

The Owyhee Avalanche



Homedale's annual cleanup gets under way

With the bucket of a loader looming precariously close, Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen works to remove some limbs from the banks of the Snake River during Saturday's first day of the annual city cleanup effort. The project continues Saturday with volunteers meeting at Riverside Park. Call City Hall at (208) 337-4641 for more information on how to get involved. Lunch will be provided for volunteers who help with the cleanup. For more on Homedale and Marsing cleanups, see **Page 3A**.

When final isn't final

After more changes, BOCC sets one last meeting on Homedale zoning

What county commissioners had hoped would be the last meeting on zoning changes around Homedale ended with more changes.

Fewer residents showed up for last Wednesday's meeting, the third in the series and the first convened by the Board of County Commissioners.

But instead of finalizing a zoning map for the area outside Homedale's city limits — something that BOCC chair Kelly Aberasturi hoped and all but expected to do at the close of the hourlong public meeting — the commissioners found themselves asking county Community Development Department administrator Mary Huff to make a few more tweaks to the proposed map.

The final draft will be subject to a public hearing before the BOCC at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 11 in Murphy. A decision

is expected soon after so officials can shift their focus to zoning outside Marsing.

The latest changes, which adopted would only affect properties outside the Homedale city limits, came about after more landowners came forward with questions about how the proposed map might affect how they can use their property.

Marlowe Pounds, who owns a gravel pit across U.S. Highway 95 from its intersection with Main Street, wanted to make sure his property remained in a multiple use zone. The proposed map would have changed the zone inside the Homedale area of impact into a residential area, possibly limiting what he could do with the land.

Toni and Todd Kelly came

— See **Zoning**, page 13A

Art as inspiration

Marsing woman creates, facilitates for hometown festival

Marsing-area artist Cyndi Blue has found inspiration and drive from a tragedy that happened several years ago.

Blue will have her work on display during Wine and Art in the Park from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday at Island Park in Marsing.

Blue was leaving a Saturday class in her BMW at Boise

— See **Art**, page 5A



Marsing-area artist Cyndi Blue and her husband Skip Melton. Submitted photo

Bachman Grade, Silver City roads reopen

The Owyhee County Commissioners approved a resolution during their weekly meeting on Monday that would officially open Bachman Grade and Silver City Roads to traffic.

Motorists can again drive on the roads without fear of being cited.

The commissioners close the roads every winter and traditionally reopen them around Memorial Day. Sheriff's deputy can cite travelers who ignore the closure signs during winter.

The roads had been closed since the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Jan. 2.



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Marsing city projects progressing swiftly

Students lobby council for smoke-free parks

Progress on the various construction projects going on in the city of Marsing was a topic of emphasis at the city council meeting last Wednesday at City Hall.

Mike Martin, representing Civil Dynamics, apprised Mayor James Ferdinand and council members of the current status of the status of the projects.

Included in those projects was the boat ramp at Island Park. The second concrete slab, connecting to the first one laid and submerged in April, has been poured and is curing on the bank of the Snake River.

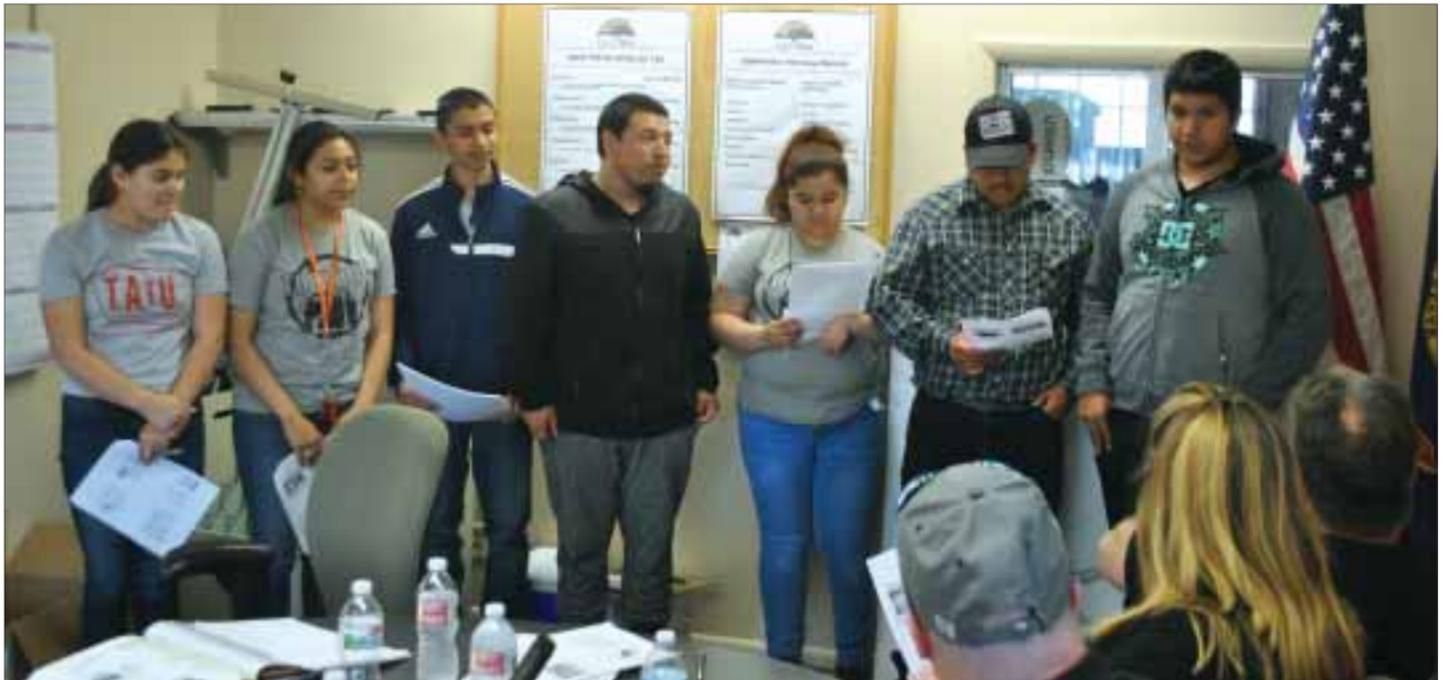
“We’re just waiting for the concrete to cure and for the contractor to come out and backfill and make it a smooth transition,” Martin said. “Then we’ll be looking to finish up the project.”

The base, as well as the water, plumbing and electrical connections for the new City Park restrooms has been completed. The new, prefabricated restrooms are scheduled to be delivered and hooked up on Tuesday.

Martin reported that an old 4-inch main was cut when contractors bored for a 12-inch pipe to go under 8th Avenue West. He said the workers were unaware that the 4-inch line was there.

When the 4-inch pipe was punctured, area water service was interrupted for about 15 hours beginning at noon. Two buildings on Marsing School District property as well as the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office and two houses south of the school complex were affected.

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) gave



Marsing High School students made a presentation to the Marsing City Council last Wednesday as part of the Tobacco 21 group, asking to put up “Smoke-free zone” signs in city parks and recreation areas.

approval to dig into the road and make repairs.

“Eventually, all the services on that 4-inch main are going to go away and be reconnected on the new 10-inch main on the east end of the right-of-way,” Martin said.

Martin said the sidewalk project that will run from Bosma Lane to the labor camp along Idaho highway 78 is simply a matter of timing. Civil Dynamics has been working closely with Beniton Construction, the firm working on the new school construction, and the two entities are coordinating their efforts.

“We’ve got Beniton and their contractors putting in the new sidewalks and ramps, then we can move forward with tying in the rest of the sidewalks,” Martin said.

Tobacco 21 group seeks signs in city parks

A group of Marsing students, part of the Tobacco 21 movement to raise the legal smoking age to 21, made a presentation to the council about making Marsing parks and recreation areas smoke-



The upper half of the new Marsing Island Park boat ramp continues to cure on the bank of the Snake River.

free. The students, who noted that Weiser, Emmett, Melba, Greenleaf, and Payette all support smoke-free parks, provided literature in support of their arguments.

- The students contend:
- Tobacco-free environments protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community.
 - The purpose of public park

areas is to promote community wellness, and tobacco-free policies fit with this idea.

- Marsing School District prohibits tobacco use on the entire grounds, including athletic fields, and having a policy for city parks would provide consistency.

- Cigarette butts cause litter, cost money to clean up, and can be swallowed by toddlers.

The group provided signs, which are already paid for, that they wish to have hung up in public areas promoting there idea to make these public areas smoke-free zones.

If the city council decides to adopt the policy, the Tobacco 21 youths are willing to install the signs as a community service.

No action was taken.

— TK

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Student-led community cleanup planned for Marsing

The Marsing School District Cleanup project will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday and Friday.

Marsing deputy city clerk Kim Spagnolo has provided school officials with a list of citizens who could

benefit from students cleaning up their property.

The Idaho Transportation Department will provide bags to the students for help in their projects. The state agency also provide reflective vests for anyone

working on the highway.

“The elementary school will be staying on school grounds, so that eliminates them (from work on the highway),” Spagnolo said.

“Ten to 12 students will be going

down to Island Park and working on some things for (city maintenance supervisor Philip Gibson). It’s just the juniors and seniors. It’s their project.”

— TK



HHS Intro to Ag students honor mothers

The Homedale High School Intro to Ag class was excited to celebrate Mother’s Day. Students made flower boxes for their moms and filled them with flowers. **Bottom row, from left:** Mackenzie Miller, Kaitlyn Missamore, Madison Miller, Brooke Pfof, Ainslee Evans, and Keagen Christensen. **Middle row, from left:** Caitlyn Pate, Makenna DeWitt, Brayden Christoffersen, Jace Love, and Blake Walker. **Top row, from left:** James Teller, and Travis Dennehy. Submitted photo

Another Homedale cleanup day slated

City officials encouraged residents to turn out for the annual Homedale spring cleanup days.

The first day was held Saturday, and the second will run from 8:30 a.m. to noon this Saturday. A lunch for all the volunteers will be provided after the cleanup.

Westowns Disposal Inc., has provided a dumpster to help residents in their efforts to clean up their own property. The dumpster is available at the Deward Bell Stadium parking lot across from Riverside Park until Monday. Officials suggest spring cleanup items as well as old and/or nonfunctioning items can be disposed in an effort to clean up private lots.

Anyone is welcome to volunteer for the community

cleanup, and city officials encourage service groups and youth groups to get involved.

Call City Hall at (208) 337-4641 for more information.

In recent years, only city employees and their spouses have turned out to clean up the public areas during the cleanup days.

“Take care of yourself. Take some pride in your community,” Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said during last Wednesday’s city council meeting.

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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 77 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 293 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 170 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 550,605 acre-feet of water on Monday.

— Information compiled from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Helena Chemical in Homedale

Big Loop hits Jordan Valley this weekend

Entries close today for three-day rodeo

Some of the best ropers around will be bucking for new saddles Friday when the 59th annual Jordan Valley Big Loop Rodeo gets rolling.

Competitor registration ends today.

The Jordan Valley Rodeo Association-sponsored event will be held Friday through Sunday, and performances will begin at 1 p.m. each day.

Rodeo admission is \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children ages 6-13. Children younger than 6 get in free.

The Friday show includes team roping and the Big Loop.

The weekend events include saddle bronc riding, calf roping, barrel racing, bull riding, cow riding, junior steer riding and

stock saddle bronc riding.

The Big Loop championship saddles are donated by the Jordan Valley Rodeo Board, Columbia Bank, Walt Morgan Memorial, WT Bruce Photography and MGM Contractors and Superior Livestock Auction.

Competitors are vying for championship buckles created by Skyline Silversmiths, and all around champions receive the Tex and Agnes Memorial Trophy and chaps donated by The Chap Shop owner Joe Schussler.

Rodeo stock will be provided by King Cattle Co., Blossom Ranches, Nevada Livestock and Burgess Angus.

In addition to the rodeo, the Lions Club fundraiser dance and a tri-tip barbecue will be held Saturday after the rodeo.

A buckaroo breakfast will be served Sunday before the rodeo.



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Correction

The Marsing resident who helped Melba defeat Marsing High School in the 2A District III softball tournament was misidentified in the May 9 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche. Sophomore Megan Bowman collected a hit and an RBI and scored three times for the Mustangs.

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From page 1A

✓ Art: Annual Marsing Wine and Art in the Park scheduled for Saturday

State University when she crashed into a large truck that had turned illegally in Meridian. Her head hit the steering wheel, and she was knocked unconscious.

“When I woke up, it was as if my brain was in two different people and in two different places,” Blue said.

Her jaw had been dislocated, her right foot was shattered, right hip dislocated, nose broken, tissue in her nose was torn, her teeth went through her bottom lip, and her left shoulder was completely torn apart, she said.

“I remember trying to crawl deeper inside myself to try and get away from the pain,” she said.

Once her physical injuries had been addressed and she was in her hospital room, she felt there was something terribly wrong with her but couldn’t find the words to explain it.

“When I hit the steering wheel, I sustained a mild traumatic brain injury to the frontal lobe,” Blue said. “It completely changed me.”

Three-and-a-half years after her accident, she started to notice things that inspired her in layers of colors and brush strokes. She felt a very strong urge to pick up a paintbrush.

She suddenly had an outlet and medium to express the things she couldn’t find words for. It was therapeutic and grounding for her. It was healing.

“Even as other things about me change, the desire to paint remained,” she said. “My style of painting changes often, reflecting the changes that I go through.”

Blue was born in Tucson, Ariz., and graduated from Mira Costa High School in Manhattan Beach, Calif. That is where she met her future husband, Skip Melton. She had a rough home life and would frequently run away.

Her husband would run away and stay with her on days that she didn’t have a safe place to sleep.

“He has always been my hero,” she said.

In 2005, Blue decided to attend BSU, as a political

Wine & Art in the Park

Marsing Island Park – Marsing Idaho – Just over the town bridge
Saturday May 19th 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Vendor Setup times: 7:00 am 8:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am

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Parking for all vendors: See Map, drive under the bridge to other side of the park.

Vendor Booths		Setup
A	African Mambo Band	10:30-45
B	Birds of Prey	12:30
C	BLM Fire House	10:00
D	Bret Welry Band	09:30
E	Firehall Alpacos	09:30
F	Intermountain Bird Observatory	10:00
G	K&E Kettle Corn	10:00
H	Custard Sweets	10:00
I	Mama Celia's	08:30
J	Murphy Museum	10:00
K	Owyhee Ridge Restoration	10:30
L	Pour House	09:30
M	The Sandbar	07:30
O	Treasure Valley Tuffie	10:00
P	Vizcaya Winery	09:30
Q	Wee'Nee Wagon	10:30
R	Wilderness Wireless	07:30
S	Williamson Winery	09:30
T	Chamber Booth / Check-in	07:00

Artist Booths		Setup
1	Amber O'Brien	10:00
2	Anna Minor	10:00
3	Art Zoo 208	08:00
4	Barbara & Greg Bartlett	08:00
5	Art by Peacher	10:00
6	Tin Can Goat	09:00
7	Barrel Merchant	09:00
8	Mc Chi	08:00
9	Craig W Hoellwarth	10:00
10	C Blue Art	07:00
11	Dale Curtis	09:00
12	Dan Prase Photography	10:00
13	Dob Pence	09:00
14	Debra Bruner Studio	09:00
15	Fourpaine Leathers Jan Barzee	08:00
16	Nona Mouth Art	10:00
17	Cinnabar Creative Glass Art	10:00
18	We are the Clay	09:00
19	Kate Hynes Originals	08:00
20	Kristina Ann Cakes	09:00
21	R Grey Gallery	09:00
22	Linda Varnes Linda's Logos	09:00
23	MAVOSS Bottles	09:00
24	Surreal Dimensions	10:00
25	The Equestrian Vagabond	10:00
26	Sew Busy Quilting	09:00
27	SIBBZ Longboards	10:00
28	Sizzle Glass & McArnold Art	08:00
29	Susan Evans	09:00
30	Jack Pine Minis	08:00
31	Vicky Wenzke	09:00
32	Backwards Baubles	08:00
33	Cheryl Wurnsberger	09:00
34	Marsing High School	10:00
35	Villegas Family	09:30

science major. She had plans of going to law school after her youngest child graduated from high school, so she began work on her Master’s degree in public administration.

Her plan was to become an attorney for families with disabled children, something close to her heart, as three of her four children are disabled.

During her time at BSU, she was a research intern for gubernatorial candidate Brad

Little when he was a state senator. She also served as a legal intern for the ACLU.

Blue said she is influenced by the beauty of the Marsing area, where she has lived for more than five years.

Blue said she finds she is often expressing the strength of the female spirit as well. There are also times when she shows her darker side, resulting from the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) she deals with as a

result of her car accident, she said.

She participated in Wine and Art in the Park in 2017, which was also the first time her business, C. Blue Art, was in the Marsing Chamber of Commerce.

Blue has been busy on the art festival circuit. Last year, she participated in Terrace Lakes Wine and Art, the Nampa Festival of Art, Hyde Park Street Fair, Goddess Fest, and Indigo Idaho.

She uses her experience in those events to help Marsing’s festival to be an important outlet and tool for local artists.

“Since I had experience doing different size shows in our area, I was able to try and make this an event that artists feel valued at, as well as drawing in enough customers to make it worth their time,” she said.

— TK

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Renowned speaker imparts anti-bullying message

Simplot treats parents to a steak dinner

by Mandi Boren
For The Owyhee Avalanche
With an unordinary combination of cowboys, bullying and steak, Bruneau-Grand View School District patrons and staff came together to welcome internationally renowned speaker Tom Thelen last Wednesday.

Thelen is a youth motivational speaker from Michigan who travels the world spreading his message of hope to students, parents and staff. He has been featured on CBS, NBC and PBS, and the message he shares encourages students to "Be the Change."

Thelen connected with Bruneau-Grand View students as he shared his experience of being bullied as a child and how he was able to break free from the cycle.

A pivotal moment for him was when an English teacher became his mentor. The teacher repeatedly told him, "Your response is your responsibility."

Thelen uses this logic as he helps guide students to becoming what he calls "victimproof," which Thelen defines as "... rising above the 'get even' culture and refusing to give the negative reaction that a bully is looking for."

Thelen said he learned



Motivational speaker Tom Thelen huddles with Bruneau Elementary students during his visit to the Bruneau-Grand View School District last week. Submitted photo

through his experiences that he had a choice to either "get better or get bitter." He choose better, and now his message "shows students how to live a life of respect, responsibility and resiliency."

Making his second visit to Bruneau and Grand View elementary schools, Thelen arrived to find students wearing t-shirts emblazoned with his "Be the Change" logo.

Later in the evening, the district and Simplot Land and

Livestock treated Rimrock parents and students to a free steak and potato dinner followed by a motivational speech from Thelen.

"The key to reducing anxiety in kids is by reducing it in the home," he told the parents. "When parents deal with stress in a healthy way kids do, too."

It was "such a worthwhile family event ..." parent Sariah Pearson said, "The speaker ... had a powerful presentation

to share with the parents that really made me think about my relationships with my kids. And dinner was amazing, too!"

Simplot donated the steak for the evening. Simplot employees Calvin Amy, Thomas Bailey and Javier Medrano used the company grill to cook the meat, while parent and Simplot veterinarian Doctor Randall Raymond and Rimrock staff helped serve.

Thelen said he always enjoys

his visits to the small rural school district.

"The environment here is like a private school where kids get a lot of care from educators," he said. "I enjoy speaking in rural communities the most where kids feel less entitled."

Thelen's book "Victimproof: The Student's Guide to End Bullying" is available on Amazon and at www.tomthelen.com.



Music students perform exercise in teamwork

Homedale Elementary School music teacher Robbianne Busse directs her students during the school's Bell Choir on May 8 in the gymnasium. The students exercised their knowledge of different chords and working together as a group.

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Calendar

Today

Ladies Coffee Group

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

Story Time

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

Bruneau and Beyond speaker series

Noon, free, RSVP by May 14, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131

Movie time

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

Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting

5:30 p.m., Grand View Fire Station, 721 Roosevelt St., Grand View.

Jordan Valley Middle School graduation

6 p.m., eighth-grade graduation and middle schools academic award, Jordan Valley Middle-High School, 501 Bassett St., Jordan Valley

Thursday

Fit and Fall exercise

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

Friday

Story Time

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

Faith-based support group

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

Teens and Tweens program

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

Saturday

Free lunch

Noon to 12:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Motorcycle rodeo

1 p.m., free spectator admission, Badiola Arena, 402 Hwy. 95, Homedale. www.rodeoimra.com

Sunday

Rimrock High School graduation

2 p.m., Rimrock High School gymnasium, 39678 Hwy. 78, Bruneau

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Faith-based support group

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

Homedale High School graduation

7 p.m., Homedale High School gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

Tuesday

Fit and Fall exercise

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

COSSA Academy graduation

5 p.m., Jewett Auditorium, The College of Idaho, Caldwell.

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Caravan Scouts Pinewood Derby

6 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Thursday, May 24

Fit and Fall exercise

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

Homedale Chamber luncheon

Noon, The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.

Homedale City Council meeting

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

Friday, May 25

Idaho Foodbank drop-off

9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale.

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Marsing High School graduation

6 p.m., Marsing High School gymnasium, 800 Main St., Marsing

Saturday, May 26

Oreana church services

10 a.m., Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church, Oreana. Fourth Saturday of every month. (208) 466-7031

Free lunch

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University of Idaho Extension

Things to consider for spring hanging baskets

Mother's Day heralds the kick off for the spring garden planting festival, and hanging baskets are a big seller for Mother's Day weekend! Before you hang out your "welcome to spring" hanging basket, here are a few tips to ensure you have beautiful hanging baskets that will last the entire season.



Rich Guggenheim

Plan ahead! Know the exposure of the location where you intend to hang the basket. Will it receive full shade, partial shade, filtered sun all day, or will it receive morning sun, afternoon sun or full sun all day? Knowing this, select baskets with flowers that will perform well in their respective environments.

Another thing to consider is wind. Remember, baskets

that receive more sun and more wind will dry out faster and may need to be watered more than once a day.

When you take your baskets down to water, inspect them for disease and other potential problems. Remove any dead or spent blooms and fertilize your baskets regularly to keep them looking beautiful all season.

— Rich Guggenheim is the horticulture Extension educator for the University of Idaho Canyon County Extension Office, 501 Main St., Caldwell. He can be reached at (208) 459-6003 or richg@uidaho.edu. If you have a topic you'd like to see Rich cover in his column, email suggestions to jon@owyheeavalanche.com.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar available with each meal:

Lettuce, tomato, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing

Milk available each day

May 16: Taco salad w/salsa, chips, cheese, sour cream, rice, lettuce

May 17: Baked ham, baked potatoes, Calif. blend veggies, roll

May 22: Salisbury steak w/mushrooms & onions, mashed potatoes w/gravy, carrots, roll

May 23: Baked fish, baked potato, spinach, roll

May 24: Oven fried steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, broccoli, roll

May 29: Roast beef, mashed potatoes w/gravy, carrots, roll

May 30: Ham & cheese on roll, potato salad, pickled beets

May 31: Oven baked chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, spinach, roll

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice

May 17: BBQ burgers, potato chips, mac salad w/veggies, carrot raisin salad, pears, cookie

May 22: Chicken fajitas, fajita veggies, corn, refried beans, peaches, cinnamon biscuits

May 24: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, tossed salad, orange fluff, garlic bread

May 29: Pizza w/veggies, Waldorf salad, lettuce wedges, pudding, cupcakes

May 31: Baked potato bar w/veggies & cheese, chicken and beef bits, green salad, fruit, WW roll

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MHS Nat'l Honor Society welcomes new officers, members

The newest members of Marsing High School's National Honor Society chapter were inducted last Wednesday.

The chapter also observed an officer team transition:

President — Emma Heitz succeeds Katelyn Hobbs

Vice-president — Landon Villa takes over for his brother, Landry

Treasurer — Logan Stansell replaces Dalton Withers

Secretary — Cade Freeman takes over for Anahi Moreno Vargas

Historian — Sefora Arriaga succeeds Jenny Quebrado

The 2018 inductees include:

Sophomores — John Cade Brackett, Caden Freeman, Merrick Hall, Isaac Lee, Jessica Sevy, and True Shippy



The Marsing High School chapter of the National Honor Society welcomed new members and new officers at a recent ceremony. Submitted photo

Juniors — Ashley Loucks and Julian Sandoval
Current members include:

Seniors — Hobbs, Withers and Landry Villa

Quebrado, Stansell, Sefora Arriaga, Mikaela Dolan

Peyton Green, Louisa Metcalf, Gabriela Rodriguez, and Landon Villa

Homedale FFA livestock team reigns at Caldwell competition

One of two Homedale FFA livestock judging teams came away with top honors at a recent career development experience.

The Homedale livestock evaluation team comprised of high school-aged students won the Treasure Valley Community College trophy during a CDE held May 2 at the Canyon County Fairgrounds in Caldwell.

The TVCC division included evaluation teams from Washington state and across Idaho. There 70 teams in the competition.

The team also placed high in the Treasure Valley District competition, but no specific placement was provided.

A second Homedale team, comprised solely of eighth-graders, placed fifth overall.

Spencer Fisher finished first and won the top individual award in sheep evaluation, while Lauryn Fisher finished second, and fellow Homedale FFA'er Willy Haun was third.

Information was submitted by Homedale FFA chapter reporter Brooke Pfost.

— Ed.



From left: Rachel Melad, Spencer Fisher, Cassie Moody, Lauryn Fisher, Willy Haun, and Bennett Holt. Submitted photo



From left: Bennett Holt, Spencer Fisher, Lauryn Fisher, Willy Haun, Belisia Larzelier, Amaia Aberasturi, Laney Swallow, and Beeg Hockenhill. Submitted photo

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Thousands of trout stocked at C.J. Strike

With the temperature warming and more outdoor activities on recreationists' minds, Idaho Power has beefed up the trout fishery at C.J. Strike Reservoir.

The public utility announced that it released 50,000 rainbow trout into the manmade lake earlier this month.

The pan-sized fish were released between May 2 and May 4 at sportsman's access points at Cottonwood and Jack's Creek.

"The weather has been nice, and lots of folks are already out fishing. These are nice-sized fish that will give people an even better chance to land one," Idaho Power biologist Ben Reingold said.

The fish released last week, about 10 inches long, were raised at a hatchery in the Hagerman Valley. Those that aren't caught right away can grow several inches per year.

Some trout released previously have metal jaw tags. Anglers are asked to report any tagged fish they catch by recording the tag number, date, the reward value (if any) and the approximate location where the fish was caught. Fishermen can call (800) 388-6011 and provide information that includes their name, mailing address, telephone number and whether the fish was kept or released.

Anglers who report tagged fish through the toll-free number are entered in a drawing for \$1,000. Visit idahopower.com/fish for more information.

C.J. Strike Reservoir covers

Homedale library hosts zombies, worms

Homedale Public Library's youngest patrons will learn about worms during Story Time at 10:15 a.m., on Friday.

Youth coordinator Carol McMichael will read "Diary of a Worm," written by Doreen Cronin and illustrated by John Nez, as well as "Earthworms," by Megan Borgert-Spaniol.

Homedale resident Marilyn Evans will stop by to talk about red worms and composting.

Afterwards, the children will play a Wiggle Worm game and do an activity.

Teens & Tweens at 4 p.m., also on Friday, the library will recognize May as Zombie Awareness Month.

The youths will be engaging in a zombie STEM activity.

roughly 7,500 acres in Owyhee and Elmore counties. It is a popular fishing and camping spot. Idaho Power owns and maintains four campgrounds and a day-use park at the reservoir.

Fish stocking at points along the Middle Snake River is part of Idaho Power's requirement to preserve and enhance recreational opportunities in accordance with the mandates of its federal licenses to operate its hydroelectric facilities.

"Our trout-stocking program is one way Idaho Power balances its operations with environmental stewardship," Reingold said.

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Officials warn invasive weeds bloom with spring, too

CWMAs offer free control program

As Kelly Aberasturi travels around, he sees troubling trends in pastures and private yards that could threaten the quality of Owyhee County's agricultural land.

Aberasturi's not being the nosy neighbor. As part of his role as District 2 county commissioner, he is also weed superintendent.

And he's alarmed by whitetop and perennial pepperweed that's growing in pastures, on highway district and Idaho Transportation Department rights-of-way along roads and on private property even in town.

"If we don't start taking care of it, it's just going to get worse and worse," he said.

The county's cooperative weed management areas are leading the battle against noxious weeds such as whitetop and perennial pepperweed. But, as Aberasturi points out, organizations such as the Northwest Owyhee CWMA are merely facilitators for the fight.

It's up to the highway districts, ITD, county government and private landowners to make sure the free herbicides NOCWMA has available is claimed and utilized properly.

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture requires that noxious weeds be controlled, and the CWMAs receive state funding to obtain chemicals to distribute.

There are three CWMAs leading the noxious weed battle in different regions of the county – the NOCWMA in the northwest area, the Jordan Valley



Perennial pepperweed



Whitetop

CWMA in southwest Owyhee County and a portion of Malheur County, and the Eastern Owyhee CWMA serving the area east of Sinker Creek.

The focus in early spring is puncturevine, whitetop and perennial pepperweed, but the CWMAs have chemical to help dispatch any of the species listed on the state's noxious weeds list. That list can be found on the ISDA website.

Aberasturi reminds property owners that because of the state funding structure, the CWMA's are able to provide the herbicides free of charge.

"They need to come in and let us know approximately how many acres they're going to spray, and we'll give them the correct amount of chemical to do it and show them how to mix the chemical," Aberasturi said.

Tammie Hughes with NOCWMA said landowners will have to fill out an application record similar to that which

anyone picking up chemical did during April's spray day.

"If a landowner has any questions, they can email any (CWMA contact), and we'll answer," she said. "Emails are really the best form of communication for us."

Hughes is passionate about the state's drive to control noxious weeds.

"This program is such an awesome tool to help prevent the further spread of these weeds if only people would come get the chemical," she said. "It's free!"

Aberasturi urges property owners and other caretakers to get in touch with the CWMAs and help preserve the county's natural resources.

"It just takes your time and some water," he said.

Controlling weeds is also a neighborly thing to do, Aberasturi said.

"If we don't take care of it, it'll wind up on your neighbor's place," he said.

Not to mention that the county can actually come out and spray problem areas, even if the acreage is meant to be an organic, "no-spray" spot.

"If you want organic, you don't have to spray, but you have to mow it or till it," Aberasturi said. "You are responsible."

"If you do not do that, we do have the authority to come in and spray it, organic or not."

Folks should call ahead before dropping in on any of the CWMA offices, though.

NOCWMA— Call (208) 896-4544, ext. 102 or email Gina Millard at gina.millard@id.nacdn.net or Tammie Hedges at support@newenvironment.us. The office is located inside the U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center at 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., in Marsing.

Jordan Valley CWMA— Call (541) 586-3000 or email Eric Morrison at jvcwma@qwestoffice.net. The office is located at 508 Swisher Ave., in Jordan Valley.

Eastern Owyhee CWMA— Email Rayola Jacobson at Rayola_1@msn.com.

County weed superintendent — Aberasturi at kabrasturi@co.owyhee.id.us

— JPB

On next page More on perennial pepperweed and whitetop

- What are they?
- What can you do about them?
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School menus

Homedale Elementary

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

- May 16: **Breakfast:** Blueberry bash, mini waffles, string cheese, pears **Lunch:** Chicken taco, corn
 May 17: **Breakfast:** PB&J sandwich, applesauce **Lunch:** Pepp. pizza ripper, tossed salad, fruit snack
 May 21: **Breakfast:** Cereal bar, string cheese, peaches **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, potato smiles, goldfish crackers
 May 22: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes, yogurt, applesauce **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs, steamed carrots
 May 23: **Breakfast:** Powdered sugar donut, string cheese, pears **Lunch:** Hot dog, baby carrots, potato chips, fresh apple
 May 24: **Breakfast:** Cinn UBR, applesauce **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken, fresh broccoli, juice smoothie, cookie

Homedale Middle

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

- May 16: **Breakfast:** Muffin or cereal, string cheese, pears **Lunch:** Beef taco or chicken taco, corn
 May 17: **Breakfast:** Donut or cereal, yogurt, peaches **Lunch:** Pepp. pizza ripper or PB&J sandwich, tossed salad, cookie
 May 21: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick or cereal, orange wedges **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs or chicken nuggets, steamed carrots
 May 22: **Breakfast:** French toast sticks or cereal, yogurt applesauce **Lunch:** Spicy chicken sandwich or PB&J, tater tots, juice smoothie
 May 23: **Breakfast:** Muffin or cereal, string cheese, pears **Lunch:** Hot dog or popcorn chicken, string cheese
 May 24: **Breakfast:** Donut holes or cereal, yogurt, peaches **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets or PB&J sandwich

Homedale High

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

- May 16: **Breakfast:** Breakfast casserole or mini pancakes or cereal, yogurt **Lunch:** Chicken & cheese sub or meatloaf sandwich, roasted finger potatoes
 May 17: **Breakfast:** Donut or yogurt parfait or cereal, string cheese **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs or toasted cheese sandwich, homemade tomato soup
 May 21: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or BeneFIT bar or cereal, yogurt **Lunch:** Calizone or popcorn chicken, dinner roll, steamed carrots
 May 22: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll or breakfast sandwich or cereal, yogurt **Lunch:** Philly cheese steak, macaroni salad or chef salad-grab n' go
 May 23: **Breakfast:** Biscuits/gravy or mini waffles or cereal, yogurt **Lunch:** Crisпитos or Rib-b-que, green beans
 May 24: **Breakfast:** Donut holes or rolled taco or cereal, yogurt **Lunch:** Chicken patty or chips, juice smoothie

Marsing Elementary

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

- May 16: Tater tot casserole, buttered corn or PB&J, buttered corn
 May 17: Cheeseburger, seasoned fries or PB&J, seasoned fries
 May 21: Chicken nuggets, whole grain roll, steamed carrots or PB&J, steamed carrots, choc. chunk cookie
 May 22: Super nachos, mixed vegetables or PB&J, mixed vegetables
 May 23: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, buttered corn or PB&J, buttered corn
 May 24: Assorted sandwiches, sun chips, fruit cup, carrot dippers

Marsing Middle/High

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

- May 16: Tater tot casserole, buttered corn or meatloaf sandwich, buttered corn
 May 17: Cheeseburger, seasoned fries
 May 21: Chicken nuggets, whole grain roll, steamed carrots or pork taco, steamed carrots, choc. chunk cookie
 May 22: Super nachos, mixed vegetables
 May 23: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, buttered corn
 May 24: Assorted sandwiches, sun chips, fruit cup, carrot dippers

Bruneau/Grand View Elementary

Milk and fruit offered daily

- May 16: **Breakfast:** Bagel & cream cheese **Lunch:** Beef & bean burrito, romaine & tomato, mixed veggies
 May 17: **Breakfast:** Muffins **Lunch:** Corn dog, tots, baby carrots
 May 21: COOK'S CHOICE
 May 22: **Breakfast:** French toast **Lunch:** Chicken & noodles, tossed romaine salad, steamed carrots, whole wheat roll
 May 23: **Breakfast:** Biscuits & gravy **Lunch:** Nachos, whole wheat tortilla chips, refried beans/salsa, corn
 May 24: **Breakfast:** Breakfast bar **Lunch: BBQ Day;** Hamburger on a bun, potato wedges, baby carrots

Rimrock

Milk, fruit choice and Salad Bar offered daily

- May 16: **Breakfast:** Bagel & cream cheese **Lunch:** Beef & bean burrito or pizza
 May 17: **Breakfast:** Muffins **Lunch:** Corn dog or pizza
 May 21: COOK'S CHOICE
 May 22: **Breakfast:** French toast **Lunch:** Chicken & noodles or pizza
 May 23: **Breakfast:** Biscuits & gravy **Lunch:** Nachos or pizza
 May 24: **Breakfast:** Breakfast bar **Lunch: BBQ Day;** Hamburger on a bun or pizza

About whitetop and perennial pepperweed

What are they?

Aggressive perennial forbs that are somewhat tolerant of salty soil, and grow up to 2 feet tall.

Many small white flowers are produced, giving a white-topped appearance. An extensive root system gives the weed its stubborn persistence. New shoots arise as roots creep laterally beneath the surface of the soil. A single plant can send out 400 shoots in a year.

Vertical roots may penetrate the soil to a depth of 15 feet and allow the plant colony to withstand extensive drought. Only about one quarter of the plant is seen above ground while the rest is below ground, hoarding water and nutrients.

Seeds establish new stands when transported by water, vehicles, farm machinery, or contaminated hay and crop seeds.

How to fight them?

Cattle and sheep will graze whitetop, but don't offer much control. The plant is considered by many to be at least mildly toxic to livestock.

It takes plowing once a month for two to four years to remove colonies once established. Flooding an area for two months can also eliminate infestations.

Mowing followed by an herbicide application on regrowth is likely the most feasible method of control.

Fire will not kill perennial plants, and seedlings can grow quickly following burns. Regardless of the control method, an intensive management process is required in heavily infested areas.

Non-crop sites and rights-of-way

Both of these stubborn perennial weeds thrive in non-crop sites. Once the decision has been on bare ground or selective weed control, the rest is a matter of timing.

If grasses are not to be taken out, the best selective herbicides are Telar/Chlorsulfuron or Escort/MSM 60, which are very effective and label rates are at just one ounce of product per acre.

A good non-ionic surfactant such as Syl-Coat or Insist added to the chemical applied at bolt until flowers begin to fall is very effective, generally speaking May through June. Good agitation is required during application to keep the herbicide from settling out of the carrier water.

Follow the directions

It is extremely important to read and follow the label on any herbicide you chose to use.

— Information from Northwest Owyhee Cooperative Weed Management Area.

Library boosters hold book sale

Friends of the Homedale Public Library presents its semi-annual book sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday.

The sale typically is held on the front lawn of the library, which is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The Friends have a large supply of books and insist there is something for everyone.

All proceeds are used to support the library and its programs.

County eyes more efficient property tax system

State-funded upgrade welcomed in both treasurer's and assessor's offices

After years of struggling with an old system, Owyhee County has been chosen for a pilot program for new property tax software.

Assessor Toni Gruenwald alluded to the new UADWEB tax program during the recent candidate forum. Last week, Treasurer Annette Dygert provided more details about what the State Tax Commission has created.

"Toni and I were interested in updating the current tax program," Dygert said. "When we talked to the State Tax Commission and let them know we were looking, they were excited to have Owyhee County be the pilot program because of our good working relationship and our close proximity to Boise."

The new program could help both departments run smoother and more efficiently than with the AS400 program.

"The old program took numerous days to run the tax drive and the assessment drive," Dygert said. "Through the year there are checklists that need to be ran that was step- and time-intensive."

With UADWEB, Dygert said the state commission provides the software as well as maintenance and support at no cost to the county.

And the arrival of the state-funded pilot program was timely for the county financially.

"Our old AS400 machine was scheduled to be replaced during the 2018 fiscal year, which would have been a big expense along with the yearly maintenance contract for the software and hardware," Dygert said.

With UADWEB, the county's property

tax assessments and bills will have a different look. Dygert's office is getting ready for the second-half property tax payment deadline, which is June 20.

Dygert said property owners will receive assessment notices and property tax reminders that look different than what they're used to getting in the mail under the AS400 system.

"They look a little different than in years past but they have all of the same information," she said.

Tax reminders are going into the mail Thursday, Dygert said. Only property owners who have outstanding balances on their tax bills will receive the notices. Folks who have paid their bills in full, or who have their property tax payments made through an escrow account will not receive notices, she said.

Dygert said that if anyone with an escrow account received a notice, they should call their mortgage company to ensure the payment will be made.

Anyone whose property tax bill isn't paid through an escrow account who didn't receive a notice should call the Treasurer's office at (208) 495-1158 or toll-free from the Homedale-Marsing area at (833) 337-4222.

The county has used the UADWEB system for about a month, Dygert said.

There were numerous trainings before county staff could start using the web-based system, which requires no special hardware. The first order of business was to see if UADWEB was coming up with the same data as AS400.

"The State Tax Commission has been onsite whenever needed and also avail-



This is what the new tax reminder notices look like.

able for phone calls and by email," Dygert said. "A few glitches have been found which the Tax Commission is working through as quickly as possible."

One difference was noticeable right away, she said.

"The reports in the UADWEB look more professional and are easier to read," Dygert said.

Dygert also reminds property owners that the 2018 assessment notices will be mailed in June.

She added that property owners should open their assessments immediately and review the information because there is only a three-week window to call the Assessor's office with questions or concerns about the assessments. — JPB

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to the meeting to find out if rezoning their property on Pioneer Road to residential would affect their ability to start a home-based business.

To alleviate the concerns, Aberasturi on behalf of his BOCC colleagues asked that Pounds' 12 acres remain multi-use and that the proposed residential zone in the Pioneer Road-Industrial Road area remain multi-use.

Those changes were made during last Wednesday's meeting, but Aberasturi also pointed out that a legal opinion forced the county to reverse course on an earlier decision to pare back the multiple use zone south of Pioneer Road in an attempt to preserve the agricultural zone.

Aberasturi explained that by moving a portion of the area between Pioneer Road and Market Road out of multi-use and into an agricultural zone, the county could be taken to court by landowners whose property values could have dropped because of the change.

"That would be seen as a takings," Aberasturi told the audience, which was the smallest of any of the three public meetings.

So the proposed map now has multi-use running south of Pioneer all the way to Market Road, as has been the case for more than 15 years.

Nearly all of Homedale's impact area is proposed to change to residential save for

Pounds' gravel pit and the Industrial Road-Pioneer Road area.

The portion of Homedale's southern impact area from U.S. 95 east to the Snake River will remain multiple use to line up with the county zoning outside the area of impact to the west of the highway.

With the return of the larger multi-use zone south of Pioneer Road, concerns arose again that developers will file conditional use permits to build residential subdivisions.

Some in the audience were concerned that the patchwork development seen among Canyon County's ag lands would creep into Owyhee County.

"I assure you that the P&Z commission and this commission know how important ag is," Aberasturi said. "If a developer comes in, they have to show beneficial use."

Aberasturi said the P&Z commission, members of which were at the meeting, has been reluctant in the past to allow conditional use permits for large subdivisions in the ag zone.

"The income for the county is 80 percent from agriculture, and we want to protect that," Aberasturi said.

"We want to make sure that if we do grow that it's in the city limits or impact area and that it doesn't affect ag land."

— JPB



New restaurant opens in Grand View

A new restaurant has opened in a familiar location in Grand View. Tausha Wadel owns the Snake River Diner, which opened May 3 in the building at 230 Main St., that used to be known as the Grand Owyhee. Wadel's parents, Bob and Mechelle Dirks, bought the restaurant and recently completed a remodel. They all live in the Grand View area. The restaurant is open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays for breakfast, lunch and dinner and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday for breakfast and lunch. The doors are closed on Sunday and Monday. There are lunch specials and homemade desserts every day. You can reach the restaurant at (208) 834-2070. Submitted photo



Marsing Middle Schoolers get sun after ISATs are done

Marsing Middle School's Gage Wyatt (left) and Justin Gramps compete in a tug-of-war during the school's Block Party, celebrating the end of ISAT testing. The pair beat their competition after a lengthy display of strength and leverage.

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Juanita DeLeon leads her social studies class. DeLeon will be retiring from the Marsing School District this month after 36 years of teaching.

Longtime Marsing educator to retire at year's end

DeLeon leaves lasting imprint on her students

When the spring term for Marsing schools reaches its last day on May 24, a valued and beloved teacher will stand before her class for the last time.

Juanita DeLeon, who teaches eighth-grade social studies, art, and Spanish at Marsing Middle School, has decided to call it a career after 36 years as an educator in the Marsing School District.

DeLeon expressed her desire to spend more time with her husband, three grown children, and grandchild as a reason for her decision to retire from teaching.

"I have a beautiful granddaughter who is so much fun!" she said.

The longtime educator has spent the majority of her life in Marsing. She first arrived in the little town on the Snake River with her family of migrants and lived in the labor camp on 8th Avenue West.

She attended Marsing schools but graduated from Harlingen High School in

Texas. From there, she was accepted to Boise State University where she earned her degree.

Then she found herself back in Marsing, teaching where she had been taught.

"I have always felt like I was part of this community," DeLeon said.

She began her career as a third-grade teacher, meaning she had to cover a wide variety of subjects. She taught English, math, science, handwriting, physical education, and more.

Since she moved to the middle school, she has taught, at various times, science,

English, math, English as a Second Language, technology, social studies, art, Spanish, and financial literacy.

DeLeon approaches her last moments with her students with bittersweet feelings.

"I will miss the first day of school when I anxiously get to meet all the new students and going through the rules and getting to know their names," she said.

"I will miss the feeling that I can make a difference every day, even in some small way. This is the most important part of why I love teaching."

The impact that the students have made on her life is mirrored by the impact she has made on their lives.

"Juanita has had a lot of effect on the students that have come through here," Marsing schools superintendent Norm Stewart said. "Former students, grown up with families, will want to come see her."

DeLeon said she has always been passionate about what she does.

"I love what I do," she said. "I believe that (I am)

morally obligated to enter my classroom with the highest of expectations for all my students.

"I truly believe education is the key to success, and I've worked very hard to convey that to my students."

Of course, retirement will allow DeLeon to pursue many hobbies and make plans she had no time for in the past. She plans to work on some unfinished projects that have been waiting for her attention for a long while.

She also intends to spend as much time as possible travelling, volunteering, and most important of all, being with family and her granddaughter.

"I will now have time to read!" she said.

Ultimately the one aspect of her job that will have the most difficulty leaving behind has been her purpose for going to work for 36 years.

"I will miss the daily interaction with the dedicated staff at the middle school," she said. "But I'll miss the students the most!"

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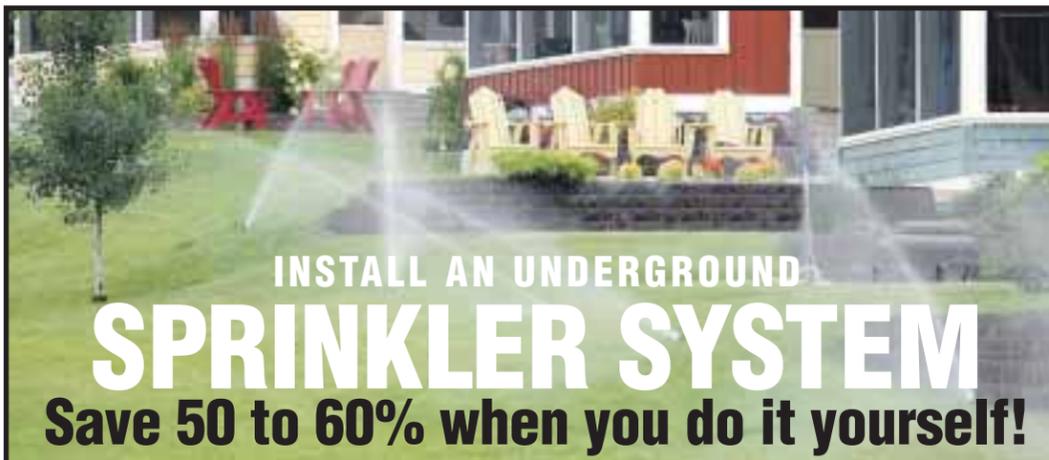
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Yvette Draney showed up the name Yvette Bonas the last time she hung artwork on the walls at Lizard Butte Library in Marsing. Nearly five years later, she's back as the featured artist. Submitted photo

Artist returns to Lizard Butte Library spotlight

Commercially successful artist Yvette Draney's creations are back on the walls of Marsing's public library.

The Friends of the Lizard Butte Library announced Draney's work will be on display through July.

Draney was the library's guest artist under the name Yvette Bonas in September 2013.

Draney has been an artist since she was young. In her youth, she even had a painting displayed at the Otis Parsons Building in Los Angeles.

Originally from California, she's studied photography, life drawing and design, as well as oil, acrylic, and watercolor.

Since moving to Idaho in 2004, Draney has continued training in the art field and has done murals for Intermountain Gas Co., and for the Civil Air Patrol at Gowen Field. She has also volunteered her time and work by creating things like logos and backdrops for local churches.

Draney teaches painting locally through Paint Party Boise and works for a local manufacturing company as a hand painter.

She has two children with families of their own and loves spending time with her husband. Her other hobbies include cake decorating and running.

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Exchange student captures district tennis title

Trojans boys edge
Weiser for third place

In addition to memories, Max Schmidt now has a tennis championship to remember his American experience by.

The junior rolled through the boys' singles bracket to capture a rare 3A District III title for Homedale High School.

The German exchange student helped the Trojans finish third in the boys' tournament, which ran Thursday through Saturday.

Schmidt is the lone HHS athlete in the 3A state tournament. The boys' singles bracket will be contested Friday and Saturday at Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

Unbeaten this spring, Schmidt was the top seed in the district tournament, and he received an opening-round bye.

He beat second-seeded Payden Rohrbacher, 6-4, 6-3, for the title Saturday.

Schmidt opened the tournament Thursday with a 6-1, 6-4 quarterfinals triumph against Fruitland No. 3 Dillon Gopp.

— See *Tennis*, page 8B

Homedale sweeps district diamond crowns

Peaking softball squad
nears another mountaintop

There's more than one streak brewing as Homedale High School heads into another 3A softball state tournament.

The Trojans won another District III championship Thursday with their 15th consecutive victory.

Senior right-handed pitching ace Dakota Kelly fired her fourth no-hitter of the season on May 8 against Payette and then blanked Fruitland, 6-0, on Thursday at Payette High School for the district title.

"Dakota threw two great games, but was also backed up with some great defense," HHS coach Larry Corta said.

Kelly threw her second no-hitter in as many outings against Weiser on May 8 as the Trojans shook off a late start and rolled to a 17-0 victory in five innings.

Homedale and Kelly will put streaks on the line when they open the 3A state tournament against either Snake River or Sugar-Salem at 11 a.m., on Friday at Bonneville High School in Idaho Falls.

Snake River, the District V runner-up, and Sugar-Salem, the District IV runner-up, played Monday in a state play-in game.

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Homedale High School reliever Wyatt Wolfe throws a pitch toward the plate during the May 8 district semifinal against host Weiser.

Trojans triumph over top seed for long-awaited championship

According to their coach, Homedale High School's baseball players like stepping onto Fruitland's ballfield.

The Trojans have lost more times than not at Grizzlies coach

Russ Wright's mecca, but after an unexpected trip to the Grizzlies' home field last Wednesday, Homedale fans will always fondly remember Fruitland.

Homedale won what is

believed to be the program's first district championship in 20 seasons, throttling Payette, 10-4.

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Third baseman Amaya Carter prepares to fire to first base after fielding a bunt on May 8 against Weiser.

Rimrock girls collect 4x200 relay district championship

First-year coach sees six girls make State in five events

Rimrock High School may not have a track to practice on, but that deficiency didn't slow anyone down at the 1A District III track and field championships in New Plymouth on Saturday.

Under the guidance of first-year coach Blake Welsh, six Raiders collected automatic berths in the 1A track and field state meet.

Rimrock girls teamed to win

the 4x200-meter relay district championship to lead the highlights.

Sophomore Laura Gasper, sophomore Heidi Pearson, and freshmen Lainey Keppler and Madison Macmillan posted a winning time of 1 minute, 53.87 seconds.

The top two teams in each relay race qualified for the state meet.

Junior Phoenix Wright landed a personal-record distance of 30 feet, 5½ feet to finish fourth in the triple jump. She also tied for third place in the high jump at 4-6. Both marks were good enough to reach the state meet.

Sophomore Hannah Field ran her fastest 100 hurdles of the season,

— See *Rimrock*, page 2B



Rimrock's girls' 4x200 relay team celebrates on the podium. Clockwise from lower left: Laura Gasper, Madison Macmillan, Heidi Pearson and Lainey Keppler. Submitted photo

Sports

Joseph Ineck signs with TVCC's first wrestling team

Marsing senior first to join Chukars for inaugural season

Treasure Valley Community College's fledgling wrestling team has signed the first five athletes in its inaugural class.

Marsing High School senior Joseph Ineck was the first of those five wrestlers to put paper to pen, doing so in a signing ceremony at the high school Thursday.

Ineck competed in the club team's first tryout on April 21, and he was selected along with four others for TVCC's first season of wrestling.

Because it is a club team, no scholarships were awarded. But TVCC Caldwell Center interim director Kaitlin Brookshire said Ineck's mother, Kelly, told her that the wrestler has scholarships from outside agencies to help with his schooling.

"We are so excited Joseph

accepted the position on the team," Brookshire said. "He is the first to officially commit to coming to TVCC to be a student-athlete for wrestling."

Marsing coach Jon Nelson said that the team's status as a club program means TVCC's coaches won't cut any of the first 30 athletes to sign.

Nelson said the hopes are that the program switches to interscholastic status next season, allowing TVCC to offer scholarships.

Nelson believes TVCC's new program is especially important to the valley's prep wrestlers after Boise State University disbanded its team.

"BSU had a good program, but you saw a lot of California and out-of-state kids," Nelson said. "There weren't a lot of in-



Joseph Ineck smiles as he prepares to sign paperwork Thursday afternoon at Marsing High School.

year Chukar coach Alex Gunoe has recognized Ineck's work ethic and that he got a good feeling for it at that first tryout in April.

"(Ineck) is such a good worker and a good wrestler," Nelson said.

Gunoe, who attended last week's signing, didn't return a phone call seeking comment.

Ineck, a quiet young man who thanked his parents, coaches, and teammates at his signing, plans to pursue a mechanic or welding degree.

Nelson thinks TVCC will be a good fit for Ineck.

"It won't be a lot of pressure to win a national championship," Nelson said. "It will be good for him to receive a college education."

Brookshire said the next wrestling team tryout will be Saturday at Sergeant's Fitness at 521 Main St., in Caldwell.

— TK

✓ Rimrock: Ray Draper, Burbank get PRs, but miss berths in boys' meet

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turning in a fourth-place time of 19.11 to secure a spot at the state championship meet. She posted a season-best 55.75 in the 300 hurdles, but missed the state meet by one position.

The top four finishers in each individual district final received automatic berths into

the state meet.

Macmillan got the final at-large bid into the girls' 200 field. She finished fifth at the district meet in 28.95.

Other top finishes included a pair of relay results.

Wright, Gasper, Macmillan and Keppler placed fourth in the 4x100 race with a time of

55.48.

Michael Nanney and D.O. Draper ran 200-meter legs, Ian Burbank ran the third-leg 400, and Ray Draper closed with 800 meters as the Rimrock boys finished third in the sprint medley relay in 4:08.34.

Ray Draper and Burbank just missed state berths in

individual events.

Draper was fifth in the 3,200 with a PR time of 10:43.86. He was sixth in the 1,600 with another PR (4:58.61).

Burbank ran his fastest 400, finishing fifth in 54.83.

Macmillan also just missed a state berth in the shortest sprints in the girls' meeting,

finishing fifth in both the 100 (13.87) and the 200 (28.95).

Nanney posted a PR in the boys' long jump with a ninth-place 17-3.

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Sports

Homedale golfers can't keep pace with Fruitland

Homedale High School's golfers were perched in third place after Monday's first 18 holes of the 3A state tournament.

Sophomore Daniel Uranga shot 10-over-par 82 and was sixth overall to pace the Trojans, who scored 367 on the Twin Lakes Village Golf Club course in Rathdrum.

Fruitland's Jonas Bickenese, who lost the 3A District III championship

to Uranga in a playoff on May 7, led the state tournament after the first day with an even-par 72.

The Grizzlies led the team race, too, with a 322 after three of their four golfers scored in the 70s and sat first, second and third in the medalist rankings.

Jake O'Neil was second at 75, and Lucas Rynearson was third at 77.

Kellogg was one stroke off Fruitland's

pace at 323.

Rounding Homedale's first-day scorers were senior Kaden Henry at 92, senior Scott Matlock at 94, sophomore Arnulfo Llamas at 99, and sophomore Spencer Fisher at 103.

The tournament concluded Tuesday after deadline.

2A: Villa 14th after Day 1

Marsing's lone competitor in the 2A

state tournament, junior Landon Villa, finished 8-over-par Monday at Circling Raven Golf Course in Worley.

Villa's 80 placed him 14th, 12 strokes behind first-day leader Jack Curran.

The Cole Valley Christian golfer fired a 4-under 68 to lead the field by six strokes after the tournament's first 18 holes.

The tournament concluded Tuesday after deadline.



Dazsha Zamora makes contact early on during Homedale High School's semifinal victory over Weiser at the 3A District III Tournament in Payette.

✓ Softball: Corta stalks fourth state crown, seventh in school history

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In addition to her team's 15-game winning streak, Kelly hasn't allowed a run in 18 consecutive innings.

"She looks to be in good form going into State," Corta said. "After taking a couple of weeks off for her leg (stress fracture), she seems to have more pop on her pitches."

Kelly struck out 13 in the championship game, tossing a two-hitter and allowing three walks.

She fanned 11 and allowed just two base runners in the district semifinal against Weiser.

Homedale catcher Sophie

Nash wiped out the first base runner when she threw the girl out trying to steal second base after Kelly had created the situation with a hit batter.

The Trojans (22-4 overall) played errorless ball in the 12 innings of district play.

"The team in general played great ball at district," Corta said. "We made plays defensively and got that timely hit when we needed it."

"The girls seem to be peaking at the right time."

There is added motivation heading into the state tournament as the Trojans look for the program's seventh championship and fourth under

Corta. A title this year would push Corta past Jim McMillan on the HHS all-time list.

Last year, Homedale's try for a third consecutive title was derailed by eventual state champion Bonners Ferry in the semifinals.

"The girls did not like the taste that was left in their mouths after last year," Corta said. "I'm pretty sure you will see a lot more intensity this year."

Bonners Ferry is back in the tournament this season, and the District I champ will take on Fruitland at 9 a.m. on Friday.

"All games at State are a big challenge," Corta said. "But

Bonners Ferry is back, and they really didn't lose very much from last year's state championship team.

"We are on opposite sides of the bracket this year."

Thursday: Homedale 6, Fruitland 0 — Kelly clubbed a two-run homer in the fifth inning right after Sophie Nash led off the rally with her second double of the game.

The Trojans wasted little time taking control against the Grizzlies, scoring three times in the bottom of the first.

Nash doubled and scored on a passed ball in the inning, while Alex Grant led off with a walk and eventually

scored.

Kelly scored an unearned run on Josey Hall's base hit.

Grant scored again in the sixth. She singled and later came in on a sacrifice bunt.

May 8: Homedale 17, Weiser 0 (5) — Sophie Nash went 2-for-3 with three RBI and two runs scored in the Trojans' opening rout.

Hall scored three runs, and Amaya Carter knocked in three runs during a 2-for-2 outing.

Kendall Nash scored twice, as did Grant, who had the team's only extra-base hit with a double in the fourth inning.

Sports



Homedale senior Max Mertz makes a splash in the jumping pit at the 3A District III meet last week at Deward Bell Stadium. Photos by Machele Randall

Trojans snag three district track titles

10 Homedale athletes qualify for 3A state meet

Two athletes ending their prep careers and one just getting started will lead Homedale High School into the state meet.

And that could just be the beginning for coach Heidi Ankeny's program, which will send 10 athletes to the 3A track and field state championships on Friday and Saturday at Middleton High School.

"We are a very young team, and over half of our state qualifiers are underclassmen, which is really exciting and gives us a lot to build on in the next few years," Ankeny said.

One of the youngest athletes, freshman Thomas Symms, continued his late-season surge and won the district championship with a discus throw of 134 feet, 10 inches.

Seniors Lainey Johnson and Max Mertz and sophomore Caleb Smith are eligible to compete in four events each during the 3A track and field state championships on Friday and Saturday at Middleton High School.

Qualifying in every event they had entered, those three athletes are part of 10 boys and girls from the hometown team to advance out of the 3A District III meet, which



Freshman Thomas Symms continued his late-season surge, winning the district championship in the discus.

was held last Wednesday and Thursday at Deward Bell Stadium.

"The amount of effort and heart that each kid put into their competition was above anything they have done yet this season," HHS coach Heidi Ankeny said. "As coaches, there is always a question in the backs of our minds regarding whether we are training them just right so they peak at district, or not."

"With the marks and times that they got Wednesday and Thursday, it is very obvious they are peaking at the perfect

time."

Johnson pulled off three personal records, including a winning time of 13.13 seconds in the girls' 100 meters and a district championship mark of 16-1 in the long jump.

She was runner-up in the 200 (a PR of 27.51) and the 400 (1 minute, 4.51 seconds).

"Lainey really peaked at the right time," Ankeny said. "She took charge of her events and wasn't going to let anyone push her out of her state spots."

There were 27 PRs for the Trojans during the two-day meet.

Christensen ran her fastest 300 hurdles of the season (54.23) for fourth place.

Smith broke the 11-second barrier and laid down the fastest Class 3A boys' 100 time in the state with a PR of 10.98 to win the district title.

He was second in the 200 behind Weiser's Jacen Smith.

Caleb ran the fastest 200 of his career at 22.20 (second-fastest in the state). Jacen's PR of 21.91 is the fastest 3A time in the state this season.

Mertz opened the Trojans' district-winning turn in the boys' 4x100 relay. Smith ran the anchor leg with junior Jose Ojeda and freshman Erik Hernandez in the middle as the Homedale quartet blazed to a 46.34 time.

Mertz and Smith also will be part of the Trojans' 4x400 relay team in Middleton. Freshman Milo Mertz and sophomore Gage Purdom ran the middle of the race, and Homedale finished runner-up in 3 minutes, 44.4 seconds.

"With three of the four being underclassmen who were up against bigger, stronger upperclassmen, they were able to run hard enough to place second," Ankeny said.

"Gage and Caleb ran some blazing-fast splits, leaving everything they had out on the track."

Senior Ember Christensen qualified for three events in the girls' state meet. She pulled

PRs for second-place finishes in the long jump (15-4¼) and the triple jump (32-10).

Max Mertz also will compete at State in the long jump and the triple jump.

A balky hamstring had kept Max out of triple jump competitions all season, but he hit the runway and pulled off a second-place distance of 39 feet.

After about a month away from the long jump, Mertz posted his best mark of the season (19-4¾) to grab an at-large berth into the state meet. The top three at district get automatic invitations, while fourth-place finishers have to put down marks better than others around the state.

Hernandez, Purdom and sophomore Matthew Randall will compete in two events each at the state meet.

Randall nailed PRs in the 3,200 (second place at 11:11.73) and the 1,600 (third at 5:01.62).

In addition to his relay qualification, Hernandez roared to a PR of 11.77 in the 100 to finish third.

Purdom will run the open 400 this week, too, after shaving nearly 2½ seconds off his preliminary time to finish runner-up in the 400 with a PR of 54.03.

The Homedale boys finished third in the district team standings. The girls were fourth.

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Homedale High School senior Lainey Johnson stretches for the finish line in the 400-meter final. She finished second.

HHS state meet qualifiers

Lainey Johnson, sr. — 100, 200, 400, and long jump

Max Mertz, sr. — Triple jump, long jump, 4x100 relay, and 4x400

Caleb Smith, so. — 100, 200, 4x100, and 4x400

Ember Christensen, sr. — Long jump, triple jump, and 300 hurdles

Matthew Randall, so. — 1,600, and 3,200

Gage Purdom, so. — 400, and 4x400

Erik Hernandez, fr. — 4x100, and 100

Milo Mertz, fr. — 4x400

Thomas Symms, fr. — Discus

Jose Ojeda, jr. — 4x100

Downward dog has athletes' injuries on downward trend

Yoga keeps Trojans' muscles flexible, minds clear

Cool down isn't unusual for track athletes, but Starla Bender's philosophy has lowered injuries as well as heart rates apparently.

The Homedale Middle School head coach is an assistant coach for the high school team, and most days after practice, she leads the Trojans through yoga exercises on the Deward Bell Stadium football field.

"We do yoga almost every day at the end of practice," HHS coach Heidi Ankeny said. "It serves as both a strength workout and stretches, loosens them up, increasing flexibility.

"Often we will have two sessions because kids finish their workouts at different paces, so they jump in whenever they are done."

This is the second year Bender has led the sessions in which athletes gather in a larger circle and follow her commands to transition into different positions.

"The reason we started this was we were seeing preventable injuries to our athletes," Bender said. "Typically, when a workout is done, the athletes do not stretch properly, and that is what leads to injury."

Beyond injury prevention, athletes are generally more comfortable over the past two seasons.

"Last year, we had less injury and aches and pains than in any previous season, and we attribute that mainly to the addition of yoga," Ankeny said.

"Because of this extra strength and flexibility, their bodies recover quicker from workouts, handle the



Homedale High School track and field assistant coach Starla Bender (left) leads athletes through a post-practice yoga session.

impact and stress better, and if there happens to be an injury, they can recover quicker."

Ankeny said Bender has extensive knowledge of strength and stretching through yoga after discovering the discipline helped her heal and recover from injuries suffered in car accidents.

"She is great at teaching the kids proper technique and gets really excited with them as they see progress," Ankeny said.

Bender said in addition to the physical benefits of strength, flexibility and

balance, yoga also promotes mental control.

"After a hard practice, it is beneficial to calm the muscles through stretching and calm the mind through concentration and individual meditative processes," she said.

The coach, who also helps Ankeny with sprints, helps the athletes stretch the hamstrings, calves and back muscles with downward dog, warrior I and II, crescent and triangle poses.

Bender said flexibility in the back is increased through the bow pose, child's pose, cat and cow, and bridge pose.

"We have not seen the nagging aches and pains from shin splints, pulled muscles, and displaced hips, knees and ankles," Bender said. "With increased flexibility, the likelihood of tears and sprains decreases."

The coach said it remains to be seen how the yoga workouts may impact performances during meets, "but we have seen a vast improvement in flexibility of our jumpers — especially high jumpers — and the stamina of our runners," she said.

— JPB

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Sports

HHS golfers state academic champs again

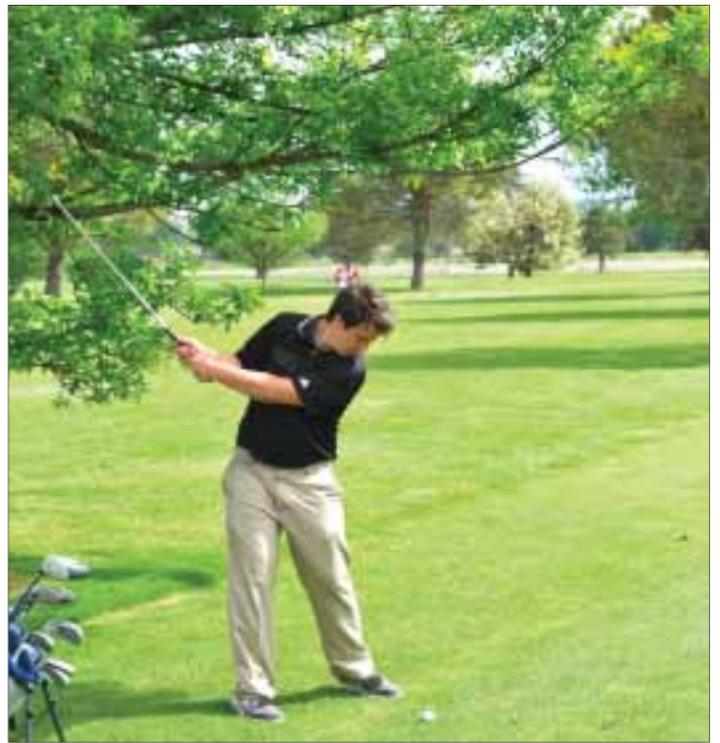
Homedale High School's boys' golfers competed for the state title earlier this week, but they had already won a championship.

For the second consecutive year, the Idaho High School Activities Association has announced that the Trojans were the top

academic squad among Class 3A boys' golf teams in the state.

Coach Casey Grove's team compiled a 3.70 grade-point average.

The team competed in the 3A state tournament Monday and Tuesday.



Homedale High School junior varsity golfer Gunnar Campbell makes an approach shot during the 3A conference championship at River Bend Golf Course in Wilder.

Two Huskies jump into state meet

Boys' 4x400 just misses advancing

After a season that saw some great individual performances, the Marsing High School track team will send two athletes to the 2A state championship meet at Middleton High School.

Sophomores Merrick Hall and Wes Ireland both will compete on Friday in field events.

Hall made the high jump field after a fourth-place finish at the 2A District III championships Saturday in New Plymouth. He cleared 5 feet, 4 inches in the final, seven inches behind champion Drew Howerzyl of Nampa Christian.

Ireland qualified for State

after finishing fourth in the long jump with a leap of 19-2 $\frac{3}{4}$.

Finishing less than nine inches behind Ireland for fifth place, Hall jumped 18-6. Only the top four competitors earned passage into the state meet, though.

Ireland also finished sixth in the 100 meters final.

Freshman Austin Pool made a personal record time of 59.75 seconds in the 400 meters final.

Senior Matthew Lee placed seventh in 800 meters final, finishing with a time of 2:15.72.

Reynaldo Aguirre, a sophomore, and senior Landry Villa finished 12th and 14th in the 1,600 final, respectively. Aguirre's time was 5:17.88, while

Villa finished with a season-best 5:23.16.

Marsing's boys' 4x400 relay team, consisting of Hall, Matthew Lee, Ireland, and Isaac Lee, finished third at 3:38.11. The top two teams advanced to the state meet.

Taj Jacobi threw 38-5 in the shot put, good enough for seventh place.

AJ Ayuban reached a personal record in the triple jump, finishing with a distance of 38-5, five feet behind Howerzyl.

Junior Chloe Ramirez finished sixth in the girls' discus with a throw of 86-7. She also placed 12th in the shot put at 25-2.

Gabby Rodriguez finished ninth in the shot put with a throw of 27-3.

Badiola, Homedale second in JV golf

Bolstered by Skylr Badiola's runner-up finish, Homedale High School placed second in the 3A Snake River Valley conference golf championships last Wednesday.

Badiola finished four strokes behind medalist Roger Barbion of Payette during the nine-hole tournament at River Bend Golf Course in Wilder.

Badiola shot 45 and was the only Trojans golfer to break

50. Barbion's 41 helped the Pirates finish third.

Weiser swept both the boys' and girls' championships. The boys amassed 201 to beat Homedale by eight strokes.

Rounding out the Trojans' qualifying scorers were Garrett Elordi (53), Ben Holt (54) and Bowen Campbell (57). Gunnar Campbell shot a 59, but his score didn't count toward the team total.

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Homedale Trojans

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Sports

Huskies coach ready for future after tough loss

McCall scores late to end baseball season

The Marsing High School baseball team closed out its season with a tough-fought loss to host McCall-Donnelly in the 2A District III Tournament on May 7.

The game remained close throughout. In the end, the Huskies pitching and defense couldn't contain the Vandals bats in a 14-11 defeat.

Marsing hopped on the scoreboard first with a three-run first inning highlighted by a two-run single by junior Dwight Sevy.

The teams exchanged blows through the first few innings and, after four full frames, the game was knotted up, 8-8.

After holding the Huskies scoreless in the top of the fifth, the Vandals struck for four runs in their half of the inning.

Marsing got three back in the sixth to pull within a run, 12-11.

McCall-Donnelly then found two more runs in the sixth, and Marsing could muster nothing in the top of the seventh.

Sevy and sophomore Isiah Prado collected three hits apiece to lead the Huskies at the plate. Sevy finished with

three RBI.

Prado and Alec Gibson tallied two RBI each.

Seniors Brian Purtell and Jaden Kinney, as well as Sevy and Heath Milburn, each scored twice.

Kinney started on the mound for the Huskies. He went 2 2/3 innings, allowing four runs (two earned), while striking out three and walking five.

Sevy came on in relief, pitching 3 1/3 innings, allowing 10 runs to an inspired Vandal offense. Only four of the runs were earned. He struck out six and walked just one batter.

McCall-Donnelly was led by Ben Ryan, who collected four singles and knocked in four runs. He also scored three times.

Vandal senior Tater Bentz hit a home run.

McCall-Donnelly starter Deets Babbit, a junior, pitched a complete game. He allowed 11 runs on 14 hits, while striking out five and walking one. Only five of those 11 runs were earned.

Lessons learned, MHS has strong base to build on

Huskies coach Kenny Mace feels disappointment at the close of his first season at the helm.

"Obviously, we all feel that we didn't reach our full

potential this season," he said.

Mace believes the seniors can look back on a job well done. Jaden Kinney, Tyler Wood, Brian Purtell, Alec Gibson, Colby Loucks, and Cole Wainman contributed to the team on many levels, the coach said.

He also thinks the Huskies have a strong, young base to build on for next season and beyond.

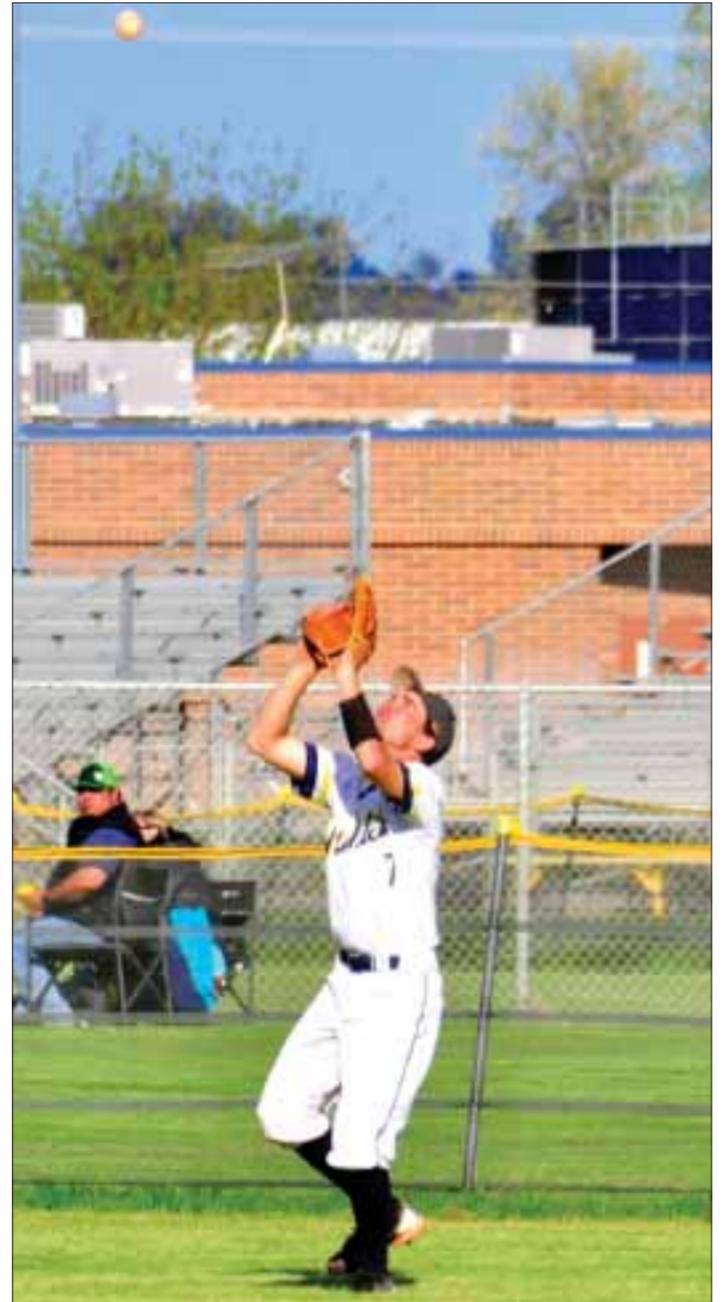
"I thought that there were some younger guys who really did well this year," Mace said. "Dwight Sevy, Isiah Prado, Boone Sevy and Joaquin Oliveros all had outstanding years offensively."

Mace expects some of the younger players to compete for starting jobs next year. Heath Milburn, Brady Dines, True Shippy, and Kolton Scott are all much improved, the coach said.

"We need to work hard in the off-season — in the weight room, playing Legion ball, competing in fall and winter sports — in order to reach our full potential," he said.

"We are capable of accomplishing anything, as long as we are willing to put the work in," Mace said. "That's the key to success: hard work and loving what you do."

— TK



Center fielder Brian Purtell wrapped up his career with the Marsing High School baseball team in the 2A District III Tournament last week. Photo by Dan Pease

District tournament losses end Marsing's softball year



Autumn Bennett prepares to throw to Ashley Loucks during Marsing High School's 2A Western Idaho Conference finale earlier this month against eventual district champion Melba. Photo by Dan Pease

Marsing High School's softball season came to an end after two losses in the 2A District III tournament.

On Thursday, the Huskies played in their last game, falling 12-2 to Nampa Christian in five innings at New Plymouth High School.

Despite outperforming the Trojans, 10-6, the Huskies defensive struggles contributed greatly to the final tally. Marsing committed nine errors in the game.

The visiting Huskies got on the board first with a lone run in the top of the first inning.

Between the second and third innings, Nampa Christian scored eight runs to take a commanding lead.

Marsing scored one more in the top of the fourth, but allowed three in the bottom of the fifth as Nampa Christian stretched its lead and ended the game via the 10-run rule.

The Huskies did have some players who shined offensively, including junior Hailee Bennett, who led the team with three hits.

She also was responsible for one of the team's two RBI.

Ashley Loucks also had a multiple-hit game, with a single and double.

Mazzi Roper knocked in Marsing's other run.

Sophomore Aubrey Villa started the game in the circle and allowed just five hits in her four innings of work. Her three walks and the nine errors committed by the Huskies led to 11 runs. Only three runs were earned.

Bennett came on in the fifth inning and recorded just one out while walking three during the winning rally.

Nampa Christian was led by sophomore Julia Joski, who went 2-for-2 with a walk. She had two RBI and scored three runs.

Trojans junior Kendra Mullins pitched five innings and, despite allowing 10 hits, allowed only two runs to cross the plate. She struck out four Huskies and walked none.

May 8: McCall-Donnelly 20,

Marsing 5 (5)— The Vandals rolled to victory despite winning the battle for hits by just one, 11-10.

After Marsing took a 4-3 lead after 2½ innings, Huskies pitchers allowed 17 runs between the third and fourth innings.

Marsing could only put one more run across, this time in the fifth inning.

The Huskies got at least one hit from each of the first six batters in the lineup. Junior catcher Emma Heitz led the team with two hits.

Villa started the game and needed 95 pitches to get through three innings. She finished her time on the mound with six hits and 12 runs allowed. As a result of six walks and five team errors, only five of those runs were earned.

Junior Anna Botello led the Vandals with four hits and four RBI in five trips to the plate. She also came in to relieve starter Carli Dauphanais and allowed one run on one hit in two innings. She struck out three and walked three.

Sports



The Homedale High School baseball team shows off its 3A District III championship trophy after last Wednesday's victory in Fruitland. Submitted photo

✓ Trojans: Veteran head coach ecstatic about team's district performance

From Page 1B

The Pirates had won the past five games in the series and had ended Homedale's 2017 season in the district tournament.

"The boys were laser-focused on every pitch, and the intensity level was off the charts," Trojans coach Burke Deal said. "I have never coached a game with such a high level of emotion. The boys were exceptionally emotional and exceptionally motivated."

Deal and assistant coach Mark Thatcher tried to piece together the historical significance of the victory. They figured the last time a Homedale team won a district title was during the state championship year of 1999.

At any rate, it's a big deal.

"I couldn't be more proud of this group of young men," Deal said. "It will always go down as an honor to me to have coached this team."

"They have allowed themselves to be pushed very hard, and have worked very hard and improved dramatically."

Homedale (22-4 overall) will

open the 3A state tournament at 7 p.m., on Thursday at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore. The Trojans face District IV-V-VI runner-up South Fremont (24-2).

The Cougars' only losses this season came to District V champion Marsh Valley in April and District VI champion Teton last week in the district tournament.

Last Wednesday: Homedale 10, Payette 4 — With Walter Johnson Memorial Field rendered unplayable by a torrential rainstorm earlier in the day, tournament managers decided to move the district championship game to Fruitland.

"We were thankful," Deal said. "Weiser's field is in marginal shape, and we were excited to play at Fruitland."

Shaking off what bad memories may have been lingering from the last time a championship game was shifted to Fruitland (the 2016 3A state championship game against the Grizzlies), the No. 2 seed Trojans expelled a regular season full of frustration onto

the the top-seeded Pirates.

After losing both 3A Snake River Valley conference games to the Pirates, Homedale broke open a close game with back-to-back two-run innings.

Sophomore left-hander Jake Collett struck out 11 batters in five innings to stifle Payette.

Collett and Wolfe teamed up on a five-hitter. Payette had collected 15 hits while outscoring the Trojans, 17-2, in the two conference games this season.

"It's very satisfying," Deal said. "Mark and I were talking about just that on the way home from that game. It was very satisfying."

"It was such a fun game to be a part of. The boys couldn't have done much more. Their hearts were all in. They all — including the young guys on the bench — really competed hard and gave it all they had."

After Payette pulled to within a run, 3-2, Wyatt Wolfe laced a two-run single for the game's defining moment in the top of the third.

The Pirates were unable to rally until putting up another two runs to cut the lead to 7-4

in the sixth.

Senior Ben Lee led Homedale's 13-hit attack with a 3-for-4 outing. Drew Deal and Chase Stoddard counted doubles among their two hits.

Deal doubled and scored in the second inning, and Stoddard led off the two-run fourth with a double.

Jesse Packer was 2-for-4, and he and Lee scored on Jaylon Hilton's two-run single in the three-run seventh.

May 8: Homedale 13, Weiser 8 — After a high-scoring seesaw start, the Trojans took control of their district semifinal against the tournament hosts.

After Weiser had taken a 5-4 lead in the top of the third inning, Homedale struck for two runs that would give the Trojans the edge for the rest of the game.

Homedale's first five batters in the inning reached base, including Collett, whose base hit brought home Jordan Packer with the tying run.

Stoddard scored on a passed ball to put Homedale in front, 6-5.

The Trojans took advantage

of more Weiser mistakes to tack on a run in the fourth inning before exploding with an important six-run rally in the fifth.

The big inning gave Homedale enough cushion to withstand the Wolverines' three-run sixth.

Wyatt Wolfe's double brought home Jesse Packer to start the six-run inning. Lee and Hilton also had RBI singles, while Deal scored when Stoddard was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Stoddard was 1-for-3 with three RBI, while Hilton and Collett knocked in two runs apiece.

Four players got two hits each, including Deal, Jesse Packer, Hilton and Collett.

After Weiser scored four runs in the top of the second inning, Clayton Wolfe led off the bottom of the inning with his fourth home run of the season. Deal's sacrifice fly brought in Jordan Packer to tie the game, 4-4.

Wyatt Wolfe pitched the final four innings of the game to get the win in relief of the left-hander Lee.

✓ Tennis: Makayla Kelly just misses shot at third place, finishes sixth

From Page 1B

He barreled through Fruitland No. 2 Keaton Lawrence, 6-0, 6-0, to reach the championship match.

Juniors Austin Conant and Joseph Zamudio rallied from opening-round losses to win their first consolation bracket matches in boys' singles.

Zamudio, who lost to Rohrbacher in the first round,

swept Payette No. 1 Ben Rozorrea, 6-0, 6-0.

Conant also beat a Payette player, Steven Skinner, 6-0, 6-0, in the consolation bracket.

In the mixed doubles tournament, Noah Redburn and Isabel Hernandez rallied from a first-set loss to win their opening-round match. Redburn and Hernandez earned a point

that helped Homedale finish third in the boys' tournament with a 2-6, 6-0, 6-2 victory against at Payette pair.

Homedale scored 23 points to edge Weiser for third place by half a point.

Junior Makayla Kelly picked up three victories in two days in the girls' singles ladder and finished sixth.

"Makayla played a fantastic

tournament," HHS coach Scott Michaelson said.

Angel Salinas of Parma beat Kelly in a second-set tiebreaker to grab the district's fifth and final girls' singles berth into the tournament.

Salinas' 6-2, 7-6 (7-0) triumph turned the tables on Kelly, who had the tournament's No. 4 seed, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3, in a marathon match to start the

tournament Thursday.

After falling into the consolation bracket, Kelly won a pair of matches to come within a victory of playing for third place.

Parma No. 1 Ashley Brown, who would win bronze, dropped Kelly into the fifth-place match with a 6-3, 6-3 decision in the consolation semifinals.

FAMILY FEATURES

Family gatherings like reunions, picnics and potlucks can bring fun, the chance to reunite with family and, of course, food and celebration.

While catching up with family is most important for many, food typically comes in a close second. Tried-and-true favorites are welcome, but so are new additions.

This starter duo of Baked Onion, Goat Cheese and Sun-Dried Tomato Dip along with Orange Galette with Beet Gorgonzola Salad can get the celebration going.

To help mix things up, take a break from sandwiches. Chipotle Chicken and Bean Quinoa Salad Cups are a contemporary meal or snack alternative which kids and adults alike can enjoy. For a salad that feeds a crowd, try this Tex-Mex Layered Bean Salad, a tasty accompaniment for entrees from burgers to fried chicken.

For more recipes for family gatherings, visit READsalads.com and AuntNellies.com.

Chipotle Chicken and Bean Quinoa Salad Cups with Cilantro Lime Vinaigrette

Prep time: 25 minutes
Servings: 4

- 1 can (15 ounces) READ 3 or 4 Bean Salad

Dressing:

- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice
- 1 tablespoon adobo sauce
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 cup finely chopped fresh cilantro

- 1 1/2 cups cooked quinoa
- 1 cup diced chicken, cooked
- 1/4 cup finely sliced green onions
- 1 chipotle pepper, minced
- 4 leaves Bibb lettuce

Drain bean salad; reserve 2 tablespoons liquid.

To make dressing: In small bowl, whisk reserved liquid, lime juice, adobo sauce, mustard, salt and pepper. Whisk in oil until completely combined. Stir in cilantro; set aside.

In medium bowl, combine bean salad, quinoa, chicken, onions and chipotle pepper. Add dressing; toss gently.

Divide bean salad mixture equally among lettuce cups.



Chipotle Chicken and Bean Quinoa Salad Cups with Cilantro Lime Vinaigrette

Food for Family Gatherings



Orange Galette with Beet Gorgonzola Salad

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Recipe courtesy of Momma Cuisine
Prep time: 30 minutes
Cook time: 15-20 minutes
Servings: 12

- 1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Sliced Pickled Beets
- nonstick cooking spray
- 1 sheet frozen puff pastry, approximately 16-by-11 inches
- 1 tablespoon olive oil, divided
- 4 navel oranges, segmented
- 4 ounces crumbled Gorgonzola or other blue cheese, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon dried basil
- 2 cups mixed baby salad greens
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans, toasted if desired

Heat oven to 400 F.

Drain beets well; set aside on paper towels to absorb remaining liquid. Discard liquid or save for another use.

Spray large sheet pan with nonstick cooking spray. Gently place puff pastry sheet on pan. With pastry brush, gently spread 1/2 tablespoon olive oil on pastry sheet. Place about half the orange segments in two rows on top of pastry sheet, leaving 1-inch margins on all sides.

Fold edges of pastry sheet to create border. Sprinkle 2 ounces crumbled Gorgonzola over oranges. Sprinkle with salt, if desired, and basil.

Bake until golden brown, about 15-20 minutes. Remove from oven; cool on wire rack.

Coarsely chop beets. In large bowl, toss together remaining orange segments, salad greens and chopped beets. Drizzle with remaining olive oil; toss gently to combine.

Cut cooked galette into 12 pieces. Top with beet salad. Sprinkle with remaining cheese and pecans.



Baked Onion, Goat Cheese and Sun-Dried Tomato Dip

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Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Servings: 6

- 1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Holland-Style Onions
- nonstick cooking spray
- 2 tablespoons chopped oil-packed, sun-dried tomatoes, divided
- 1 large clove garlic, minced
- 4 tablespoons sliced fresh basil, divided
- coarse ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 tablespoon oil from sun-dried tomatoes or olive oil, divided
- 1 log (8 ounces) goat cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon Mediterranean herb seasoning (optional)

- crackers (optional)
- flatbread (optional)
- pita chips (optional)

Heat oven to 350 F.

Drain onions well; pat dry. Spray shallow, oven-proof dish (3-4-cup size) with nonstick cooking spray. Place onions in dish. Press with spatula to flatten and crush.

Sprinkle with 1 tablespoon tomatoes, garlic, 2 tablespoons basil and black pepper, to taste. Drizzle with 1/2 tablespoon oil.

Cut goat cheese into 6-8 rounds. Arrange over onion mixture. Sprinkle with remaining tomatoes; drizzle with remaining oil. Sprinkle with herb seasoning, if desired.

Bake uncovered 20-30 minutes, or until cheese is soft and mixture is bubbly. Sprinkle with remaining basil. Serve warm with crackers, flatbread or pita chips, if desired.

Tex-Mex Layered Bean Salad

Prep time: 20 minutes
Servings: 8-10

- 1 large red or yellow bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1/3 cup chopped red onion
- 1 bag (16 ounces) iceberg lettuce, carrot and cabbage salad mix
- 1 cup shredded Mexican cheese blend
- 2 cans (15 ounces each) READ 3 or 4 Bean Salad, drained
- 1/2 cup low-fat mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup low-fat sour cream
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped chipotle peppers in adobo sauce
- 1/2 cup crumbled tortilla chips (optional)
- 1 small avocado, sliced (optional)

In 3 1/2-quart salad bowl or soufflé dish, layer bell pepper, onion, lettuce, cheese and bean salad.

Mix mayonnaise, sour cream and chipotle peppers. Spread over top of salad. Cover and refrigerate up to 8 hours.

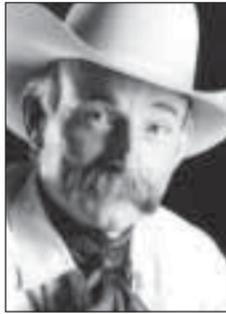
Just before serving, sprinkle top with chips and sliced avocado, if desired. Toss to serve.



Tex-Mex Layered Bean Salad

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Nitwit Wisdom

Nitwits are partial to wisdom that's usually corny and trite. But the worst part of nitwit wisdom is when the nitwit is right!

I's ridin' pasture for Brimhall, checkin' for bad eyes and such. He'd hired this nitwit to help me. He never did like me much.

"You can't be good at everything," said Nitwit, missin' the steer. I had to agree that he wasn't good, that is, that much was clear

I chased the steer and caught his horns, I dallied and then I spoke, "You rope the hocks and we'll stretch him out!" He tried, but it was a joke.

"Here, set my horse and hold the head." We swapped and I roped the hind. "Now, take back yer horse and hold the heels, Don't let no slack in yer twine!"

I got off to doctor the steer and fished for my last syringe. When a hoof lashed out and cracked my hand! doubled my arm like a hinge!

I stabbed myself with the needle; he kicked me under the chin Then he rolled me off over backwards, drivin' the needle on in.

"Don't let go of yer dally! Dang!" His rope was floppin' around. The steer stepped outta the heel loop and headed for higher ground.

"You sorry excuse for nothin! You line-bred drizzlin' dope! I guess you saw he's still draggin' my brand new 40-foot rope.

"Yer dumber'n boiled gravel. I told ya keep yer slack tight. Now he'll prob'ly die of pneumonia." We watched him flee outta sight.

"Well, look on the bright side," said Nitwit, his wisdom cut to the quick. "The way that ol' steer quit the country, he couldn't a been that sick."

— Visit Baxter's Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black books, CDs and DVDs. His newest book is "Scrambled Wisdom — Almost Isn't ... Is It."

Letters to the editor

County prosecutor clarifies new deputy's role

The recent Owyhee Avalanche article regarding the hiring of Deputy Prosecutor Dickinson leaves a wrong impression.

It should be understood that Sam was hired following the murder cases based due to the heavy caseload and significant increase in felony drug cases. My workload as Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney has not been and will not be "alleviated" with the hiring of the deputy.

I remain attorney of record and actively involved in all prosecutions in the office — murder, drug trafficking, child protection, domestic violence, criminal conspiracy, property crimes, juvenile, traffic, fish and game, theft, assault/battery, etc. Sam Dickinson has not been assigned a particular type of case(s).

Sam undertakes legal research, drafts documents, legal memoranda, screening and covers cases when/if assigned.

Douglas D. Emery
Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney

Regardless of outcome, our election system worked

Thursday, May 10, 2018 — As I write this, there are five days left in this primary election cycle. Most people are just now looking at the election and making their decisions. For the candidates and our families, it seems like a very long five days after a very long few months. So while we do not have the advantage of knowing the results as of this writing, our message is the same:

Thank you.

My family and I are truly humbled by the overwhelming encouragement, support, trust, confidence, donations,

Letters to the editor

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

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

- E-mailed to jon@owyheeavalanche.com
- Faxed to (208) 337-4867
- Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
- Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale

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

time and prayers. We truly live in the greatest community in the greatest state in the greatest nation. And regardless of outcome, we know that the will and voice of the people is being heard through our free and open system of democratic elections.

We believe a good campaign should be about the free and open discussion of ideas and vision for each position on the ballot. I hope we have run a positive campaign to that end. I hope we have listened more than we have talked. I believe we have made our criticisms and differences about policy and vision, not about personal attacks.

I said from the beginning and I'll say at the end — I respect my opponent, her service and supporters. When we decided to run, it was because most of the people I contacted wanted a change and thought I would be a good change. So we ran our campaign with the same vision and priorities that we agreed were important.

The people have spoken. No shots fired. No riots or violence. Just the great and often underrated act of the people empowering our Constitutional Republic through another peaceful election of our representatives. So on behalf of my family, thank you for everything!

Oscar and Clara-Leigh Evans family
Homedale

From Washington Law's reauthorization will continue work to curb domestic violence

When I think about the impacts of domestic violence, I think about a couple of young children I met years ago at a safe house in Twin Falls County. I will never forget them. I have referred to them often as I have spoken and written about domestic violence. The effects of abuse on their lives touched me deeply and helped cement my focus on abuse prevention. We owe it to them and all those affected by domestic violence to keep moving forward in ending this abuse.

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), originally signed into law in 1994, has helped Idaho nonprofits, governmental agencies and tribes provide life-saving services to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking victims and families in our communities. It has been reauthorized three times since its original passage, each time with bipartisan support. I was proud to serve as the lead Republican sponsor in the Senate, partnering with Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), in the successful effort to renew the law in 2013 and increase access to assistance. The law is once again due to be reauthorized.

The reauthorizations of VAWA have been achieved

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo

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because of the great work of many advocates and crime victims in Idaho and across the country who have worked against violence in our communities and assisted in passing this critical legislation. I serve on the Senate Judiciary Committee that held a hearing in March to consider whether changes to the law are needed as part of developing the next VAWA

— See *Reauthorization*, Page 11B

Commentary

Financial management

Help parents with one-time gift, financial counseling

Dear Dave,

My parents have always been bad with money, and recently they lost their home to foreclosure.

They found another place to live, and they both work, but since the foreclosure my dad has been asking me for money on a regular basis. He tries to make me feel guilty, and he calls or asks me to come over to talk about it when my mom isn't home. He even asked for half of the bonus I received at work the other day.

I know they need help, but I'm not sure what to do.

— **Eli**

Dear Eli,

I can tell you love your parents, because you're looking for the best way to help them. I think your brain knows what to do, but your heart is having a hard time doing it.

The first thing you're going to have to accept is your father is being very manipulative right now. Put an end to these private meetings and phone calls once and for all. If he wants to talk, make sure he understands it will only happen with your mom in the room.

Second, understand there's nothing wrong with helping your folks get back on their feet. However, any financial



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help you give them should be temporary in nature, and it should be a gift. Don't

get involved in giving them money every month just because they raised you. That's not how this works. When you permanently subsidize someone, you take away their dignity. You also change their status, and compromise their ability to stand on their own two feet.

In return, you should let them know you expect them to work toward changing their financial behaviors with the help of a quality financial counselor—one with the heart of a teacher. It's often difficult for parents to accept advice and suggestions from their own children, but it's for their

own good. Sit down with them, and gently let them know how much you care, and how much you want better, happier lives for them.

God bless you all, Eli.

— **Dave**

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

✓ Reauthorization: Bill provides funding to assist victims of abuse

From Page 10B

reauthorization. I had the opportunity to discuss with Katherine Sullivan, who leads the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women, the success of consolidated services in Idaho enabling victims to access a range of needed services under one roof. Principal Deputy Director Sullivan also detailed some of the reach of VAWA assistance:

- 124,916 victims on average are served every six months with victim advocacy and other supportive services;
- Nearly 1 million hotline calls are answered annually;
- More than 2 million housing and shelter bed-nights are provided annually; and
- 700,000 justice and healthcare professionals, victim advocates, educators, volunteers and others receive response training each year.

The National Task Force to End Sexual and

Domestic Violence Against Women attributes "factors facilitated by VAWA," including changes in abuse acceptability and increased ability of victims to leave abusive relationships, to contributing to a 63 percent decrease in domestic violence between 1994 and 2012. Despite progress, we cannot let up. The Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence reports that in 2016, there were 6,067 incidents of intimate partner violence and 2,063 incidents of sexual assault reported to law enforcement agencies in Idaho.

When designating April as National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, the Administration described its development of the Sexual Assault Victim Intervention Services Technical Assistance Center as a new resource to provide intensive training and resources for comprehensive sexual assault victim intervention services. In addition, with my support, Congress recently passed and the president

signed H.R. 1865, the Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act, into law to help stop online sex trafficking and strengthen punishments against websites that knowingly facilitate sex trafficking crimes.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) affirmed that extending VAWA is the committee's next priority. I look forward to the work ahead to extend this important law and further support victims, victim service providers, victim advocates, nurses, doctors, teachers, law enforcement, volunteers and others working to end abuse. You are making a difference in many lives and moving us forward in the effort to end violence.

— *Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U. S. Senate. He is in his fourth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.*

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

28 years ago

May 16, 1990

New National Guard Armory plans unveiled

An update on plans for a new \$1.3 million Army National Guard Armory in Homedale was provided to the Homedale City Council and Mayor Paul Fink at a regular council meeting last Wednesday.

Kent Krohn of Leatham & Krohn Architects in Boise said the 19,000 square foot building is to be located in a triangular area on a bench above the Homedale Municipal Airport. It is to face the state-proposed new route for Highway 95 (Homedale Bypass route), and be accessible from the present dirt road leading to the airport.

The masonry with red brick veneer structure will include a large assembly hall, indoor rifle range, kitchen, classrooms, administrative offices, toilets, showers, locker facilities and storage area, Krohn reported. He said approval has been given to preliminary plans that were submitted to the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D.C. Final drawings will now be prepared by early July, he indicated.

Four county residents graduate from U of I

Four Owyhee County students are included in the 1,244 graduates from University of Idaho, Moscow, on Saturday, May 19. They are:

Shannon L. Nash Gibson, Homedale, College of Education; James F. Morris, Marsing, College of Art and Architecture; Kevin L. Were, Marsing, General Studies; Shannon Lovelady, Murphy, College of Letters and Science.

City council hears plans for new tennis courts

A plan was unveiled at the latest meeting of the Homedale City Council on May 9 to add two additional tennis courts and build new restroom facilities in the city park.

Jim Smyth, spokesman for a tennis court advisory committee that had been appointed earlier, distributed the plan showing the projected cost of the two new courts and restrooms in Homedale City Park to be \$34,000.

As outlined, the improvement plan would be financed almost entirely by funds raised from foundations, community organizations and private donations. Smyth identified \$26,000 that is estimated to be raised, from five area groups alone. He said the proposal shouldn't cost the city anything other than for initial ground preparations, such as backhoe work and labor.

The additional courts would be placed parallel to the existing ones, under the plan. The new restroom facilities would be placed on the western edge of the park near the barbecue pit, which is scheduled for renovation and improvement work this summer.

Smyth estimated the starting date for construction to be "about a year from now," with completion planned in the fall of 1991. Unless notified otherwise, Smyth said it would be assumed that the plan had received tentative approval from the council.

Shane T. Muir

Airman Shane T. Muir has graduated from the U.S. Air Force aircraft maintenance course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

During the course, students were taught aircraft maintenance fundamentals to repair and service one- and two-engine jet aircraft. Maintenance management and documentation was also taught to assess aircraft readiness capability.

50 years ago

May 16, 1968

Owyhee candidates for office listed

Candidates filing for county offices have been announced by Nick Ihli Jr., Owyhee County clerk.

Filing for sheriff is Al Barberis on the Republican ticket.

For assessor on the Republican ticket is Thomas Brunzell; prosecuting attorney, James W. Blaine; probate judge, Charles J. Jurries. There was no filing for coroner or treasurer and tax collector on the Republican ticket. Filing for constable was William Goetz.

Precinct committeeman filings, Republican, are Rols Gurtsan, North Homedale; P.T. Rathbone, South Marsing; W.J. Biladeau, Grand View; William E. Cox, Oreana, and Adam Blackstock, Wilson.

There was no filing for county commissioner, District No. 3.

On the Democratic ticket: Treasurer and tax collector, Sadie Eisenhart; coroner, Andrew Warfield; commissioner, District No. 2, Kenneth Downing; District No. 3, Donald L. Davis. No filing for sheriff, assessor, prosecuting attorney, constable or probate judge.

For precinct committeeman, G.D. Fry Jr., South Homedale; Lawrence Lineberger, North Marsing; Edwin E. Andrus, South Marsing; R.M. Foreman, Oreana; Raymond E. Gluch, Pleasant Valley; Joe Nettleton, Reynolds Creek.

Filing for state representative from District 13, G.M. Brown, Republican, and Ernest Allen, Republican; Vernon Greenfield, Democrat.

Candidates for state senator from District 13 on the Republican ticket are, Walter H. Yarbrough and Tracy Coker. One candidate on the Democratic ticket is Alvin B. Benson.

Parma, Homedale move to 'B' baseball finals

Homedale and Parma advanced to the finals of the Class B single-elimination baseball tournament Tuesday night by stopping Marsing and Wilder respectively.

The Trojans eked out a tough 11-9 win over the host team from Marsing while Parma crushed the Wildcats from Wilder by a 9-1 score in an abbreviated contest.

Tonight at 6 p.m. Wilder and Marsing will meet in the consolation game and the two winners will collide at 8:30, both games on the Marsing diamond.

In the first game Marsing matched Homedale run-for-run in every inning except the first, when the Trojans took a 2-0 lead.

Keith Mitchell pitched Parma past Wilder in the second game, yielding only five hits as his teammates smothered Wilder via the eight-run lead rule in effect this season.

Catcher Larry Hultz was the only man to get more hits than one, picking up two-for-two for Parma as the Panthers moved into tonight's finals.

Senator Church urges loan aid for farmers

Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, has asked the Budget Bureau to release \$25 million to the Farmers Home Administration for operating loans to farmers. The money has been frozen because of the war in Vietnam.

"Farmers in my state are desperately in need of these loans now," Church told Charles J. Zwick, Director of the Budget Bureau in a telegram.

The Idaho senator also asked Agriculture Secretary Orville L. Freeman to lend his assistance in obtaining the release of these funds.

146 years ago

May 18, 1872

SOUTH MOUNTAIN. Ed. Avalanche:—Times here are commencing to liven up, the snow is disappearing very fast, and as it melts away in the foot hills, prospecting goes on with good results. Last week there were four good ledges struck, the ore showing well, and the same indications extending five miles in a northerly direction to what is known as the South Mountain Ranch, on South Mountain Creek that leads to Bullion City direct. The float resembles gold and silver bearing quartz the whole way, to prove which, the well known gentlemen, Messrs. E. Akins and Wm. Quail, found gold in various pans of dirt taken from the grass roots at the South Mountain Ranch. Much of the quartz resembles that of your rich mines on War Eagle mountain, and I am positive that any company would find it profitable to start a furnace here of 25 tons capacity at least; plenty of the ore assays from \$60 to \$400 per ton.

I have seen assays from various places as follows: From Portland, Oregon, from Salt Lake City, from San Francisco, and from the United States Assay office at Boise City—and they all correspond very nearly with the United States assay. The whole of South Mountain appears to be a solid mass of such ore; therefore why not test the matter, when such a splendid chance to make money lays open to the undertakers of such an enterprise? Some say that \$125,000 is too much to pay for the Golconda mine, which is 60 feet wide, and, good and bad together, will average \$60 to the ton. Why, that price for such a mine is nothing at all! Then we have the Original, south of the Golconda, very similar thereto in size and richness, and have been traced for half a mile in length. The Bay State is 5 feet wide of solid galena ore and assays from \$150 to \$300 per ton. The Yreka is also a large ledge and assays about the same as the Bay State. In fact I might fill a whole page of the AVALANCHE with description of other good mines, there being not less than 100 such locations already made in South Mountain, and the chances are good for as many more.

Then why should capitalists manifest so much timidity in putting up furnaces and giving it a trial? If one mine should happen to fail, they all cannot fail, for those that are developed have all got permanent foot and hanging walls.

It is said by some that South Mountain is too far from the railroad transportation, but I venture to say that bullion can be shipped from here to Winnemucca for one cent per pound, as teamsters can load both ways

THE PHILADELPHIA CONVENTION. A large majority of the delegates to the "Union Republican" National convention to meet at Philadelphia on the 5th of June, have been instructed to vote for Grant, and his nomination at the first ballot is a certainty, unless there should be an unexampled disregard of the expressed wish of the party. So far as the Presidential nomination is concerned, the duty of the Convention is a matter of form. Few of the States have given instructions in regard to the Vice-Presidency, and little interest seems to be felt in the question. Colfax has no doubt the advantage, on account of having filled the place satisfactorily and of having been in harmony with the President who is to be endorsed. The nomination of candidates for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency, the adoption of a national platform, and the appointment of a Union Republican National Committee, are the only important duties to be performed by the Convention in the regular course of business.

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

April 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2018

April 2

Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds: Current Expense \$53,498; Road and Bridge \$4,414; District Court \$1,198; Probation \$222; Indigent and Charity \$16,870; Solid Waste \$5,995; County Vessel \$5; Waterways \$327; Economic Development \$469; Auditors Trust \$2,969; County Vessel Trust \$875

Approved the Prosecuting Attorneys hire of Samuel N. Dickinson, to begin April 9, 2018, \$58,900 annually.

Set the Homedale re-zoning meeting to be held on Wednesday May 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Homedale City Hall courtroom.

Approved the pay increase for Chief Deputy Treasurer Tami McGrew from \$16.74 per hour to \$17.75 per hour, to begin April 1, 2018

Approved (2) certificates of residency to the College of Western Idaho for students 2018-119 and 2018-120.

Approved (1) certificate of residency to the College of Southern Idaho for student 2018-22.

Approved the Murphy Airport Layout Plan.

Approved a letter to Lance Okeson with Boise District BLM Office regarding a request for SODA Fire monitoring and assessment data.

April 9

Designated the polling places for the May 15, 2018 Primary Election.

Adopted Resolution 2018-11: To adopt the Murphy Airport Layout Plan authorized by GDA Engineering, as an Owyhee County Plan for Incorporation into the Owyhee County Code.

Approved the Sheriff's new hire for patrol deputy of Jessica Will to begin April 9, 2018 at \$15.94 per hour.

Indigent and Charity hearing for case 18-02 was held and

approved. Indigent and Charity hearing for case 18-01 was held and the case was withdrawn.

April 16

Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds: Current Expense \$131,479; Road and Bridge \$8,830; District Court \$7,146; Probation \$1,262; Health District \$4,557; Historical Society and Museum \$198; Indigent and Charity \$20,135; Jr. College Tuition \$14,700; Revaluation \$1,091; Solid Waste \$10,567; Tort \$59,789; Weeds \$922; 911 \$4,649; Waterways \$1,568; Economic Development \$943; Auditors Trust \$6,150

Approved to pay the Capital Crimes Defense Fund bills for Indigent and Charity.

Approved the pay raise for Prosecuting Attorney employee Bethany Fahey from \$13.25 per hour to \$13.45 per hour.

Approved the 219 Retail Alcoholic Beverage License for Pairdice Café and Lounge.

Approved the Sheriff's jail deputy hire of Tyee Graham to begin on April 16, 2018 at \$14.76 per hour, along with the Chairman's signature.

Approved the 2017 tax cancellation for parcel RP02N04W145713A in the amount of \$623.32 due to a miscalculation of square footage.

Approved the Declaration of Tax Exemption for Homedale Calvary Fellowship Church (prior to ownership this property was also a church).

Approved Road and Bridge #1 new part time hire of Rachele Brooks at \$15.00 per hour to operate boom mower for BLM fire mitigation.

Approved (30) certificates of residency to the College of Western Idaho for students 2018-121 to 2018-150.

April 23

Approved (4) 2019 Retail Alcohol Licenses for the following: License No. 2 Rock Valley, Inc dba Grand View Store, License No. 3 Albertsons, Inc. dba

Albertsons #3366, License No. 4 Gem Stop dba Gem Stop #13 and License No. 5 Kim Mackenzie dba Owyhee Motor Sales.

Approved the FY2019 Idaho State Public Defense Commission, IDG Application in the amount of \$25k.

Approved (2) certificates of residency to the College of Western Idaho for students 2018-151 and 2015-152.

Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity cases; 18-10, 18-12 and 18-13.

Approved Indigent and Charity case 18-10.

The complete minutes can be viewed online at www.owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk's office. 5/16/18

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Marsing will hold a public hearing on June 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Marsing City Hall, 425 Main Street, Marsing, Idaho.

The purpose of the public hearing is to hear public comment on a proposed sale of city property located at 410 Simpkin Lane, Marsing, Idaho. If approved, the sale will be through a public auction. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the hearing. Written comments will be received by the City Clerk until June 13, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

Services for persons with disabilities may be made available by calling the City Clerk three days in advance of the hearing.

Janice C. Bicandi
City Clerk/Treasurer
5/16,23/18

NOTICE OF HEARING CASE NO. CV-37-18-00164 IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: RONALD VAN HOOK

A petition to change the name of RONALD VANK HOOK (MOORE), now residing in the City of Melba, State of Idaho, has been filed in District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The names will change to VAN HOOK. The reason for the change in names is: was born Van Hook, adopted as Moore. Changed name back to Van Hook July 18, 1987 and have been Van Hook since.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:30 o'clock a.m. on June 18, 2018 at Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: May 7, 2018
Deputy Clerk of the District Court, Brenda Stimpson
5/16,23,30,6/6/2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV37-18-00154 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

In the matter of the estate of VIVIAN GRACE MOORE, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate 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 presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 1st day of MAY, 2018.

RONALD D. PLATT
c/o INTERMOUNTAIN LEGAL GROUP
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MERIDIAN, ID 83642
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5/9,16,23/2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV37-18-00117 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

In the matter of the estate of CHARLES LESLIE TURNER, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate 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 presented to the undersigned in care of Russell G. Metcalf, Metcalf Law Office, P.O. Box 385, Homedale, Idaho 83628, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 26th day of April, 2018.

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5/16,23,30,6/6/2018

PUBLIC NOTICE
Bybee Air Service will be conducting aerial applications in and around the areas of Grand View, Mtn Home, Murphy, Marsing, Glenn's Ferry, Hammett, and Bruneau during the months beginning March 2018 through November 30, 2018. If you have any concerns or questions regarding operations in the vicinity or over your property, please contact your neighboring farmer or Bybee Air Service at 208-590-9792.

Wednesday morning in Owyhee County



That's when the Owyhee Avalanche hits the news stands

Owyhee County Church Directory

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Sports



Melba heading back to state tournament

The Melba High School softball team, which features a few Owyhee County athletes, celebrates winning the 2A District III championship Friday against host New Plymouth. The Mustangs edged the Pilgrims, 7-6, for the title. Melba, coached by former Marsing skipper Don Jamison, takes a 26-1 record into the 2A state tournament, which begins Friday in Pocatello. The Mustangs open against Firth at 11 a.m. at O.K. Ward Park. Submitted photo



State tournament qualifier Landon Villa (left) stands with Marsing High School golf coach Scott Larsen. Submitted photo

MHS golfer Landon Villa survives late slide to reach State

When Landon Villa qualified for the 2A golf state tournament, the rest of his Marsing High School teammates weren't far behind.

The Huskies missed qualifying for this week's tournament by one position after the 18-hole District III Tournament at Lakeview Golf Club in Meridian on May 7.

The 36-hole state tournament concluded a two-day run at Circling Raven Golf Course in Worley on Tuesday.

Word on how Villa fared in the tournament wasn't available by press time.

But Villa qualified for the state tournament with a 6-over-par 78, which gave him the No. 3 spot in the district tournament.

Villa was the only golfer to move out of the district tournament as an individual (all other qualifiers made the tournament by virtue of their team finishing in the top four).

Villa was named first-team All-2A Western Idaho Conference because of his performance, Huskies coach Scott Larsen said.

He was two shots off the second-place score turned in by Cole Valley Christian's Keegan Spengler.

Cole Valley's Jack Curran

won the district championship with a 1-over 73.

Larsen said Villa was 2-over-par and clinging to a one-stroke lead for second place through 16 holes, Larsen said.

Villa finished with a triple bogey on the par-3 17th, and a bogey on the par-5 18th.

Marsing finished fifth in the 10-team district boys' tournament and was narrowly edged out of the fourth and final state qualifying spot.

TimberStone Golf Course head pro Kelly Christensen awarded Landon Villa the Caldwell-area facility's Junior Golf Membership Award for his dedication and hard work, Larsen said. The membership includes an annual pass to play the course.

Villa was one of six MHS golfers to compete in the district tournament.

Rounding out the boys' team were Landry Villa (104), Mason Hall (111), Justin Ineck (129), and Logan Stansell (154).

Marsing's lone girl, Grace Jensen, fired a 121 to finish the year in the top 10 among the 2A WIC girls. The freshman was named second-team all-conference.

"Grace is ... an exciting player to watch," Larsen said.

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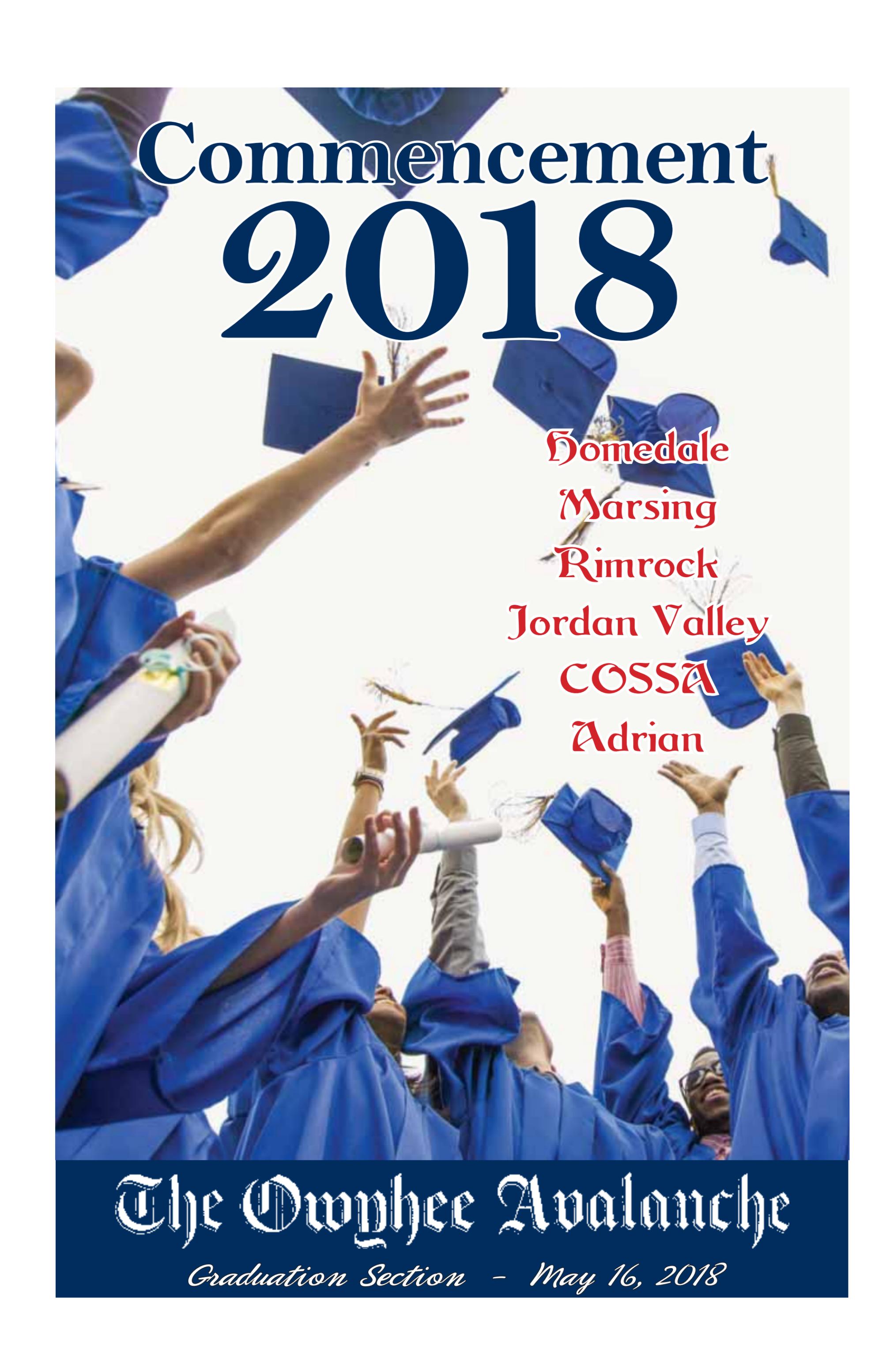
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HOMEDALE HIGH SCHOOL



Homedale High School high honors graduates, outside the school gym. **Front row, from left:** Kaden Henry, Dillon Pfost, Faith Jacobson, Nallely Gonzalez, Kendra Thatcher, Leah Patton, Kendall Nash, and Josh Conkwright; **Back row, from left:** Julia Santiago, Eva Symms, Ember Christensen, Julia Correa, Alexis Muir, Lainey Johnson, Meryssa Oakley, Dakota Kelly, Ashley Burks, and Maxwell Mertz.

Homedale seniors to celebrate time of their life

One of the largest graduating classes in Homedale High School history will receive diplomas Monday.

The Class of 2018 commencement will begin at 7 p.m. inside the main gymnasium.

Eighty-six seniors will walk the line in the ceremony, which will feature HHS principal Matt Holtry as guest speaker.

Holtry is pulling double duty because he will also present diplomas.

The commencement will include a rose ceremony, and the graduates will enjoy an all-night party inside the gymnasium after the event.

Fittingly, the class song is "Time of My Life" from the movie "Dirty Dancing" and turned into a hit by Bill Medley and Jennifer Warnes.

A senior trip to the Oregon Coast is planned later.

Two of the graduates are exchange students — Senna Benschop and Tess VanZonneveld — from The Netherlands.

Eighteen seniors will leave the school with highest honors

for compiling grade-point averages between 3.77 and a perfect 4.0.

Another 32 will be recognized as honor graduates.

Those receiving highest honors include:

Ashley Brianna Burks

GPA — 4.0

Age — 18

Parents — Michelle and Brian Burks

The 10-year Homedale resident will study Nursing at the University of Idaho.

She competed in volleyball, basketball and track and field.

Burks served on the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Business Professionals of America, Sources of Strength, the National Honor Society, Science Club and Rotary Club.

Her proudest achievement was helping the volleyball team reach the 3A state tournament in the fall, which marked the program's first trip to the state tournament in 17 years.

Her best memory is "winning

the powderpuff championship my junior year because our whole class worked together and we had so much fun," she said.

Volleyball is one of her hobbies as are swimming, bowling, camping and listening to music.

Kaden Isaac Henry

GPA — 4.0

Age — 18

Parents — Isaac and Camille Henry

Favorite quote — "When you come to a fork in the road, take it!" — Yogi Berra, New York Yankees Hall of Fame catcher

Henry will enroll at Boise State University in the fall.

He has been active in athletic and academic pursuits during his high school career.

He qualified for the 3A golf state tournament all four years, and he also was part of the football program.

Henry served as vice-president of the National Honor Society chapter and also was active in the Business Professionals of America

chapter.

He also was appointed to the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council.

Alexis Shayne Muir

GPA — 4.0

Age — 18

Parents — Shane and Stacey Muir

Favorite quote — "Just because you can't beat them, doesn't mean you should join them." — Kacey Musgraves

The lifelong Homedale resident will attend The College of Idaho in Caldwell in the fall.

Muir served as captain of the HHS cheerleading squad for two years and was part of the student council, the National Honor Society, Sources of Strength and the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council.

She's proud of maintaining a 4.0 GPA throughout high school as well as her two stints as cheer captain, a public relations officer and senior class treasurer.

Her favorite high school memory is Friday night lights with her cheer squad and

classmates.

Cheering and hanging with friends and family are among her pastimes, as are reading, writing and outdoor activities.

Kendall Noelle Nash

GPA — 4.0

Age — 18

Parents — Steve and Leslie Nash

Nash is a lifelong Homedale resident who plans to study engineering at the University of Idaho.

Winning has been a big part of Nash's high school years, including back-to-back state championships in softball and a powderpuff title as a junior.

She played basketball during her prep career, and was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Like many other top seniors, Nash sat on the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council. She was also part of the Business Professionals of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Sources of Strength,

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MARSING HIGH SCHOOL



Marsing High School's honor graduates — salutatorian Dalton Withers (left) and valedictorian Landry Villa — will lead a group of 47 graduates at the Class of 2018 commencement on Friday, May 25.

Marsing's senior class looks back on its impact

Nearly 50 seniors will celebrate their legacy when Marsing High School's Class of 2018 graduates on Friday, May 25.

There are 47 prospective graduates in this year's class, including valedictorian Landry Villa and salutatorian Dalton Withers.

The commencement ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. inside the MHS gymnasium on Main Street.

Retired counselor John Cossel Sr. will serve as keynote speaker, and current counselor Robin Simpson will present diplomas to the graduates.

The Class of 2018 graduates understand their role in the history of the school and the community as shown in the class motto they have selected — "Some have a story, but we have a legacy."

Student achievements will be recognized during the school district's Celebration of Success on Monday. Villa and Withers will receive their honor graduate medals at that time.

The Celebration of Success is scheduled for 6 p.m., inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center.

A senior trip to Wahooz in Meridian will immediately follow the graduation ceremony.

Call the high school office for more information on the senior trip.

Landry Samuel Villa

Villa is the son of Xavier and Hope Villa and has lived in Marsing for eight years.

The 18-year-old is heavily involved in activities and clubs in and out of school.

In school, Villa has competed in cross country, track, basketball, and golf. This spring, he ran in the 800, 1,600, and 3,200 meters for the Huskies' track team.

He has also been involved with student council, Academic Decathlon, Business Professionals of America, Future Hispanic Leaders of America, and Natural Helpers.

Villa is also a member of National Honor Society and has served as a peer leader for Sources of Strength.

He has served his community as well, taking part in National Honor Society Rake-up Marsing and Community Cleanup.

He has helped move families in and out of houses as part of his church group. He can also be found chopping wood and cleaning lawns for senior citizens through the Boy Scouts of America's Marsing troop.

Villa, whose pastimes include reading, playing basketball, running, and golf, said a favorite moment for him came as a member of the Academic Decathlon.

"My proudest achievement was placing first in the Honors category at Academic Decathlon state (meet) this year," he said. "Our team finished in second place overall for small schools."

Villa said his favorite memory of high school was taking John Lindley's psychology course because he learned new things every day about why people do what they do.

After high school, Villa plans to serve a two-year LDS mission.

"After returning, I plan to look into enrolling at BYU-Idaho and study pre-med courses," he said. "After this, I will look at medical schools or possibly opportunities to get into a law school."

Villa's favorite quote is by Marsing-area resident Brian Isert: "Seek to bless, not to impress."

Dalton Richard Withers

Withers is the son of Daren and Julia Withers and has lived in the Marsing area for seven years.

Like Villa, Withers is heavily in-

involved in school activities.

Also like Villa, he has run cross country and track. He is a member of the school's marching band, National Honor Society, Natural Helpers, and competes in the Academic Decathlon.

He is involved in the community, too, taking part in National Honor Society Rake-up Marsing and Community Cleanup.

Withers enjoys running, drawing, and playing music.

His favorite quote comes from poet and playwright Oscar Wilde, who said, "Be yourself; everyone else is taken."

A drum major, Withers said he is very proud of helping the marching band score first place overall for two consecutive years.

His best high school memory was when he ran a 5-kilometer race in 18 minutes.

"It was my goal when I started my freshman year," Withers said. "I see it as a perfect way to end my cross country career."

After high school, he plans to attend the University of Idaho.

"There I will hopefully figure out what I want to major in and what I want to do for a career," Withers said.

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by Mandi Boren
For The Owyhee Avalanche

Fourteen Rimrock High School

seniors can see the finish line in sight as they gear up to walk across the stage and say goodbye one last time on Sunday, May 20 in Bruneau.

Leading the graduates will be valedictorian Valeria Lino with a 3.8 grade-point average and salutatorian Sierra Lawrence with a 3.6 GPA.

Valeria Lino-Araujo is the 18-year-old daughter of Rigo and Socorro Lino. She comes from a large family and follows her brother Rigo, who was Rimrock's 2017

valedictorian.

During her high school career, Lino has been involved in the Future Hispanic Leaders of America, Pathways in Technology Early College High School (PTECH), TRiO and the National Honor Society.



Valeria Lino-Araujo

In addition to being a dedicated student, Lino is also a star athlete. She led the 2018 girls' basketball team to a strong showing at the 1A, Div. I Real Dairy Shootout state tournament. She was a first-team All-1A Western Idaho Conference selection and was recognized as a District III senior all-star.

Lino also enjoys volleyball and softball. This year she was selected for the senior all-star volleyball team and is in the running for All-1A WIC softball honors.

In her spare time, Lino enjoys being with family and friends and going on adventures. She received an Idaho Opportunity scholarship and plans to attend the College of Southern Idaho in the fall.

Salutatorian Sierra Mariah Lawrence, 17, is the daughter of Bill and Sharon Lawrence. Her mother is a fourth-grade teacher at Grand View Elementary School.

During her high school career, Lawrence was the student council vice-president and a member of the National Honor Society.

In addition to her academic honors, Lawrence is a race car driver and spends many hours at the Meridian Speedway competing with the High School Tuners. Her greatest achievement was last summer when

she took third place in a trophy dash at the speedway.

Lawrence plans to attend the College of Western Idaho in the fall.

Other 2018 Rimrock graduates include Jose Arroyo, Carmela Bazan, Ethan Bingham, Anahi Delgado,



Sierra Lawrence

Francisco Escobedo, Andres Juarez, Yobani Mondragon, Christian Neilson, Nathan Nelson, Sierra Swanson, Elizabeth Varela and Rafael Vega.

The keynote speaker for the ceremony will be former English teacher and Bruneau resident Kathy Mori.

Diplomas will be handed out at 2 p.m., on Sunday, May 20 in the Rimrock gymnasium. Bruneau-Grand View school board chair Scott McNeley will present the students with their diplomas.

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JORDAN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL



Kirk Eiguren



Cheyenne Davis



Thomas Davis



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Kirk Eiguren, Cheyenne Davis lead six graduates

Another tight-knit group of Jordan Valley High School seniors has received diplomas.

Six seniors walked the line on Saturday, May 12 inside the school's new gymnasium.

Class valedictorian Kirk Eiguren has received an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Class salutatorian Cheyenne Davis has her sights set on an Associates Degree from Treasure Valley Community College.

Both are Jordan Valley natives.

Other Class of 2018 graduates included Thomas Davis, Garrett Easterday, Chase Fillmore and Wade Stanford.

Kirk Pascual Eiguren

The 18-year-old son of Mike and Robbin Eiguren, Kirk carried a 3.91 grade-point average in high school.

Eiguren plans to attend the

U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., and he calls that appointment his proudest achievement.

"It took a lot of effort and time to complete everything they wanted for the application," he said.

"Knowing that I am now a member of an elite group of men and women is amazing."

Eiguren has excelled at Jordan Valley throughout his high school career both in the classroom and on the athletic fields:

2018 — Dan Staples Memorial Award recipient, second-team All-State boys' basketball, second-team All-1A District 8 Tournament team, and first-team All-1A High Desert League.

Eiguren led the Mustangs to third place in the 1A Oregon boys' basketball tournament, and he says that achievement and his second-team All-State

selection are his best high school memories.

2017 — Best overall math student and Economics and English 11 student of the year, two-way All-1A HDL football player (first-team offensive line and second-team defensive end) and team MVP, second-team all-league basketball.

2016 — Best overall math student and student of the year in World History, Drama and English 10, two-way All-1A HDL second-team football player (center and defensive end).

2015 — U.S. History student of the year, Mathlete and second-team all-league defensive line.

In addition to football and basketball, Eiguren was active with Jordan Valley FFA and a competitive shooting club. Those activities help him enjoy his favorite pastimes of sports and hunting.

As an FFA member, Eiguren

helped out with the community's annual Easter egg hunt and FFA appreciation breakfast. He also pitched in on town cleanups.

His favorite quote is: "Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak and remove all doubt."

Cheyenne Marie Davis

The 17-year-old daughter of Tom and Nealann Davis, carried a 3.04 GPA during her four years at Jordan Valley High School.

"I'd like to thank everyone that has helped me along the way, including my teachers, parents and friends. I couldn't have done it without them," Davis said.

She was active in community service endeavors such as the town cleanup, raking yards, and cleaning the Jordan Valley Rodeo Grounds ahead of the annual Big Loop Rodeo.

Davis' proudest achieve-

ment, however, was showing one-on-one humanity.

"My proudest accomplishment was helping someone out in a stressful time and watching them become better for themselves," she said. "This made me feel whole to know that I can help someone come out of a slump."

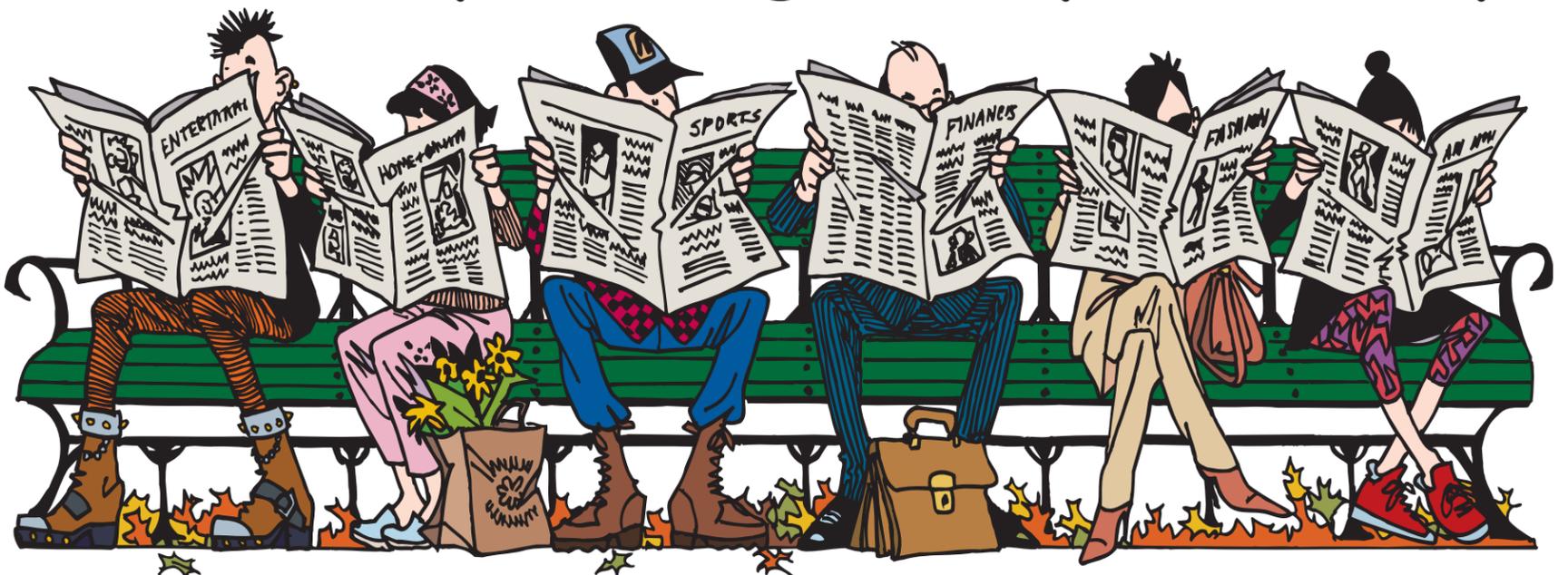
She played volleyball and basketball for the Mustangs and was active in Jordan Valley FFA.

Davis earned her FFA Greenhand, chapter and district degrees and was named second-team All-1A District 8 in volleyball.

She said her best high school memory was the Biology 2 class trip to the Oregon Coast.

"The coast is awesome to go to, and everything we experienced was great," she said. "Swimming in the ocean was my favorite, even if we got chased by a seal."

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Rotary Club, the National Honor Society and the Science Club.

Her hobbies are water-related, including boating, fishing and swimming as well as snowboarding.

Dillon Stephen Pfof

GPA — 4.0

Age — 18

Parents — Darin and Jane Pfof

Favorite quote — “Love what you are doing because that’s the only way you’ll ever be really good at it.” — Fred Trump, father of President Donald Trump

A lifelong Homedale resident, Pfof plans to pursue a mechanical engineering degree at the University of Idaho.

Extra-curricular organizations in high school included the National Honor Society and Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council.

His hobbies include riding dirt bikes and snowmobiles, and he says his best high school memory is “hanging out with my boys.”

Pfof is also proud of owning, operating and selling his own business.

Eva Jane Symms

GPA — 4.0

Age — 18

Parents — Dar and Jodi Symms

Symms has lived in Homedale since the sixth grade, and she plans to study Nursing at the University of Nevada in Reno.

Her high school career included membership in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Science Club, and she served as president of the school’s National Honor Society chapter.

She organized two blood drives while at HHS

Lainey Jo Johnson

GPA — 3.93

Age — 18

Parents — Shannon and Toby Johnson

Favorite quote — “No human is perfect, and that’s fine, that’s OK. That’s the way it should be. This is life, and imperfection is beautiful and don’t afraid of that.” — Dylan O’Brien

A lifelong Homedale resident, Johnson wants to attend North Idaho College or Spokane Falls Community College on a track scholarship.

“I plan to study psychology and art in hopes to be an art therapist,” she said.

The goal of a track scholarship will be bolstered by her standout career with the track and field team. She also competed in cross country, volleyball, and basketball during her time at HHS.

Johnson was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Science Club, the National Honors Society and the Rotary Club.

She was active in many community service projects, including picking up sticks at Garrett Ranches and helping run three middle school track meets. She also pitched in on senior projects led by classmates Eva Symms, Jeremy Bell, Ember Christensen and Dakota Kelly.

Her pastimes included hanging out with two-legged and four-legged friends. She enjoys going to Dutch Bros. with her friends and watching movies or just spending time with her dog.

Hobbies include drawing and painting.

Her proudest high school achievement was earning sweatshirts from nine state competitions, and her best memory was competing at the 3A cross country state championship meet with her brother, Nash.

“Thank you, Mom and Dad,” Johnson said.

Nallely Gonzalez

GPA — 3.92

Age — 18

Parents — Irma and Javier Gonzalez

Another lifelong Homedale resident, Gonzalez plans to study Business at the University of Idaho.

She was highly involved in activities and clubs during her high school career, which Gonzalez said was a source of pride for her. She’s also proud of the leadership skills she acquired.

Gonzalez was involved in sports in all three seasons of the school year, competing in cross country and tennis and helping out with statistics for the wrestling team. She was also part of the cheerleading squad.

Her leadership roles included serving as a student body officer and a class officer, and as president of the Business Professionals of America chapter, the Fellowship of

Christian Athletes and Sources of Strength.

Gonzalez also was state vice-president for the Future Hispanic Leaders of America and chairperson for the Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council.

Other groups for Gonzalez included Drama, National Honor Society, Rotary, Science Club, the Pokemon Club, and the Youth Court.

Her hobbies include napping, eating and sending memes to her friends.

Her best high memory was Homecoming week.

Gonzalez thanks the community for shaping her into the person she is today.

Ember Edene Christensen

GPA — 3.88

Age — 17

Parents — Robert and Edene Christensen

Favorite quote — “Fake it ’til you make it.”

Christensen has lived in Homedale for 12 years. She plans to continue her education to BYU Idaho in Rexburg.

Calligraphy and handlettering are Christensen’s hobbies.

In school, she was part of the yearbook staff and competed in track and cross country. Christensen also was part of the cheer team.

Christensen served as student body president and was inducted into the National Honor Society.

She was involved in Sources of Strength, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Drama Club and Science Club.

Joshua Adam Conkwright

GPA — 3.88

Age — 18

Parents — Kim and Jim Conkwright

Favorite quote — “You’re only given one little spark of madness. You mustn’t lose it.” — Robin Williams

Conkwright lived in Homedale for his final three years of high school.

He plans to join the Army after graduation.

He was part of the wrestling team and cheerleading squad in high school.

His community service included volunteering at CARE-ousel Therapeutic Horseback Riding outside Marsing.

Dakota Marie Kelly

GPA — 3.87

Age — 17

Parents — Greg and Cassy Kelly

Favorite quote — “A diamond is a chunk of coal that did well under pressure.” — Henry Kissinger, former U.S. Secretary of State

A lifelong Homedale resident, Kelly will attend Northwest Nazarene University to continue her education and softball career.

Softball has given Kelly her best high school memory when the Trojans beat Emmett to cap her freshman season with a Class 3A state championship.

She played four years of softball and was also part of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Sources of Strength.

Her favorite pastime is spending time with children.

Meryssa Jean Oakley

GPA — 3.86

Age — 17

Parents — Thomas and Danielle Oakley

Favorite quote — “If you can dream it, you can do it.” — Walt Disney

A lifelong Homedale resident, Oakley plans to work on the family ranch after graduation.

She was an FFA chapter officer during her senior year.

Faith Taylor Jacobson

GPA — 3.84

Age — 18

Parents — Matt and Teresa Jacobson

Favorite quote — “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” — Philippians 4:13

Jacobson lived in Homedale for all her school years, and she will stay in the area after high school to help her mother train horses.

She was a leader in the school’s Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter.

Her proudest moment is tied to her successful basketball career with the Trojans: “Making the 3A state basketball all-tournament team because I ended my basketball career on a high note.”

Julia Constanza Correa

GPA — 3.83

Age — 17

Parents — David and Angela Correa

Favorite quote — “The tassel was worth the hassle.”

Correa is a lifelong Homedale resident who plan

to obtain a bachelor’s degree in photojournalism from either the University of Idaho or Westminster College.

She served on the Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council and Sources of Strength, and she was an officer in the National Honor Society chapter (scribe) and Future Hispanic Leaders of America (treasurer).

Correa also was the part of the Drama Club.

Her best high school memory is associated with her time as cheer team co-captain: “Cheering at Friday Night Lights alongside my squad and my class.”

Her hobbies include cheering, reading, writing, watching movies and spending time with friends.

Correa lists her proudest achievement as: “Putting myself out there and maintaining high honors all throughout high school.”

Maxwell W. Mertz

GPA — 3.8

Age — 18

Parents — Zel and James Mertz

Favorite quote — “The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.” — Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Mertz has committed to attend Westminster College to further his education and compete in track and field.

Mertz competed with the Trojans’ track team and football team. He also was part of the Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council and the National Honor Society.

He pursues athletic hobbies including running, swimming, hiking and paddleboarding.

He’s proud of traveling to Europe before his high school graduation, and his best high school memory is spending weekends with his friends.

Kendra Joy Thatcher

GPA — 3.79

Age — 17

Parents — Mark and DeAnn Thatcher

Favorite quote — “I can’t help flying up on the wings of anticipation. It’s as glorious as soaring through a sunset. Almost pays for the thud.” — Anne Shirley

Thatcher hopes to turn time in Drama Club and her hobbies of acting and making short films into a field of study. She wants to study filmmaking and

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HOMEDALE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2018



Carlos Albor



Salvador Almaraz Castellanos



Antonio Baltierrez



Ian Beckman



Jeremy Bell



Senna Benchop



Maria Bernabe



Andrew Bowman



Elaine Buenrostro



Ashley Burks



Lindsey Burks



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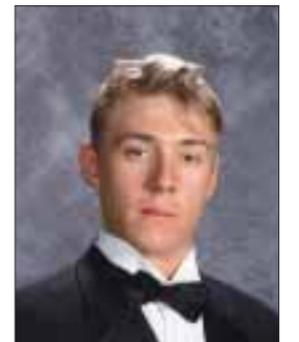
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Lauryn Fisher



Veronica Flores



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Nallely Gonzalez



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HOMEDALE HIGH SCHOOL GYM

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HOMEDALE HIGH SCHOOL

Class theme/motto: Best you've ever seen, class of 2018

Graduation: Monday, May 21, 2018 · 7:00 p.m. - High School Gym



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Isabel Hernandez



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Aaron Macias



Gabriella Martell



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Class song: Time of my life - Beill Medley & Jennifer Warnes

Class colors: Red and White · Guest speaker: Matthew Holtry



Jordan Packer



Mario Padilla Dominguez



Mindy Padilla



Dillon Pfof



Alicia Raine



Alma Ramos



Lyndsey Salutregui



Christian Sanchez



Julia Santiago



Meghan Sheley



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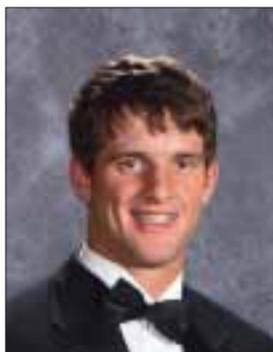
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Amaya Zamora



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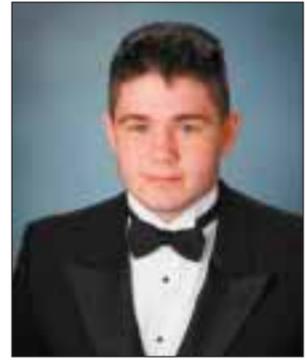
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Cheyann Hardy



Katelyn Hobbs



Justin Holm



Joseph Ineck



Jaden Kenney



Brooke Labit



Matthew Lee



Colby Loucks



Adam Marcial



Elsa Margarito

Graduation: Friday, May 26 – 6:00 p.m.
Marsing High School Gymnasium

Class motto: "Some have a story, but we have a legacy."

Class flower: Rose Class colors: Navy and Gold

Class song: We didn't start the fire - Billy Joel

Guest speaker: Mr. John Cossel, Sr.

Diploma presenter: Robin Simpson, Counselor

Marsing High School Class of 2018



Dana McGee



Jayden Meek-Lopez



Eduardo Mendez Cervantes



Lena Metcalf



Leanna Miller



Miguel Montes



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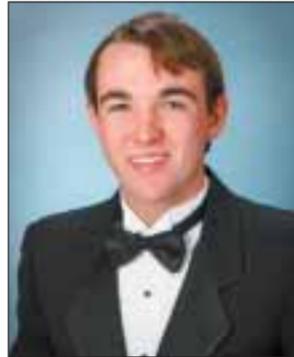
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ADRIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Adrian honor graduates leaving with memories of leadership, success

Adrian High School will send 25 seniors off into the world during a commencement ceremony set for 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 27.

Morgan Bayes and Sunde Jo Speelmon are co-valedictorians for the Class of 2018, and Shyanne Allaire is salutatorian.

Bayes and Speelmon, both 18-year-olds, maintained 4.0 grade-point averages through high school.

Allaire compiled a 3.7 GPA.

Morgan Jewel Bayes

The daughter of Simon and Christy Bayes has lived in the Adrian area for six years.

A standout for the Antelopes' track and field team, she plans to continue her athletic pursuits at Corban University. She also



Morgan Jewel Bayes

competed in volleyball and basketball at Adrian.

She is most proud of finishing as state runner-up

in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles at the 1A Oregon track championships during her sophomore year.

Her best high school memory is competing in the 2016 1A Oregon volleyball tournament.

"It was so gratifying to make the state tournament after being eliminated during the playoffs every other volleyball season," she said.

Bayes' school involvement also included serving on the student council and as an active FFA member.

Many of her community service activities were tied to FFA as she participated in the 4-H/Round Robin Clinic and Adrian Livestock Beef Showmanship practices. She led a station during Owyhee Field Day, too.

Other ways she served was with the school's toy

drive for foster children and with the Adrian Glean Team. She volunteered at the Cow Hollow Easter Egg Hunt, and the superintendent's luncheon.

She was also active with the True Disciples Mission Team, working at the Portland Rescue Mission and as part of the Owyhee Off Road Challenge cleanup crew.

Bayes also worked with the Driving Away Hunger Food Drive, with sports boosters concessions and as part of the Fourth of July parade and the Adrian Mammogram Bus.

Her favorite quote is from legendary UCLA basketball coach John Wooden: "Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out."

Sunde Jo Speelmon

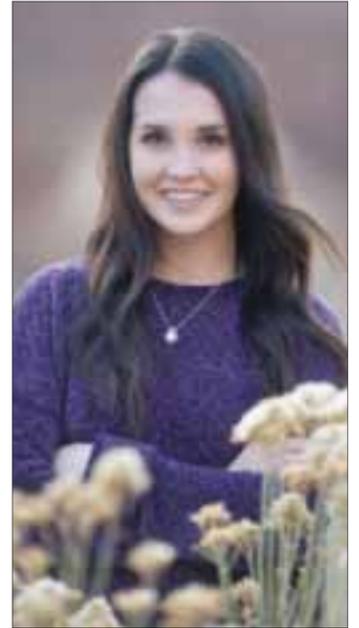
The daughter of Jacob and Penny Speelmon will spend her first year after high school traveling and networking as an Oregon FFA state officer. She will help lead the organization until March and then will start her college studies at either BYU Idaho in Rexburg or BYU Hawaii in the fall of 2019.

Speelmon won Adrian High School's female citizenship award three times between 2015 and 2017, and she has been on the highest honors list each of her four years at the school.

Achieving valedictorian is her proudest achievement "because it has been a goal of mine since I was in the first grade, which makes it the goal of mine that has taken the longest to achieve!"

She competed in volleyball and basketball and served on the student council and in the FFA. She also has been a class officer.

"I will always value my time traveling with my leadership class to Seaside each year, traveling with my FFA chapter to state convention, or traveling with my volleyball and basketball teams each season, and all



Sunde Jo Speelmon

the many memories I made doing that," she said.

"During my senior year, my FFA officer team competed in a contest called Rituals, which allows us to demonstrate our ability to conduct a meeting and public speak, and we won first place in our district for the first time in over 30 years. I will not ever forget how proud I felt of my team for accomplishing something that we worked so hard on."

Her community service involvement follows her favorite quote: "Besomebody who makes everybody feel like a somebody."

She has taken care of widows, participating in the school's Glean Team and Food For All food drive to help the hungry, and she has taken part in Headbands for Hope, and the school's Christmas toy drive for foster children.

She has also created cards for hospitalized children and collected blankets for babies in neonatal intensive care units. Finally, she has helped with a Santa letters project for kindergarteners through third-graders.

She shares her talent by teaching dance and playing the ukulele. She also likes to paint watercolors, show livestock and spend time with her sisters and friends.

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Adrian High School Class of 2017

Graduation Ceremony: 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 27th
Adrian High School gymnasium



From left: Shyanne Allaire, Andrew Walker, Erin Nielson, Morgan Bayes, Lauren Bond, Josiah Bowen, Noah Price, Jade Faulconer, Miller DeMark, Sunde Jo Speelmon, Qim Tolman, Tristen Spiers, Eduardo Muñoz, Stephen Morrison, Laynee Walker, Maritza Torres, Joseph Sumpter, Roberto Baheña, Ty Hafen, Kaden Rhead, Michael Judkins, Sirintapat Surarat (Thailand), Kirkland Obendorf, Maricruz Robles, and Daniel Price. AHS Photography

Valedictorian: Morgan Bayes & Sunde Jo Speelmon

Salutatorian: Shyanne Allaire

Class theme/motto: Our lives are before us, but our memories are with us forever. Class flower: Sunflower

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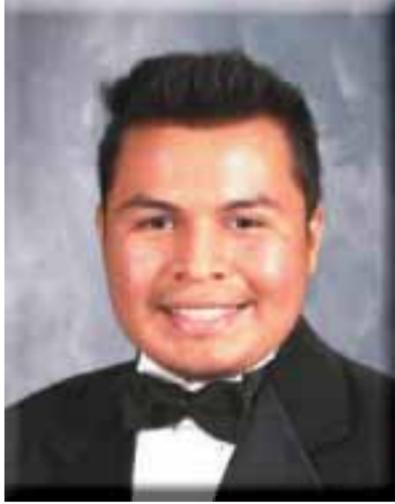
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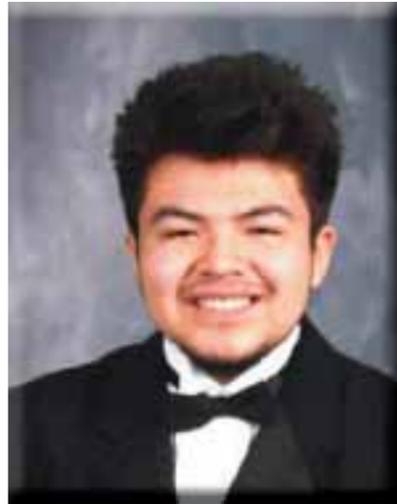
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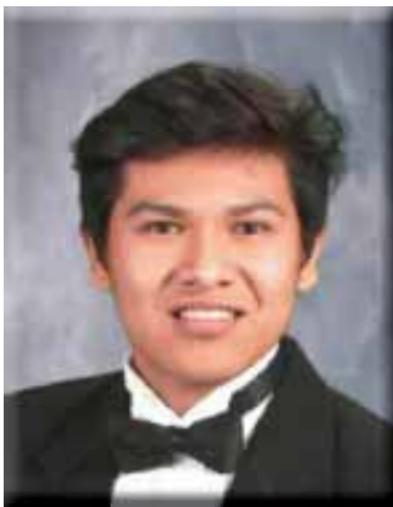
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MARSING**

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MARSING**

**KAILEE STAFFORD
PARMA**

GRADUATION CEREMONY:
Tuesday, May 22 at 5 p.m. on the
College of Idaho campus at Jewett Auditorium

Student Speakers
Megan Silva & Jordan Almazan

Diploma Presenters:
Dr. Harold Nevill & Robert Godina

COSSA ACADEMY

Marsing girl to address COSSA graduates

Six students from the Homedale and Marsing areas are among prospective COSSA Academy graduates.

Thirteen Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency students could receive their diplomas next week at The College of Idaho.

The Class of 2018 commencement is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Tuesday inside Jewett Auditorium in Caldwell.

Jewett Auditorium is located on The College of Idaho campus.

Student speakers will be Marsing's Megan Silva and Jordan Almazan of

Wilder.

Other prospective graduates from Marsing include Calvin Anderson, Lupe Hurtado, Leslie Oliveros and Seth Ramirez.

Christian Neri is from Homedale. Dr. Harold Nevill, the chief executive

officer of the COSSA Regional Technical and Education Center, and COSSA board chair Robert Godina, will hand out diplomas.

Other prospective graduates come from the Wilder, Notus and Parma school districts.

ADRIAN HIGH SCHOOL



Shyanne Cole Allaire

Adrian

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Shyanne Cole Allaire

The 18-year-old daughter of Buster Allaire, Renee Jackson and Diane Allaire plans to major in Agriculture Sciences at the Oregon State University's Eastern Oregon University extension in La Grande.

She has spent 10 years in the Adrian area, and has been on the high honors list for all four years of high school.

Allaire also has competed

in volleyball, basketball and track at Adrian.

"My best memory from the last four years is being able to go up to Baker for the state championship in basketball," she said.

"After one of the most devastating losses of our season, Coach (Kevin) Purnell brought all us players into his room and gave the most inspiring and emotional speech to us. I know that this sounds like a sad memory, but from that moment I knew that whether

we were the team with the most points or if we worked the hardest, we were always winners and the coaching staff loved us.

Allaire has been part of the Leadership class and served as a class officer and on the student council.

"My proudest achievement would have to be getting in an FFA chapter office. I have been to learn so many different life-changing experiences through getting in office," she said. "I am so proud to tell people that

I was a part of the 2017-2018 officer team for Adrian FFA"

Her favorite quote is "Go seek a greater perhaps," from John Green.

Community service has included Headbands for Hope, gleanng, taking part in the Les Schwab Food For All food drive, volunteering at the Adrian corn maze, filling sand bags and creating chemo bags.

She enjoys reading and riding horses and working with her father.

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perform in stage plays after high school.

Another hobby is writing.

She played in the school band as was part of the National Honor Society.

But her biggest memories are associated with the Drama Club: "Every play performance ever because they came with excitement and fun times with my Drama friends."

Julia Santiago

GPA — 3.771
Age — 18

Parents — Miguel Santiago and Eurvocina Martinez

A lifelong Homedale resident, Santiago will attend the University of Idaho after graduation.

She was a high-ranking official in the Future Hispanic Leaders of America.

"I am proud that I was the Future Hispanic Leaders of America state president because I worked hard to be in that position," she said.

In addition to her involvement with FHLA, Santiago was active in TRiO, Sources of

Strength, the National Honors Society and Drama Club.

She also was part of Honors English at HHS.

Leah Michelle Modlin Patton

GPA — 3.7
Age — 18

Parents — Scott and Nikki Patton

Favorite quote — "Normality is a paved road. It's comfortable to walk, but no flowers grow on it." — Vincent van Gogh

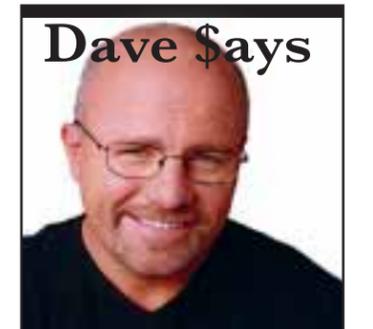
A two-year Homedale

resident, Patton plans to attend Northwest Nazarene University to pursue a bachelor's degree in journalism.

During her time at HHS, Patton was part of the Drama Club, choir, Sources of Strength and the National Honor Society chapter.

She cited two high school achievements that are sources of pride.

"I won first place in the talent show my senior year," she said. "I finally felt like my voice was heard past my opinions and ambitions."



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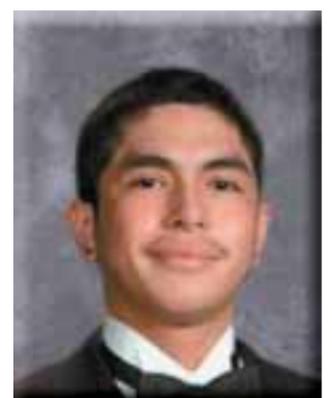
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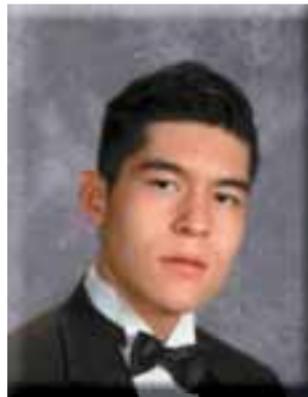
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