center’s website:

“In the Old West, ranchers ruled and livestock production was an unquestioned good. Today’s West is experiencing some growing pains as its citizens seek landscapes for a host of resources, including habitat for livestock and wildlife, sunlight and wind for energy, trails for recreation, and quiet scenic places to live. These competing interests exist alongside unprecedented changes in wildland fire frequency, exotic plant invasion, and landscape fragmentation.

“Rangelands are the stage on which many of these conflicts and challenges are played out. Well-managed rangelands are also a cornerstone to the economic and ecological future of Idaho and the West. After all, half of Idaho’s land is rangeland, as is half of the West and half of all the land on Earth.

“The Rangeland Center is here to use science to find long-term solutions for managing rangelands. We are an interdisciplinary team of researchers and educators, from seven U of I departments, three colleges and University of Idaho Extension sites, which conducts research and outreach focused on rangelands. Our partnerships with other individuals, agencies, and organizations enhance our ability to serve those who manage and enjoy rangelands in Idaho and the western region of the United States.”

Each year the Rangeland Center hosts a Fall Forum, focused on a specific range-related topic. The 2024 Fall Forum will be focused on soil health.

Soils are a key driver to rangeland diversity, and also crucial for healthy rangelands. How do management decisions connect with soil health? We’ll examine the science of soil health on Idaho’s rangelands, and the management practices and policies that come into play.

Interactive conversations will start Thursday, Oct. 3 at Barber Park in Boise, followed by a field tour in Owyhee County (south of Marsing) highlighting soil health out on the range on Friday, Oct. 4.

Pre-registration is required for the 2024 Rangeland Fall Forum and the registration link along with the agenda can be found at <https://www.uidaho.edu/cnr/rangeland-center/events/fall-forum>.

Registration deadline is Monday (Sept. 30). We hope you will join us!



Scott Jensen

— Marsing resident Scott Jensen is the former University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension educator. His new role is Area Extension Educator-Range, and he now works out of the College of Natural Resources, IWC 242, 322 E. Front St., Boise, and can be reached at (208) 364-4623. He probably still welcomes questions on livestock care and he can still be reached by email at scottj@uidaho.edu.

Dines Memorial starts gun club’s season

The Marsing Gun Club has released its 2024-25 schedule, and the shooting season kicks off by remembering members of one of the club’s families.

The inaugural Craig and Hayden Dines Memorial Shoot will be held on Saturday.

The event features several contests, each with an entry fee. Sign-up starts at 8 a.m., and the shoot begins at 10 a.m.

Other events are planned two Sundays each month from October to April:

- Oct. 13 and Oct. 27
- Nov. 10 and Nov. 24
- Dec. 8 and Dec. 22
- Jan. 5 and Jan. 19
- Feb. 2 and Feb. 16
- March 2 and March 16
- April 13 and April 27

The Marsing Gun Club range is located at 7598 Trap Shoot Road off Idaho highway 78 in Marsing.

Call (208) 941-1922 or email marsinggunclub@yahoo.com for more information.

Youth Rodeo Summer Comes to Close

High school rodeo ready to go

The fall portion of the District 2 high school rodeo season starts this week with Owyhee County action:

- **Today** — Jackpot barrel racing, Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena
- **10 a.m., Saturday** — Rodeo No. 1, Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena
- **10 a.m., Sunday** — Rodeo No. 2, Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena
- **8 a.m., Sunday** — Reined Cow Horse No. 1, Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena
- **Time TBA, Sunday, Nov. 3** — Reined Cow Horse No. 2, Idaho Reined Cow Horse Association Show, Ford Idaho Horse Park, Nampa



Owyheeans shine during Gem State finals

Owyhee County competitors wrapped up the Gem State Rodeo Association season with finals on Aug. 24-25 at the Gem County Fairgrounds in Emmett. **Above:** Kash Mackenzie, the son of Homedale residents Ryan and Shari Mackenzie, competed in several Pee Wee Division events, including boys' goat tying.



Shaney Marts of Adrian was runner-up both days in Junior girls' barrel racing. The daughter of Aaron and Jamie Marts was clocked at 17.567 seconds on Aug. 24 and 17.274 on Aug. 25.

Reese Carson, son of Jordan Valley's Randy and Sarah Carson, won the Pee Wee calf riding with 67-point ride on Aug. 25. He was runner-up on Aug. 24 with a 61-point showing.



Photos and information from Cherie Rolland / Cherie Rolland Photography



Another Owyhee County Junior Rodeo in the books

Marsing business-woman Ginger Loucks presented the annual Owyhee County Junior Rodeo on Sept. 15 at the county fairgrounds in Homedale, attracting several local youth.

Left: Jalee Mae-strejuan of Jordan Valley thrilled with a 2.77-second run in Senior girls' breakaway roping.



Stetson Milburn of Homedale took third in Mini Mite boys' goat tail tying with a 4.47-second effort.



Kylee White finished third in Mini Mite girls' barrel racing in 14.88 seconds.



Homedale resident Cooper Rheuby won the Junior boys' breakaway roping by catching his calf in 4.01 seconds.



Marsing High School senior Josie Showalter took fourth in Senior girls' pole bending with a 26.09-second run.

Avalanche Sports

Homedale defenders jolt Jerome quarterback

Sacks, INTs spark season’s second shutout

There wasn’t a heck of a lot of suspense in Homedale High School’s latest football victory. And the only drama came when the Trojans lost a fumble

while leading Jerome by a mere touchdown five minutes into the opening quarter. Led by Caden Layne’s 2½ sacks, the defense caged Tigers quarterback Kale Bingham and set the tone for a 50-0 non-conference destruction on the road in the Magic Valley. Homedale (4-0) went on a touchdown blitz after the first-

quarter fumble, scoring on six of its final eight possessions for their 18th consecutive regular-season victory. The team will carry a 34-game regular-season home winning streak into Friday’s Homecoming game and 4A Snake River Valley conference opener against Payette. Homedale last lost a regular-

season game at Deward Bell Stadium on Sept. 30, 2016 when Fruitland managed a 49-7 victory. Alex Sotelo ran for a couple scores against Jerome (0-4), and Xavier Uranga found senior receiver Luke Henry for two more TD passes as the Trojans



Caden Layne

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Marsing High School’s Mike Foristiere (left) coaches up Wyatt Barber during a non-conference football game against Ririe earlier this season. Barber and the rest of the defense responded Friday night in Payette.

Marsing, Jordan Valley net volleyball victories vs. Rimrock

Raiders’ streak ends; Huskies off to historic start

Volleyball teams from Owyhee country began what could described as a head-to-head round robin last week. Close to perfect serving from Raylynn Vanosdall and Ashlyn Porter helped Marsing High School to a straight-set victory over non-conference foe Rimrock on Thursday in Bruneau.

The Huskies are off to one of the best starts in school history after winning their seventh consecutive match to start the season.

Adyson Chadez powered nine kills in the Huskies’ 25-14, 25-11, 25-12 triumph.

Porter landed all 11 of her serves, including a pair of aces, and she set 10 other points.

Vanosdall was 21-for-22 from the service line with a team-high five aces.

Bailey Daugherty added seven kills for Marsing.

Lily Thoene chipped in 10 assists for the Huskies, who capped the non-conference portion of their schedule Tuesday night after deadline by playing host to Jordan Valley.

Marsing starts its 3A Western

Idaho Conference campaign on Thursday in Meridian against Compass Charter.

The Raiders (2-3 overall), who were playing for the first time in a week under first-year coach Erica Mulberry, saw a two-match winning streak end against the Huskies.

Rimrock is 1-0 in the 2A Western Idaho Conference after beating North Star Charter in five sets on Sept. 12. The Raiders rallied from a 2-1 deficit to prevail, 25-27, 25-17, 15-25, 25-19, 15-12, in Eagle.

Jordan Valley (7-6 overall) peeked above .500 on Friday with a 25-8, 25-10, 25-17 non-league triumph over Rimrock in Bruneau.

The Mustangs took a two-match winning streak into Tuesday’s contest against Marsing.

Jordan Valley is 0-1 in the 1A High Desert League after dropping a 25-15, 16-25, 25-23, 29-27 decision to archrival Adrian on Sept. 6.

— Information about Jordan Valley’s win over Adrian and the rest of the season was gleaned from OSAA.org. Coaches or team representatives can send Jordan Valley and Rimrock volleyball results to jon@owyhee.com or owyheeeavalanche1865@gmail.com.

Huskies’ defense deals blow to unbeaten Pirates on the road

Five turnovers send Payette to first loss

Looks can be deceiving, especially when it comes to the game of football. Marsing High School’s defense gave up 185 yards on the ground Friday night, including 102 to Payette quarterback Darren Pecunia. But the Huskies drilled the previously unbeaten Pirates, 49-7, in a non-conference game played in Payette. In fact, all but 22 yards in Payette’s rushing column came on four plays, including

Pecunia’s 57-yard touchdown scamper with his team trailing by five touchdowns in the fourth quarter. Payette (3-1) entered the game under the steam of a rare unbeaten start to the season that featured three blowouts, a shutout and only two opposing touchdowns. Senior quarterback Jace Chadez led Marsing (3-1) to three touchdowns in the first 12 minutes to snuff out any momentum the Class 4A Pirates had carried into the game. Four of Chadez’s six completions wound up in the end zone, and Moises Montes rushed for two scores and

cracked the century mark again. The Huskies’ defense held the Pirates at bay for most of the game. Senior Luke Steinmeyer sacked Pecunia and led Marsing with eight tackles, including five solo stops. He also recovered a Payette fumble. Fellow 12th-grader Jaden Shaw, already an offensive threat, made his presence known on defense when he picked off Pecunia. It was Shaw’s second interception of the season. Junior Caleb Smith accounted

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Everybody gets on the field in Trojans girls’ soccer rout

Nine players to be honored for Thursday’s Senior Night

Third-year coach Shelby Nicoletti emptied her bench and then some in last Wednesday’s high-scoring girls’ soccer victory. Homedale High School gained control early in

thumping Payette, 5-2, in a 4A Snake River Valley conference match at Deward Bell Stadium. Nicoletti put in all her varsity players and even trotted out the junior varsity squad.

Junior Karlie Kildow added two more goals to her team-leading total, giving the Trojans a 2-0 lead with scores in the 13th minute on an assist from senior Ellie Miller and in the 19th minute when fellow

junior Morgan Nicoletti fed her a pass. Kildow entered Tuesday’s road match against conference co-leader Fruitland with 13

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✓ Soccer: Trojans continue to chase Fruitland, McCall in 4A SRV race

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goals. She picked up her first two assists of the season against the Pirates, setting up Nicoletti's seventh goal of the year in the 31st minute and then enabling Evalina Costello's fourth goal of the year four minutes into the second half.

Homedale (5-3 overall, 5-2 in conference at week's end) owned a 3-0 lead before Madisyn Brown got a shot past Trojans' goalkeeper Tiana Sorenson in the final minute of the first half. Irati Guembe scored for the visitors in the 74th minute, 40 minutes after she picked up a yellow card.

Miller's first goal of the season — an unassisted accomplishment — capped Homedale's scoring in the 52nd minute.

Tiana Sorenson made two



Morgan Nicoletti fires a corner kick against Payette. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

saves to keep the Pirates at bay.

Homecoming week marks

on Thursday at Deward Bell Stadium. The team will bestow Senior Night honors upon nine players, including Costello, Miller, Kennedy Kildow, Aideth Lara, Tayvree Titus, Leeya Haas, Bertha-Grace Flores, Lucilynn Tuning, and Natalie Mercado.

The Trojans are ensconced as the third seed for the 4A District III tournament behind 4A SRV co-leaders Fruitland and McCall-Donnelly — the only teams to beat Homedale this season. The Grizzlies and Vandals played to a 1-1 stalemate in their first meeting, and they will finish the regular season against one another on Oct. 10 in Fruitland.

Sept. 16: Homedale 5, Baker/Powder Valley (Ore.) 1 — Karlie Kildow notched her third hat trick of the season, and the Trojans triumphed

in their only non-conference game of the season in Baker City, Ore.

Kildow's first goal of the game broke a 1-1 tie in the 25th minute. She also scored in the 37th minute and punched another ball into the net two minutes after the intermission for the only score of the second half.

Aideth Lara's first goal of the season, which came in the 39th minute, sent Homedale into the intermission with a 4-1 advantage.

Morgan Nicoletti scored the game's first goal nine minutes after the opening tap. She has six scores this season to goal with a team-high four assists.

Sorenson was in goal for the Trojans.

Jill Poe scored the Bulldogs' only goal in the first half.

✓ Huskies: Montes tops 100 yards rushing for second time this season

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for two of the five Payette turnovers Marsing forced. He intercepted a Pecunia pass and recovered a Pirates fumble. Smith also broke up a pass and got behind the line of scrimmage for three TFL. He finished with five solo tackles and two assists.

Junior Jaxon Astorquia

also had a TFL and caused a fumble, while sophomore Heston McIntyre forced a fumble.

Another 11th-grader, Clayton Liskey, recovered a Payette fumble.

Montes led the Huskies with three pass break-ups as Pecunia completed just five of 14 passes for six yards.

When he wasn't using his feet to get in position to swat away a pass, Montes was churning up the Harmon Killebrew Field surface to the tune of 136 yards on 14 carries.

He scored three touchdowns, including two on the ground while averaging 9.7 yards per carry.

Montes' other TD came

on a 24-yard pass play from Chadez.

Steinmeyer caught scoring passes of 24 and 11 yards for his only receptions of the night.

Shaw also hauled in a touchdown pass while leading the Huskies' receivers with 52 yards on three grabs.

Chadez completed six of

10 passes for 111 yards and his four scores. He threw an interception, too.

EJ Young was Marsing's second-leading rusher with 67 yards on 15 totes.

Shaw got 59 yards on 11 carries as Marsing rolled up 301 yards rushing as a team. Shaw also returned a kickoff 55 yards.

MARSING HUSKIES

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Football
Caleb Smith, jr., DE
7 tackles (3 TFL), INT, fumble recovery

Volleyball
Bailey Daugherty, jr., MB
7 kills vs. Rimrock
Breeana Lootens photo

Cross country
Alec Ecklund, so.
59th in Parma Invite
Breeana Lootens photo

THIS WEEK'S SPORTS SCHEDULE

Football
Varsity
Friday, Sept. 27, bye week, no game
Friday, Oct. 4 at New Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity
Friday, Sept. 27, bye week, no game
Thursday, Oct 4, home vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m.

Volleyball
Varsity
Thursday, Sept. 26 at Compass Charter, Meridian, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 1, home vs. Parma, 6:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Thursday, Sept. 26 at Compass Charter, Meridian, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 1, home vs. Parma, 5:30 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Tuesday, Oct. 1, home vs. Parma, 4:30 p.m.

Cross country
Friday-Saturday, Sept. 27-28 at Bob Firman Invitational, Eagle Island State Park, Eagle

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Sports

Trojans sweep pesky Pirates on home court

Charity Pate and Lilly Relk led Homedale High School to a volleyball victory on two fronts Thursday.

Pate served seven aces in 20 attempts, and Relk delivered 33 assists to push the Trojans to a gutsy home-court win over 4A Snake River Valley conference foe Payette.

Relk also served four aces, and Pate dug 10 balls on defense in Homedale's 25-23, 25-22, 25-17 victory.

Piper Kushlan was on the job both on defense and offense. She slammed nine a team-high 11 kills and shared the team lead in digs with Pate at 10.

Teague Taylor capped a strong week with nine kills and a block.

Kynna Soland-Pfeil chipped in seven kills.

Sept. 17: Parma def. Homedale, 3-1—The Panthers may have dropped down in a new 3A classification, but the volleyball team is still powerful.

Parma shook off visiting Homedale's tenacious mid-match play for a 25-14, 25-27, 25-21, 25-16 non-conference victory. It was the Panthers' fourth straight win and eighth in nine outings this season.

The Panthers and Trojans had been longtime foes in the 3A Snake River Valley conference before the Idaho High School Activities Association realigned athletic classifications and created a new hierarchy.

Homedale stayed among schools with similar enrollments in the new Class 4A, while Parma relocated to the new 3A classification as part of the 3A Western Idaho Conference.

Taylor delivered 13 kills and served four aces to lead Homedale's offense on the Panthers' floor. Taylor picked up two more points with blocks.

Kaitlin Johnstone also smashed four aces and four kills, and she had three blocks.

Soland-Pfeil came up with eight spikes and two aces.

Pate led the defense with 20 digs, and Lilly Relk chimed in with 11 digs and 32 assists.

Claire Salutregui dug seven balls.

Homedale's hitters amassed nine kills in the second set, stretching Parma beyond the minimum to win. The team's offense improved in the third (10 kills) and fourth sets (eight kills) after managing just five kills in the opening stanza.

✓ Homedale: Trojans reach near-50/50 mark with 406 yards of offense

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justified the state's Class 4A coaches moving the team ahead of Sugar-Salem into the top spot in last week's poll. The Diggers, who received more first-place votes in the coaches' poll than HHS, remained on top in last week's media voting.

Uranga completed 13 of 20 passes for 207 yards and added another touchdown pass to Rafael Cuenca as the Trojans topped 40 points for the third time this season.

Sebastian Larzelier, who got in on the offense with a five-yard run for Homedale's final TD in the third quarter, picked off Bingham 90 seconds into the game to set up Homedale's first scoring drive.

Sotelo ran into the end zone from 10 yards out for that first touchdown.

Homedale's defense set the tone throughout the first half. Layne sacked Bingham on a 4th-and-5 deep in Jerome territory to end the Tigers' second possession. Layne would add another solo sack later in the first half.

Henry hauled in a 14-yard pass three plays later, and Lukas Hall knocked through the PAT for a 14-0 edge.

Henry caught five balls for 85 yards, including an eight-yard TD in the third period.

Cuenca led the Trojans with 122 yards on six receptions. Uranga's other completions went for no yardage to Hall and Chance Martell.

The Trojans' defense achieved its second shutout of the season and allowed six or fewer points in a game for the third time this year.

Cuenca came up with his second interception of the season, and Tyce Fisher led all tacklers with five solo stops and two assists.

Kade Hall and Layne, and Grady Walgamott and Terry Volk teamed to catch Bingham behind the line of scrimmage for second-half sacks.

Homedale held Jerome to 158 yards total offense, and the Tigers only managed 11 yards on 22 rushes.

The Trojans piled up 406 yards total offense in a relatively balanced attack. In Homedale's longest rushing play of the night, Martell ran for 27 yards moments before Henry's first TD catch. Javid Blewett led with 51 of the Trojans' 199 rushing yards, including a four-yard rushing TD in the second quarter.

Homedale Trojans

Athletes of the Week



Football
Sebastian Larzelier, jr.,
RB/DB
Rushing TD, 4 tackles,
INT vs. Jerome



Volleyball
Teague Taylor, so., OH/
MB
13 kills vs. Parma



Girls' soccer
Tayvree Titus, sr.
1 of 9 to be honored
Thursday



Cross country
Breydyn Ford, jr.
Best finish among girls in
Parma

FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Football
(Home games at Deward Bell Stadium)
Varsity
Friday, Sept. 27, home vs. Payette, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Sept. 26 at Payette, 6:30 p.m.

Volleyball
Varsity
4A Snake River Valley conference
Thursday, Sept. 26, home vs. Emmett, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 1 at Weiser, 7 p.m.
Non-conference
Wednesday, Oct. 2, home vs. Jordan Valley, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity
4A Snake River Valley conference
Thursday, Sept. 26, home vs. Emmett, 5:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 1 at Weiser, 5:45 p.m.
Freshman
4A Snake River Valley conference
Thursday, Sept. 26, home vs. Emmett, 4:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 1 at Weiser, 4:45 p.m.

Girls' soccer
(Home games at Deward Bell Stadium)
Varsity
4A Snake River Valley conference
Thursday, Sept. 26, home vs. Parma (Senior Night), 7:20 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 1 at Weiser, 5 p.m.
Junior varsity
4A Snake River Valley conference
Tuesday, Oct. 1 at Weiser, 3:30 p.m.

Cross country
Friday, Oct. 4 at Weiser Invitational, Rolling Hills GC, Weiser, 4 p.m.





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Sports

Homedale JV beats Kimberly with late TD pass

Homedale High School was down to its last play and final 33 seconds of junior varsity football when Kreece Powell came through.

The freshman quarterback’s six-yard touchdown pass to sophomore Aron Sotelo pushed the Trojans to a 14-12 non-conference win over Kimberly at Deward Bell Stadium on Sept. 12.

Sophomore linebacker Ty Cooper fell on an attempted lateral on the Bulldogs’ desperate last play to seal the deal. Cooper led the Trojans with seven tackles.

Homedale (3-0 overall) had beaten its first two opponents — Snake River and Filer — by an average margin of 48 points.

The Trojans clung to a slim 7-6 lead until Kimberly cashed in on a Powell interception when Monroe Whitten ran for a two-yard touchdown to take a 12-7 lead with 4 minutes, 29 seconds left in the game.

Gunner Beckstead attempted two-point conversion pass fell incomplete, leaving the door open for Homedale’s late game-winning drive.

That late drive started at the Kimberly 44-yard line after Boston Garrett’s 36-yard kickoff return. And the drive didn’t come without its share of scares before the game-winning throw on fourth down.

- Powell fumbled a first-down snap at the Bulldogs’ 30, but Zander Gonzalez recovered the ball.
- The Trojans faced 4th down and 7 yards to go moments later, but a pass interference penalty moved the ball to 12-yard line with a first down.
- Kimberly’s defense got two negative-yardage plays before Powell and Garrett got together on a 14-yard pass on 3rd-and-18 one play before the winning score.

Homedale struck first in the contest after Beckstead threw an interception on the opening drive.

Gonzalez’s three-yard run and an Alejandro Martinez extra-point kick gave the Trojans a 7-0 lead.

Monroe Whitten scored on a three-yard run in the second quarter, but Beckstead’s PAT pass fell short, and Homedale would keep the advantage into the fourth quarter.

Nick Schlenker led Homedale’s ground game with 105 yards on 24 carries. Sotelo was the leading receiver with 37 yards on five catches. Powell connected on 11 of 15 passes for 89 yards.

Martinez was one of three Trojans to come up with interceptions against Beckstead. Wyatt Ingram also picked off the Kimberly quarterback as Homedale forced five turnovers.

Antelopes runners deliver at Parma Invite

Three of Adrian High School’s four entrants posted milestone races at the Parma Invite.

Freshman Lucas Berry ran the fastest five kilometers of his cross country career at 23 minutes, 56.33 seconds.

Juniors Brady Ineck and Emma Nicholes achieved season-best times to lead the Antelopes.

Ineck finished 48th in the boys’ race in 21:00.39, while Nicholes — Adrian’s lone female competitor — took 65th in 28:40.3.

Freshman Clayton Ineck was 64th in the boys’ race at 21:46.72.

Adrian football — The Antelopes remained unbeaten this season with a 46-0 shellacking of Union in a 1A District 2 season opener at Ward Field on Friday.

Coach Bill Wortman’s squad (4-0 overall, 1-0 in district) continues the season Friday with a district game at Cove. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m., local time (8 p.m. MDT).

Adrian volleyball — The Antelopes suffered their first loss of the 1A High Desert League season Saturday on the road when the Prairie City/Burnt River cooperative prevailed in a raucous 25-14, 25-23, 25-23 match.

Coach Aimee Esplin’s team (8-7 overall, 3-1 in league) triumphed in the first half of Saturday’s tri-meet in Prairie City, defeating Dayville/Monument/Long Creek, 25-6, 25-9, 25-12.

On Friday, the Antelopes suffered a straight-set loss on their home court to Union, falling 25-20, 28-26, 25-10.

Adrian played at Huntington on Tuesday after deadline, and the team plays three consecutive non-league matches beginning on the road Thursday with a 6 p.m., tilt against Jordan Valley. The week concludes with matches against Cove and Echo in Cove on Friday.

— *No statistics were provided for Adrian’s football or volleyball matches, and information was gleaned from OSAA.org. Coaches or team representatives can send results to The Owyhee Avalanche at jon@owyhee.com and owyheevalanche1865@gmail.com.*

Jordan Valley wins another football game

Jordan Valley High School’s six-man football team remains unbeaten.

The Mustangs defeated Wallowa, 21-12, in their 1A District 1 season opener Friday on the road.

Coach Zeke Quintero’s squad (3-0) opened district play a week after crushing Ione/Arlington, 53-6, in a non-league game on the Mustangs’ field.

Jordan Valley (3-0 overall, 1-0 in 1A District 1) plays host to league opponent Harper Charter at 2 p.m., on Friday.

— *Information about Jordan Valley’s latest win was gleaned from OSAA.org. Coaches or team representatives can send Jordan Valley sports results to jon@owyhee.com or owyheevalanche1865@gmail.com.*

Juniors pace Marsing runners

Underclassmen did the work last Wednesday for the Marsing High School cross country team.

Juniors Brody Bowers and Breann Dickerson were the Huskies’ top finishers in their respective five-kilometer races at the Parma Invite.

Bowers finished 56th in the boys’ race in 21 minutes, 20.24 seconds. He and three teammates — sophomores Alec Ecklund and Wolfe Ryska, and senior Alex Christiansen — broke the 22-minute barrier.

Ecklund was 59th at 21:33.67, and Ryska pulled in the 62nd position in 21:42.28. Christiansen was 70th at 21:58.9.

Dickerson led all five Marsing girls to finish in the top 100. The 11th-grader was clocked at 27:59.52.

Sophomore Kate Marshall, one of three returning athletes in the mix for the Huskies girls, was 68th in 29:01.26. Another returner, senior Wendy Alvarez, finished 93rd in 32:38.2.

Freshman Mia Benson took 80th in 30:59.49, and junior Morgan Cassidy was 99th in 34:37.02.

Rounding out the boys’ team performance were senior Jack Marshall (93rd, 23:29.9), junior Zane Mechling (25:40.17) and sophomore Timothy Christiansen (25:45).

Trojans reach milestones in Caldwell

Two athletes achieved personal records Saturday for Homedale High School’s cross country team.

Junior Tyler Isham ran a 21-minute, 10.48-second five kilometers to finish 69th in the junior varsity race of the Vallivue Scramble near the Caldwell high school’s campus.

Sophomore Wayne Stewart, who is in his second year for coach David Gummersall’s program, PR’d at 23:41.43 in the same race, which was held in Caldwell.

A pair of 11th-graders took the course for the girls’ squad with Breydyn Ford finishing three spots ahead of teammate Hailey Jakovac.

Jakovac posted her fastest time of the season at 29:36.03, while Ford ran a 28:59.37 to finish just ahead of her teammate in 120th place in the JV race.

Melba freshmen leave their marks

Three runners hit the top 40 last Wednesday to send Melba High School to sixth in the Parma Invite boys’ race.

Junior Raziel Manzer slashed below the 20-minute mark, finishing 20th in the five-kilometer cross country competition in 19 minutes, 44.32 seconds.

Another 11th-grader, Isaiah Shoemaker, took 32nd in 20:06.74, while freshman Beckett Boren posted a personal-record 20:16.37 for 37th.

Another ninth-grader, Sunny Hilber, had the best finish among all Melba athletes when she crossed the line in 15th place with a 23:54.01 in the girls’ race. Sophomore Millie Edwards took 33rd in 26:10.72, while junior returner Elle Crimbchin was 39th at 26:40.1.

Rounding out the boys’ race for Melba were juniors Jacob Gunderson (68th, 21:56.15) and Luke Clark (71st, 22:03.79), sophomore Wyatt Link (94th, 23:36.57), and freshman Will Crimbchin (95th, 23:37.2).

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Commentary

Jon P. Brown,
managing editor



Eyes on Owyhee

Our mission continues

After nearly two decades of perusing the rich newspaper archives here at the office, a few historical trends have materialized.

The original Owyhee Avalanche from Ruby City and Silver City was never short of a heavy dose of editorial snark, and that sarcasm was always draped in flowery prose. And it was usually directed at a neighboring newspaper editor or a gentleman who had operated the Avalanche previously.

There were plenty of national and international news items, too, which is to be expected from the first newspaper in the Idaho Territory to hook into the newly arrived telegraphic technology.

After the Avalanche vanished, The Owyhee Chronicle eventually surfaced in the 1930s in Homedale.

In the early years, the Chronicle delivered a lot of news about the burgeoning village and sprinkled in items from nearby Marsing and Adrian. Eventually, Grand View and Bruneau news dribbled in from time to time, and there were always plenty of Boise- and state-related articles, too.

The focus was on city and community news and, apparently, death. There were a lot of front-page obituaries in the Chronicle clear up until the 1970s.

While the Chronicle thrived in Homedale, the Owyhee Nugget was on the beat in Marsing. Now the plan is to immortalize the Nugget in the print shop at the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy.

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Letter to the editor

Romanian reflects on Legion Boys State experience

The following correspondence was sent from 2023-24 Marsing High School exchange student Andrei Dumitru to American Legion Post 128 adjutant Kathy Barton:

Yes, I did attend Gem Boys State in June, and overall, it was a great experience.

It helped me step outside my comfort zone, which was a great challenge. The program was informative and engaging, and I enjoyed learning more about the workings of government and leadership.

One of the best parts was meeting and working with other students from different areas, which made the experience even more valuable.

I'd definitely recommend it to other juniors at Marsing High School who are interested in expanding their knowledge and leadership skills.

Andrei Dumitru
Romania

JP Doodles



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

From Washington

Protecting women and girls in sports

As participants in the decisions made in Congress, Idahoans contact me regularly with valuable input about the issues our country faces. The Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act is one of the issues Idahoans have contacted me about, and I am an original co-sponsor of this legislation. The following is a condensed version of my response:

S. 613, the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act, would make it a violation of Title IX — which prohibits discrimination based on sex in education programs that receive federal funding — for schools to allow a biological male to compete in an athletic program designed for women or girls. On April 20, 2023, the House of Representatives passed its version of this legislation, H.R. 734, and I continue to work toward Senate passage of this measure.

Overall, I understand the importance of preserving the integrity of girls' and women's sports, especially in light of the Biden Administration's new interpretation of Title IX. Under the administration's radical Title IX re-interpretation, any biological male who self-identifies as a woman will be protected by Title IX, which undermines the law's intention of providing equal educational opportunities for women, including in athletics. If "sex" is redefined to mean "gender identity," female student-athletes would not only be competing against each other for scholarship opportunities, but also against biological males, which may deny women opportunities to play collegiate sports. Although the U.S. Department of Education's (ED) final rule on Title IX was officially released on April 19, a number of federal judges have since blocked its enforcement in many states around the country, including Idaho.

Since ED published its final rule, I have supported efforts to prevent its implementation. On June 12, I

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joined Senate Republicans in introducing S.J. Res. 96 to nullify the Biden Administration's redefinition of Title IX. A companion resolution, H.J. Res. 165, passed the House of Representatives on July 12, by a vote of 210-205. Should either version of this resolution receive a vote in the full Senate, I will support its adoption.

— See *Sports*, Page 15

Commentary

Financial management

Your job should be enjoyable, align with your values

Dear Dave,
In your opinion, what are healthy boundaries when it comes to finding a job if the type of work doesn't align with your beliefs? I live near a casino, where there are several job openings that pay well. However, I believe gambling is wrong. I don't gamble, and neither does anyone in my family. I would really appreciate your thoughts on the situation.
— Gracelyn

Dear Gracelyn,
Work is a big part of life. And that means it's a big part of what you spend your time doing for many years. So, I think people should make a living doing something that is consistent with values and beliefs. In my mind, needing a job does not offset that. Otherwise, it would be OK to be a drug dealer, or any number of other illegal, immoral and

unethical things that can provide an income.
Here's my opinion. If you don't agree with gambling on a moral basis, then you shouldn't work in a gaming establishment. If you think drinking alcohol is wrong or sinful, then you probably shouldn't work in a brewery or distillery. See where I'm going with this? Personally, I don't like gambling, either. I think it's a tax on people who can't do math and poor people.
There are other jobs that pay well out there, Gracelyn. But to be at peace with yourself, you've got to do something that's consistent with your own personal value system and principles.
— Dave
Dear Dave,
My husband is really excited after reading your books, and now he's determined to start



living on a budget. I love seeing this kind of passion and determination in him, but I'm not sure about going all-in on everything it would take to make this happen. I guess the truth is there are just some things I don't want to give up. Do you have any advice for getting motivated?
— Allison

Dear Allison,
I get what you're saying. Sometimes, when you first begin working hard to gain control of your money and get out of debt, it can seem like all the fun goes out of life. It takes a lot of hard work and discipline to change any habit.
I know budgeting sounds intimidating, but goals and dreams have a better chance of coming true if you have a written game plan. Just give it a try. Sit down with your husband at the beginning of each month and do a written budget together. Give every dollar a name on paper before you spend anything. It's not medieval torture, and it's not just a math exercise. It's a chance for you both to have input on what you want to accomplish and how to make it happen.
When two are married they

become "as one." And that's how all decisions should be made from that point forward. Some fantastic sharing is going to happen when you bring these thoughts and ideas out in the open.
Once you start doing a budget, you'll begin to see things in a whole new way. You'll see where you can cut back, where you can save and how you can make things happen that may have seemed impossible before. Sure, you may have to give up a few little things for a short while. But when you see how quickly you can make a lot of really cool stuff happen in your lives, I think you'll be excited by the possibilities!
— Dave
— Dave Ramsey is a personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show and CEO of Ramsey Solutions.

✓ Mission: If you want people to know what's happening, drop us a line

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The Nugget and Chronicle nameplates joined history on Jan. 1, 1985 when Joe Aman bought the Marsing newspaper and merged it with the Chronicle to revive The Owyhee Avalanche.
Today, nearly 40 years after the merger and a few months shy of 50 years since Aman purchased the Chronicle from Everett Colley, the Avalanche continues to be the go-to source for most Owyhee County news.
With tremendous contributions from a host of photographers and steady bits of information from high school coaches, school district superintendents, county government officials and highway, fire, ambulance, and law enforcement entities, the Avalanche strives to cover as much as possible week in, and week out.
There have been well-talked-about changes and challenges, but the mission continues.

As stated before, that mission includes the community.
Recently, I visited a Homedale High School girls' soccer practice, and was pleasantly surprised when coach Shelby Nicoletti carved out some time early in the session to bring the girls into a huddle and explain the importance of a community newspaper.
If Nicoletti wasn't so busy putting a quality product on the field, I'd enlist her as the Avalanche's public relations arm! Her words were much appreciated.
The coach's chat was about how the Avalanche would cover the Trojans on the pitch, but the message had a broader, unspoken point: This newspaper is a great resource for this county.
It also gave me a chance to "pitch" the athletes, too. If they had any issues or stories they felt were worthy to cover, they could call me.
The senior soccer players, who play their final regular-season home game Thursday at Deward Bell

Stadium, were invited to send information about their individual leadership projects when the time is right.
That invitation is extended to Marsing and Rimrock seniors, too. Senior projects are a graduation requirement, and it's always a pleasure to learn more about the tremendous effort put forward by each senior (or in some cases teams of seniors).
Anyone in the community is invited to send news items. Circling back to the soccer team, Kevin Haas does a masterful job to send comprehensive details about each game. Other contributions from other folks invested in teams, topics and clubs in the county are encouraged, too.
A community newspaper is always about community first. And that community can really help the newspaper thrive, just as we're trying to help Homedale, Marsing, Grand View, Bruneau and other Owyhee country towns continue to blossom.

✓ Sports: Biden Administration's Title IX change remains in legal limbo

From Page 14
At the state level, Idaho passed a law preventing biological males from participating in female sport divisions in 2020. Since then, more than 20 other states have passed similar laws. Idaho was sued to prevent the law from taking effect, and the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals heard arguments in May 2021. Due to technical issues, the Court has suspended proceedings in this case indefinitely.
Moving forward, I will continue to do all I can to counter the Biden Administration's attempts to undermine Title IX and the integrity of women's sports. In doing so, I will keep the views and experiences of Idahoans like you in mind.

Crapo's communiques

Realizing many Idahoans may not have the chance to contact him, Sen. Mike Crapo posts information about issues of importance on his website, <http://crapo.senate.gov>, as well as news releases, information about accessing his Facebook and YouTube pages and following him on Twitter and Instagram. Resources to assist Idahoans who need help with federal agencies are also on the website. You can also contact Crapo through his offices:
Boise — 251 E. Front St., Ste. 205, Boise ID, 83702; Phone: (208) 334-1776; Fax: (208) 334-9044
Coeur d'Alene — 610 Hubbard, Ste. 209, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814; Phone: (208) 664-5490; Fax: (208) 664-0889
Idaho Falls — 410 Memorial Dr., Ste. 204, Idaho Falls, ID 83402; Phone: (208) 522-9779; Fax: (208) 529-8367
Lewiston — 313 D St., Ste. 105, Lewiston, ID 83501; Phone: (208) 743-1492; Fax: (208) 743-6484
Pocatello — 275 S. 5th Ave., Ste. 100, Pocatello, ID 83201; Phone: (208) 236-6775; Fax: (208) 236-6935
Twin Falls — 202 Falls Ave., Ste. 2, Twin Falls, ID 83301; Phone: (208) 734-2515; Fax: (208) 733-0414
Washington, D.C. — 239 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20510; Phone: (202) 224-6142; Fax: (202) 228-1375
"The messages you send me help shape my approach on a number of important matters. Please continue to contact me and share your thoughts and ideas," Crapo wrote.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

September 29, 1999



Rushing...

Homedale Trojan Andrew Endicott scored a pair of touchdowns to help lead the Trojans to a 35-14 victory over the Melba Mustangs last week.

Five file to run for Homedale council, mayor

Only one candidate filed to run for mayor of Homedale, according to City Clerk Pam Dugger. Four candidates have filed to run for two at-large seats on the Homedale City Council.

Erwin Gifford is the only candidate for mayor. Incumbent councilmen Roy Jackson and Dan Erbe have filed for re-election. David Freelove and J. B. Salutregui have filed to run against them.

Five file for two Marsing council seats and Mayor

Former Marsing mayor and city councilman Gene Showalter has filed to run against incumbent Mayor Jenny Haken, and three candidates have filed to run for two city council seats, City Clerk Janice Bicandi said. Incumbent council member Carol Edwards, and Edith A. Lemos and Paul Holzhey returned their petition forms by the deadline date of Sept. 23, Bicandi said. The holder of the other seat, Reed Larsen, has declined to seek re-election.

“Bull-A-Rama” called a success

The first ever Jordan Valley “Bull-A-Rama” was called a success by sponsors last weekend with approximately 30 cowboys trying their skills at riding the bulls supplied by the Slash T Rodeo Company. Bryan Barker from Wilder won the first place average with 152. Jeff Rupert, Jerome, rode Tornado to first place in the long go with 79. In the short go, Shawn RoggenKamp rode a re-ride for first place with 80.

Local students receive U of I degrees

Local students received degrees from the University of Idaho at the close of the 1999 summer session. Justin Eugene Tindall of Bruneau received a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Science and Technology at the College of Agriculture, and Jared Owen Merrick received a Master of Education. Merrick is also from Bruneau. At the College of Education, Lester John Snoderly from Homedale received a Master of Education degree and from the College of Letters and Science. Austin Stilwell Heady from Wilder received a Master of Science.

50 years ago

September 26, 1974

VYING FOR THE TITLE of “Miss Homecoming Queen of 1974” at Homedale High School are, left to right: Marianne Jesenko, Lynn Lineberger and Janiece Tolmie. The candidates were selected by members of the football team and the final queen selection will be decided by votes cast by the entire student body. The Queen’s Pageant will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the new gym, at which time the winner will be announced and crowned.



Week of activities set stage for’ Homecoming

Homecoming has traditionally been a time of many activities in which students have been participating ever since the first homecoming week. Activities that students still participate in are a bonfire, noontime events, building of floats, parade, queen and court contest, selling of corsages, ball game and a dance. The bonfire is a freshman-sponsored event, preceded by a snake dance through town and down to the river where the freshman attendant, Miss Flame, lights the fire.

Cheerleaders are in charge of noontime activities designed to spark the enthusiasm of the students. These include egg throwing, tricycle races, watermelon and pie eating, and peanut rolling contests. The building of floats has always played an important role during Homecoming week. Themes of floats are turned in before the actual building begins to avoid duplication. The floats are judged during the parade and winners are announced at the ball game. The parade traditionally marches by the elementary school and nursing home Friday afternoon. It also receives a police escort, and town businesses are urged to close down for the duration of the parade. The football squad chooses the queen and court candidates.

Arvin, citizenry bend efforts to save millworks

The difficulties, which beset the Arvin Millwork Co. as a depressed housing market squeezes its marketing potential and forces the price for its product lower, were explained by Tom Arvin, company president, to a large group of interested persons at a meeting Tuesday evening at the Homedale Senior Citizens center. Arvin said losses incurred because of the plunge in prices for wood mouldings had moved the bank to cancel its line of credit. Requirements to reopen and continue operation would be about \$210,000, inventory; \$266,000 receivable and \$75,000 manufacturing and overhead, or approximately \$551,000. With such refinancing, he said the plant could operate on a one-shift basis until homebuilding accelerates to a 1.8 million start pace. Housing is now at a 1.126 million pace, or only 45 per cent of last year. Permits were down to 912,000 by August, or only 49 per cent of last year.

153 years ago

September 23, 1871

MASONIC.—The Grand Lodge of Masons of Idaho Territory will meet in Silver City on Monday, October 2d, and will probably continue in session three days. As will be observed from advertisement elsewhere, it is the intention of the Owyhee Masons to entertain the Grand Lodge with a ball and banquet on Wednesday evening, October 4th. The various committees having the affair in charge are sparing no pains to make the entertainment one of the finest that ever came off in our Territory. We understand that quite a number of ladies and gentlemen from Boise City and the Basin will be present on that auspicious occasion.

The Croaker.

Every community is afflicted with croakers. Owyhee is no exception to this remark. Perfect specimens of this pestilential genus can be seen any day seated on dry goods boxes whittling away for dear life, or loafing around saloons waiting for some one to ask them to drink. With the croaker, it is always too hot or too cold, too wet or too dry, “the mines have petered” and business is “played out.” Should a quartz mill shut down, even for a day, to undergo repairs, our croakers immediately exclaim: “It will never start up again; no rock to run on, you know.” When, from any cause whatever, a man is discharged from a mine, the croaker knows all about it, looks wise and says, “the bottom’s fell out of that there mine; won’t be a man working in it in two weeks.” “Mighty dull round town to night,” says a croaker who has probably failed to bum his regular drinks or ring in on a lunch. “Town gone up, you bet!”

Thus they go on with their lugubrious croaking from morning till night, and from one month’s end to another, finding fault with everything, and predicting all manner of evil to the camp. No wonder such worthless fellows find “hard times knocking at the door.” Let them go to work with a pick and shovel and they will find it lively enough. Did the utterances of these croakers affect no one but themselves, it wouldn’t matter a continental. But their incessant wailings, like a contagious disease, infect the entire community to a certain extent, and business men, who should have better sense, too often lend a willing ear to their doleful tales. Notwithstanding the dismal predictions of croaking loafers, Owyhee continues to prosper, and, is to-day, second to no mining camp on the Pacific slope. This is no idle assertion or vainglorious boast, but is supported by the united testimony of scores of intelligent and reliable men who know whereof they speak.

THE DISTRICT SCHOOL.—Our young friends must now hunt up their books and get ready for school which begins next Monday, with Mr. Peter Adams as teacher. The girls full of life, fun and mischief, their ruddy cheeks having borrowed the wild flowers’ tints, and the boys, browned by toil or exposure, are all so full of “tittering” that it will be some days before they can settle down to hard study. Happy childhood! May you long remain children, at least in feeling and innocence.

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.
- Updateandinclude/integratetheCounty WildfirePrevention 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 Vendorwillworkclosely 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. 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

**UNCLAIMED
PROPERTY NOTICE**

Why would anyone have unclaimed money? Unclaimed money consists of forgotten bank accounts, refund checks, utility deposits, wages, tax refunds and more. The Idaho State Treasurer’s Unclaimed Property Division acts as a consumer protection agency to ensure forgotten funds are returned to their rightful owners. Check online for your name at YourMoney.Idaho.gov.
09/25/2024

**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

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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:		
ITEM	2023-2024 BUDGET	2024-2025 PROPOSED
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:		
ITEM	2023-2024 BUDGET	2024-2025 ANTICIPATED
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

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

IDAHO CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
HJR 5
Legislative Council’s Statement of Meaning, Purpose, and Result to Be Accomplished

This proposed constitutional amendment provides that only Idaho residents who are citizens of the United States are eligible to vote in elections in the State of Idaho and that noncitizens are not eligible to vote in any election in the State of Idaho. Currently, Section 2, Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Idaho provides: “[e]very male or female citizen of the United States, eighteen years old, who has resided in this state, and in the county where he or she offers to vote for the period provided by law, if registered as provided by law, is a qualified elector.” This provision does not expressly prohibit noncitizens from voting. The proposed amendment adds language to provide that only United States citizens may vote in elections in the State of Idaho.

Statements FOR the Proposed Amendment

1. This constitutional amendment is needed to clarify that United States citizenship is a requirement for eligibility to vote in Idaho elections because the current language does not expressly prohibit noncitizens from voting. The proposed amendment will ensure that individuals who are not citizens of the United States do not vote in any government election in the State of Idaho.
2. The amendment is also needed to clarify that the right to vote shall not be granted in the future to individuals who are not citizens of the United States. Noncitizens have been granted the right to vote in some local elections across the United States. Legislation to expand voting to noncitizens has been considered in other states and cities in the United States.
3. Allowing noncitizens to vote in Idaho elections could lead to concerns regarding election integrity and allow for foreign influence in Idaho elections. The proposed constitutional amendment will protect the State of Idaho from such issues.

Statements AGAINST the Proposed Amendment

1. The proposed constitutional amendment is not needed because United States citizenship is currently required for participation in Idaho elections. Under current law, the Idaho Secretary of State requires citizenship and proof of residency with respect to individuals who register to vote, and it is a felony for an individual to provide false information on an Idaho voter registration form. Additionally, federal statute provides that it is a crime for a noncitizen to vote in any federal election.
2. Election fraud involving voting or attempts to vote by noncitizens is not a significant issue in Idaho. Adding additional language to the Idaho Constitution in an effort to solve a problem that is not occurring could inadvertently create new problems or add an additional barrier to registering to vote by new citizens and state residents.
3. The proposed amendment undermines local control of local elections. The amendment would foreclose any opportunity in the future for the Idaho Legislature or local governments in Idaho to authorize noncitizens to vote in certain elections that might directly affect their interests.

Amendment Text

Section 2. QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTORS. Every male or female citizen of the United States, eighteen years old, who has resided in this state, and in the county where he or she offers to vote for the period provided by law, if registered as provided by law, is a qualified elector. No person who is not a citizen of the United States shall be a qualified elector in any election held within the state of Idaho.
09/25;10/16,10/23/2024

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.

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

From page 1

✓ Homecoming: Coronation set for Friday

The royal court will be featured and king and queen named at 6:30 p.m., on Friday before the Trojans’ varsity football game against Payette (kickoff 7 p.m.) at Deward Bell Stadium.

Other home athletic events this week include the volleyball teams playing host to Emmett and the girls’ soccer squad’s

Senior Night against Parma, both on Thursday.

Saturday’s dance, themed “Rock and Roll,” will be held from 8 p.m., to 11 p.m.

Powder puff football will be played at 6:30 p.m., today at the stadium. After the game, the student body will embark on the Snake Dance and arrive back at the stadium for the

traditional bonfire.

Freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors will also finish up their float building in preparation for Thursday’s parade.

Trojans assistant football coach Terry Moore and his wife Donna are the grand marshals for this year’s parade, which will start at 2:50 p.m.,

on Thursday.

Prior to the parade, the students will represent their respective classes in competitions inside the gymnasium. The competitions spanning from 12:45 p.m., to 2:30 p.m., include boys’ volleyball, a football relay, tug-o-war, and a dance competition.

Dress-up themes continue today and Thursday with “Anything But a Backpack”

and Spirit Day (wear red and white), respectively.

Students spent Friday decorating their halls in another part of the class competition.

Seniors — Cafeteria hall

Juniors — Staff lounge hall

Sophomores — Math wing

Freshmen — Old science wing in the annex building

Dress-up themes earlier this week were PJ Day on Monday and Camo Day on Tuesday.



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✓ **Pact:** Councilman asks sheriff about lack of response on particular call

expecting dedicated coverage within the town’s boundaries. Kendrick explained to Even that the proposed 42-hour workweek, which would include 10 hours of city code enforcement, is a way to extend a policy he had when he was a patrol deputy.

“I made it a point to have my tires touch every piece of pavement in the city,” Kendrick said. “You have a law enforcement presence to keep crime at bay.” Kendrick said that without a contract, the city would be patrolled by the agency’s “west

end” deputy, who would have to reconcile Marsing coverage with duties in the Homedale area, Givens and elsewhere. But, Even pointed out, that under the current contract there are times when Marsing doesn’t have immediate response from a deputy. Even told Kendrick he had reported a suspicious vehicle in his neighborhood on a Saturday in August and received no contact from OCSO.

“Any way you’re going to fix the disconnect between dispatch and patrol?” Even asked.

Kendrick told the councilman, a former OCSO deputy currently with the Malheur County Sheriff’s Office, that Owyhee patrol personnel doesn’t follow up with reporting parties on all calls.

“One incidence doesn’t mean there’s a disconnect,” Kendrick said. “But we’ll look into it. We don’t have a history of (the call).”

The sheriff asked the councilman if he called dispatch supervisor Paula Rhodes or Kendrick or patrol Sgt. Lynn Bowman to which Even said that he was calling as a citizen not a city councilman. Even

added that the average citizen doesn’t know the protocol of contacting the OCSO hierarchy if they don’t get the service they expect.

Kendrick followed up on the issue Friday by sending a response to Even via City Clerk and Treasurer Jolyn Thompson because he didn’t have the councilman’s email address. The sheriff CC’d the rest of the Marsing City Council and The Owyhee Avalanche, too.

Kendrick explained the Aug. 3 call, which was received at 9:41 a.m., wasn’t covered for 10 hours for myriad reasons.

For starters, the town’s deputy had the day off.

OCSO’s “west-end” deputy, Phillip Overlin, had responded to a child abuse case at the same time Even made his call for service. Subsequently, Kendrick wrote, Overlin was called to a fatal motorcycle accident on Idaho highway 78, a 911 hang-up, and two injury accidents. A drunk driving incident connected to one of the crashes also tied up two other deputies.

Deputies responded to the report on Morning Dove Way at 7:14 p.m.

“The vehicle was gone upon

their arrival, and they cleared the call,” Kendrick wrote. “As you know, our deputies do not contact reporting parties on this type of call unless the reporting party specifically requests a call back.”

Kendrick said the DUI and string of accidents were calls of higher priority than the suspicious vehicle report.

“The large call volume we experienced that day isn’t typical, but it does happen from time to time,” Kendrick wrote. “By necessity, we have to prioritize calls according to severity. We strive to provide the best service we can, but we are also not infallible.”

In his response, Even wrote that Marsing’s council and citizens share his concerns, which stretch back three OCSO administrations.

“Numerous citizens of Marsing have complained to the City about the lack of attention, concern, and follow-up regarding calls for service to the sheriff’s office,” Even wrote. “My experience is just one of many.”

Even also took exception with Kendrick’s assertion that the councilman should know how OCSO handles calls.

“I will say this: In 25 years of law enforcement, 99 percent of the time, I have always contacted the reporting party as it is part of doing a proper and complete investigation into the call, performing ‘due diligence.’” Even wrote.

“I can understand a large volume of calls, but a 10-hour response time seems excessive, by any standard.”

The council tabled the contract once again, with Even saying he needed “time to think about it.”

“People are under the assumption that the City of Marsing ‘needs’ a contract for law enforcement services,” the councilman wrote in his response to Kendrick. “It does not, in fact, need the contract, which has always been in contention, since its inception.”

Even continued that, by nature, there will be people on either side of the issue who analyze how the contract is fulfilled. But, he wrote, that’s not the important factor.

“What the citizens need is law enforcement that does its job, in a competent and complete manner, without excuses, without having to be directed to do so, by the person requesting assistance,” he wrote.

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