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Marsing

Green moves from city council to City Hall

Councilman's spouse becomes deputy clerk

Marsing city government will see some changes in the front office and on the city council.

Jolyn Green has resigned her city council spot in preparation of replacing Janice Biscandi, who will retire as city clerk and treasurer later this year.



Jolyn Green

Kim Even, the wife of Councilman Chris Even, was hired as the city's new deputy clerk, too.

Mayor James Ferdinand

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Bachman open; road to Silver next

Bachman Grade Road was opened Monday, and Silver City Road will open next Monday after the Board of County Commissioners rescinded winter closures.

With warmer weather and snow receding, commissioners took action Monday.

The roads are closed for safety purposes during the winter months and reopened typically in May.

MARSING FFA'ERS TEACH THE CHILDREN WELL



Second-grader shows off first-rate roping

Eli Zinzer from Mary Westrand's Marsing Elementary School second-grade class practiced his roping skills on Thursday during the Marsing FFA Ag Expo near the high school's Ag building. Eli is the son of Garrett and Bobbi Zinzer.

GV council recall only ballot measure Tuesday

With months of tense city council meetings in the rear-view mirror, voters in the City of Grand View will go to the polls to decide a recall question Tuesday.

Second-term Councilman John Morrison faces a recall election after city code enforcement officer

and Planning and Zoning Commission chair Nola Boone filed a petition with the proper number of signatures.

The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., in Grand View.

Only voters living inside the Grand View city limits are

eligible to participate in the recall election.

The recall is also the only election planned anywhere in Owyhee County on Tuesday.

Absentee voting, either in person or by mail, has closed as has early registration.

Eligible citizens can register to vote at the Grand View

precinct on Tuesday.

The recall effort against Morrison is one of two that sparring factions had mounted this year.

Former council member Marie Hipwell tried to get a recall effort against Mayor Sandy Skinner off the ground

— See *Recall*, page 5A

Final suspect in hitchhiker's death to change plea

Court hearing scheduled next Wednesday

The last person accused of taking part in the 2017 killing of an Oregon teenager has agreed to change her plea.

Montanna Rae Reed's defense team reached agreement with Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery after a mediation hearing last week.

Reed will enter her change of plea at 9:30 a.m., next Wednesday in a Murphy courtroom.

The 21-year-old Twin Falls resident is set to enter guilty pleas to felony charges of second-degree conspiracy to commit murder and failure to report a death.

"After the change of plea, it will set the sentencing off six to eight weeks to prepare the pre-sentence investigation, and a case of this magnitude takes a long time to prepare that docu-



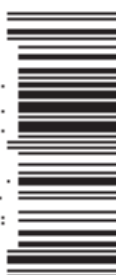
Montanna Reed

ment," Emery said.

Although no sentencing recommendations were included in the mediated settlement, Emery said second-degree conspiracy carries a penalty of 10 years to life, but there is no mandatory minimum. A conviction of failure to report a death could bring up to 10 years in prison.

She was originally charged with first-degree conspiracy to commit murder and failure to report a death after her arrest in the fall of 2017.

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Another Big Loop, open rodeo arrives in Jordan Valley

Three days of western action, other activities start Friday

Black and Sharon Rekward. Doughnuts and coffee will be available for early arrivals. Big Loop teams will compete on Friday for saddles donated by Jordan Valley Rodeo Board, Columbia Bank, Walt Morgan Memorial, WT Bruce Photography and MGM Contractors, and Superior Livestock Auction.

Saturday and Sunday action includes:

- Saddle bronc with a \$1,500 added purse
- Team roping with \$150 added
- Calf roping with \$500 added
- Senior barrel racing with \$500 added
- Junior barrel racing (14-and-younger) with \$250 added
- Bull riding with \$1,000 added
- Stock saddle bronc with \$500 added
- Women's breakaway roping with \$500 added
- Cow riding (ages 15-18) with \$75 added
- Junior steer riding (ages 10-14) with \$50 added

Skyline Silversmiths made the championship buckles.

The all around champion will receive chaps donated by Joe Schussler's Chap Shop as well as the Tex and Agnes Payne Memorial Trophy.

The Jordan Valley Rodeo Association contracts with King Cattle Co., and Blossom Ranches, Nevada Livestock, and Burgess Angus for the rodeo stock.

The rodeo office is now open and can be reached at (541) 586-2551.

For more information, visit www.biglooprodeo.com

What is being billed as the 60th annual Jordan Valley Big Loop will be held Friday with a two-day rodeo to follow on Saturday and Sunday.

Team roping and the Big Loop will be contested beginning at 1 p.m., on Friday. Admission to the performance at the Jordan Valley Rodeo Grounds on U.S. Highway 95 is free.

The open amateur rodeo takes place Saturday and Sunday with performances beginning at 1 p.m.

All rodeo entries fees must be paid by today or the contestant will be dropped and a new name drawn.

Daily spectator admission on Saturday and Sunday is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 13-and-younger. Children 6-and-younger get in free.

There are plenty of events held in conjunction with the first big rodeo of the season in Owyhee country:

- The Lions Club rodeo fundraiser dance on Saturday with live country western music from Buckin' Country
- Tri-tip barbecue after Saturday's performance
- Buckaroo breakfast Sunday morning
- Rodeo cowboy church service at 10 a.m., on Sunday at the old high school gymnasium. The Church in the Dirt team of Blaine and Molly Lilly will lead the service, which will feature music and special guests Wade Black and Sharon Rekward



The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners will add four names to the Roster of Outstanding Citizens in a late-afternoon ceremony Monday at the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy.

Ranchers tabbed for rare county honor; Murphy ceremony Monday

County officials will add four ranchers to the Board of County Commissioners' Roster of Outstanding Citizens.

The new inductees, whose names will be added to a plaque in the Owyhee County Courthouse lobby, are:

- Grand View ranchers **George and Donna Bennett**, whose lengthy resume includes establishing the Grand View Ambulance and serving as original members of the county's Land Use Planning Committee, which became the Natural Resources Committee. Both are members of the county's Local Working Group for sage-grouse conservation,

which Donna has chaired for 17 years.

- Marsing-area rancher **Mary Blackstock**, who will be honored posthumously for her work documenting the ranching way of life through photography and leading youth through 4-H, among many other endeavors.

- Wilson's **Connie Brandau**, a Reynolds Creek rancher who recently retired as chair of the county Planning and Zoning Commission. She was an original member of the county's sage-gruse LWG and remains on the Natural Resources Committee.

A recognition ceremony will

be held at 4 p.m., on Monday inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum,

The four individuals will join Bruneau's Don and Gene Davis and Jordan Valley's Tom Skinner to grow the roster to seven.

The Roster of Outstanding Citizens was established 15 years ago when Skinner was the first man honored. The roster recognizes people who "have made significant contributions to the custom, culture and citizens of Owyhee County."

The Davis brothers' names were added in 2010.

— JPB

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Homedale garbage rates will rise slightly later this year

Council adjusts RV park rate, OKs movie night

One rate decreased and another will be going up slightly after the Homedale City Council met last Wednesday. Council members present voted 3-0 to lower the 29-day camping rate at the Riverside Park RV campground, and they agreed to boost the monthly base cost of garbage service in town later this year.

Councilman Steve Atkins missed the meeting because he was working out of town.

Residents will see a 3.5 percent increase in their basic garbage bills when the new fiscal year rolls around in October.

Westowns Disposal Inc., owner Bill Pastoor requested a new base rate of \$13.20. He called it a “cost-of-living increase,” and Councilman Mike Aebischer said it was understandable given the increase in the cost of doing business. He said labor costs, fuel prices and tire prices all have increased since the last time he requested a rate hike.

“I always appreciated that

you come to us only when it’s a desperate thing. It’s not an every year thing,” Councilman Aaron Tines told Pastoor.

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said the last base rate increase was from \$12.20 to \$12.75 in October 2017. The base rate includes the use of one tote, and a second tote costs \$2.50 each month.

Pastoor also urged citizens to remember that Westowns can no longer accept plastic products at its recycling trailers. He said many plastic bottles today are not “pure,” and contain other non-recyclable elements such as nylon.

He said it’s not cost-effective for his employees to sift through recyclable material to weed out the plastic. In fact, Pastoor said that it’s difficult to retain newspapers and cardboard because people don’t heed signs and toss plastic in all the bins.

Then there are the vandals. “Some determined soul keeps ripping the ‘cardboard only’ sign off and putting plastics in,” Pastoor said.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen asked Pegram to put a reminder on city water bills about what is acceptable and what is not

at the recycling trailer east of City Hall.

Christoffersen also thanked Pastoor for his company’s assistance during the citywide cleanup on April 27. The mayor said two roll-off Dumpsters were filled during the project, and the city also helped 11 people with curbside pickup of unwanted items.

Pastoor said his company hauled six tons of garbage from that day.

Pastoor also reminded the council that citizens can call Westowns to arrange pick-up of large items, or they can drop them off at the company’s headquarters on Industrial Road.

Pick-up cost is \$13 for the first 1,000 pounds and \$26 per each additional ton.

Westowns is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The company can be reached at (208) 337-4359.

RV park rate revised

Long-term RV campers at Riverside Park will get a break on the cost of staying near the Snake River.

The council formalized a plan to charge \$450 for a 29-day stay at the park. Campers

can return for another 29-day stay after leaving the park for one day.

The rate was lowered from a \$750 monthly fee based on the daily rate of \$25.

In another RV park-related matter, the council voted 3-0 to upgrade four camping spots to 50-amp breaker boxes to accommodate larger recreational vehicles.

The upgrade, which will include three guest spots and the host’s site, will cost about \$5,000, public works supervisor Bret Smith said.

Movie nights at park approved

A Homedale man who owns a food truck has been given permission to hold periodic movie nights at Bette Uda City Park.

DJ Crisp said the movie nights actually might feature live sporting events projected onto a 22-foot inflatable screen. He suggested Thursday Night Football broadcasts, but those would have to start in October after the Farmers Market run has finished.

“It’s just to bring people together to grow the business and grow a tradition,” Crisp,

who moved to town two years ago, said.

Aebischer cautioned Crisp that his idea for a “movie night” could get expensive because of licensing fees and other restrictions for films.

Admission for the alcohol-free entertainment nights would be free, but Crisp said he would sell concessions.

“I like the idea because I want to bring the community together to start doing things,” Christoffersen said.

Although Crisp has no nights set up yet, Smith asked for a planning calendar to avoid conflicts with other events.

Non-commercial kennel OK’d for residence

Kansas Avenue resident Suzanna Brockett received a kennel license after a public hearing.

Brockett owns five dogs. That put her out of compliance with the city’s animal ordinance.

She came to the council to “get legal,” she said. The kennel license is for her personal use, and not for a commercial operation.

No public comment was heard prior to the council’s 3-0 vote. — JPB

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Buhl man faces multiple drug charges

A Buhl man faces several charges after Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies discovered drugs and paraphernalia in his vehicle on Thursday at Bernard's Landing near Idaho highway 78.

Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said that deputies found Douglas Farwell, 52, in a vehicle that was parked partially in a handicapped spot at the sportsman's access south of Givens.

The deputy reported the odor of alcohol and marijuana coming from the vehicle.

Farwell gave the deputy permission to search

his vehicle, and a marijuana pipe and 2.02 ounces of marijuana were found, according to Bowman.

Farwell was charged with misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia possession.

Bowman said that Farwell was not driving the vehicle.

Farwell appeared in the courtroom of Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington on Friday and is scheduled for a pretrial conference at 1:30 p.m. on June 24 in Murphy.

— TK

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✓ Plea: All three defendants reach deals

Reed and co-conspirators Willie Keith Rabey and Nicholas Blake Vandenberg were arrested days after hunters found the body of 18-year-old Hunter Allyn Smith of Junction City, Ore., in the desert outside Bruneau.

Subsequent investigation revealed that Vandenberg had

pulled the trigger, shooting Smith multiple times after the four people had gone out into the desert to target shoot in June 2017. Prosecutors said Reed and Rabey helped cover up the crime.

Both Vandenberg and Rabey settled their cases through mediation earlier.

— JPB and TK

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Homedale library launches internship

Town's 11th- and 12th-graders can apply

The Homedale City Library is accepting applications from high school juniors and seniors interested in a summer internship.

The library will be hiring someone for eight hours of work per week or 80 hours over the course of the summer, starting at \$10 per hour.

Any high school who is a Homedale resident is eligible to apply for the internship.

Library director Sharla Jensen told the Homedale City Council last Wednesday that the intern program is funded through a \$1,000 grant from the Idaho Commission on Libraries.

Jensen said the scope of the work will include learning

basic library procedures, helping with the summer reading program, and developing activities and programs that the intern will be in charge of implementing.

Requirements for the position include basic computer skills and organizational skills. Applicants should also work well with children and be people-oriented.

Interns will be required to work Thursday from noon to 2 p.m., with the remaining time to be split depending on the intern's availability.

Anyone interested will need to pick up an application from their guidance counselor, the library, or Homedale City Hall.

All applications must be returned to the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., by 5 p.m. next Wednesday.

—TK

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✓ Recall: Town citizens can vote at E. Owyhee library

but was unable to get enough signatures.

The recall petition against Morrison criticizes the second-term councilman for his alleged lack of management skills. He’s accused of resorting to “bullying and belittling fellow council members and city employees,” according to Boone’s recall petition.

The petition, which began circulation before the March election, also asserts that Morrison opposes the city’s building codes and ordinances and that his limited government philosophy is hurting the day-to-day operations of the city.

Morrison also is accused of a conflict of interest because, the petitioner asserts, his opposition to regulations help family members in town who own rental property.

Morrison, who was re-elected to a four-year term in November 2017, denied all the

allegations in a statement to The Owyhee Avalanche when the recall was first reported in January.

“The fact that I hold these views is not a reason to run a recall. The fact that conservatism is perceived as grounds for a recall should trouble everyone,” he wrote at the time.

“I wholeheartedly believe that my constituents are adequately represented, and a robust debate within our city council and community assures that all angles of our problems and solutions are looked at from differing views and opinions.”

Results from the recall election will be posted online at www.owyheeavalanche.com on Election Night.

— Citizens speak up about Grand View recall election. **Page 4B**

✓ City Hall: Deputy clerk departs; Bicandi to retire

announced the changes at last Wednesday’s council meeting.

“I have spoken with three candidates for city clerk, and I have chosen, in my opinion, the best candidate for council to ratify,” Ferdinand said. “That would be Miss Jolyn Green.”

The council approved Green’s appointment. She was not allowed to vote, and had to give up her council seat to accept the post.

Green began as a deputy clerk on Monday and will continue in that position until July when Bicandi is expected to retire. Green then will become the new clerk.

According to Idaho Code, the mayor can bring forth someone for the council’s consideration for the clerk’s post. The council can either accept or reject the recommendation. If the appointment is denied, the mayor must submit another candidate.

The mayor must now bring forward suggestions to fill Green’s position on the council. Whoever is chosen for that position would complete Green’s term, which expires at the end of this year.

As of Friday, Ferdinand said that he had not yet spoken with any potential replacements.

City attorney Stephanie J. Bonney noted that with Green gone from the council, the only way meetings can have a quorum is if the three remaining council members (Marie Herman, Tony Malmberg, and Chris Even) are all present.

Kim Even replaces Kim Spagnolo as deputy clerk. Spagnolo left the position earlier this month.

Bonney explained how the hiring is allowed under state law with the new deputy clerk’s husband serving as an elected official.

“Just for disclosure, Kim is related to Chris,” Bonney said. “Under Idaho Code, Chris isn’t able to receive a salary until the next election, if he chooses to run for re-election, and people decide they want to vote him in, knowing that they have a deputy clerk that’s related to him, he would then be allowed to receive a salary.”

According to Bonney, the mayor does not need council’s approval to hire a city employee like a deputy clerk.

City officials (such as clerk/treasurer) have to be approved by council after the mayor recommends a candidate, such as he did with Green.

— TK

Calendar

Today

- Make-it class**
4 p.m., open to school-aged children, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785
- Grand View Chamber meeting**
5:30 p.m., Grand View Fire Station, 721 Roosevelt St., Grand View.
- Marsing Rural Fire Dist. public hearing**
7 p.m., Marsing Fire Station, 303 Main St., Marsing. Considering agreement with Canyon County for systems improvements fees. (208) 896-4511

Thursday

- Fit and Fall exercise**
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Story Time**
Noon, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785
- Pinochle games**
After lunch, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922
- STEMCraft at the library**
4 p.m., grade-school ages, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785
- Farmers’ Market youth vendor training**
4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., HHS ag department, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. Ages 8 to 18. Registration by April 23 at 208-880-0440 or www.homedalefarmersmarket.com.

Friday

- Story Time**
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday
- Teens and Tweens program**
4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday
- OCHS meeting**
7 p.m., Owyhee County Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. Open to public. (208) 495-2319

Saturday

- Grand View Food Bank pickup**
9 a.m., to 10 a.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho St., Grand View.
- Free lunch**
Noon to 12:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419
- Pinochle and dominoes games**
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

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

Wednesday

- Senior bus to Mountain Home**
9:30 a.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922
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4 p.m., open to school-aged children, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785
- Fish and Game fishing trailer stop**
4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Island Park pond, Marsing. <https://idfg.idaho.gov/fish/trailers>.

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- COSSA Academy graduation**
5 p.m., Mercer Hall, East Avenue A, Wilder.
- Mennonite Youth Choir**
7 p.m., refreshments served, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View.
- Homedale High School graduation**
7 p.m., Homedale High School main gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4613

Friday, May 24

- Idaho Foodbank drop-off**
9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale.
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4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

Saturday, May 25

- Catholic Mass**
10 a.m., Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church and Oreana Community Hall, Oreana. (208) 466-7031
- Free lunch**
Noon to 12:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale.

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University of Idaho
Extension

Beef Quality Assurance, livestock handling workshop scheduled

There will be a joint Idaho/Oregon beef quality assurance certification training and low-stress livestock handling field day held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Tuesday, May 28 at the Carter Ranch just west of U.S. Highway 95 off of Jordan Crater Road and the Silver City Cut-off Road.



Scott Jensen

This field day is a joint effort between Oregon State University Extension, University of Idaho Extension, Malheur County Cattlemen's Association, Owyhee Cattlemen's Association, and the Beef Quality Assurance Programs in both states.

The morning program will be focused on BQA principles and practices and include some hands-on activities. Presenters for this portion of the program will be Sergio Arispe (OSU Extension), Scott Jensen (UI Extension), and Dr. Charles Estill (OSU Extension veterinarian).

Topics covered will include:

- The goals and benefits of beef quality assurance programs
- Recommended record-keeping practices
- Biosecurity
- Cattle handling and prudent use of handling aids
- Herd health and nutrition
- The most recent beef quality audit

In addition to this, Dr. Dick Fredrickson (Simplot veterinarian) will discuss weaning methods, calf preconditioning, and calf processing.

Lunch prepared by Oregon Trail Livestock Supply will be sponsored by the Malheur

County Cattlemen's Association and the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association. An RSVP is requested to sergio.arispe@oregonstate.edu or by calling the OSU Malheur County Extension office at (541) 881-1417. Deadline to RSVP is May 21 (Tuesday).

The afternoon program will focus on the benefits of low-stress livestock handling.

Audrey Marchek (OSU research assistant) will discuss the effects of stress during cattle handling.

This will be followed by a presentation from OSU Extension Agent Chris Schachtschneider demonstrating low-stress cattle-handling techniques. Chris has spent considerable time training and practicing with some of our nation's most renowned low-stress livestock handling experts and should provide some excellent tips for even the most experienced cowboys!

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— Scott Jensen is the University Idaho Owyhee County Extension educator. He welcomes questions on livestock care. The U of I Owyhee County Extension office is located at 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing and can be reached at (208) 896-4104. Contact at scottj@uidaho.edu.

Pre-K, kinder screening set Tuesday in Bruneau-GV

Bruneau-Grand View School District will hold its Pre-K and Kindergarten Roundup on Tuesday.

Registration and screening session is scheduled to run from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Bruneau Elementary, 25841 Benham Ave., and from noon to 4:30 p.m. at Grand View Elementary, 205 First St.

Pre-K is open to boys and girls who will turn 4 years old by Sept. 1. Prospective kindergarteners must be 5 years old by Sept. 1.

The only incoming kindergarten students that need to be screened are those who are not currently attending a Bruneau-Grand View pre-K class.

Parents or guardians must bring their child's birth certificate, immunization record, and proof of residency.

Appointments are not necessary but are recommended.

Contact the Bruneau Elementary office at (208) 845-2492 or the Grand View Elementary office at (208) 834-2775.

Grand View Days market planned

Vendors for the Grand View Days Market Place are being sought.

Grand View Days will be held on Saturday, June 22, this year and the Market Place will be located in the city park.

Vendors interested in taking part can contact Erica Mulberry by text or phone at (208) 585-1811 or email at mulberry81@gmail.com.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Veggie bar, fruit bar, and choice of milk and juice each day
May 15: **Breakfast:** Rolled taco, applesauce **Lunch:** Pork chop, mashed potatoes w/gravy, hot roll

May 16: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon ultimate breakfast roll (UBR), mixed fruit, string cheese **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken, steamed carrots

May 20: **Breakfast:** Grain & fruit bar, peaches **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad

May 21: **Breakfast:** Mini bagel, pears **Lunch:** Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes with gravy

May 22: **Breakfast:** Blueberry Bash, mini-waffles, applesauce **Lunch:** Orange chicken, steamed rice, steamed broccoli

Homedale Middle

Fruit & salad bar, choice of milk and juice each day
May 15: **Breakfast:** Mini-cinnamon bagel or cereal, applesauce **Lunch:** Cheeseburger or sloppy joe, French fries

May 16: **Breakfast:** Powdered sugar donut or cereal, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Pizza or PB&J sandwich, fruit roll-up

May 20: **Breakfast:** Cherry frudel or cereal, yogurt, peaches **Lunch:** Chicken fries or fish sticks, mixed vegetables, string cheese

May 21: **Breakfast:** Croissant sandwich or cereal, pears **Lunch:** Spicy chicken sandwich or hot dog, potato wedges

May 22: **Breakfast:** Tornado or cereal, applesauce **Lunch:** Pork chop or chicken tenders, mashed potatoes w/gravy, hot roll

Homedale High

Salad bar, fruit choice and choice of milk and juice each day

May 15: **Breakfast:** Biscuits & gravy or mini waffles or cereal **Lunch:** Beef taco or chicken taco, corn

May 16: **Breakfast:** Pancake bites or grain and fruit bar or cereal **Lunch:** Chicken tender, mashed potatoes w/gravy, roll or grab 'n' go chicken wrap

May 20: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick or frudel or cereal **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken or mini calzones, garlic toast, steamed carrots

May 21: **Breakfast:** Croissant sandwich or bagel w/cream cheese or cereal **Lunch:** Hamburger or cheeseburger, Tater Tots, cookie

May 22: **Breakfast:** Sausage plate or mini pancakes or cereal **Lunch:** Oarng chicken, egg roll, and steamed rice or pizza hot pocket, fortune cookie

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-sr. high school: Salad bar, pizza offered daily

May 15: **Breakfast and lunch:** Cook's choice
May 16: **Breakfast:** PB&J **Lunch:** BBQ pulled pork on a bun, fries, baby carrots

May 20: **Breakfast:** Waffles and hashbrowns **Lunch:** Pizza, tossed Romaine salad, corn

May 21: **Breakfast and lunch:** Cook's choice

May 22: **Breakfast:** Bagels **Lunch:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garden spinach salad, broccoli, breadstick

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Above: Keira Beltran gets close to the action as she browses books in the new shelves installed in the Eastern Owyhee County Library's children's area. **Right:** Chloe Beltran pulls out an interesting title she found nestled in the new bookshelves. The girls' parents are Saul and LaTanya Beltran of Grand View. Submitted photos



Eastern Owyhee library shows off new shelves

The fundraising has paid off, and the Eastern Owyhee County Library recently received new moveable bookshelves. The shelving is being utilized in the Grand View public library's children's department. They were installed earlier this month. The library was closed for two days as the old shelves were removed and the new shelves, which cost about \$2,000 each, were erected. "It was quite a project, but the result is amazing," library director Tammy Gray said. The Friends of the Eastern Owyhee County Library helped finance the bookshelves through a raffle and other

fundraisers. With the summer reading program looming in June, the library's other youth programs continue:

- A Make-It class is held at 4 p.m., each Wednesday.
- Children's Story Time takes place at noon each Thursday.
- The library's after-school STEM/Craft time takes place at 4 p.m., on Thursday.

The library is located at 520 Boise Ave., in Grand View and can be reached at (208) 834-2785. Library hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. The library is closed on Sunday.



The Eastern Owyhee County Library closed for a couple days to make room for the new shelves. Submitted photo



Ready for anything
A man and woman are geared up for garish sun or windy conditions — it is spring in Idaho, after all — as they leave the Homedale boat dock on a fishing excursion.

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Cows targeted by unknown shooter

Three cows were shot and killed sometime between May 6 and May 8 near the Hardtrigger and Rat's Nest area. Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said no suspects have been identified. Owner Daniel Richards of Wilson said the cows were estimated to have a value of \$2,500 each. Bowman said that if found, the suspects would probably be charged with grand theft. Anyone with information is asked to call county dispatch at (208) 495-1154. — TK

BATTLING SPRING FEVER AT HOMEDALE ELEMENTARY



Salsa one day, smoothies the next as PTO shows its appreciation for teachers

Left: Most teachers clamored for ice cream last Wednesday, but these three Homedale Elementary School staffers opted for smooth, cool refreshment during one of the Parent Teacher Organization appreciation days. **Right:** Paraprofessional Raymond Smith and reading instructor Teri Uria dig into the taco bar provided by Manuel Ramos from Del Rio Restaurant on May 6. Submitted photo



Rebekah Jenkins' students learn about the stages of a butterfly's life cycle. **From left:** Naomi Pawlak, Lila McKerron, and Laynee Waters. Submitted photo



Students from Rebekah Jenkins' class examine butterflies in a shadow box during a recent field trip to Zoo Boise. **Top row, from left:** Michael McBride and Mya Duryee. **Bottom row, from left:** Bridgett Mahler and Dalton Morris. Submitted photo



Above: Fourth-graders hanging out with a sculpture of Mark Twain at Walter's Ferry include, in back, Weston Woodward (left) and Nick Schlenker; and, in front, Jonathan Vargas (left) and Tuff Shippy. **Right:** Fourth-graders sit back in time at the Murphy schoolhouse adjacent to Owyhee County Historical Museum. Students included Ismael Vega, Alex Cornejo-Lopez, Blake Ormsby, and James Maxwell. Submitted photos



BOCC wants coordination on proposed wild horse release

Getting no response, commissioners send second letter

County commissioners have written a second letter expressing their concerns about the Bureau of Land Management’s plan to release wild horses back into the area burned by the 2015 Soda Fire.

The BLM announced this week that it plans to disperse 45 wild horses, including 21 mares, into the Hardtrigger Herd Management Area in a May 29 operation.

The latest letter to BLM Owyhee Field Manager Donn Christiansen, dated May 6, was sent because the Board of County Commissioners has yet to get a response from its April 8 correspondence.

Both letters are the county’s attempt to have the release delayed until the

federal agency coordinates with the Board of County Commissioners to address possible adverse impacts.

The commissioners’ concerns about the proposed turnout include:

- Because of limitations on the sale of excess horses and an inability to keep herds at appropriation management levels (AML), the BLM is “unable or incapable of managing the horses or controlling how they use/overuse the resource.”
- There is no monitoring program in place for distinction of horse use and the fact that horses are on the land 365 days per year.

The commissioners claim that they have also raised similar issues for many years in regard to wild horse management in both the Boise and Twin Falls districts, which manage Herd Management Areas (HMA) within Owyhee County.

“Our previous comments have maintained a consistent thread that BLM’s

management requirement to maintain the number of horses to AMLs set for the HMAs has not been successfully carried out,” the letter reads.

The commissioners wrote that a failing of the BLM might include underestimating foal success rates or having planned BLM gathers delayed by litigation.

“Regardless of the cause of the management failing, there is significant impact on resources in HMAs when wild horse numbers exceed authorized levels,” the letter continues.

According to information received, the commissioners looked at previous county comments submitted to various BLM offices. County officials suggest many others have raised concerns about wild horse releases after reviewing letters from the Idaho Department of Agriculture regarding the Saylor Creek HMA and from Chipmunk Grazing Association regarding Sands Basin, Black Mountain, and

Hardtrigger HMAs.

More county employees hired

The sheriff’s office has hired Ron Johnson for court security.

Johnson’s effective date of hire was May 6, and he will make \$14.76 per hour.

The county has also hired a new deputy treasurer, effective Monday.

Gentry Stombaugh was hired at a pay rate of \$13.75 per hour to replace Sally Schoder.

“(Sally) needed to help her husband with their home business,” county Treasurer Annette Dygert said. “She was a great employee and will be missed.

“Gentry will be a great addition to the office.”

Deputy treasurer responsibilities include collecting tax payments and receipts, contacting taxpayers by phone, responding to citizens’ questions and comments, and more.

— TK



Ag safety brings a smile

A fifth-grader laughs as she gets help petting a horse during Thursday’s ag and farm safety presentation at Homedale Middle School. Gunner Campbell coordinated the second annual Homedale FFA event as his senior project.

Courthouse report

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

- May 7**
Walter Varela, Glendale, Calif. — Misdemeanor no logbook violation: \$263.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs
- May 6**
Daniel R. Courtney, Kuna — Misdemeanor Fish and Game offense, hunt, trap or fish without a license: \$125 in fines, \$165 in court costs
Russell James Garity Jr., Owyhee, Nev. — Misdemeanor unlawful entry (amended from felony burglary), misdemeanor petty theft: 180 days in jail (12 days served, 168 days suspended), 2 years unsupervised probation, \$300 in fines, \$307.50 in court costs
- May 1**
Nicholas D. Bruinsma, Kuna — Misdemeanor driving without privileges: \$322.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor failure to provide proof of vehicle insurance (second or subsequent offense), failure to appear

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Marsing Fire’s Canyon substation still in the works

Canyon impact fees hearing set for tonight

The Marsing Rural Fire District’s quest to get impact fees from Canyon County developers has brought back into focus a standing plan to build a second fire station in that part of the district.

The district’s board of commissioners will hold a public hearing on the impact fees at 7 p.m. today at the fire hall on Main Street.

The hearing comes nearly two years after district patrons overwhelmingly approved a permanent levy increase to build and equip a Canyon County substation.

But in the two years since 80.7 percent of voters approved a levy of nearly \$1 per \$100,000 of taxable property value, ground hasn’t been broken on the northwest corner of Marsing Road and Walker Lake Road.

Officials say there have been a few snags since the May 2017 election.

“(The proposed substation) is certainly still in the works,” Marsing Fire Commissioner Jake Astorquia said.

“It has become a bit more tricky as the costs of materials and labor have increased significantly from when the levy was voted on and processed until it was time to bid the job.”

Astorquia said he isn’t sure when the district will put the project out to bid.

According to Astorquia, commissioners have been

working diligently to be more creative and fiscally responsible to provide the district with a substation that meets current needs and addresses future growth.

Since the levy was passed, there have not been any additional funds raised with the substation specifically in mind.

“We have discussed the possibility of utilizing funds in our operational budget to pay for some of the work that would be needed,” Astorquia said.

Astorquia said that the district has been moving forward with its plans, but at a pace slower than he would have preferred. He said that he’s sure the commissioners and the public would have preferred at a quicker pace, too.

He said the district retained Hummel Architects to design the project, but a general contractor has yet to be hired. Astorquia said that some of the required soils testing has already been completed in preparation for the project.

The plan is currently for a building approximately 60 feet x 72 feet (4,230 square feet), with two sets of overhead doors on each end that would allow storage for multiple vehicles (engine, water tender, or brush buggy).

The plan is to also have a restroom and a small office.

“In addition to the facility, there are costs for a roadway entering and exiting the facility, an area for equipment washout, water storage, and site security,” Astorquia said.

— TK

Marsing council OKs RV resort

Residential lot change also approved

A large RV resort could be coming to Marsing, but the developers must meet certain conditions.

The Marsing City Council approved rezoning and special use permit for Nampa couple Martin and Hannah Maisel’s plan to build a 55-space RV resort on Idaho highway 55 west of downtown.

But last Wednesday’s decision came after the city attorney suggested conditions, and some citizens and Mayor James Ferdinand voiced concerns.

The council voted, 3-1, to grant the permit and rezoning from agricultural to commercial use. Councilman Chris Even cast the dissenting vote.

The Maisels made their pitch again after the hearing had been continued twice previously. Horrock Engineers representative Peggy Breski accompanied the couple.

The plan calls for each site to have full hookups, with no central dump. They also plan on internet access and cable to be available at the site.

Melissa Jayo, who owns a neighboring property west of the proposed resort, testified during the public hearing.

She said that her issue was the Maisels goal of creating a high-end resort, considering the environment, suggesting that it would be difficult with the dust, flies, and odors that come with living in a rural setting.

“I don’t know if any of you have lived here for long enough but the wind blows in from the west,” Jayo said. “If you had been out there today, with the 15 mph wind, there was dust.”

“I operate a small business, giving riding lessons. I make dust.”

Marsing resident Noyam Hale said she felt an RV park that allowed campers to stay for extended periods sounded like a trailer park. She wanted to know the difference between a mobile home park and what the Maisels were trying to create.

Breski summarized for the council what the Maisels were trying to accomplish and how it would benefit the citizens of Marsing and local tourism.

Part of the Maisels’ project was to create a place for folks visiting the area wine region to stay.

“Keep in mind that if the city council chooses to rezone the property commercial, you do have a conditional use permit but that’s not binding forever on the property,” city attorney Stephanie J. Bonney said.

“You have to be comfortable with this property being a commercial property, knowing that in the future it could have other commercial uses.”

Ferdinand said he felt the council should limit the length of stays at the RV park

“From what I understand, everyone is full with a six months to a year waiting list,” Council member Jolyn Green said. “The need is high for an RV park, for short-term and semi-permanent stays.”

The mayor agreed, saying

that there are not any in this area.

“A lot of people will come through to work, for six months to a year, a year-and-a-half,” Even said.

Bonney suggested limiting stays at the resort to six months and then requiring 30 days before another stay. She said this would prevent people from leaving for a day and then returning.

Bonney said that plans for landscaping, parking, irrigation, and more would be required as part of the permit.

The council approved the rezoning of the property to commercial and special use permit, provided that the developers meet all the requested conditions, including a maximum stay of six months per camper at one time.

Residential lot reconfiguration OK’d

After a second public hearing, the council unanimously approved a special use permit to reconfigure an abandon lot on Franklin Street.

With the permit, TV Group, doing business as Bear Construction, can now face the property on Edwards Street in preparation for splitting it into two residential lots.

The group, represented by Ethan Thompson, wants to develop a pair of two-bedroom, two-bath homes on the properties.

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Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden speaks to Grand View Elementary students last Wednesday during a visit in which he passed along money he earned through an elected officials’ walking challenge. Photo by Mandi Boren

AG steps up for physical fitness in Grand View

Former Owyhee prosecutor presents school with health grant

by Mandi Boren
For The Owyhee Avalanche
Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden made a visit to Grand View Elementary School to present a \$500 health and wellness grant.

The grant stemmed from a Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health initiative called Steps-for-Schools. According to the foundation website, Steps-for-Schools challenges Idaho elected officials to walk an average of 10,000 steps per day for the month of February during the legislative session.

Each legislator and executive officer was outfitted with a Fitbit to monitor their progress

and keep them accountable. At the end of the challenge legislators who reached their goal were given \$500 to donate to a school of their choice to help fund physical education. Wasden said completing the challenge involved a little more than just the day-to-day walking around the Statehouse, but it was worth it. The idea to give Grand View Elementary the \$500 grant was spurred when Wasden — an Owyhee County prosecuting attorney in the 1980s — decided to stop by the school one day. He was passing through on his way to a meeting. Wasden said he was



Grand View Elementary principal Josh Noteboom (center) accepts a \$500 check from Wasden and Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health representative. Photo by Mandi Boren

impressed with the small rural school and later selected it as the grant recipient. The Foundation for Health Initiative program is “... a way to promote good health, and the money is used to promote health among schoolchildren. A lot of good things can come through that,” Wasden said. Before presenting the check to elementary principal Josh Noteboom, Wasden engaged the children as he spoke to them about health, the importance of education and even shared a

personal story of bullying. One student asked the attorney general what he would do if he were president, to which he quickly responded, “Worry about all of you.” “You are important and important to me,” he said. Wasden went on to say that Owyhee County has held a special place in his heart since he served the county as prosecuting attorney. Noteboom said the school was thankful for the grant and assured that “the money would

be used exactly as intended.” He said the school would use the money to purchase physical education equipment that students typically don’t have access to, and that will help keep them active. Students have also been discussing how they would like to see the money used. “This is the perfect opportunity for us to find new ways for students to be active,” he said.

— Mandi Boren, an Oreana resident, covers the Grand View-Bruneau-Oreana area for The Owyhee Avalanche. Send news tips to her at mandi@owyheeavalanche.com



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Families got warmed up for the Homedale Farmers Market and for spring with two Saturdays of plant sales at Bette Uda City Park earlier this month. Submitted photo

2019 farmers market to offer classes for young and old alike

The Homedale Farmers Market is gearing up for another season with vendor-centric events in the coming weeks.

A youth vendor training will be held from 4:15 p.m., to 5:45 p.m., on Thursday inside the Homedale High School Ag building. Prospective vendors had to register for the training, open to ages 8-18, in April

A mandatory vendor meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m., on Thursday, May 30 at Bette Uda City Park.

Representatives from the Idaho State Tax Commission and state Department of Health and Welfare will be in attendance as well as Ariel Agenbroad from the University of Idaho Canyon County Extension. Agenbroad will be teaching “Harvest and Han-

dling: A Cut Above.”

Homedale Farmers Market president Denise Dixon will be provide vendor information on the market that she says is vital prior to starting the season.

Cultivate Children’s Nutrition program will kick off from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, June 6, during the market. Students from first through sixth grades are welcome.

Maricela Guzman at Homedale Elementary School has registration forms for the Cultivate program, and interested parties can visit the market’s website, www.homedalefarmersmarket.com, for more information.

“We have some wonderful programming for this year,” Dixon said.

Among the classes planned

during the summer:

- Idaho Preferred, an Idaho State Department of Agriculture program
- Dairy West on dairy
- Terry Reilly Health Services dental awareness
- Local community members will give presentations on gardening, making smoothies, and more.

Children involved in the Cultivate class will receive two \$1 bills at the end of each class they complete. The boys and girls will spend the money at the market.

“We are so lucky to have such great vendors,” Dixon said. “Thank you to the community for their continued support of your hometown farmers market.”

— TK



Some vendors brought plants raring to go just like some gardeners who eagerly welcomed spring. Submitted photo

OHR plans Homedale lunch to thank vets, first-responders

Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation, in partnership with Harrison’s Hope Hospice, will play host to an appreciation lunch for veterans and first-responders to kick off the Memorial Day weekend.

The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Friday, May 24 at Bette Uda City Park in Homedale.

“We just want to show our appreciation for veterans and first-responders,” OHR community liaison Lindsey Love said.

She said the focus of the appreciation is aimed at military

veterans as well as police, fire, and ambulance workers from Homedale, Marsing, Wilder, and Parma.

She said that OHR and Harrison’s Hope are footing the bill for the luncheon, but Snake River RV Resort in Homedale has also made a donation.

“A huge thank you to Snake River,” Love said.

The menu for the luncheon includes pulled-pork sandwiches.

Any questions about the event should be directed to Love at (208) 513-4204.

Grand View generator burglar sentenced

A Grand View man must serve three years felony probation after his burglary conviction.

Mathew Brady Sullivan, 45, was sentenced in Third District Judge Thomas W. Whitney’s courtroom on April 26 in Murphy.

Whitney gave Sullivan credit for 36 days he had served in jail after he was arrested in January and accused for stealing a generator from a shed in Grand View.

Sullivan also must pay \$595 in court costs.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery dismissed a count of felony grand theft.

According to court records, Sullivan allegedly stole a generator worth \$1,000 on Jan. 2. A probable cause statement said Sullivan returned to the residence from which he stole the item and confessed to the owner.

Sullivan apparently told the sheriff’s deputy who arrested him that he stole the generator to trade for drugs.

Man with multiple DUIs gets jail time

A Marsing man has been ordered to serve two months in county jail for his fourth drunk driving conviction.

Paul Lowell Jenkins, 35, was sentenced on April 26 by Third District Judge George D. Carey.

Carey sent Jenkins to jail and suspended his driver’s license for one year.

The man also must pay \$352.50 in court costs.

Lowell was arrested on Oct. 2 and charged with driving under the influence, marijuana possession, and driving without privileges. All three are

misdemeanor charges.

Lowell was taken into custody after an Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy stopped the red Chevrolet Blazer he was driving near Edison Road and Idaho highway 55 west of Marsing.

Court records indicate the Blazer had a taillight out.

Lowell’s blood-alcohol concentration measured .09 and .087.

According to the OCSO deputy’s probable cause report, Jenkins was convicted of misdemeanor DUI in 2006 and 2008 and felony DUI in 2012.

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Top Jordan Valley students, athletes recognized

Jordan Valley High School its spring academic and athletic awards ceremony last Wednesday afternoon.

Top awards included:

Citizen of the Year — Skyler Forsythe

Student of the Year — Emilee Burch

All Around Athlete — Regann Skinner and Zeke Quintero

Heart of a Mustang — Sam Green and Kiana Quintero

Mr. and Miss Mustang — Zeke Quintero and Taylor Warn

Perfect attendance — Jace Grenke and Kiana Quintero

Superintendent and principal Rusty Bengoa awarded academic letters to:

Second time — Emilee Burch, Skyler Forsythe, Zeke Quintero, Wade Raine, Regann Skinner, Taylor Warn, Kort Skinner, Baylee Davis, Kiana Quintero, Tina Gammett, and Quinton Collins

First time — Tayler Eiguren, Birch Eiguren, Jace Grenke, and Cassity Gluch

Sheryl Douglass handed out social studies awards:

Success 101 — Tayler Eiguren

U.S History — Cassity Gluch, Kiana Quintero, and Tina Gammett

International Studies — Baylee Davis and Skyler Forsythe

Economics — Baylee Davis and Skyler Forsythe

Capstone — Emilee Burch

Cassidy Corrigan handed out Ag awards:

Beginning welding — Tina Gammett

Ag projects — Trevor Fillmore

Natural resources — Zeke Quintero

Animal Science — Birch Eiguren and Kelsey Gluch

Katelyn Moore presented science

awards:

Biology — Tayler Eiguren and Kiana Quintero

Health — Baylee Davis

Tara Echave presented English awards:

Students earning nine college credits — Emilee Burch, Taylor Warn, Regann Skinner, Zeke Quintero, Sam Green, Skyler Forsythe, and Baylee Davis.

Drama — Wade Raine, Tina Gammett, Abby Green, Shaianne Keller, Michaela Stoddart, Emilee Burch, and Taylor Warn

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Eiguren

English 10 — Tina Gammett

English 11 — Baylee Davis

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Algebra I — Tayler Eiguren

Geometry — Quinton Collins, Jace Grenke, and Cassity Gluch

Algebra II — Baylee Davis, Kort Skinner, and Trevor Fillmore

College math — Zeke Quintero, Skyler Forsythe, and Emilee Burch

Mack also recognized:

Yearbook — Kiana Quintero and Skyler Forsythe

Contributing editors — Sam Green, Kate Gooch, and Regann Skinner

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Strike while it’s hot: Lots of crappie out at C.J. Strike

State biologists study cycles; some anglers want limits

by Brian Pearson
IDFG conservation public information specialist
A large crop of crappie from 2017 is now coming into prime size for anglers
The stars have aligned for another crappie “boom” at C.J. Strike Reservoir, and anglers will likely reap the benefits for the next couple of years.
“We have a big 2017 year class of fish at C.J. Strike, and they are just starting to grow to a size that anglers can catch them,” Idaho Fish and Game

biologist Mike Peterson said.
Crappie have probably been in C.J. Strike since the 1970s, although records are vague, and there have been boom and bust cycles in crappie populations since then. What exactly drives those cycles is somewhat of a mystery, but biologists at Fish and Game are studying them at C.J. Strike Reservoir to get a better understanding.
Crappie populations tend to rise and fall
Biologists know that crappie

are prolific spawners with each female crappie producing up to 20,000 eggs, and by comparison, an average-sized trout typically produces less than a thousand. Biologists know that spawning takes place annually in the reservoir, which produces a new generation of crappie, but that doesn’t mean the reservoir produces a banner crop of adult crappie each year.
Biologists are looking for answers why, but they haven’t found correlation between high numbers of newly hatched crappie and good fishing three or four years down the road. So, for a banner year class of crappie to be recruited into

the fishery, certain — and to this point largely unknown — factors must perfectly align after the crappie hatch, which appears to be the case after the 2017 class hatched at C.J. Strike.
A boom is taking shape
These fish survived at high rates through the larval stage, which is the next phase after they’re hatched, and grew fast since then. Now Strike’s crappie fishery appears to be entering the early stages a boom cycle.
Fish and Game biologists observed an 18-fold increase in catch rates between last spring and fall, and the 2017 year class of crappie made up 71 percent of the harvest observed. During that period, crappie in this age class averaged about 8 inches in length, and the early indications show they continued to grow over winter.
While crappie tend to grow relatively fast at C.J. Strike, they also typically don’t live very long in the reservoir — around four or five years.
“Typically, fast-growing fish tend to not live as long, and that’s the case with crappie in C.J. Strike so far in what we’ve seen,” Peterson said. “The four-year-old fish are typically nine to 10 inches, and may have spawned once by that age. Very few fish live to be six or seven years old.”
The crappie boom won’t last indefinitely, but Peterson expects to see above-average catch rates over the next few years as this year’s class of fish

continues to age and provide increased harvest potential.
For anglers hoping to preserve this large group of fish, harvest isn’t going to threaten the crappie population in C.J. Strike, and anglers are encouraged to take advantage of the harvest opportunity available. They should use the fish wisely and not be wasteful, keeping only the fish they are willing to clean and eat, but enjoy the good fishing while it’s here.

Biologists look for ways to stabilize the fishery
This crappie boom isn’t just an opportunity for anglers. It’s also an opportunity for biologists to study whether implementing size restrictions or bag limits on C.J. Strike in years where these large age classes are present might help stabilize the boom-and-bust cycle of the fishery, making it less cyclic from year to year.
Currently, there are no bag or size limits on crappie or yellow perch at C.J. Strike Reservoir. The species are managed for maximizing harvest opportunity for anglers, but if research showed those were useful tools for managing the population, they could be considered.
The current study started in 2016, and it is looking at both crappie and yellow perch populations in the reservoir.
“This study came about because we’ve received feedback from anglers saying they want bag limits or size restrictions on crappie because they feel like that will make the crappie fishing better,” Peterson said. “We are currently collecting information to answer questions related to whether or not these tools would be effective to provide the benefits anglers are hoping for. Can we make fishing better using different tools in our toolbox?”
Through the study, biologists are also hoping to gain a better understanding of the factors that drive the cycle of crappie populations in C.J. Strike, as well identify the most effective survey methods that will allow them to better monitor crappie and yellow perch through multiple life stages.
“The ultimate goal is to make fishing better by providing more of a stable opportunity to harvest crappie and yellow perch year after year,” Peterson said.
“We also want to be able to forecast future panfish fisheries and keep anglers informed about what’s happening in the reservoir.”

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Adrian, Melba girls
win district track titles

Avalanche Sports

Local youth baseball
teams sparkle

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Trojans' District Diamond Dominance

Another title extends several softball streaks

12th straight win, sixth
consecutive crown creates
chance to repeat at State

Another day, another hero. Another year,
another district title.

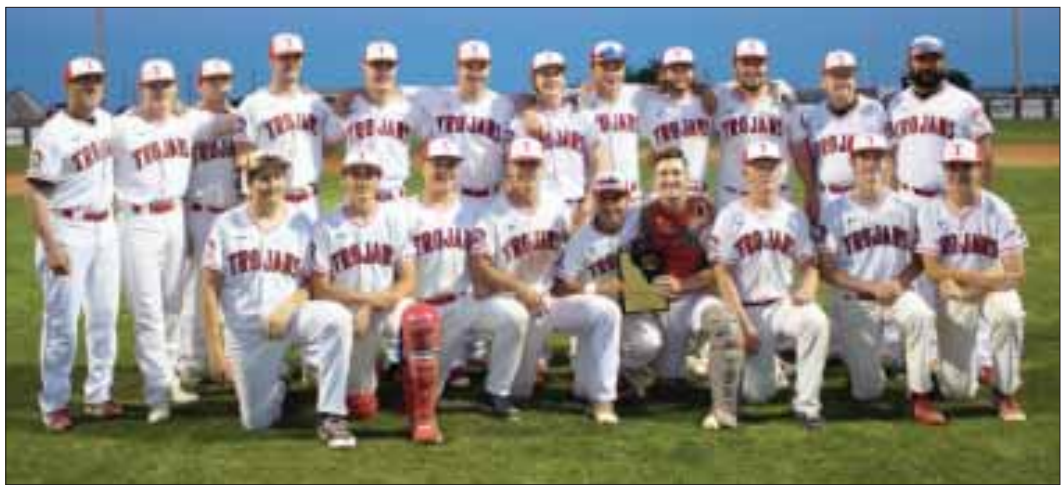
Amaya Carter stepped up with five RBI on
Thursday to help Homedale High School win

its sixth consecutive 3A District III softball
championship.

The senior's big blast was a bases-clearing
triple in the fourth inning as the Trojans
walloped Fruitland, 14-4, in the district
tournament final in Weiser.

Homedale started quick on the march to its
12th consecutive victory, racking up four runs
in the bottom of the first inning.

— See *Softball*, page 10B



The Homedale High School baseball team was all smiles after winning the district
championship last Wednesday in Fruitland. Photo by Megan Ryska Photography

Taking aim at state crown again

Power from plate, pitching mound
drives baseball team

It wasn't without a little
drama, but Homedale High
School is back in the 3A
baseball state tournament.

The Trojans (16-9 overall)
open their third appearance
in four seasons at 1 p.m. on
Thursday against top-ranked
South Fremont (21-5), which
had to beat Filer, 12-1, on
Saturday to get into the state

tournament through a play-in
game.

The state tournament
will be played at Melaleuca
Field in Idaho Falls through
Saturday.

Ranked fourth in the last
statewide coaches poll,
Homedale returns to the state
tournament after winning the
3A District III championship

for the second consecutive
season.

Senior first baseman
Clayton Wolfe homered and
tripled last Wednesday as the
Trojans held off Fruitland,
8-6, in the district final on
the Grizzlies' field.

"Clayton Wolfe is a beast,"
HHS coach Burke Deal said,
adding that The College of
Idaho football commit is
thinking about taking a shot

— See *State*, page 10B



The Homedale High School girls' golfers show off their medals
in Weiser. From left: Brooke Pfost, Ashlyn Miller, Emma Parker,
Téa Uranga, and Shanlee Swallow. Submitted photo

Homedale girls golf reach first state tourney in 15 years

Boys miss cut;
Urangas district
runners-up

Not much changed for the
Homedale High School girls'
golf team last week — except
for making history.

On Monday and Tuesday

after deadline, the Trojans
were represented in a state
tournament for the first time
since Homedale's run of seven
straight championships ended
in 2004.

The 15-year drought ended
with a bang on May 6 as the
Trojans finished second in the
3A District III Tournament at

— See *Girls*, page 10B

Four Rimrock athletes head to 1A state meet

Macmillan wins
100 at district

by *Mandi Boren*

For The Owyhee Avalanche
Rimrock High School track
and field athletes showed up
ready and proved themselves

Friday and Saturday at the
1A District III Track and
Field Championships in New
Plymouth.

Four Raiders secured a trip
to the 1A state championship
meet, which takes place Friday

— See *Raiders*, page 11B

Personal records fall as Trojans reach state meet

Boys runner-up at district behind six golds

Bobby Christensen is
wrapping up his first year
as Homedale High School
track and field coach with a
promising appearance in the
3A state championships.

Eight underclassmen have
earned automatic berths to
compete Friday and Saturday
at Middleton High School.

Homedale's boys finished
second in the district meet

behind six championships.

Sprinter Caleb Smith will
be on hand for four events
after taking part in four
championships at the district
meet.

The junior turned in his
fastest 200 meters of the season
(22.63 seconds) to win gold
and also took home top honors
in the 100 at 11.35.

He ran the anchor leg on two

championship relay efforts.

Jake Collett, Jose Ojeda,
Erik Hernandez and Smith
blazed to the title in the 4x100
in 44.62 seconds.

Collett, Hernandez and Smith
teamed up with junior Gage
Purdum to take the 4x200 gold
medal. The quartet finished in
1 minute, 31.52 seconds.

Sophomore Thomas Symms

— See *Trojans*, page 9B



District champion Bryce Cornwall sticks the landing in the
triple jump. Photo by Machele Randall



Sports

Adrian girls win district track championship

Four-time champ leads state meet contingent

Roby Young's track and field career may be near an end, but her young Adrian High School teammates are ready for the handoff.

A senior, Young won four events at Friday's 1A District 4 championship meet to help Adrian captured the girls' championship.

Now, she'll lead a large contingent of Antelopes into this weekend's state championship meet at Western Oregon University in Monmouth.

The 1A Oregon championships take place Friday and Saturday.

Young peppered the results sheet with personal records during Friday's district meet in Baker City, Ore., and she is one of a dozen Adrian athletes who will head west for the state meet.

Young's district championships included:

- **400 meters** — 1 minute, 1.57 seconds
- **200** — A personal-record 26.41 seconds
- **High jump** — 5 feet even
- **Triple jump** — 34-5.5 (PR)

Young may have anchored the Antelopes' district performance, but youth ruled the day for the most part.

Freshman Conley Martin was district runner-up in the boys' 100 meters, nailing down a state berth with a 11.65-second effort. He also qualified in the 200 with a third-place time of 23.82, a personal record.

In the girls' long jump, ninth-grader Lizzy Nielson placed second with a 15-3 mark.

She also teamed with fellow freshman Riley Lucas, junior Kenzie Sorrell and senior Shayla Griffin as Adrian's 4x100 relay qualified for state with a second-place district time of 53.21.

Lucas, fellow freshman Zoe Nelson, Griffin and senior

Jordan Valley brother, sister head for State

Jordan Valley High School's Quintero siblings have one more road trip together.

Sophomore Kiana and senior Zeke are the Mustangs' only qualifiers for the 1A Oregon track and field state championships.

Zeke won the boys' triple jump at Friday's 1A District 4 championship meet in Baker City, Ore. He soared 42 feet, 1.5 inches.

Kiana was third in the girls' long jump with a personal record of 15-1.

The Quinteros will travel to Monmouth, Ore., and are scheduled to compete in Friday's first day of state competition on the

Western Oregon University campus.

Zeke also placed seventh in the district long jump at 18-11.5.

Teammates Sam Green, a senior, and Quinton Collins, a sophomore, picked up personal-best marks at the district meet.

Green was 12th in the 100 at 12.22 seconds, while Collins notched a 2-minute, 38.99-second 800 meters (20th place).

Kiana posted her best triple jump distance of the season, finishing eighth in 29-11.

Sophomore Abby Green had a season-fast 16.05 in the girls' 100.

Sadey Speelmon finished second in the district 4x400 (4:27.27) and will compete at the state meet.

Griffin has qualified for two other state meet events after two personal records.

She was runner-up in the girls' 200 with at 27.47, and finished third in the 100 at 13.3.

Junior Wade Bond notched a pair of runners-up finishes in the boys' meet to qualify for State in the 200 (23.6) and 300

hurdles (41.92). Both times were personal-best marks. He was also third in the high jump at 5-8 to qualify for a third state meet event.

Junior Hannah Bertalotto reached the state meet in the girls' javelin when her PR of 120 feet, 2 inches was good for a district silver medal.

Martin helped the Adrian boys' 4x100 relay punch a ticket to State with second-place time of 46.29. Joining

Martin in the district meet final were freshman Gavin Bayes, sophomore Manuel Aguirre, and junior Ethan Sheets.

Other state meet qualifiers include:

- Sorrell — Finished third in girls' pole vault (PR of 7-9)
- Speelmon — A PR of 32-8.75 and runner-up showing in the triple jump placed her in the state meet. She also qualified for State with a fourth-place mark of 4-8 in the high jump.

Eight Huskies reach 2A state track championships

Boys' 4x400, shot-putter get district silver

Eight Marsing High School athletes have qualified for the 2A track and field state championship meet.

The Huskies had a strong showing at the 2A District III championships Friday and Saturday at New Plymouth High School. Several athletes seem to be peaking at the right time.

"I'm extremely proud of the way our kids competed," first-year coach Clint Thomas said. "We had a bunch of kids beat their personal bests, as well as qualify for State."

Making the 20-mile drive from Marsing to Middleton High School for the state meet on Friday and Saturday will be:

- Chloe Ramirez (shot put and discus)
- Merrick Hall (long jump and high jump)
- Taj Jacobi (shot put)
- AJ Ayuban (triple jump)
- Adonis Stelzried (long jump and 4x400-meter relay)
- Austin Pool (4x400)
- Chris Baham (4x400)
- Isaac Lee (4x400).

The Marsing boys' 4x400 relay team finished second to Nampa Christian at the district



With a second-place finish at the 2A District III championships, Marsing High School's 4x400 relay team qualified for the track and field state meet at Middleton High School. From left: Chris Baham, Isaac Lee, Adonis Stelzried, and Austin Pool. Submitted photo

meet with a time of 3 minutes, 41.97 seconds. Austin Pool ran the first leg, followed by Chris Baham, Adonis Stelzried, and Isaac Lee running the anchor.

The Huskies were nearly five seconds behind first-place Nampa Christian.

Jacobi placed second in the shot put (41 feet, 2.5 inches).

A state meet high jumper last year, Hall added the long jump to his qualification list. He placed third in the high jump (5-6) and fourth in the long jump (18-9.25, his best leap of the season).

Ayuban achieved a personal

record in the triple jump (39-2.75) to finish third and reach the state meet.

Stelzried qualified in long jump, finishing third with a season's-best 19-5.

Ramirez will be the Huskies' lone representative in the girls' meet. She finished fourth (29-7.5) in shot put.

Other top district finishers for Marsing were:

- **100** — Baham (12.39 in preliminary round, 13th place).
- **200** — Ayuban (26.33 preliminary, 20th, PR).
- **400** — Lee (56.06 in final, seventh).

• **800** — Reynaldo Aguirre (2:13.08, ninth in final, PR).

• **1,600** — Aguirre (5:02.93 in final, PR).

• **3,200** — Manuel Ramos (14.12.73 in final, 20th).

• **300 hurdles** — Hall (47.10 in final, eighth).

• **Sprint medley relay** — Trayton Jacobi, Stelzried, Lee, and Aguirre (3:58.69 in final,

fourth).

• **Shot put** — Trayton Jacobi (36-10 in final, sixth).

• **Discus** — Chris Even (91-11 in final, 12th, SR).

• **Long jump** — Ayuban (18-7.75 in final, fifth, PR).

Other district marks for the girls were:

• **100** — Mazzi Roper (14.8 in preliminary, 18th, PR)

• **400** — Roper (1:22.02 in preliminary, 20th)

• **3,200** — Sefora Arriaga (15:44.81 in final, 14th).

• **100 hurdles** — Hailey Christiansen (19.99 in preliminary, 14th).

• **300 hurdles** — Anahi Moreno Vargas (56.52 in preliminary, 10th, PR).

• **Sprint medley relay** — Moreno Vargas, Christiansen, Roper, and Arriaga (2:15.21 in final, fifth).

• **Shot put** — Gabby Rodriguez (27-0.5 in final, ninth).

• **Discus** — Rodriguez (75-10 in final, 10th).

• **Long jump** — Moreno Vargas (13-6.75 in final, 10th, PR).

—TK

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Three-wheel roping



I’ve always sorta figgered the reason there is more cowboy poetry than there is farmer poetry has to do with horses. Most cowboy poetry is about wrecks. One person plus one cow equals a wreck now and then. One person plus one cow plus one horse equals a wreck every time! But then farmers discovered the three-wheeler! Honda invented the ATV! It was the farmer’s first real horse replacement, complete with speed, weight, maneuvering, swerving, rolling, flipping, crashing and getting bucked off! The bonus was ... they became a great inspiration for Cowboy/Farmer poetry!

Kelly was workin’ for John, his brother and his dad. They were farmers who ran steers on wheat pasture in western Oklahoma. They didn’t use horses. They used three-wheelers, but they treated them like horses.

John had spotted a snotty nose, so he picked up Kelly and they drove back out to find the critter. Kelly sat in the seat behind John as the three-wheeler sailed over the sandy wheat field. John pointed to a brockle calf with a little ear. He was a tad wasty and looked to weigh about 600 pounds. “Rope him!” directed John as he goosed the tricycle and snapped Kelly’s neck. They flew across the field toward the fence. John followed the racing calf, swerving from side to side.

“Rope him!” he screamed.

Kelly was standing, tears streaming from his eyes, sand stinging his face and trying to swing a loop over the top of Kingfishers County’s answer to Evel Knievel.

“Git on the other side,” hollered Kelly, swingin’ his left-hand loop at the steer on the wrong side.

“This is as close as it gits,” yelled John, “Throw it!”

Kelly fired a bullet of a loop. It looked like a monkey ropin’ a gnu off the back of a galloping triceratops. He caught the steer! Now what. Kelly was gatherin’ slack as John hazed the steer. John grabbed the tail of the rope and tried to dally to the handlebars.

The steer stumbled at the fence. Kelly bounced over the pilot, hit the dirt and managed to take a wrap on one of the creosote posts. When the steer hit the end of the slack the post broke off catapulting Kelly into the tangle. He clung to the post till the steer slowed to a crawl.

Over the horizon came John’s brother Steve and their dad. They were pullin’ the fishtailin’ stock trailer behind the careening pickup. Kelly was plowing a furrow and poundin’ his pockets full of sand when Steve leaped out.

He dropped the tailgate and, just like it was choreographed, the steer jumped toward the trailer.

“Let go of the post, you dummy!” shouted Steve, “You’ll get hurt.”

Kelly did. Like a slingshot, the post left his grip and whacked Steve square on the butt. His head hit the crossbar above the tailgate and he executed a complete backflip. John and his dad slammed the tailgate on the steer (and Steve who hung like a gutted white tail from the highest slats.)

Time has gone by and 4x4’s have replaced the three-wheeler. And it has its advantages, but neither three-wheelers nor four can beat a horse and cowboy with a rope in his hand for gettin’ the job done and makin’ a good story.

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Letters to the editor GRAND VIEW CITY COUNCIL RECALL

Petitioner: Recall is about future of city, not Morrison

I did not file a petition to recall John Morrison because I personally dislike him. I filed it because of his lack of effectiveness. When he came into office, he ran on a platform of “no change.” Well, if he accomplished one thing, that was it. The city of Grand View is still plagued with the same issues it was three years ago when he came into office. We are still challenged with drinking water and sewer issues.

At the May city council meeting, Morrison expressed concern that the city is down to one operable well. This concern comes years after DEQ sent a letter to the city stating our water system is out of compliance for the same reason. Yet, in December 2018 Morrison persuaded the council with fear of federal tenants and “big government” to disapprove a 90 percent grant with a 10 percent match to repair our (wastewater) lagoon system.

We have so much potential in our little hamlet. Why do you suppose we have so many weekend

visitors? Like other municipalities in the county, we must manage a few hard issues, and that will take the ideas and opinions of everyone, not just the six people who consistently show up to council meetings.

I do not pretend to have all the answers, but I know that our current direction of doing nothing is heading us down the wrong path. Without water and sewer, we are all sunk, so to speak.

I have seen Morrison in action, and I do not trust him sitting on his hands doing nothing to help fix our city. I vote to recall John Morrison and hope you will join me. Let’s come together, share opinions and develop a plan to benefit all, not just a few. Together we can make this a magical place!

Nola A. Boone
Grand View
Planning and Zoning chairperson
and code enforcement officer

Grand View mayor has city’s best interests in mind

A vocal minority of Grand View residents is creating problems within the city government, and I would like to set the record straight.

Ever since Mayor (Sandy) Skinner was appointed, she has had fierce opposition within the council. It started with Councilman (John) Morrison, who immediately began treating her uncivilly when the mayor suggested ordinances intended to help clean up the town, which is badly needed, and to stop residents from illegally cutting trees (on public land) along the river bank and leaving debris in place.

Both these ordinances had a huge impact on

Councilman Morrison’s family members, who own the majority of rentals in the city that need to be cleaned up and who were cutting trees along the riverbank to increase their view of the river. Councilman Morrison, who is up for recall May 21, admitted and apologized for his incivility towards the mayor in a response letter to the Avalanche, but his actions have not changed.

Mayor Skinner is a conservative leader who, like the majority of residents of Grand View, likes to address issues within the city. However, she is also realistic and realizes that in order to fund

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From Washington Working to keep U.S., Idaho on nuclear energy cutting edge

A new chapter in U.S. nuclear energy started with the enactment of two pieces of legislation that further nuclear innovation — S. 97, the Nuclear Energy Innovation Capabilities Act (NEICA) and S. 512, the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act (NEIMA). These laws help ensure the research conducted at Idaho National Laboratory (INL) continues to contribute to our diverse domestic energy resources and keeps our nation at the forefront of nuclear innovation. Empowering the long-term development of nuclear energy requires making sure these nuclear innovation laws are fully implemented and continually assessing the need for additional reforms.

In September 2018, President Trump signed NEICA into law. This bipartisan law, which I led with fellow Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-Rhode Island), authorized the creation of a National Reactor Innovation Center to bring together the technical expertise of the national laboratories, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) with academia and private-sector innovators to enable

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the construction and testing of experimental reactors. This law strengthens the ability of national laboratories, like INL, to partner with

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Commentary

Financial management

Even with a pension, develop a backup retirement plan

Dear Dave,
I'll be retiring in the next couple of years. When I leave my job, we will have a yearly income of \$65,000 through my pension. I don't think we need an emergency fund with such a dependable, steady income stream like that, but my wife disagrees. She says she would feel safer if we had money set aside just for the unexpected. What do you think we should do?

— Gary

Dear Gary,
A good pension can feel pretty solid, but nothing's perfect. Nothing lasts forever. There's always the possibility of lost income or large, unexpected expenses. What if one of you has a major medical event?

Life can bite you at any time, and sometimes it will take a big financial chunk out of you. You *need* an emergency fund!

I recommend an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses. Put it in a good money market account with check-writing privileges and a decent interest rate. That way, your money will work for you a little bit. With a solid pension like you're talking about, you could probably lean toward the three-month side, if you wanted. Honestly though, I'd save up six months of expenses — just in case.

Trust me, a fully funded emergency fund will make you both feel better. Plus, it can turn a disaster into nothing more than an inconvenience!

— Dave



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Dear Dave,
The school system I work for puts 12 percent of my pay into a public teacher retirement fund, and they match this amount. I've seen where you tell people to put 15 percent of

their income toward retirement. If that's the case, should I put three percent into another retirement fund? I have no debt and very little in terms of expenses. Or, what would you think about the idea of opening another retirement account at a full 15 percent of what I make?

— Patti

Dear Patti,
I wouldn't go as far as to pour an additional 15 percent into a different retirement plan, but I *would* consider putting maybe eight to 10 percent into a Roth IRA. I want you to have some money that's separate from the school system account, just in case things go south with their retirement fund.

It sounds like you've got a

pretty good pension plan, but you never know what might happen. I'm not predicting bad things, but at the same time there's no way I'd lean on the school system fund as my one and only source of retirement income. You should never put all your financial eggs in one basket!

— Dave

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Letters
to the editor
✓ Mayor

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a \$1 million project (to repair the city wastewater system) the city must obtain outside funds or a loan. A FEMA grant is willing to pay 90 percent of the federally required project, but your council voted against it.

Grand View has been mismanaged for years, and Mayor Skinner is taking the heat in the process of setting things straight. I am voting to recall John Morison. If you have questions or concerns I encourage you to talk to the mayor. You will find she is a caring and generous go-getter that makes positive impacts in our city every day. She is doing much more to help this town than false accusations and complaining ever will.

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Grand View



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✓ Nuclear: Reforms can advance clean energy

From Page 4B
private industry to prove the principles behind their research.

In January of this year, President Trump signed NEIMA into law. This bipartisan law, which I championed with fellow Idaho Sen. Jim Risch and others, will improve the pathway from concept to commercialization for these advanced nuclear technologies tested and developed at INL. NEIMA pushes the NRC to modernize so it has the ability to license next-generation, advanced reactors in a safe, timely and transparent manner while also helping reduce the overly burdensome cost of licensure currently impeding the development of new technologies. The law encourages public and private investment in nuclear research and spurs the development of a regulatory framework within the NRC necessary for licensing advanced nuclear reactors.

Having achieved historic, bipartisan success with the enactment of these bills, Congress must turn its attention to ensuring full implementation and dedicating necessary resources to these initiatives. This year, I led a bipartisan effort urging Senate appropriators to bring these reforms to fruition by providing federal funding for advanced nuclear programs at DOE and NRC to develop, license and deploy advanced nuclear technologies in partnership with the private sector and academia. We specifically pressed for resources to support the DOE/NRC licensing cost-share program authorized in NEICA; continued development by NRC of an advanced reactor licensing framework suitable for advanced reactor designs; research and development related to

advanced nuclear reactor concepts at DOE; and the development of high assay low enriched uranium fuel needed for advanced reactors.

Building on the reforms of NEICA and NEIMA, I joined Chairman of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), Sen. Risch and many of the senators in the bipartisan group I worked with to craft the other two bills again this Congress in co-sponsoring S. 903, the Nuclear Energy Leadership Act (NELA). NELA would establish a long-term, whole-of-government strategy for innovation, development and deployment of advanced nuclear energy. NELA would launch robust public-private partnerships among the federal government, research institutions and industry innovators and allow the federal government to be an early adopter of first-of-a-kind, tested nuclear technologies. Such a concerted effort will enable the U.S. to maintain its cutting edge in nuclear innovation for clean, reliable energy and take those innovations abroad.

The cutting-edge research conducted at INL is a great source of pride for our state and local community, but more importantly enables the nuclear innovation necessary to advance this highly technical field. I look forward to full implementation of the reforms already enacted and building on these reforms to further America's innovative leadership.

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Sports

Huskies golfer returns to 2A state tournament

Incorrect scorecard drops top girl down district leader board

Marsing senior Landon Villa finished his high school golf career where he ended his junior season — in the 2A state tournament.

The Huskies’ top boys’ golfer finished tied for seventh at the 2A District III Tournament last week to qualify for the 2A state competition.

The state tournament was played Monday and Tuesday after deadline at River’s Edge Golf Course in Burley.

Villa was the Huskies’ lone representative in the state tournament

again this season.

Villa tied Liberty Charter’s Michael Corkish for seventh at the district tournament, which was held May 7 at RedHawk Golf Course in Nampa.

The two carded a 9-over-par 81.

“Landon’s day was up and down,” Marsing coach Scott Larsen said. “He wasn’t too happy (about scoring 81) but he’s happy he qualified for State.”

Tyler Smith and Parker Wallace of defending state champ Cole Valley Christian finished 1-2 at the district meet. Smith shot a 74 in the 18-hole meet, while Wallace finished one stroke back.

Other finishers behind Villa were Dwight Sevy (106), Logan Stansell (110), Justin Ineck (112), and Carter Clay (133).

“Logan, Dwight, and Justin had good rounds but knew they all needed to shoot rounds in the 90s to qualify for State,” Larsen said.

As a team, Marsing finished seventh in the 10-team field. The Huskies (409) finished 91 strokes behind the Chargers (318).

At last year’s state tournament, Villa shot a two-day total of 19-over-par 163 to finish in a 14th-place tie with Salmon’s Ammon Tolman.

The Huskies’ girls’ team (505) finished sixth in the eight-team district field, 150 strokes behind Cole Valley Christian (355).

Aubrey Villa (109) was the low scorer for Marsing, but fell in the standings because she signed an

incorrect scorecard.

She finished the 18 holes with a 104, but because she made an error, the score was recorded as a 109. She signed the scorecard with the 109, and it could not be changed.

“Had she not signed the scorecard, she would have finished in ninth place, only one spot from State,” Larsen said.

Cole Valley had four of the top six finishers at district: Grace Singpraseuth (81, first place), Bella Huff (90, fourth), Sophie Huff (91, fifth), and Ellie Blackman (93, sixth).

Other Huskies finishers included Chloe Heitz with a season-low 125, Regan Stansell (128), Amaya Mendoza (143), and Emily Loucks (146).

— TK

Mustangs take long way back to state tournament

After winning a dozen games in a row, Melba High School’s softball team stumbled in the 2A District III Tournament and had to find a back door into the state tournament.

The Mustangs hammered St. Maries, 11-1, in a six-inning state play-in game played Saturday in Grangeville.

The quick road trip and win-or-else game was necessitated when Melba lost, 14-7, in eight innings to reigning state champion New Plymouth on Friday in the district tournament.

Melba (21-3 before St. Maries) began the district tournament as the top seed, but lost a winners’ bracket semifinal to No. 3 seed McCall-Donnelly on Thursday then couldn’t slow down second-seeded New Plymouth, which won its second game of the day Friday to reach the district championship game. The Pilgrims lost to McCall, but will play in the state tournament as

the district’s No. 2 seed.

Coach Don Jamison’s Melba squad starts the 2A state tournament a noon MDT on Friday in Moscow. The Mustangs open against District IV champion Declo (14-9).

Saturday: Melba 11, St. Maries 1 (6) — The Mustangs exploded with eight runs in the fourth inning to break open a close state tournament play-in game.

Melba scored the game’s first 10 runs before St. Maries broke through with an unearned run off Owyhee County resident Cindy Read in the top of the fifth.

Read struck out five and walked no one while limiting the Lumberjacks to five singles.

Another Owyheean, Kennedy Mickelson, tripled and collected and RBI and a run. County resident Megan Bowman scored twice.

Andrina Webster went 4-for-4 with two RBI, and

Read helped her own cause with a pair of singles and two RBI.

Esther Riley tripled, and she, Camille Bangerter and Ashlie Shaffer each crossed the plate three times.

Friday: New Plymouth 14, Melba 7 (8) — The Pilgrims scored eight times in the top of the eighth inning to end the Mustangs’ hopes of a district championship.

Trailing 5-0 after four innings, New Plymouth stormed back, tying the game, 6-6, with two runs in the seventh. The team scored four times in the fifth to start the comeback.

Melba committed six errors, which led to five unearned New Plymouth runs. Read struggled from the pitching circle. The Mustangs’ ace walked seven and gave up 13 hits. She struck out eight.

With Read reeling off four shutout innings, Melba constructed a 5-0 lead before New Plymouth erupted for

four runs in the fifth.

Bangerter tripled for the Mustangs’ only extra-base hit.

Annabelle Dickard knocked in three runs, and Mickelson and Bangerter scored two runs apiece.

Riley was Melba’s leading hitter, going 2-for-4.

Thursday: McCall-Donnelly 10, Melba 5 — By the time the Mustangs’ offense kicked in, it was too late to make a difference in the winners’ bracket final of the district tournament.

The Vandals scored twice in the third inning to snap a 1-1 stalemate then kept piling on runs to end Melba’s 16-game winning streak.

McCall-Donnelly pitcher Carlie Dauphinais struck out five and scattered five hits. Melba scored three earned runs off her.

The Mustangs were hampered by seven errors, which led to seven unearned

runs.

The Vandals managed nine hits against Read. She struck out five.

Webster and Kylee Aldrich drove in two runs each for the Mustangs.

May 7: Melba 15, Nampa Christian 14 — The Mustangs opened their stay in the district tournament with a wild, home-field victory over the Trojans.

Aldrich drew a bases-loaded walk in the bottom of the seventh inning to provide Melba the walk-off victory in the district semifinal.

The Mustangs scored six runs in the bottom of the seventh inning for a come-from-behind victory.

Owyhee County residents started for both squads.

Mustangs second baseman Megan Bowman went 2-for-3 with two RBI.

Trojans’ catcher Harlee Ferdinand was 1-for-4 and scored three times.

Home runs can’t help Melba in district baseball final

Mustangs still off to 2A baseball state tourney

Tim Reinertson and Henry Clark homered last Wednesday, but Melba High School couldn’t hold off the two-time reigning 2A state champions.

Nampa Christian scored three

times in the top of the sixth inning to complete a comeback and win the 2A District III Tournament championship game, 12-10.

The contest between the top-seeded Mustangs and the No. 2 seed Trojans featured 31 hits.

An Owyhee County resident, Reinertson was 2-for-3 with three runs scored and two RBI. He heads into the 2A state

tournament with five home runs.

The Mustangs (19-5), who were locked into the state tournament before the district final, open play in the final eight at 4 p.m., MDT on Thursday against District VI champion Challis-Mackay (18-3) in Orofino.

Melba raced out to a 4-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning in

the district final, but the Trojans came back at every turn.

The Mustangs built an 8-5 lead with a single tally in the bottom of the fourth, but Nampa Christian surged ahead with five runs over its next two at-bats.

The Trojans’ three-run sixth inning put Melba back on its heels.

Another Owyheean, Trace

Stimpson, was 3-for-4 with an RBI for Melba.

Clark knocked in two runs, and Seth Dice went 2-for-3 with two RBI.

At the bottom of the Melba order, Abe Riley was 2-for-4 with two runs scored.

Colby Benner was 4-for-4 with a home run, double and five RBI to lead the Trojans. He also scored three times.

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Sports

Marsing softball team's tough season ends

Huskies play their way into district; bow out to Nampa Christian

After reaching the double-elimination portion of the 2A District III softball tournament, Marsing High School saw its season end with a five-inning loss to Nampa Christian on Thursday.

The Huskies lost to the Trojans, 15-5, at Nampa Christian High School.

The loss put an end to a disappointing season for the Huskies (4-18 overall), who failed to win a 2A Western Idaho Conference game for the second time in the past three years.

Marsing was solidly in the game for the first two innings, trailing just 8-4, but the Trojans crossed the plate seven more times in the final three innings. The Huskies managed just one more run, a run-scoring single by senior Hailee Bennett.

Bennett accounted for all three Marsing RBI and half the team's four hits, all singles.

Ashley Loucks and Spanish exchange student Ana Mantilla had the other two base hits.

Bennett pitched a complete game, giving up the 15 runs on seven hits. She walked eight and struck out six.

Only six of the Trojans' 15 runs were earned.

Cleanup hitter Naomi Merritt led Nampa Christian with

two hits, including a home run, with four runs scored and three RBI.

The season ended for Nampa Christian (13-11) with a 16-4 loss to No. 2 seed New Plymouth on Friday.

Tuesday, May 7: McCall-Donnelly 15, Marsing 2 (5) — The first-round game started as a scoreless tie through 2½ innings then things went south for the Huskies in a hurry.

The Huskies' starter, Bennett, gave up nine runs in the bottom of the third without recording an out. She allowed just two hits in her two-plus innings of work but walked six and struck out four.

Marsing outhit the Vandals (16-7) five to two in the game.

Loucks and Bennett recorded two hits each, while Mantilla accounted for the other.

Loucks came on in relief of Bennett in that pivotal third inning and finished the game out. She did not allow a hit but walked six and did not record a strikeout.

The Vandals' starting pitcher, Carli Dauphinais, and Natali Hutcheson recorded the team's two hits. Dauphinais hit a double.

Every McCall-Donnelly starter but Jazmine Neely was



Marsing's Destiny Wood gets to first base before the ball to beat out a hit against New Plymouth. Photo by Dan Pease

walked at least once.

The Vandals went on to win the tournament championship and qualify for this week's state tournament.

May 7: Marsing 21, Vision Charter 17 (8) — The runs came fast and furious in the district play-in game against the 2A WIC newcomer.

In a back-and-forth battle that reached extra innings, Marsing took the lead for good with five runs in the eighth to snap a 16-16 tie. Vision Charter was good for one more in

the bottom of the inning but that was all they could muster.

After a slow start that saw Marsing hold a 2-1 lead after three innings, the Huskies exploded for nine runs in the top of the fourth.

Vision Charter responded in its half of the fourth with 11 runs, taking a 12-11 lead.

The teams exchanged leads for the next three innings, and the Golden Eagles were able to tie the game in the seventh.

Marsing scored its 21 runs on just four hits. The Huskies

received 10 free passes in the game and the Golden Eagles committed 20 errors.

Loucks, Mantilla, Destiny Wood, and Adrianna Simpson each had one hit for Marsing.

Bennett struck out 18 batters in her eight innings of work, while walking 14. She allowed five singles.

Vision Charter's starting pitcher, Seanna McDougall pitched a complete game. Only four of the runs she allowed were earned. She struck out nine and walked 10.

MARSING HUSKIES



Softball
Ana Mantilla, jr., 1B
3 RBI vs. Vision Charter in district play-in



Golf
Landon Villa, sr.
7th at districts, qualified for State play-in



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Sports

Melba girls roll to district crown, into state meet

Boys: Leavitt posts a career day

Two double champions and 18 state meet qualifiers helped Melba High School win the 2A District III girls' track and field championship. Seniors Kylahn Heritage and Emma Clark pulled in four of the Mustangs' six titles at the district meet in New Plymouth. The qualifying Mustangs will compete in the 2A state meet Friday and Saturday at Middleton High School. The Melba boys finished third in the district meet with Owyhee County resident Stewart Stears securing one of seven state meet berths. Owyheean Jordan Dayley, a junior, ran the second leg of Melba's championship girls' 4x200-meter relay effort. Kate Clark started the race, and Telissa Christensen took the second handoff. Kortney Trappett ended the run, which Melba completed in 1 minute, 50.06 seconds. Heritage won the 800 meters with her fastest race of the season (2:24.38), and she also captured the 1,600 in 5:31.04. Another senior, Emily Oldham, won the district title in the discus with a

throw of 105 feet. She was runner-up in the shot put at 31 feet, 9 inches. Emma Clark left the ground for her gold medals. She won the pole vault at 11 feet, and she captured the triple jump at 36-7.25. Clark and Dayley will compete in the 100 preliminaries at the state meet after finishing second and third, respectively, in the district final. Clark finished in 12.75, and Dayley crossed the line at 13.2. Sophomore Kate Clark qualified for the 200 with a personal-record time of 27.59 to finish third. She also PR'd in the long jump with a fourth-place mark of 15-9.25. She'll compete in the triple jump at the state meet, too, after taking third in the triple jump with a season-best 33-5.75. Christensen finished fourth in the triple jump, qualifying for State with a PR of 33-2.75. Another 10th-grader, Faith Svedin, posted a PR in the 400. Her 1:06.05 was good for fourth. Dayley also qualified in both hurdles events. She was second in the 300 at 47.72. She won bronze in the 100 hurdles with a PR of 15.82. Freshman Tayler McCoy pulled off

her longest discus throw of her life (90-11) to finish third and reach the state meet. Sophomore Kayla McCoy finished fourth in the high jump (4-8) to extend her season into the final meet of the year. Freshman Lacey Leavitt PR'd in the 800, finishing sixth in 2:32.86. Junior Marissa Cole established milestone times in the 1,600 (fifth in a PR of 5:46.99) and 3,200 (sixth in a season-fast 12:46.2). Senior Lynae Richardson had two personal records with two sixth-place finishes in the hurdles. She was clocked at 17.31 in the 100, and notched a 50.97 performance in the 300. Freshman Daisee Crossley was sixth in the triple jump with a PR of 28-2.5. Christensen, Leavitt, Cole, and Heritage teamed up to finish second in the 4x400 relay (4:24.01).

Boys

Sophomore Joshua Leavitt had the meet of his life, establishing three personal records and qualifying for the state meet in all three events. Leavitt was runner-up in the 800 (2:00.91) and the 3,200 (10:09.63), and he earned a bronze medal in the 1,600

(4:44.08). Junior Brock Lueddeke was runner-up in the high jump at 5-6, and he'll compete this weekend. Stears will compete in the state meet in the 110 hurdles. The junior was fourth in 17.77. Sophomore Cameron Wood PR'd in the triple jump, finishing fourth at 37-3.75 to reach the state meet. Sophomore Reagan Manzer was fourth in the 300 hurdles at 45.12. Manzer (10:44.56) just missed advancing automatically to the state meet in the 3,200 when he finished fifth. Stears also finished fifth in the 300 hurdles (45.97). Stears ran the third leg when Melba finished third in the 4x100 relay. Easton Draper started the race and handed off to Andrew Herman. Joey Bradshaw ran the anchor leg in the 47.32 effort. Other PRs included:

- Zane Helm was sixth in the triple jump (36-9.25).
- Draper, a freshman, finished eighth in the triple jump (36-0.5).
- Junior Trey Wilson turned in the best throws of his career in the discus (sixth, 105-11) and the shot put (eighth at 35-11.5).

Young Trojans can't overcome challenges on tennis court

Freshman picks great time for first varsity win

The Homedale High School tennis season ended Friday during the second day of the 3A District III Tournament. "Friday was a difficult and disappointing day for the team," Trojans coach Scott Michaelson said. But Homedale had a tough draw in the district tournament. The young team didn't manage any qualifiers for this week's state tournament. Only the duo of Mikayla Smith and Makayla Kelly were seeded in the district tournament, capturing the

No. 4 slot in the girls' doubles bracket. Michaelson said the lack of seeding (the top six entries in each ladder were seeded) stems from the youthful makeup of the HHS roster. Five freshmen played all three singles positions and No. 2 doubles for Homedale. "Each of them improved a lot," Michaelson said. "But, as would be expected having just started tennis less than three months ago (and) playing varsity against opponents with up to seven years of competitive experience, it didn't show up in the win column. Each ninth-grader won at least one junior varsity match during the regular season.

In the state tournament, the Trojans' mixed doubles team of Lindy Phariss and Austin Conant started the action with a win over a Payette squad. But the second round brought defeat at the hands of the Fruitland team that eventually won the district championship. Phariss and Conant bowed out Friday morning with a loss to Weiser's best duo. The seniors Kelly and Smith beat the No. 5-seeded girls' doubles team from Fruitland to reach the quarterfinals. The team was eliminated Friday after getting within a victory of a district championship match appearance. The girls wound up sixth for Homedale's best finish. Freshman Cheyenne Kelly

battled in the girls' singles bracket and provided another bright spot. She came within a second-set tiebreaker of playing for third place and a spot in the 3A state tournament. "Considering her lack of experience, Cheyenne had a great tourney," Michaelson said. Two games from elimination in the second set of her second-round match, Cheyenne rallied against Payette's Rashida Mensha for the first victory of her varsity career. Trailing 4-0 in the second set, she stormed back to win a three-set tiebreaker that wrapped up at 9 p.m., on Thursday. Cheyenne dropped her next match in a second-set

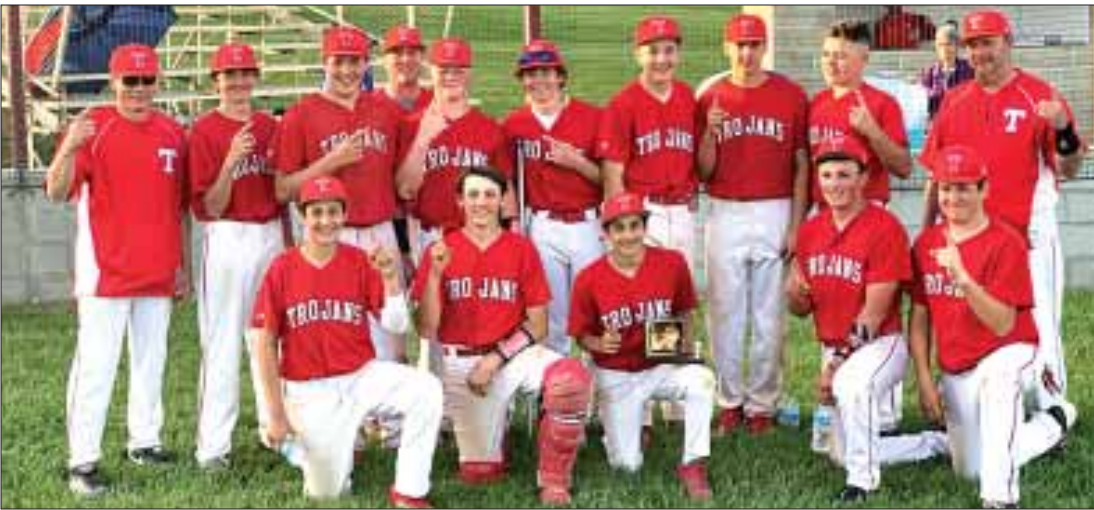
tiebreaker against Weiser's Kristy Bake. Senior Joseph Zamudio lost his opening match to Parma's Josiah Larson on Thursday and defaulted before Friday's third round to end his high school career. Freshman girls' singles player Whitney Ross had a tough draw. She started out against Weiser's Grace Soulen, who went on to win the district girls' singles title. Ross exited the tournament after a loss to Fruitland's No. 2 Saige Stampfli. Another ninth-grader, Abby Henry, had a similar challenge. She opened against Wesier's Andrea Bouvia, who went on to lose the district final to her Wolverines teammate, Soulen.

— JPB

Homedale JV wins baseball championship

Homedale High School's junior varsity baseball team celebrates after locking up the 3A District III Tournament baseball championship on May 4 in Weiser. Front row, from left: Bowen Campbell, Tyler Woodward, Marcus Galvan, Dominic Quijano, Cody Liebschwager. Back row, from left: Assistant coach Mitch Quintana, Lane Griswold, Dakota Gammel, coach Burke Deal, Willy Haun, Terron Morrison, John Lejardi, Landen Wilson, Hayden Kincheloe, and head coach Johnny Lane.

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Sports

✓ Trojans: Thomas Symms turns another page with PR for district discus crown

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took home the district discus championship with a personal-record distance of 161 feet, 10 inches. He also stepped up with a PR in the shot put to finish second at 42-.75.

Another sophomore turned in the performance of his life at the right time, too. Bryce Cornwall nailed down a state meet qualification when he won the triple jump with a PR of 39-10. He was sixth in the long jump at 17-1.5.

Purdum also had a couple individual PRs, qualifying for State in the 400 (second-place time of 52.37). He was eighth in the 200 at 52.37.

Collett will compete in three events this weekend. In addition to the relay races, he got a bronze medal in the 100 in 11.7.

Junior Matthew Randall is heading to the state meet after a fourth-place finish in the 3,200 (11:03.56).

Sophomore distance runner Giovanni Aguilera posted a PR of 5:19.97 to finish ninth in the 1,600.

German exchange student Christian Schalk, a junior, ended his Idaho athletic experience after a PR of 2:16.68 for seventh place in the 800. Schalk also PR'd in the 3,200, finishing 10th in 11:57.62, and the 1,600 (11th in 5:23.75).

Sophomore John Breshears continued his rise in the throws. He notched a PR of 89-1.5 to finish ninth in the discus, and he was eighth (33-11.5) in the shot put.

Freshman Josh Brown posted a PR of 34-11.5 for ninth place in the triple jump.

Hernandez was fourth in the 200 in 23.94 and finished sixth in the 100 at 11.97.

Sophomore Brayden Christoffersen finished eighth in the 300 hurdles in 48.81.

Another 10th-grader, Milo Mertz, was eighth in the triple jump in 35-1.

Other PRs for the HHS boys:

- Freshman Leonel Martinez reached 55-10 in the discus.
- Brown finished 10th in the long jump, achieving distance of 16-6.5.
- Ojeda went 16-3.5 in the long jump.

Girls

Freshman Isabel Jacobs notched another personal record, flinging the discus 99-3 to finish second in the district meet.

After losing a chance to compete in the state meet a year ago because of an injury, junior Maggie Johnson is preparing for two events this season.

Her best finish was a bronze-medal time of 1:03.38 in the 400 (her best time of the season). She was fourth in the 100 at 13.76.

Johnson just missed a berth in the 200 after a PR of 28.17 that gave her fifth in the district final.

Ninth-grader Allison Whitehead qualified for two events with fourth-place marks in the triple jump (a PR of 31-3.75) and long jump (13-11.5).

Senior Maria Neri established a personal record in the shot put in the final meet of her career.

Other PRs included:

- Freshman Jordan Nelson was 15th in the long jump at 10-4.5.
- Freshman Brooklyn Ashliman was 12th in the discus at 70-10.

Senior Kari Woods closed her high school career with top-10 finishes in the throws. She was ninth in both the shot put (25-8.75) and the discus (75-10.5).



Clockwise from top:
Sophomore Thomas Symms spins in the discus ring.

Jose Ojeda takes the first handoff from Jake Collett in the Trojans' winning turn in the 4x100 relay.

Junior Maggie Johnson strains to finish the girls' 400 meters.

Allison Whitehead lands during the girl's triple jump.

Matthew Randall grimaces as he crosses the line to complete the 3,200 meters.

Photos by Machele Randall



Sports

✓ Softball: No. 1 Trojans cruise through district with 10-run rule victories

From Page 1B

The Trojans locked down a six-inning victory, invoking the 10-run rule with two outs in the bottom of the sixth inning on Dazsha Zamora’s two-run single.

Homedale (18-4) will open its 11th state tournament appearance in 16 seasons under the tutelage of Larry Corta on Friday in Coeur d’Alene.

The top-ranked team in the statewide Class 3A coaches’ poll will start the state tournament against Filer (19-9) at 10 a.m. MDT at Ramsey Park. The tourney will conclude Saturday.

The reigning state champions are looking for the fifth state title under Corta and the second set of back-to-back crowns. Homedale has seven

state championships stretching to a Class A-3 (2A) three-peat under coach Jim McMillan from 1996 to 1998.

The program has appeared in the state championship game each season since 2011 except for the 2017 tournament in which the Trojans went 1-2.

A Filer team beat Homedale for the state championship in Nampa in 2014.

Thursday: Homedale 14, Fruitland 4 (6)—The Trojans counted seven extra-base hits among its 16 hits against the Grizzlies, including a ringing start to the game.

Senior shortstop Alex Grant led off the bottom of the first with a triple and scored immediately on Zamora’s double. DeLaynie Dorsey’s double later in the frame

brought home senior first baseman Josey Hall.

Homedale batted around again in the fourth inning, mounting a searing attack with two outs.

Sophie Nash’s RBI double scored Zamora to kick off the six-run rally.

Kaitlin Missamore knocked in one run with a bases-loaded single then Carter cleared the bags with her triple.

Grant doubled in the fifth inning and scored on an error. Nash reached on an error and came around on Hall’s double, her third hit of the game.

Senior pitcher Olivia Cardenas opened the game with four shutout innings and got the complete-game win with four strikeouts. She gave up eight hits and three walks.

May 7: Homedale 21, Weiser 2 (5) — After falling behind for the third time in as many games, the Trojans trampled the host Wolverines in a district semifinal.

Homedale batters visited the plate 16 times in the bottom of the first inning, and the Trojans scored 12 times to eclipse Weiser’s 1-0 lead.

Thirteen consecutive batters reached base with one out during the onslaught, which featured nine straight hits, including doubles from Dorsey and Grant.

Hall drove in four runs in the first inning and returned with a two-out two-run home run in the Trojans’ four-run second inning.

Zamora went 3-for-3 with two doubles, three RBI and

four runs scored.

Another senior, Nash was 4-for-4 with three runs and three RBI. She doubled to bring Zamora home with the team’s final run in a five-run third.

Cardenas got the win. She struck out two and allowed seven singles.

Only 10 of Homedale’s runs were earned as Weiser committed six errors.

The Trojans rapped out 19 hits as the first five batters in the lineup each piled up at least three hits.

Grant, Hall and Dorsey were 3-for-4.

Missamore and Jayci Swallow drove in two runs each, while Cardenas, Amaya Carter and Swallow each crossed the plate twice.

✓ State: Veteran coach has deep stable of arms to get through 3A tourney

From Page 1B

at the Coyotes’ baseball team, too.

“He can definitely hit at the next level. His bat speed is amazing. He hits the ball harder than anyone I have ever coached, so his home runs aren’t surprising.”

Wolfe isn’t the only Homedale hitter who is finding the long ball. Mason Kincheloe and Jason Puri both homered in the Trojans’ 19-3 dismantling of Parma in a district semifinal halted after five innings on May 7.

“As a team our bat speed has really improved,” Deal said. “As a team, we are really hitting the ball hard.

We have been working extra hard the past few weeks on our hitting, and I think it is paying dividends.

“The boys are really getting some polish on their swings.”

Deal likes the way his pitching rotation is set up, too, as the Trojans try to break through after finishing as runner-up in each of their past two appearances among the state’s final eight.

Last year, Bonners Ferry beat the Trojans for the title at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore. In 2016, Fruitland edged Homedale for the state title.

Homedale’s depth of pitching will be an asset in

Idaho Falls.

The coach anticipates sending his son, senior right-hander Drew, out in Thursday’s opener against the Cougars, and using Wolfe and Tommy Muir in some combination on Friday.

That leaves a slew of unused arms — including Kincheloe, Karsen Freelove, and Brady Trout — at the coach’s disposal.

“Get to Game 3, and anything can happen,” he said.

Most of the Trojans’ pitchers are well-rested, which can come in handy during a three-day tournament.

“You know, these past couple of weeks we have

barely used Brady Trout, and he is really good,” Deal said. “We haven’t used Mason or Skeeter (Karsen), so we have more pitching.”

Deal anticipates tough competition through the weekend, but the team he considers the favorite to win it all is waiting in Thursday’s opener.

Top-ranked South Fremont was upset by Sugar-Salem in the district final on May 6. Three of the Cougars’ losses have come in the past four weeks.

South Fremont would have been on the opposite side of the bracket from Homedale if it had captured the district title.

The trip to Idaho Falls, one of the longest of the season for the Trojans, began this morning when the team left the school with plans to eat lunch on the road and practice somewhere along the way.

The players will get a good night’s sleep before Thursday’s matinee, but road trips to Baker, Ore., John Day, Ore., and North Idaho for games as well as Twin Falls for a winter camp and a lengthy summer of travel for American Legion ball should have them conditioned for the rigors.

“I think it has all made them closer,” Deal said.

— JPB

✓ Girls: Weiser ends Homedale boys’ run of state appearances by 1 shot

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Rolling Hills Golf Course in Weiser.

“The girls played about the same as they have all year long,” HHS coach Casey Grove said. “They battled through the long day ...”

Homedale cruised to a second-place finish at 415, 41 strokes behind runaway district champion Weiser. Payette was third at 439.

“I am very excited for the

girls. It has been a long time since they have qualified a team at the state tournament,” Grove said. “I know they are excited about it.”

The Uranga siblings — freshman Téa on the girls’ side and junior Daniel for the boys — were runners-up in their respective 18-hole tournaments.

But Homedale’s string of five consecutive team appearances in the boys’ state tournament

came to an end as Weiser locked up the second team berth by one stroke.

Led by medalist Jake O’Neil, Fruitland blew away the field with a 300. All four scorers carded in the 70s, including O’Neil at 2-under 70, Jonas Bicknese (74), Lukas Rynearson (77) and Anthony Vincent (79).

This year’s state tournament was played Monday and Tuesday after deadline at Canyon Springs Golf Course in Twin Falls.

Daniel beat Bicknese in a playoff to qualify for his third consecutive state tournament.

Both boys finished the 18 holes at 2-over-par 74.

Uranga secured second place on the first hole of the sudden-

death playoff. He birdied the hole while Bicknese managed only par.

Uranga rallied after a poor outing at Rolling Hills a week earlier in the final 3A Snake River Valley conference nine-hole meet of the season.

“I am excited for Daniel,” Grove said. “He puts in a lot of time and effort into his golf game.”

Téa Uranga finished four shots off the lead with an 84.

The rest of Homedale’s female quintet included Emma Parker (99), Shanlee Swallow (107), Brooke Pfost (125), and Ashlyn Miller (127).

Sara Lundberg from the host Wolverines won the district title with 80, and Weiser’s winning score was 374.

“I am really happy for the

girls,” Grove said.

Grove said he knew the boys’ string could come to an end given that Weiser had finished ahead of the Trojans on the same course in the final 3A SRV nine-hole meet.

“They played hard and gave it their best, but in the end came up one shot short,” he said. “We had a couple of kids not play their best (May 6), which happens from time to time.”

Rounding out the boys’ scores were Garrett Elordi (93), Spencer Fisher (94), Jonas Farnivar (98) and Eli Heck (110).

Homedale was hampered by the absence of No. 3 Arnulfo Llamas, who missed the final two weeks of the season with an illness.

— JPB

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Sports

✓ Raiders: Emma Eldridge earns spot in girls' state meet as shot putter

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and Saturday at Middleton High School.

The top three athletes in each event earned a chance to compete at the state meet, which begins at 9 a.m. both days.

Sophomore Madie Macmillan had a strong showing at the district meet and will compete at State in three events. She won the district championship in the 100 meters with a personal-best time of 13.11 seconds.

For her final shot at a trip to State, senior Phoenix Wright pulled through and tied for third place in the high jump with a 4-foot, 8-inch qualifying jump.

Junior D-O Draper finished third in the boys' 800 meters and secured his state berth with a personal-best time of 2 minutes, 5 seconds. Draper is ranked sixth statewide in Class 1A in the event.

He finished sixth in the 400.

Sophomore Emma Eldridge sealed the deal for her trip to State in the shot put with a season-best distance of 28-8.5.

Macmillan's other state qualifying marks came in the 200 and the long jump.

She was runner-up in the 200, sprinting across the line in 27.49.

After jumping for only the second time this season, Macmillan also placed third in the long jump with a personal-best distance of 14-6.

Teammate Nya Bradshaw was just three inches behind Macmillan with a fifth-place personal-best jump of 14-3.

Heidi Pearson was unable to capitalize on her improvement of 15 feet in the discus that brought her the 1A Western Idaho Conference meet championship. The junior finished 14th in the district meet.

Two young Raiders showed promise.

Freshman Victor Lemus placed eighth in the 1,600 and ninth in the 800, while fellow freshman Gus Black was sixth and just 11 seconds behind a state-qualifying mark in the 800.

"This was a great track season for our athletes," Rimrock coach Sariah Pearson said. "I am really happy with their progress, and I am excited to see our state qualifiers perform this weekend."

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Rimrock sophomore Madie Macmillan (center) stands on the podium after receiving her gold medal for winning the 1A District III 100 meters championship in New Plymouth. Photo by Jessica Macmillan



Rimrock junior Heidi Pearson follows through while competing in the girls' discus at the 1A District III championship meet in New Plymouth. Photo by Sariah Pearson



D-O Draper (center) picks up his medal after the Rimrock junior finished third at 800 meters in the 1A District III championship meet. Photo by Sariah Pearson

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

May 18, 1994

BOCC to push proposed ordinance, zoning

A county ordinance that places tougher regulations on trailers, manufactured homes and mobile home parks could be on the books as early as August.

In a letter sent to residents this week, commissioners said they were encouraged to proceed with the ordinance based on input gathered at three public meetings held earlier this month. Pending revisions, a final public hearing could be held in late June.

“There just hasn’t been anybody real negative towards it. We’ve had some real good constructive criticism,” Commission Chairman Dick Bass said.

It’s legislation that five or six years ago likely would have hit a brick wall, commissioners said. A county zoning board was disbanded in the face of opposing public sentiment.

Now the Board wants to update the county’s 1980 comprehensive plan and again look at the issue of zoning. The growth in population warrants it, they said.

The proposed mobile home and mobile home park ordinance is a step in that direction. Commissioner Hal Tolmie previously said complaints about an influx of unsightly trailers banned by Canyon County zoning laws were behind the proposed ordinance.

Marsing’s Whitten’s career spans over 30 years

For an educator, Joe Whitten is a bottom line type of guy.

In the six years as Marsing Superintendent, he is credited by many with turning around a financially insolvent school district dripping red ink.

“In the year I came they borrowed \$60,000 to solve cash flow problems,” he said.

The unimposing Whitten, who neither seeks out or relishes the spotlight, retires at the conclusion of this semester two years earlier than he planned for health reasons.

Daniel Arriola begins his tenure July 1 as Marsing Superintendent.

Whitten began his career teaching math, P.E. and social studies in St. Anthony in 1958. The next few years would see him ascend to the superintendent’s job in Power County, then suffer a heart attack in 1969 and leave the classroom.

When he returned to education in 1976, it was as superintendent in Midvale, where he would stay for 12 years and where he will be returning in July.

His finesse with finances polished, Marsing brought him in as a Mr. Fix It, another stop in a career characterized by stints in financially troubled districts.

PTA disburses \$8,360 from smorgasbord profits

Teacher requests for Smorgasbord funds this year ranged from rubber stamp sets (cost: \$7.95) all the way to a computer monitor projection panel (cost: \$3,005.00), and the Homedale Parent Teacher Association (PTA) was able to fill nearly all of them all.

The PTA disbursed approximately \$4,180 to each school for a total of \$8,360. That’s slightly more than last year’s disbursements of \$7,942.69, even though the profit from this year’s smorgasbord was less than last year’s, because the PTA decided not to take its usual 10 percent cut.

The biggest purchase this year was the computer monitor projection panel, which will go to the junior/senior high school. The device will allow teachers to project work and CD ROM materials from the screen of a single computer to a panel visible to the whole classroom. A total of 7 teachers requested it.

50 years ago

May 15, 1969



Pupils in the Alpha Phi Kindergarten received their diplomas Friday during a graduation program presented before an audience of 150 persons. The 31 members included, from left, first row: Nicki Brown, Lisa Inouye, Shelley Sayers, Tondra Upham, Keri Langdon, Susie Coffin, Julie Fritzley, Pamela Shaffer, Jeri Yamashita; second row: Mark Arvin, Kimberly Hayes, Julie Uranga, Paula Cook, Carolyn Koenig, Kathleen Graber, Heather Nelson, Shauna Taggart, Lisa Hoots, Brad Langdon, Kendrick Harwood; back row: Wesley Burman, Harry Arima, Kyle Knight, Jay Blacker, Cindy Cegnar, Mike Stansell, Debbie Townsend, Steve Root, Randy Akichika, Justin Wirch and Ronnie Hall.

Band booster benefit auction goes over the top

The band auction Tuesday night at the armory to raise funds for the trip to Calgary was a big success with a total of \$3,400 taken in from the auction, raffle and food booths.

The auction alone raised \$2,560 and the food booths approximately \$350, with the raffle raising the balance.

Jerry Germain, Wilder, won the top hog; Doris Bartles, Wilder, the wrist watch; and Bill Parsons, Homedale, the hand-tooled leather wall clock.

The band had already raised about \$1,200 for the trip, and it is estimated \$3,000 is needed.

Homedale garners second in Region III A-3 meet

Homedale Trojan tracksters found rough going at Twin Falls Saturday in the Region III A-3 track meet, running a poor second with 29 points as Wendell piled up 47 points to win the meet. Raft River was close on Homedale’s coattails with 25 points and Fruitland tied Hagerman at 18 for fourth.

Homedale, which went into the meet as a co-favorite, managed only two firsts and got only four men into the State meet slated for the next weekend.

Steve Ross cruised the 880-run in 2:04.6 and finished comfortably in front, and sophomore Paul Pearson spun the discus 148 feet, nine inches to top the field in that event

Only four other Valley competitors brought home first places. Terry Shake won handily in the mile run, the Fruitland ace making the four laps in 4:37.1, and Bill Ward of Nampa Christian capped the field in the two-mile run with a clocking of 10:32.3. Kevin Wolske heaved the shot 46 feet, seven inches to pull down first in that event, and McCall-Donnelly’s John Coski soared to a meet record in the pole vault, clearing 12 feet, six inches, while defending state champ Jeff Haylett of Homedale went down and out at 12 feet, three inches.

Airman Hall graduates at Texas field

Airman Thomas C. Hall, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Hall, Sr., Star Route B, Bruneau, has graduated at Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, Tex., from the training course for U.S. Air Force aircraft mechanics.

Airman Hall, a graduate of Bruneau High School, is being assigned to Travis AFB, Calif., for duty in a unit of the Military Airlift Command.

145 years ago

May 16, 1874

Hand shaking

It may be going to far to say that a man may judge the character of his fellow man by the manner in which he shakes hands. But there is certainly a significance in those busy members of the body which “he who runs may read.”

The creator of Uriah Heep has taught us not to trust the owners of limp, moist hands, which close cordially on nothing save their own possessions.

Says a commenter on the subject: “It is the touch of the hand at greeting which warms or chills my heart, and makes me know to a certainty how much or how little I shall like the person before me. If the fingers close about your own with a short, quick, convulsive grasp, I know that we should snap, snarl, and finally quarrel, and that the least I have to do with the owners of those wiry digits the better off I shall be.

If a nerveless, cold hand glides into my own and seems disposed to lie there, without life, I know at once that all should be as nothing in that awful palm.

But if the hand grasps yours and holds it firmly, in strong, warm fingers, you are safe in cultivating the friendship of the owner.

These human hands! From the beginning of life they play an important part in it. All the greatness on earth has lain in the hollow of the hand. The books, the music, the pictures, the wonders of architecture, the intricacies of mechanisms, the mysteries of science, and the government of countries, with all their godlike beauties of color, sound, symmetry, usefulness, progression, and wisdom have lain within a human hand.

The highest aspirations and realizations of the brain are brought to light through the hand, and the tenderest love and charity of the heart make the hand their dispensator. They can be tender ministers of comfort and peace, and yet so cruel and full of venom as the bite of an asp. And with all their power, with all their charities, their cruelties, their tender touches, their sparklings, their mischief, and those who speak of and tell of the closing of eyes and the folding of hands as the part of our going away.

The Village Paper

“The little village paper is the best paper in the world. No other contains the marriages and deaths, to say nothing of the divorces and births; no other relates the accidents happening before the doors of the villagers; no other gives the time of the next ball, picnic, or political meeting; no other discusses the affairs of the town and country, the arrival of new goods on the merchant’s counter, or of a new hat on the editor’s desk. Without a paper the town that has ever enjoyed a well-managed one, feels indeed lost. The well-edited village paper is the most welcome visitor at the door of a villager and farmer, and in the same proportion, the best medium for advertising.

Fire Meeting!

At the urgent request of many citizens of Silver City, a meeting will be held at Frank’s saloon, next Monday evening, May 18th, 1874, at 8 o’clock sharp, for the purpose of appointing a Safety Fire Committee, and transacting such other business as may be deemed proper to guard against the danger of Fire. Every property holder in Town should attend. The meeting will be announced by the ringing of a bell.

Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
On Thursday, August 22, 2019 at the hour of 11:00AM, of said day, on the front steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit: This parcel is a portion of Government Lot 3 of Section 10 and of Government Lot 1 of Section 15, Township 3 North, Range 5 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and is more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Government Lot 3; thence South 89°59’54” East along the South boundary of said Government Lot 3 a distance of 418.31 feet to a point on the Northeasterly boundary of the Oregon Short Line Railroad right-of-way, which point is the True Point of Beginning; thence North 52°56’42” West along said right-of-way a distance of 238.02 feet; thence North 43°03’17” East a distance of 478.76 feet; thence South 6°43’44” East a distance of 425.46 feet; thence South 5°49’30” West a distance of 169.45 feet; thence North 52°56’42” West a distance of 162.38 feet to a point on the South boundary of said Government Lot 3; thence North 89°59’54” West a distance of 39.96 feet to the True Point of Beginning.
THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 4220 Pioneer Road, Homedale,

ID 83628, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.
Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by Intrinsic Properties, LLC, a dissolved Wyoming Limited Liability Company, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Quaker Hill Conference Inc. as Beneficiary, recorded March 12, 2018 as Instrument No. 295342, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.
The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to: Pay, when due and before delinquency, the entire principal balance as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$378,000.00 as evidenced in a Promissory Note dated March 5, 2018. The loan matured on May 14, 2018 and is now in default. The amount due as of March 19, 2019 is \$378,000.00 together with any advances, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure. The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$378,000.00, excluding costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee’s fees and/or reasonable attorney’s fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.
Dated: April 18, 2019
Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.
Bobbi Oldfield, Trust Officer
05/01,08,15,22/2019

NOTICE OF HEARING IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE 3rd JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

IN RE: LOGAN MATTHEW MORALES CASE NO. CV 37-19-133
A Petition to change the name of LOGAN MATTHEW MORALES, a minor, now residing in the City of Homedale, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to LOGAN MATTHEW JEFFRIES. The reason for the change in name is: Father has not been involved for nine (9) years. I earned rights through Canyon County Court in 2013.
A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10 o’clock A.M., on June 19, 2019 at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.
Date: April 29, 2019
s/: Cindy Chaves, deputy clerk
For Angela Barkell, Clerk of the District Court
5/15,22,29,6/5/2019

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE CASE NO. CV37-19-00130 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Sandra Hinton, Deceased Person. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the above named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be both filed with the Court and presented to the Co-Personal Representatives of the estate at the law office of DAVID E. KERRICK, 1001 Blaine Street, (Post Office Box 44) Caldwell, Idaho.
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s/: Justen Bradford
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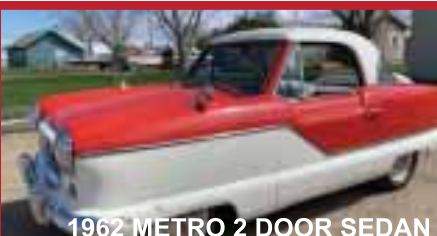
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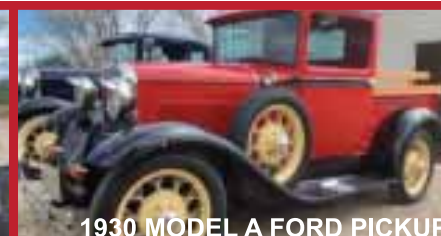
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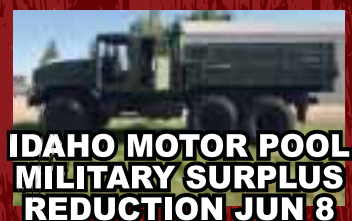
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Sports

Homedale beats Marsing in wild Ripken baseball final

There may be more than one county represented, but Saturday's Co-County Cal Ripken AAA Majors tournament championship game was all Owyhee.

Homedale outslugged Marsing, 18-11, in Saturday's tournament final for 11- and 12-year-olds in Caldwell.

Sixth-seeded Marsing bolted to a 9-0 lead, but Homedale rallied with 15 runs over the second, third and fourth innings.

Homedale surged ahead with eight runs in the fourth. Marsing coach JW Chadez said Homedale's rally was aided by "a few key two-out errors."

Xavier Uranga pitched 5 2/3 innings of relief baseball to get the win. He struck out four, walked three and allowed four runs.

Carson Fine, Lukas Hall and Brock Walker scored three runs each for Homedale.

With the victory, Homedale (11-1) avenged its only loss of the season.

"We only had three players who had any experience above the Minors Division," Chadez said of the Marsing squad.

"We started off the season 0-4 as we learned how to play at this level."

"By the middle of the season we started playing well."

Homedale crushed the Vallivue Yankees, 10-0, in Thursday's semifinal to set up the all-Owyhee County championship battle.

Marsing's squad rallied from its slow start and surged in the tournament.

"I was proud of the growth this team made and the fact we started playing our best baseball by season's end," Chadez said.

As the No. 6 seed, Marsing had to win twice to reach the title game. The club edged No. 3 seed Red Sox, 9-7, in the opener and then pounded the Caldwell A's, 12-5, in the semifinal.

Chadez said that Dresden Wood, Jace Chadez, Luke Steinmeyer, Sam Milburn, Mason Conger, and Jaxon Astorquia all had on-base percentages above .500 in the tournament.

Coach Darren Uranga's Homedale team averaged 14 runs per game during the season.



Marsing second baseman Dresden Wood leaps high to rob a Homedale batter of a base hit. Photo by Breeana Lootens



Homedale's Cal Ripken AAA Co-County championship team. **Back row, from left:** Coach Jeff Martell, coach Chris Rennaker, Kade Hall, Lukas Hall, Brock Walker, Carson Fine, Nathan Marston, and coach Darren Uranga. **Front row, from left:** Ty Rogers, Bradley Walker, Xavier Uranga, Chance Martell, Kinley Balkovetz, Cash Comstock, and Dawson Parkins. Submitted photo



Marsing's Cal Ripken AAA tournament runner-up squad. **Back row, from left:** Coach Nick Wood, Jaxon Astorquia, Sam Milburn, Mason Conger, Tyler Thompson, Luke Steinmeyer, Dresden Wood, and coach JW Chadez. **Middle row, from left:** Ethan Case, Clayton Liske, Nick Saiz, Parker Lopez, Jace Chadez, Caleb Smith, and Jeremiah Gonzalez. **Front row:** Wyatt Barber. Submitted photo

Homedale Ruth club wins Clash of Counties

A big fifth inning helped Homedale avenge an earlier loss and win the Babe Ruth Prep Division Clash of the Counties on Friday.

The team, coached by Kevin Fine and Chad Packer, pulled past Nampa Blue for a 13-7 victory at John Jackson Field in Homedale.

Homedale (9-1) had suffered its only loss of the season to the Nampa squad late in the

regular season.

Clinging to an 8-7 lead heading into the fifth inning, Homedale scored five times in the bottom of the frame to break the game open.

As the tournament's top seed, Homedale received an opening-round bye and reached the title game after pounding Co-County Red, 11-2, last Wednesday at John Jackson Field.



The Homedale Babe Ruth Prep Division team includes: **Standing, from left:** Payton Fine, D'Orr Packer, Rylan Binford, Chase Cooper, and coach Chad Packer; Dillon Fine, coach Kevin Fine, and Cooper Christiansen. **Kneeling, from left:** Cy Aman, Andrew Marston, Landon Mills, Andres Garcia, and Corey Romriell. Submitted photo