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Volunteer Vanessa Carrillo, right, passes a book to second-grader Evelyn Jimenez, 7, during the Homedale City Library's book brigade, as Evelyn and her schoolmates moved books and other items from the old library to the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library next door. Evelyn is in Laura Eubanks' class.

Jackson Memorial Library opens, fine-tuning remains

Roof leaks, signage to be ordered for Homedale building

The Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library doesn't have a permanent sign yet, but it's open for business.

The new Homedale city library swung open its doors Tuesday after a whirlwind of activity from community and school-aged volunteers to move furniture and books from the old library next door at 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

"I've been amazed how much (support has been given)," library director Sharla Jensen told the city council at its meeting

last Wednesday.

"We've just had people randomly come in and ask what kind of jobs were there (to be done)."

Second- and fourth-graders formed a "book brigade" to move reading material from the 40-year-old city library to

— See **Library**, page 9A

Not guilty pleas for couple accused of abuse

Transue trials slated for spring

Not guilty pleas were entered Friday in the case of the married couple accused of abusing their two children.

Former Homedale residents Melissa Transue and Duncan Transue remain in Owyhee County Jail on four felony counts of injury to child.

Now residing in Parma, the Transues entered their pleas before Third District Judge Andrea Courtney during a Friday morning hearing in a Murphy courtroom.

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Melissa Transue



Duncan Transue

Women display heart, soul of Bruneau community, auction

Hall, Porter have ties to most popular offerings

by Becky Lisle

For The Owyhee Avalanche

As the Bruneau Booster Club gears up for Saturday's annual community auction, two longtime Bruneau residents are reflecting on their time in the area, the importance of preserving history, and the

"do for others" spirit that has bound Bruneau together since the pioneer days and continues to this day.

Celia Hall, 92, and Milly Porter, going on 91, both have deep ties to Bruneau, and have each played central roles in the preservation of the area's rich

history.

Hall came to Bruneau in 1949 as the new bride of Tom Hall, and the couple worked the family ranch and raised the third generation there. The Hall Ranch was recognized as an

— See **Auction**, page 9A



Celia Hall and her great-granddaughter, Tulee Bailey



Milly Porter, Bruneau native and historian



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Well water testing offered

Free water testing for private well owners will be offered from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., on Monday in Wilder.

The Idaho Rural Water Association and Southwest District Health organized the free testing in the wake of citizens' concerns about a 15,000-head confined animal feeding operation (CAFO) apparently planned for the Wilder area.

Anyone who wants water tested can bring a 1-liter sample in a clean glass jar or bottle. The testing will take place at the Wilder Rural Fire Station, 601 Patriot Way, in Wilder.

The water samples will be screened for nitrates. Free courier service to the lab for further testing will be offered to participants who arrive before 2 p.m.

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✓ Couple: Both remain jailed after bond reduction

Melissa Transue is accused of striking and choking her 12-year-old child. The couple also allegedly chained the 12-year-old and a 10-year-old sibling in a trailer with insufficient food and water.

Courtney reduced the woman's bail to \$100,000 during Friday's hearing. Duncan Transue remains in custody on a \$75,000 bond. Both were originally jailed on \$500,000 bonds after a grand jury indictment last month.

Melissa Transue is scheduled for an April 10 pretrial conference followed by a May 6-7 jury trial.

Duncan has a pretrial conference scheduled for April 24 with a two-day trial set to begin on June 24.

— JPB



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Homedale, Marsing to see brighter streetlights this year

Idaho Power small-town LED conversion under way in Wilder

Idaho Power's plan to upgrade streetlights across its territory has begun, and Marsing and Homedale will see the benefits this year.

Russ Hahn, a key account energy advisor for the utility, told The Owyhee Avalanche on Thursday that crews have begun replacing Idaho Power-owned and maintained high-pressure sodium lights with more efficient LED lights in Wilder.

There's no timeline when the overnight work will be carried out in Marsing or Homedale, but Hahn said the cities and other smaller towns in Canyon County all are on the 2020 work schedule.

"We've got the orders in

for some cities, and we're just getting plans in place," Hahn said. "We're trying to tackle some of the smaller communities and areas so we can get a feel for how long it's going to take, what's working well, and (to) just get some of the areas done that has been wanting more light in their areas and so forth."

"Some folks have been wanting more lights in some areas that are inadequate, so we're trying to work with the smaller cities first."

Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen has expressed a desire to get brighter lights around the schools.

Hahn said the LED lights put out different lumens compared to the old lights that are being replaced.

"It's a different type of light, so the appearance looks brighter," Hahn said.

He added that planners are determining lumen capacity for individual lights based on where they may be used, such as near schools.

Lights around schools in Wilder were the first to see upgrades in that town because the school district requested

the work, Hahn said.

"We'll probably do the same thing in other cities," Hahn said. "We'll tackle some of the ones with immediate need and then do the others."

Crews will upgrade only Idaho Power-owned and maintained light fixtures. The streetlights installed as part of Homedale's Local Improvement District program more than a decade ago will not see conversion.

Likewise, streetlights in Grand View and Bruneau also appear to be outside the scope of work.

Other streetlights in Homedale, such as one at the southeast corner of Industrial Road and East Idaho Avenue or the lights near Homedale Elementary School, will be upgraded.

Crews won't disrupt the flow of traffic in any town because they will be done before folks start stirring each day.

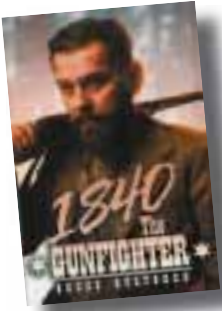
"We're doing a lot of this in the wee hours of the morning and/or night," he said. "In Wilder, we're out way-early in the morning before it impacts anybody in the schools."

— JPB

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Obituaries

Samuel Bruce Sothern

Samuel Bruce Sothern, beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, and friend, passed peacefully at home in Minneapolis, Minnesota on February 7, 2020, surrounded by family at the age of 100. Bruce has now rejoined his sweetheart, Margaret “Muggs” Sothern, who passed away on November 11, 2003.

Bruce was the fourth of five children born to Alfred, Jr. “Appy” and May Carothers Sothern on July 25, 1919 in Silver City, Idaho. His grandfather, Alfred Sothern, Sr. had been lured from his home in Ireland to supervise the mines in Silver City in the 1870s, when the mines were in their prime. His father, Alfred, Jr. grew up working in the Silver City mines, until he moved his young family to Oreana to ranch.

Bruce attended Castle Creek school through eighth grade, and grew up as a hard-working cowboy on the family ranch, and working on surrounding ranches. At the Joyce Ranch 150th celebration near Murphy in 2015, Bruce was recognized as the last living cowboy who had worked for the original Joyce brothers into the 1930s. He then went on to work for the Joyces’ nephew, Hubert Nettleton, until after Bruce graduated from Melba High School. About that time, Hu-

bert told him that Morrison-Knutson was hiring oilers for the draglines at Silver City, and a young man like him could make more money in a day there than the ranch could pay him in a month. Since Bruce wanted to go on to Boise Junior College, he moved to Silver City and worked for MK for a time, then he went north to Coeur d’Alene to work underground in the Sunshine mine.

He was an ambitious young man, and the plan was to save up his money to attend college, but then WWII broke out in 1941. At that time, Bruce left the mine and enlisted in the Service, where he attended Tech School to become an Airplane Electronics Specialist. He subsequently served as a Master Sergeant Electrician Crew Chief for the 8th Army Air Corps servicing B-24s in England during WWII, and was awarded a Bronze Star for keeping “his” bombers flying flawlessly. He served his Country proudly, and nearly 70 years later, when Bruce was in his 90s, he was nominated for an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., which he greatly enjoyed attending.

As the War wound down, Bruce met a pretty young filly named Margaret “Muggs” Satt, and the couple married on September 14, 1943 in California. They settled in her beloved



Minneapolis, Minnesota, “for a few years,” then the plan was to move back to Owyhee County. As often happens, life takes us down different paths, and five years turns to fifty as the children come along. In the meantime, Bruce found rewarding work with the MTC, where instead of living in the sagebrush desert, riding colts, and moving cows, he settled in to support his growing family by driving streetcars, buses, and minibuses, and was known for his cheerful attitude. Over the years, he also served as a Scout Master, Sgt at Arms at Fort Snelling, and was an active member of the American Legion, VFW, and in his church.

For Bruce’s 100th birthday last summer, he received over

100 cards signed by friends that he had made in recent years during his exercise classes, where he was still driving himself to Arm Chair Aerobics as his health allowed. Bruce will be fondly remembered for playing his harmonica, always putting others first, rarely uttering a complaint, and being such a happy person. Some of Bruce’s most precious memories were of growing up on the ranch, the life he and Muggs built in Minneapolis with his family and friends, as well as visits to the Crockett Reunions in Orofino, where his sister, Margaret and her family call home, and time spent with family and old friends in his beloved Owyhee County over the years.

Bruce was preceded in death by his wife, Muggs Sothern; parents, Alfred, Jr. & May Carothers Sothern; siblings, Maude Sothern (Jim) Nettleton, Al (Blanche) Sothern, Margaret Sothern (John) Crockett, and John (Edith) Sothern. He is survived by his children, Rob Sothern, Kathy Sothern, Greg (Mary Anne) Sothern, and Ted Sothern; grandchildren, Kelly Benzinger, Jason Benzinger (fiancée Alissa Rauen), Lyle Sothern, LeeAnn (Roger) Linn; great-grandchildren, Norah, Avery, Josh, Bruce Henry, Blake Samuel, three-month-old Morgan; and many nieces,

nephews, extended family and friends in Minneapolis, and in Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Denver, and Germany. Trips to Owyhee County almost always included a stay with his cousin, Gene Lewis, and his wife, Tish Lewis.

Visitation was held at Kozlak-Radulovich Chapel, 1918 University Ave. NE, Minneapolis, Monday, February 17 from 4-7 PM with Vigil Prayers (Parastas) at 7 PM. Funeral services were held at St. Mary’s Orthodox Cathedral, 17th Ave. NE and 5th St., on Tuesday, February 18 at 11 AM, with visitation prior. Internment with full military services at St. Mary’s Orthodox Cemetery will be followed by a luncheon at the Church Center.

Bruce was a kind and gentle man who showed his strength through his helpful actions, so in lieu of flowers, he would hope you would do unexpected, selfless acts of kindness for anyone in need, tell people that you love them, and always say thank you! If you care to remember Bruce, memorials may be sent to the Owyhee County Historical Society, 17085 Basey St., Murphy, ID 83650, or for the care of the Oreana Community Hall or Cemetery, c/o Bill White, 18138 Oreana Loop Rd., Oreana, ID 83650.

Jim Stewart

Jim Stewart, 85, of Caldwell, formerly of Marsing, peacefully passed away Monday, February 10, 2020 at a local care facility. Mr. Stewart, a lifelong Idahoan, is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Eleanor Henrichs Stewart; and his children Bill Stewart of Marsing and Barb

Dines of Marsing. He was preceded in death by parents; four siblings; first wife; and a grandson.

Funeral services will be held at 11 AM, Friday, February 14 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 11792 Linden RD in Caldwell with a viewing from 10 to 10:45

AM prior to the services. Burial at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, 15862 S. Indiana in Caldwell.

The family invites friends for a meal and time of fellowship at The Church following the burial. To read the obituary or express condolences please visit ZeyerFuneralChapel.com.



Death notice

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4-H'ers get to know their government and leaders at Statehouse

An Owyhee County 4-H'er was part of the annual Know Your Government conference held over the President's Day weekend, Saturday through Monday at the Idaho Statehouse in Boise.



Janelle Thompson

Audrie Miller, the daughter of Marsing residents Janet and Darrin Miller, is a member of the Pony Express 4-H club. She is also very involved in our community and is a member of Marsing FFA.



Audrie Miller

The annual KYG conference gives youth an opportunity to participate in legislative and judicial workshops. Miller was among 175 eighth- and ninth-graders from all over the state who participated.

All 4-H youth interested in attending this conference submitted applications and went through an interview process to be selected for the Know Your Government Conference. The selected delegates also attended an orientation to learn proper table etiquette, hand write invitations to our local government officials and to further prepare them for the conference.

These 4-H members learned about various aspects of our governmental system:

- How the judicial system works, including what is involved in bringing a case to court
- How the state government decision-making process works
- They observed the legislative process in action
- They met and shared ideas with legislators, judges and other elected officials and had breakfast with legislators and judges. Gov. Brad Little spoke at the breakfast.

The Know Your Government Conference aims to improve communities through informing youth of our government and how it works. Citizens who are informed about their government are better prepared to participate in the governmental processes.

During the KYG gathering, each 4-H member set goals and determined the steps necessary to reach their goals. They also demonstrated responsibility, leadership skills, their ability to work effectively in teams, practiced critical thinking, problem-solving skills and showed their knowledge of parliamentary procedures.

We look forward to hearing about the experiences and ideas these 4-H members came home with and will share with others.

Again, congratulations to all the delegates participating in the 2020 KYG conference.

— Janelle Thompson is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension 4-H coordinator. For more information, you can reach Thompson at the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

Submitting a calendar item

You can find a comprehensive listing of local events online at www.theowyheeavalanche.com. Click on the "Calendar of Events" link on the left-hand side of the page.

Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, or e-mail them to jon@owyheeavalanche.com. For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

Obituary

James "Jim" L. Jensen, Sr.

James "Jim" L. Jensen, Sr., 90, of Givens Hot Springs, Idaho, passed away at home and graduated to Heaven February 5, 2020.

Jim was the son of Niels & Minnie (Pfeiffer) Jensen and was born in Boise, Idaho November 20, 1929. He grew up in the Pierce Park neighborhood attending elementary school there and high school in Boise, finally graduating from Eagle High School in 1947.

He joined the Army in 1949 and served as a military guard at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation near Richland, Washington. There he eventually met the love of his life Jesse Joann McDonald. They married in 1952 and settled down in Boise to begin their family. They had four sons, James Jr. "Skip", Wayne, Mark, and Gordon "Joe". Jim was a dedicated outdoorsman, hiking, fishing, and hunting for elk and deer. He took his family camping and fishing throughout the summers. They moved to Alaska in 1964 right after the big earthquake. Jim worked for the United States Post Office in Eagle River but always said the reason they went to Alaska was because Joann wanted to be a missionary to the Eskimos. He built their home on Lore Road, Anchorage, AK and enjoyed all that the outdoors



Alaska had to offer including a successful bighorn sheep hunt in the late '60s. In 1972 Jim and Joan visited Japan with a group from their Anchorage church.

Jim moved his family back to Idaho in the summer of 1972 where they bought the ranch near Givens Hot Springs, calling it "Hardtrigger Ranch" for the creek that passes through the property. Jim enjoyed old buildings & history, his faithful canine companions, the outdoors, hunting, fishing, & camping. The only games he liked to play were Hearts and Rook, he was very skilled at both. He loved the Lord, faithfully praying for family every night with Joann, and was involved in his church, serving as church

treasurer & deacon at different points in his life. He loved his children, grandchildren, and delighted in his many great-grandchildren. He was a kind & quiet man often referring to the "Wise Old Owl" poem as the reason why. He enjoyed a witty remark and gently teasing grandkids. He is loved as an inspiration and patriarch of the family —always full of hope and never complaining. His most recent adventure was a trip back to Alaska for his birthday in November, 2019 where he met the youngest additions, had outings with his Alaska sons in Prince William Sound and drank up the joy of so many of his family there.

He leaves behind his children: James Jr. "Skip" (Robin) Jensen of Cordova, Alaska; daughter-in-law Maggie, widow of Wayne Jensen of Wasilla, Alaska; Mark (Angela) Jensen of Givens Hot Springs, Idaho; Gordon (Debbie) Jensen of Cordova, Alaska; 17 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Joann, son Wayne Jensen, parents Niels, & Minnie, siblings Wilbur Jensen (WWII), Dorothy Jensen Pugmire, Niels Jensen Jr., and Juliene Jensen Southwick.

Services were held on Tuesday, February 18th, at 11:00 a.m. at Dakan Funeral Chapel.

Youth programs to use both Homedale libraries

The move into the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library will give youth programs two spaces for their activities.

The Teens & Tweens group will meet again in the old Homedale City Library — the brick building next door to the gleaming, new library.

The hourlong session open to boys and girls ages 10-17 will start at 5 p.m., on Thursday at 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The library reopened Tuesday after books were moved from the old building into the new Jackson building. Both buildings were closed for the

Presidents Day holiday Monday.

During Thursday's Teens & Tweens, youths will make paper airplanes, although templates are available. The children will try to build planes that can fly far and carry weight, among other criteria.

Story Time returns on Monday, and the preschool-aged children will be enjoying their first books in the new library.

Library children services coordinator Carol McMichael will read "Look Out, It's a Dragon," by author and illustrator Jonny Lambert. The

story concerns Sapphire, a dragon who doesn't enjoy destroying things.

McMichael will also read "Augustus and His Smile," by Catherine Rayner. It's the story of a young tiger and his search for his smile.

The library is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., on Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Friday, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday. It is closed Sundays.

Call (208) 337-4228 for more information on the library and its programs.

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Calendar

Today

Ladies coffee group

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

Marsing community pantry

9 a.m. to 11 a.m., 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., the HUB, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. Call school district to arrange different time, (208) 649-5411

Story Time

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

Bruneau and Beyond speaker series

1 p.m., free, RSVP by Monday, Feb. 17, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131

Christian Life Club

4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., after-school program for kindergarten through sixth grade, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024, (208) 337-3464

Bible study

7 p.m., various age groups, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Thursday

Foot clinic

8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., \$20, walk-ins welcome, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

Southwest District Health CHAT meeting

9 to 10:30 a.m., SWDH office, 132 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 455-5330

Pinochle games

After lunch, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

After-school program

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

Teens & Tweens

5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Homedale Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Friday

Food giveaway

9 a.m. to 10 a.m., Homedale Assembly of God Church, 15 W. Montana Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4458

Idaho Foodbank drop-off

9 a.m. to 11 a.m., First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W, Homedale. (208) 473-9331

The Landing teen support group

6 p.m., Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 807-0680

Saturday

Catholic mass

10 a.m., Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Oreana Loop Road, Oreana. (208) 466-7031

Sunday

Refuge Youth Group

7 p.m., seventh- through 12th-graders, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Private well water testing

9 a.m., to 7 p.m., Wilder Rural Fire Station, 601 Patriot Way, Wilder.

Story Time

10:15 a.m., Homedale Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Tuesday

RS 2477 public hearing

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

Homedale Chamber luncheon

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

Pinochle games

After lunch, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

Fat Tuesday pancake feed

5 p.m. to 7 p.m., \$5 donation, fundraiser for The Rock of Homedale, First Presbyterian Church, of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W, Homedale. (208) 473-9331

Wednesday

Ladies coffee group

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

Marsing community pantry

9 a.m. to 11 a.m., 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., The HUB, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. Call school district to arrange different time, (208) 649-5411

Story Time

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

Christian Life Club

4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., after-school program for kindergarten through sixth grade, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024, (208) 337-3464

Bible study

7 p.m., various age groups, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Thursday, Feb. 27

Pinochle games

After lunch, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

Food bank drop off

1 p.m., to 3 p.m., (weather permitting; holidays could change date), Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206 or (541) 586-2562

After-school program

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

Teens & Tweens

5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Homedale Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Mennonite Youth Choir

7 p.m., refreshments served, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View.

Friday, Feb. 28

The Landing teen support group

6 p.m., Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 807-0680

Food giveaway

9 a.m. to 10 a.m., Homedale Assembly of God Church, 15 W. Montana Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4458

Sunday, March 1

Refuge Youth Group

7 p.m., seventh- through 12th-graders, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Monday, March 2

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Story Time

10:15 a.m., Homedale Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

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

Feb. 19: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes **Lunch:** Pork chop, mashed potatoes w/gravy, hot roll

Feb. 20: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon ultimate breakfast roll, yogurt **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken, mixed vegetables

Feb. 24: **Breakfast:** Filled cereal bar **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper, tossed salad

Feb. 25: **Breakfast:** Breakfast slider **Lunch:** Chicken taco, corn

Feb. 26: **Breakfast:** Apple cinnamon Texas toast **Lunch:** Orange chicken, steamed rice, broccoli, fortune cookie

Homedale Middle

Fruit & salad bar, choice of milk or juice

Cereal option each day

Feb. 19: **Breakfast:** Tornado **Lunch:** Taquitos or burrito, corn

Feb. 20: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon UBR, string cheese **Lunch:** Nachos or PB&J sandwich, string cheese, goldfish crackers, fruit roll up

Feb. 24: **Breakfast:** Pop tart **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets or PB&J sandwich, string cheese, goldfish crackers, steamed carrots

Feb. 25: **Breakfast:** French toast sticks **Lunch:** Cheeseburger or sloppy joe, french fries

Feb. 26: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon pull apart **Lunch:** Orange chicken or ham & cheese hot pocket, steamed rice, broccoli, fortune cookie

Homedale High

Salad bar, fruit choice and choice of milk and juice

Cereal option, grab ‘n’ go items each day

Feb. 19: **Breakfast:** Sausage plate or mini pancakes **Lunch:** Hamburger or cheeseburger, tater tots, cookie

Feb. 20: **Breakfast:** Sausage plate or mini pancakes **Lunch:** Beef taco or chicken taco, corn

Feb. 24: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick or frudel **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper, corn dog

Feb. 25: **Breakfast:** Croissant sandwich or bagel w/cream cheese **Lunch:** Orange chicken or pizza hot pocket, rice, egg roll, fortune cookie

Feb. 26: **Breakfast:** Breakfast slider or filled cereal bar **Lunch:** Spicy chicken sandwich or hamburger, french fries, cookie

Marsing

All entrees include choice of milk, fruit juice & fruit/veggie bar

Middle/High School each day: Classic Grab-n-go line:

PB&J Hot Grab-n-go line: Hamburger

Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sandwich, salad

Feb. 19: **Breakfast:** Apple breakfast bites **Lunch sides or alternatives: Classic Line:** Taco w/Spanish rice, refried bean **Hot Grab-n-go:** Chicken sandwich, pizza, fries

Feb. 20: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch sides or alternatives: Classic Line:** Cheeseburger, potato wedges **Hot Grab-n-go:** Chicken sandwich, walking taco w/potato wedges

Feb. 24: **Breakfast:** Breakfast bar **Lunch sides or alternatives: Classic Line:** Chicken sandwich, potato wedges **Hot Grab-n-go:** Chicken sandwich, pizza, potato wedges

Feb. 25: **Breakfast:** Apple Texas toast **Lunch sides or alternatives: Classic Line:** Super nachos, refried beans **Hot Grab-n-go:** Chicken sandwich, pizza, fries

Feb. 26: **Breakfast:** Tornado **Lunch sides or alternatives: Classic Line:** Mini calzones, mixed vegetable **Hot Grab-n-go:** Walking taco, walking taco w/tator tots

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily

Jr.-Sr. high school: Salad bar, pizza offered daily

Feb. 19: **Breakfast:** PB&J **Lunch:** Chicken taco, tossed romaine salad, broccoli

Feb. 20: **Breakfast:** Waffles **Lunch:** Corn dog, potato wedges, baby carrots

Feb. 24: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Orange chicken, oriental rice, stir-fry veggies

Feb. 25: **Breakfast:** Biscuits & gravy **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garden spinach salad, corn, breadstick

Feb. 26: **Breakfast:** Pancakes & egg patty **Lunch:** Chicken patty on a bun, mashed potatoes & gravy, steamed broccoli

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Bruneau auction items

- Some of the items heading to the block during Saturday’s Bruneau Booster Club Community Auction include:
- Two original paintings on metal by Mountain Home artist Don Collins
 - Flawless Wellness and Beauty basket (Mountain Home)
 - Dental Center of Idaho basket (Mountain Home)
 - Quilts
 - Jellies, jams and pickles
 - Dog kennel
 - Two horse mecates (Jim Hanks)
 - Head stall and bosal (Chuck Hall)
 - One-night stay at Hampton Inn
 - Tradesman 1,500-watt electric heater with tripod
 - Pillows
 - Jewelry
 - Seven 5-gallon buckets of paint
 - Backhoe service
 - Hay
 - Gourmet Gold Dust spices basket
 - Deluxe Turbo Cot
 - Pampered Chef gift card

✓ Auction: Dinner at 5:30 p.m., bidding begins at 7 p.m., on Saturday

Idaho Century Ranch in 2017, and part of the third, fourth and fifth generations now also make their home there.

Hall organized and hosted the 1994 gathering of Bruneau cowboys, and invited western photographer David Stoecklein to document the event. Cowboys of all ages brought their best horses to the Hall Ranch and lined up for what have become somewhat iconic images. Several photos were taken with cowboys grouped by age, and of the 11 ranching patriarchs together for the “greatest generation” photo, only one remains. Prints of these photos have become collector’s items in the area and have brought in substantial funds for the Booster Club and its many projects over the years.

In 2015, months after Stoecklein died, the Hall family repeated the cowboy gathering and photographing with Mountain Home photographer Jerry Kencke. Kencke died 11 months ago.

“Bruneau has so many unique, good cowboys. We needed to have the history of it saved,” Hall said.

Over the years, Hall’s homemade peanut brittle and cakes have been very popular auction items, sometimes bringing hundreds of dollars on the auction block.

Porter was born and raised in Bruneau. After graduating from Bruneau High School in 1947, she spent 50 years away from her hometown, returning to live there in 1997.

“I took Bruneau with me, and it was just like I stepped out with one foot and stepped back in with the other,” she said, noting that the underlying feeling and spirit of the town hadn’t changed a bit in her absence.

Porter remembers the days of the Great Depression and World War II well. Many of the adults joined the war effort, leaving Bruneau mostly populated with children and senior citizens.

“We all took care of each other,” Porter said.

Porter was instrumental in the planning, writing, and editing of the book “Bruneau Then & Now.” The book documents Bruneau’s history from the time it was first settled, and features numerous photographs. The collaborative project brings together not only the events that shaped the community, but stories of the lives and legacies of its residents. Copies of the book offered at the auction are continually popular, as are other books Porter wrote or edited.

Porter worked with the late legendary horsemen Tom Dorrance and Ray Hunt to edit their books, “True Unity” and “Think Harmony With Horses,” respectively. Porter is also the author of a fiction work, “The Horse Gods,” and two collections of her poetry, “Hey Elko” and RX for “People’s Purple Problems.”

“Bruneau was a pioneer town, and people had to work together and take care of their neighbors. We still do. Bruneau has always been like that,” Porter said. “That’s what started the auction.”

Saturday’s auction features a free dinner at 5:30 p.m., with the live auction starting at 7 p.m. Proceeds from the auction go toward community support and improvement projects.

Call Judy McBride at (208) 845-2842 with questions or to donate.

✓ Library: Sign tribute to longtime library board member to cost \$1,480



It’s all or nothing for Homedale High School junior Mason Olsen, who shows off the results of his work in Brady Swallow’s weight-training class. Students from two of Swallow’s classes, as well as Casey Grove’s Business Professionals of America team, helped Thursday with the Homedale City Library’s move to the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library next door.

the Jackson Memorial building last Wednesday. Jensen said half of the books were moved that day, and students from the Homedale High School weight training classes were prepared to move furniture and more books Thursday.

“I wouldn’t be surprised if it wasn’t done and ready to go Saturday (Feb. 15),” Jensen said. “It’ll be up and running Tuesday, easy.”

A grand opening has been set for Saturday, April 4. Other celebration elements haven’t been hammered out yet.

There are still some details that need to be ironed out with the building anyway.

The small stuff is a bulletin board for the vestibule, Jensen said.

The big stuff brings Excelsior Construction and general contractor Chris Waldram back into the picture.

A second leak in the roof of the new building has been discovered, Jensen said. A damaged panel above the library’s false ceiling is believed to be the culprit.

There is also a gutter that has yet to be placed on the building.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen hinted that the timeline to get the repairs done could be lengthy.

“Like anybody else right now with building going the way it is, getting (Excelsior) back out here for that little job is going to be harder when they have big jobs somewhere else,” he said.

Jensen also shared an estimate from Caldwell’s Superior Signs to design and install a hard plastic “Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library” sign on the façade of the new building.

She said it would cost \$1,480 for the project, which would feature a 14-foot-wide collection of 9.4-inch-tall letters.

Superior Signs also provided signage for the Owyhee County Community Center at the fairgrounds in Homedale.

Jensen also mentioned that a local 4-H club has offered to landscape the front area of the library — now just bare dirt — as a community service project.

The Rock of Homedale opening planned for spring

Youth center
still accepting
donations

With the start of a new year, The Rock of Homedale board of directors has the same goal — open the youth center for business sometime this spring.

The all-volunteer board has a goal for the Christian-based non-denominational program, which will be housed in a building under construction in the 300 block of East Owyhee Avenue.

“We want to connect adults with kids,” spokesperson Kathy Deal said. “Those involved in The Rock are very passionate about (the fact that) teen suicide and teen mental illness is on the rise.”

Although The Rock will be open for study during the school day, Deal said the building will be available for more than a youth hangout.

“We want to connect with adults and help them learn healthy living and learn about Jesus,” she said.

There is a larger mission in the works, too.

“We are a post-Christian nation, meaning people have an idea of what Christianity is and they’re not interested,” Deal said. “We want to show them the love of Jesus.”

“People aren’t attending church, and we want to meet the people where they’re at. We



Construction has progressed swiftly during the winter at The Rock of Homedale, located on East Owyhee Avenue.

Church’s pancake feed benefits The Rock

A second annual Fat Tuesday pancake feed will benefit The Rock of Homedale.

The First Presbyterian Church will play host to the fundraiser.

The pancake feed takes place from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., on Tuesday, Feb. 25. A \$5 donation is suggested.

The church is located at 320 N. 6th St. W.

Call (208) 473-9331 for more information.

want to create fun situations at school and for the whole community through classes for exercise and music.”

While construction on the 3,700-square-foot building continues, the board continues to seek donations of time and

money as directors shoot for a completion date of April 30.

“We as a board are very thankful for all the donations. The town has been very kind,” Deal said. “In 2019, everyone was very generous, and as people plan their 2020 giving,

we would appreciate them considering The Rock.”

There are other fundraisers in the works, too.

- Homedale Presbyterian Church will hold its second annual The Rock pancake dinner fundraiser from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., on Tuesday, Feb. 25.
- Deal said Homedale Friends Community Church will hold a May fun run to raise money for The Rock, too.

Recently, community members used Sharpie pens to write scriptures in the wooden beams of the building before sheetrock installation.

Deal also spends time each Tuesday morning on a prayer walk around the building and the high school. She says she prays for the buildings and staff members and welcomes



Allie Roberts write scripture on a beam inside The Rock of Homedale during a recent community gathering.

community members to join her in her weekly ritual. She shows up at The Rock at about 8 a.m., each Tuesday.

Commemorative personalized engraved bricks to be placed in a courtyard will be on sale until March 1, she said. A large brick costs \$500, and a small brick costs \$200.

Contact Deal at (208) 794-1048, or visit www.therockof-homedale.org for more information on the organization and how to make a tax-deductible donation to the non-profit.

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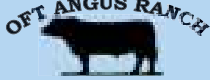


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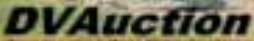
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Organizers, contestants begin preparations for Mr. Rimrock

Student Council to offer dinner with this year’s show

Seven Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School boys are gearing up for the fourth annual Mr. Rimrock show set for 7 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 29 inside the school’s auditorium.

Contestants from the sophomore, junior and senior classes are preparing an “Under the Sea”-themed show.

The show will include individual talent acts, group numbers, a staff act and a special senior girls’ act.

Five judges will be selected from a pool of community members, alumni and school board members.

Directors Melissa Raymond and Mandi Boren promise an unforgettable evening filled with music and laughter.

“We have so much fun putting this show on for the community and students each year ...” Boren said.

“The boys really are incredible and make this show so entertaining.”

This year the Student Council will offer a pre-show dinner. Show and dinner tickets can be purchased for \$5 each the

night of the show.

This year’s contestants are:

D-O Draper

A 17-year-old senior, D-O participates in football, basketball, baseball, track, and cross country. He won the coveted Mr. Rimrock title two years ago as a sophomore and is vying to regain the crown in his last competition as a senior.

Hector Garcia

The 17-year-old senior likes to play games on his computer. This is his first year participating in Mr. Rimrock. Hector is very enthusiastic about the competition and is ready to show people what he is made of.

Gus Black

The 15-year-old sophomore participates in football, basketball, and track. In his spare time, he enjoys sports, video games, and hanging out with friends. This is Gus’s first year in Mr. Rimrock.

Lance Smith

The 18-year-old senior participates in football, basketball, baseball, track and cross country. In his spare time, Smith enjoys hanging out with friends or spending time with his dad. This is his second year competing.

Adam Hogaboam

The 17-year-old senior participates in basketball, cross country, and track. In his spare time, Adam enjoys hiking and rock climbing. This is Adam’s first year competing.

Christian Sharek

The 18-year-old senior participates in cross country, track, and baseball. In his spare time, Sharek enjoys playing his ukulele and hanging out with friends and family. This is his third and final year competing.

Braxton Carothers

The 17-year-old junior participates in track. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting and working with his 4-H animals. This will be Braxton’s second year competing.

Courthouse report

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

- Feb. 10**
- Treasure D. Kester, New Plymouth** — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): 36 days in jail (served)
- Sebastian Scott Miller, Moses Lake, Wash.** — Misdemeanor marijuana possession 2x, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$2,250 in fines, \$592.50 in court costs.
- Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Felony controlled substance possession
- Gregory Wayne Ott, Sardis, Miss.** — Misdemeanor false logbook, serious violation: \$263.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs
- Judith Eileen Sullivan, Grand View** — Misdemeanor driving under the influence (plea deal): 180 days in jail (7 days to serve, 3 days served, 170 days suspended), 24 months supervised probation, 180-day driver’s license suspension, \$400 in fines, \$384.50 in court costs.
- Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor DUI, driving without privileges

- Feb. 5**
- Sean M. Jackson, Caldwell** — Misdemeanor disturbing the peace (amended from misdemeanor no-contact order violation): 15 days in jail (served), \$250 in fines, \$157.50 in costs
- Coby Adias Oeleis, Homedale** — Misdemeanor disturbing the peace (amended from misdemeanor battery): 180 days in jail (5 days served, 175 days suspended), 1 year unsupervised probation, \$500 in fines (suspended), \$307.50 in court costs.
- Dismissed by court:** Misdemeanor malicious injury to property
- Jose J. Valdovinos, Idaho Falls** — Misdemeanor disturbing the peace (amended from misdemeanor battery, plea deal): \$250 in fines, \$307.50 in court costs

Senior menus

- Homedale Senior Center**
- Salad bar available with each meal:*
- Lettuce, tomato, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing*
- Milk available each day*
- Roll available each day except Feb. 26th*
- Feb. 19: Beef burrito, rice, bean & corn, salad
- Feb. 20: Pork roast, mashed potatoes w/gravy, beets
- Feb. 25: Chicken & noodles, Calif. blend veggies
- Feb. 26: Ham & beans w/corn bread, peas & carrots
- Feb. 27: Baked fish, mac & cheese, broccoli

- Rimrock Senior Center**
- All meals are served with milk & fruit juice*
- Feb. 19: Cream of potato soup, tortilla wraps w/lunch meat, sandwich veggies, cottage cheese, fruited jello
- Feb. 20: Beef enchilada, Spanish rice, refried beans, salsa & sour cream, green salad, pears & yogurt
- Feb. 25: Chicken pot pie, green salad, pineapple & cottage cheese
- Feb. 26: Chicken tortilla soup, fresh fruit, green salad, sour cream, salsa, corn, tortilla chips
- Feb. 27: Breakfast Favorites: Biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, veggie tray, fresh fruit, yogurt

Colyer herefords win in Fort Worth

It was a family affair earlier this month for the Colyers of Bruneau at the Fort Worth National Hereford Show.

Colyer Herefords showed the reserve grand champion polled bull, and the children of Kyle and Bobby Jean Colyer exhibited the champion polled female.

The winners were announced on Feb. 3 as part of the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo

in Texas.

C SULL Who Maker 9262 ET, co-owned by Bruneau’s Colyer Herefords, won polled spring calf honors before being named reserve grand champion polled bull. The calf is also owned by Sullivan Farms in Dunlap, Iowa.

C Double Your Miles 6007 ET was the polled female show champion. Piper and Cruz Colyer showed the animal,

which also captured the polled junior yearling female championship.

The American Hereford Association announced the show winners in a press release.

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County DMV closures planned

Marsing branch shuttered a couple hours Thursday

Training sessions will close Owyhee County Division of Motor Vehicles offices over the next month. The first closure affects only the Marsing branch as Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey Phillips is scheduled to hold a county personnel handbook training session from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., on Thursday. The DMV office at 19 Reich St., should reopen after the training for regular business.

All DMV offices — Marsing, Murphy and Grand View — will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, March 18-19 for Idaho Transportation Department-led computer software training. County Assessor Toni Gruenwald said the state agency is getting ready to launch a new computer program. The two-day March closure means driver's license and automobile title and registration services will be available in Grand View for only two days that week (March 16-17). DMV offices statewide will be closed on June 12 as the new ITD software is uploaded.



Owyhee County is working on a plan to pave the parking lot for the new community center at the fairgrounds in Homedale. Lincoln Day attendees had to dodge mud and puddles Monday.

Wilder man finally sentenced for walking while drunk

A Wilder man was sentenced on a misdemeanor charge of pedestrian under the influence 15 months after his arrest. Oscar E. Cardenas originally was charged with misdemeanor driving under the influence when Homedale Police officers arrested him on Oct. 23, 2018. During a Jan. 29 hearing Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington ordered Cardenas to pay \$235 in fines and \$315 in court costs. Cardenas entered a guilty plea to the pedestrian under the influence charge as well as a misdemeanor count of resisting a peace officer on the same day of his sentencing. The original charge of misdemeanor DUI was amended as part of a plea deal. He had

originally pled not guilty to DUI and the resisting charge in an Oct. 23, 2018 appearance before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober. According to court documents, Cardenas was observed driving erratically down an alley between Idaho and Owyhee avenues at 2:10 a.m., on Oct. 23, 2018. Police stopped the pickup Cardenas was driving in front of a bar and, according to the police report, had difficulty getting the man to comply to orders. After a judge granted a warrant for a blood draw, Cardenas' blood-alcohol concentration registered at .130. He spent two days in jail after his arrest.

County credit card limits bumped

Community center lot could be paved soon

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners has increased the credit card limits for various county officials. The commissioners passed a resolution at its Feb. 10 meeting, approving slight increases for most credit card limits. The limit for all elected officials was previously set at \$1,500. All elected officials, except for the sheriff, now have a credit limit of \$2,000. This includes the county commissioners, clerk, assessor, treasurer, and prosecutor. Sheriff Perry Grant's credit limit was increased to \$4,000, while Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman's limit is now \$3,000, and backcountry supervisor Sgt. Kenny Hoagland now has a credit card limit of \$2,500. The OCSO credit limits have been increased partly because of the need to purchase large quantities of ammunition, security equipment, vehicle parts, tires, and other items, according to Owyhee County Treasurer Annette Dygert. Department heads (Planning and Zoning, building department, and road and bridge districts) and sheriff's deputies have credit limits of \$1,000.

Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell said that credit cards are typically used for travel expenses, but she commonly uses her card for purchasing supplies from Amazon for the courthouse. "It's minimal stuff, but if you're travelling, it can add up fast," she said, adding that the increased travel needs for OCSO supervisors necessitating the uniquely higher limits. Each person with a card signs a document each year explaining that the card is for county business only. Itemized receipts must be submitted for all transactions. The county is developing a plan with engineering firm Civil Dynamics to build a paved and lined parking lot adjacent to the Owyhee County Community Center on the fairgrounds in Homedale. The plan calls for a parking lot and sidewalks, including handicap parking, on the south side of the community center at 423 W. Nevada Ave. The current lot is dirt and is enclosed by a fence. According to Civil Dynamics engineer Kirby Cook, the plan calls for 58 to 62 parking spots and will go out to bid in the next month.

OCSO to get RBS funds The Idaho State Parks and Recreation has allocated

\$26,542 in Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) funds for fiscal year 2020. The sheriff's office made an online application for the grant. A 50 percent match from the county brings the total RBS grant budget to \$39,813. The estimated budget includes:

- Law enforcement personnel salaries — \$25,000
- Law enforcement training or instructor costs — \$1,500
- Boat safety education training or instructor costs — \$750
- Equipment and supplies (other than fuel) — \$2,000
- Fuel for patrol vehicles — \$6,500
- Boat safety education equipment and supplies — \$550
- Navigational aids — \$550
- Repairs and/or maintenance — \$2,963

According to the grant application, OCSO's highest priorities for maritime law enforcement are boater safety, including safety classes and educating the public at boat ramps, patrol and assistance, and enforcement and compliance of state boating laws. The sheriff's office is planning a free boater safety class in Marsing in March. Statewide, county RBS funds totaled \$720,000, a 12.5 percent increase.

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Todd Gluch feeds wedding cake to his wife Shelley during a long overdue wedding reception, which took place on Valentine's Day nearly 16 years after they were married. Photos by Gayle Batt

Valentine's dinner theater fetes Jordan Valley's married couples

High school play shares spotlight with special wedding redux

The Jordan Valley High School Drama class made sure that Friday's Valentine's Day dinner theater was a night to remember.

Prior to its production of Tara Echave's original play, "Welcome to Clearview," the school's Drama class provided a tri-tip dinner and all the fixings, and more than 100 people paid \$20 for adults and \$10 for children to enjoy it. The rest of the menu included beans, potatoes, Brussels sprouts, chocolate-covered strawberries and French bread.

During dinner, the attendees took time to take in wedding dresses, pictures and individual wedding stories of couples within the community, all of which were on display inside the school's old gymnasium.

One couple — Todd and Shelley Gluch — had a unique evening.

Todd and Shelley sent only a copy of their marriage license because that's all they had from their nuptials in Reno on March 20, 2004. There was no cake, dress or presents.

But the Drama class got together to make Valentine's Day even more special, purchasing a wedding cake from local resident Ann Stephens to present to the couple. The students also took the couple's "official" wedding photo, almost 16 years later.

The wedding cake served as dessert for the crowd.

Kaitlyn Stoddart was also celebrated with her own birthday cake. The crowd serenaded her with the birthday song, too.

Besides Todd and Shelley, other couples highlighted with wedding mementos around the gym included Ray and Nancy Tuttle, Tom and Barbara Moore, Tony and Mary Lequerica, Robert and Vicki McConnell, Willy and Raime Stoddart, Pook and Marcia Eiguren, Jon and Tara Echave, Shaun and Bubba Lequerica, Cliff and Alyce Gunderson, Steeler and Meagan Gray, Clint and Laurie Fillmore, Ralph and Kay Fillmore, Mark and Diana Fillmore, Tom and Anita Gluch, Vern and Bonnie Kershner, Randy and Sarah Carson, and John and Bobbi Stoddart.

Friday's play featured the five enrolled Drama students — Chase Easterday, Cassity Gluch, Tayler Eiguren, Kaylee Stoddart, and Abby Green — but there were many more actors



Jordan Valley High School senior Kort Skinner played the sheriff in Friday's dinner theater.

enlisted to help make the Valentine's-themed play a success.

The cast and their characters included:

Green — Mrs. Granger, a new teacher from the city at the rural school

Eiguren — Mrs. Charlton, Clearview's laid-back principal; and Rawhide, a lovestruck teenager trying to get a girlfriend

Gluch — Willy, the 30-year-old simple and hard-working custodian; and Jessa, a smart, talkative student who is the head of the Clearview High class

Kort Skinner — Young local sheriff

Stoddart — Clara, a shy student loved by all the boys

Easterday — Warren a rambunctious, normal, rural teenager

Don Youren — Chip, a full-of-life and redneck-as-they-come teenager

Blaise Warn — Slim, a quiet, thin, nice, young student

Sandy Brown — Suzie, a vibrant, engaging student

Becky Mackenzie — Mrs. Smith, Rawhide's mother

Birch Eiguren — Mr. Smith, Rawhide's father

Jayden Skinner — Cow, and James the Mouse

Alex Williams — Cow, and Oliver the Mouse

Austynn Johnsrud — Ava the Mouse

Kyndra Williams — Boomer the Mouse

Public hearing is next big step in RS 2477 validation

The governing boards of two rural highway districts will convene with county commissioners Tuesday in the next step of the lengthy RS 2477 right-of-way validation process.

Commissioners from the Gem Highway District, the Three Creek Good Road District and the Board of County Commissioners have passed resolutions on their intention to validate public rights-of-way across public land managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

A joint hearing on the resolutions will be held at 9 a.m., on Tuesday inside Courtroom 2 at the county courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78 in Murphy.

The public is invited to attend the meeting to give testimony either in support or against the rights-of-way validations.

The hearing will include county commissioners and Gem Highway District com-

missioners in person, while the Three Creek commissioners will attend telephonically.

At some point in time after the hearing, the three governing boards will determine whether or not to validate the series of proposed rights-of-way.

Maps and other documentation supporting the rights-of-way resolutions may be viewed at the county Planning and Zoning office, 17069 Basey St., in Murphy. The office inside the courthouse annex is open from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The maps are also available on the county website at www.owyheecounty.net.

The county has undertaken the validation process for nearly a decade.

Once the rights-of-way are finalized, the next step could be filing in U.S. District Court to seek ratification of those rights-of-way under federal law.

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25 years ago

Feb. 22, 1995

Marsing MS hires new counselor

Marsing Middle School’s new counselor, Marty Murray, has hit the ground running.

Murray officially joined the school’s staff at the Marsing School District’s last meeting — almost immediately after completing her master’s degree at Albertson College of Idaho last semester.

She’s started working with children in small groups that suffer from special problems like divorce, anger, etc.

She’s also started coordinating her efforts with those of the counselors at Marsing Elementary School and Marsing High School.

Marsing Middle School’s previous counselor, Jim Wilson, quit after working at the school for less than a semester for personal reasons.

Grand View utility office closes

Five customers in five months are too few to maintain regular office hours, according to Gem State Utilities Commission.

The commission recently allowed the utilities company to close their Grand View office because of a lack of walk-in customers.

Help will still be available for the approximately 800 customers in the Grand View area, however, simply by calling a toll-free number that will be provided later. The PUC said customers can simply call the number and set up an appointment with an area supervisor to have the problem resolved.

Homedale students tour the stars

The Homedale Elementary School media center was a very big place last week, encompassing the night sky of the entire northern hemisphere.

Students and staff at Homedale Elementary were treated to a visit by one of the Discovery Center of Idaho’s traveling planetariums, which elicited oohs and ahs from both students and teachers before it was disassembled on Friday.

Resembling nothing so much as a large silver igloo, the planetarium was made of a plastic tarp-like material and filled with air from a high-speed fan. Two tubes stretched outward from the structure’s central cavity: one housed the fan, while the other served as an entrance.

Entering the planetarium was a mystical ritual that began with the removal of one’s shoes.

The show began as school librarian Merle Malmberg dimmed the lights and everyone’s eyes adjusted to the darkness.

“Thousands of years ago,” Malmberg said, “people used to look up at the stars, and they saw shapes in the stars, and they made up stories about those shapes.”

The planetarium was brought to the school through a grant won by Sherri Klug, COSSA’s gifted and talented instructor.

HHS Science Club “beats the big boys”

Graphing calculators sure aren’t in short supply in the math and science classrooms at Homedale High School, at least not after the BSU Science Day recently held at Boise State University.

Students from a number of schools competed in scientific competitions in a broad range of categories, and Hewlett-Packard donated a graphing calculator worth \$150 to \$200 to the winners in each event.

Homedale students came home with five calculators: one each for Andrea Haskett, Michelle Wong, David Vance, Joe Sibert, and Chris George.

50 years ago

Feb. 19, 1970



MRS. FRANK MATTESON, right, is candidate for Exemplar Queen from Xi Alpha Delta chapter, and Mrs. Larry Schimmels, left, is candidate for Ritual of Jewels Queen from Alpha Phi chapter, in the annual Valentine Queens contest of Beta Sigma Phi sorority. Queens chosen for the Boise Valley will be announced at the Valentine Ball to be held Saturday evening at the Elks Ballroom in Boise.

Births

Teresa Irene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Uranga, Jr., was born Feb. 7.

Five Trojan matmen compete in State tournament

Tim Felty at 178 is Homedale’s lone champion in the District B wrestling tourney held at Parma Friday and Saturday. Trojan runner-ups include Bent Grow at 110 and Delwyn Ethington at 188 while Mark Holloday at 101 and Carey Inouye at 126 placed third. All five Trojan matmen will be competing in the State tournament at Rexburg this weekend, Feb. 19-21

Other Trojan finalists from the Friday evening competition were Wilson, 118; Grow, 110; Gonzales, 148; Tolsma, 158.

Team scoring on Saturday evening found Parma as champs of the tourney with New Plymouth as “runner-up”, Middleton in third place and Homedale, fourth, followed by Cambridge.

Ron Cegnar cited for leadership in service

PFC. Ron Cegnar was cited for outstanding aptitude and attention to duty displayed during Advanced Infantry Training at Fort Ord, Calif. In recognition of his outstanding leadership and exemplary performance of his assigned duty, PFC. Cegnar was selected as the Outstanding Trainee Leader of A. Company, 1st Battalion, 2nd AIT, Brigade.

Before entering the service in Sept., 1969, Cegnar completed his Masters of Science degree in Agriculture Economics at the University of Idaho. He is now en route to Ft. Belvoir, Va., where he will enter the Officer Candidate School of Engineering. Ron is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cegnar of Homedale.

Trojans look toward district hoop tourney

Homedale’s basketball team lost to New Plymouth on their court Tuesday evening by a score of 67-61, leaving them with an 8-2 record for the conference season and 16-3 overall.

The Trojans defeated Fruitland last Friday, 64-54 in a home game. Paul Pearson led the scoring in both games.

Homedale will meet Marsing on the home floor Tuesday evening for the final game before the District Tournament at Caldwell High School, Feb. 25-28 and March 5-7.

145 years ago

Feb. 20, 1875

DISAPPOINTED.-

A certain young man of Silver City concluded to have a sleighride to Wagontown last night. He is a good boy and thinks a great deal of his mother. So, he invited his maternal relative to take a ride with him, thinking of course, that she would decline, which would permit him to extend the invitation to a certain young lady. Judge of the young man’s astonishment, however, when his mother told him she would go. With frustrated hopes and under-jaw hanging down about a foot, he went off and hitched up the team.

AWKWARD.-

That was a blush-bringing predicament into which a young man got in a Silver City drug store yesterday. A couple of ladies entered the establishment, and the aforesaid young man arose from his seat and commenced bowing and scraping in the most approved style, with the chair dangling to his coat-tails. A bottle of whisky in his behind coat pocket had slipped between the slats of the chair and was the cause of the animated appearance of that piece of furniture when the young man arose to his feet.

DOWN ON HIM.-

The “green-eyed monster” is rampant among the bachelors of Reynolds Creek, because a gallant knight of the ribbons persists in “declaring his intentions” to a certain pretty widow down there. They are afraid that he will carry her off, and they don’t like it a bit — in fact, they are “down on” him.

GOING TO SOUTH MOUNTAIN.-

Dr. Newsom will leave for South Mountain tomorrow or next day. He goes on professional business and will tarry in that camp several days. Our South Mountain neighbors will find the doctor to be a very pleasant gentleman, and if they want anything done in the dentistry line, he will be on hand next Monday.

OWYHEE WEATHER.-

It commenced snowing here about dark last night, but soon turned into drizzling rain and sleet, which was kept up at intervals during the night. It was cloudy this morning but is clear and pleasant this afternoon. At 2 P.M. the mercury stands at 55° above zero.

NO OYSTERS.-

The members of the Silver City Dancing Club, ladies included, voted on the bivalve question last night, and almost unanimously decided not to have an oyster stand open at the Hall during the dancing hours of the Club. We are glad that the “vexed question” has been amicably settled.

A SOUTH MOUNTAIN correspondent informs the Boise Statesman that “parties in Silver City are talking of investing some money in establishing” a newspaper out there. We do not believe that parties in Silver propose to do any such thing, altho’ South Mountain will doubtless have a newspaper next summer.

FERRY-BOAT PURCHASE.-

The ferry-boat, which was put in at the Reynolds Creek crossing on Snake River, below the Fruit & Morgan Ferry, has been purchased by Perry Munday, and will cease running until he obtains a license for it, the Fruit & Morgan boat being sufficient to accommodate all the travel.

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Mansisor family wants to save St. Hubert’s

School district now owns Homedale church



The city block that St. Hubert’s anchors is adjacent to Homedale High School and now owned by the Homedale School District.

With the future of St. Hubert’s Catholic Church up in the air, a Homedale family has launched a fundraiser to preserve the building at the corner of East Owyhee Avenue and 1st Street North.

Late last week, Susan Mansisor started a Facebook fundraiser in an effort to raise enough money to move the church from its present location to the Mansisor farm.

The Homedale School District purchased the St. Hubert’s property, stretching from 1st Street to 2nd Street North, last year. The plan is to use the vacant lot to the east as parking and possibly the rectory as classrooms. But it was unclear if the church could be used.

Joe Mansisor recently approached the district about acquiring the church, according to district transportation and maintenance director Dan Aberasturi’s report for the school board’s Feb. 10 meeting.

“In an effort to preserve St.

Hubert’s Catholic Church and save it from being demolished, we contacted the new owner (and asked) if we can move it, can we have it?” Susan Mansisor wrote on the Facebook fundraiser page.

“After a few weeks we heard back, and the answer was yes.”

The Mansisors want to preserve the church because, as stated on the fundraiser page, the local parish has been a place of worship for the community, including the Mansisor family, for several generations.

“Many took their first Communion there, (were) baptized there, and have many great memories at St. Hubert’s, as did our family,” Susan wrote.

The fundraiser came about after the family discovered how much it would cost to move the building four miles to the Ray and Mary Louise Mansisor Farm.

According to the Facebook page, it will cost up to \$55,000 to relocate the church, including between \$25,000 and \$30,000 to move the building (including

removal and replacement of power lines) and \$25,000 for the concrete foundation.

An excavation company will provide the ground work and foundation preparation as a donation, the post said.

Mansisor’s donation page said that anyone donating \$100 will have a personalized engraved paver brick placed in a new walkway.

If at least half of the amount is raised through donations, the Mansisor family will provide a 50/50 match, according to the post.

“This church is our communities’ history, our families’ memories and our family wants to keep the church available to our community to visit, standing proud and cherished for years to come,” Mansisor wrote in the post.

The church will be placed on the property near an existing pond. Landscaping and a picnic table would be added.

“Mansisor Farms does not intend to charge anyone to come visit and enjoy the church,” the post said.

— JPB

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Red-hot Rimrock returns to State

Rimrock High School is on a girls' basketball roll the likes of which haven't been seen in 16 years.

The Raiders used turnovers and stingy rebounding Friday to win the 1A, Div. I District III championship with a 42-16 thrashing of Liberty Charter.

Sintia Varela matched the Patriots' point total with 16 points at Columbia High School in Nampa.

Rimrock (23-1), which extended its current win streak to nine games, qualified for the 1A, Div. I Real Dairy Shootout state tournament for the fourth consecutive year with coach and alumnus Kyla Jewett at the helm.

A string like that harkens to the Raiders' heyday under the guidance of the late Bob Delle.

With Delle handling the clipboard, Rimrock set a record with a 50-game winning streak, including a 26-0 state championship season in 2003-04.

This year's 23 victories are the most since Delle's 2005-06 team used a 22-game winning streak to build a 25-2 record.

Collecting the third-most victories since the 2003-04 season, Rimrock has won 20 games for the second

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1A, Div. I state tournament

(At Columbia H.S., Nampa)

Thursday's games

Game 1 — Raft River (13-9) vs. Prairie (17-4), 1:15 p.m.

Game 2 — Grace (18-3) vs. Liberty Charter (16-8), 3 p.m.

Game 3 — Lapwai (22-1) vs. Riverstone International (14-7), 6:15 p.m.

Game 4 — Rimrock (23-1) vs. Genesee (17-9), 8 p.m.



Marsing High School junior Luke Ankeny puts up a three-point attempt with Melba's Trey Wilson defending late in last Wednesday's game.

Huskies win first conference title in 30 years

Tiebreaker gives Marsing top seed after loss to Melba

Despite securing the school's first boys' basketball conference championship in 30 years, Marsing High School limped its way to the top seed in the 2A District III Tournament.

The Huskies (15-6 overall, 8-4 2A Western Idaho Conference) had been victorious 11 straight times before they fell short in the final three games of the regular season.

Marsing begins its quest for a district championship, and a return to the 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament, against fourth-seeded New Plymouth in a district semifinal at 6 p.m. today.

A win tonight at Vallivue High School in

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Big quarter puts Trojans in district semis

With Parma win in pocket, Homedale set for Weiser trip

Homedale High School takes on Weiser in the 3A District III boys' basketball semifinals Saturday.

The Trojans nailed down the No. 3 seed — and bypassed the play-in game — with a 60-41 blowout of 3A Snake River Valley conference foe Parma on Senior Night in Homedale on Friday.

Homedale pulled away after a tough go through most of the first half. Freshman Jaxon Dines' jump shot 25 seconds before halftime snapped a 21-21 tie, and senior Spencer Fisher fired in a three-pointer with 10 seconds left in the second quarter to start the rout.

Homedale (9-12 overall) blew open the game with a 21-10 run through the third quarter and notched 39 of the game's final 59 points.

Seniors Arnulfo Llamas and Nelson Lomeli scored 15 and 12 points, respectively, as the Trojans secured at semifinal date on the second-

— See *Trojans*, back page

Collett sticks close to home, joins Coyotes

Less than a decade ago, a football talent like Jake Collett moving on to college would mean his parents would be on the road for hours just see him play.

But, after the speedy linebacker inked his letter of intent on Feb. 10, he's set to play for The College of Idaho. Dan and Melinda Collett will be able to just pop

over to Simplot Stadium in Caldwell for half of the season.

"It was close to home, and they seemed really excited about having me," the Homedale High School two-way All-3A Snake River Valley conference first-teamer and Shrine All-Star said.

Since the reinstatement of the Coyotes'

program seven years ago, local high school players have had the opportunity to stay close to home, play college football and continue their education. Collett, who is at least the fourth HHS athlete to give it a go with C of I, will major in Physical

— See *Collett*, page 2B

Sports

Rimrock boys halt skid to end regular season

Rimrock High School completed a charge to the end of the boys' basketball regular season Thursday. The Raiders beat Compass Charter in the 1A Western Idaho Conference finale for both teams. The 55-44 victory in Meridian snapped a two-game losing streak and gave Rimrock its fourth win in the past six games. No statistics were reported. The Raiders (6-13 overall, 5-5 in conference) earned the No. 7 seed with the victory. Rimrock played host to No. 10 Greenleaf Friends Academy (3-10 overall) in a 1A, Div. I District III Tournament play-in game on Tuesday after deadline. A win over the Grizzlies, who won twice in 10 conference games this season, would put the Raiders into the double-elimination portion of the tournament. Rimrock's next challenge would be a road game at 7 p.m., on Thursday against No. 2 Liberty Charter (13-8) in Nampa.

✓ Collett: Plenty of NFL experience available to coach up recruit at C of I

From Page 1B Education. The job that C of I head coach Mike Moroski has done building the program into a national quarterfinalist only added to Collett's delight in being recruited by the hometown team. "This dude built a program in, like, four years, and it's one of the best programs in the league," Collett said. "They've got a great program that's been doing phenomenal for the past couple years," Collett said. "The facilities are awesome, the equipment manager is top of things, the field is awesome, and they have a great weight room."

Collett suspects he'll play safety when he gets on the field with the Coyotes, which will be a new challenge. He'll have the opportunity to read and react to the quarterback after spending his high school career in a set defense and calling out formations as a



Jake Collett signs his letter of intent to play football at The College of Idaho as his family looks on, including (from left) grandmother Nina Collett, mother Melinda Collett, and father Dan Collett (far right).

linebacker. "Just the way their defense is, I'm excited and ready to try something different," he said. Collett's position coach is Shiloh Keo, who earned an MVP award when the University of Idaho won a Humanitarian Bowl. He also played seven seasons in the NFL with four teams, winning a Super Bowl championship with the Denver Broncos in 2016. A coach like Keo is one of the reasons Collett zeroed in on C of I, even as Eastern Oregon University showed interest. "They're straightforward, and they really know what they're talking about," Collett said of the Coyotes' coaches. The College of Idaho also had another edge over its

rival in La Grande — other than proximity to the Collett household. Collett has experience on the Simplot Stadium artificial turf, practicing there each of the past two seasons as the Trojans prepared for their 3A Milk Bowl state championship appearances. The speedy Collett, who runs a 4.45-second 40-yard dash, likes the turf because of its sure footing, but there is one drawback. "It hurts when you fall," he said. But the Simplot Stadium turf will now be his home field. He'll be reunited with former HHS teammate Clayton Wolfe, and his family will be able to sit in the stands each Saturday. And Collett likes it that way. "If anything happens, I'm right there, just in case I need my family," he said. — JPB

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Jaxon Dines, fr., G
Went 13-for-24, averaging 18 points in two games



Wrestling
Kaydince Turner, 132 pounds
Savannah Turner, 129 pounds



Wrestling
Saturday, Feb. 22, home for 3A District III Tournament, 9 a.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
3A District III Tournament
Saturday, Feb. 22 at Weiser, semifinal, 7 p.m.
If win Saturday: Tuesday, Feb. 25, championship game vs. TBA, Treasure Valley CC, Ontario, Ore., 8:15 p.m.
If lose Saturday: Thursday, Feb. 27, second-place game vs. TBA, TVCC, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity
3A Snake River Valley conference tournament (In Fruitland)
Wednesday, Feb. 19, semifinal vs. No. 2 seed, 7:30 p.m.
If win Wednesday: Friday, championship vs. TBA, 7 p.m.
Frosh-soph
3A Snake River Valley conference tournament (In Fruitland)
If won Monday's play-in game: Wednesday, Feb. 19, semifinal vs. No. 1 seed, 6 p.m.
If win Monday and Wednesday: Friday, Feb. 20, championship vs. TBA, 5:30 p.m.

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Two titles send HHS to fifth at girls’ state

Turner siblings prevail on Pocatello mat

The Turner sisters collected championships as Homedale High School placed fifth at Saturday’s Idaho Girls’ Wrestling Invitational.

The Trojans took only three athletes to the Pocatello tournament and scored 48 points against teams that traveled several more wrestlers.

Of the top five teams, only fourth-place Timberline had fewer wrestlers with three, who scored 54 points.

Tournament champion Columbia brought nine wrestlers, and runner-up Caldwell entered 15 athletes. Minico, which finished third, had six on the mats.

Juniors Savannah Turner (129 pounds) and Kaydince

Turner (132) captured championships for coach Jake Levinski’s HHS squad.

Kaydince (31-10) needed just 53 seconds to pin Capital’s Zainab Ibrahim in their bracket’s championship match.

Savannah (28-8) dispatched Centennial’s Alexandra Crow in 1 minute, 12 seconds in another title bout.

Savannah blitzed her bracket, pinning Pocatello’s Ashley Dille in 34 seconds in the quarterfinals, and stopping semifinalist Taylor McPherson in 33 seconds.

Kaydince was similarly dominant with a 39-second pin of Aberdeen’s Tessa Woodin in the quarterfinals before wrestling into the second round before beating Minico’s Danika Cole in a semifinal at the 3:25 mark.

The Trojans’ Gracie Rottter (7-11) competed at 106 pounds.

Clay Hatfield exits as Trojans tennis coach

Spring practices begin Friday

There are late changes as Homedale High School’s spring sports teams head toward their first practices Friday.

Clay Hatfield, who was scheduled to start his first year at the helm of the Trojans’ tennis team, has resigned completely from his employment at the Homedale School District.

During its Feb. 10 meeting, the board of trustees accepted Hatfield’s resignation from his Spanish teacher position at the high school as well as from the helm of the tennis program.

District superintendent Rob Sauer said Hatfield cited ongoing health issues in his resignation letter. The former Wilder and Eagle high school teacher also pointed to his health when he stepped down as the HHS girls’ basketball coach midway through the season.

It’s not clear who will lead the tennis team in the interim as the preseason workouts begin.

“We haven’t found anyone as of now,” HHS athletic director Casey Grove said.

“The search continues.”

Jonny Lane also resigned as

junior varsity baseball coach.

A slew of volunteer coaches were approved for spring teams, including

- **Track and field** — David Correa, Brian Ashliman, Jose Ojeda, Sonya Johnson, Ember Christensen (a former Trojans athlete and daughter of head coach Bobby Christensen), Porter Romm, and Drayden Julian
- **Golf** — Tony Uranga and Annie Parker, both parents of top-flight Trojans players
- **Softball** — Steve Nash, Cary Hoshaw and Travis Kerbs

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MARSING HONORS LIFETIME HUSKIES



Paula Rhodes (holding plaque) accepted a Lifetime Husky award for her husband Stewart, who passed away in May 2017, from Marsing Mayor Chad Sevy during a special halftime ceremony of Marsing's boys' basketball game with Melba last Wednesday.

Marsing School District Board of Trustees vice-chair Jason Sevy (right) embraces his cousin, Marsing Mayor Chad Sevy, who presented him a Lifetime Husky award last Wednesday. Sevy accepted the award for his wife, Stephenie, who passed away in August. Jason and Stephenie's son Andrew was also on hand.



Huskies girls put lid on tough season

A season replete with struggles has ended for the Marsing High School girls' basketball team.

The Huskies' season ended Feb. 11 with a 58-33 loss at Nampa Christian in the 2A District III basketball tournament.

Four seniors saw their last prep action, including Autumn Bennett, Jessica Sevy, Rylee Loucks, and Leticia Garcia.

After the game with Nampa Christian, assistant coach Brandie Campbell was effusive in her praise and appreciation of the girls.

"Good luck to our seniors, Autumn, Jessica, Rylee, and Leticia," she said. "It's been an honor and pleasure getting to know and coach you. Be sure to find happiness in whatever you do."

The Huskies finished the

season at 3-20, including a sixth-place 2-10 record in the 2A Western Idaho Conference. Marsing's three wins were against Vision Charter, including a 46-9 domination in the Feb. 4 district play-in game.

Despite the loss of the team's four seniors, the Huskies should bring back a great deal of experience to next year's squad. Juniors Alana Larrusea, Jade Wainman, Hailey Christiansen, and Mazzi Roper saw extensive playing time this season, and that would likely continue into next season.

Freshman Emily Vanosdall was a big contributor late in the season for coach Gloria Nagel's team, proving a viable scoring option.

Here are the Huskies who stepped up against Nampa Christian, which is coached by Marsing resident Jaime Wood

(a former Huskies coach) and features his daughter Jessie:

Bennett led the team with her 16 points, while pulling down four rebounds, and swatting away a team-high five shots.

Sevy scored just three points in her final game but tied Larrusea with eight boards.

Wainman finished second on the team with five points. She also had five rebounds and a steal.

Roper pulled down seven boards to go with her two points.

Loucks scored three points, while recording a rebound, an assist, and a steal.

Garcia closed out the Huskies' scoring with two points.

Christiansen was responsible for two rebounds, one assist and one steal.

— TK



Jordan Valley senior Trevor Fillmore takes a shot in Saturday's 74-58 Senior Night victory over Long Creek/Ukiah. Photo by Diana Fillmore

Other scores

- Boys' basketball**
Adrian (11-11, 5-4)
Friday — Prairie City 87, Antelopes 55
Note — 1A High Desert League season finale
Thursday — Antelopes 71, Harper Charter 16
- Jordan Valley (16-7, 7-2)**
Saturday — Mustangs 74, Long Creek/Ukiah 58
Note — 1A High Desert League season finale
Friday — Mustangs 58, Dayville/Monument 39
- Girls' basketball**
Adrian (8-15, 5-3)
Friday — Prairie City 50, Antelopes 46
Note — 1A High Desert League season finale
Thursday — Antelopes 47, Harper Charter 31
- Jordan Valley (17-7, 7-1)**
Saturday — Mustangs 65, Long Creek/Ukiah 25
Note — 1A High Desert League season finale
Friday — Mustangs 54, Dayville/Monument 22

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Raiders JV take 2nd at conference tourney

Rimrock High School's junior varsity boys' basketball team finished second in Saturday's conference tournament.

The third-seeded Raiders fell to The Ambrose School, 44-38, in the 1A Western Idaho Conference tournament final on the Aviators' home floor in Meridian.

Rimrock moved into the championship game with a 47-43 win earlier Saturday against Victory Charter of Caldwell.

• Rimrock's junior high school squad, No. 3 seed from the Western Division, opens the conference tournament at 4:15 p.m., today at No. 2 East seed Horseshoe Bend.

Sports

Mustangs fall in district final

Melba boys lose opener

Melba High School’s nine-game winning streak and district championship hopes ended Thursday, but coach David Lenz’s club is still heading to the dance.

Second-seeded Cole Valley Christian pulled off a 45-32 victory in the 2A District III championship game at Vallivue High School in Caldwell. No statistics were provided.

The Mustangs (19-3 overall) were already guaranteed a ticket into the 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament, but Thursday’s game determined seeding in the tournament that starts Thursday at Kuna High School.

Melba will close the afternoon session with a 3 p.m. tipoff against District II champion Grangeville (18-4).

Cole Valley Christian (19-4) draws District V runner-up Bear Lake (17-8) at 6:15 p.m.

New Plymouth (18-6) is the district’s No. 3 seed and will open the tournament against District V champion Soda Springs (22-2) at 1:15 p.m.

Soda Springs is the reigning state champion, having beaten Melba in the state final last year.

Boys

Melba High School fell into the losers’ bracket of the 2A District III boys’ basketball tournament Saturday.

Fourth-seeded New Plymouth edged the No. 5 Mustangs, 48-45, to reach today’s semifinals at Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

No statistics from Saturday’s first-round game were reported.

Melba (13-8) next plays Tuesday at 7 p.m., in a loser-out game against either No. 2 Cole Valley Christian or No. 3 McCall-Donnelly. The Chargers and Vandals play in today’s late



Melba’s Trey Wilson puts up a contested layup against Marsing’s Merrick Hall late in last Wednesday’s game.

semifinal (7:30 p.m.) New Plymouth takes on top-seeded Marsing at 6 p.m.

Feb. 10: Melba 69, Vision Charter 38 — Michael Huntsman rang in with a steady performance last week in the Mustangs’ final 2A Western Idaho Conference home game.

Huntsman put in nine points and grabbed nine rebounds in the hosts’ win against conference cellar-dweller Vision Charter of Caldwell.

Senior guard Dillon Bodily and sophomore guard Joe Reiber scored 13 points apiece for Melba.

The Golden Eagles got a game-high 22 points from Xzavier Perry.

Huskies bring solid team to district meet

After a two-week break, the Marsing High School wrestling team will hit the mats at the 2A District III tournament at 10 a.m., on Saturday in Garden Valley.

The Huskies last grappled on Saturday, Feb. 8, in the own Marsing POD tournament.

Seven teams will compete at the district tournament, according to Trackwrestling.com, including the host team, Marsing, Melba, McCall-Donnelly, Nampa Christian, New Plymouth, and Notus.

The break has given Marsing an opportunity to rest up some of its athletes, including 170-pounder Isai Arriaga, who has been nursing a knee ailment, and 220-pounder Jedidiah Fuentes, who suffered a cut during competition.

Arriaga hopes to continue his domination on the mat, having won four gold medals on the season. The junior has lost just once this season,

in the Magic Valley Classic championship final to Declo’s Derek Matthews in January.

“The (2A Western Idaho Conference) is really tough this year,” Marsing coach Jon Nelson said. “(The team) is going to have to wrestle hard to qualify for State.”

Vying for one of three automatic berths in each weight class are:

- **120** — Matthew Goins and Troy Miller
- **126** — Evan Miller
- **132** — Jonathan Ineck
- **138** — Jaristian Fuentes and Justin Ineck
- **170** — Arriaga
- **182** — Harlee Liles
- **195** — Jacob Goins and Edgar Flores
- **220** — Jedidiah Fuentes
- **285** — James Lafleur

The 2A wrestling state championship meet will take place Feb. 28-29 at Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

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MARSING HUSKIES

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Boys’ basketball
True Shippy, sr., G
Begins play in final district tourney tonight

Girls’ basketball
Mazzi Roper, jr., G
2 points, 7 rebounds at Nampa Christian

Wrestling
Jonathan Ineck, so., 132
Marsing POD runner-up earlier this month

Girls’ basketball
Varsity
Season complete— 3-20 record

Wrestling
Saturday, Feb. 22 at 1A/2A District III Tournament, Garden Valley, 10 a.m.

Boys’ basketball
Varsity
2A District III Tournament
(At Vallivue H.S., Caldwell)
Wednesday, Feb. 19, semifinal vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m.
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Junior varsity A
Season complete

Junior varsity B
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Commentary

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On the edge of common sense Shoein’ Pigeye

“Just count me out,” said Wilford as he lay there in the dirt, A shoein’ rasp behind his ear, a hoof print on his shirt. “I’ll handle this,” said Freddie, “You jus’ git outta the way. “This sorry bag of buzzard bait has met his match today.”

The horse weren’t much to look at, just the kind a trader’d buy But you knew that he’d be trouble when you looked him in the eye. It was small and mean and glittered, as deep as Jacob’s well, Like lookin’ down the smoke stack of the furnace room in Hell.

Freddie grabbed a set of nippers and bent to grab a hoof. When he woke up... his shoein’ chaps were danglin’ from the roof. His shirttail hung in tatters and his watch had come unwound. The nipper’s orbit finally peaked. They clattered to the ground.

“Go get a twitch,” said Freddie, “I’m about to clean his clock.” He tied a rope around his neck and fished it past the hock Then pulled back on the sideline to instill a little fear When Pigeye bit a good-sized chunk from Wilford’s offside ear.

Wilford tangled in the sideline and tried to navigate While draggin’ ’round the horse corral like alligator bait. Freddie tried to stop this trollin’ with a loop around the head, And it mighta worked if Freddie’d only roped the horse instead.

But, of course, he caught poor Wilford, who left a funny track Sorta like an oil slick, when Freddie jerked the slack. By now the boys were testy and tired of this travail They figgered they’d be done by noon, but they’d not drove a nail.

“Go git the boss’s Humvee! We’ll winch him to a post.” They got the cayuse necked up tight, and set to work ... almost ’Cause the halter broke and Pigeye walked the length of Freddie’s back. They rolled beneath the axle like two lovers in the sack.

Freddie heard the sound of gunfire like a thousand amplifiers, “I’ve got the sucker pinned down, Fred, I shot out all the tires!” It was dark when Wilford stood up and laid his hammer down A gross of crooked horseshoe nails lay scattered all around.

The place looked like a cross between the tomb of Gen’ral Grant And a Puppy Chow explosion at the Alpo Dog Food plant! Wilford couldn’t move his elbow, but he grinned and proudly said, “Ol’ pard, we done a good day’s work,” to what was left of Fred.

Freddie crawled out from the wreckage and staggered to one knee, “What say we wait till mornin’ to put on the other three ... ?”

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black books, CDs and DVDs. His latest book is “A Commotion in Rhyme.” When you order the new book, be sure to tell them you learned about it in The Owyhee Avalanche.

Letter to the editor

Zito right to try to end Daylight Saving Time

I wish to comment on Christy Zito’s effort to end Daylight Saving Time. I fully agree with her effort. I’d like to see Daylight Saving Time outlawed completely. When Daylight Saving Time is put into effect early in the spring, children got to school in the dark. I’ve seen when Daylight Saving started, some people would be an hour late for church, and when it ended some would be an hour early for church. Some years ago, North and South Dakota and Iowa would stay on Standard Time, and Minnesota would go on Daylight Time. This fouled up truckers’ schedules. Someone said Daylight Time is like the Native American who cut one end off his blanket and saved it on the other end to make the blanket longer. My brother calls it “daylight wasting time.” Herb Killam Wilder

Election letters

The Owyhee Avalanche will accept letters to the editor pertaining to the May 19 primary election until noon on Friday, May 8. The usual letters to the editor guidelines apply, including letters must be no more than 300 words and letters must include contact information, including a phone number, of the letter-writer. Submit by:

- Email to jon@owyheeavalanche.com
- Fax to (208) 337-4867
- Mail to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
- Or drop off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale

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

From Washington Wide range of legislation introduced to benefit Idahoans

An important part of representing Idahoans in the U.S. Senate is keeping folks informed about legislation advancing in Congress. In December, I provided a year-end review of some legislative highlights from the first year of the 116th Congress. The following is a more detailed account of the advancement of legislation I have advocated for on behalf of Idahoans. I introduced or co-led the following bills that were enacted into law prior to the end of last year either as standalone legislation or as part of larger pieces of legislation:

Natural Resources

- The Owyhee Wilderness Areas Boundary Modifications Act, which made boundary changes for three wilderness areas in Owyhee County;
- A two-year extension of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act;

Veterans

- The Military Widow’s Tax Elimination Act of 2019 to repeal the unfair law preventing as many as 65,000 surviving military spouses nationwide from receiving their full U.S. Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs survivor benefits;
- Legislation to improve the Transition Assistance Program that provides assistance to servicemembers returning to civilian life;

Intelligence

- A measure to direct the National Counterintelligence and Security Center, in coordination with the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo

Republican (term expires 2022)

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Committee assignments — Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs (chair); Finance; and Budget

Chief deputy whip



and other interagency partners, to submit to Congress a plan for strengthening the supply chain intelligence function;

Health care

- The Protect Medical Innovation Act that would permanently repeal the medical device tax;

Tax

- Provisions to automate the system for verifying loan applicants’ incomes to enable efficient access to capital;
- Statute improving taxpayer protections against and recourse for wrongful Internal Revenue Service seizures of personal property

— See *Idahoans*, Page 7B

Commentary

Financial management

The fewer liabilities, the less life insurance you need

Dear Dave,
My husband and I are on Baby Step 3b, and we're saving for a house. We're out of debt and both of us make good money, plus we each have 20-year level term life insurance policies with coverage equaling 10 times our individual incomes. We also have an emergency fund equal to six months of expenses. I recently received a promotion at work, with a subsequent raise of \$10,000. Should I update my life insurance policy to reflect this new income?

— Maria

is how much *less* life insurance do you need?
As your income increases and you get in better and better financial shape, it's not going to be necessary to have 10 to 12 times your income wrapped up in life insurance policies. That's just a starting point.
Would your husband and any kids be well taken care of based on *your* current life insurance amount? Would you and any kids be OK based on *his* life insurance? If the answer to both questions is yes, you're good!

— Dave

Dear Maria,
I think you're OK right now. I'd evaluate it, and maybe update the amount every three or four years. But as you get out of debt and build wealth, and as the kids get older, the real question to ask yourselves

Dear Dave,
My wife and I put her two adult kids on our cellphone plan a few years ago. We thought there would be no problem because they were both paying their own bills.



DAVE Says
by Dave Ramsey • www.davesays.org

After my wife and I split up a couple of years later, we made sure everything was current, cancelled service with that company, and we all went to different providers. A debt collector called me last week saying I owed \$4,000 on 19 different devices. When I called our old provider, they

said I owed \$4,000 on nine devices. I asked for a current, itemized statement of the devices that were still out and the bill. So far, I haven't heard anything back. What do you think I should do?

— Bob

Dear Bob,
Just keep on tearing into them. This thing won't go away until you get everything completely rooted out. If you ignore it, chances are it'll bite you on things like your credit bureau report. You might even find yourself the subject of some vague lawsuit years from now.
Considering the numbers you gave me, and what you know happened with the account and the devices, it sounds like someone on their end made a clerical error. More than likely, this is a case of typical

incompetence on the part of a cellphone company.
You may have an uphill battle ahead of you, but I'd keep on shoveling until the barn gets clean. Stay on top of it, and don't let them push you into giving them money if they can't prove they're right. You may have to hire an attorney at some point to sue them and clear your name, but hopefully it won't come to that.

— 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 16 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.*

✓ Idahoans: Legislation addresses several issues in the 116th Congress

From Page 6B
in criminal investigations;

Transportation

- A five-year extension of the tax credit for railroad tax maintenance to help improve the link between our rural communities and the national freight railroad network; and
 - The Transit Infrastructure Vehicle Security Act that would prevent federal transit funds from being used by transit agencies to procure Chinese rail assets and ensure transit agencies develop and execute a cybersecurity plan.
- The Senate also advanced a number of bills I introduced or co-led that have not yet been enacted into law. As part of a larger wildlife conservation package, the Senate passed the National Fish Habitat Conservation Act, a bill I introduced to improve the availability of resources to support local fish habitat conservation efforts. Senate committees also passed the following bills I backed that await further action

by the full Senate:

Telecommunications

- The Data Analytics Robocall Technology Act that would require the Federal Communications Commission to report to Congress on the effectiveness of call blocking programs;

Energy

- The Department of Energy National Labs Jobs ACCESS Act that would prepare the next generation of American workers to work at the country's National Laboratories and the National Nuclear Security Administration by ensuring they gain the training and skills needed to succeed;
- The Nuclear Energy Leadership Act that aims to reestablish U.S. leadership in nuclear energy; and

Budget

- The Bipartisan Congressional Budget Reform Act that would provide a more orderly, deliberative budget

process focused on long-term fiscal planning.

In addition to these bills enacted into law or advanced through committee in the Senate, I have introduced and advocated for many other pieces of legislation on behalf of Idahoans. The legislation covers various topics, including bills to ensure Idahoans have access to an efficient court system; lower prescription drug prices; Second Amendment rights; quality veterans services; retirement savings; a comprehensive national energy strategy; markets for Idaho goods; and much more. I continue to work on these and many other efforts on behalf of the people of our great state as work continues in the second half of the 116th Congress.

— *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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Term expires 2022

Sports

✓ Rimrock: Raiders draw Genesee to start fourth straight state tournament

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consecutive season. The team started the 2019-20 season with 14 straight victories.

Rimrock's fourth consecutive state tournament appearance begins at 8 p.m., on Thursday back at Columbia against District II representative Genesee (17-9), which edged Butte County, 47-44, in a play-in game Saturday in Fruitland.

The Raiders locked up their second district title in the past four years with a lock-down defensive mentality.

Varela, Madie Macmillan, Dally Rutan, and Sami Jewett helped stifle the Patriots with defensive rebounds and steals off a pressing defense.

Liberty Charter rarely had a second shot on a given possession, and the Raiders steadily widened the gap.

The team expanded a 7-2 first-quarter lead with a big final eight minutes in the first half and a devastating third quarter.

Macmillan hit all four of her



Above: The Rimrock High School girls' basketball team shows off their 1A, Div. I District III championship plaque after Friday's win in Nampa. Photo by Mandi Boren Right: Hannah Field splits a pair of Liberty Charter defenders for a layup in the first half.

foul shots in the second quarter, and Varela scored four points.

But it was Varela's quick spurt in the third quarter that ended Liberty Charter's remote comeback hopes.

After Macmillan nailed a three-point goal, Varela followed up with her own long-range shot, a steal, a three-pointer and another trey.

Varela's nine points — and

the four three-pointers from the teammates — fueled a 19-4 run through the third quarter.

Liberty Charter had been neck-and-neck in the first four minutes of the second half before Varela took over the game.

"I'm looking forward to State," the junior said. "I'm excited and hoping to win it all."

Macmillan and Laura Gasper scored seven points apiece.

Grace Gerdes scored half of Liberty Charter's points, while post Madison Hodnett scored six points. Ainsley Johnson was 2-for-4 from the foul line for the rest of the Patriots' scoring.

— Grand View-Bruneau-Oreana correspondent Mandi Boren contributed to this report.



✓ Huskies: Historic championship puts Marsing one win from 2A State

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Caldwell puts the Huskies in the state tournament as both district finalists earn automatic bids.

Marsing beat New Plymouth three times this season, including during December's Truckstop.com Christmas Tournament at The College of Idaho.

New Plymouth reached the district semifinals with a 48-45 win over Melba in Saturday's first round of the district's double-elimination bracket.

Melba (13-8 overall after splitting 12 conference games) plays in a loser-out game at 7 p.m., on Tuesday on the road against either No. 2 Cole Valley Christian or No. 3 McCall-Donnelly.

Last Wednesday: Melba 46, Marsing 41 — The Huskies clawed their way back in a tough 2A WIC season finale matchup before ultimately falling.

The Mustangs' defense matched Marsing's in a rough-and-tumble battle.

Melba took control early, jumping out to a 10-point first-quarter lead, 15-5.

As the buzzer sounded to end the first half, senior wing Merrick Hall's put-back attempt rimmed out. The Huskies went into the break down 27-19.

2A District III Tournament

Friday's score

Game 1 — No. 6 Nampa Christian 55, No. 7 Vision Charter 39. (Vision Charter season ends at 1-20)

Saturday's scores

Game 2 — No. 4 New Plymouth 48, No. 5 Melba 45

Game 3 — No. 3 McCall-Donnelly 51, No. 6 Nampa Christian 40

Today's games
(At Vallivue H.S., Caldwell)

Game 4 — No. 1 Marsing (15-6) vs. No. 4 New Plymouth (14-8), 6 p.m. (winner to State)

Game 5 — No. 2 Cole Valley Christian (11-9) vs. No. 3 McCall-Donnelly (13-5), 7:45 p.m. (winner to State)

Tuesday's games

Game 6 — No. 5 Melba (13-8) at No. 2 Cole Valley Christian or No. 3 McCall-Donnelly, 7 p.m. (loser out)

Game 7 — No. 6 Nampa Christian (15-8) at No. 1 Marsing or No. 4 New Plymouth, 7 p.m. (loser out)

Feb. 27 games
(At Vallivue H.S., Caldwell)

Third place — Game 6 winner vs. Game 7 winner, 6 p.m. (winner to State)

Championship — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 7:45 p.m.

The Mustangs led 37-30 after three quarters. The Huskies then made a run, outscoring Melba 13-4, to trail just 43-41 with 2 minutes, 35 seconds left in the game.

The Huskies lost one of their best scoring options when junior Rogelio Valadez fouled out with 32 seconds left. Valadez's fifth foul came against Melba senior Easton Bunnell, who hit one of his two free throws to put his

team up 43-41.

Caleb Fong followed with a layup to give the Mustangs a 46-41 lead with 25 seconds left. Fong finished with five points and six assists.

"We had a great opportunity, but some fundamental mistakes allowed Melba to control the last 50 seconds to secure their win," Marsing coach Tim Little said.

The loss put the Huskies in a tie for the conference lead



Marsing senior Merrick Hall glides over Melba junior Henry Clark for a layup.

with Cole Valley Christian, but Marsing secured the No. 1 seed in the district tournament through a tiebreaker.

"A league championship and one-seed is special; however,

we know that this league is extremely difficult this year, and all teams (are) capable of making a run for the district title," Little said.

Post Jacob Ankeny recorded another double-double, going for 14 points and 15 rebounds against Melba. The junior also swatted away seven Mustangs shots.

Ankeny shared scoring honors with Melba's Joe Reiber, who notched 14 points and six rebounds.

Trey Wilson added 10 points and six rebounds for Melba.

Marsing's Dom Enrico supplied some offensive firepower on a good shooting night. The sophomore guard went 3-for-4 from within the three-point line and hit three of his five free throws. He finished with nine points, four assists, and two rebounds.

Senior Joaquin Oliveros, playing the final regular-season game of his prep career, scored six points on two three-pointers. He also pulled down three boards.

Valadez scored five points, and Hall added four. Hall also recorded five rebounds, four on the offensive end.

Sophomore Noel Quebrado, seeing some time since his return from a clavicle injury, scored three points.

— TK

Public notices

OWYHEE COUNTY 2020 REYNOLDS CREEK ROAD PAVING PROJECT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed BIDS for the Owyhee County—2020 REYNOLDS CREEK ROAD PAVING PROJECT will be received by Paragon Consulting, Inc., at their office located at 157 W. 4th Street, Kuna, Idaho 83634 until 2:00 p.m. local time on February 27, 2020, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

The project consists of constructing approximately 2.3 miles of a 3.5-inch thickness of asphalt paving, with a typical width of 24-feet over existing base, including:

- 2.3 miles of base preparation prior to paving.
- Approximately 6,200 tons of plant mix paving.

It is the intent of the Project Documents and Drawings to describe the work required to complete this project in sufficient detail to secure comparable bids. All parts or work not specifically mentioned which are necessary in order to provide a complete project shall be included in the bid and shall conform to all Local, State and Federal requirements.

The Work under this contract shall commence between September 1, 2020 and September 14, 2020. A Notice To Proceed date will be agreed upon between the Contractor and Owyhee County within 7 Calendar days of the issuance of the Notice of Award. Owyhee County is currently working on the Project’s roadway ballast section and, if completed ahead of schedule, the Contractor may request a Notice To Proceed date earlier than September 1, 2020. The Contractor shall achieve substantial completion within 21 calendar days of the Notice To Proceed. Once the work has started, the Contractor shall work continuously to substantially complete the work. All items will be ready for final payment within 28 calendar days of the Notice To Proceed and no later than October 11, 2020.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the Owyhee County Road & Bridge Shop located at 17129 County Shop Rd, Murphy, ID 83650 on February 20, 2020 at 2:00 P.M. local time.

There are no Federal funds utilized in this project.

The Project Documents and Drawings may be examined at the following locations:

1) Owyhee County – 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, ID 83650

2) PARAGON CONSULTING, INC. – 157 W. 4th Street, Kuna, ID 83634 (Issuing Office)

In determining the lowest responsive bid, the OWNER will consider all acceptable bids on a basis consistent with the bid package. The OWNER will also consider whether the bidder is a responsible bidder.

Before a contract will be awarded for work contemplated herein, the OWNER will conduct such investigation as is necessary to determine the performance record and ability of the apparent low bidder to perform the size and type of work specified under this Contract. Upon request, the bidder shall submit such information as deemed necessary by the OWNER to evaluate the bidder’s qualifications.

All bids must be signed and accompanied by evidence of authority to sign.

NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUANCE OF TAX DEED GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT					
P.O. Box 67 Homedale, ID 83628 Owyhee County, Idaho					
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Title 43, Chapter 7, of the Idaho State Code, on December 31, 2019, the period of redemption for delinquent entries made January 1, 2017, shall expire and the Gem Irrigation District, or its assign, shall be issued a tax deed or lien for the property described below, upon which such delinquent entries were made. The property described below may be redeemed on or before March 31, 2020, by paying to the Gem Irrigation District at its office in the City of Homedale, County of Owyhee, the delinquent assessments for which the delinquent entries were made, plus a penalty of two percent (2%) thereon, interest on the total at the rate of one percent (1%) per month from the day said delinquent entries were made until the day of redemption, and recording and publication costs. Any inquiries direct to Gem Irrigation at the above-named address.					
Person Assessed	Property Description	Year Assessed	Delinquent Assessment & Penalty	Interest to 12/31/17	Misc Costs
David Or Samantha Branin	Sec 32 T3N R4W PT SESE	2016-2017	172.71	56.35	40.89
Chasm I LLC	Sec 15 T3N R5W PT. NW¼ NE¼	2017	541.21	63.67	40.89
Kevin & Janet Grochowski	Sec 28 T3N R4W Pt.Lot 2 Larsen	2017	106.23	12.50	40.89
Harold or Judy Hyatt	Sec 33 T3N R4W Lot 5 Blk 1	2017	184.28	21.68	40.89
Wade Kirksey	Sec 33 T3N R4W Lot 1 Blk 1	2017	141.92	54.36	40.89
Ryan Kish	Sec 28 T3N R4W Pt NWSE	2016-2017	776.91	92.36	40.89
German Martinez	Sec 02 T2N R4W Pt SWSW	2016-2017	332.74	39.56	40.89
Gorden Maxwell	Sec 24 T4N R6W Pt. Lot 5 & 6	2017	187.30	22.03	40.89
Loren D. Wills	Sec 11 T2N R4W Pt Lot 4	2017	108.66	12.78	40.89
Gary Wilson	Sec 29 T3N R4W Pt NENE	2017	278.05	92.88	40.89
Ray Zenor	Sec 28 T3N R5W PT NWNW	2017	165.50	19.47	40.89

Dated this 12th day of February, 2020

02/19,26,03/04,11/2020

Bids must be accompanied by Bid Security in the form of a bid bond, certified check, cashier’s check, or cash in the amount of 5% of the amount of the bid proposal. Said bid security shall be forfeited to Owyhee County as liquidated damages should the successful bidder fail to enter into contract in accordance with their proposal as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

Owyhee County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any nonmaterial irregularities in the bids received, and to accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to the best interest of the County.

Jerry Hoagland, Chairman
02/12,19/2020

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS BY THE CITY OF HOMEDALE FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR HOMEDALE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT FEBRUARY 19, 2020

The City of Homedale (the City) is issuing this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for architectural/engineering services (Services) for Homedale Municipal Airport (the Airport). The projects are anticipated to be funded in part by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), State of Idaho Aeronautics Division and the City. The City will retain the services of a consultant for a period of up to five (5) years to provide professional engineering, surveying, testing, FAA grant preparation and administration assistance and construction inspection for airport related projects.

The City will receive Statements of Qualifications from parties interested in providing the Services until 3:00 p.m. on March 19, 2020 (Deadline). All Statements of Qualifications must be received by the City at its physical location, 31 West Wyoming Avenue, Homedale, ID 83628 or the mailing address, PO Box 757, Homedale, ID 83628, at or before the Deadline. The City will not consider Statements of Qualifications received after the Deadline.

Each Statement of Qualifications must be placed inside a sealed envelope or package, and the

outside of the envelope or package must be marked with the wording: “Statement of Qualifications for Architectural / Engineering Services.” The outside of the envelope or package must also state the name(s) of the Respondent(s).

Information for Respondents relating to this RFQ is on file and open for public inspection at the Airport. The Information for Respondents contains a copy of this Request for Qualifications, General Information for Respondents, and General Requirements for Statements of Qualifications, Information Required from Respondents and Criteria for Selection. A copy of the Information for Respondents may be obtained by contacting the airport management office as follows:

Physical Address:
City of Homedale
31 West Wyoming Ave.
Homedale, ID 83628
Telephone No.: 208-337-4641

Mailing Address:
City of Homedale
PO Box 757
Homedale, ID 83628

The City will negotiate a contract with the Respondent determined by the City in its sole discretion to be best qualified to perform the Services. Prior to selection, the City may request certain Respondents to make presentations or provide additional information to a Selection Committee. The City reserves the right to reject any and all Statements of Qualifications for any reason at any time prior to execution of an Agreement with the Respondent selected by the City to perform the Services; to waive any and all informalities in the process; and to extend the period of time for the acceptance of Statements of Qualifications in its sole discretion.

Alice E. Pegram
City Clerk/Treasurer
02/19,03/04/20

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND
FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE
CASE NO. CV37-20-00028
In the Matter of the Estate

of: ETHEL AGNES CEGNAR, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ronald William Cegnar has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased 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 Personal Representative of the estate at the law offices of David L. Whitney, P.A., P.O. box 26, Caldwell, Canyon County,

Idaho, 83606-0026, and filed with the Court.

Dated this 11th day of February, 2020.

s:/David L. Whitney
Attorney for Personal Representative
02/19,26,03/04/2020

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Public notices

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
TRUSTEE’S SALE NO. PLTS103190**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Pioneer Title Company of Ada County dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 6/16/2020, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, at Owyhee County Courthouse, In The Lobby, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the “Property”), situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, to-wit:

Lot 1 and the East 13 feet of Lot 2 of Block 30 of the Amended Townsite Plat of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof filed August 9, 1911 as Instrument No. 7284 on file in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 301 West California Avenue, Homedale, ID 83628, is

sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Kristopher Norris and Amy R. Norris, husband and wife, as Grantor, to Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Vera Mae Kennedy and Jeremy Daniel Kennedy, as Beneficiary, dated 2/19/2016, recorded 3/3/2016, under Instrument No. 288966, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, ID, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by Pioneer Finance, LLC.

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

The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 2/19/2016, FAILURE TO PAY THE INSTALLMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST WHICH BECAME DUE ON 3/4/2019; PLUS LATE CHARGES, AND ADVANCES FOR DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES AND HAZARD INSURANCE AS SET FORTH;

AND ALL SUBSEQUENT INSTALLMENTS OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST, PLUS LATE CHARGES, DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES, DELINQUENT INSURANCE PREMIUMS AND ALL FORECLOSURE COSTS AND FEES.

All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$48,445.60, together with interest thereon at 5% per annum from 8/23/2019, until paid.

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

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

DATED: February 12, 2020.
Pioneer Title Company of Ada County dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services
Trustee
s:/Deborah Duncan, Assistant Secretary
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Boise, ID 83704
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Sports

Trojans fall ahead of hosting district wrestling

Homedale High School lost its final home dual meet last Wednesday, but it wasn't the last home competition for the Trojans.

Homedale's gymnasium is the site of Saturday's 3A District III championship meet. The top four wrestlers in each weight class will receive automatic bids into the Feb. 28-29 state tournament at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

Last week, 3A Snake River Valley conference stalwart Parma posted a 63-17 victory on the Trojans' mat, but Homedale fielded one of its most complete dual meet rosters of the season.

The Panthers got only two forfeits, and there were double forfeits at 195 pounds and 138 pounds.

Absent again, though, was Homedale's top wrestler,

junior and two-time state meet qualifier Joseph Egusquiza. The 145-pounder had been sidelined with a knee injury before returning for the Marsing POD Tournament on Feb. 8. His slot was one of Parma's forfeit victories.

Parma led, 45-6, before Homedale got its first points on the mat with Julian Ramos' pin of Garrett Weber. Ramos won the 138-pound bout at the 3-minute, 26-second mark.

Rhyalee Nix picked up five points for the Trojans with a 15-0 technical fall against Parma 170-pounder Adrian Munoz. Nix wrapped up the dominant victory with a takedown and two near-falls in the second period.

Jose Flores nearly went the distance at 152 against Evan Weber, but the Parma wrestler was able to pull off a pinfall



Homedale High School 138-pounder Julian Ramos pinned Garrett Weber to get the Trojans' first competitive points against Parma in last Wednesday's Senior Night dual meet.

with six seconds left.	after the dual.	match, winning at 3:12.
Ramos and Flores pulled off victories in exhibition bouts	Ramos pinned Payton Navarrete in a 138-pound	Flores pinned Cooper Rowland, also at 138, at 3:11.

✓Trojans: HHS rebounds from loss to powerful Fruitland, beats Parma

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seeded Wolverines' floor. The district semifinal tips off at 7 p.m., on Saturday.

A win over Weiser (12-9) would put first-year coach Cam Long's squad into the district championship game—and one win from the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament — at 8:15 p.m., on Tuesday at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore.

In Thursday's other semifinal, top-seeded Fruitland plays host to the winner of Thursday's district play-in game between No. 4 Parma and No. 5 Payette.

Against Parma, Homedale hit 50 percent of its shots in the second half (11-for-22), including half of its eight three-point attempts.

Dines went 7-for-11 from the floor (and 3-for-6 from behind the three-point line) to lead all scorers with 18 points. He also had three steals as the Trojans forced the Panthers into 21 turnovers.

3A District III Tournament

Thursday's game

Game 1 — No. 5 Payette (1-20) at No. 4 Parma (11-10), 7 p.m.

Saturday's games

Game 2 — No. 3 Homedale (9-12) at No. 2 Weiser (12-9), 7 p.m.

Game 3 — Payette or Parma at Fruitland (20-1), 7 p.m.

Tuesday's games

At Treasure Valley CC Ontario, Ore.

Game 4 — Game 2 loser vs. Game 3 loser, 6 p.m.

Game 5, championship — Game 2 winner vs. Game 3 winner, 8:15 p.m. (winner to State)

Feb. 27 game

At Treasure Valley CC

Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 loser, 6 p.m. (winner to State)

quarter gave Homedale a six-point lead and was part of the team's charge to a 14-8 lead after eight minutes.

Hayden Kincheloe led the team with four rebounds, and Lomeli and freshman Mason Strong paced the distribution department with three assists each.

Jarod Krohn scored 10 points for Parma, which also received eight points apiece from Isaiah Krohn and Kyle



Senior Arnulfo Llamas puts up a three-point shot Friday against Parma in the final home game of his prep career.

Powers. Powers pulled down nine of his 10 rebounds on Homedale's end of the floor.

Last Wednesday: Fruitland 69, Homedale 55 — The Grizzlies survived a second-

half shootout at home to continue their run through the conference season.

Trailing by four points at halftime, the Trojans tried to keep pace with Fruitland in the

third quarter. Fruitland scored 26 points to outlast Homedale, which had posted 20 points in the first eight minutes of the second half.

Both teams were hot-handed in the second half. The Grizzlies connected on 66.7 percent of their shots after halftime (18-for-27), and Homedale converted 13 of 23 attempts (56.5 percent).

But the Grizzlies held a 27-7 rebounding edge on Homedale's backboards to limit the Trojans' second chances.

Dines fired in four three-point goals and finished with 18 points for Homedale. Lomeli came through with 13 points and four defensive rebounds as well as three steals.

Dominic Quijano hit both of his field-goal attempts for four points, and he added two assists.

Fellow senior Daniel Uranga had five points and five rebounds.

Three players reached double figures for the Grizzlies, who will be the No. 1 seed in the 3A District III Tournament.

Joe Henggler missed only one of his eight shot attempts inside the three-point line and was perfect on three free throws for a game-high 19 points.

Pri Weatherall had four three-pointers for the bulk of his 16 points, and Hyrum Lindsey was 5-for-8 from the floor for most of his 12 points.