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Above: Oscar Evans served as auctioneer for the Lincoln Day luncheon and took bids on this framed American flag, made by Idaho House of Representatives District 23A candidate Andrea Owens of Grand View. Owyhee County Prosecutor candidate Jeffrey Phillips purchased the item for \$100 during the county Republican Party fundraiser on Feb. 17. **Below:** Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant announces his re-election candidacy.



Sheriff announces run for third term

With most Republicans already committed to running in the May 19 primary, there was little new news at the Owyhee County Republican Party Lincoln Day luncheon.

But Sheriff Perry Grant re-

served his official announcement to seek a third four-year term until the Feb. 17 biennial political party fundraiser, which was held for the first time at the Owyhee

— See *Sheriff*, page 8A

County ranks last on three-state region's working poor index

With an eye on health, community leaders set vision

Southwest District Health project coordinator Jeff Cappe met with Owyhee County citizens and community leaders in a Community Health Action Team (CHAT) brainstorming session on Thursday morning in Homedale.

It is his intent, and the intent of those who gathered for the

meeting, to establish a CHAT in Owyhee County.

The next CHAT meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m., on Thursday, March 12, at The HUB, 205 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

More volunteers are being sought to help with CHAT. If interested, call Cappe at (208) 455-5422.

The vision statement for the group, as set during the Homedale meeting, is "To build a healthier community through mental health,

— See *County*, page 5A

Proposed legislation would ax sales tax on custom meat processing

Homedale shop welcomes exemption for hunters, ranchers

by Riley Haun

UI McClure Center intern

A bill that would remove sales tax on custom meat processing in certain cases is headed to the House floor after the Revenue and Taxation

Committee voted unanimously to approve it on Feb. 17.

House Bill 496, authored by Rep. Linda Wright Hartgen (R-Twin Falls, Dist. 24B), would exempt meat processing from sales tax when the customer provides their own animal and does not intend to resell the meat. Under the new law, ranchers bringing in their own cattle or hunters having wild game processed would no

— See *Sales tax*, page 9A

Former GV mayor appointed for second council stint

Opal Ward chosen from three candidates

A veteran of Grand View city politics is back in the fray.

Opal Ward, the town's former mayor and councilperson, confirmed Saturday via email that she was appointed to fill the vacancy created with Danny Martinez's

ascension to the mayoralty.

Ward's appointment came on Feb. 12. The council deliberated in executive session then heard Martinez's recommendation and made the appointment in open session, the mayor said.

"Opal has experience on the council and knowledge of the city that the council thought would be beneficial," Martinez said Monday morning.

Martinez said Terry Nielson and former city councilperson Linda Araujo also applied for the position. The mayor added that Nielson has city water and wastewater knowledge.

"We were fortunate to have three good people to consider, with unique qualifications, for the city council appointment," Martinez said. "We greatly appreciate Linda Araujo's

and Terry Nielson's willingness to be considered for the appointment, and their willingness to serve our community."

The mayor touted Ward's extensive knowledge of the city's infrastructure.

Ward has been involved in city government for years. She regularly attended meetings after leaving the

— See *Council*, page 5A



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Homedale Trobots embark on second-year challenges

HHS robotics
team plans
Monday
fundraiser

The Homedale High School robotics team will return to competition in the spring, hoping to carry over some of the success from its 2019 rookie campaign.

The Trobots garnered the Rookie All-Star Award for the regional competition at the Ford Idaho Center at the end of March last year, qualifying the squad for a trip to Houston to compete at the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) national meet a month later.

A few groups have lent a hand to help this year's team, which is advised by Homedale science teachers Mark Thatcher, Liddy Renner, and Sean McCrackin.

Recent grants have brought \$8,000 to the team.



Homedale High School robotics team members disassemble last year's robot for parts. **From left:** sophomores Zane Highland and Colton Hicks-Daniel, and freshman Kaden Tomevi.

The Homedale team will hold a fundraiser to further allay costs, from 6 to 8 p.m., on Monday, in the high school cafeteria and old gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave.

The fundraiser will consist of a baked potato bar, Nerf wars in the old gym, and bingo, each for \$5 (one bingo card). There will also be a silent auction, and desserts for sale.

The 2020 team consists of:

Seniors — JD Waltman, Daniel Uranga, Maggie Johnson, Ricardo Hernandez, and Nyelah Johnson;

Sophomores — Zane Highland, Colton Hicks-

Daniel, Téa Uranga, Ryker Johnson, John Lejardi, and Daryl Ramirez-Sanchez;

Freshman — Kaden Tomevi

The non-profit Bayer Fund has awarded \$3,000 to help them fund participation in FIRST Robotics educational programs and competitions, according to a press release.

"FIRST enables teams of students to compete with others in building, designing and programming their own robots to perform pre-assigned tasks," the release reads. "(It

gives) students a chance to get involved with real-world engineering."

As noted in the release, "Bayer Fund prioritizes the investment in hands-on learning experiences for students like those at Homedale High School to encourage their development into future scientists, engineers, and computer programmers."

The Trobots also received \$5,000 from the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation. The grant was facilitated by the Idaho STEM Action Center and made available for rural Idaho FIRST Robotics teams.

"We are extremely grateful to all these organizations as their support will allow us to attend regional competitions in Idaho and Utah," Thatcher said.

All area FIRST Robotics teams received this season's design challenge earlier this year at an event at Boise State University.

The 2020 challenge is "Infinite Recharge," in which the teams' robots must collect power cells to energize their field generator, protecting

the Earth from approaching asteroids, according the www.firstinspires.org website.

The Trobots are entered into two regional competitions. The first will take place from Thursday, March 5 to Saturday, March 7, in Salt Lake City, and the second will be from Wednesday, March 25, to Saturday, March 28, at the Ford Idaho Center, in Nampa.

More than 4,000 teams competed worldwide last year, according to Idaho FIRST Regional public relations.

— TK

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Youths continue fun at old library

Ezzy Escalante, 11, takes aim at a target with the paper airplane he made during the Homedale City Library's Teens & Tweens on Thursday. Twelve boys and girls engaged in the fun, building the airplanes from paper of various colors and designs. Teens & Tweens meets from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. every Thursday.

Sewer main west of downtown Homedale needs repairs

Engineers could present plans this week

It wasn't the loudest boom in the room, but Homedale public works supervisor Bret Smith recently delivered some news that some residents should heed. Little was made of a failing sewer main during the public works report at the Feb. 12 city council meeting, but Smith told The Owyhee Avalanche last week that his crew continues to monitor the 8-inch concrete pipe near the western outskirts of town. "We did a clean and inspect on it and found it had some significant upper portions of pipe that were missing or damaged," Smith said. "The flow line is intact." The sewer main located near the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on West Idaho Avenue serves four hookups directly and about 50 more to the west. The problem was discovered

during a routine camera inspection. The inspection turned up some less-significant repairs elsewhere in the wastewater pipe system, Smith said. But the most pressing matter is the sewer main. About half of a 400-foot run of what is believed to be 1950s-era pipe between 6th and 7th streets is "structurally damaged," Smith said. He said the whole pipe should be replaced, and probably would need to be replaced in a few years. "It could happen tomorrow, it could last 10 more years," Smith said. "It's one of those I don't want to take that gamble. "I'm cautiously optimistic." For now, Smith said the city is monitoring the pipe daily. "If there was a blockage or collapse, we'd no longer have flow in the upstream portion," he said. Smith expects plans this week from city engineering firm Great Western at which time those plans would be forwarded to the Idaho

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for approval. Until plans are submitted, Smith said it's difficult to determine how much the project would cost. Estimates also are hard to come by because the main sits in a state highway (Idaho 19) right-of-way, so the Idaho Transportation Department would be involved. Options for repair include conventional open-trench digging, which would be the most invasive and most conspicuous for ITD officials, or pipe bursting. The pipe bursting method, Smith said, was used when the new water line was installed during the Succor Creek bridge reconstruction. A new line is rammed through the existing pipe, eliminating the need for a wide-open trench. — JPB

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Mr. Rimrock to be crowned Saturday

The fourth annual Mr. Rimrock show will feature seven Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School boys.

The annual contest is set for 7 p.m., on Saturday inside the school’s auditorium.

With an “Under the Sea” theme, the event will include individual talent acts, group numbers, a staff act and a special senior girls’ act.

A panel of judges consisting of community members, alumni and school board trustees will grade the contestants.

Mr. Rimrock spectator admission is \$5, while children 5 and younger get in free.

The Student Council will present a baked potato bar at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$6 for children.

Contestants this year

- include:
- **D-O Draper** — The 17-year-old senior is eligible for the sash and crown again after winning as a sophomore.
 - **Hector Garcia** — Another 17-year-old senior, Garcia is participating in his first Mr. Rimrock contest.
 - **Gus Black** — The 15-year-old sophomore is another pageant newcomer.
 - **Lance Smith** — The 18-year-old senior is a second-year contestant.
 - **Adam Hogaboam** — The 17-year-old 12th-grader is another first-timer.
 - **Christian Sharek** — The 18-year-old is competing for the third and final time.
 - **Braxton Carothers** — The 17-year-old 11th-grader is in his second year at the contest.

EOCL group starts another fundraiser

Scholarship application period now open

The Friends of Eastern Owyhee County Library is now accepting scholarship applications from Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School students.

The application window for the \$200 scholarships runs through April 15, and the library booster group will award scholarships at its April 21 meeting. Applications are available at the library, 520 Boise Ave., in Grand View or at the high school.

Community calendars, which help fund scholarships, are still available at the library in Grand View. The cost is \$7 each.

During the Feb. 18 Friends meeting, it was announced the group has paid for two other scholarships in January.

Attending last week’s meeting in the back room of the library were Tracy Fisher, Millie Whitted, Jan Lawson, Patricia Carothers and Opal Ward.

The group discussed new signage for the library.



This quilt is the prize the Friends of the Eastern Owyhee County Library raffle. Submitted photo

The library district’s board of directors continues to research the best options for a sign, but the Friends of the Library has launched a quilt raffle to help support whatever next capital project occurs for the library.

Tickets for the queen-sized quilt cost \$1 each or \$5 for six. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Friends group’s

May 19 meeting.

The Friends group also is looking for input on what the next fundraiser should be after the quilt is given away. You can contact any of the Friends members with ideas.

Other needs at the library include a new riding lawnmower and additional pavement for the parking area.

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Correction

The front-page Marsing High School boys’ basketball photo in last week’s sports section was misidentified. The player is Jacob Ankeny. Luke is his father.

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✓ **County:** Next meeting set for March 12 in Marsing’s schools’ HUB

physical health, and healthy relationships.”

The purpose of establishing a CHAT in Owyhee County is to help identify health needs and to develop strategies and identify resources for residents who need them.

An important aspect toward that goal, as discussed extensively during the meeting, is better communications with the Spanish-speaking community.

“Resources are available, people just don’t know about them, and education of the fact is vital,” Insurers of Idaho agent Kim Ashliman, a Homedale resident, said. “Vital to that is to involve Hispanic folks.”

According to literature distributed by Cappe, 62 percent of Owyhee County residents are asset-limited, income-constrained, employed (the working poor conceptualized in the acronym ALICE). Homedale has an ALICE rate of nearly 80 percent.

The county’s ALICE rate is not only the worst in Idaho, but also the worst in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho combined.

The ALICE index defines



Southwest District Health program coordinator Jeff Cappe led the first Owyhee County CHAT meeting Thursday morning at SWDH’s Homedale office. **Clockwise from left:** Cappe, Matt Holtry, Moss Strong, Surabhi Malesha, Kim Ashliman, Lisa deBelloy (obscured), Gheen Christoffersen, and Lindsey Fuquay.

households with income above the Federal Poverty Level but below the basic survival income level, according to the United Way. The 2020 Federal Poverty Level for a household of four is \$25,750, while the basic survival income level could be 1.5 to 3.5 times that amount.

According to the statistics presented, 18 percent of Owyhee residents lack health insurance, 25 percent of moth-

ers have annual incomes less than \$15,000, and 20 percent of children live with food insecurity.

Cappe made it clear that Southwest District Health has funds available to help those in need of health education and assistance but the success of groups like CHAT is necessary to facilitate resources.

Topics discussed included:

- Educating the public (in English and Spanish) on

available resources already in the community

- Breaking racial barriers so all citizens can and will access those services
- Developing a bilingual resource manual
- Developing a sustainability plan
- Developing a Youth Community Health Action Team (YCHAT)

As part of the YCHAT brainstorming, it was sug-

gested that youths might gather on Fridays in Marsing and Homedale to start then expand county-wide. YCHAT meetings could entail training for youth in life skills, mental health, and healthy eating and cooking.

The youth may be sent to camps and conferences to learn leadership and mentoring skills.

Besides Cappe and Ashliman, attending the inaugural CHAT meeting were:

- Lindsay Fuquay — Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office school resource officer
 - Lisa deBelloy — Marsing Elementary School counselor
 - Gheen Christoffersen — Homedale mayor
 - Surabhi Malesha — SWDH health education specialist
 - Matt Holtry — Homedale High School principal
 - Moss Strong — Homedale Middle School principal
 - Aaron Tines — Owyhee County coroner
 - Teresa Uranga Ryska — Homedale Rural Fire District & EMS representative
- TK

OCSO sets Marsing boater safety class

A boater safety class is planned for Marsing next month.

According to Owyhee County Sheriff’s Waterways Deputy Bill Conger, Oregon now requires all people boating on the state’s waterways to complete a safety class. He said the upcoming free OCSO training would fulfill this requirement.

The Boat Idaho safety class, which will be coordinated by Deputy Mike Rabourn, will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday, March 14 at The HUB, 205 8th Avenue West, in Marsing. The HUB is the old Marsing Middle School building.

There is limited space for the class, so interested people should RSVP by contacting Conger by text at (208) 369-0768 or email at bconger@co.owyhee.id.us, or contacting Rabourn at (208) 936-0486.

✓ **Council:** Ward striving for unity, what’s best for city

council.

“I have been a part of this city for a long, long time,” she said.

Ward served on the Grand View Water and Sewer Association Board before it was consolidated with the city council.

In addition to her service as mayor and city councilperson, Ward said she was one of the first members on the city’s Planning and Zoning commission.

Ward was appointed mayor after Tammy Payne resigned to take the city clerk job in 2013. She lost the job later that year when Franklin Hart mounted a successful write-in campaign.

“I care about what goes on,” Ward said. “I have been a supporter of Danny for a long, long time.

“I had told Danny a long, long time ago I would be willing to serve. I did not actively campaign for the

position and was pleasantly surprised to be elected.”

Ward said she has several objectives now that she’s back on the council, including:

- “to help this city heal from the sharp divisions.”
- Help balance the budget
- Get the No. 1 Well up and running and help determine the best solution for the city’s wastewater lagoons

“This city must learn to get along with each other,

determine our priorities and work together to find solutions,” Ward said.

“I have known the rest of the city councilmen for a long time. I think we can each bring different strengths to the meetings.”

Ward joins newly elected councilman Tom Payne, re-elected Jon Pennington (who is now the council president), and holdover John Morrison.

— JPB

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Obituary

Dorothy Westby Stansell

Dorothy Westby Stansell, 98, went to be with the Lord on Feb 19, 2020 in Albany, OR.

Dorothy was born on Nov 25th 1921 in Shevlin, MN. She was the oldest of 9 children born to Rev Floyd and Luella (Gordon) Fradenburgh.

She attended schools in Shevlin, MN, Staples, MN, and Grantsburgh, WI, and graduated from Nevis High School in 1939.

Dorothy married Gaylord Westby on June 6, 1942 and settled in Nevis, MN, where they raised 6 children.

Gaylord died in 1961, and in 1966 Dorothy moved to Homedale, ID. She married Edwin Stansell in 1967. They were married for 40 years.

Dorothy kept busy as a homemaker. She enjoyed cooking, baking, and sewing.

She was an active member at Homedale Friends Church where she taught Sunday School for many years, sang



in the choir, and played piano & organ.

She moved to assisted living in Oregon in 2012.

Dorothy is survived by her children: Lauren Westby, Albany OR; Gloria (Ron) Chell, Frederick WI; Dean (Mary Beth) Westby, Park Rapids MN; Dale (Trude) Westby, Park Rapids MN; Kathy (Duane) Williams,

Albany OR; and Linda (Michael) LeClair, Carlton OR; Stepchildren: Keith Stansell, Homedale, ID; Ron (Carolyn) Stansell, Newberg OR; Larry (Tonija) Stansell, Homedale ID; Maxine (Tim) Jenkins, Seattle WA; Sisters Elaine (Wes) Case, Bend OR; Marilyn (Jay) Graba, Mesa AZ; and Mary Ellen Nelson, Coeur d’Alene, ID.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, husband Gaylord Westby, husband Edwin Stansell, Stepson Glen Stansell, brother Floyd “Bud” Fradenburgh, and sisters Darlene Warren, Phyllis Hopster, Gail Stenbro, and Norma English.

Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 1:00 pm in the Marsing Homdedale Cemetery.

Friends can share a memory of Dorothy at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com

School menus

Homedale Elementary

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

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

Feb. 27: **Breakfast:** Apple Breakfast bites **Lunch:** PB&J sandwich, potato chips, baby carrots, cookie

March 2: **Breakfast:** Cereal choice **Lunch:** Corn dog, tator tots

March 3: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza **Lunch:** Chicken patty sandwich, coleslaw

March 4: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon pull apart **Lunch:** Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes w/gravy

Homedale Middle

*Fruit & salad bar, choice of milk or juice
Cereal option each day*

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

Feb. 27: **Breakfast:** Donut, string cheese **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper or PB&J sandwich, string cheese, goldfish crackers, rice krispie treat

March 2: **Breakfast:** Breakfast slider **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs or PB&J sandwich, string cheese, goldfish crackers, mixed veggies

March 3: **Breakfast:** Choc. Chip muffin, yogurt **Lunch:** Beef taco or chicken taco, corn

March 4: **Breakfast:** Apple cinn. Texas toast **Lunch:** Chicken tenders or pork chop, mashed potatoes w/gravy, hot roll

Homedale High

*Salad bar, fruit choice and choice of milk and juice
Cereal option, grab ‘n’ go items each day*

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

Feb. 27: **Breakfast:** Donut or yogurt parfait **Lunch:** Crispito or chips with bean dip, refried beans

March 2: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or cinnamon pull apart **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets or Taquitos, mozzarella bites

March 3: **Breakfast:** Homemade breakfast burrito or French toast sticks **Lunch:** Pork chop or chicken filet, mashed potatoes & gravy, dinner roll

March 4: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick or mini waffles **Lunch:** Chicken patty sandwich or burrito, coleslaw, rice krispie treat

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

Feb. 27: **Breakfast:** Berry twins, cheese stick **Lunch sides or alternatives:** Classic Line: Chicken fried steak, mashed tators w/gravy, corn **Hot Grab-n-go:** Chicken sandwich, pizza, potato wedges

March 2: **Breakfast:** Banana bread slice **Lunch sides or alternatives:** Classic Line: Corn dog, potato wedges **Hot Grab-n-go:** Chicken sandwich, tator tots

March 3: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes **Lunch sides or alternatives:** Classic Line: Spaghetti, green beans **Hot Grab-n-go side:** Chicken sandwich, potato wedges

March 4: **Breakfast:** Mini donuts **Lunch sides or alternatives:** Classic Line: Burrito w/rice & beans, baked sweet potato **Hot Grab-n-go:** Chicken sandwich or meatball sub w/fries

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily

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

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

Feb. 27: **Breakfast:** Breakfast wrap **Lunch:** Beef & bean burrito, tossed romaine salad, corn, brownies

March 2: **Breakfast:** Apple frudel **Lunch:** Pizza, tossed romaine salad, corn

March 3: **Breakfast:** Biscuits & jelly **Lunch:** Chicken & noodles, tossed romaine salad, steamed carrots

March 4: **Breakfast:** Waffle & hashbrowns **Lunch:** Nachos w/whole wheat chips, refried beans/salsa, broccoli

Death notice

RICHARD “DICK” OR “DOC” ALLEN CERCLE, M.D., 83, of Marsing, longtime board president of Care-ousel Therapeutic Horseback Riding, died on Feb. 16, 2020 at home. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., on Saturday Feb. 29, 2020 at Dakan Funeral Chapel, 504 S. Kimball Ave., Caldwell. Interment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Caldwell. Condolences: www.dakanfuneralchapel.com

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Homedale Senior Center

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Feb. 26: Ham & beans w/corn bread, peas & carrots

Feb. 27: Baked fish, mac & cheese, broccoli

March 3: Salisbury steak w/mushrooms & onions, mashed potatoes w/gravy, country trio veggies

March 4: Sausage & biscuit, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, beets

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice

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

March 3: Hotdogs w/bun, macaroni & cheese, carrot & raisin salad, fruit cocktail, fruit crisp, yogurt, cook’s choice soup

March 4: Chicken noodle soup, tomato soup, veggie tray, fruit salad, yogurt, garlic bread

March 5: Sweet & sour meatballs, oriental veggies, fried rice, mandarin oranges, bread, cottage cheese, cook’s choice soup

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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

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

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

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

Family movie night
6 p.m. to 8 p.m., free, “Frozen 2” Homedale Assembly of God, 119 Main St., Homedale. (208) 337-4458

Saturday

Boise Valley Judo Tournament
10 a.m., opening ceremonies, 10:30 a.m., tournament, Homedale High School gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale

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

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

“Let’s Talk About It” book series
12:30 p.m., lunch, 1 p.m., discussion, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Game night
6 p.m., youth 12 and older, Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Tuesday

Widow’s breakfast
8 a.m., The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.

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

Circuit Breaker property tax reduction
1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 495-2817

Wednesday

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All veterans coffee
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Grand View Fire commissioners meeting
5 p.m., Grand View Fire Station, 721 Roosevelt Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2511 (call ahead to ensure the meeting will be held)

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

Thursday, March 5

Bingo
12:30 p.m., free, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

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

Rimrock Sr. Center board meeting
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

Circuit Breaker property tax reduction
1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 495-2817

University of Idaho Extension

What to consider when rejuvenating pastures

What condition are your pastures in? Do they need some help? Spring can be a good time to work on improving pastures; however, there are some things that should be considered before turning over some dirt.



Scott Jensen

First, consider what is growing there now. If weeds are a problem, just disking them under and replanting will not likely get rid of them. Weed seed that currently exists in the soil will germinate and compete with your new grass seedlings. New grass seedlings can often be injured if herbicides are used too early to control weeds. This is true even when selective herbicides are used. The best plan is usually to control weeds first and then plant the pasture. In extreme circumstances, this might involve allowing the weeds to germinate and then disking or spraying them, repeating the process as many times as necessary. In many instances, good weed control practices coupled with good grazing management can solve the problem.

If replanting is needed, it should be done as early in the spring as possible. Dryland/rangeland pastures must be done while there is adequate moisture available. Dryland seedlings are generally more successful when done in the late fall. Irrigated pastures should be planted close to when irrigation water will be available. If planted too early, you run the risk of the seed germinating and the young seedlings drying out and dying before water is available. They should also be planted before it is too hot. The first

part of April through the middle of May is usually best for planting irrigated pastures in the Treasure Valley.

Perhaps the most frequently asked question is “What kind of grass should I plant?” My answer is that it depends. Irrigated or dryland? How much water do you have available? How frequently will water be available? What will the pasture be used for? How will the grazing be managed? Each of these questions is important because they all affect the management of the grass. The reality is that to a great extent it doesn’t matter what you plant. Over time you will get exactly what you manage for.

With that said, there are definitely some grasses that are better adapted to our area than others. Give me a call, and we can talk about your specific situation. Additionally, Technical Note 24 published by the Natural Resources Conservation Service is an excellent publication that discusses the attributes of many grass, forb, legume, and woody species that can be found in pastures in the Intermountain West. The publication also contains recommended seeding rates. It is good, unbiased information.

If you would like to learn more about managing pastures, I will be teaching a pasture management session on Monday, March 9 in Caldwell. If you are interested in attending, please email me (scottj@uidaho.edu) for details and registration.

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

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Homedale polling places change permanently

The polling places for Homedale voters have been permanently relocated.

The Board of County Commissioners designated the new Owyhee County Community Center at the fairgrounds for both of the town's precincts ahead of the March 10 presidential primaries.

The move was made to end inconvenience at both Homedale City Hall and the Homedale Senior Center. City Hall has served as the South Precinct location, and citizens in the North Precinct have always voted at the senior center.

The community center is located at 423 W. Nevada Ave.

The rest of the county's polling places remain the same:

- **North Marsing** — Phipps-Watson

Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 N. 2nd St. W.

- **South Marsing** — University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W.

- **Wilson** — Wilson School House, 10427 Johnston Lane

- **Murphy** — Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78

- **Oreana** — Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Road

- **Grand View** — Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave.

- **Bruneau** — American Legion Post 83 Hall, 32536 Belle Ave.

- Mail ballot precincts include Pleasant Valley, Riddle and Three Creek. The county elections office had until

Tuesday to mail ballots to voters in those precincts.

- Voters can cast in-person absentee ballots at the county courthouse.

In addition to the presidential primaries, a few county voters will participate in supplemental levy elections for the Castleford and Glenns Ferry school districts. Only those eligible patrons living within the school district boundaries will be able to vote.

Polling places will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., on Tuesday, March 10.

Pre-registration has closed, but Election Day voter registration will be available at the polls.

The deadline to request an absentee ballot is 5 p.m., on Friday. Applications

must be mailed to the clerk's office, P.O. Box 128, Murphy ID, 83

Meanwhile, the candidate filing period for the May 19 primary election opens Monday. County offices, including sheriff, county commissioner (District 1 and District 2) and prosecuting attorney will be on the ballot as will the three District 23 state legislative offices (two in the House of Representatives, one in the Senate).

The primary could also include central committee precinct elections for both the Democrats and Republicans.

Candidates may file until March 13.

For more information on the upcoming elections, contact the Owyhee County Clerk's Office at (208) 495-2421.

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✓ Sheriff: Most Republican primary hopefuls turn out for GOP fundraiser

County Community Center at the fairgrounds in Homedale.

"I stood here eight years ago and told you all that I was mistake-prone," Grant said. "That hasn't changed. I'll probably make a few more before I walk out the door."

"I'm looking at one more term, so if you guys want to vote for the mistake-prone guy, vote for him. I'm going to keep working for you, I'm going to try."

Republican hopefuls used the luncheon as an opportunity to meet with fellow party members and interested citizens, and to officially announce their intentions to seek the GOP nominations for county-, state-, and national-level offices.

Owyhee County Republican Central Committee chair Shawn Dygert emceed the event — which included a live auction — and emphasized the importance of having it on Presidents Day.

"It's appropriate that we celebrate our president on Presidents Day," he said. "We talked about being able to name something after somebody, (and) Abraham Lincoln is certainly someone to name something after, since he embodies all the values that we look to garner as the Republican Party."

Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell spoke briefly on the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in America. Congress passed the 19th Amendment in 1919, setting up its ratification by states' constitutional conventions a year later. Although women nationwide were given the right to vote with the ratification, some states had allowed women to



Dist. 23 state Senate candidate Brenda Richards of Reynolds Creek addresses the audience.

vote decades earlier.

Idaho passed a similar amendment to the state constitution 24 years earlier by a majority vote.

"A majority of male voters, I might add," Barkell said.

U.S. Sen. Jim Risch addressed the crowd, as well, bringing greetings from fellow Idaho congressional delegates Sen. Mike Crapo, and Rep. Russ Fulcher. He also reaffirmed his support and the party's trust and support of President Donald Trump.

"Since Donald Trump took office in November of 2016, America has added 7 million new jobs," Risch said. "Things are better in America than they have been in a long, long time."

"More Americans are employed now than ever in history, 160 million people."

Those who announced their intentions to run included:

- **U.S. Senate:**

- Jim Risch, incumbent

- **Idaho State Senate, Dist. 23:**



Homedale resident Holly Reynolds speaks on behalf of Dist. 23 state Senate candidate Christy Zito (R-Hammett). Zito skipped the Owyhee County Lincoln Day Luncheon to attend a memorial at the Idaho Statehouse for former Dist. 23B Rep. Pete Nielsen.



Grand View resident Andrea Owens, one of two candidates for the Dist. 23A House of Representatives seat currently held by Christy Zito, talks as Guffey resident Shawn Dygert looks.

- Christy Zito, current Dist. 23, seat A incumbent in the state House of Representatives (through Homedale resi-

dent Holly Reynolds because the candidate from Hammett didn't attend the luncheon)

- Brenda Richards, Idaho Rangeland Conservation Partnership coordinator, Reynolds Creek rancher and former Owyhee County treasurer, announced in person

Idaho House of Representatives, Dist. 23, seat A

- Andrea Owens, Grand View businesswoman

- Matthew Bundy, Mountain Home City Council president and teacher

Owyhee County Commissioner:

- Jerry Hoagland, District 1 incumbent

- Kelly Aberasturi, District 2 incumbent

Owyhee County Sheriff:

- Perry Grant, incumbent

Owyhee County Prosecutor:

- Jeffrey Phillips, appointed to replace Douglas D. Emery in 2019

Seated at the head table with Risch were retiring Dist. 23 Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson), whose position is being sought by Zito and Richards, Dist. 23B Rep. Megan Blanksma (R-Hammett), and state constitutional officers Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, Controller Brandon Woolf, and Treasurer Julie Ellsworth.

Also on hand were county elected officials Dist. 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick and Treasurer Annette Dygert.

Risch spoke what was on the minds of many of the guests.

"It's a great time to be an American, and a great time to be a Republican."

Homedale family movie night features “Frozen 2”

A recently released animated movie will be featured at this month’s Assembly of God Kids & Family Movie Night. “Frozen 2” will be shown from 6 p.m., to 8 p.m., on Friday at The Refuge, 119 N. Main St., in Homedale. The Refuge is the Homedale Assembly of God church’s youth center. The movie is free and popcorn will be provided. Drinks and other concessions are available for purchase. For more information, contact Pastor Ivar Moore at (208) 337-4458.

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✓ Sales tax: Legislator says butchering is service not item

longer have to pay sales tax on processing fees. Fees for cutting, processing and packaging a carcass are currently subject to the standard six percent sales tax, while slaughter and transport fees are considered services and don’t have to be taxed. Hartgen told the committee that animal producers and hunters often think processing fees should be considered a service instead of a product. “The thought here is really that you already own the animal you’re bringing in,” Hartgen told the committee. “So why should you have to pay to get the meat back once it’s processed?” Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson, Dist. 23) co-sponsored the bill and got opinions from cattlemen and sportsmen, who were largely in support of the measure, Hartgen said. Hartgen said the idea for the bill came from Darrin Van Horn, owner of High Desert Meat Processing in Twin Falls, who told her about similar concerns held by many butchers, producers and hunters in his area. Kortney Bahem and Daniel Lousignont, owners of L&L Meats in Homedale say the exemption would eliminate a lot of headache for them. As a small business, it can be tough to make sure there is enough left in the account at the end of the month to send off to the tax commission. But the main benefit they see is saving their customers money. Bahem said they don’t have to pay sales tax on certain purchases for their business, like packaging materials, which is supposed to justify the sales tax on the final product. But those amounts don’t actually line up, leaving Bahem and Lousignont feeling like their customers get the short end of the stick. “We can go to Costco and buy \$100 worth of paper and poly film to wrap meat in, pay \$6 in tax and wrap whole carcasses with that,” Lousignont said. “But customers are sometimes paying \$50 or \$60 in taxes just on their one carcass.” Bahem and Lousignont said they would rather pay the six cents-per-dollar on their own expenses than pass costs on to their clients, who Bahem said often put every resource they have into raising animals for slaughter and want the best possible return for their money. “I see it like taking your car to a mechanic,” Bahem said. “If the mechanic changes your oil or your wiper blades on the car you already own, they only charge you for the cost of the new filter or the new blades, not the four hours of labor they spend changing it.” — Homedale native Riley Haun is one of three interns working for The Owyhee Avalanche and other newspapers around the state through the University of Idaho’s James A. and Louise McClure Center for Public Policy Research. She’s majoring in Journalism with a minor in Political Science. Follow her on Twitter @RHaunID.

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90 years and going strong, Peterson pulls out all the stops
Published author and Homedale resident Bruce Peterson (center) celebrated his 90th birthday with a smorgasbord lunch on Saturday afternoon in a packed Bowling Alley banquet room in Homedale. Several members of Peterson’s family — some of whom he hadn’t seen in 25 years — came up from Arizona to share in the celebration, including, from left, daughters Elizabeth Peterson and Kathleen Ernst, former wife Elaine Peterson, and daughter Evelyn Peterson. Not in attendance was Peterson’s daughter Bridgette Tangen, also from Arizona. In addition to the food and cheer, there was a raffle drawing.

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Courthouse report

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

Feb. 18
Johnny D. Rhodes, Wilder — Misdemeanor marijuana possession (plea deal): 13 days in jail (served), \$305 in fines, \$347.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by court:** Felony possession of controlled substance

Food delivery, free health clinic scheduled Friday at Homedale Presbyterian church

The coordinator of the monthly food distribution at the First Presbyterian Church of Homedale has cleared up some confusion.

Becky Forth told The Owyhee Avalanche on Thursday that the public distribution of commodities provided by the Idaho Foodbank still takes place from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., on the fourth Friday of each

month.

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

This month’s distribution, which takes place Friday, will be paired with a Saint Alphonsus Medical Group free health clinic.

The clinic will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and include free services such as:

- Food boxes
- Flu shots

- Doctor examinations
- Blood glucose/A1C checks
- Cholesterol testing
- Mammograms
- Ear wax removal
- Job, GED and immigration information

Some of the partners listed on the flyer announcing the health clinic include Terry Reilly Health Services, Catholic Charities of Idaho,

the Community Council of Idaho, Delta Dental, Family Eyecare, the Idaho Department of Labor, and Southwest District Health.

The Idaho Foodbank also provides food for the Homedale Senior Center’s kitchen services and the El-Ada Community Action Partnership Owyhee County office’s senior food boxes program.

Bill would make it easier for counties to share ambulance districts

Grangeville senator proposes independent boards, taxing districts to solve rural problems

by Riley Haun
UI McClure Center intern

A bill paving the way for shared ambulance districts across county boundaries has made its way to the Senate floor after the Local Government and Taxation Committee voted to approve it earlier this month.

Senate Bill 1332’s sponsor, Sen. Carl Crabtree (R-Grangeville, Dist. 7), told the committee the bill would help solve problems common in rural, remote ambulance districts. Current Idaho law says county commissioners also serve as commissioners of ambulance district in the county, as is the case with the Marsing Ambulance District (the only such taxing district in Owyhee County). Because commissioners have no authority outside their own counties, providing ambulance service across county lines is difficult, and taxes for that service can become “unworkable” and confusing, Crabtree said.

The bill received a second reading last Wednesday and was filed for a third reading.

Crabtree’s proposal wouldn’t affect

the Marsing district because its coverage area doesn’t cross over the Snake River into Canyon County.

Crabtree’s proposal would offer counties the option of forming independent ambulance districts across county lines, mirroring the code currently used for fire districts in Idaho. County residents could petition commissioners for a new district, triggering a public hearing. If commissioners approve the plan after hearings, county residents would then vote on formation of the new district. Any cities within the proposed district boundaries would have to pass a supporting resolution for the proposal to succeed.

The newly formed ambulance district could then elect a board of commissioners independent from the county, allowing communities to share a district across county lines. The bill would also allow those commissioners to create a taxing district coextensive with the new ambulance district, eliminating confusion when one district incorporates multiple counties.

Crabtree said the bill would make ambulance access simpler for rural communities, especially in his Legislative District 7, which includes some of the most sparsely populated areas in the state. Crabtree developed the bill after a suggestion from Idaho County Commissioner Skip Brandt.

Two small towns in the district, Kooskia and Kamiah, have long-expressed interest in creating a joint district to serve both communities. But a county boundary separating them means the two cities — eight miles apart, with a combined 1,700 people — must each find their own resources.

Crabtree said the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare has held several meetings during the past year to assess problems in rural ambulance districts across the state. Most of them were attended by 10 to 15 people, the senator said — but in Idaho County, more than 100 residents turned out with concerns, according to Crabtree.

“I think we have a bill here that will help rural Idaho, and Idaho County especially,” Crabtree said.

Sen. Todd Lakey (R-Nampa, Dist. 12), a former Canyon County commissioner, expressed concern for potential inefficiency under Crabtree’s

plan. Lakey said serving as both a county and ambulance district commissioner took a toll on him during his tenure, but the joint function meant easier coordination and didn’t require two separate paid boards.

Crabtree said he thought those kinds of problems could be worked out during the public comment period before any voting takes place. If county commissioners or residents decide creating a district under the new code wouldn’t serve them any better, they can end the process there.

“This would put the decision-making that much closer to the taxpayers, and if it’s inefficient then they made the choice to be inefficient,” Crabtree said.

Ambulance districts existing before July 1, 2020 would be grandfathered into the new code.

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Sweets and Seuss at Homedale library

A big mess is all but guaranteed during Teens & Tweens at 5 p.m., on Thursday, at the Homedale City Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The boys and girls ages 10-17 will have something called a “cupcake war.” They will work in groups to recreate a book cover out of cupcakes, frosting, and candy.

The best covers win prizes.

Story Time at 10:15 a.m., on Monday, in the new Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library (121 W. Owyhee Ave.), will carry a Dr. Seuss theme to mark the 116th anniversary of Seuss creator Theodor Geisel’s birth.

Youth services coordinator Carol McMichael will read “The Foot Book,” and “There’s a Wocket in My Pocket,” by the beloved children’s book author.

The children will make a Wocket for their pocket and will play a matching foot game.

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

Range of talents to hit HHS gym stage

The Homedale schools’ talent show will return at 6:30 p.m., on Friday, March 13, to the high school’s old gym, 203 E. Idaho Ave.

Show admission is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults, and \$15 for families. Proceeds benefit the music department, for instrument repairs and equipment (such as reeds and valve oil).

“This should be our biggest show,” Homedale secondary school music teacher John Zieske said. “I’m especially excited about the increase of elementary acts. Mrs. (Robbianne) Busse is doing a great job at the elementary school.”

Zieske said there are seven high school acts, eight from the elementary school, and 14 from the middle school. Acts this year consist of singing, dancing, gymnastics, magic, instrumentalists, and a bell choir.

The band director said guests should expect the show to last about two hours.

After the show, all acts will receive a participation certificate and a small prize. The three highest-scoring acts from each school will earn a trophy.

A panel of teachers will judge students in five categories: preparedness, stage presence, originality, talent, and audience response.

A dress rehearsal is set for March 6. Elementary school entrants rehearse at 10:30 a.m., followed by middle schoolers at noon and the high school contestants at 1:30 p.m. Each act will get 10 minutes to run through performance and staging.

For more information, call HHS at (208) 337-4613, or email Zieske at jzieske@homedaleschools.org.

— TK

Dean’s List University of Idaho

Several local students qualified for the University of Idaho’s 2019 Fall Dean’s List.

More than 2,600 students landed on the honor roll by maintaining at least a 3.5 grade-point average on a minimum of 12 graded credits during the semester, which ended on Dec. 20.

Caldwell (Marsing H.S.)
Courtney P. Bryant, College of Art & Architecture, Bachelor’s in Art and Architecture

Caldwell (Homedale H.S.)
Dillon S. Pfost, College of Business & Economics, Bachelor’s in Business
Justine B. Rose, College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Bachelor’s in Plant Sciences
Richard A. Symms, College of Business & Economics, Bachelor’s in Business

Homedale
Aaliyah L. Alvor, College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences, Bachelor’s in Sociology & Anthropology
Ashleigh A. Evans, College of Education, Health & Human Sciences, Bachelor’s in Curriculum & Instruction
Cindy C. Albor, College of Business & Economics, Bachelor’s in Business
Jacky King, College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences, Bachelor’s in Psychology/Communication Studies

Jacob A. Falls, College of Natural Resources
Bachelor’s in Fishery Resources, Fish & Wildlife Sciences
Jennifer Bautista Ramirez, College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Bachelor’s in Food Science, U of I/Washington State Bistate School of Food Sciences
Kendall N. Nash, College of Business & Economics, Bachelor’s in Business
Michael J. Lejardi, College of Engineering, Bachelor’s in Computer Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Nallely Gonzalez, College of Business & Economics, Bachelor’s in Business
Nash J. Johnson, College of Education, Health & Human Sciences, Bachelor’s in Curriculum & Instruction
Orion S. Cardenas-Ritzert, College of Natural Resources, Bachelor’s in Ecology, Conservation and Biology, Natural Resources

Marsing
Jordan M. Goins, College of Agricultural & Life Sciences, Bachelor’s in Family and Consumer Sciences
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L&L Meats lends FFA’ers a hand

The Homedale FFA chapter got a little help from a local butcher shop with a beef grading Career Development Event on Friday.

L&L Meats LLC, 106 W. Idaho Ave., in Homedale, allowed the use of its beef carcasses in the CDE that challenged students from four nearby FFA chapters.

Cindy Carter of the Nampa chapter was individual champ.

In team scoring, Kuna finished first, followed by Nampa in second, and Homedale in third place.

FFA chapters from Homedale (Rachel Rheuby and Shane Wetzel, advisors), Nampa (Kylee Fisher), Kuna (Joe Blackstock), and Weiser (Patti Matthews) competed in the event that began Friday morning in the high school’s Ag shop, before working its way down Idaho Avenue to L&L.

At the school, students split up into groups and to evaluate and grade various meats and identify the cuts, including roasts, steaks, chops, variety meats, etc.

At L&L, there were more cuts to evaluate and grade, as well as four beef carcasses hanging from meat hooks for the students to identify final yield grade.

Carcass quality grading was also required. Each participant needed to establish the quality



Homedale FFA chapter member Brandon Hurt, an eighth-grader, works on carcass grading during Friday’s CDE at L&L Meats LLC, in Homedale.

grades for each carcass (prime high to utility low) according to U.S. Department of Agriculture standards.

L&L Meats LLC co-owner Kortney Bahem is an HHS

graduate and was involved with FFA. She recently earned the title of Mrs. Idaho Agriculture USA. She’s married to L&L Meats co-owner Daniel Lousignont. — TK

Homedale FFA Milk Quality team brings gold back from Utah

A pair of championships highlighted the Homedale FFA chapter’s stay in the Northern Utah Invitational on Thursday.

The chapter’s Milk Quality team finished first backed by Gage Purdom’s individual championship in Tremonton, Utah.

Catherine Decker was third in the individual standings, and Bailey Purdom finished seventh. Brianna Cayford

rounded out the team.

The Homedale Meats Evaluation team was runner-up on the strength of John Lejardi’s third-place individual showing and a seventh-place finish from Wyatt Wetzel. Hayden Thornton, Madison Miller and Makenna DeWitt comprised the rest of the team.

The local Dairy Cattle Evaluation team took third place with Emma Criffield’s fourth-place individual

showing leading the way. Other team members were Amaya Aberasturi, Caitlyn Pate, Brendyn Curt and Ashley Stebly.

The Homedale Livestock Evaluation team took sixth place with the work of Cameron Breshears, Jasmine Mounts, Wylie Lane and Kenna McKay.

More than 450 FFA members from Utah and Idaho took part in the competition.

Register county fair animals by Sunday

Weigh-in rules announced

Sunday is the deadline to register for the 4-H year for both youth and club leaders.

Those who miss the registration deadline won’t be able to show animals at the Owyhee County Fair in August.

The registration fee for Cloverbuds, 5- to 7-year-old boys and girls, is \$14. It’s \$22 for Junior (8-10), Intermediate (11-13) and Senior (14-18) division youth.

The registration deadline also applies to youth planning to show animals through FFA chapters.

Checks for entry fees must be made payable to “University of Idaho Extension, Owyhee County.”

According to the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension website, the local extension doesn’t charge an entry fee for leaders.

For more information, contact county 4-H program coordinator Janelle Thompson at (208) 896-4104 or jmthompson@uidaho.edu.

Animal weigh-ins for the county fair also are approaching:

• Beef weigh-ins will be held on Saturday, March 7 from

7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at Burgess Ranch in Homedale, at 10:30 a.m., at Todd and Shelley Gluch’s place in Jordan Valley, and from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., at Bill and Bev White’s place in Oreana.

Maximum weight at initial weigh-in is 900 pounds. The final weigh-in takes place from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, Aug. 5 at the fairgrounds in Homedale. Animals must weigh at least 1,100 pounds by fair time.

• Swine weigh-ins will be held on Monday, April 6 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., at either the county fairgrounds in Homedale or Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School in Bruneau. Animals can weigh no more than 85 pounds at initial weigh-in.

Minimum weight at fair weigh-in (scheduled from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., on Wednesday, Aug. 5) is 200 pounds.

• Sheep and goats will be weighed in on Friday, May 15 at the fairgrounds (7 a.m. to 9 a.m.) and beginning at 4 p.m., at Rimrock. Maximum initial weight for sheep is 90 pounds, while goats must be born after Jan. 1 to be eligible.

Minimum weight at the fair weigh-in is 110 pounds for sheep and 65 pounds for goats. The fair weigh-in is slated from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., on Tuesday, Aug. 4.



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4-H’ers visit Boise for Statehouse confab

by Logan Finney
UI McClure Center intern
Approximately 200 students from across the state, including Marsing resident Audrie Miller, gathered in Boise to learn about government and civic engagement. Idaho’s annual 4-H Know Your Government Conference took place over Presidents Day Weekend.

The 4-H Youth Development Program is a community-based educational outreach program for boys and girls ages 5-18. The national organization is supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered through state land-grant university extension offices. The University of Idaho Extension delivers 4-H programs in every county in Idaho.

The Know Your Government Conference is a two-year project where 4-H’ers in eighth and ninth grades participate in either a judicial track or legislative track. Those in the judicial track participate in a mock trial. Bills considered by the mock legislature this year covered topics like veterans’ health coverage, agricultural education, and a program for pregnant mothers who give birth while incarcerated.

On the morning of Feb. 17 students hosted a breakfast with lawmakers, judges, Gov. Brad Little, and University of Idaho

President C. Scott Green. “These students are our future scientists, our future farmers, our future commodities brokers, and our future leaders,” Green said in his Friday newsletter. “Cultivating that future starts with inspiring and creating a thirst for knowledge among the 15,000-plus members of our 4-H programs.”

Returning KYG participants in the 10th and 11th grades plan the event. A group of 20 third-year members participate as bill writers and mock judges for the younger participants, as well as a reporter corps that manages social media campaigns and documents the conference with a newsletter and video. Four fourth-year members serve as the conference steering committee and plan the yearly event.

— *A Sandpoint native, Logan Finney is one of three interns working for The Owyhee Avalanche and other newspapers around the state through the University of Idaho’s James A. and Louise McClure Center for Public Policy Research. Finney is also interning for the U of I School of Journalism & Mass Media and Idaho Public Television. He will graduate in May with a bachelor’s degree in Broadcasting & Digital Media. Follow him on Twitter @lfinneytweets.*

Coach’s Boston Marathon training turns into Rimrock Running Club

Melissa Raymond is training for the Boston Marathon. Now, the Rimrock High School cross country coach has plenty of company on her training jaunts.

Runners usually get together at 4 p.m., each Wednesday at Grand View Elementary School to join the Rimrock Running Club and run as Raymond gears up for the April 20 race through Boston and neighboring towns.

But Raymond says folks should pay attention to the Bruneau-Grand View School District Facebook page for changes in the schedule.

“Ideally we’d meet on the same day each week, but we’ve bounced around a bit due to various school activities,” she said.

“In a school and community as small as ours, it seems school activities affect nearly everyone.”

The running club’s meeting also included each morning in the Rimrock High School announcements.

Runners have been meeting for a few months, Raymond said.

“We just started up after Christmas,” she said. “Some Rimrock students were expressing interest in running to get in shape for track season, and knew that I am currently training for the Boston Marathon.”

About three or four runners turn out each week, but Raymond encourages more participation.

“Anyone is welcome to join us at any time — students of any age, school staff, community

members, runners and walkers of all abilities,” she said.

For information, email melissaraymond@gmail.com.

In addition to helping the athletes get ready for track season and Raymond get in tune for the marathon, she wants to promote the annual fun run the school’s cross county program sponsors at Grand View Days.

“We hope by getting more people out and enjoying running we’ll have more participation for our 5K,” she said.

“Nearly everyone can run, all you need is a pair shoes. It’s not about how fast or slow you are, you just need to start. A group run setting can provide social interaction, encouragement, and commitment.”

— JPB

BLM fuel breaks plan ready for review

Myriad treatment options are included in the final environmental document for the federal government’s Great Basin Fuel Breaks plan.

A 30-day public review period began Feb. 14 when the Bureau of Land Management released its Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for placing and maintaining up to 11,000 miles of fuel breaks in Idaho, Oregon, Washington, California, Nevada and Utah.

The Great Basin plan is another part of a network of ideas to help firefighters control wildfires.

Strategies included in the preferred alternative included manual, chemical and mechanical treatments, such as prescribed fire, seeding, and targeted grazing to construct and maintain the fuel breaks.

Several Owyhee County ranchers already have implemented the fuel break concept through targeted grazing on the Owyhee Front.

Treatments would be implemented along roads and rights-of-way on BLM-administered lands to minimize new disturbance and wildlife habitat fragmentation and to maximize accessibility for firefighters.

“Recovering from the dev-

astating effects of wildfires can take decades in the rugged, high-desert climate of the Great Basin. These tools will help firefighters contain fires when they break out,” Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management Casey Hammond said in a BLM press release.

“That’s why creating fuel breaks is incredibly important to the entire basin, the people who live in these communities, and our wildland firefighters.”

The final PEIS and other documents are open for review until March 15. Electronic copies of the documents are available on the BLM Land Use Planning and NEPA register at <https://go.usa.gov/xnQcG>.

A Record of Decision will be issued after the public review period ends.

Wildfires in sagebrush communities in the Great Basin states have become more frequent and larger, fueled by large, unbroken swaths of grasses, brush and other vegetation. More than 13.5 million acres of historically sagebrush communities on BLM land burned within the project area between 2009 and 2018.

Wildfires that consume sagebrush provide the opportunity for invasive annual grasses to

increase, making future large and severe fires more likely.

“Wildfires pose an enormous threat to rangelands in the Great Basin — rangelands that people depend on for both recreational opportunities and their livelihoods, and that wildlife rely on for habitat,” BLM Deputy Director for Policy and Programs William Perry Pendley said.

“Fuel breaks are one of the most important tools we have to give wildland firefighters a chance to safely and effectively contain rapidly moving wildfires and potentially reduce wildfire size.”

Through fuel breaks, fuel loads are fragmented by reducing vegetation. Fuel breaks decrease flame length, slow the spread of wildfire and allow firefighters to control the blaze safer and easier.

“All of wildland firefighting is centered around constructing fuel breaks,” BLM Idaho State Director John Ruhs said. “Every time we construct a fireline around a wildfire using hand tools on the ground, every time we drop fire retardant, and every time we herd a wildfire into a previously burned area, we are using fuel breaks.”

“Through this PEIS, we’ll be able to proactively construct fuel breaks where we know we will need them, instead of creating them reactively in responding to wildfires.”

According to BLM assessments since 2002 on more than 1,200 fuel breaks and other types of fuel treatments that intersected with wildfires, 78 percent were effective in helping to control wildfires, and 84 percent were effective in helping change fire behavior.

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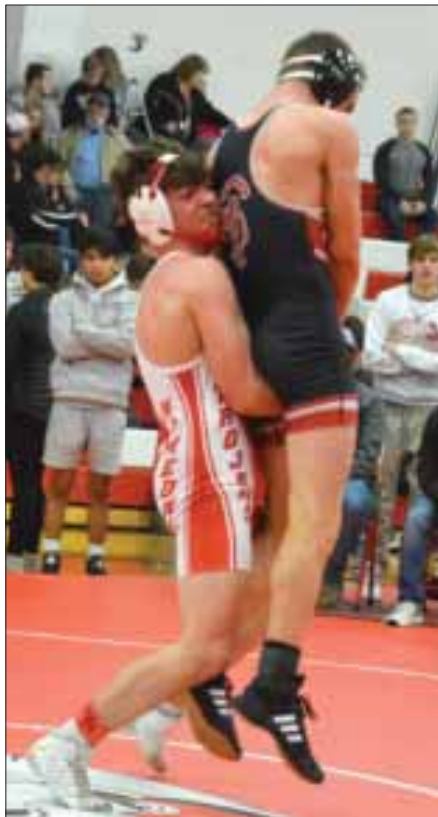
Historic judo meet returns to Homedale

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DISTRICT WRESTLING



Homedale junior Joseph Egusquiza lifts Parma's Jake Rudkin prior to slamming of the mat in a 145-pound semifinal Saturday.

Egusquiza clinches third 3A crown

White wins title; six Trojans qualify for State

Homedale High School's wrestling state tournament will have a veteran feel when things get rolling Friday at the Ford Idaho Center.

Six wrestlers earned automatic berths in Saturday's 3A District III Tournament in their home gymnasium, including junior Joseph Egusquiza, who won his third district championship and will take aim at a second consecutive state crown at 145 pounds.

Sophomore Willie White is returning to the state tournament after capturing the 160-pound district championship.

Two other Homedale wrestlers reached district championship bouts Saturday and will advance as silver medalists, including senior Julian Ramos at 138 and sophomore Rhyalee Nix at 170. Nix qualified for the state tournament for the second consecutive season.

— See 3A, page 8B

Huskies capture two 2A titles

Six on to State in Nampa

Marsing High School finished third in Saturday's seven-team 2A District III

wrestling championship tournament on Saturday in Garden Valley.

The team enjoyed some outstanding

— See 2A, page 8B

Buzzer-beater, big OT run sends Homedale to boys' district final

Trojans upset No. 2 seed Weiser on the road

It took 13 quarters spanning three games and some late-game heroics, but Homedale High School got over the hump at just the right time in its season-long boys' basketball battle against Weiser.

After watching a 16-point lead evaporate, the Trojans needed senior Arnulfo Llamas'

buzzer-beater to force overtime in Saturday's 63-60 victory over the host Wolverines, which sent Homedale into the 3A District III championship game.

"I'm most proud of how they responded after leading the entire game 'til Weiser hit a big shot late to go up two," first-year Trojans coach Cam Long said. "We practiced situations all week, and the guys came through."

— See Boys, page 10B

Jordan Valley hoops squads reach State

Both teams beat Adrian rivals for third at district

Jordan Valley High School's basketball teams qualified for the 1A Oregon state playoffs with wins over archrival Adrian in the district tournament Saturday.

The girls beat the Antelopes, 60-22, when four of seven players scored in double figures.

The boys reached the state playoffs after a 59-46 win over Adrian.

Both games were played on the final day of the 1A District 8 Tournament at Grant Union High School in John Day, Ore.

The Jordan Valley boys (18-8) travel to Joseph today to open the state playoffs. A win sends the Mustangs to a second-round game — and one win from the state tournament — on Saturday.

The boys started the district tournament Friday with a 60-53 semifinals loss to Crane.

The girls (18-8) played Powder Valley started the state playoffs Tuesday in North Powder, Ore., after press time. A win put Jordan Valley in the second round Friday.

The Adrian boys (12-13) reached the district semifinals with a 65-44 rout of Long Creek/Ukiah on Thursday. Prairie City beat the Antelopes, 65-50, in Friday's semifinals.

Adrian's girls (9-17) handled Dayville/Monument in Thursday's first round before losing big, 78-29, to Crane in the semifinals.

No statistics were provided for either Adrian squad or the Jordan Valley boys.

Girls

Saturday: Jordan Valley 60, Adrian 24 — Tayler Eiguren went 5-for-6 from inside the three-point line and also knocked down four of six free

— See Jordan Valley, page 3B

Dines leaps at Walla Walla CC chance

At 5 feet, 5 inches tall, Gracie Dines is full of surprises as a volleyball player.

For example, the Homedale High School senior apparently has a vertical leap that measures more than two feet higher than she stands.

But what Gracie did last Wednesday was completely expected, at least from former Trojans coach Amber Fouts' standpoint.

With her Trojans teammates near and the 2018 3A state third-place trophy close, the 17-year-old daughter of Brad Dines and Erica Dines formally decided to continue her athletic and

— See Dines, page 10B



Homedale High School senior Gracie Dines signs her letter of intent. **Standing, from left:** Athletic director Casey Grove, former HHS volleyball coach Amber Fouts, and principal Matt Holtry. **Seated from left:** Gracie's brother Jaxon, mom Erica, Gracie, and dad Brad.

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Sports

Rimrock basketball seasons end on same day, same court

Girls lose state consolation final

Making its fourth consecutive appearance in the final tournament of the girls' basketball season, Rimrock High School found the going rough again.

Entering the 1A, Div. I Real Dairy Shootout state tournament having lost once in 24 games, the Raiders saw a nine-game losing streak end against Genesee on Thursday at Columbia High School in Nampa.

The Bulldogs' Claira Osborne, a 5-foot, 10-inch junior forward, went on an early scoring spree to help Genesee take control in a 58-45 victory.

Offensive success from Osborne and teammate Bailey Leseman, another junior, sapped any momentum the Raiders may have built with an early 6-0 run to a 6-3 lead.

Seniors Laura Gasper (four points) and Hannah Field (two points) built the Raiders' rally, but turnovers soon turned the tide. Rimrock committed 16 turnovers in the first 16 minutes.

Leseman wrapped a pair of three-pointers around Rimrock's early run, tying the game with the second trey 2½ minutes into the opening-round nightcap.



Rimrock junior forward Madie Macmillan goes up in a crowd of Genesee defenders Thursday in Nampa.

Genesee closed the first quarter on a 9-2 spurt and led 15-10 at the end of eight minutes.

After Sintia Varela's jumper pulled Rimrock back to within a point, 15-14, Genesee scored the game's next 11 points to lead 26-15 at the break.

The Bulldogs (19-9), The District I-II third-place squad that gained access to the state tournament after a play-in victory, lost the state third-place game on Saturday.

The Raiders (24-3) went

1-2 on the weekend with Raft River pulling out a narrow 48-45 victory in Saturday's consolation final.

On Friday, Rimrock pummeled fellow District III member Riverstone International, 54-25, to keep its season going.

No statistics were provided, and efforts to determine the Raiders' All-1A Western Idaho Conference players and any District III senior all-stars were unsuccessful.

Boys

In its second low-scoring game of the week, Rimrock was eliminated from the 1A, Div. I District III Tournament with a 27-22 loss to Notus on Saturday at Columbia High School.

According to information provided by Notus coach Jon Conner, the Pirates' Kaedon Clemens led all scorers with 10 points. The Raiders' Pedro Varela put in seven.

Both teams struggled to put the ball in the basket in the first half, and the Raiders didn't have a field goal in the final 10 minutes, 50 seconds of the first half.

Rimrock's only field goal of the first half was a three-pointer by senior Ian Burbank early in the first quarter.

The Pirates scored eight of the final 10 points in the



Rimrock junior Michael Nanney splits Notus defenders during Saturday's first half.

first half for a 12-9 lead at the break.

Notus junior Mack Shindle put back an offensive rebound but missed the subsequent free throw to give the Pirates a 6-5 lead with 2:50 remaining in the opening quarter.

Neither team had many second chances at shots during the rest of the first half.

Rimrock's first-half scoring after Burbank's trey consisted of two free throws each from Michael Nanney and Justin Lindquist.

Feb. 18: Rimrock 25, Greenleaf Friends Academy 21 — The Raiders held the

Grizzlies to 12 points through the first three quarters, including a crucial third quarter in which Rimrock opened a needed cushion. The Raiders prevailed in the play-in game in Bruneau to reach the double-elimination portion of the district tournament.

Junior varsity call-up Jack Meyers, a freshman, scored four points in the light-scoring third quarter as the Raiders outscored the Grizzlies, 10-4 to widen a narrow 9-8 halftime edge.

The third quarter was necessary as Greenleaf posted its biggest quarter of the night (nine points) over the game's final eight minutes to put pressure on the Raiders. Greenleaf's Daniel Dixon, a 6-foot, 2-inch senior, scored seven of game-high nine points in the fourth quarter. One of his baskets was a three-pointer.

Sophomore Jon Brunko scored six points for Greenleaf, including all four of his team's points on a trey and a free throw in the second quarter.

Pedro Varela scored four of his team-high six points in the fourth quarter to help Rimrock.

Nick Lino scored four points in the first quarter for the Raiders, and senior Kevin Meyers hit a three-pointer for Rimrock's only field goal of the second quarter.

HOMEDALE TROJANS



Boys' basketball
Arnulfo Llamas, sr., G
10 points, 7 rebounds, 3 steals in OT district semifinal win vs. Weiser



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Wrestling
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Wrestling
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145 pounds, champion



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Sports

Long-running judo meet pays homage to legendary senseis

Homedale co-hosts
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tournament Saturday

The 82nd annual Boise Valley Judo Tournament returns to Homedale High School for the second time on Saturday, giving the Owyhee County Judo Club another chance to shine in front of a home crowd.

The Owyhee County club, co-managed by former Boise Valley Judo student Ryan Nash, has 65 students enrolled this year.

“I think most if not all of them will compete,” Sensei Nash said.

The tournament will attract judo clubs from four states, including Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Utah. As many as 15 teams will put athletes on the mats.

Opening ceremonies are held at 10 a.m., with matches starting at 10:30 a.m.

There is a wide range of age groups and include light, middle and heavy divisions:

- 5- to 6-year-old boys and girls
- 7-8 boys and girls
- 9-10 boys and girls
- 11-12 boys and girls
- 13-14 boys and girls
- 15-16 boys and girls
- Senior men’s and women’s white belt
- Senior men’s and women’s brown belt

to be one of the oldest judo dojos in the U.S., according to the tournament program.

The day Sensei Yamashita began his judo practices was also the day judo in Idaho was born.

According to the tournament program, he taught thousands of judo students throughout the Treasure Valley and played a role in forming several judo clubs in the area.

He formed The College of Idaho Judo Club in 1964 and also served as an Amateur Athletic Union representative on the U.S. Olympic Committee for eight years.

He helped form Idaho Judo, Inc., serving many terms as its president, and was part of the promotion committee for the U.S. Judo Federation.

He was inducted into the USJF Hall of Fame in 1994.

Yamashita boiled down the noble pursuit of judo thusly: “We take kids who can’t stand up ... and help them stand up.”

The annual tournament also pays tribute to Idaho native Sensei George Koyama Rukudan, a decorated World War II veteran of the famed 442nd Regiment who died five years ago.

Koyama began practicing judo as a teenager. He attended C of I and the University of Idaho before he was drafted into the U.S. Army and fought in France and Italy during the war.

He received the Purple Heart for wounds suffered while advancing on

belts

- Senior men’s and women’s black belt

Owyhee County Judo and Boise Valley Judo team up to co-host the event, which features a “black belt room” or hospitality room that mirrors the strong community that has kept the martial arts discipline thriving in Homedale and surrounding areas for generations.

“Many local Japanese families who were in judo or had kids in judo still help make authentic Japanese dishes for the black belt room,” Nash said.

Mabel Itano, John and Shirley Itano, Janet Kubosumi and Randy and Chris Miyasako are among the people who create the cuisine.

Sensei Doug Larzelier, who helps run Owyhee County Judo, keeps the contributions of other families going, too. He makes a teriyaki chicken dish from a recipe handed down from Bette Uda, the namesake of Bette Uda City Park across from the high school.

Nash says Itzi Fujishin and Bette Uda “were very supportive of Owyhee County Judo when it was getting started.”

Formed in 2011, Owyhee County Judo Club also has roots in Boise Valley Judo Club, which began 82 years ago in a shed with eight students under the guidance of Sensei Shihan Masao Yamashita Hachidan, who died in 2008.

Boise Valley Judo Club is believed

a machine gun nest, and he was also awarded the Bronze Star.

In 2013, Koyama received the Congressional Gold Medal for his service.

At the age of 25, he became a bookkeeper at Homedale Tractor, a job from which he retired 50 years later.

While raising his family, Koyama returned to the Boise Valley Judo Club in 1946 and became an instructor and achieved a sixth-degree black belt.

Nash earned his black belt from Yamashita and Koyama in 1986 while he was a sophomore at Homedale High School.

Larzelier also traveled to judo tournaments in Idaho and Utah while studying under the Boise Valley senseis. He earned his black belt in 2016.

“Knowing how much judo meant to me, I wanted to pass on what my senseis at Boise Valley instilled in me,” Nash is quoted in the tournament program.

“Judo is really a sport that impacts everything else you do. Kids quickly improve their physical agility and balance and learn to protect themselves. Learning those skills builds confidence.

“The legacy we have at Owyhee County Judo is pretty special. Doug and I were both taught and mentored by two of the very best in the sport of judo, but — even more than that — Mas Yamashita and George Koyama were incredible human beings.” — JPB

Melba girls dominate All-2A WIC awards

Nampa Chrstian player from Marsing
also named first-teamer

Marsing and Melba high schools were well represented on the All-2A Western Idaho Conference girls’ basketball and District III senior all-star teams.

Melba senior Kortney Trappett and junior Kate Clark shared the conference player

of the year award.

Melba coach David Lenz was named coach of the year for the conference for the second consecutive year.

Melba freshman Kendall Clark was also named to the first-team squad, while seniors Jordan Dayley, an Owyhee

County resident, and Katelyn Young and freshman Keylee Wilson were honorable mention. Dayley and Young were both all-conference performers last season.

Marsing senior Autumn Bennett was named to the second team, and junior Alana Larrusea was honorable mention. Bennett was an honorable mention choice last season.

Trappett, Bennett, and Dayley were named to the senior all-star team, as was Marsing resident Jessie Wood, a first-team all-conference player from Nampa Christian.

The 2A/3A District III Senior All-Star Game will tip off at 6 p.m., on Tuesday, March 10 at Fruitland High School. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens.

Other score

Melba (21-4)

2A Real Dairy Shootout girls’ state tournament

(At Kuna High School)

Saturday third place

— Mustangs 35, Declo 26

Friday semi — Soda Springs 67, Mustangs 56

Thursday opener — Mustangs 56, Grangeville 43

Dines an all-star and a scholar-athlete with HHS mates

Homedale senior Gracie Dines wrapped up her high school basketball career with a trifecta of individual honors.

The guard was the only Trojans’ athlete named to the All-3A Snake River Valley conference team, earning an honorable mention.

She is also the only HHS player who has been tabbed to play in the 2A/3A District III Senior All-Star Game, set for 6 p.m., on Tuesday, March 10 at Fruitland High School.

But the Walla Walla Community College-bound Dines isn’t a lone standout when it comes to the All-3A

SRV academic team.

Dines leads 11 Trojans to earn recognition for carrying a grade-point average of 3.5 or greater. The other HHS players on the list include:

- Mayci Cline, jr.
- Italian exchange student Silvia Cherchi, sr.

- Laney Swallow, soph.
- Ashley Moore, sr.
- Amaya Aberasturi, soph.
- DeLaynie Dorsey, sr.
- Lizzy Schamber, sr.
- Amaya Beckman, sr.
- Savana Buckley, sr.
- Bella Smith, jr.

✓ Jordan Valley: Mustangs on the road in single-elimination playoffs

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throws to fuel a double-double of 14 points and 10 boards.

The Mustangs dominated the third-place game, leading 34-8 at halftime and holding the Antelopes to a free throw

in the third period.

Kiana Quintero led Jordan Valley with 16 points. She also had three assists and eight rebounds.

Also reaching double digits were Cassity Gluch with 13

points, and Kelsey Gluch with 10 points.

The Mustangs connected on 18 of 27 free throws.

Friday: Prairie City 45, Jordan Valley 42 — The Panthers roared to victory in

the semifinals with a second-half comeback.

Jordan Valley built a 22-17 halftime lead, but the Panthers seized control with a 16-9 run through the third quarter.

Kelsey Gluch led Jordan

Valley with 17 points, and Eiguren put in 10 points. Both players sank a pair of treys.

Eiguren had six rebounds, and Kate Gooch led the team with eight rebounds (six on the defensive glass).

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

March 1, 1995

County gets armory back

Monday, the Idaho National Guard turned the Homedale Armory over to Owyhee County.

County commissioners Dick Bass, Hal Tolmie, Chet Sellman, and county clerk Jim Huntley accepted the keys to the old building and signed the proper transfer documents Monday. The structure was built in 1956, according to Brigadier General John Kane, with monies from federal, state, and county sources. Kane said that the county chipped in \$8,000 of the \$66,000 used to build the structure.

After 39 years of housing medical units, armored cavalry units, reconnaissance units, engineering battalions, and support battalions, the structure will now serve a more specific purpose. According to Commissioner Tolmie, the county plans on keeping the building and using it as a “community building.” Tolmie said the building would be used for the “Fair, of course, and we’ll rent it out to different people.”

A large multipurpose room will serve for dances or other large activities, and classrooms, a shop area, and bathrooms will make the structure a useful one in years to come.

City council makes P&Z appointments

With negotiations over the Homedale Impact Area still hanging over the city’s head, the Homedale City Council appointed two new members to the planning and zoning commission Thursday, effectively filling in a pair of holes in the commission’s roster.

One commission member, Pam Carson, had resigned, and the term of another, Adren Kroeger, had expired.

To fill the holes, Mayor Paul Fink recommended appointing Herb Fritzley and Ervin Gifford to the commission. The council unanimously approved.

Fritzley was also appointed along with another commission member, Ellis Pennington, to serve on the committee of nine, a county and city entity created specifically to aid in Homedale’s pending impact area agreement with Owyhee County.

Trojan jazz band takes its show on the road

The 1995 University of Idaho/Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival was a real crapshoot for the Homedale High School Jazz Band — literally!

The group competed at the festival on Saturday, performing three songs. It had to have six prepared.

Two of those six songs the band’s director, Brian Kohagen, was allowed to pick ahead of time. As for the other four ... ?

Depending on the outcome of the dice roll, the contest judges selected one of the remaining songs the group had prepared to play.

“Actually, we rolled one of the ones we wanted to play,” Kohagen says. “We lucked out.”

The two songs Kohagen selected to play ahead of time were “How High the Moon” by Sammy Nestico and “Blues For Waldo.” Through the luck of the roll the group also played “One For the Money,” a song it has selected for the school’s Winter Pops Concert, as well.

Wrestlers wrap up last week of regular season

Homedale lost only two matches en route to a 57-15, bear-hugging defeat of Fruitland.

Steve Christiansen, Ben Jeppe, Matt Larzelier, Joe Love, Joe Hinojos and Nathan Volk, all of Homedale, pinned their opponents, while JR Castro enjoyed a major decision and Roy Ayala a technical fall.

50 years ago

Feb. 26, 1970



EILEEN GEORGE and Monte Duncan were crowned Valentine Queen and King during special coronation ceremonies Saturday at the Homedale High School “Sweetheart Ball.” The royal couple are sophomores. Members of the court were Doug Folger and Amy Yost, freshmen; Tonjia Hill and Craig Curtis, juniors; and Jerry Lynn Vanderhoff and Jim Packer, seniors. The semi-formal dance was held in the Washington Grade School multipurpose room and was sponsored by the Future Homemakers of America.

Better mail delivery available to many patrons

Postmaster Victor Uria said today that a new order from Postmaster General Winton M. Blount will mean substantial improvements in mail delivery services.

Blount has advised the local postmaster of provisions of a new order making home delivery services available for the first time to 4 million Americans.

The service improvement applies to persons served out of 18,700 first-, second- and third-class post offices over the country that do not have city delivery services. Affected are those postal customers living more than a quarter-mile away from these offices and less than half a mile away. Persons living less than half a mile away previously had not been provided this service.

To get the new service it is only necessary that those living in the eligible areas ask their postmasters to provide it, and a majority of those to be served must want the home service.

Trojans defeat Huskies 88-66

Paul Pearson and Stan Zatica teamed up to score 49 points between them Friday night and lead Homedale to an 88-66 victory over the Marsing Huskies in the Trojans’ final regular season game.

Homedale finished with a 17-3 record while the Huskies are 12-7.

Pearson popped in 26 points and Zatica added 23 for the game total. Tim Percifield led the Huskies with 26, his second-highest one-game total of the season.

145 years ago

Feb. 27, 1875

From Monday’s Daily.)

STEAM PRINTING-This issue of the DAILY AVALANCHE is the first newspaper ever printed by steam power in Idaho Territory, and we trust we will not be charged with egotism if we say that we are very proud of it. As machinists and carpenters are still banging away in our office, it will be a day or two before we can extricate ourself from the confusion of hammers, chisels and saws. As soon as we get everything fitted up, we will give our readers a description of our handsome little steam engine and its operations.

DOW VINCENT’S AGENT.-

E. H. Moore, at the Postoffice, is general passenger and freight agent, at this end of the route, for Dow Vincent’s Silver City and South Mountain Fast Freight and passenger line. Packages and freight designed for South Mountain can be left with Mr. Moore who will also book passengers and attend to any other business connected with Mr. Vincent’s stage line.

(From Wednesday’s Daily.) THE OUTLOOK.-

The prospect for lively times the coming spring are decidedly brighter than ever before known in this camp. All the mines on War Eagle Mountain were never in such good shape for yielding large quantities of ore as they are at present, and preparations are being made for a vigorous mining campaign during the coming summer. Besides the mines already in operation, other new enterprises are projected which will greatly add to the industry and mineral product of our camp. The two smelting furnaces at South Mountain will turn out ten tons of bullion per day, the transportation of which to Winnemucca will give employment to all the teams in the Territory.

(From Friday’s Daily.) FROM BAKER CITY.-

Dr. T. N. Snow arrived from Baker City, Oregon, by last evening’s stage and will leave for South Mountain to-morrow with the intention of becoming a permanent resident of that camp, and engaging in the practice of his profession. He is a very pleasant gentleman, and is said to be a very skillful Physician and Surgeon. He will be joined by his wife as soon as he gets an office and residence fitted up. The doctor informs us that there will be a large emigration from Eastern Oregon to Silver City and South Mountain this spring. Many families are already preparing to come.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN LETTER, Feb. 22

EDITOR DAILY AVALANCHE: Since my last nothing strange has occurred in our camp.

The S.M.C.M. Co. have shut down their smelting works for a short time in consequence of running short of coal.

It need not be a matter of surprise that this want of coal exists, for it is no small job to furnish the amount required at this inclement season of the year. Indeed, when the age of the camp is taken into consideration, it is surprising that the work has been carried on as successfully as it has.

Joel Slack is the chief coal contractor and will in a very short time, have a sufficient quantity in the Company’s sheds to warrant them in resuming work.

Sports

Top-seeded Marsing boys' late-season slide continues



Surrounded by Pilgrims, Marsing's Jacob Ankeny puts up a shot last Wednesday against Matt Hall (24), Tony Ray (23), and Kobe Roberts (15).

After stringing together 11 straight wins over six weeks, the Marsing High School boys' basketball team has dropped four straight games, including last Wednesday's 2A District III semifinal against New Plymouth.

The Pilgrims qualified for the 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament and moved into the district championship game after edging the Huskies, 37-34, at Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

"Some missed opportunities and good looks that did not fall in the second half allowed New Plymouth to secure the lead and pull out the win," Marsing coach Tim Little said.

The loss was the Huskies' first to the Pilgrims in four games during the 2019-20 season.

Top-seeded Marsing tried to keep its hopes of a second consecutive state tournament appearance alive with a consolation bracket game on its home floor Tuesday against Nampa Christian. Results weren't available at press time.

A win would send the Huskies to a 6 p.m. third-place game at Vallivue against either McCall-Donnelly or Melba. Thursday's winner earns the district's No. 3 berth into the state tournament, which will take place March 5-7 at Capital High School in Boise.

The loss to New Plymouth marked Marsing's district debut. The Pilgrims reached the semifinal with a 48-45 win over Melba.

Points were scarce and turnovers were plenty in the first quarter of the semifinal. The score was tied 2-2 with less than four minutes to go in that first period.

Marsing sophomore Noel Quebrado hit a three-point shot at the end of the quarter to pull the Huskies within one, 7-6.

Midway through the second quarter, senior Merrick Hall rattled off five straight points for the Huskies, including a three-pointer, and Marsing led, 16-13. He then hit a layup with 10 seconds left in the half to put the Huskies up, 20-15, going into halftime.

The Huskies extended their lead to eight points, 25-17, with 2:42 left in the third, but the Pilgrims then scored the final seven points of the quarter to head in the final period trailing by one point.

New Plymouth outscored Marsing 13-9 in the fourth to prevail.

Hall led the Huskies with 14 points. He missed only one of his seven shots and canned a pair of treys. The wing also pulled down four rebounds.

Junior post Jacob Ankeny scored seven and grabbed five boards. He also blocked four shots.

Roger Valadez scored four, Cash Sevy and Quebrado scored three each, and Joaquin Oliveros scored two.

Oliveros led the team with five assists.

"Overall, (New Plymouth) hit some big shots down the stretch, including two three-pointers in the fourth, and were able to control the boards — limiting our offensive rebounding the entire game," Little said.

— TK

MARSING HUSKIES

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Boys' basketball
Merrick Hall, sr., W
14 points, 4 rebounds vs. New Plymouth

Wrestling State qualifiers
Troy Miller, jr., 126, champion
Isai Arriaga, jr., 170, champion
Evan Miller, jr., 126, bronze medalist
Jonathan Ineck, so., 132, bronze medalist
Justin Ineck, sr., 138, bronze medalist
Jacob Goins, jr., 195, 4th place

Boys' basketball
Varsity
2A District III Tournament
If won Tuesday: Thursday, Feb. 27 at 2A District III Tournament third-place game vs. McCall-Donnelly or Melba, Vallivue H.S., Caldwell, 6 p.m.
If lost Tuesday: Season complete, record 15-8

Wrestling
Friday and Saturday, Feb. 28-29 at
2A state tournament,
Ford Idaho Center, Nampa, 9 a.m.

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Duct tape in agriculture



A collection of testimonials for Duct Tape in agriculture...

From B.A., Large Animal Vet: I've been a Duct Tape believer ever since I had a cow tear her bag on a bob wire fence. It was a ghastly gash. She was in pain and frightened. There was no way I could close the wound until ... I began wrapping her with Duct Tape! I started just behind the elbow and started circling her girth, then her ribs and her flanks with Duct Tape. I eventually was able to wrap the bag, leaving the four teats and tail poking out. Six months later, the tape fell off and she was cured!

From F.W., Horseshoer: One afternoon I had been called to shoe a miniature horse. I was expecting one in the St. Bernard-Great Dane class, but this one was not much bigger than a medium house cat. I built to the task and was bent over the hind leg when my nipper slipped. I had accidentally trimmed the hoof clear off at the hock. I panicked until ... I remembered the roll of Duct Tape I always keep in my watch pocket. Using two quarter-inch x four-inch bolts, I splinted the leg back together and wrapped it with Duct Tape. Each week, I added another 12 to 15 feet of Duct Tape. Two months later, it seems to be working although he's still walking funny.

From D.W., Poultry Pathologist: Doing surgery on chickens is uncommon. Whenever I saw a chicken he was usually dead. And yet many suffered from ingrown feathers. Many *polloqueros* (chicken cowboys from Mexico) spent hours each day gently plucking the ingrown feathers from afflicted hens. One afternoon, I was helping and happened to drop a chicken on a strip of Duct Tape I had circled around my feet to stave off fire ants. When I picked up the chicken, her brisket was plucked clean. Inspired, the *polloqueros* completely wrapped me with duct tape, sticky side out, and slapped the chicken's afflicted area containing the ingrown feather against my body. This technique has since been adopted to de-claw cats and in beauty shops as a depilatory.

From Y.K., Team Roper: I used to carry rawhide, latigo, whole punchers, awls, Chicago screws, harness buckles, rubber wraps, bell boots, Super Glue, baby powder, rivets, snaps, curb chains and fencing pliers in my emergency box. Now all I carry is Duct Tape. I've used it to repair broken cinches, lengthen reins, rebuild hondos, plait manes, wrap horns, tie on, dress wounds, plug bloody noses and replace thumbs. I now wear chinks made out of Duct Tape, have padded my saddle with Duct Tape and braided a nice hat band with Duct Tape. Today I have covered my pickup with Duct Tape and written Born to Rope in Duct Tape on the side of my trailer. I'm ready and lookin' for a header. Just call 1-800 DuckTape.

— 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." Be sure to tell them you learned about it in *The Owyhee Avalanche*.

Nate Hoffman, Idaho Freedom Foundation president

The property tax issue Only lawmakers can stop local govts. from bleeding us dry



Contrary to the famous marketing campaign, pork is not white meat. It's red. I know this because the consumption of even the tiniest amount of red meat causes me to be covered in hives. Pork is no exception. This is the result of a tick that bit me when I was a teenager. (If you're curious about my condition, Google "alpha-gal syndrome.")

The other day, I thought a lot about that tiny critter, the source of my affliction, as an army of local government officials, like ticks on parade, pleaded with legislators to let them keep siphoning ever more money from property taxpayers, who were practically begging the same lawmakers for a break. The little parasite that burrowed his head under my skin more than 30 years ago probably didn't intend to hurt me, it just wanted my blood, just as local government officials don't want to hurt people. To the contrary. They're mostly decent people, the folks who work for cities, counties, highway districts, and other taxing entities.

That might explain why local officials' testimony before the House Revenue and Taxation Committee

over multiple days seemed so tone deaf as it could be as concerns Idahoans whose rising property taxes may cost them their homes if House Bill 409 doesn't pass. The bill would simply institute a one-year freeze on total property tax collections. All that means is that Idaho's taxing districts would receive in 2020 exactly what they got from property taxes in 2019. No more and no less. The bill won't reduce everyone's property taxes, but it could provide some relief for many.

Bingham County Commissioner Mark Bair testified that state mandates drive the county's budget. He's so focused on the county's need for more cash, he's been able to intellectually separate the plight of taxpayers from the county commission's decision last year to give each county employee a 50-cent per-hour raise because percentage increases "wouldn't be fair," according to county minutes (nor I guess would merit-based raises). The county also recently — and "generously," say county records — decided to have taxpayers pick up all the increased costs of county

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From Washington Mexico-Canada trade deal improves access to neighboring markets

The original North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) needed to be re-negotiated. I voted against passage of NAFTA in 1993 because it was flawed. The agreement traded away sovereign rights of individual states and the federal government. Many goods and services originating in the United States received unfair treatment among trading partners. It also failed to provide sufficient market access or address problematic pricing structures and restrictive trade practices in the dairy sector. The enactment of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) is a welcome step in improving market opportunities for Idaho goods in our closest neighboring countries.

The work of Idaho agricultural producers is paramount to our state economy and feeding people both at home and around the world. The Idaho State Department of Agriculture reports Canada and Mexico are Idaho's top two foreign markets for the sale of Idaho agriculture products. Canada is the destination for 26 percent of Idaho's sale of agriculture products worldwide, while Mexico accounts for 20 percent. The USMCA will provide Idaho farmers, ranchers and small businesses with a trade agreement that opens new trading pathways while maintaining existing channels for top exports including potatoes, canola and beef cattle.

The new trilateral agreement updates the 1994 NAFTA by bringing the deal into the 21st century and providing U.S. farmers with valuable new export opportunities. The agreement expands market access for farmers and addresses long-standing non-tariff barriers restricting U.S. producers' ability to export wheat and wine to Canada. The USMCA also eliminates Canada's Class 6 and 7 milk-ingredient price programs that hindered U.S. exports to third-country markets. The U.S. International Trade

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Commission (USITC) estimates these changes under the USMCA are expected to increase U.S. dairy exports to Canada by \$227 million and Mexico by \$50.6 million. Idaho is a leader in U.S. dairy production. By requiring the use of scientific standards, the trade pact will also prevent food safety and animal or plant health measures from being used as protectionist trade restrictions.

Beyond the many improvements in the agricultural sector, the USMCA is the first U.S. free trade agreement with a digital trade chapter, fostering U.S. growth in the digital economy for firms of all sectors and sizes. It will establish information-sharing tools to help the more than 120,000 American small- and medium-sized businesses that export goods and

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Commentary

Financial management

Savings account serves as self-insurances against emergencies

Dear Dave,
My husband passed away last year at just 45 years old. We always tried to be careful with our money, and we were in good enough shape financially that I paid for his funeral with cash. A few days ago, I started getting letters from the funeral homes encouraging me to pre-pay for my own funeral. I'm 42, and in very good health, so is this a good idea?

— Janet

Dear Janet,
My advice is to pre-plan, not pre-pay. Unfortunately, you learned first-hand how hard it is to make important decisions in the middle of that kind of grief. Many times, people are

so emotional when they face these kinds of things that they make bad decisions. That's why pre-planning, and making decisions ahead of time, is a really good move.
Now, here's why it's never a good idea to prepay for this kind of thing. If you live to an average age, for what you'd prepay today at your age, you could invest the amount and be self-insured. You'd have a ton of money sitting there when the time comes.
Events like this make you realize the need for proper planning, but don't ever prepay for them. God bless you, Janet. I'm so sorry you're going through this.

— Dave



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Dear Dave,
I have an emergency fund equal to six months of expenses. Considering this, would you consider an extended

home warranty to be a waste of money?
— Ami
Dear Ami,
My advice to have an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses, sitting in a good money market account with check-writing privileges, is designed to cover the unexpected things that life will throw at you.
The cash, combined with the easy access that kind of account allows, will make it quick and easy to take care of things in the event of a financial emergency.
Extended warranties, of any kind, are not a good deal, and I don't recommend them.

You're better off to self-insure against things breaking down, and put what would have been profit for the warranty company in your own pocket!
— 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, including KIDO in the Treasure Valley, and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

✓ Lawmakers: County, city officials seem tone-deaf about tax freeze

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employee health insurance.
The City of Caldwell sent its communications specialist, Chelsea Wilson, to plead the city's case. She and her colleagues are seemingly oblivious to the irony of using the government entity's paid publicist to claim poverty. Coincidentally, as Wilson was lobbying the Legislature with broad claims about how the city wouldn't be able to afford new firefighters, the city's urban renewal agency was planning to spend \$2.4 million of redirected property taxes for a new county fair building. I think I found some money for your firefighters, Caldwell.
An official from Twin Falls County testified against House Bill 409. I suspect Twin Falls County officials

haven't made the connection between rising property taxes and the county's decision several years ago to join the state pension system. The county approved the move in 2015 knowing that it would be more costly than the county's old retirement system because the lion's share of the nearly 20 percent in contributions toward each government employee's pension is from taxpayers.
Representatives of both local government lobbying organizations — the Association of Idaho Cities and the Idaho Association of Counties — spoke in opposition to House Bill 409, and tried to convince legislators to drop the freeze on property tax collections. I wondered if either organization, or the county and city officials that fund them, recognize

that they took money from beleaguered taxpayers to lobby the Legislature in opposition to taxpayers. Maybe not.
I never met the tick that left me with a lifetime of food allergies. That one little critter causes me several days of misery every year, no matter how careful I am with my diet. But at least a parasite knows when to stop sucking, whereas local government officials will keep at it until their hosts are bled dry.
That is, unless lawmakers are willing to intervene.
— Wayne Hoffman of Nampa is president of the Idaho Freedom Foundation, which on the IFF website is described as a non-partisan educational research institute and government watchdog.

✓ Trade: New pact with Canada, Mexico vital to Idaho \$4B in exports

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services to Canada and Mexico take advantage of the USMCA. The USITC projects this agreement will raise U.S. real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by more than \$68 billion and create nearly 176,000 jobs.
Free and fair trade is vital for Idaho's \$4 billion export industry. Recognizing the importance of ongoing efforts to improve market access for Idaho goods and services, I serve as co-chair of the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group, was appointed to serve on the President's Export Council

and was a delegate to the World Trade Organization negotiations in Seattle in 1999. As Chairman of the Senate Banking Committee and a senior member of the Senate Finance Committee, I continue to work to help direct trade improvements.
Fair treatment in the international marketplace remains a critical component of my focus in considering trade policies. I supported the USMCA when both the Senate Finance and Budget Committees considered it prior to the full Senate approving it in a bipartisan vote of 89-10 on Jan. 16. Fellow Idaho Sen. Jim Risch and I both voted in support of the trilateral

pact. President Trump and U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer's forceful negotiations of the USMCA will provide much-needed stability, certainty and market access for agricultural producers in Idaho who export products to our valued trading partners in Canada and Mexico.
— 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.

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
• 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.

Contacting elected officials

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48331 Three Creek Highway
Rogerson, ID 83302
Phone — (208) 857-2217
E-mail — bbrackett@senate.idaho.gov

Seat A Rep. Christy Zito (R-Hammett)
P.O. Box 61, Hammett, ID 83627
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E-mail — czito@house.idaho.gov

Seat B Rep. Megan Blanksma (R-Hammett)
House majority caucus chair
595 W. Thacker Road, Hammett, ID 83627
Phone — (208) 366-7976
E-mail — mblanksma@house.idaho.gov
Terms expire 2020

County commissioners
Mailing address
P.O. Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650
Board meets at 9 a.m., on first four Mondays.

Sports

✓ 2A: Miller, Ineck siblings advance; Jacob Goins gets in as an alternate

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personal success with half a dozen athletes making the grade for this week's state tournament.

Isai Arriaga and Troy Miller won district championships to lead the Huskies' contingent bound for the 2A state meet set for Friday and Saturday at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

Arriaga will be seeded third at State and Miller has the No. 5 seed in his 16-wrestler bracket.

Arriaga continued his domination of the 170-pound class winning his fifth gold medal of the season. He edged out New Plymouth's Josiah Campbell, 9-8, in the championship bout.

Miller (126) won the district crown with a 7-0 decision over New Plymouth's Grant Ethington.

Other Huskies qualifying



Marsing's Troy Miller (left) twists New Plymouth's Grant Ethington in the 126-pound final. Photo by Kelly Ineck.

for the state meet included:

- Miller's twin brother Evan at 126 pounds
- Senior Justin Ineck (138)
- Ineck's younger brother Jonathan (132)
- Junior Jacob Goins (195)

Arriaga's first match came in the semifinals when he pinned teammate Harlee Liles in 1 minute, 15 seconds.

Troy Miller reached the district final with back-to-back pins against New Plymouth's Sam Lettunich (5:01) in the

quarterfinals and McCall-Donnelly's Sterling Fontaign (1:26) in the semis.

Evan Miller claimed a bronze medal when he pinned Fontaign in 1:26 of the third-place match. Ethington pinned Miller in the semifinals in 4:57, but the Marsing wrestler rebounded with an 11-7 decision over Lettunich in the consolation semifinal.

Justin Ineck pinned Garden Valley's Nate Winman in 1:39 for third place at 138.

He had lost in the semifinals to McCall-Donnelly's Woody Pyle by a 7-3 decision. Ineck pinned Nampa Christian's Daniel Thompson in 38 seconds to win the consolation semifinal and move to the bronze medal match.

Jonathan Ineck nipped McCall-Donnelly's Reed Crossley, 7-6, for third place at 132. He pinned Melba's Skyler Vander-Zee in 3:34 of their consolation semifinal to reach the medal round. Ineck found himself in the consolation bracket after a 14-7 loss to Nampa Christian's Zane Dalton in the semifinal.

Despite a fourth-place finish Saturday, Jacob Goins (27-17 according to trackwrestling.com) got a state berth based on his season record. He was needed to fill out the 16-man bracket because of a dearth of Class 2A wrestlers in the 195-pound class statewide.

Goins lost his third-place match, 7-2, to Nampa Christian's Reggie Lucarelli.

Also participating at district were:

- **Matthew Goins (120)** — Finished fourth after a 10-0 major decision loss to Melba's Grant Svedin in the third-place match.
- **Jaristian Fuentes (138)** — The Huskies' only female wrestler lost both her bouts by pinfall, including 33 seconds against New Plymouth's Trent Myers and in 4:44 against Nampa Christian's Daniel.
- **Harlee Liles (170)** — After his loss to Arriaga, Liles pinned Nampa Christian's Cody Greentree (2:59) then lost by pinfall to McCall-Donnelly's Thomas Vlaanderen (1:40).

Senior Jedidiah Fuentes, a 2019 state tournament qualifier, was unable to compete because of injury.

✓ 3A: Senior Ramos earns first State berth; Nix brings home silver at 170

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Rounding out the state qualifiers for coach Jake Levinski's squad are bronze medalist Keagen Christensen (170), a junior making his first trip to the season's final competition, and Gracie Rotter (106), a junior returning to the state tournament for the first time since her freshman year at 98 pounds.

Homedale also has four wrestlers on the outside looking in as alternates. They all finished fifth, and will need someone ahead of them to drop out to reach the tournament:

- Kaydince Turner beat her sister and fellow junior Savannah Turner in the fifth-place match at 126 with a 5-2 decision.
- Freshman Chase Cooper pinned Fruitland sophomore Carter Stowe in 3 minutes, 46 seconds to take fifth at 160.
- Freshman Juan Aceves finished fifth at 285 without wrestling.

The Trojans finished fifth in the five-team competition.



Homedale freshman Levi Jamisen tries to maintain control in a 132-pound match against Fruitland's Kaedon Galloway.

Garcia built a 2-1 lead with a first-round takedown before Egusquiza systematically climbed toward the crown.

He tied the match with an escape 18 seconds into the second period then pushed ahead with a near-fall 46 seconds into the third round.

In the semifinals, a frustrated Egusquiza complained to the referee about what he perceived as Rudkin's stalling. Trailing 2-0 after Rudkin's first-round takedown, Egusquiza scrambled for a match-tying reversal that also aggravated Rudkin's left shoulder injury in the second round.

After an injury stoppage, Rudkin's aggression slowed to a crawl. By the third period, Egusquiza had become restless,

falling behind 3-2 when a penalty point was assessed. Egusquiza lifted Rudkin and slammed him to the mat, prompting the penalty and another stoppage.

The Homedale junior forfeited another point when he let Rudkin out of the down position on the restart then blitzed his opponent with a takedown and near fall to advance.

Egusquiza's tournament began with a 6-0 win over Fruitland's Ray Florez.

White reached the state tournament for the second time in as many chances with his first district title, pinning Weiser's Boone Ksiazek in 1:35 of the 160 final.

White never wrestled past the first round Saturday, pinning Payette's Roger Barbion in the semifinal in 1:47 and catching Fruitland's Carter Stowe three seconds before the opening round of their quarterfinal match was to end.

The runners-up

Ramos qualified for his first state tournament in his final season, but he lost the championship match at 138 when Fruitland's KJ Dullanty stopped him two seconds before the end of the opening round.

Ramos romped into the title bout, notching a 13-3 major decision in the semifinals against Parma's Garrett Weber

and routing Fruitland's Steffan Olmstead with a 20-5 technical fall 68 seconds into the third round.

Nix lost the 170-pound title match when fellow sophomore Malachi Hoobery of Weiser rolled to a 14-0 major decision.

Nix ended a tight semifinal match when he pinned Payette's Deano Rodriguez 57 seconds before their match was to end. Rodriguez inched back to within a point, 6-5, before Nix resumed control.

Christensen gets bronze

Christensen edged Rodriguez for third place, rallying from a semifinal loss to top-seeded Hoobery.

Christensen beat Rodriguez, 8-5, maintaining control of the match after rallying from 2-0 deficit with a reversal and near-fall in the first period.

Trailing 2-0 since being taken to the mat in the first round, Hoobery pinned Christensen one second before the end of the second period in the bronze medal match.

Christensen pinned Parma's Adrian Munoz (2:26) in the quarterfinals and reached the third-place match by pinning Weiser's Dillon Houser eight seconds into the second round of their consolation semifinal.

Fourth-place Rotter

Rotter lost the third-place match at 106 via pin (1:37) to

Weiser's Arron Despain.

The only Homedale girl to qualify for this year's state tournament reached the semifinals with a 14-4 major decision against Weiser's Billy Nevarez. Fruitland's Kolton Farrow pinned her in 51 seconds of their semifinal.

Alternates

What could be the final 2019-20 chapter of the Turner sisters' rivalry ended with Kaydince edging Savannah, 5-2, in the fifth-place match at 126.

Kaydince kept her tournament alive with a pin at 3:35 against Fruitland's Brodie Greif in the opening consolation round.

Chase Cooper pinned Curtis Anderson of Parma in 2:48 in the first consolation round then fell into the fifth-place match when Roger Barbion from Payette posted a pin in the consolation semifinals (3:28).

Fifth-place finishers can compete at State only if a qualifier ahead of them in their weight division is unable to go.

Houser takes 6th

Junior Owen House missed a chance at a third consecutive fifth-place district finish when Parma's Sean Wilhite got a 58-second pin in the battle for an state alternate spot.

Houser finished fifth at district in 2019 (195 pounds) and 2018 (182).

Public notices

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE
2020 PRESIDENTIAL
PRIMARY ELECTION
IN OWYHEE COUNTY,
CASTLEFORD JOINT
SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 417 –
OWYHEE AND TWIN FALLS
COUNTIES SUPPLEMENTAL
LEVY ELECTION &
GLENNS FERRY JOINT
SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 192
– OWYHEE AND ELMORE
COUNTIES SUPPLEMENTAL
LEVY ELECTION**

The Owyhee County Presidential Primary Election, *Castleford Joint School District No. 417 – Owyhee and Twin Falls Counties Supplemental Levy Election & *Glenns Ferry Joint School District No. 192 – Owyhee and Elmore Counties Supplemental Levy Election will be held on Tuesday March 10th 2020 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the following precinct polling places:

Precinct 01 North Homedale – Owyhee County Community Center, 423 W. Nevada Ave Homedale

Precinct 02 South Homedale – Owyhee County Community Center, 423 W. Nevada Ave Homedale

North Marsing – Marsing Community Center 126 2nd Ave. N. Marsing

Precinct 04 South Marsing – Extension Office, 238 W. 8th Ave. Marsing

Precinct 05 Pleasant Valley – Mail Ballot

Precinct 06 Wilson – Wilson School House, 10427 Johnston Lane, Wilson

Precinct 07 Murphy – Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78 Murphy

Precinct08 Oreana–Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Road, Oreana

Precinct 09 Grandview – Eastern Owyhee Library, 520 Boise Ave Grand View

Precinct 10 Bruneau – American Legion Building 32536 Belle Ave. Bruneau

Precinct 11 Riddle – Mail Ballot

Precinct 12 Three Creek – Mail Ballot

Precinct 13 Absentee - Courthouse 20381 State Hwy 78 Murphy

* Only voters within the school district will vote in this election

02/26/20

**NORTH AND SOUTH
HOMEDALE POLLING
LOCATIONS HAVE MOVED**

North Homedale Polling Location (Homedale Senior Center) and South Homedale Polling Location (Homedale Magistrate Court) **HAVE MOVED FOR ALL OWYHEE COUNTY ELECTIONS.** Both North and South Homedale Polling locations will now be located at the Owyhee County Community Center, 423 W. Nevada Avenue Homedale, Idaho.

Please contact the Owyhee County Clerks Office if you have any questions – 208-495-2421.

02/26/20

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING
BEFORE THE OWYHEE
COUNTY PLANNING &
ZONING COMMISSION**

On March 18, 2020, the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St., Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below.

Beginning at 9:30 am, the Commission will hear application Z20-12 filed by **Barbara**

**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

GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Sherry Maxwell, Treasurer

Herron seeking approval of a two-year time extension for previously approved conditional use permit Z18-06. That permit was issued in 2018 and granted approval to establish a two-lot residential subdivision on a ten-acre parcel of land. The subject parcel, RP02N04W369000, is located near milepost 7.2 off State Highway 78 approximately six miles south/southeast of Marsing. The site is located in an agricultural zone situated in a portion of the SE¼ of Section 36, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 10:30 am, the Commission will hear application Z20-13 a request for a conditional use permit filed by **Michael & Sequoi Werner and Tal & Jennifer Trautman** seeking approval to establish a single-family residence on an approximately 45-acre parcel to be divided from a 59-acre parcel located on Trout Creek Road. The subject parcel, RP05S05W300002, is in an agricultural zone in a portion of the in the E½ of the NE¼ of Section 30, Township 5 South, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 1:00 pm, the Commission will hear application Z20-14 a request for a conditional use permit filed by **Lynn & Tiffany Bachman** seeking approval to establish a retail store, agritourism/education site, and short-term lodging on an approximately 10-acre parcel to be divided from a 120-acre parcel located off Hot Springs Road approximately 3.7 miles southeast of Bruneau. The subject parcel, RP07S06E093000, is in an agricultural zone in the in the W½ of the NW¼ and the NW¼ of the SW¼ of Section 9, Township 7 South, Range 6 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Copies of the proposed projects are available for review in the Planning and Zoning office. For additional information please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2.

02/26/2020

**SUMMARY OF
ORDINANCE NO. A-214**
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSING, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO AMENDING

TITLE2,CHAPTER1,MARSING CITY CODE; ADOPTING A NEW ORDINANCE OF THE MARSING CITY CODE RELATING TO THE GENERAL BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION, APPROVAL, AND APPEAL; INCREASING EXEMPTION AMOUNT FOR HOME BASED BUSINESSES; PROVIDINGASEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A Summary of Ordinance No. A-214, adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Marsing on February 11, 2020, is as follows:

Section 1.0: Amends Title 2, Chapter 1, Section 6 to provide additional information regarding the business license application.

Section 2.0: Amends Title 2, Chapter 1, Section 7 regarding the exemption regarding home occupations.

Section 3.0: Amends Title 2, Chapter 1, Section 13 regarding the renewal of business licenses.

Section 4.0: Amends Title 2, Chapter 1, Section 18 regarding the appeal of the conditions of a license.

Section 5.0: Amends Title 2, Chapter 1, Section 19 regarding the exemptions from business licenses.

Section 6.0: Provides for severability.

Section 7.0: Provides for repealer.

Section 8.0: Establishes an effective date.

The full text of Ordinance No. A-214 is available for public inspection during normal office hours at the office of the City Clerk.

CITY OF MARSING
Owyhee County, Idaho
By: Mayor Chad Sevy
ATTEST: Jolyn Green, City Clerk
02/26/2020

**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

LIEN SALE
J-10, Patrick Collingwood, 704 3rd St. S, Nampa Idaho 83651. Unit containing metal bunk bed, clothes and misc. household items. Sealed bid auction will be held on 03-11-2020, and will end at 3:30 PM. Unit may be viewed at anytime during business hours from now forward. Winner must remove all items in a timely fashion and sweep out said unit.

02/26,03/04/2020

PUBLIC HEARING

Southwestern Idaho Cooperative Housing Authority (SICHA) has developed its agency plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998.

The plan, attachments and support documents are available for review at the SICHA administrative office located at 377 Cornell Street, Middleton, Idaho 83644 between the public business hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday. In Owyhee County, the plan and attachments can be examined at the El-Ada Community Center, 15 West Colorado, Homedale, Idaho. In addition, a Public Hearing will be held at the SICHA administrative office in Middleton at the address indicated above on April 16, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.



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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 REAL ESTATE 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
Pioneer Lender Trustee Services
8151 W. Rifleman Street
Boise, ID 83704
02/19,26,03/04,11/2020

Sports

✓ Boys: Llamas hits shot at buzzer to highlight night of clutch performances

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“After we tied it to send it to OT, we just rode the momentum into OT and never looked back.”

Homedale (10-12) played for the district title Tuesday after deadline as the No. 3 seed against top-seeded and once-beaten Fruitland (21-1). The tournament final was played after deadline at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore.

Weiser took a two-point lead late in regulation before freshman Jaxon Dines fed Llamas for the game-tying basket.

In the extra period, Homedale scored eight of the first 10 points before Weiser’s deep three-pointer at the buzzer cut the lead in half.

“(In the) overtime, we got to the line a few times and really played great defense in the extra period,” Long said.

The Trojans withstood Weiser’s charge over the second half, outscoring the Wolverines, 8-5, in the extra period to snap a five-game losing streak against the host squad dating to last year’s district tournament.

Homedale got off to a fast start on the Wolverines’ floor, shooting 48 percent (12-for-25) from the field. The Trojans built an 11-point halftime lead, 32-21, despite taking just four free throws in the first 16 minutes.

While the Trojans’ free-throw shooting skyrocketed in the second half (11-for-19), Homedale’s field-goal accuracy spun earthward. Weiser shot 52.6 percent (10 for 19) from the floor to climb back into contention.

In the end, another winning aspect for Homedale was scoring 13 points off 16 Weiser turnovers, or — perhaps more importantly — limiting the Wolverines to just two points while committing 15 miscues.

Homedale also ruled on Weiser’s backboards, holding a 22-5 rebounding edge. Freshman Mason Strong’s strongest contribution was as a rebounder, as seven of his game-high nine boards came on the Wolverines’ glass.

Dines was clutch from the foul line, highlighting his 20-point night with a 7-for-8 performance. He also fired in three three-point goals as the Trojans took only four fewer shots from long range than they did from inside the line.

Senior Nelson Lomeli also nailed three treys for the bulk of his 13 points

Llamas was 4-for-5 from two-point range for most of his 10 points. Llamas also had seven rebounds and led HHS defenders with three steals.

“All of our guys stepped up,” Long said. “Spencer Fisher didn’t make the trip due to being sick, so Arny (Llamas) really stepped up.”

“His defensive rebounding was very big, and Nelson and Jaxon found him for some easy buckets late, but really all the guys stepped up.”

Another senior, Daniel Uranga, scored eight points and had four of five rebounds on Weiser’s end of the floor. Dominic Quijano came through with three defensive rebounds.

Ande Jensen led all scorers with 24 points for Weiser, while Brett Spencer hit three three-pointers and four of six free throws for 13 points. Tim Reed connected on four of five field goals for most of his nine points.

✓ Dines: Athletic ability impresses future teammates during campus visit

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academic endeavors at Walla Walla Community College in Washington state.

“I met Gracie a couple years ago in club volleyball, and she was only a sophomore then, and right then and there was like, ‘This girl is going to be play college ball somewhere,’” Fouts said moments before Gracie went through with a letter-of-intent signing ceremony inside the HHS gymnasium foyer.

Fouts would learn even more about Dines’ ability going forward, coaching her as part of the Evolution Volleyball club team and then as the HHS program chief.

Gracie plans to focus on her general education requirements during her time with the Warriors before pursuing a speech therapy degree at a four-year university — perhaps Boise State, she said.

“I just really like the community, and I just connected with the coach (Chelsie Speer, who recently completed her sixth season at the helm) right away and all the girls,” Gracie said of Walla Walla. “And I know one girl playing there already (former Evolution teammate Maddee Strong from Caldwell), so it just felt right and just felt like a family already.”

Gracie said she also got interest from Mt. Hood Community College (where former HHS teammate Amaya Carter plays) and George Fox University. But the coaching staff at the four-year school in Newberg, Ore., wanted Gracie to wait a year.

“It feels great. I’m really excited,” Gracie said of taking the next step.

“I didn’t want it to end right after high school, so I’m excited to keep it going and just see how much more I can improve.”

She tipped her cap to Fouts, who helped get Gracie’s name to college recruiters.

“I’m very blessed that I got to coach her because of the family she comes from, her work ethic, and then being able to watch her go on and play at the next level is really exciting,” Fouts said.

In addition to her parents, Gracie’s grandparents Val and Dennis Dines and Deb Downing were on hand for the ceremony as were her great uncle and aunt, George and Jacque Scott. The late Homedale City Councilman Tim Downing is Gracie’s maternal grandfather.

Fouts said that Gracie stunned her future Warriors teammates with a 7-foot, 6-inch vertical leap during her campus visit.

“All the girls were just amazed about how high she could get off the ground,” Fouts said. “This is a great opportunity for her. I think it will be a great community for her to go play at, and so I’m just really excited for her.”

Gracie said she worked hard to strengthen her legs and build her leaping prowess, and Fouts said that talent was a source of intimidation for opponents.

“She could jump then; she can jump now,” Fouts said. “But just getting to be part of her experience and watching her (has been great).

“I had many coaches throughout the years (say) what a remarkable player she is (and if there was) anyway they could help her to get on and play at the next level. I’ve had players that just don’t want to play against her just because of her athletic ability.” — JPB

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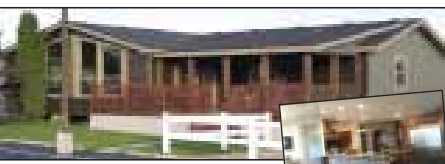
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