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Lawmakers fight to repay LU, Joyce for sacrifice

House proclamation would urge Constitutional Defense Fund reimbursement

Two Owyhee County ranchers who won a stock water rights fight against the U.S. government may finally get some semblance of support from their state government.

Tim Lowry and Paul Nettleton were saddled with a \$1 million legal bill after their 2007 Idaho Supreme Court victory affirmed that the federal government couldn't

hold a water right because it was unable to put the water to beneficial use for lack of owning livestock.

The men mortgaged their ranches to pay their legal

fees. The fees were negotiated down, through their own hard work and donations from peers and supporters, the debt has been whittled to about \$300,000 for each party.

But pleas for the state to contribute relief through the Constitutional Defense Council Fund have gone unheeded.

This week, though, Dist. 23B Rep. Megan Blanksma

— See *LU/Joyce*, page 5A



The Homedale High School cheer team practices its show routine in the old gymnasium. Mindy Padilla (left), Taiz Cardenas (middle), and Austyn Kerbs show off their flexibility.

Homedale's cheer squad muscles into state contest



The Homedale High School cheer team practices the pom routine on March 6 in the high school's old gymnasium. The team is preparing for the second state competition in school history on Friday in Nampa. They are led here by team captain Alex Muir (front, second from left).

Coach: Boys are crucial to second trip in school history

The Homedale High School cheer team is making its second trip to the Dance and Cheer State Championship.

The Trojans are part of the afternoon session, which begins after 3:30 p.m. on Friday at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa

The morning session will see Class 2A and 4A teams competing. Homedale and its

— See *Cheer*, page 9A

A century of ministry

Marsing Nazarene church celebrates 100 years Sunday

A special service Sunday will mark 100 years of ministry for the Marsing Church of the Nazarene.

Pastor Bill O'Connor invites to public to attend the commemorative service, which will begin at 10 a.m. at the church, 12 S. 2nd Ave. W., in Marsing. Services are still held in the original permanent church building, which was built in 1919.

Several aspects of the service will address the centennial,

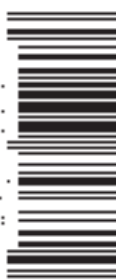
including a video presentation of the church's 100-year history, and the opportunity for church members and their friends to "Dress Through the Decades" by wearing costumes from any decade between 1918 and 2018.

The district superintendent of the Intermountain District of the Church of the Nazarene, J. Scott Shaw, will impart a special message.

— See *Century*, page 10A



The Marsing Church of the Nazarene as it looked in 1922. The neighborhood has changed, but worshippers still gather in the building each week.



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Voters will see only one county race in May 15 primary

Bert Brackett, Christy Zito challenged in Dist. 23 primary; no Dems file

There will be only one contested race for county office in the Republican primary election.

No Democrats filed for any of the available positions, so — barring any write-in candidates coming forward — the May 15 election for Owyhee County Assessor between appointee Toni Gruenwald and challenger James Ferdinand will decide who serves for the next four years.

Gruenwald was elevated from chief deputy to county assessor in November when Brett Endicott retired. Currently Marsing’s mayor, Ferdinand formerly worked in the assessor’s office.

The rest of the county elections will be cut and dry:

- **District 1 commissioner** — Incumbent Jerry Hoagland (R-Wilson) is the only person who has filed for the two-year term.
- **District 3 commissioner** — Joe Merrick, another Republican incumbent, is unopposed, and the office carries a four-year term this time around.
- **Clerk** — Incumbent Angie Barkell is unopposed.
- **Coroner** — Aaron Tines is unopposed and will seek a full four-year term.
- **Treasurer** — Appointee

Annette Dygert, who took over from Brenda Richards last year, is unopposed.

There are no contested races for GOP central committee precinct positions either:

- **North Homedale** — Robin Aberasturi
- **South Homedale** — Lena P. Winchester
- **North Marsing** — Lavada Loucks
- **South Marsing** — Endicott
- **Pleasant Valley** — Teresa Kershner
- **Wilson** — Hoagland
- **Murphy** — Richards
- **Oreana** — Lorna Steiner
- **Grand View** — Marie Hipwell
- **Bruneau** — Sidney Erwin
- **Three Creek** — Todd Jones

While no Democrats have filed for county elected offices, five precinct committee candidates will appear on the ballot in uncontested races:

- **North Marsing** — Rosalyn Alambra
- **South Marsing** — James D. Pease
- **Wilson** — Laura Coontz
- **Murphy** — Karen Steenhof
- **Bruneau** — Dale W. Hooley

District 23

Rogerson Republican Bert Brackett, the Dist. 23 state Senate incumbent, will face a primary challenge from Mountain Home resident Mark Rhatigan.



Former county assessor’s office employee James Ferdinand (left) has officially thrown his hat into the ring to challenge appointed Assessor Toni Gruenwald. Both spoke at last month’s Lincoln Day luncheon in Marsing.



Homedale’s Oscar Evans previously announced his intention to challenge House of Representatives Seat A incumbent Christy Zito of Hammett.

Dist. 23B Rep. Megan Blanksma is running uncontested.

No one filed to seek the Democratic Party nomination for any of the District 23 Idaho Legislature seats.

State races

Outgoing U.S. Rep. Raúl Labrador (R-Idaho) is among seven people seeking the GOP gubernatorial nomination to succeed C. L. “Butch” Otter.

- **Republican Party** — Tommy Ahlquist, Eagle; Harley Delano Brown, Nampa; Dalton Ben Cannady, Boise; Labrador, Boise; Lt. Gov. Brad Little, Emmett; Lisa Marie, Boise; and Steve Pankey, Twin Falls
- **Democratic Party** — A.J. Balukoff, Boise; Peter Dill,

Emmett; and Paulette Jordan, Plummer

- **Constitution Party** — Walter L. Bayes, Letha
- **Libertarian Party** — Bev “Angel” Boeck, Boise

With Little seeking the office of governor, eight individuals have come forward to vie for lieutenant governor, including six Republicans.

- **Republican Party** — Rebecca W. Arnold, Boise; Marv Hagedorn, Meridian; Janice McGeachin, Idaho Falls; Bob Nonini, Coeur d’Alene; Kelley Packer, McCammon; and Steve Yates, Boise
- **Democratic Party** — Kristin Collum, Boise; and Jim Fabe, Sun Valley

Two Boiseans — Joseph J.P. Chastain and Jill Humble will seek the Democratic nomination for secretary of state and the right to challenge incumbent — and lone Republican in the field — Lawrence E. Denney of Midvale.

Brandon D. Woolf (R-Boise)

is the only person to have filed for state controller

There are only Boise Republicans seek the state treasurer post, including Julie A. Ellsworth, Tom Kealey and Vicky J. McIntyre, with Ron Crane not seeking another term.

Former Owyhee County prosecuting attorney Lawrence Wasden, a Nampa resident, is seeking another term as attorney general. He will see a general election challenge from Boise Democrat Bruce S. Bistline.

Superintendent of Public Schools incumbent Sherri Ybarra of Mountain Home will see a primary challenge from Jeff Dillon of Wilder. Allen Humble of Boise and Cindy Wilson of Meridian will seek the Democratic nomination.

There also are affirmation votes for judges on the state Supreme Court, state Appellate and Third District benches.

Congress

There are a slew of candidates wanting to succeed Labrador in the First Congressional District:

- **Constitution Party** — Pro-Life, Letha
- **Democratic Party** — Christina McNeil, Boise; Michael W. Smith, Post Falls; James Vandermaas, Eagle
- **Republican Party** — Russ Fulcher, Meridian; Alex Gallegos, Nampa; Nick Henderson, Post Falls, David H. Leroy, Boise; Luke Malek, Coeur d’Alene; Christy Perry, Nampa; and Michael Snyder, Bonners Ferry
- **Libertarian Party** — W. Scott Howard, Post Falls

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County officials appeal to residents’ pride in property

Folks urged
to clean up
cluttered lots

With spring around the corner, Owyhee County officials are urging residents to clean up their properties.

“Owyhee County is too beautiful to turn it into a junkyard,” a notice from the county’s Community Development Department says. “We need your help to clean it up.”

The legal notice appears in this week’s edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

Residents are asked to clear their properties of trash, scrap materials, non-running vehicles, and “all other forms of debris and rubbish,” according to the notice.

The Community Development Department, which is headed up by Mary Huff, will identify properties in need of attention, and the respective landowners will be contacted directly.

But both Huff and District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi (R-Homedale) point out that this is not meant

to be a punitive campaign. “Take pride in your home and property, and clean it up, and if you’re not physically able to do that, give the county a call,” Aberasturi said.

Anyone aware of properties that need attention is asked to call the Community Development Department at (208) 495-2095, ext. 2.

Huff and Aberasturi also wanted to let folks know that the solid waste fee paid on Owyhee County property taxes provides the opportunity to dump trash at Pickles Butte Landfill in Canyon County for free. There is a maximum tonnage per year that Owyhee County residents can dump for free at Pickles Butte, both pointed out.

Aberasturi said the county would like to see neighbors working together to help out those who may have problem properties.

The call to clean was issued after county commissioners received numerous complaints about properties throughout Owyhee.

Aberasturi said he has fielded phone calls about properties in the Homedale-Marsing, and he said District

3 Commissioner Joe Merrick has heard complaints from the Bruneau-Grand View area. Few complaints, if any, have been made to District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland, Aberasturi said.

“We’re getting tremendous complaints, and it’s the responsibility of the homeowner to take care of their own property,” Aberasturi said. “It puts the county in a bad position when we get complaints all the time because some neighbors have neighbors who not taking care of their property.”

The commissioner, who lives in rural Homedale, admits he has a property that he has been tidying as well.

“I want to be an example,” he said.

Aberasturi likened creating a junk-filled property to the act of theft in regards to what it does to neighboring property values.

“If you’re one of those who’s not keeping your property clean, you’re actually stealing from your neighbor by devaluing their property,” Aberasturi said. “You don’t have the right to do that.”

County officials are

focused on rural residential subdivisions, Aberasturi said. But other rural residents who have “bone yards” to make repairs on agricultural equipment are asked to tidy up and shield their collections from neighbors, if possible or necessary.

Although Aberasturi said the county doesn’t relish taking legal action against nuisance properties, there is protocol on the books to do so.

- Property owners with cluttered lots will first receive a letter of warning from the county.

- If no abatement action is taken, another letter is issued by the prosecutor attorney’s office.

- If the property isn’t cleaned after receipt of the attorney’s letter, the county can take action to clean it up and charge the property owner.

- If the property owner doesn’t pay the cleanup bill, the county then can place a tax lien for the amount of the project.

Aberasturi said throughout a process like this, the county will monitor the property. If there is evidence of progress, he said, the county most likely will not take subsequent steps.

“We absolutely don’t want to use the heavy hand of government because that’s not the way to do things,” Aberasturi said.

— JPB

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Under the Shadow of Owyhees an over-the-top success

Under the Shadow of the Owyhees musical benefit chair Janet McCornack (middle, top row) stands with the Ballet Folklorico Mexico Lindo dancers after the third annual fundraiser on Sunday, March 4 inside the First Presbyterian Church in Homedale. Concertgoers brought 93 cans of food for the El-Ada Community Action Partnership Owyhee County food pantry and raised \$310 for the Homedale municipal swimming pool. Submitted photo

Public meeting looks at Homedale zoning

Community members have another chance tonight to discuss the future growth in the Homedale area.

The Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a second public meeting on how to zone the area of impact for future use.

The open house-style public meeting is set to start at 6:30 p.m., inside the magistrate courtroom, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

The monthly city council meeting precedes the zoning public meeting. According to the Homedale City Council agenda, council members are scheduled to meet at 7:30 p.m. with the P&Z commission to discuss the current and future impacts of zoning decisions.

The preceding council meeting appears to be routine with the usual departmental reports the only items on tap.

Although the joint meeting is the first official meeting of the minds between the county P&Z board and the Homedale City Council, Mayor Gheen Christoffersen and first-term City Councilman Mike Aebischer met with P&Z

commissioners to discuss the ideas earlier.

Tonight’s public meeting will feature a map outlining a proposed residential rezone of the city’s area of impact north of Pioneer Road and west of U.S. Highway 95. Similar zone changes from multi-use to residential are proposed south of Pioneer and east of U.S. 95 and in an area north of Idaho highway 19 between the city limits and Johnstone Road.

A proposed county zoning ordinance revision to allow subdivisions if a residential zone is adopted also will be available for review at the meeting.

County Community Development Department administrator Mary Huff said the map merely depicts ideas and that there is nothing formally planned.

Copies of the current zoning maps and proposals can be reviewed at the P&Z office inside the county courthouse annex, 17069 Basey St., in Murphy.

Similar public processes are planned for Marsing and other areas of the county.

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Correction
An article about the Homedale High School play in the March 7 edition misidentified the title of the play as “The Quest for Camelot.” The actual title was “The Quest for Excalibur.”

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New Homedale business offers accounting help
Owner Susan Woodward stands out front of First Class Office at 102 W. Idaho Ave., in Homedale. Woodward opened the business in January, specializing in bookkeeping and assisting with tax preparation. There is also a notary public available. The store is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and during the weekend by appointment.

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✓ LU/Joyce: Dist. 23’s Blanksma says repayment “right thing to do”

(R-Hammett) is scheduled to introduce a proclamation urging the Constitutional Defense Council to help the owners of LU Ranching Co. and Joyce Livestock Co., pay down the debt.

Blanksma told The Owyhee Avalanche that she planned to introduce the proclamation into the House Ways and Means Committee on Tuesday after the newspaper’s press time.

“The plan is to send it to the second reading, so with any luck we should have it through the House by the end of the week,” Blanksma said Monday.

The proclamation points out that the Constitutional Defense Fund was established to uphold Idaho’s sovereignty, which is what the LU Ranching-Joyce Livestock victory did.

Dist. 23A Rep. Christy Zito has been working with Fred Kelly Grant to draft a concurrent resolution demanding reimbursement for the two ranchers.

A concurrent resolution would have to pass both the House and Senate.

Meanwhile, Blanksma’s proclamation won’t be subject to a vote in the Senate and would only be published in the Legislative Journal

— rather than the session laws — if passed.

“The reason for using a proclamation was to support the reimbursement of the Joyce and LU attorney’s fees from the Constitutional Defense Fund rather than demand it,” Blanksma said.

“It represents an effort (to) convince the members of the Constitutional Defense Fund board that a vote for this reimbursement is the right thing to do.”

The Constitutional Defense Fund board is comprised of House Speaker Scott Bedke (R-Oakley), Senate Pro-Tem Brent Hill (R-Rexburg), Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, and Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter.

Blanksma said Bedke feels compelled to recuse himself from the vote because, as a rancher, he has benefitted from the court decision.

Bedke’s expected recusal makes the vote margin slim if the Constitutional Defense Fund board takes up the issue.

“To spend Constitutional Defense Fund monies, there must be a majority vote, and that means we need everyone on board in this case,” Blanksma said.

— JPB

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Veggie bar, fruit bar, and choice of milk and juice available daily

March 14: **Breakfast:** Fruit & grain bar, string cheese, pears **Lunch:** Spaghetti, green beans

March 15: **Breakfast:** Cinn. pull-apart, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken patty sandwich, coleslaw, brownie

March 19: **Breakfast:** Choc chip muffin, string cheese, peaches **Lunch:** Hot dog, baby carrots, macaroni & cheese

March 20: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes/gravy

March 21: **Breakfast:** Blueberry bash, mini waffles, string cheese, pears **Lunch:** Chicken taco, corn

Homedale Middle

Fruit & salad bar, choice of milk and juice available each day

March 14: **Breakfast:** Muffin or cereal, string cheese, pears **Lunch:** Spaghetti or corn dog, green beans

March 15: **Breakfast:** Cinn UBR or cereal, yogurt, peaches **Lunch:** Calzone or PB&J sandwich, tossed salad, brownie

March 19: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or cereal, fresh apple **Lunch:** Crispito or PB&J sandwich, taco salad

March 20: **Breakfast:** Waffle sticks or cereal, yogurt, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Hamburger or chicken patty, potato wedges, fruit roll up

March 21: **Breakfast:** Muffin or cereal, string cheese, pears **Lunch:** Beef taco or chicken taco, corn

Homedale High

Salad, fruit choice and choice of milk and juice available daily

March 14: **Breakfast:** Breakfast plate or French toast sticks or cereal, yogurt **Lunch:** Chicken tender, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll or corn dog w/tater tots

March 15: **Breakfast:** Donut holes or rolled taco or cereal, string cheese **Lunch:** Spicy chicken sandwich or cheeseburger, potato wedges

March 19: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick or breakfast burrito or cereal, yogurt **Lunch:** Pepp. pizza ripper or deli sandwich w/chips

March 20: **Breakfast:** Bagel w/cream cheese or breakfast sandwich or cereal, yogurt **Lunch:** Chicken taco or pizza hot pocket, corn

March 21: **Breakfast:** Breakfast casserole or mini pancakes or cereal, yogurt **Lunch:** Pork chop, dinner roll or meatloaf sandwich, roasted finger potatoes

Marsing Elementary

Veggie bar, fruit bar and choice of milk available each day

March 14: Lasagna, garlic bread, green beans or PB&J, green beans, jell-o

March 15: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, buttered corn or PB&J, buttered corn

March 19: Corndog, steamed carrots or PB&J, steamed carrots, snicker doodle cookie

March 20: Spaghetti & meatballs, green beans or PB&J, green beans

March 21: Enchiladas & rice, sweet potatoes or PB&J, sweet potatoes

Marsing Middle/High

Veggie bar, fruit bar and choice of milk available each day

March 14: Lasagna, garlic bread, green beans, jell-o

March 15: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, buttered corn

March 19: Corndog, steamed carrots or orange chicken & rice, steamed carrots, snicker doodle cookie

March 20: Spaghetti & meatballs, green beans or chicken parmesan, green beans

March 21: Enchiladas & rice, sweet potatoes

Bruneau/Grand View

Milk and fruit offered daily

March 14: **Breakfast:** Biscuit & gravy **Lunch:** Nachos, whole wheat tortilla chips, refried beans/salsa, corn

March 15: **Breakfast:** Bagel & cream cheese **Lunch:** Corn dog, tots, baby carrots

March 19: **Breakfast:** French toast **Lunch:** Chicken & noodles, tossed romaine salad, steamed carrots, whole wheat roll (Rimrock)

March 20: **Breakfast:** Breakfast wrap **Lunch:** Chicken strips, mashed potatoes/gravy, steamed broccoli, whole wheat roll

March 21: **Breakfast:** PB&J **Lunch:** Bean & beef burrito, romaine & tomato, corn

COSSA

Milk and fruit daily

March 14: Chicken sandwich, tots, salad

March 15: Pizza or PB&J, salad

March 19: Chicken potpie, salad

March 20: S&S chicken, rice, oriental veggies, salad

March 21: Crispito, Spanish rice, beans, salad

Obituaries

Donald Ray Barnhill

Donald Ray Barnhill, 72, of Murphy, Idaho passed away at his home on February 24, 2018.

Don was born in Wichita, Kansas on January 8, 1946. Later he moved with his family to Carlsbad, California. In Don’s high school years, he built and raced cars at the Carlsbad Speedway. He married Diane and had two children, Mike and Jeff.

In the early 1970s, Don moved his family to Buhl, Idaho and purchased his first ranch. Don owned many businesses and ranches through the years, finally settling in Murphy. Later in life he attended Boise State University where he got a degree in archeology, his favorite pastime. He had a passion for antiques, muscle



cars and anything that went fast.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Earnest Ray and Pearl Doraline; his siblings,

Vicki and Roger. He is survived by his two sons, Mike and Jeff (Michelle); grandchildren, Jordan (Bryce) and Tanner (Jestin) and two great-grandchildren, Braxton and DallieJo as well as countless friends.

Don was an extremely hard worker who loved being on the ranch. He was also a great friend and father. He will be missed by many.

The family would like to give special thanks to his friends and neighbors that have helped through this difficult time. No services will be held per Don’s request. The family will, however, have a celebration of life this summer at the ranch. Condolences may be given at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com.

Warren Dale Hartley

Warren Dale Hartley, 60, of Marsing, ID & Battle Mountain, NV entered into rest peacefully at home in Marsing, ID on March 4, 2018. Warren was the baby of 6 children born on February 8, 1958 to Gordon & Barbara Hartley.

Warren spent his early years working on the family farm in Marsing. He later moved to Nevada to pursue his lifelong career working in the drilling industry. He started working for Eklund Drilling Co & continued to for over 20 years before going to Envirotech Drilling where he worked several more years before his retirement.

Warren was truly the type of person who never met a stranger, loved life & especially his own jokes. Warren loved the outdoors & spent his entire life either working or playing outside. He loved everything football, fishing & chukar hunting.



Warren met the love of his life Marla (Gammett) in 2011 & they later married. They enjoyed many adventures together & with their children in the short years they had with each other. Warren was an amazing one-of-a-kind man that left our lives way too soon.

Warren was preceded in

death by his parents, Gordon & Barbara Hartley & sister Lucy Bean.

Warren is survived by his wife Marla, two stepsons, Brody Archer, & Mason Archer, stepdaughter, Chloe Archer, and daughter Kyndra Hartley, sister Peggy Hartley of Nampa, ID, brother-in-law Doug Bean of Kimberly, ID, brother Jay (Jackie) Hartley of Ontario, OR, brother David (Teresa) Hartley of Thomasville, NC, sister Suzie (John) Helm of Fayetteville, AR, in-laws Jeff & Noreen Percifield of Marsing, ID, brother-in-law Jeremiah Gammett of Marsing, ID and numerous family members & friends.

Memorial Services will be held Friday, March 9, 2018 at 1:00pm at the Marsing Legion Hall. Inurnment will follow at the Marsing Homedale Cemetery. Condolences can be given at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar available with each meal:
Lettuce, tomato, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing
Milk available each day

- March 14: Sausage & biscuits w/country gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots
- March 15: Roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli, roll
- March 20: Salisbury steak w/mushrooms & onions, mashed potatoes/gravy, mixed veggies, roll
- March 21: Hot dog on bun, baked potato, spinach
- March 22: Roast pork, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas & carrots, roll
- March 27: Baked ham, baked potato, Calif. blend veggies, roll

Rimrock Senior Center

- All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
- March 15: Corned beef & cabbage, boiled potatoes & carrots, canned fruit, soda bread
 - March 20: Turkey dinner, stuffing, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, pineapple cake, whole wheat roll
 - March 22: Enchilada casserole, corn, Texas coleslaw, apricots, muffins
 - March 27: Lasagna, tossed salad, canned plums, garlic bread

Sources of Strength team spreads positive message

HHS chapter’s Spirit Week welcomes eighth-graders to school

Twins and Super Heroes will roam Homedale High School’s halls during Sources of Strength Spirit Week.

Spirit Week runs Monday through Thursday, March 22.

The school’s Sources of Strength chapter is sponsoring the week of activities, which includes:

• **Twin Day, Monday** — To illustrate the S.O.S. core principle of “Positive Friends,” students are encourage to dress alike with friends and to make new friends.

• **Super Hero Day, Tuesday** — Students will find their “Trusted Adults,” or Super Heroes, and take a selfie.

• **Carnival, next Wednesday** — Promoting “Healthy Activities,” a carnival will be held inside the auxiliary gymnasium with booths staffed

by S.O.S. members. There will be an extended lunch to facilitate time to get everyone involved.

• **Spirit Day, March 22** — The town’s eighth-graders will visit to tour their future school. Current HHS students are asked to show their “Generosity” by reaching out to the incoming freshmen. There also will be an extra-curricular fair.

Nallely Gonzalez is the S.O.S. president this year.

The group has planned positive events throughout the year, including Red Ribbon Week in October and S.O.S. Thankfulness Challenge Week in November.

The Homedale chapter recently received a \$600 grant from the Southwestern Idaho Legacy Organization (SILO).

Death notice

LILLIANINEZ POWERS, 92, of Homedale, died on Thursday, March 8, 2018. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

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Marsing FFA dinner, auction slated Friday

The annual Marsing FFA dinner and auction takes place Friday and caps a busy week for the chapter.

There will be four different types of fundraisers when the benefit event begins at 6 p.m. on Friday inside the Marsing High School Ag shop on 8th Avenue West.

According to an online listing advertising the event,

there will be silent and live auctions, something called a bucket auction and a deck of cards drawing.

According to the Marsing FFA Alumni Facebook page, beef quarters have been donated by Alliance Dairy Service & Supplies and Roth Ag Construction & Equipment.

Other farm and ranch items and services have been donated

as well as camping items:

- 25 pounds each of lawn grass and pasture grass from United Seed Service
- 50 tons of hay grinding from Bill and Denise Lacy
- One ton of wood pellets from Laythe Calloway
- One 4x4 bale of alfalfa hay from Usabel Hay and Usabel Ranch
- Four bags of feed from

Steve Regan Co.
• One ton of alfalfa from Bodie Clapier

There are also non-ag items up for grabs, such as clothing, a tricycle and a bicycle and much more.

Marsing FFA’ers will be in Middleton today for the Treasure Valley District Officer Sifting and Parliamentary Procedure Contest.

Sell it, trade it, find it in the classifieds: 337-4681

Make new kindergarten appointments in Marsing now

Parents of prospective Marsing kindergarteners can make screening appointments now. Marsing Elementary School will hold a pre-registration and Meet the Teacher event on Tuesday, April 10. The event will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the school. Call (208) 649-5411, ext. 4 to make an appointment. Parents must bring their child, a certified copy of their child's birth certificate, and their child's immunization records. Students eligible to enroll in kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year must be 5 years old before Sept. 1.

Calendar

Today

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

Story Time
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Movie time
Noon, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Senior center board meeting
1 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

Christian Life Club after-school program
4 p.m., kindergarteners through sixth-graders, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024 or (208) 337-3464

Marsing Fire Commissioners meeting
7 p.m., Marsing Fire Hall, 303 Main St., Marsing.

Melba school board meeting
5 p.m., district office, 511 Broadway, Melba. (208) 495-1141

Marsing City Council meeting
7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4122

Grand View City Council meeting
6 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2700, noon to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday

Thursday

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

Friday

Story Time
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday

Faith-based support group
2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 455-3660 or songtobe@gmail.com

Teens and Tweens program
4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

Saturday

Free lunch
Noon to 12:30 p.m., First Presbyterian

Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Sunday

100th anniversary service
10 a.m., Marsing Church of the Nazarene, 12 S. 2nd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5256

Monday

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

Faith-based support group
2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 455-3660 or songtobe@gmail.com

Tuesday

Foot clinic
8:30 a.m., \$15, first come, first served, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Crochet club
10 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

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

After-school program
2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 845-2019

Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire meeting
7 p.m., Wilson Fire Station, 10427 Johnston Lane, Wilson.

Wednesday

Parent-teacher conferences
7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4033

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GV Chamber of Commerce meeting
5:30 p.m., Grand View Fire Station, 721 Roosevelt St., Grand View.

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Making home ready for long-term care

We have had the opportunity to discuss preparing for the caregiving conversation with not only aging parents, but the members of your family that will be a part of the team that will care for them as you look towards the future and having the options for long-term care covered.



We have also discussed being prepared financially for the costs that will arise throughout this process and how you can prepare for these through different methods as well.

The last thing that we should discuss is making the home more elder-friendly, and these are things that can be managed and handled over time, starting now.

Because we have covered the fact that roughly 80 percent of elder adults want to “age in place,” meaning they would like to remain in the home where they currently reside (or in the home of a loved one), even after they are unable to personally care for themselves, this means that you need to ensure that the home will be adequate to meet their aging needs. Many adjustments can be made to the existing home to upgrade it or at least make it more functional. Not considering the home overall can be an issue when you start to think of the ability to be mobile throughout the home as physical capabilities begin to diminish.

You should start by considering where the aging individual will be spending the majority of their time in the home — where is their bedroom located, where is their room in relation to a bathroom or cooking and eating facilities.

Some options to consider:

- **Curbless showers.** A bathroom floor that continues straight into a walk-in shower

without anything to step over is something that could greatly help the ability of someone with limited mobility options. Depending on the option selected in relation to the current structure of the bathroom, this could run between \$500 and \$1,250 to complete.

- **Widened doorways.** When thinking of long-term living, think of having the ability for a walker or wheelchair to fit through doorways both into and throughout the home. The costs can vary greatly on this option, especially when you consider if it is just doorways, or entire hallways that would need to be widened.

- **Simple upgrades.** Even easy changes can help go a long way, such as lever-style doorknobs that can be easier to handle, especially if someone had gripping issues. There are many different minute details that can be altered throughout the home, and depending on your personal Do-It-Yourself ability, could be a range in prices to complete.

Having an idea of things that can be done in the future to make their home (or whatever home they will eventually reside in) more functional, can help ease the transition and ensure that their comfort is a breeze.

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Solving problems through innovation

HMS Invention Convention reveals students' ideas

Homedale fifth-graders got a chance to show off their ingenuity during a special night at the middle school.

The Invention Convention served as a culminating project for every student at that grade level, fifth-grade teacher Debby Turner said.

Community members were able to check out several projects March 5 at the school.

The multi-faceted project involved innovative thinking and problem-solving as the students worked to create an invention to solve an everyday problem, Turner said.

"Then the students wrote a creative 'pitch' as to why their invention was so important, created a prototype of their invention, and had a fun time presenting their project to onlooking parents and family," Turner said.

Fifth-grader James Mitchell came away from the project with a new understanding that innovations do not have to be complex.

"I learned how intelligent people can be and how simple inventions can be," James said.

Some students thrived during last week's presentation finale.

"I liked telling people how my invention worked and it made me feel like a true inventor," fifth-grader Diego Vega said.

Some of the inventions included:

- **No Stress Mail Box** — A device pulls the mail as you open the box. This stops from having to reach into the dark mailbox where spiders may be lurking.

- **The Perfect Shot** — Inventors Luke Henry and McCoy Swallow designed a device that photographs a basketball player's three-point shot and offers on how to improve his or her shot.

- **Spur It** — A device developed by Breken Frank and Cruz Bullard to help stop feet from getting stuck in a bucking chute.

- **Bubble Writing Pen** — The invention, a k a the BW Pen, was developed by Gwen Parker.

- **Automatic Dog Waterer** — Developed by Kayci Breshears and Kenzi Buckley

- **Easy Feed** — A lever-operated feeding machine invented by Tayler Trout.

- **Take Apart Car** — Evelyn Koon's toy for all ages

- **Cake Constructor** — Hector Bedolla's device to cut cakes into even-sized pieces.

Caden Layne was able to recycle an old idea into a new one.

"The Invention Convention was amazing because we got to choose our inventions," Caden said. "I learned that I can take an old invention and turn it into a new one."

"We were told to use things around our house like trash or anything you can get your



Andres Macias demonstrates how his Dragon Claw helps with rock climbing.

hands on. I liked that." Students were educated on the process of protecting their ideas, too.

"The Invention Convention was fun and informational," Talia Eells said. "Many kids had really creative ideas and great pitches to share."

"During this whole process we learned some new things like what a logo, pitch, and a patent is. I would love to do it again."

The fifth-graders also embraces the idea of reusing products.

"One reason I really liked the Invention Convention is because of the innovative thinking," Carson Bingham said. "It was fun yet educational to 'think outside the box' with everyday household objects."



Above: A curious student checks out the No Stress Mail Box that allows folks to pull out letters and bills rather than reaching into the dark. Below: Kayce Breshears and Kenzi Buckley stand in front of their invention that automatically waters your pets. Submitted photos



A knighting on Senior Night

King Arthur, played by HHS junior Jon Slawson, knights Lancelot (Ricky Soto), while Arlette (Leah Patton) and Merlin (Wyatt James) look on. The Homedale Drama Club performed "A Quest for Excalibur" on Thursday and Friday at the high school's old gymnasium. Friday was Senior Night for the club, as adviser DeAnn Thatcher said goodbye to two senior performers and 12 set personnel.



North county CWMA announces spray day details

Property owners and producers will be able to fight puncture vine with free chemical again this year.

The Northwest Owyhee Cooperative Management Area (NOCWMA) held its first meeting of the year last Wednesday in Marsing.

Free batches of Chlorsulfuron will be distributed on Saturday, April 14. The first dispersal will take place from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., in Marsing.

After a lunch break, NOCWMA officials will distribute chemical at the Owyhee Fairgrounds from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Only certified containers can be filled. Organizers will not fill milk jugs.

NOCWMA board member Paddy Doyle said he will lead a class on how to handle the chemical prior to the Marsing distribution.

In addition to setting the spray day date, the NOCWMA board also held elections. There were no changes to the

current assignments.

Doyle and Kent Curtis will continue as co-chairs. Elmon Thompson and Tim Volk are other board members.

The next NOCWMA board meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4.

Other meeting dates were also set last week. All meetings start at 6 p.m.:

- May 2
- June 6
- September 5
- October 3
- December 5



North Owyhee Cooperative Weed Management Area board co-chairs Paddy Doyle (left) and Kent Curtis look over paperwork prior to last Wednesday's meeting.



Curious with Curious George

Lavena Fogg, 2, is engrossed in the story "Equal Shmequal," by Virginia Kroll, as read by Idaho Public Television's Cindy Lunte during Friday's Story Time, which included a visit from Curious George. Lavena attended Story Time with her grandmother Stacey Hergersheimer of Homedale and is the daughter of Brittany and Aidan Fogg.

Three Creek's trip to capital creates educational opportunity

Deputy Secretary of State offers to bring robotics to Three Creek

Three Creek School students could be learning robotics in the near future.

A delegation of school children from the southeast corner of Owyhee County visited the Idaho Statehouse on March 2 and met the Secretary of State Lawrence Denny and Deputy Secretary of State Chad Houck.

Accompanied by teacher

Dena Pollock, who is in her sixth year at Three Creek, the students were in Boise to explain the advantages of mastery education.

While presenting their essays in Denny's office, the children were invited to implement a robotics program at the school.

"Deputy Secretary Houck coaches a robotics team (the High Voltage Couch Bananas

from Eagle) and is willing to bring them to the school to mentor our students," Three Creek classroom assistant Tammie Jones said.

"This is a great opportunity for the students."

Jones lives in Murphy's Hot Springs.

The Three Creek School Board is comprised of chairman Gus Brackett from Crawfish Ranch, Art Small from Murphy's Hot Springs, and David Severe from Devil Creek Ranch.

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✓ Cheer: Team reaches state meet for second time in past three seasons

Class 3A counterparts, and the 5A championships will be held in the afternoon.

This year's HHS team will compete with both its co-ed show and pom routine.

The Trojans finished fifth in show and seventh in pom in 2015, which marked the first state championships appearance in the HHS program's history.

Overall, this is the team's second trip to state out of three appearances in the district competition.

"Making it to State means the world to the world to me," second-year head coach Jessie Kerbs said. "We have three seniors that were part of (the last group that went to State)."

This is Kerbs' sixth year overall with the team. She assisted Wendy Aberasturi prior to taking over the helm.

The Kerbs name should be familiar to those who have followed Homedale cheer over the past few years.

Jessie's eldest daughter,



Homedale's state-qualifying cheer team. **Front row, from left:** Taiz Cardenas, Tina Guzman, Mindy Padilla, Julia Correa, Payton Kerbs, and Austyn Kerbs; **Middle row, from left:** Brenda Cortez, Ashlyn Miller, Alex Muir, Maggie Johnson, and Lizzy Schamber; **Back row, from left:** Ember Christensen, Joseph Zamudio, Josh Conkwright, Lindy Pharris, and Ricky Soto.

Taylor, was on the team before graduating in 2016. Two younger daughters, Payton and Austyn, are on the current team.

Homedale's cheer team will be one of two teams representing 3A District III at State, joining Weiser. The Wolverines will compete in

the all-girl show, sideline, and pom categories.

This year, the Homedale team is utilizing an advantage they've rarely used in the past.

There are three boys on the squad. Joseph Zamudio, Ricky Soto, and Josh Conkwright are providing a little muscle for the show routine.

"Having the guys on our team this year has given us a lot more throwing power in our stunts," Jessie Kerbs said. "They've also added a different dynamic to the squad. I wish we'd had them this whole time."

Kerbs believes the team will be successful and would appreciate support from the community.

"You can expect to see these kids to leave it all on the mat," she said. "They are driven to place at State, and they would love everyone's support."

The coach has enjoyed all her time with this year's team. She made it clear that coaching the cheer team takes a lot of energy and time commitment. She believes it has been worth it.

"This has been such an amazing journey with these kids," Kerbs said. — TK

From page 1A

✓ Century: Special music, special message to mark centennial celebration

Dave Mangum and Friends, a group of musicians from Nampa First Church of the Nazarene, will provide special music for the service.

Originally known as the Claytonia Christian Church, the 100-year-old congregation was started by the James L. and Annie Maxwell family when they operated a Sunday School and Bible study in their Claytonia home. A short time later, with volunteer labor from neighbors, a schoolhouse was built on the family’s property. The school building was also used for worship services, and the Clayton Christian Church was formed.

Desiring to unite with a larger body of believers, contact was made with Northwest Nazarene College and what was then the Idaho-Oregon District of the Church of the Nazarene. An organizational service was held on March 17, 1918. N. B. Harrell, District Superintendent of the Idaho-Oregon District, spoke that morning and organized a Nazarene church in the evening.

There were 10 charter members.

Miss Olive M. Winchester, Northwest Nazarene College vice president, held Sunday services until a pastor could be obtained.



Both the exterior and the interior of the Marsing Church of the Nazarene have undergone major renovations over the past century.

Lewis E. Hall, a student preacher from the college, was called to be the congregation’s first pastor on May 19, 1918, and he began holding regular Sunday morning and evening services.

On Feb. 23, 1919, plans were laid for a church building, and one was soon constructed on the adjoining E. P. Andrus farm. The building, which cost \$1,823.60 to construct, was completed and dedicated on April 29, 1919.

At the request of the Marsing brothers, the church was moved to the newly created town of Marsing and placed on four donated lots at the church’s present location. A basement was constructed for Sunday School rooms, and the church was set on its new foundation in 1922.

The original building, expanded and remodeled through the years, is still part of the now much larger facility.

Shortly after moving to Marsing a parsonage was constructed nearby, leaving

sufficient room between church and parsonage for the future expansion of the church building. The former parsonage still stands and is in use as a storage annex today.

For several years, pastors were a succession of student preachers from Northwest Nazarene College.

Because few of the students had automobiles of their own, they would ride the Interurban electric trolley car that ran from Nampa through Caldwell, then to Greenleaf and on to Sunny Slope, where the route ended. They would then walk to the Snake River, and cross on the ferry. They were housed with the Maxwell family for the weekend, and then returned to the college by the same route.

The congregation continued to worship in the original frame structure, sitting on hand-built wooden pews that were used until 1975. Gas lamps hung from the ceiling until electricity came to Marsing in 1926.

In 1952, the congregation

broke ground on an extended basement between the church and the parsonage. The basement was roofed and was used as an expanded Sunday School facility with plans to add a future sanctuary on the foundations.

The sanctuary was completed in 1956 finalizing the outer structure of the present-day church.

In the past 60 years, however, the facility has been renovated throughout, including a complete redesign of the sanctuary in 2014.

O’Connor, who has been pastor for for nearly 17 years, said present members have worked hard to bring the building, both exterior and interior, into the 21st century.

They’ve removed old sidewalks and poured fresh concrete, created a memorial garden in place of an old cement slab, repainted twice, re-roofed the entire structure, and twice updated the sanctuary.

An expanded fellowship hall was created in the basement by

jacking up the sanctuary floor, removing a load-bearing wall, and installing a large support beam in its place.

A large outdoor sign was installed, and the current project will see new lighting installed throughout the building.

Virtually every room in the structure has been remodeled or redecorated.

With a view to honoring the past, four of the original wooden pews have been repainted and retained in the basement fellowship area, and some of the pews that replaced them in the 1970s are now used as seating in the adult Sunday School room.

For nearly two decades the church has styled itself “Owyhee County’s Home for Great Gospel Music” and has hosted from four to six gospel concerts each year featuring both local and national performers. Most have been Southern Gospel artists, but the concerts have catered to all musical tastes.

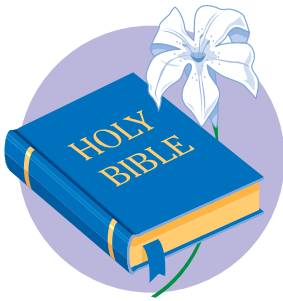
O’Connor is the 29th person to pastor at the church in the past 100 years. He began his ministry in August 2001. His pastorate is the longest in the church’s history, and he is planning on it being even longer.

“We love being here,” he said, “and I’ve found this ministry experience to be the richest and most enjoyable of my 53-year pastoral career.”

O’Connor, his wife, Cheri, and daughter, Kira, are looking forward to continued ministry to what he describes as “a very loving and caring congregation of truly beautiful people who love each other and embrace newcomers with open arms.”

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Owyheean fiddlers performing in Nampa on Saturday

The Junior Jammer Jamboree is making a return to Nampa on St. Patrick’s Day.

Roberta Pearce’s young fiddlers — the Junior Jammers and Little Hoedowners, both of which have Owyhee County talent — will perform at 2 p.m. show inside the Northwest Nazarene University Brandt Center’s Swayne Auditorium on Saturday.

“We are excited to be back in our hometown and working with Northwest Nazarene University,” Pearce said.

Tickets will be sold at the door two hours prior to showtime, and they are available by calling Pearce at (208) 407-2967.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students, and \$6 for children 12 and younger.

Free tickets are also available for nursing home and care center residents. Activity directors can leave a message at (208) 407-2967 or email juniormjammers@aol.com.

Owyhee County fiddlers involved with the troupes include Elliot and Maizy Little, Rylee Loucks, Willie and Brodie White, and Kate, Jessica, Emeline, and Colt Hipwell.

The Junior Jammers will open the show performing a traditional set of fiddle tunes, including “Turkey in

the Straw,” “The Girl I Left Behind Me,” and “Orange Blossom Special.”

The group also will celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with Irish fiddling tunes such as “Rakes of Mallow” and “The Kerry Dance.”

The Jammers’ final set will showcase Texas Swing with “Pan Handle Rag” and “Lily Dale.”

Pearce’s beginning students (ages 4-12) will take the stage as the Little Hoedowners and perform “Boil the Cabbage” and “Boogie Woogie.”

The youngest of the group (ages 5 and younger) will fiddle and sing “Do you know the Muffin Man?”

The show will also have featured guests:

- The Smith Family from Kuna includes parents Daryl and Lori Smith, who grew up playing old-time fiddle music. They have passed this traditional music down to their children. Their 15-year-old daughter, Kierra Smith, placed in the top five of the Swing Division at the National Fiddle contest. Kierra will perform George Strait’s version of the “Milk Cow Blues.”
- Three-time world champion fiddler Katrina Nicolayeff, co-director of the Jammers, will perform her contest-winning round of fiddle tunes. She also will be selling her CDs.

Courthouse report

A list of felony and misdemeanor dispositions recently completed at courtrooms in Murphy and Homedale. Infractions are not included:

March 6

Heiken, Brian Lee, Boise — Misdemeanor DUI and fail to notify authorities of accident upon striking fixtures on highway. 180 days in jail (2 days credit, 178 to be served on work release), 180-day driver’s license suspension, 21 months supervised probation, \$1,253 fines and costs

Morales, Jesus E., Nampa — Misdemeanor driving without privileges (third or subsequent offense). 94 days in jail (94 days credit)

Traubel, Gregory R., Jerome — Misdemeanor DWP. \$350 fines and costs

March 5

Tarantus, Dan, Northridge, Calif. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation: Fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting. \$267 fines and costs

March 1

Gross, Daniel W., Mountain Home — Misdemeanor Fish and Game violation: Hunt protected birds, disturb or destroy eggs or nests. \$465 fines and costs (withheld judgment)

McGinley, Kevin Lee, Boise — Misdemeanor driver’s license or commercial driver’s license violation. \$303 fines and costs

Man who ran over pipe sentenced for DUI

A Boise man will be allowed to serve his jail sentence for drunk driving on work release.

Brian Lee Heiken was arrested Oct. 21 in Grand View after driving over sprinkler pipe and leaving his 2006 Nissan Pathfinder parked in the middle of Idaho highway 78.

On March 6, Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober sentenced Heiken on misdemeanor driving under the influence and failing to notify authorities of a property damage accident.

Heiken received credit for the two days he spent in Owyhee County Jail. He’s able to serve the balance of a six-month sentence on work release.

Heiken is on 21 months supervised probation, and his driver’s license has been suspended for six months.

He also must pay \$1,253 in court costs and fines.

Heiken’s passenger, Heidi Hiatt, entered a guilty plea to a misdemeanor for obstructing a sheriff’s deputy in December and was placed on unsupervised probation for a year. She also had to pay \$350 in costs and fees.

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District 3 crisis center proposal going through changes

County juvenile offenses lower in 2017

During the Owyhee County Commissioners meeting on March 5, Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi gave updates on the status of the District III Crisis Center.

The center, which will be used primarily as a 24-hour processing and holding facility to help combat mental health issues, is set to open by December.

The District III crisis center will be located in Canyon County.

“We’re doing a lot of partnerships with Terry Reilly and Lifeways and the like,” Aberasturi said, speaking Southwest District Health board member. “We’re giving them space in our building, and they’re giving us space in theirs. It’s all free of charge, so we can get more assistance out there in the community.”

The Board of County Commissioners chair, Aberasturi also noted that Southwest District Health

Director Nikole Zogg, who has been spearheading the drive for a crisis center in the district, has made some plan changes.

“All three top positions are completely gone now,” said Aberasturi, who serves on the Behavioral Health Board. “We’re moving those monies now toward nurses and a nurse practitioner, so we can see more people in that realm.”

Aberasturi informed his BOCC colleagues and others in the meeting that all three new crisis centers in the state plan on being opened by the end of the year.

“I will be sitting on the planning board for putting everything together, so I can keep you guys updated,” Aberasturi said. “We’ll let you know what we’re doing.”

County juvenile offenses drop

Owyhee County Court Services revealed the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections-compiled 2017 Juvenile Justice Report last week.

The results of the reports show that

although there was a marked increase in recidivism with juveniles, the overall number of offenses by minors has gone down.

The recidivism rate for juveniles was six percent in 2016, but it ballooned to 25 percent last year.

The total number of offenses, including misdemeanor, felony, and status offenses reported in the county dropped 26.1 percent to 51 in 2017. There were 69 reported in 2016.

The overwhelming number of juvenile detention center intakes were male, a trend that has continued for years. The intake average from 2013 to 2017 was 83 percent males, with 2017 alone being at 87 percent.

Offenders in the 14- to 16-year-old age group accounted for nearly half of all juvenile crimes. More than 30 percent of the offenses were committed by 17-year-olds.

The report also shared the applicable Idaho codes that support the various funding streams for the juvenile justice interests.

One such stream comes from the

cigarette and tobacco tax, which amounts to 5.1746 cents per 20-cigarette pack being appropriated by IDJC and distributed among counties for juvenile probation services.

The county also uses income tax withholding on lottery winnings. According to the Idaho Code, 50 percent of those monies get distributed to the public school income fund to provide substance abuse programs. The other 50 percent is to be utilized for county juvenile probation services.

New tipping station attendant

Jason Hall has been hired on a temporary, part-time basis at \$10 per hour as a solid waste attendant. Hall will work until a full-time person has been hired.

Longtime Homedale tipping station attendant Leroy Ryska has been medically released to work again, but is no longer able to do the physical part of the job, Aberasturi said. He will just be doing the paperwork.

Hall began his position on March 1.

— TK

Malheur wellness fairs returning

The Malheur County Community Advisory Council (CAC) is launching another round of health and resources fairs.

The fourth annual Spring into Wellness fair tour begins next week, and there will be stops throughout the county through June.

The first fair takes place from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., on Thursday, March 22 at the Harper Charter School gymnasium.

Adrian’s Two Rivers Park on Owyhee Street is the site for the second fair, which takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday, March 24.

Jordan Valley-area residents can browse resources and services from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95).

Each fair will feature free health screenings, community resources and health education. Some of the screenings available include:

- Eye tests
- Blood sugar and blood pressure testing
- Bone density screening
- Oral health exams

Children and adult bicycles will be raffled off at each event, and there will be door prizes.

Giveaway precedes HES book fair

Children can peruse reading material during teacher conferences

Children of all elementary grade levels received the gift of reading last week in Homedale.

As a precursor to Homedale Elementary’s annual book fair, each student visited the school library on March 6 and picked out a free book.

“The greatest part of the book giveaway is that the students can choose any book they would like, encouraging them to find something that actually interests and is exciting to them,” Homedale Elementary Parent Teacher Organization member Camille Heck said.

Heck said the book giveaway is made possible through credit that was built up during Scholastic-sponsored book fairs in 2015 and 2016. That credit has helped purchase more than 1,200 books for students in past two school years.

“While the book fair is always well supported by the community, many students

and families cannot afford to buy brand new books,” Heck said.

“The book giveaway is a great opportunity for every student to get a new book regardless of personal budgets.”

Meridian-based Idaho Book Fairs assumed sponsorship for the HES book fair last year, and is coordinating it again this year.

The book fair will be held during school hours on Tuesday and also will run until 8 p.m. next Wednesday and March 22 during parent-teacher conferences.

School is out of session on March 22.

Heck said the book fair credits will continue under the new company, but a local firm in the fold will help with improve the efficiency in receiving library books, technology and supplies as well as more student book giveaways.

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County submits fairgrounds community center grant

Fate of Homedale building could be known in April

Owyhee County has officially submitted its application for an Idaho Community Development Block Grant to build a new community center at the fairgrounds in Homedale.

The application was submitted to the Department of Commerce director Bobbie Jo Meuleman on March 2 in the hopes of receiving a \$150,000 grant to help with construction costs.

The total cost of the project is expected to run \$887,935, with other money coming from other sources in the community.

The county appealed to the state agency in a letter signed by Board of County Commissioners chair Kelly Aberasturi: “Our county lacks a community building.”

The letter also notes that in the Armory Exhibition Hall had to be demolished because of multiple safety issues, including non-functioning

plumbing, mold, and a leaky roof.

The Armory was built in the early 1950s, and new community center will be built on the old site on West Nevada Avenue.

As laid out in the letter, the county enlisted Civil Dynamics, PC, to prepare a facilities plan for the fairgrounds site. The engineering firm’s study indicated that a new building would be feasible and cost-efficient by using the same utility connections that were utilized for the Armory.

The total cost of the project is expected to run \$887,935, with \$150,000 coming from the ICDBG and the rest coming from the community.

Aberasturi said the Department of Commerce reports five other community center and senior center grant applications were received from around the state.

“It will be April before we find anything out,” Aberasturi said.

He also noted that Amanda Ames from the Department of Commerce is advocating for the county to receive this grant.

The project will probably be pushed

back another year if the application is denied, Aberasturi said.

“We’ll have to find funding,” he said. “Although it’s going to be expensive anyway.”

It has been noted previously that a cement slab and a tent may be utilized for the 2018 county fair.

Aberasturi hopes to get in-kind donations, such as building materials and some of the concrete. Some of the in-kind items have already been committed.

Aberasturi said he’s expecting donations from R&M Steel in Caldwell and Homedale-based Owyhee Sand and Gravel.

Much of the cost of the construction, minus the grant money, is expected to come from the county’s building trust, which is funded by Payment In Lieu of Taxes money from the federal government for tax-exempt public lands. The rest of the financing would come from community donations.

The commissioner said the county has already received a lot of support from groups like the FFA, which wants to do fundraisers to help with costs.

He said he feels very confident that the county will receive the grant.

“There’s no other community building in Homedale,” Aberasturi said. “When we knocked down the Armory, it took away the only community building we have here besides the senior center.”

He noted that the senior center is too small for most community events, and the Txoko Ona Basque Center is a private club.

“There’s no other place for the community to meet on this end of the county besides the Legion Hall in Marsing, and that’s pretty much a private club, too,” he said.

The project as it is planned now, assuming acceptance of the grant application, will begin construction the end of August. There will be a second public hearing when the project is at its midpoint near the end of November, and construction will be completed in March 2019.

According to the grant application, the final closeout is scheduled for May 1, 2019.

— TK

Woman missing from Marsing found in N. Idaho

A woman reported missing from Marsing earlier this month was located four days after she disappeared.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said that 20-year-old Ranie Nicole Norwood was found unharmed last Wednesday in North Idaho near Sandpoint.

The Ponderay City Police Department helped locate Norwood in Bonner County, according to reports.

Norwood was reported missing on March 3. She was last seen walking her dog on

Old Bruneau Highway.

Military helicopter lands hard south of Bruneau

None of the six crewmembers on board were injured Thursday when a California National Guard helicopter had to make a hard landing near Idaho highway 51 roughly 15 miles south of Bruneau.

Contrary to published reports, Deputy Larry Kendrick said the HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter did not land on Idaho 51 itself. The landing occurred near the highway’s

intersection with CCC Road/ Battle Creek Road northeast of Wickahoney.

The helicopter from the 129th Rescue Wing took off from Moffett Air National Guard Base south of San Francisco.

Warrant arrests made

Two men were arrested on felony warrants originating out of Owyhee County last week.

A 63-year-old Eagle man, Ralph Wentworth, was arrested shortly before 2 p.m. on Friday in Jerome County.

Idaho State Police picked up

Wentworth on a felony warrant after the man didn’t show up for a court hearing related to his controlled substance arrest, according to Bowman.

Wentworth now faces two counts of felony drug possession and one misdemeanor count of paraphernalia possession in Jerome County, according to court records.

Jerry Alexander, 24, of Boise was arrested on a \$20,000 warrant shortly before 12:30 a.m., on Friday. An Ada County Sheriff’s deputy made the arrest, and Alexander was wanted for

a probation violation stemming from a controlled substance possession conviction.

Ada County authorities arrested another man on a \$10,000 misdemeanor failure to appear warrant shortly before 3 a.m. on Thursday.

George Allen, 54, of Grants Pass, Ore., was sought on a warrant stemming from an arrest on suspicion of controlled substance and paraphernalia possession.

He has been transferred to Owyhee County Jail in Murphy.

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Above: Homedale High School's Kaden Henry strikes a ball that had landed off the fairway last Wednesday at River Bend Golf Course. **Below:** Marsing's Ethan Archer battles a wind that blew his hood against his head as he putts on No. 9 at the Wilder course.

Homedale golfers beat Mother Nature, field in Ice Breaker

Villa shoots in 90s for Marsing

Round 1 went to Jake O'Neil, but Daniel Uranga and his Homedale High School golfing partners got the overall win last Wednesday.

Playing consistently in cold and windy conditions, all four Trojans carded 91 or better to win the Homedale Ice Breaker by four strokes over O'Neil and Fruitland.

O'Neil and Uranga toured River Bend Golf Course in the same foursome with the Grizzlies' top golfer firing an 80 to win medalist honors by two strokes over the

Homedale sophomore.

Uranga, who hit two drives on the first tee after the wind wreaked havoc with his first effort, rallied to finish at 82.

Homedale won with a 351, while Fruitland amassed a 355, and Cole Valley Christian finished third at 373.

Marsing also opened its season at River Bend, finishing eighth in the 11-team tournament at 449.

Landry Villa (94) was the only golfer among five Huskies' entries to break 100.

Marsing notched a 449, edging Ridgevue from Nampa by four strokes.

— See *Golfers*, page 8B



Homedale softball aims for redemption

Player of Year Kelly leads slew of top-shelf talent

A senior-laden Homedale High School softball team should have the rest of the Class 3A field worried.

But the concern should come more from the team's disappointment than its deep, talented roster.

The Trojans stumbled in the state tournament last season after winning the District III championship.

"We were a whole lot better team than we showed at State," longtime Trojans coach Larry Corta said.

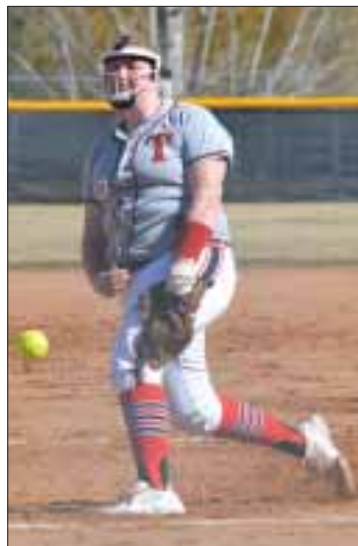
"The way we finished State left a real bad taste in the girls' mouths. The girls are real hungry and want to get back to State to prove themselves."

Homedale began the season Saturday with a non-conference doubleheader against Filer and a roster missing only two 2017 graduates — catcher Megan Maxwell and utility player Rian Beebe.

"We return a whole slug of players from last year," Corta said.

At the top of any list has to be senior pitcher Dakota Kelly, who has started her fourth varsity season. The right-hander and two-time 3A Snake River Valley conference player of the year is focused on getting

— See *Softball*, Page 8B



Senior Dakota Kelly spins a pitch toward the plate Saturday against Filer.

Huskies stymie simmering baseball rally

Clutch hitting highlights season-opening victory

Marsing High School baseball has started 2018 out on the right foot.

After the junior varsity's 12-7 non-conference victory over Wilder on Thursday, the Huskies' varsity team used solid pitching to knock off another Class 1A team, Glens Ferry, 9-4, in Marsing.

"Guys played with great effort," first-year MHS coach Kenny Mace said. "It was a solid team win as we were picking

each other up and battling through patches of adversity."

Taking advantage being on their home diamond, the Huskies jumped out to a 6-1 lead after four innings.

Marsing starter Brian Purtell pitched a solid two innings, giving up four hits and only one run.

The pitcher had an early test with runners at second and third base after Pilots catcher Keyton Cook hit a ground-rule double in the first inning. Purtell

— See *Huskies*, page 3B



Marsing High School second baseman Joaquin Oliveros applies the tag, but Glens Ferry base runner Dillon Troutt was safe Friday.

Sports

Trojans rally to rip Wildcats twice to open baseball season

Clayton Wolfe, Bettleyon
have big hits in doubleheader

Trailing early in both games of its season-opening baseball doubleheader wasn't a problem for Homedale High School.

The Trojans blasted Filer in two non-conference games at John Jackson Field on Saturday, shaking off 1-0 deficits after the Wildcats' first at-bats in both contests.

Homedale (2-0 overall heading into the week) played Vale, Ore., on Monday and Nampa Christian on Tuesday after deadline.

Game 1: Homedale 18, Filer 1 (5) — Clayton Wolfe crushed a grand slam over the center field wall with two outs in the fifth inning for the Trojans' final hit.

The Wildcats committed eight errors, and only seven of the Trojans' runs were earned in the opener.

Third baseman Chase Stoddard was 2-for-3 with three RBI. He reached on an error in the Trojans' four-run

first inning, kept the three-run second going with one of his team's two-out singles, and smacked a two-run single in the five-run third.

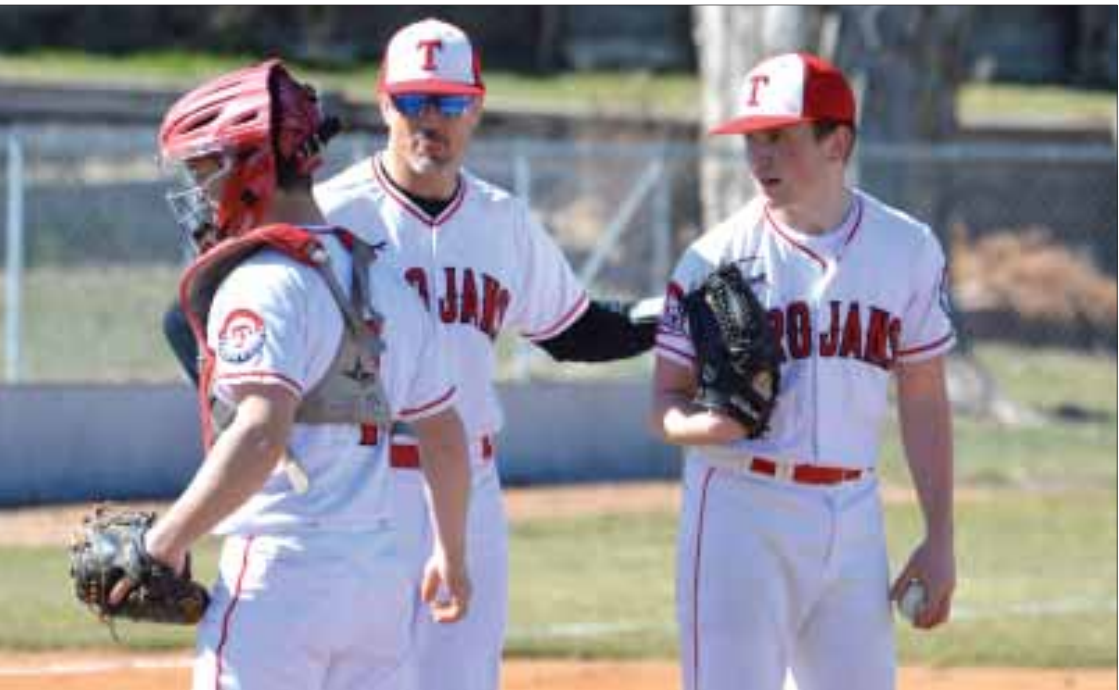
Senior left-hander Ben Lee settled down after a rocky start to get the five-inning victory. He struck out three, and Filer's only run — in the first inning — was unearned.

Austin Sherman and AJ Meyer doubled in the first inning for two of Filer's three hits against Lee. The Wildcats were thwarted on a double-steal attempt in the first when catcher Drew Deal got the tag down on Sherman, who was trying to swipe home.

No Filer base runner got past second after the first inning.

Jason Puri scored three times for the Trojans.

Game 2: Homedale 12, Filer 2 (5) — Homedale blew open a close game with an eight-run fourth inning fueled by walks, errors and a two-out



Senior Ben Lee (right) settled down after a first-inning visit from coach Burke Deal and catcher Drew Deal in the first game against Filer.

Drew Deal double.

The Wildcats struck first again, cashing in on three consecutive singles to begin the game.

But Homedale played small ball and got a clutch hit in bottom of the inning to score three times. Lee led off with a single and moved to third

on a stolen base and Deal's sacrifice bunt. Stoddard lofted a sacrifice fly for the Trojans' first run, and Wyatt Wolfe ripped a two-out single.

Wyatt Wolfe went 2-for-2 with two RBI.

After Filer cut the lead to 3-2, Homedale came up with two more two-out hits in the

third. Wyatt Wolfe singled and stole second before Mason Kincheloe's triple into left field.

Garrett Bettleyon cleared the bases with a double to cap Homedale's eight-run explosion in the fourth inning. Twelve batters visited the plate during the uprising.

Annual fun run to raise money for Adrian High School track facilities

Registration is available for a series of fun runs that will help fund Adrian High School track and field facility improvements.

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2-for-3, 4 RBI, 3 runs in sweep of Filer

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Alex Grant, jr., SS
5-for-8, HR, 4 runs, RBI in double-header sweep

Golf
Scott Matlock, sr.
Broke 90 in team's 18-hole Ice Breaker win

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Junior varsity
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Friday, March 16 at Ontario, Ore., 5 p.m.
Saturday, March 17, home vs. Filer (2), noon and 2 p.m.
Monday, March 19, home vs. Marsing, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, March 20 at Payette, 5 p.m.

Softball
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Tuesday, March 20, home vs. Payette, 5 p.m.
Junior varsity
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Monday, March 19, home vs. Marsing, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, March 20 at Payette, 5 p.m.

Track and field
Tuesday, April 3 at Parma, TBA

Tennis
Thursday, April 5, home vs. Weiser, 4 p.m.

Golf
Boys Varsity
Wednesday, March 21 at Parma Invitational (9 holes), River Bend GC, 2 p.m.
Junior varsity
Monday, April 2 at 3A Snake River Valley conference meet, Scotch Pines GC, Payette, 3 p.m.
Girls Varsity
Wednesday, March 14 at Weiser Inv. (9 holes), Rolling Hills GC, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, March 21 at Parma Invi.(9 holes), River Bend GC, 2 p.m.
Junior varsity
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Submit your sports scores and results. Call (208) 337-4681, ext. 102 for information on how to do it

Sports

Homedale track has small numbers after big year

Veteran coach excited about core of seasoned athletes

Just a year after the best season under coach Heidi Ankeny, the Homedale High School track and field team has a shortage of athletes.

“Our weakness will definitely be our size. With our smallest year yet at only 33 kids out, it makes it hard to score high at meets against teams who bring 60-100 athletes,” the Trojans’ fifth-year coach said.

“I think our strength will be our determination. They know we are a smaller team, but they have a lot of will and drive that can bring them more success than some might expect.”

The smaller numbers are a combination of losing several top-notch athletes either to graduation or transfer and fewer candidates from the middle school program. Ankeny said the ebb and flow isn’t unusual.

“I’m not exactly sure why, but sometimes there are cycles of classes that go through who just don’t participate in sports as much,” Ankeny said. “We seem to have a couple of classes like that right now on our team.”

The coach said she has only one freshman girl and six juniors (boys and girls) on the roster this season.

The key, Ankeny said, is brewing excitement at the middle school level. This year, about 50 boys and girls want to come out for that team.

“If we are able to get kids interested and excited about track and field as a seventh- and eighth-grader, then they can easily transition to high school track and continue to build the program,” she said.

Three-time state champion and four-time medalist Jacob Furlott graduated and has begun competing indoors for Valley City State University in South Dakota.

Michael Babcock and Adonis Stelzried, who served with Furlott on the 4x200 state championship team, have transferred to Adrian and Marsing, respectively.

Stelzried filled in when Max Mertz pulled a hamstring prior to the 3A state meet. A senior, Mertz is back, as is sophomore Caleb Smith, who ran in the 4x200 and other sprints.

“Caleb, as a sophomore, is stepping into the hole that Jacob Furlott left,” Ankeny said. “He will run against stronger, older boys, but I think he can hold his own and will only get faster in the next few years.”

Matthew Randall, another sophomore, looks to make an impact in the distance races after finishing fourth in the 800 meters and 3,200 meters and fifth in the 1,600 at the district meet in the spring.

A promising newcomer is freshman thrower Thomas Symms, who broke a 40-year-old record at the middle school last year.

“Thomas, being a freshman, doesn’t have the experience, but he has such a relaxed demeanor that he can just go

out and throw without overthinking his competition or his ability,” Ankeny said. “He looks to do really well this year.”

Just as Furlott did before his 2017 state meet blitz, Mertz dedicated himself to running prior to his senior season.

“Max Mertz participated in indoor track this year rather than playing basketball, and he has come into the outdoor season stronger than ever and looking to have a very promising season,” Ankeny said.

While the numbers overall are down, the Trojans have several more sprinters out this season.

“Last year generated a lot of hype and excitement around the sprint relays, so we have some kids this year looking to continue that strength,” Ankeny said.

Rounding out the losses from a boys’ team that finished fifth in the state meet, Kendall Frelove, who finished fifth in the District III discus, graduated.

Two state placers from the girls’ sixth-place team also moved on with diplomas: sprinter and jumper Carlie Sawyer, and shot-putter Carli Swallow.

Ashley Burks, who was seventh in the long jump at State after a runner-up showing in the district met, will miss her senior season after surgery.

As on the boys’ side, though, there is a strong nucleus of returners led by three upperclassmen — jumper/hurdler Ember Christensen, sprinter Lainey Johnson, and thrower Eva Symms — and sophomore Maggie Johnson.

“Matthew (Randall) and Maggie, still have more strength and speed to develop, but they have the understanding now of their events and a taste of success from last year that will drive them to an improvement this year,” Ankeny said.

Eva Symms — the middle throwing Symms sibling between Richard and Thomas — returns after winning two district championships and a state meet silver medal in the discus.

Lainey Johnson was part of the 4x400 relay district championship team, and she finished fourth in the 400 at the state meet.

“Eva and Lainey both have been at State all three of their previous seasons and have the experience, knowledge and ability to get there again and place higher than they have,” Ankeny said.

Christensen mirrors the fortitude of the small track contingent, Ankeny said.

“Ember Christensen is the most determined jumper we have ever had and will ride that determination all the way to State again,” the coach said.

Regardless of the size of the roster, Ankeny continues to enjoy her time at the helm — along with assistants Alex Willson (throws), Sean McCrackin (distance), Starla Bender (sprints with Ankeny), and Luke Ankeny (jumps).

“This is a fantastic group of young people,” she said. “It is a pleasure and joy for all of us to coach them, and we are really excited — although we are small — to see the great success that comes out of this family atmosphere.”

— JPB

✓ Huskies: Marsing puts it all together in first victory of baseball season

From Page 1B

escaped the jam without allowing a run.

Cook showed off his power. His double went to the deepest part of the park and bounced over the fence, and he hit a home run later in the game.

The Huskies got solid production out of Dwight Sevy, who collected two hits, scored three times and had two runs batted in.

Marsing got some top-notch relief, too. Jaden Kinney pitched two innings, striking out four and walking one. Tyler Wood closed out the game, striking out three and walking one in the seventh.

“I’m really proud of our pitching tonight,” Mace said. “Brian Purtell, Jaden Kinney, Joaquin Oliveros and Tyler Wood pitched really well for their first appearances of the season.”

Isaiah Prado was on base four times and finished with two RBI.

Kinney, meanwhile, went 3-for-4 from the plate,



Jaden Kinney slides ahead of Glenns Ferry third baseman Manny Garcia’s tag for a triple Friday. Photo by Dan Pease

including a triple, and finished with two runs scored and two RBI.

Glenns Ferry mounted a comeback in the fifth, as Cook’s two-run homer was part of a three-run uprising against reliever Oliveros that cut the deficit to 6-4.

The Huskies knocked in three more runs in the sixth to close out the scoring.

Pilots starter Tanner Martinez had a solid grasp on the strike zone, striking out six Huskies and walking just one in three innings. He also served up nine hits and gave up five runs.

Glenns Ferry reliever Carson Grigg didn’t fare much better, giving up four runs on five hits in three innings.

The Huskies tallied 14 hits, including a double and a triple. Besides the power hitting provided by Cook, the

Pilots hit eight singles.

Mace is cautiously optimistic about the results.

“We have a lot of things to improve on,” he said. “I do like that we are putting pressure on defenses and capitalizing on mistakes.”

— TK

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

March 17, 1993

Major error found in Bruneau snail study

A major error has been found in a U.S. Geological Survey report used as the basis for listing of the Bruneau Hot Springs snail as an endangered species, the Idaho Department of Water Resources said March 8.

However, Federal Fish and Wildlife officials say they won't remove the snail from the endangered species list.

The error, which deals with how much water is replaced in the ground water aquifer by natural recharge, is directly related to the contention by Federal officials that annual well pumping in the area exceeds recharge. That "over pumping" conclusion was the cornerstone of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's recent decision to list the snail as an endangered species.

The error has been brought to the attention of the USGS, and the federal agency has withdrawn the yet-unpublished report so it can be corrected, according to R. Keith Higginson, IDWR director.

Haken honored for years of service

Citing decades of service to the city of Marsing, KIVI television recently named longtime resident Dave Haken one of five winners of the 1993 Jefferson awards.

"Makes you really feel honored," he said.

A resident of Marsing for 54 years, and in business for 46, Haken's involvement in the community goes way back.

In 1952, he was appointed by the Marsing Chamber of Commerce to start a fire district. He worked for two years on the project and started the district in 1954. A few years later, he donated a fire truck to the department and still serves as secretary.

When the fire district needed water and hydrants weren't enough, Haken put a road through to the Snake River. From this the community pitched in to put together a park. Haken said they brought in a bulldozer, planted trees and grass and made Marsing Island Park in a single day.

In the early 1960s, Marsing was a village, and Haken was chairman of the city council board. At the first meeting, he said, "we had \$35 in the bank and \$2,000 worth of bills." The council voted to make the village a second class city and levy taxes for streets and lights. Haken was mayor of Marsing for six years.

Trojan wrestlers find going tough at state

Two Trojan wrestlers placed fourth and one third against the best in the state last weekend at Pocatello.

"The seeding can only tell you so much," Coach Bob Stancliff said about his expectations and the results of last weekend's showdown.

At 112 pounds, J.R. Castro got off to a surprising start, losing his first match. "He wasn't quite ready to go for whatever reason," Stancliff said.

Castro fought his way back through the consolation bracket with a pin over Scott Lamb of Challis in the second period. The second round saw Castro take Kip Davis in a decision 6-2.

But in the consolation finals, a takedown in the last five seconds gave his West Side High opponent an 8-3 win, and Castro had to settle for fourth place.

Scott Osborn performed well in the consolation finals, taking a decision over Robyn Swainston of Filer, 3-2, in the semifinals and a decision in the quarterfinals over Peter Nelson from Oakley, 6-4. Osborn lost on points to Godines of New Plymouth 9-1 in the finals.

50 years ago

March 14, 1968

Farmers face dim outlook for water

Dear Wateruser,

We are again facing the start of a new irrigation season. The water outlook for the Owyhee Reservoir is not too bright. On March 11, 1968 the storage was 447,080 acre-feet. Last year at this time it was 375,510 a.f., but the runoff last year was much better than the prospects show this year.

The estimated runoff this year for March through July is 92,000 a.f. The March 1 storage was 436,550 a.f.

In view of this, the Joint Board has set maximum water delivery at 4 acre feet per acre with no excess available for all lands served by the Owyhee South Canal.

If the picture should brighten this may be raised to allow excess water.

Water will be turned in the South Canal March 25 and the pumps will be started April 1. Delivery to most areas should be available by April 3.

In case we get some "good" rain to dampen the surface soil, this turn on date will be delayed.

We ask all water users, both on the gravity and pump area, to watch their water use and conserve as much as possible. The pumps also supply water to areas that are normally served in part by gravity water. This year will be more pump and less gravity water used in these areas.

Please cooperate by ordering your water on and off, don't order it on before you actually need it and order it off when you are finished with it. Don't waste it into the drain or canal. Give the ditchrider as much advanced notice as possible.

Grazing of canal and lateral banks is strongly encouraged. This helps greatly in controlling grass, weeds and gophers and in turn helps conserve water.

Cattleguards are installed in areas where they are beneficial to both the land holder and the district for the small fee of \$35.

Yours very truly,
Tom Cotton

Opaline-Givens

Relatives at Givens Springs received word of the death of their cousin, Father John Durnin, at Huntington, Quebec, Feb. 12.

Father John was ordained May 29, 1926, and spent the rest of his life in devoted service to mankind. His brother wrote of his life of service and love for everyone and at his death he was paid the highest tribute they could offer.

Attending his funeral were two bishops, 71 priests and four Protestant ministers. The church was filled to overflowing with friends from Montreal, Lachine and Huntington, Que. He was a nephew of the late Mrs. Patrick Kelly, an early day pioneer of Owyhee County and a cousin of C. F. Kelly, Marsing. Elizabeth Walker, Squaw Creek and Cecelia Givens, Givens Springs.

House guests of Mr. and Mrs. T.F. Johnston over the weekend were Bob Hagbom and a group friends from Reno, Nev. Mary Ann, Tommy and Pamela Pegram, Homedale. Sunday afternoon the Johnstons visited the Huston Gray family at Nampa and their son Dick and family at Boise. Calvin Johnston and Cecelia Givens drove to Homedale Thursday evening, March 7, to help their nephew Rocky Curtis celebrate his 10th birthday.

140 years ago

March 16, 1878

Concerning the Cow Boys

St. Valentine has made his joyful appearance once more, when the slabsided individual goes down in the south-west corner of his trowsers pocket for his last dime to buy a comic valentine to send to some of his humble friends. Oh, how glad I am that Valentine's Day comes but once a year. With the aid of some of my free-hearted neighbors I may possibly send one to some of those cow boys who make the night hideous with their noise in trying to sing. They are more fit for driving Texas cows or sucking an old rum bottle than singing, or disturbing the peaceful slumbers of a poor dilapidated individual embarked upon this world of sorrow without a stamp to carry him through on his tedious journey toward the setting sun.

A FORTY-NINER always drinks when asked; lives much of the time in saloons; trowsers, ten years old, tied about the waist with rope; hat, no rim, not much crown; came around the Horn in '49, hasn't washed himself since; lives in a cabin hard by, 3x13, on salt pork and flour; gray shirt, never washed; can talk of nothing else but the "ounce" a day he made in the winter of '50; splendid type of manhood, and smells like a distillery.

Letter from Eastern Owyhee Descriptive of its Resources, and Various Incidents

Editor Idaho Avalanche: "Write, correspondents write, where'er you will; 'Twill save me trouble, and my paper fill."

Acting on the advice laid down in this quotation, your Commissioner resumes his broken thread of description of the country he has traveled over. After leaving the hospitable abode of Jack Wyatt, of Jew's harp fame, I rode down the Marsh Basin section to where the streams all join. The creek is settled up to some little extent at the upper end; lower down there is much land, of the most excellent quality, yet vacant. Water from the creek could, with some work, be brought onto, the bench land, which is of excellent quality; this applies to both sides of the creek. At Marsh Lake lives Gov. Wm. Bennett, one of the oldest settlers in this part of Idaho. He is extensively engaged in the stock raising business. He and his cheerful, jolly spouse are devout believers in enjoying the good things in life in the present, and believe that good living is indispensable to happiness, wherein they are correct. We found Col. Wood absent for a few hours, but the pleasure I derived from a long conversation with his intelligent and pretty wife more than compensated for his absence. He soon returned, and a very pleasant evening we had. Col. Wood is thoroughly identified and interested in the development of this part of Idaho. He speaks very favorably of the resources of the soil, and backs up his opinion by making this his permanent home. I asked him how it was that, as the country is so good, so many immigrants, year after year, pass over and through the country. He replied that, for one thing, there were no schools, churches or county seats in the country; and also, that none but enterprising men had sense enough to understand the grand future before the country. Conveying the idea that none but enterprising young men were settled here, which I certainly found to be the case with at least half the population. In this section there are some of the deadliest men I ever came across in all my career. I find men who seem to have more than they can do, but doing all they can.

Sports

MHS softball brings experience into the new season



Autumn Bennett snags a fly ball in center field during Friday's season-opening loss to Glenns Ferry. Photo by Dan Pease

Glenns Ferry beats Huskies with big innings in opener

The 2017 Marsing High School softball season was a building one for first-year coach Kortney Ford. She was forced to field a very young and inexperienced team. The Huskies struggled through a tough 6-17 season, which ended in May with losses in the 2A District III Tournament to Cole Valley Christian and Melba. The Huskies girls have also had to deal with the loss of their primary offensive star, Sheyanne Glorfield. The 2017 graduate was the team's first baseman and had a batting average of .352 during an otherwise frustrating season. Last season started with such promise for the Huskies. They won their first six games, including the first game in the Taylor Sauer Memorial Softball Tournament against Gooding. They scored 128 runs in those first six games, while allowing 53. Then the wheels fell off. Marsing did not win another game. The losing streak continued Friday when Glenns Ferry

rallied for 16 runs in the second and third innings to win a 22-8 non-conference slugfest. It was the Huskies' 18th consecutive loss. The bright side looking forward to Ford's second year at the helm is that seven of last year's nine primary starters have returned. The experience is there. "The majority of last year's team is returning," Ford said. "I am looking forward to seeing them play coming off last season." The outlook for the future for the Huskies is good, too. There is just one senior on the team, outfielder Lena Metcalf. Metcalf was 2-for-3 with an RBI on Friday as Marsing grabbed a 3-2 lead after one inning. The returning starters are juniors Emma Heitz, Louisa Metcalf, Ashley Loucks, and Hailee Bennett, as well as sophomores Emily Loucks, Autumn Bennett, and Aubrey Villa. Batting leadoff, Heitz was 3-for-4 against Glenns Ferry, and Hailee Bennett was 3-for-3. Autumn Bennett and

Emily Loucks got a pair of hits and scored two runs each. Newcomers to the varsity squad that Ford expects to be key include junior Fallon Lopez and freshmen Alana Larrusea and Mazzi Roper. Larrusea got her first varsity hit Friday. All told, Ford has 16 girls on this year's team. Ford expects the team's strengths to be fielding and hitting. They are returning their top four hitters from last year. Things could be looking up in the pitching circle, too. "We struggled with pitching last season," Ford said. "This year, we have a group of pitchers that have been practicing and are ready to go." Assistant coach Bryce Osborn, a former Homedale High School pitcher, will be working with the pitchers and catchers predominantly. Ford, who is also an HHS graduate, expects New Plymouth and Melba to be this season's 2A Western Idaho Conference favorites. The Pilgrims beat Orofino last year for the 2A state championship. — TK

MARSING HUSKIES

Baseball
Jaden Kinney, sr., 3B/P
3-for-4 with triple, 2 runs scored, 2 RBI; 4 strikeouts as reliever

Softball
Lena Metcalf, sr., OF
Lone upperclassman on the roster

Golf
Landry Villa, sr.
Led team with 94 in Homedale Ice Breaker

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Go Huskies!

Sell it, trade it, find it in the classifieds: 337-4681

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Lorraine



To supplement farm income, some get their wives jobs in town. Others expand their hobbies, i.e. making saddles, braiding horsehair or running for county commissioner. Some, in desperation, get a real estate license!

I chose the conservative, low-risk venture of making a home video! After considering several subjects — “Documentary of the Brucellosis Eradication Program 1936-92,” “The Hatch Act: a Review,” and “Fasciola Hepatica: Peril of Fluke?” — I decided to use some of my poems and invent Cowboy Poetry MTV! I would invite my cowboy friends, and we would act out each poem.

Included in the video was “THE CULL,” a poem in which a young vet and an experienced cowman argue the merits of keeping or culling a cow. The cow described in the poem was definitely beyond “one more year”!

I sent a copy to Hank at the sale barn in Willcox and asked him to find me this cow. I called three days before I had the big shooting scheduled. He said he had the cow. I reminded him that I’d encouraged him to buy two or three so I could cast just the right cow for the starring role. He said, “Don’t worry. I’ve got the cow!”

He was right ... she cost 60 bucks!

I got her home and ran her in the chute to examine her. I was lucky to have my old pardner, Jake, who had a supporting role, to help me. She was in fair condition and had only the lower corner incisors left. There was a healed lump at the angle of her jaw, her left horn curled back into the side of her head and the right horn swooped out gracefully to the northeast. She looked like she was directing traffic! But the reason she was at the sale barn, headed to the rendering plant, was her right eye. Cancer had enucleated it, and the orbital area was the size of a small cantaloupe!

Jake and I cleaned, packed and dressed the eye. No Shut-Eye Patch would cover it. I thought a big cartoon X made of black duct tape might make the defect more presentable. Then Jake said, “I know what’ll work ... a bra!”

The next thing I knew we were in the lingerie section of Tractor Supply.

“What size, you reckon?” I asked.

He said, “Well, you’ve been washing it for two days. Hold out yer hand!”

We chose a 38D and took it home. My wife cut off and discarded the unneeded cup. Our purchase fit perfectly! The shoulder strap went over the longhorn and the back strap coursed above the good eye like a pirate patch underneath the jaw.

She played her part beyond expectations. I took her back to the sale barn, the Maidenform still stuck firmly in place. She went through the auction ring with a note thanking Hank for his cattle-buying skill, recounting her new status as a star and charging the new owner to treat her with kindness. She goes by the name Lorraine.

She brought \$25.

So much for my cowsmetology.

From the Statehouse

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Legal reform takes center stage in Boise

One of the greatest aspects of representing you is to work on legislation that will truly represent the concerns of the citizens of our district.

I was contacted this summer about a challenge that exists in our legal system. If a person is taken in to custody, fingerprinted, and booked in to jail, the record of that arrest will show when a background check is done, even if there is never a conviction or a trial. This could potentially affect applications for a job, school, and licensing. Because of the current language in statute the only way for this to be removed is if there has been an acquittal.

I am co-sponsor of SB1314, which will allow those records to be removed and or sealed. Our bill passed through the Senate State Affairs committee last Wednesday and is headed to the House.

In Judiciary and Rules Committee, testimony on H581 was heard. This bill will remove mandatory minimum sentencing requirements for possession of a controlled substance. Code already exists to deal with manufacturing, selling, and possessing illegal substances. H581 will fix a problem that results in first-time offenders facing 10 years of prison time. H581 will also restore increased sentencing discretion to the judge, restoring the balance of power in the judicial system on that subject.

State Affairs Committee held a hearing on HCR50, which declares pornography a public health hazard. We also listened to debate on H619, which would require libraries to filter their Wi-Fi.

The Agricultural Affairs Committee spent many hours listening to testimony on HB658, which updates our state trespassing laws on private property.

These are just brief examples of what is happening in our Statehouse. You can read a brief explanation of the bills and a citizen analysis of each on www.growingfreedomidaho.com.

You can hear most of the committee meetings and floor sessions on the state legislative website www.legislature.idaho.gov.

I would encourage you refer to Transparent Idaho to see where your tax dollars are being spent. I was surprised to learn where so many of our education dollars are being spent. I found pages that list those that have wages higher than the governor to be very interesting. <http://transparent.idaho.gov/Pages/transhome.aspx>

Last month, sales tax revenue was more than \$30 million ahead of projection. I believe that there was no reason for grocery tax repeal to not have happened this year.

It cannot be said enough how I appreciate the trust you have placed in me to represent you. It is a responsibility I do not take lightly. Please call or email any time about issues that concern you.

Dist. 23B Rep. Megan Blanksma
R-Hammett (term expires 2018)

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Bills positive steps for victims’ rights

The House of Representatives took up two interesting pieces of legislation last week. Both addressed crime victims, though they addressed the issue in very different ways. Neither proposal passed the House. I wanted to speak to the issue.

HJR 8 would have placed a state constitutional amendment on the ballot that would strengthen protections for victims of crimes. I supported this legislation for two reasons. First, simply put, crime victims deserve the same level of protection that convicted offenders enjoy. Second, I thought the citizens of Idaho deserved the opportunity to weigh in on the issue through the ballot box. Unfortunately, although the measure made it out of House State Affairs with a do pass recommendation, it failed to reach the two-thirds majority vote necessary to pass the House. I am disappointed, but remain hopeful that this issue will continue to move forward.

The second piece of legislation relating to victims was H 585. Instead of focusing directly on victims, this act focused on those convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence. The bill would have banned those convicted from owning, possessing or purchasing a gun for a period of two years. I didn’t find the enhanced penalty appropriate to the level of a misdemeanor conviction, and I opposed this bill. It failed the House as well.

I think there is a great deal to be said about the focus of these two pieces of legislation. Both dealt with victim protection, but only one directly addressed the importance of the rights of the victim. I believe it is time to turn our attention from the offender and instead strengthen the rights of victims. We should all remember that the victim never chose the situation in which they find themselves and they deserve certain protections. It is my hope that we find a way to address this in the very near future.

I would appreciate any thoughts or suggestions on this topic as we go forward. Please email me at mblanksma@house.idaho.gov or call me at the Capitol at (208) 332-1054.

The session is nearing a close, and I look forward to getting around to our District 23 communities soon. Thank you for the opportunity to serve and I look forward to hearing from you.

Letters to the editor

- Letters must be no longer than 300 words
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Commentary

Financial management

Big tax refund means you're paying too much during year

Dear Dave,
I just filed taxes, and it looks like I'll get a pretty big refund this year. A friend of mine told me I should adjust my withholding, so I don't get a refund. This seems pretty dumb to me. Why would I change my withholdings when I'm getting money back?
— James

that you get back because you paid in too much during the previous year. In the example I've given, that adds up to almost \$300 a month!
Instead of loaning the government money that you worked hard to earn, wouldn't it be a better idea to keep it in your own pocket?
— Dave

Dear James,
The only reason you're getting a refund is because you had too much taken out of your paychecks in 2017.
Let's say your refund is \$3,500. Basically, you loaned the government \$3,500 of your own money, interest-free. A refund isn't a gift or reward, James. It's your own cash

Dear Dave,
Some of the people I work with have been buying into a new kind of supplemental insurance that protects against layoffs. It costs about \$30 a month per person, and the full payout if you're laid off is \$9,000. It seems to me you would have to be paying in for a long time to see that kind of return, so



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I wanted to see how you feel about this kind of thing.
— Steve
Dear Steve,
Anytime insurance is there

for something you could cover yourself, it's a good idea to stop and remember that every insurance company is still a business. They must cover all the costs of operation, plus make a profit. Believe me, that takes a lot of money.
Statistically speaking, if lots of people cashed in on a policy like this, an insurance company would go out of business. We're talking about only \$30 a month to cover \$9,000. That alone tells you not many people cash in. It's gimmick insurance.
On average, you're losing money when you buy insurance of any kind. Again, on average, over the scope of your lifetime you'd be better off simply saving money and self-insuring against

things like this. The only things I recommend buying insurance for are things you can't afford to cover personally. But you *can* afford to cover a layoff by saving an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses.
If I'm in your shoes, Steve, I'm not buying that stuff.
— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including *The Total Money Makeover*. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 13 million listeners each week on 585 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at [@DaveRamsey](https://twitter.com/DaveRamsey).

Senior project

Melba High School senior advocates for safety of rodeo

by Halie Workman

Animal abuse is something that is interpreted differently by different people. Animal activist groups stand for a good cause but are sometimes misled. One thing that the animal activist groups feel very strongly about is rodeos. Rodeos are a common family activity here in Idaho, including our famous Snake River Stampede in Nampa. Cowboys are very well known in this area, and carry a good reputation with animals.
Animal activist groups make cowboys appear abusive and cruel to the animals, and to the untrained eye it can appear that way. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) describe rodeo tools as "tools of torment." These include: flank straps, spurs, and electric prods. To anyone who doesn't work around livestock very often, this seems extremely abusive, especially the electric prods. Many people also struggle with the fact that these animals don't have the choice whether or not to participate in rodeos. There are several stories all over the internet and news about animals dying or being injured during the rodeos. This saddens the hearts of the animal activist groups and causes them to stand up and advocate for the animals.¹
Cowboys can argue with most of the points I just made. The "tools of torment" have regulations. This is why the PRCA (Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association) and states have made regulations and laws at rodeos. I talked with Hal Bongiovi, who is a board of director for the Snake River Stampede.² I asked him about some issues that have been concerning PETA and other animal activist groups.
"The Snake River Stampede doesn't administer the rules about flank straps, but the PRCA does. They have to be fleeced-lined and have a quick release on the top," Bongiovi says. "As far as rodeo goes there is no electric prods that I have seen. The prods are allowed only when necessary and only on the hip and shoulder. It may be a stock contractor rule because I haven't seen one in years." The PRCA only allows the prods if a bull or horse is down in the chute and won't get up.

Spurs are not a major concern to those in the rodeo industry. The spurs are required to be dull so that they don't hinder the animal's performance.
"It's not so much for the animals performance but for the rider's. Riding slick heeled is harder for the rider to regain their seat. The spurs are needed to give the rider traction to keep their seat," Bongiovi says.
Animal activist groups don't only worry about the rough stock, but they also worry about the ropers. "Ropers are not allowed to use the jerk down move. This is a move that when the calf is straight in front of the horse, and when it gets roped, it flips over backwards. This is an automatic disqualification."
Just like any sport, athletes get hurt. In rodeo both riders and animals get injured and sometimes even die. Many people are concerned about the animals' injuries happening because of mistreatment, although after talking to Hal Bongiovi that seems very unlikely. The PRCA does everything it can to take care of the animals and make sure they come out of the arena just as they entered.
"We have a quick-response program. We have a sled behind a tractor and get the animal on the sled in a timely manner. Depending on how the animal is injured, depends on how we put it on the sled. We try to get the animal on the sled all at once, so that we don't further the injuries. Then we take the animal in the back where a vet takes a look at him. If the animal is salvageable then we salvage it, but if it isn't salvageable then we have to put it down. A group of guys have to be trained on how to manage

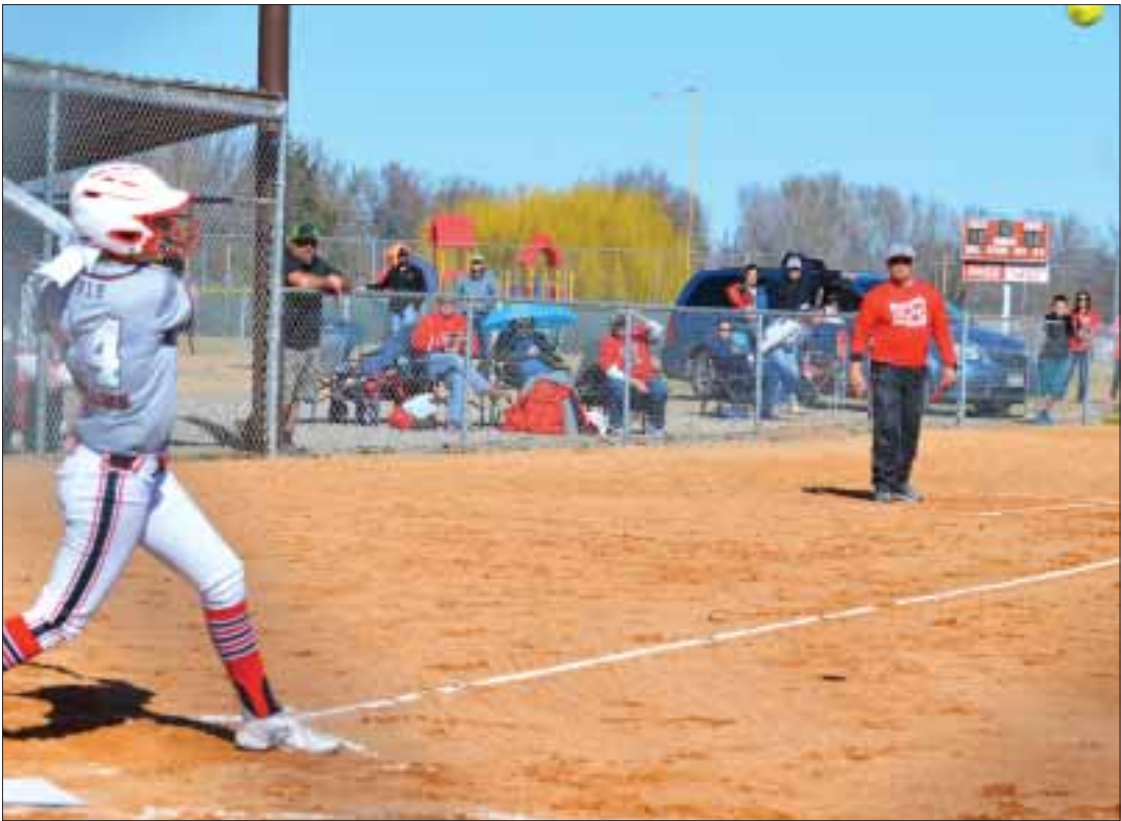


the injured animals."
The majority of cowboys in Idaho rodeo for a hobby, although many of them would probably like to rodeo for a living. The cowboys have to pay an entry fee for every rodeo they compete in, then they try to win back their money. The cowboys rely on the animals to be in the best of shape.
"I think they participate because they have a deep interest in animals," said Doug Corey, a Pendleton, Ore., veterinarian. "If there was any mistreatment going on, they wouldn't participate."³
A few wrong actions shouldn't end rodeo, which is what animal activist groups are trying to say because they believe this is abuse. Rodeo actually holds a great economic value to many members, such as the contestants, the vets, the photographers, the management, sports medicine and the livestock contractors. If there was any mistreatment going on, there would be protesting from the rodeo folk.

— Halie Workman is a Melba High School senior. She has had years of experience working with animals. She moved to Melba when she was 10 years old and hasn't stopped working with her animals since. She is the president of Melba FFA and Owyhee Outlaws 4-H club. In FFA and 4-H she has shown horses, swine, goat, beef, and poultry. She did high school rodeo for two years competing in reining cow horse. Halie wrote this piece for her senior project. She is very passionate about the animal industry and is planning on pursuing a career in it.

¹ "Rodeo: Cruelty for a Buck." PETA, www.peta.org/issues/animals-in-entertainment/animals-used-entertainment-factsheets/rodeo-cruelty-buck/. Accessed 3 Oct. 2017.
² Bongiovi, Hal. "Rodeo Rules and Facts." 22 Feb. 2018. Hal is a board of directors for the Snake River Stampede. He has been in the horse industry for most of his life.
³ "Livestock Welfare: Overview." *Livestock Welfare Overview*, www.prorodeo.com/prorodeo/livestock/livestock-welfare-overview

Sports



Homedale High School's Kendall Nash makes contact early in Saturday's first game as her coach, Larry Corta, looks on from the third-base box.

✓ Softball: Corta oversees blend of savvy varsity veterans, talented newcomers

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another state championship after setting her college plans with a letter of intent to compete for Northwest Nazarene University.
“Dakota has a chance to go yard with every swing,” Corta said. “She also is our ace in the circle and can always pitch herself out of trouble.”
“I’m excited to see how Dakota finishes out her years at Homedale High School.”
Four other first-team All-3A SRV players are back:
• **Kendall Nash, 2B, sr.** — “Kendall is a fierce competitor and is always ready for a challenge,” Corta said of the three-year varsity player. “Kendall has a great glove and a great stick.”
“We’re looking for Kendall to have a big year with her varsity experience.”
• **Allison Shenk, OF, sr.** — Corta sees the senior as the leader in the outfield after two varsity seasons.
• **Sophie Nash, C, jr.** — The starting shortstop last season, Nash has been asked to replace Maxwell behind the plate. She will also move into the No. 3 spot in the batting order.
“Sophie has a cannon (for an arm), so we are expecting she’ll be able to hold runners on base,” Corta said.
• **Amaya Carter, 3B, jr.** — The coach said Carter will

pick up where she left off at the close of the 2017 season.
“Amaya has an amazing glove and a great arm,” Corta said. “Amaya also brings a great stick. She always comes up with timely hits and runs the bases great.”
• **Junior first baseman Josey Hall** started her third varsity season with a line-drive home run the first game Saturday against Filer. But Corta focused on her defense, too.
“Josey gloves everything and moves very well at first base,” he said. “Josey also hits the ball very well and has the deep ball threat every swing.”
There will be plenty of contributors in the outfield, the 16-year coach said.
• **Olivia Cardenas**, a junior, returns to the outfield and will pitch when needed, too.
“Olivia brings great speed in the field and on the bases,” Corta said. “Olivia has an awesome glove and a great arm. Olivia can also help us with her bat.”
• **Jayci Swallow, jr.** — Corta said Swallow played left field last season and showed a lot of range.
“She comes up with a lot of balls that are headed for the gaps,” he said. “Jayci also brings us some speed on the base paths.”
“With a year of experience

under her belt, she is way more confident and more relaxed. I’m expecting her to be a force in the field.”
Another outfielder, **Dazsha Zamora**, and junior reserve first baseman **Paige Carter** will see more time after showing improvement over last season, Corta said.
• **Junior shortstop Alex Grant** is a newcomer to the Trojans after transferring from Marsing.
“Alex ... has amazing range and a great sense for the ball,” Corta said.
The coach said Grant is an all-around player with a good bat and speed that helps on defense and on the bases.
“Alex will take the role of leadoff hitter,” Corta said. “We are expecting great things from Alex.”
• **Other newcomers include** sophomore **DeLaynie Dorsey**, who will play outfield after a year on junior varsity, and freshman utility player and pitcher **Kaitlynn Missamore**.
Corta expects the 3A SRV to be fairly even this year with the rest of the conference coming after his perennial frontrunners. But the coach says team unity will carry the Trojans through.
“The girls know what it takes and are willing to work hard to achieve their goals,” he said.

— JPB

Trojans whip Wildcats in softball sweep

Filer can’t repeat state tourney feat

Their coach said they were hungry, but Homedale High School softball players appeared vengeful, too, in Saturday’s season opener.
The Trojans rode four home runs and senior Dakota Kelly’s right arm to a doubleheader sweep at Sundance Park against the Filer team that ended Homedale’s run in the 3A state tournament last season.

The Wildcats edged Homedale, 4-2, during a rally to third place in last year’s state tournament.

There would be no such suspense Saturday.

Homedale 9, Filer 1 — Junior first baseman Josey Hall lined a two-run home run over the left-center field fence as the Trojans scored four times in the third inning to break open the opener.

Kelly struck out 14 and allowed only an unearned run, two hits and one walk.

Allison Shenk went 2-for-4. Kelly and Hall also had two hits each, including a double by Kelly.

Sophie Nash scored three runs, and Olivia Cardenas added a double.

Homedale 14, Filer 4 (5) — The Wildcats scored two runs in the top of the fifth inning, but couldn’t avoid the 10-run rule.

Grant led a 14-hit attack with a 4-for-4 outing that included a solo home run, a double, and four runs scored.

Shenk and Amaya Carter each went 2-for-3 and collected RBI. Carter doubled and scored two runs.

Nash kept up her base-running with four runs to highlight a 3-for-3 game.

Kelly drilled a three-run home run and scored twice. She pitched the game’s first two innings, striking out three and walking two.

Cardenas pitched three innings of relief.

Half of Filer’s runs were unearned.

JV girls No. 7 in final Oregon coaches’ poll

Jordan Valley High School is seventh in the final 1A Oregon girls’ basketball state poll.

State champion Country Christian, which knocked off 2016-17 champ Nixyaawii in this year’s title game, received 12 of 16 first-place votes in the coaches polling.

The Mustangs (18-13)

were ranked No. 5 before the state tournament, sandwiched between Joseph and Days Creek. Jordan Valley lost to those teams in the state tournament in Baker City, Ore.

Joseph remained No. 4 in the final poll, while Days Creek moved to No. 5.

✓ Golfers: Fruitland’s No. 4 falters, giving Trojans title

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The rest of the Huskies’ scorers were Mason Hall (103), Kyle Olsen (125), Ethan Archer (127) and Logan Stansell (133). The top four scores were used to determine how Marsing finished in the team standings.

Fruitland put three golfers in the 80s (O’Neil and Jonas Bicknese and Lucas Rynearson with 84s, which with Cole Valley Christian’s Keegan

Spengler had the third-lowest round), but the Grizzlies’ fourth — Tyler Teetzen — fired a 107, which was 16 shots worse than Homedale’s fourth golfer.

Spencer Fisher had the highest score among Homedale’s quartet, carding a 91.

Seniors Scott Matlock and Kaden Henry were in the middle of the Homedale scoring. Matlock fired an 88, and Henry settled in at 90.

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ATTENTION LAND OWNERS & CITIZENS SPRING CLEAN OUR COMMUNITY

Owyhee County is too beautiful to turn it in to a junk yard. We need your help to clean it up. Owyhee County is asking that you clean up your property including things such as trash, scrap materials, non-running vehicles, and all other forms of debris and rubbish. We will be identifying properties that need attention and will contact those land owners directly. If you are aware of properties in your neighborhood that are in need of attention, please contact the Community Development Department at 208-495-2095 ext. 2. Thank you in advance for helping to keep Owyhee County beautiful.

3/14/2018

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES
February 5, 12, 20, 26 & 28, 2018

February 5

Approved the purchase of parcel RPC0740005001AA in the amount of \$14,083.54 (the former Murphy Post Office property).

Paid all outstanding bills, with the exception of all AmeriGas bills:

Approved the corrected Personnel Policy Manual.

Approved Resolution 2018-5; Cancellation and Adjustment of erroneous tax assessment for Mountain View Equipment Company.

Approved Resolution 2018-6; Destruction of temporary Indigent and Charity records.

Designated the polling places for the March 13, 2018 Election; Glenns Ferry School District levy, as approved by the Secretary of State is a mail ballot precinct. Castleford School District levy, as approved by the Secretary of State is a mail ballot precinct.

Approved a catering permit for the Pour House and Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association to be held on February 10, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Oreana Community Hall.

Approved the full time hire of current part time employee Brenda Cameron at a step 7, \$14.76 per hour.

Approved the hire of Jessica Voyson as a part time dispatcher, with 4 weeks / 40 hours of initial training, step 7, \$14.76 per hour.

Approved the hire of Sally Schoeder as Deputy Treasurer, step 5, \$13.75 per hour.

Approved the hire of Tabitha Bailey as DMV Specialist, step 5, \$12.66 per hour.

Approved a tax cancellation for parcel RP01N03W087056A, taxes in the amount of \$324.34 and the solid waste fee of \$55.00.

Approved (1) certificate of residency to the College of Southern Idaho.

Approved (7) certificates of residency to the College of Western Idaho for students 2018-12 through 2018-17.

Approved (2) certificates of residency to Lewis and Clark State College for students 2018-1 and 2018-2.

Amended the determination of approval for Indigent and Charity case 17-57 to add a service date.

Approved Indigent and Charity case 17-62.

Approved Indigent and Charity case 17-65.

Denied Indigent and Charity case 18-02.

Denied Indigent and Charity case 17-50 as the applicant was approved by Medicaid.

Denied Indigent and Charity case 17-61.

Granted a tax hardship for parcel RPA00100480120A, taxes in the amount of \$343.08 and a solid waste amount of \$27.50.

Commissioner Hoagland made a motion to approve a letter to Ernest Breuer and Robyn Thompson regarding the Administrative Order 2008-5.

Approved the applications for county support funding for Homedale Police Department, Marsing Ambulance, and the Bruneau Fire District (less contributing match amounts).

Approved Resolution 2018-6; To sell surplus vehicles and miscellaneous items with JBS Auctions online, with bidding to begin March 5, 2018.

Paid the Capital Crimes Defense bills through the Indigent and Charity fund.

February 12

Approved the hire of Heidi Coon as temporary museum / HPC employee for historical data research for the Marsing Bridge project.

Approved the Sheriff part-time, temporary hire of Rocky Widner.

Approved Resolution 2018-8; Destruction of Semi-Permanent Election Records.

Approved (4) certificates of residency to the College of Western Idaho for students 2018-20 through 2018-23.

Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity case 18-03 through 05.

Approved Indigent and Charity case 18-05.

Approved the Citizens Participation Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Application for the Homedale Community Building.

Approved the cover letter for the Community Development Block Grant Application for the Homedale Community Building.

Approved the certification for the Community Development Block Grant Application.

February 20

Pay all outstanding bills from the following funds, as well as the Capital Crimes Indigent fund bills

Approved Resolution 2018-9; Opioid Litigation Resolution.

Approved the purchase of a metal detector for the front entrance of the Murphy Courthouse, the current detector will be moved to the Homedale courts.

Approved the Criminal Defense Provider Agreements for John Kormanik, Scott Fouser and Elisa Massoth.

Approved a request to Murphy Reynolds Wilson Fire Department to burn the building down at 17026 Hailey Street in Murphy.

Approved a certificate of residency to North Idaho College for student NIC 2018-1.

Approved 2 certificates of residency to the College of Southern Idaho for students CSI 2018-4 & 5.

Approved 4 certificates of residency to the College of Western Idaho for students CWI 2018-24 through 27.

Approved the Sheriffs part-time hire of Allen Long for courthouse security to begin on 2-20-18 at \$14.76 / hr.

Denied Indigent and Charity case 18-01.

Amended the amount previously submitted for payment for Indigent

and Charity case 18-03. Payment submitted was for \$11 and the correct amount is \$11,000.

Approved the Idaho Community Development Block Grant administrator contract for the Homedale Community Building with Tina Wilson on the basis that Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Blocksom agrees with the language.

Approved the hire of Sierra Aberasturi as part time dispatcher, \$14.76 per hour and a starting date to be determined.

February 26

Approved the Management Policy Directive.

Approved the Sheriffs surplus vehicle titles being sold at auction, to be signed by Chairman Aberasturi on the Boards behalf.

Approved the Civil Dynamics, PC contract.

Approved the Owyhee County Fairgrounds Master Plan and Multi-Use Building proposal.

Approved a tax cancellation for parcel MH01N04W13003A in the amount of \$157.78, penalty of \$2.13 and solid waste fee of \$55.00.

Approved a tax exemption for parcel RPC0740005001AA, as the county purchased this property.

Approved the Grant Administration Contract with Tina Wilson for Western Alliance Economic Development for administering the grant application for the Idaho Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant for the Owyhee County Community Building at the fairgrounds.

Approved 2 certificates of residency to the College of Western Idaho for students 2018-28 and 29.

Approved 2 certificates of residency to the College of Southern Idaho for students 2018-6 through 8.

Approved the part time hire of Richard Freund as jailer, to begin February 26, 2018 at a rate of \$15.94 per hour.

Approved the Region IV Development Association cover letter for the Idaho Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant Application for the Bruneau Sewer Project.

Approved the Scoping Comment on DOI-BLM-ID-000-2017-EIS (Great-Basin-Wide Programmatic Environmental Impact Statements).

February 28

Approved the agreement between the Owyhee County Sheriffs’ Department and the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation for the county recreational boating safety program.

Approved the Idaho Community Block Development grant application for the Owyhee County Community Building.

The complete minutes can be viewed online at www.owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk’s office.

3/14/2018

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Marsing Ambulance Service Board of Directors will hold its annual meeting, following the regular monthly meeting, as designated below. Bylaws and board assignments will be reviewed. Taxpayers and residents of Marsing Ambulance District

are invited to attend.

Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2018

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: The Sandbar
18 Sandbar Ave.,
Marsing, ID 83639

3/14/2018

LIEN SALE

Robert Monral, 2009 8th Ave. W., Williston, ND 58801. Unit F-12 items include Mongoose bike, air conditioner, microwave, misc. household goods.

Items will be auctioned off by sealed bid on 03-24-2018. Bids will be accepted between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. All sales are final. Cash only. Unit needs to be emptied completely, including trash, the day of the sale.

Unit is located at Hwy. 95 Self Storage, 3685 Hwy. 95, Homedale, Idaho, 83628.

3/14,21/2018

NOTIFICATION OF DISPOSITION HEARING IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA In the Interest of SAYLOR RINGKAMP: A Child Under Eighteen Years of Age.

TO: JUSTIN RINGKAMP, the natural father of said Saylor Ringkamp:

YOU AND EACH OF YOU, will hereby take notice:

That a Second Amended Petition under the Child Protection Act was filed in the above-entitled matter on the 24th day of January, 2018.

That a Disposition Hearing on the Petition has been set for 11:30 a.m. on the 13th day of April, 2018, in the Magistrate Court, Ada County Courthouse, 200 West Front Street, Boise, Idaho 83702. Unless you file a responsive pleading within twenty (20) days, a default judgment may be entered against you.

That you have the right to be represented by Counsel of your choosing or upon good cause shown, providing you are financially needy, the Court may appoint Counsel to act in your behalf.

That you are required to register your claim of paternity with the Vital Statistics Unit of the Department of Health and Welfare prior to the date of any termination proceeding, or proceeding wherein the child is placed with an agency licensed to provide adoption services, pursuant to Idaho Code 16-1513(5).

DATED this 26th day of February, 2018.

CHRISTOPHER D. RICH
Clerk of the District Court
Ada County, Idaho
BY: L. Thomas, Deputy Clerk
3/7,14/2018

The following applications have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho:

57-11901
PAULINE COLYER
MARGIE BYBEE
PO BOX 172
GRAND VIEW, ID 83624
Point of Diversion SWNE S35 T05S R03E OWYHEE County Source SHOOFLY CREEK Tributary SNAKE RIVER
Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 to 11/15 0.26 CFS
Total Diversion: 0.26 CFS

57-11908
JEAN MCGHEE
PO BOX 253
GRAND VIEW, ID 83624
Point of Diversion SWNE S35 T05S R03E OWYHEE County Source SHOOFLY CREEK Tributary SNAKE RIVER
Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 to 11/15 0.09 CFS
Total Diversion: 0.09 CFS

Date Filed: 5/18/2017

Place of Use: IRRIGATION

T05S R03W S23 NESW

Total Acres: 13

57-11979
DENNIS TURNER
2830 RIVER RD
HOMEDALE, ID 83628
Point of Diversion SWNW S4 T03N R05W OWYHEE County Source SUCCOR CREEK Tributary SNAKE RIVER
Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 to 11/15 3.24 CFS
Total Diversion: 3.24 CFS

Date Filed: 10/10/2017

Place of Use: IRRIGATION

T05S R03E S22 NESE

Total Acres: 3

Date Filed: 1/10/2018

Place of Use: IRRIGATION

T03N R05W S4 L3(NWNW) SWNW NWSW
T03N R05W S5 L1(NENE) SENE NESE
T03N R05W S32 L4(SESE)
T03N R05W S33 L3(SWSW)

Total Acres: 162

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT
TRANSFER NO. 82053
JACK POST, PO BOX 298, MOUNTAIN HOME, ID 83647, filed Application No. 82053 to transfer Water Right 2-10545 affecting 0.54 cfs, 165.4 af, and 27.0 acres. This transfer proposes to change the place of use on right 2-10545 to describe property owned by the applicant, approximately two miles west, and create an 80 acre permissible place of use. The proposed place of use is located between 20 Mile Rd and A&A approximately one mile west of Mud Flat Rd and four miles south of Snake River and Grand View, Idaho in Owyhee County.

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at 208-334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s) or proposed transfer (s) please see www.idwr.idaho.gov. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code §§ 42-203A and 42-222. Any protest against the approval of the application(s) must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise, ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 3/26/2018. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN,
Director
3/7,14/2018

Owyhee County Church Directory		
Calvary Fellowship Homedale Pastor Rich Wright 4220 E Pioneer Road Church time is 10:00 am on Sunday & Wednesday at 7:00 pm River Youth Sunday 6:00pm (208) 880-4033	Golden Gate Baptist Church Wilder Pastor Robert Potter, Jr., CLP Corner of Second and "B" Streets Church time is 11:00 am on Sunday Call (208) 880-4308 for information	Our Lady of Tears Church Silver City Mass Summer Schedule 1pm June 11 • July 16 • August 20 • Sept. 17 <i>All invited to potluck after each mass at the home of Dave Wilper</i> For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031
Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale Pastor Silverio Cardenas Jr. 132 W Owyhee • 337-5975 Servicios: Vier - 7pm - Oracion Mier - 7pm Predicacion Dom - 10am Esc. Dom y 6:30pm "Una Iglesia Diferente."	Knight Community Church Grand View Pastor Ivan Shetler 630 Idaho Street 208-834-2639 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am	Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder Pastors Ron & Martha Hwy 19 & 95, 890-9132 Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm
Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, (208) 412-2946 Senior Pastor: Ivar Moore Sunday Bible study, 9:15 a.m. Sunday and Kidz services, 10:45 a.m. Wednesday and Kidz services, 7 p.m. www.homedaleagchurch.com	Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays www.homedalefriends.org	Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell 1122 W. Linden St. 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult and Children Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests	Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Mark Thatcher Bishop Chris Varuska Sunday 1st Ward 1pm Sunday 2nd Ward 9am
Homedale Baptist Church Homedale 212 S. 1st W. 739-5952 Sunday Worship 11am-Noon Pastor: Paul Chismar	Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E, 649-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder-Homedale 26515 Ustick Road 337-3151 www.mvncnaz.org Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Children's Caravan Program
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Sports

Huskies field larger track team as new coach takes over

Kurt Carey sees twice as many athletes as last year's roster

Marsing High School track will see a lot of changes this year, especially in sheer numbers. First-year head coach Kurt Carey inherited a team that saw just 16 athletes compete last year. The 2017 squad had 12 boys and just four girls. There was a much bigger turnout this year, as the Huskies are fielding a team of 35. "The low numbers were a concern for us to begin with, but we are seeing more and more athletes with the desire to compete in track and field," Carey said. Although there was a positive turnout among the boys at the school, the coaching staff still has a big concern that there are still only four

girls competing this year. "We are looking to change the culture of the program and open athletes' eyes to the importance of participating in track and field," Carey said. A small nucleus of returning athletes could be the means to that end. "I think that our athletes that competed last year will have a chip on their shoulder, and they have been working hard in the offseason," Carey said. There are several returners on this year's team from which Carey expects a lot. Two throwers top his list. Junior shot-putter Chloe Ramirez threw 26 feet last year, and Carey thinks she can have that kind of production this year. "(Chloe) attended a great throwing camp last season and is very coachable," Carey said. "She should see big personal-best (distances) this year in both the shot put and discus." Taj Jacobi threw 38 feet, 2.5 inches

last year, and Carey can see even better numbers from the junior boys' shot-putter this year. Carey also looks for big performances from returners Isaac Lee, a sophomore sprinter, and Sefora Arriaga, a junior distance runner who was the only girl on the cross country team in the fall. Sophomore Adonis Stelzried is another athlete the coaching staff expects big things from. He enjoyed great success as a freshman at Homedale High last year, being a last-minute injury replacement on the 4x200 relay team that won the 3A state championship. "He brings experience at a high level of competition, which will benefit the entire team and our preparation process," Carey said. Stelzried will not be able to compete for Marsing at the district or state competitions because of transfer rules, Carey noted. Other newcomers Carey expects to be key contributors include junior

thrower Jeremiah Fuentes, and sophomores Merrick Hall and Wes Ireland, competing in jumps and sprints, respectively. Carey coached throwers previously at Sugar-Salem High School (one year) and South Fremont (three years). The coach praises his team's outstanding work ethic. "I require a lot from our athletes, and I looked for staff that would do the same to push athletes to their potential," he said. Carey's assistants this year are Barry Butler and Clint Thomas. "Our entire coaching staff is new this year, and we have a fresh approach to the season," he said. "The potential of this team for the next several years is exciting." The Huskies opened their season on Monday at the Weiser opener. Results were not available before The Owyhee Avalanche's deadline. — TK



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