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Proposed Grand View DMV building faces opposition

City council not sold on need for county substation

Work will likely begin soon on a new Division of Motor Vehicles of-

fice/Owyhee County Sheriff's Office substation in Grand View.

There has been some pushback to the project, however. The Grand View City Council has expressed to the county commissioners, in writing and phone calls, concerns about the necessity — and cost — of the new building.

According to County Clerk Angie Barkell, the county has spent \$14,000 for a used modular unit and an additional \$1,500 for an inspection to ensure that it's structurally sound.

"I'm sure that there will be some sort of remodeling cost after that," Barkell said. "I'm not sure what all they will

need to do with it to make it useable. I know for sure, to add a bathroom."

The county has accepted a bid from Bruneau's Skyline Construction for \$26,600 to set the 24-foot by 36-foot building. The work will

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Marsing Rural Fire District volunteer firefighters work on hot spots after a blaze broke out on Friday in a residence behind the Wings 2 Fly 123s and ABCs childcare center, 212 W. Main St.

Marsing home, business lost to fire

GoFundMe, Facebook fundraisers to help family

A crowdfunding site has been established to help Marsing residents whose home was destroyed by a Friday fire.

Smoke from the fire that gutted the home of Shawn and Don Case also forced Shawn to close her Wings 2 Fly 123s & ABCs childcare center at 212 W. Main St., in Marsing.

"I've lost everything," Shawn Case said. "I've lost my business and home. Other people have lost their jobs because of this."

The house stands alone behind the West Main Street strip mall where the daycare is located. Fire never threatened the businesses.

— See **Fire**, page 5A

Post office closed until further notice after smoke wafts in

The U.S. Postal Service has decided to close the Marsing Post Office indefinitely in the wake of a nearby fire in a nearby residence.

When smoke from Friday's residential fire infiltrated the post office, which is adjacent to the Wings 2 Fly 123s & ABCs childcare center in a strip mall in the 200 block of West Main Street, Postmaster Marnie McNeil closed the lobby for the safety of customers.

After originally saying the post office would reopen Monday morning, the U.S. Postal Service issued a press release Monday afternoon saying the location would be closed until further notice beginning today.

— See **Post office**, page 4A

Election season only beginning

Three primaries Tuesday; May filing deadline March 13

The presidential primaries for three political parties are set in Idaho on Tuesday, but there is more election happenings on the horizon.

The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., on Tuesday throughout Owyhee

— See **Election**, page 5A

Idaho still has to spring forward — for now

Majority leader effectively kills Zito daylight bill

by Riley Haun

UI McClure Center intern

Idahoans can keep looking forward to (or dreading) setting their clocks forward an hour at 2 a.m., on Sunday despite an effort in the Legislature to stop the change.

House Bill 358, by Dist. 23A Rep. Christy Zito (R-Hammett), would have exempted Idaho

— See **Idaho**, page 4A



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Time to spring forward: Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday. Set your clocks ahead one hour

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Gus Black steals show, wins Mr. Rimrock 2020



The past three Mr. Rimrock winners included, from left, D-O Draper (2018), Gus Black (2020), and Todd Marvin (2019). Photo by Mandi Boren

by Mandi Boren
For The Owyhee Avalanche The Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School auditorium was filled with laughter and cheers Saturday night as seven high school boys competed for the coveted Mr. Rimrock crown. Five seasoned seniors, a junior and one sophomore danced the opening act in mermaid, lobster, fish and pelican costumes to match the “Under the Sea” theme. But it was the lone sophomore, Gus Black, who stole the show and earned the 2020 Mr. Rimrock crown and Best Talent with a “Tight Pants” song and skit. The audience roared in laughter as Black danced and sang wearing tight white pants, a retro Rimrock athletic shirt and

a black Beatles-like wig. Christian Sharek was runner-up, and fellow senior Hector Garcia was awarded Audience Choice. For Garcia’s talent act, he dribbled and spun a basketball while putting make-up on fellow contestant and 2018 Mr. Rimrock D-O Draper. A special guest appearance was made by 2019 Mr. Rimrock Todd Marvin and 2019 Audience Choice Dalton Allison, who repeated their memorable “Jump on It” talent act wearing cut-off denim shorts and leggings. Senior girls added a Beach Boys number, and staff members recorded a comedic video clip to add to the evening fun. Parent and audience member Katy Carothers said the boys

did a great job. “I definitely look forward to this every year,” she said. Rimrock principal Dale Burk said the event is more than just a chance to have fun. “Mr. Rimrock does much more than provide an evening of entertainment for our community. It also provides our students with an opportunity to learn skills while having fun in the process,” he said. “Students use and develop skills in advertising, logo design, interviewing and stage technology. After the successful completion of the show, students feel a sense of pride as well as accomplishment.” — Send news tips to Mandi Boren at mandi@owyheeavalanche.com



Clockwise from bottom:
The contestants open the evening with a number befitting the “Under the Sea” theme.
Gus Black performs his Best Talent-winning skit.
Hector Garcia spins a basketball for the talent portion of his entry.
Photos by Patty Dalrymple



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Basque dance set Saturday

The 20th annual Txoko Ona Basque Dance kicks off at 6:30 p.m., on Saturday with dance troupe performances. The event will take place at Badiola Arena in Homedale. Admission is \$5, and the doors open at 5:30 p.m., for a social hour. The festivities begin with appearances by Herribatza Dantzariak, the youth dancers taught by Homedale resident Gloria Lejardi, and Oinkari Dancers, a Boise group of older Basque folk dancers. Live and silent auctions begin at 7:45 p.m., and live music for dancing begins at 9 p.m. The band is the Kalimotxo Kowboys. Refreshments will be served.



Above: Carl Lee Hill holds up a stuffed animal antelope after receiving the inaugural Good Neighbor Award at the Adrian 2040 celebration.

Right: Adrian eighth-grader Sheyanne Haun (left) received recognition as the Food Pantry Volunteer of the Year from community member Mary Jo Barazza.



Church’s annual concert to help library, El-Ada

A food bank and the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library will benefit from another day of entertainment at the First Presbyterian Church in Homedale.

The fifth annual Under the Shadow of the Owyhees concert takes place at 2 p.m., on Sunday, March 15 at the church, 320 N. 6th St. W.

Admission is \$5 and a non-perishable food item.

Local performers will include Dolly Hyer Hutchinson, Carol Burroughs, Laura Aebischer, Bob Law, and Judith Jemmett.

Musical styles that will be heard include Haka, Hula, Irish, Swing, and Country.

The food items will be donated to the El-Ada Community Action Partnership Owyhee County food pantry, which is located at the organization’s office at 15 W. Colorado Ave., in Homedale.

Money raised from the concert will help buy interior furnishings that are still needed at the city’s new library at 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

Adrian’s standout volunteers recognized

Photos and information from Angie Sillonis

Several community members were saluted during an event celebrating the Adrian 2040 improvement efforts.

The awards and a meal were served Feb. 24 inside the town’s high school gymnasium.

A dessert auction raised \$1,200 for the Adrian 2040 campaign’s upcoming activities.

According to information

provided by Adrian resident Angie Sillonis:

- **Carl Lee Hill** received the inaugural Good Neighbor Award.
- Hill’s daughter, Homedale Elementary principal Terri Vasquez, presented the award, which singled out Hill for his numerous works of community service over the years.
- When he heard that the Adrian 2040 organization had planned to install holiday

lights at Two Rivers Park, Hill installed electrical outlets at each of the trees facing Highway 201 from the park.

He also has purchased and planted landscaping for the new high school gym and is a longtime school volunteer.

- **Bob Webb** received the Volunteer Firefighter of the Year Award, which turned out to be a Lifetime Achievement Award honoring Webb’s 53 years on the volunteer

department’s staff.

- **Quick Response Unit Responder of the Year** — Carlos Mendoza
- **Heart of Education Award** — Elma Witty and Bob Radford, both volunteers
- **Food Pantry Volunteer of the Year** — Sheyanne Haun, an eighth-grader who spends most of her after-school time on Thursdays helping clients pick up their food for the week at the Adrian Food Pantry

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✓ Idaho: Other legislative measures in the works to save daylight saving

from observing daylight saving time. This would have put the state at odds with neighbors Oregon and Washington, which have both passed legislation putting them on permanent daylight saving time pending Congressional approval.

Zito acknowledged a permanent jump forward might be preferable to many Idahoans — but that route would require waiting for the federal government to sign off. Zito said she wanted to put an immediate stop to common problems that came with the twice-yearly shift, citing research showing correlations between the loss of sleep associated with springing forward and negative health effects including car crashes and heart attacks.

Zito said during her committee testimony that she had received continuous messages of support for her efforts after a failed attempt at pushing a similar bill through in the 2019 session. Several committee members expressed concern about logistical issues between Idaho’s two time zones and in communities bordering other states that still observe daylight saving time.

The bill was approved by the House State Affairs committee in late January and sent to the full House with a do-pass recommendation. Then the bill waited on a vote for several floor sessions before House Majority Leader Mike Moyle (R-Star) moved to return it to the committee, effectively killing Zito’s proposal for the 2020 legislative session.

But not all hope is lost for Idahoans who yearn for later sunsets year-round. On Monday, Sen. Jim Patrick (R-Twin Falls, Dist. 25) introduced a bill that would put areas of Idaho in the Mountain time zone on permanent daylight saving time, provided Utah does the same.

Utah’s legislature last week voted to make the switch permanent, and Patrick said in his weekly newsletter that if Idaho got on the same page Congress could approve all states making similar moves as a block.

Another bill by Sen. Steve Vick (R-Dalton Gardens, Dist. 2) would have Idaho’s Pacific time zone, including all of the state north of Riggins, switch if Washington’s change makes it through Congress. That bill passed the Senate unanimously and on Monday received a do-pass recommendation from the House State Affairs committee, ensuring a House floor vote in the coming days.

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✓ Post Office: More Owyhee residents lose convenience

On Friday, McNeil retrieved mail from the P.O. boxes because customers couldn’t go into the building.

Now, boxholders will have temporary P.O. boxes set up at the Homedale Post Office, and retail customers can do their business either in Homedale or at the Huston Post Office, the USPS said.

As with the closure of the Homedale Post Office last year, Marsing boxholders will have to visit the Homedale lobby during business hours to obtain a key to their temporary P.O. box.

“We apologize for any inconvenience this temporary change may cause our customers,” McNeil said. “Efforts are underway to re-establish service at the Marsing Post Office as soon as possible.”

When the Homedale Post Office abruptly closed in mid-October, it remained shuttered for more than 100 days, forcing customers to drive eight miles roundtrip for their mail.

Marsing P.O. boxholders will drive more than 20 miles roundtrip to retrieve mail.

Parcels and mail requiring signatures will have to be picked up in Homedale. Parcel redelivery can be requested at www.usps.com/redelivery.

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✓ Building: Council says fire station already gives OCSO town presence

include obtaining a building permit, removal of the existing concrete slab, and excavating to proper size and elevation to “facilitate a typical concrete foundation.”

The bid also includes extending water and sewer lines into the foundation. It also states that the company will connect to an existing water meter and will excavate as needed to find the existing sewer line that is extended into the lot.

Skyline Construction’s Stacey Buckingham said in a letter to county Assessor Toni Gruenwald that it is likely that the company will have to obtain a variance from Grand View City Council for the setback from Boise Avenue.

“That will entail someone going to a council meeting,” Buckingham wrote. “It sounded like they would allow it, after talking with the (city) clerk.”

The council stated in a letter to The Owyhee Avalanche that the county is justifying the separate DMV office to create a shareable space with sheriff’s deputies. In its letter, the council wrote that there has never been an issue with the space the deputies currently use in the Grand View Fire/Ambulance building.

The city’s elected officials also contend that the original reason for a separate DMV office — personnel issues — was resolved when the city clerk/DMV position was split after former City Clerk and Treasurer Jodi Jewett resigned.

The letter states that the cost to buy, move, and set up the building far exceeds the amount that is currently paid in rent at City Hall.

Barkell said that county currently pays \$1,500 annually for the space currently used.

“It will be nice for the Sheriff to have an actual substation that is visible in town,” Barkell said. “The building will also serve as a meeting space for the probation office if they need to meet with clients.”

The city council is asking the commissioners to do what is fiscally responsible for the community.

“We ask that the county commissioners...abandon the costly and unnecessary plan to have a separate DMV building in Grand View.”

Efforts to get comments from the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office were unsuccessful.

— TK

✓ Fire: Daycare owner says loss of business means loss of jobs for some

Postmaster Marnie McNeil closed the Marsing Post Office lobby for the safety of customers Friday. It was supposed to reopen Monday, but the U.S. Postal Service will close the suite indefinitely beginning today.

Marsing Rural Fire and Marsing Ambulance responded to the scene just after noon on Friday.

Assistant fire chief Jeff Percifield said the home was a total loss and the childcare center received smoke damage but managed to escape the flames.

Now, the mother of one of the daycare’s employees has started a GoFundMe account to help the family get back on their feet. The Cases, their daughter and son-in-law, and two grandchildren lived in the house.

Those interested in helping can donate at www.gofundme.com/f/TheCasesneedhelp.

So far, \$1,500 has been raised through the GoFundMe page.

Case’s friend Nancy Major also started a Facebook fundraiser page to help.

Case said that her family is currently staying with her mother, who lives nearby.

She plans to apply for assistance from the Marsing Disaster Fund.

“Now we have to worry about cleanup and rebuilding,” she said. “I have eight children. Some of them should be able to help.”

Case said she was just putting the five daycare children down for a nap when one of them said that she could see smoke coming through a vent.

Case said she looked out back and saw her house on fire.

She immediately evacuated the children, taking them to the Marsing City Park, a block away. She said that a post office customer came from next door to check if everyone was OK and getting evacuated.

Case said that a first-responder suggested to her that the fire may have somehow originated in the home’s attic, but according to Percifield, no cause or source had yet been identified.

Five trucks and a dozen volunteer firefighters responded to the call, Percifield said.

Case said that, as of Monday afternoon, an inspector had not contacted her.

She also said that there is a problem with insurance, as well. She said that she has been paying Pioneer Title toward her escrow account but just recently found out that the title company had not been paying for insurance for the business.

She originally had a separate insurance policy for accidents and injuries at the daycare but cancelled it in 2018 because she thought that was covered by the money she was paying to Pioneer Title.

— TK

✓ Election: Next filing deadline applies to county, state and subdivisions

County for people to vote for their preferred candidate in presidential primaries for the Republican, Democrat and Constitutional parties.

Additionally, a select number of Owyhee County voters will cast ballots on supplemental levy questions for the Glens Ferry and Castleford school districts.

In-person absentee voting, which takes place at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy, ends at 5 p.m., on Friday.

Those voting by mail with absentee ballots or in the mail-only precincts must ensure that their ballots are received at the county clerk’s office by 8 p.m., on Tuesday.

Deadlines are approaching for anyone hoping to run for office in the May 19 primary elections and the Nov. 3 general election.

Prospective candidates have until Friday, March 13 to file for the primary election for state legislative offices with the Idaho Secretary of State’s Office.

The same deadline applies for county offices, but those petitions must be sent to the Owyhee County Courthouse. County offices on the ballot this year include sheriff, District 1 commissioner, and prosecuting attorney (four-year terms) and District 2 county commissioner (two years).

The same deadline applies for anyone seeking the two-year precinct positions for either the Democratic or Republic Central Committees in Owyhee County.

Political subdivision candidacy forms must be filed with the secretary or clerk of the respective board by Friday, March 13.

Candidate declaration forms for all offices are available at www.owyheecounty.net under the clerk/elections tab.

Write-in candidacies for the May primary must be declared by 5 p.m. on April 21 with the secretary of state (state offices) or the county clerk.

Voter registration is available at the polls for Tuesday’s election, but registration for the May primary will open again next Wednesday.

Tuesday’s presidential primary election polling places

Precincts 1 and 2 North Homedale South Homedale Owyhee County Community Center 423 W Nevada Ave.	Precinct 8 Oreana Oreana Community Center 18092 Oreana Loop Rd.
Precinct 3 North Marsing Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 2 nd Ave. W.	Precinct 9 Grand View Eastern Owyhee County Library 520 Boise Ave.
Precinct 4 South Marsing University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 W. 8 th Ave.	Precinct 10 Bruneau American Legion Post 83 Hall 32536 Belle Ave.
Precinct 6 Wilson Wilson School House 10427 Johnston Lane (off Idaho highway 78)	Precinct 5 — Pleasant Valley, mail ballot Precinct 11 — Riddle, mail ballot Precinct 12 — Three Creek, mail ballot
Precinct 7 Murphy Owyhee County Courthouse 20381 State Hwy. 78	Precinct 13 — Absentee voting Owyhee County Courthouse 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy

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Obituary

Voss Nielsen

Voss Nielsen was born to Dennis and Marlene Nielsen, on April 19, 1960, in Boise, Idaho. He worked for his parents at their family restaurant, The White House Drive-In, during his high school years. He married Janie Mount, and they bought the restaurant in 1998.

Voss is survived by the love of his life — his wife of 42 years Janie Nielsen; parents Dennis and Marlene, daughter Miche Nielsen, son Michael (Liese) Nielsen, and daughter Mollee (Craig) Phillips; grandchildren Gwyneth, Maddison, William, Kaylee, Gage and Oaklee; three brothers; and two sisters. He was preceded in death by his grandparents and brother Jerry.

Voss loved sports, especially golf, and loved to watch his kids' sporting events. Voss was



a family man, and the Marsing community was his extended family. Besides sports, Voss enjoyed occasional trips to Jackpot, NV, with his family.

Voss served as a coach, a referee, and held offices with the Marsing Lions Club. Above all else, Voss loved his family — especially his wife Janie.

Memorial services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 28th at the Marsing American Legion/Community Hall under the direction of Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. Burial followed at the Marsing/Homedale Cemetery with lunch following at the Community Hall. Condolences may be shared at www.dakanfuneralchapel.com

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the Marsing Fire Department, 303 Main St, Marsing, ID 83639; or Marsing Disaster Auction, PO Box 493, Marsing, ID 83639.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar available with each meal:
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Milk available each day
Roll available each day except March 4th, 11th
March 4: Sausage & biscuit, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, beets
March 5: Beef & gravy over rice, broccoli
March 10: Baked ham, macaroni & cheese, sweet potato
March 11: Beef nacho supreme (ground beef, cheese & salsa on tortilla chips), refried beans & rice
March 12: BBQ pork chops, baked potato, creamed spinach

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
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
March 10: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, green salad, fresh melon, corn bread, cook's choice soup
March 11: Bacon, lettuce & tomato sandwiches, potato salad, peaches, stuffed celery, cottage cheese, whole grain bread
March 12: Pizza- combo, Hawaiian, bacon chicken ranch, green salad, pineapple & cottage cheese, fruit crisp
March 17: Happy Birthday Dinner: Corn beef cabbage, red potatoes, carrots, fresh fruit salad, cottage cheese, whole wheat rolls, cup cakes & ice cream, cook's choice soup

HHS Class of 1970 has big plans for 50-year reunion

The Homedale High School Class of 1970 has begun preparations for a 50-year reunion.

The reunion is scheduled for Sept. 11-13.

One of the reunion organizers, Leora Summers, said that people from the classes preceding and following 1970 will be included in some of the festivities.

"There were 60 classmates in our graduating class, according to our graduation program, but for some reason I thought we had about 70," Summers said. "But classmates have come and

gone between our freshman and senior years.

"For some, high school was awesome and for others, not so much, but 50 years in between has definitely brought change for everyone, and now it seems to be a great time to reconnect and visit with old friends and make a few new 'old friends' along the way."

The reunion will begin with a social and a classic car show on Friday, Sept. 11 at the Bette Uda City Park.

"We plan to invite the Class of 1969 and 1971 to our social on Friday evening," Summers said. "We might even 'drag



From left: Jerry Vanderhoff Twedt (Nampa), Debbie McPherson (Caldwell), LeAnda Johnstone Uranga (Homedale), Katy Lentfer Witt (Boise), Wendy Runger Keith (Meridian), Sharon Pruess Downen (Caldwell), and Toni Downing Ross (Homedale) met at Leora Summers' home on Feb. 12 to begin planning for the Homedale High School Class of 1970's 50-year reunion. Photo by Beth Araquistain

"Heroes are remembered, but Legends never die."

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Main' during our social on Friday for old time's sake with our classic cars leading the parade."

On Saturday, Sept. 12, a golf tournament is planned, and dinner will be held at the Txoko Ona Basque Center in Homedale.

The reunion weekend will conclude with a picnic on Sunday, Sept. 13 back at Bette Uda City Park.

"At this point in our lives, we need to enjoy the heck out of each other, and maybe we might even be able to help each other," Summers said.

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All veterans coffee
9 a.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

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

Grand View Fire commissioners meeting
5 p.m., Grand View Fire Station, 721 Roosevelt Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2511 (call ahead to ensure 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

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. Call (208) 495-2817 with questions.

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

Owyhee County Fair board meeting
7 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 337-3888 or (208) 941-4522

Friday

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

The Landing teen support group
6 p.m., Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 807-0680

Saturday

Txoko Ona Basque Dance and Auction
6:30 p.m., \$5, Badiola Arena, 406 Hwy. 95, Homedale.

Marsing Lions Bingo
6:45 p.m., early game, 7 p.m., regular games, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion

Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

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., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Homedale City Library board meeting
1:30 p.m., Homedale City Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Family Movie Night
6 p.m., movie starts at 6:30 p.m., free, Marsing School District cafeteria, 301 8th Ave. W. (208) 899-5411 or (208) 899-3260

Homedale school board meeting
7 p.m., school district boardroom, 116 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4611

Tuesday

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., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. Call (208) 495-2817 with questions.

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

Ridgeview Irrigation District meeting
1 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

Gem Irrigation District meeting
1:15 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

South Board of Control meeting
1:30 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

Gem Highway District meeting
6 p.m., district office, 1016 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4581

American Legion Post 128 meeting
7 p.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

Wednesday

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

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

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

Owyhee Watershed Council meeting
4 p.m., board meets in either Marsing or Adrian, call for location. (541) 372-5782

School menus

Homedale Elementary

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

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

March 5: **Breakfast:** Donuts, string cheese **Lunch:** Pepperoni calzone, green beans

March 9: **Breakfast:** S’more oatmeal bites **Lunch:** Ham & cheese hot pocket, corn

March 10: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch:** Hamburger, French fries

March 11: **Breakfast:** Choc. Chip muffin **Lunch:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, garlic toast

Homedale Middle

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

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

March 5: **Breakfast:** Donut, string cheese **Lunch:** Corn dog or PB&J sandwich, string cheese, goldfish crackers, baked beans

March 9: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken, PB&J sandwich, string cheese, goldfish crackers, steamed carrots

March 10: **Breakfast:** Filled cereal bar **Lunch:** Chicken patty sandwich or Rib-b-que sandwich, potato wedges

March 11: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce or pizza hot pocket, green beans

Homedale High

Salad & fruit bar, choice of milk and juice, and yogurt or cheese stick
Cereal option, grab ‘n’ go items each day

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

March 5: **Breakfast:** Little smokies & muffin or apple breakfast bites **Lunch:** Nachos or baked potato with toppings, breadstick

March 9: **Breakfast:** Tornado or donuts **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken or pepperoni calzone, steamed carrots, garlic toast

March 10: **Breakfast:** Croissant sandwich or cinnamon roll **Lunch:** Chicken filet or mini corn dogs, twice baked potato, dinner roll

March 11: **Breakfast:** Sausage plate or mini pancakes **Lunch:** Hamburger or cheeseburger, tater tots, cookie

Marsing

All entrees include choice of milk, fruit juice & fruit/veggie bar
Middle/High School each day: Classic Grab-n-go line:
PB&J Hot Grab-n-go line: Hamburger, pizza
Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sandwich, salad

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

March 5: **Breakfast:** Chicken waffle **Lunch sides or alternatives:** **Classic Line:** Pizza, pineapple **Hot Grab-n-go:** Chicken sandwich, potato wedges

March 9: **Breakfast:** WG pop tart, cheese stick **Lunch sides or alternatives:** **Classic Line:** Chicken nuggets, steam carrots **Hot Grab-n-go:** Chicken sandwich, tator tots

March 10: **Breakfast:** Apple breakfast bites **Lunch sides or alternatives:** **Classic Line:** Taco w/Spanish rice, refried beans **Hot Grab-n-go:** Chicken sandwich, potato wedges

March 11: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch sides or alternatives:** **Classic Line:** Mac-n-cheese, green beans **Hot Grab-n-go:** Chicken sandwich or walking taco w/fries

Bruneau/Grand View

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

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

March 5: **Breakfast:** Bagels & cream cheese **Lunch:** BBQ pulled pork on a bun, fries, cauliflower

March 9: **Breakfast:** Cereal bar **Lunch:** Mac attack, tossed romaine salad, broccoli

March 10: **Breakfast:** Biscuits & gravy **Lunch:** Chili, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll

March 11: **Breakfast:** Mini cinnabon **Lunch:** Chicken taco, tossed romaine salad, refried beans

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

Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to jon@owyheeavalanche.com (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

FAT TUESDAY PANCAKES EMBOLDEN THE ROCK



Homedale youth center receives community support

Marla Dean (left) helps Janet McCornack fill out a donation form during the Fat Tuesday Pancake Feed on Feb. 25, at the First Presbyterian Church of Homedale. The pancake feed was used as a fundraiser to cover construction costs for The Rock of Homedale youth center. \$350 was raised from the nearly 80 people who attended the event. Submitted photo.



Supporters of all ages came out to help The Rock of Homedale, during the Fat Tuesday Pancake Feed fundraiser, including Diego Morales (left) and Marcus White.

The Rock fundraiser fun run proposed

On the heels of a Fat Tuesday pancake feed fundraiser, another community group is ready to help in the development of The Rock of Homedale. The non-denominational youth center is being built on East Owyhee Avenue, one block east of Homedale High School. In an effort to raise more money for the construction and outfitting of The Rock ministry, local resident Kimberly Morin has announced plans for a 5-kilometer fun run/walk

with proceeds benefitting The Rock of Homedale. No event date has been set, but Morin has announced that the first planning meeting will be held at 6 p.m., on Monday, March 23 at the Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. Hwy. 95 north of the Homedale city limits. Morin invites anyone interested in helping organize the event to attend this meeting. For more information, call the church at (208) 337-3464.

Proposal to help rural districts retain teachers moves to House floor

Measure would provide pay boost for longtime teachers

by Madison Hardy
UI McClure Center intern
Idaho's veteran educators are in the limelight after being overlooked last year when lawmakers increased the starting pay for new teachers.

Last Wednesday, the House Education Committee passed a \$233 million teacher pay proposal that would be awarded to high-achieving educators through a five-year allotted plan. The bill will be heard by the entire House in the coming weeks and, if passed, heard by the Senate soon after.

Two Gov. Brad Little staffers, senior policy advisor for Education Gregory Wilson and Division of Financial Management administrator Alex Adams, presented the next phase of Idaho's career ladder model, which would increase funding to districts and charter schools throughout the state. These models are part of Little's "Our Kids, Idaho's Future" Task Force recommendations aimed at improving different aspects of the state's K-12 education system.

"This bill assists districts and charters with recruiting and retaining quality and experienced educators. It is a critical investment on improving outcomes for students," Wilson said. "Whether it is providing personalized learning, ensuring our students are reading proficiently by the third grade, or providing opportunities for dual credit, the educator is the No. 1 factor."

If passed, the law would go into effect in July, prompting gradual salary increases over the next five years. The career ladder apportionment from 2021 to 2025 would increase 84 percent from \$32,489,459 to \$59,798,969, with a projected total fiscal impact of \$223,611,448.

"By having the funding identified in this bill, we will be able to strategically manage our resources in the future," West Ada School District chief financial officer Jonathan Gillen said. "This will allow us to maintain our focus on the classroom and the students within it, and

identify our dollars in a way to ensure we are helping our kids."

Eligibility for the salary increases would be based on an educator's overall rating of proficient or higher on criteria like national student achievement testing (ISAT, SAT, or ACT), student learning objectives, pre and post tests, and end-of-course exams.

Idaho educators have been consistently paid less than the national average; however, last year's pay raises were some of the largest nationally, improving 3.1 percent in 2019, and 3.6 percent in 2018 according to Idaho Education News. This is a direct result of last year's legislation, which cost the state approximately \$3.8 million in 2020 and will require another \$7.7 million in 2021.

In addition to state fundings, school districts and charter schools are independently responsible for supplying the remainder of staff pay. As a result, teachers experience heavy salary disparity between districts, in turn, affecting retention and recruitment of educators across the state. As of January, the average Idaho public school teacher salary was \$54,476 but ranges from \$47,560 to \$62,887 when comparing individual districts.

"This proposal levels the playing field across Idaho, narrows the gaps between districts, relieves the burdens on local taxpayers and opens up resources for other district priorities, and increases competition for teaching talent with other states," Wilson said.

The lack of competitive, stable salaries causes schools to lose teachers to wealthier areas and creates low retention rates, which can affect student success and stability in Idaho's rural, smaller communities. This is a regular problem in regions such as Kootenai, Washington, Benewah, Latah, Nez Perce, Payette and Teton county which border the higher-paying states of Washington, Oregon, and Wyoming. There is also internal competition from the wealthier West Ada, Boise and Blaine districts.

"As we all know the teacher shortage is real. Recruitment and retention of teachers continues to be a major concern for school administrators," Idaho Rural Schools Association director Harold Ott said. "Moving our top allocation from \$50,000 to \$63,000 over a five-year phase-in will help substantially in retaining our veteran, highly qualified teachers."

Educators from the communities of Kimberly and Rexburg as well as Nez Perce and Teton counties gave resounding support to the bill during testimony on the first day of hearings. Last Wednesday, state agency representatives and educational administrators further defended the success the bill would bring the state and its educators.

"The career ladder is vitally important to the successful operations of our districts. The past five years have allowed us to provide substantial and well-deserved increases to our teachers," Gillen said. "These increases allow us to stay competitive both within the state of Idaho and with our peers from around the region."

Many committee members expressed their support during the closing discussion, inevitably sending the bill to the House floor with a unanimous vote.

"This bill is going to be especially helpful to rural schools with low property values, schools that can absolutely not compete for teachers," Dist. 9A Rep. Ryan Kerby (R-New Plymouth) said. "After four, five, or six years they leave for bigger districts nearby, richer districts nearby, they go across the state line."

"Last year, Fruitland lost five teachers to Oregon. This is not fair to our kids to constantly be losing your best teachers."

— Madison Hardy of Boise 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'll graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in Broadcast Journalism & Digital Media and a History minor. Follow her on Twitter @madisonhardy05.

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F&G commission vote implements Brackett’s wolf hunt proposal

New rules allow year-round hunting in Owyhee, much of southern Idaho

by Riley Haun
UI McClure Center intern

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission approved broad expansions to Idaho’s wolf hunting and trapping regulations Feb. 20, bringing year-round hunting to more of the state than a bill in the Idaho Legislature had previously proposed.

The revisions, effective immediately upon the commission’s approval, expand the wolf hunting season in much of the state. Southwestern and south-central Idaho, including Owyhee County, will now see year-round wolf hunting on both public and private land. Previously, the season in those areas was Aug. 30 to March 31.

A slightly shorter season from Aug. 1 to June 30 will be in effect on public land in most other parts of the state, including North Idaho and eastern Idaho, with most units still offering year-round hunting on private lands. The modifications also opened a new wolf trapping season for public lands in southeastern Idaho.

Fish and Game’s proposals take a more expansive approach than a similar bill introduced earlier in the state legislative session by Dist. 23 Sen. Bert Brackett (R-

Rogerson). Brackett’s bill would have allowed year-round hunting in 11 units south of the Snake River, dubbed “wolf-free zones,” and in a handful of chronic depredation zones with at least one depredation in four of the past five years. Brackett said creation of wolf-free zones aimed to prevent wolf populations from spreading further into southern Idaho.

The new regulations opened 19 chronic depredation zones for year-round hunting along with the 11 wolf-free zones designated by the earlier legislation. It also expanded trapping, which Brackett’s bill didn’t touch.

Brackett said in an interview he doesn’t expect his bill to get any more time in committee because Fish and Game essentially covered the same ground, but he was pleased with the more extensive rules added by the commissioners and thought sportsmen and cattlemen would benefit.

At the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association winter meeting inside the Oreana Community Hall on Feb. 8, Brackett said he wanted to gauge support for more wolf hunting among the crowd of ranchers.

“I asked them, ‘Show of hands, who would like to live in a wolf-free zone?’” Brackett

said. “And, I tell you, every hand in that room went up.”

Brackett said he wasn’t directly involved with the commissioners’ decision-making process, but they were aware of his and other legislators’ goals to reduce wolf depredations throughout the state.

Commissioners proposed the new rules in early February after the Idaho Department of Fish and Game released estimates placing Idaho’s wolf population at more than 1,500 animals, well above the federal quota of 150 animals for recovery efforts.

Over a two-week public comment period on the proposed rules, Fish and Game received more than 27,000 online responses overwhelmingly against expanded wolf hunting, though the commission noted in a press release only about 5,600 of those responses came from Idahoans. Of Idaho residents that commented, about 55 percent supported the proposals, Fish and Game said in a statement.

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St. Hubert’s fundraiser obtains nearly 10 percent of goal

Organizer seeks families’ memories, photos

Efforts to preserve the 1930s-era St. Hubert’s Catholic Church building in Homedale are ongoing.

Project supervisor Susan Mansisor announced on Facebook that some people are looking into grants or other funding sources to help pay for the four-mile move from the corner of East Owyhee Avenue and North 1st Street East to the Mansisor Farms.

A funding goal of \$55,000 has been set, and the project’s Facebook page listed that \$4,650 had been raised as of Friday. A total of 63 donations had been received.

Donations can be mailed to: Mansisor Farms, Attn.: Susan, 3644 Market Road, Homedale, ID 83628. Include “St. Hubert’s” in the check’s memo field.

Contributions can also be made on the fundraiser’s Facebook page “St. Hubert’s Church Fundraiser.”

The Mansisor family will match the donations 50/50 if half of the overall amount is obtained.

Donors who give \$100 will be honored with an engraved paver that will be placed on the new walkway associated with the church on the farm.

According to the Facebook fundraiser page, Mansisor is also looking for families’ stories and photos from St. Hubert’s event. She plans to publish a St. Hubert’s

memoir.

According to the Owyhee Chronicle archives, the contracting firm of Nogle and Johnson built the church in the 1930s. Construction apparently was finished in 1938, and the building was consecrated during a Jan. 8, 1939 service officiated by Bishop Edward J. Kelly. Kelly was the third bishop of the Boise Archdiocese and the namesake of Bishop Kelly High School, which opened in Boise in 1964, eight years after his death.

— JPB

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Birthdays

Open house planned for Roman Usabel’s 86th

Community members are invited to celebrate Roman Usabel’s 86th birthday Sunday, March 8, 2020.

An open house is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., at The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., in Homedale.

The family requests that people bring no gifts.

Usabel was co-grand marshal of the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Parade in August.

Born on March 8, 1934, he served for years as a Marsing Rural Fire District commissioner and as the district’s fire marshal. That came after a 25-year career as the Marsing fire chief.

Usabel is also one of the original founding members of the Marsing Disaster Auction, serving as the event’s chairman previously.

He also served on the Marsing school board, the Gem Irrigation District board



Roman Usabel

of directors (as part of a career leading the local agricultural community), and the Marsing Senior Center board of directors.

He has been married to Jeannie Marie for a quarter-century and has three children — Joe, Ramona, and Michael — and six grandchildren — Nic, Cody, MaryJo (MJ), Sierra, Lacey, and John Blake.

Fretwell-Johnson turning 100 in Jordan Valley

Hazel Fretwell-Johnson and her family will gather later this month to celebrate her 100th birthday.

The birthday party is planned from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday, March 14, 2020 inside the St. Bernard’s Catholic Church Parish Hall in Jordan Valley.

Cake and drinks will be served.

Hazel R. Danner Fretwell-Johnson was born on March 17, 1920 in her grandparents’ home in Jordan Valley.

After studying through the ninth grade at the Arock grade school, she graduated from Ontario High School in 1937.

Fretwell-Johnson is known as an avid historian and the author of four books about the Jordan Valley area. She also has made large contributions to the Jordan Valley ION Museum collection.

Her family includes sons



Hazel Fretwell-Johnson

Glenn and Robert Fretwell, daughter Rebecca Smith and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

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Marsing Lions bingo slated for Saturday

The Marsing Third of July fireworks fund will get a boost from Saturday’s next round of Marsing Lions Club bingo.

The action starts with the early bird game at 6:45 p.m., inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

The regular series of games will begin at 7 p.m.

February’s bingo night attracted about 200 players, organizers said.

Games will be held on the second Saturday of the month in February, March and April.

Bingo costs include:

- \$1 per sheet for the early bird game
- \$1 for entry into the hot number contest
- \$15 for the first card of the regular series of games
- \$5 for a second regular series card

Daubers are also sold, and refreshments are available.

There is always free popcorn for the players, too.

Each month, proceeds from the bingo benefits a different community effort.



A large contingent from the Homedale FFA chapter made the trip to Tremonton, Utah, for a series of invitational competitions. Submitted photo

Homedale FFA shines at invitational, district contests

by Maddie Miller
Chapter reporter

The Homedale FFA chapter’s busy competition season included a jaunt to Melba last week and a quick trip to Tremonton, Utah, on Feb. 20 in preparation for the upcoming Treasure Valley District and state events.

The past two weeks have been very successful for the chapter both as a group and individually.

Ainslee Evans presented her district championship-winning speech, “A Crisis Close to Home,” to the Food Producers of Idaho in Boise. Evans examines the rising suicide rate among agricultural producers in her award-winning talk, and will compete in the FFA state leadership conference next month at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

A couple Homedale teams went to Melba last Wednesday

for a district competition.

Ashley Stebly won the district championship in Ag Sales A as the Ag Sales team took third overall.

Catie Decker was runner-up in Customer Relations.

Rylan Love placed third in Ag Sales B, and Bailey Purdom was third in Telephone Skills.

The chapter’s Floriculture team placed second in the Treasure Valley competition and fifth at the Boise Valley Invitational. Team members include Belisia Larzelier, Anna Pawalk, and Kambell and Kinley Garrett.

The Utah invitational meet marked the first competitions for most of the Homedale teams, and the results were excellent.

The Milk Quality team came home with a big win while team member Gage Purdom placed first overall. Catie Decker was third, and Bailey Purdom placed seventh. Brianna Cayford also competed with the team.

The Meat Evaluation team finished second in Utah with team members John Lejardi (third) and Wyatt Wetzell (seventh) getting individual recognition. Their teammates included Makenna DeWitt, Madison Miller, and Hayden Thornton.

The Utah trip was the Meat Evaluation team’s warmup for the Feb. 21 competition hosted by Homedale FFA and put on with the help of Homedale business L&L Meats.

Homedale placed third in the Dairy Judging contest in Utah with a team made up of Emma Crifffield, Amaya Aberasturi, Caitlyn Pate, Brendyn Curt, and Ashley Stebly. Crifffield placed fourth individually.

The Livestock team placed sixth overall and included Cameron Breshears, Jasmine Mounts, Wylie Layne, and Kenna McKay.

SWDH offers well water testing Tuesday

Southwest District Health will again provide free basic water testing of private well water from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday at SWDH’s Homedale office, 132 E. Idaho Ave.

To have the free nitrate testing performed, citizens are instructed to bring a water sample in a clean quart container.

A special bottle required for testing *E. coli* bacteria is available at SWDH locations,

including Homedale and the headquarters at 13307 Miami Lane, in Caldwell.

An additional fee may apply to send the sample to a lab for further testing.

Call (208) 455-5400 for more information.

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Standing, from left: FFA officers Weston Dorsey (sentinel), Robert Salazar (treasurer), Brooke Pfost (president), Ainslee Evans (junior advisor), Makenna DeWitt (secretary), Madison Miller (reporter), Caitlyn Pate (historian), and Spencer Fisher (vice-president). **Seated, from left:** Homedale High School staffers Taylor Pearson (English), Mr. Cardenez, Stacy Holton (math), Danielle Forsberg (art), Kylee Silliman (math), and Sean McCrackin (science).



Chapter includes fellow students in FFA Week

by Maddie Miller
Chapter reporter

Homedale's chapter celebrated National FFA Week last week with new activities and dress-up days each week. The week kicked off Feb. 24 with the Greenhand breakfast, which chapter members served to those who had received Greenhand degrees. The new degree-holders also painted their hands green and put handprints on the Ag shop door, just as many before them had done.

Throughout FFA Week, agricultural-based games were played during advisory, as a time for all FFA members to bond and be competitive.

School staff headed to the Ag shop last Wednesday for an appreciation lunch, presented by the FFA members as an expression of thanks for all their continued support and the help they give to the Homedale FFA chapter.

During the luncheon, the teachers found out the voting results for the top six staff members chosen to have pies thrown in their face during an assembly planned for Thursday.



Homedale FFA chapter member Jeffery Lane plays an advisory game.

The whole school got involved for the Ag Olympics at Thursday's assembly to earn the chance to throw the pies. Students took part in a basketball game bump, running bar-

rel races with a stick horse, potato sack relay race, and an egg toss. Competition winners had the opportunity to put a self-decorated pie that may contain chocolate syrup and sprinkles



Above: Olivia Miller places a handprint on the wall during the Greenhand event. **Below:** Makenna DeWitt (right) serves pancakes and sausage during the Greenhand breakfast held inside the Homedale High School ag shop on Feb. 24.



dodgeball and speak to those students about the many opportunities FFA provides and to share their favorite FFA memories. Homedale FFA made this National FFA Week memorable for all who participated.

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Marsing students use an alternate means of school transportation

Above: Marsing High School junior Colton Scott put a personal spin on “Drive your Tractor to School Day,” on Thursday, during National FFA Week, opting for a more compact style of tractor.

Right: Freshman Gene Showalter stands on the step of his John Deere 640 tractor Thursday at school.



Marsing FFA shows appreciation

Left: Marsing FFA chapter member Sadie Clover dishes up melted cheese for Marco Lopez’s nachos at last Wednesday’s Community Appreciation Lunch. **Above:** Marsing senior Jessica Sevy (left) enjoys some nachos with her father, Jason, while chatting with Emile Thoene.

BLM takes another run at sage-grouse plans

The Bureau of Land Management has completed work on documents related to Greater Sage-grouse habitat management in seven western states, including Idaho and Oregon. The federal agency will accept comments until April 6 on six draft supplemental environmental impact statements (SEISs) published on Feb. 21. The draft SEISs address issues identified by U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill when he issued an Oct. 16 preliminary injunction on the implementation of 2019 BLM sage-grouse plans in Idaho, Oregon, Nevada/northeastern California, Wyoming, Colorado, and Utah. A BLM press release states that the documents highlights a collaborative effort to develop plans that reflect the needs of western communities and sage-grouse habitat. “In March of last year, the Greater Sage-Grouse conservation plans were adopted with strong bipartisan support by the Western states, as the plans

made important modifications that matched the input provided by the states and Western communities,” Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Casey Hammond said. “The draft SEISs illustrate the hard look and robust analysis we performed in this collaborative process to balance our habitat conservation and enhancement goals in response to recent litigation.” The draft SEISs explain how the range of alternatives analyzed in the 2019 EISs was developed, the incorporation by reference of the effects analysis from the 2015 EISs, and how best available science was used. Reports by the National Technical Team and Conservation Objective Team were critical in developing the plans. The current draft SEISs also clarify the BLM’s approach to compensatory mitigation in authorizing various uses of lands that also provide habitat for the sage-grouse. Suspending implementation has affected programs and

projects across the BLM and in Western states including grazing permit renewals, wildfire management, authorizations of renewable energy projects and oil and gas leases. States primarily manage wildlife species, and federal agencies manage wildlife habitat. The 2019 plans were adopted after months of coordination and cooperation with governments in the affected states. The goal was to better align BLM plans for managing habitat with state plans for conserving the species, including state plans for compensatory mitigation, while addressing the circumstances and needs of each individual state. Idaho’s plan has been around since 2015 after a task force appointed by then-Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter and including Dist. 23 state Sen. Bert Brackett and Dist. 1 Owyhee County Commissioner Jerry Hoagland mapped out a strategy. The 2019 plans received bipartisan support from the governors who sought changes to the 2015 plans.

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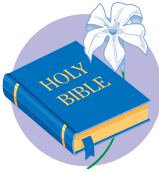
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Woman cited after striking cow near Bruneau on Idaho 51

A Mountain Home woman faces two misdemeanor charges when she drove her vehicle into a cow early Saturday morning near Bruneau. Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said that Hilary Mendez, 32, hit a cow with her 1996 Ford Explorer around 12:30 a.m., at milepost 74 on Idaho highway 51. Mendez had five children in the vehicle with her at the time of the accident. The Explorer suffered severe front-

end damage and could not be driven. Mendez received misdemeanor charges of driving on a suspended license and failure to provide proof of insurance. No medical services were needed, and responders were not able to locate the cow. Mendez will be arraigned in Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington's Murphy courtroom on Monday, March 16.

— TK

Courthouse report

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

- Feb. 23**
Lane Baer Kodie, Crescent Valley, Nev. — Misdemeanor commercial vehicle violation, no logbook: \$263.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs
- Feb. 19**
Leroy F. Atkins, Homedale — Misdemeanor driving under the influence: 5 days in jail (3 days to serve, two days served), driver's license suspended 6 months, 1 year unsupervised probation, \$400 in fines, \$226.50 in court costs. **Withheld judgment:** Defendant can petition to have conviction expunged after successful completion of sentence
- Jose C. Hurtado Escutia, Wilder** — Misdemeanor DUI (plea deal): 180 days in jail (15 days served, 30 days to serve, 135 days suspended), driver's license suspended 6 months, 2 years supervised probation, \$400 in fines, \$352.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor driving without privileges, inattentive or careless driving, driver consume or possess open container of alcohol
- Martin Ojeda Angeles, hometown not provided** — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (amended from misdemeanor controlled substance possession) (plea deal): \$250 in fines, \$444.50 in court costs
- James P. Snyder, Boise** — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (amended from misdemeanor marijuana possession (plea deal): \$247 in fines, \$347.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor driver consume or possess open container of alcohol

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	(measured in inches)	(measured in inches)		Max	Min	Avg
Mud Flat						
2/25	4.4	15	7.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
2/26	4.4	14	7.2	49	22	34
2/27	4.6	14	7.3	48	20	33
2/28	4.6	14	7.3	56	26	39
2/29	4.6	14	7.3	42	26	34
3/1	4.6	13	7.3	35	19	27
3/2	4.7	13	7.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
2/25	3.7	12	8.2	36	18	28
2/26	3.7	13	8.2	44	30	37
2/27	3.7	12	8.2	48	29	38
2/28	3.7	11	8.2	51	36	44
2/29	3.6	11	8.2	42	23	32
3/1	3.5	11	8.2	31	20	25
3/2	3.5	10	8.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
2/25	13.2	39	16.1	40	18	29
2/26	13.2	38	16.1	47	33	38
2/27	13.2	38	16.1	50	32	39
2/28	13.2	37	16.1	50	36	43
2/29	13.2	36	16.1	40	22	31
3/1	13.2	36	16.1	36	17	24
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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 75 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 415 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 261 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 539,043 acre-feet of water on Monday.

Canadian hospitalized after Idaho 51 wreck

A Canadian man was airlifted to a Boise hospital Friday morning after a two-vehicle crash on Idaho highway 51 about 37 miles from the Nevada border. Idaho State Police reports that 66-year-old Christopher McConnell was flown to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. ISP troopers began their investigation of the wreck at 7:45 a.m. According to reports, McConnell was driving a 1996 Chevrolet motorhome northbound on Idaho 51 when the vehicle crossed the center line and collided with a southbound 2014 Chevrolet Cruze driven by Marthayn Manning, 68, of Mountain Home. Both vehicles came to rest on the right shoulder of the southbound lane after the RV struck the front end of the Cruze. Lanes were blocked for about an hour as responders waited for the air ambulance. Both motorists were wearing seatbelts.

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IPTV educator visits library one last time

The Homedale City Library will see the return of an old friend when Idaho Public Television education specialist Cindy Lunte makes her final appearance during Story Time, 10:15 a.m., on Monday at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

Lunte, who is retiring at the end of the month, will engage the preschool-aged children in a theme of “ramps and le-

vers.”

During Teens & Tweens, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., on Thursday, the youths ages 10 to 17 will work with Edison programmable robots for Dash & Dot robot activities.

The Teens & Tweens program is held at the Homedale City Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

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

South Board irrigation directors to meet Tuesday

The South Board of Control and two other irrigation boards will meet Tuesday in Homedale.

The Ridgeview Irrigation District board meets at 1 p.m.

The Gem Irrigation directors convene at 1:15 p.m.

The South Board of Control,

comprised of one Ridgeview director and all of the Gem officials, meets at 1:30 p.m.

All three meetings take place in the basement boardroom located at the SBOC office, 118 S. 1st St. W.

For more information, call the office at (208) 337-3760.

Masons planning next fundraiser breakfast

The semiannual Masonic Scholarship Breakfast returns to Homedale next week.

Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 plays host to the breakfast, and proceeds will benefit scholarships for high school seniors as well as fund the lodge’s annual Bikes for Books literacy project at Homedale Elementary School.

The breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to noon, on Sunday, March 15 at the Silver City

Lodge, 19 W. Idaho Ave., in Homedale.

The cost is \$7 per person for a menu of scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, pancakes, coffee, juice and milk. Mason Wayne Foster said he delivered this year’s bikes to the school Monday, and they are on display as incentive.

Children get entries into the drawing for the bikes by earning points through Accelerated Reader tests.



MRW raffle winners get their prizes
The Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire and EMS District announced winners of its most recent raffles. Above: Nampa resident Matthew Whiting won the quilt. Left: Howard A. Nah of Givens won the shotgun, which he received from MRW Fire Capt. Louis Monson. Submitted photos

COSSA sets special needs preschool screening

The Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency preschool will hold a free screening on Friday, March 13.

Parents in the school districts COSSA serves who are concerned about the children’s motor, speech or social development are encouraged to have their children assessed.

The assessments are open to boys and

girls ages 3-5, and the preschool is located in Wilder.

Families living in the Homedale, Marsing, Wilder, Parma or Notus school districts are eligible for the screening, and the preschool is free for children with qualifying needs.

For more information or the schedule a screening appointment, call (208) 258-4056.

OCSO plans Marsing boater safety class

RSVPs are urged for the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office Boat Idaho safety class set for later this 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.



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Grants bring return of Marsing school nurse closer to reality

Marsing School District has been awarded a \$5,000 Community Health Improvement Fund (CHIF) grant from St. Luke's to help fund a school nurse's exam room.

The grant will help create a nurse's station and stocking it with supplies and equipment.

St. Luke's also donated \$5,000 to Southwest District Health to support the presence of a nurse within the school district. These funds are not part of the CHIF grant.

The two grants will provide funding for a year. The school district will then fund the position with local money and Title IV(a) federal funding.

SWDH and St. Luke's are coordinating efforts and resources to bring in medical residents from St. Luke's Family Medicine Residency of Idaho (FMRI).

There is no time frame from SWDH for when the nurse and the residency outreach program will begin, Marsing 21st Century Community

Learning Center coordinator Ken Price said.

The school nurse will be located in The HUB, joining Head Start and Husky Pups preschools, the food pantry (supported by Idaho Foodbank), MSD offices, and an Owyhee County Sheriff's Office substation.

"The HUB community school health center is indeed becoming the place for Marsing residents to go for health and social services," Price said.

Right now, the nurse's station will be staffed four half-days each month.

"It has been decades since Marsing has had a school nurse," Price said.

"School nurses are a crucial resource for improving the health of not only the students, but a nurse will have a positive impact for the overall health of community members."

According to the National Association of School Nurses website, nurses are respon-

sible for::

- Decreasing the number of days missed because of asthma, the leading cause of absenteeism
- Managing students with chronic conditions such as diabetes and seizures to allow them to stay in class
- Identifying and treating accidents and injuries
- Counseling students about physical and emotional issues; students do not necessarily take suggestions about mental and emotional issues seriously from teachers and principals.

"When a medical professional like a school nurse gives them counsel on any health issue, it carries much more weight," Price said.

"The school nurse may not bring wealth to the community, but they can bring a wealth of knowledge to help break the poverty of health services and knowledge in our community."

— TK



The kitchen crew for the Bruneau Boosters Club pre-auction dinner included, from left: Letha Black, Sherry Christiansen, Anita Miller, Jessie Miller and Becky Miller. Submitted photo

Popular items trigger record Bruneau bids

The Bruneau Booster Club Auction brought in a record-breaking total of \$42,500 on Feb. 22, according to organizers.

Some of the highlights from the event:

Raffle winners — Sherry Colyer, 6.5mm Creedmoor rifle; Rob Anderson, inflatable paddle board

Highest bid — \$2,500 for Aunt Fern's Red Velvet Cake by Lez Rahn and granddaughters Caelynn, Joanna and Allison Short

Other notable bids included:

- Cherry and Abby Meyers donuts** — \$1,200 total for four dozen
- High-rise dog kennel** — \$900 by Rolland Winters, Jake Gertsner and Brody Prow
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TREASURE VALLEY THRILLER



Homedale High School boys' basketball players jump and scream after the final buzzer of the 3A District III Tournament championship game Feb. 25 at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore.

Trojans send top seed tumbling

District champs open State vs. Filer on Thursday

The more things stay the same, the more they change.

Of course last week's 3A District III boys' basketball championship game featured Homedale and Fruitland high schools.

Of course there was drama.

Of course the game came down to the waning seconds.

And, of course, as with every drama, there were plot twists and turns before the final, jarring scene.

But, for once (or more accurately for the second time in the past decade), the Trojans came out on top at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore.

Homedale's emotional 61-60 triumph

ended co-state No. 1 Fruitland's 16-game winning streak on Feb. 25.

Senior Nelson Lomeli knocked down a free throw with 9.2 seconds remaining then freshman Jaxon Dines grabbed a defensive rebound at the buzzer to secure Homedale's first trip to the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament since a run to the championship game at the end

— See *Trojans*, page 6B

Huskies' Arriaga wins 2A bronze

Junior lost only
two bouts all
season

Marsing High School wrestler Isai Arriaga finished an excellent junior season with a bronze medal Saturday at the 2A state championship meet in Nampa.

Wrestling at 170 pounds, Arriaga was one of five Huskies to compete at the Ford Idaho Center and was one of three to contribute to the team's 20th-



Isai Arriaga

place 29 team points. There were 37 Class 2A teams competing.

State champion Ririe ran away from the field with 245 points.

Arriaga captured third place with his second victory of the weekend against Salmon's Jacob Seibert. The Marsing junior prevailed in a major decision, 19-10, in the bronze medal match.

He had beaten Seibert in a major decision, 16-7, in the quarterfinals.

The Marsing wrestler suffered a narrow semifinal

— See *Huskies*, page 7B

Egusquiza's silver medal leads HHS drama at State

Four wrestlers score points in Nampa

In a showdown of two of the top Class 3A wrestlers, Homedale High School's Joseph Egusquiza came away with the third state tournament medal of his career.

The junior lost the 145-pound title bout to another three-time medalist, Snake River's Kyle Richardson. Richardson came away with an 8-3 victory Saturday at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

Egusquiza, who won the 120-pound state championship last year and claimed a fourth-place medal at 113 as a freshman, was the only member of coach Jake Levinski's squad to earn hardware during the two-day meet.

Richardson was the runner-up at 132 last year in Pocatello, and he finished fourth at 126 during the 2018 meet back in Nampa.

Four of the five Trojans who competed this year earned team points.

Egusquiza got a takedown in overtime to squeeze into the semifinals with a 6-4 sudden victory over District III rival Brandon Stowe of Fruitland.

The junior pinned South Fremont's Jackson Coverley in 2 minutes, 44 seconds

— See *State*, page 7B



With his coach, Jake Levinski, reacting, Homedale junior Joseph Egusquiza cradles Bonners Ferry's Manuel Naccarato late in their semifinal match. Photo by Kelly Ineck

Sports

HMS 7th-grade boys romp to conference title

Unbeaten top team dominates foes;
B team goes 8-2

A blowout victory against Parma last Wednesday completed Homedale Middle School's unbeaten seventh-grade boys' basketball season. The Trojans blasted the Panthers, 55-23, in the 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament championship game at Fruitland High School.

Coach Benji Sorenson's club wiped out Fruitland, 66-32, in the Feb. 25 semifinals. Raymond Smith and B team leader Mike Frank also coached the squad in the tournament.

During its 12-0 season the HMS A team's closest game of the season was a 23-point victory over Weiser (52-29).

Frank's B team went 8-2 during the 3A SRV regular season.

Last Wednesday, 3A SRV championship: HMS 55, Parma 23 — The A team sank six of its season-high eight

three-point goals in the second quarter to build a 40-7 halftime advantage.

Keaton Sorenson's 18 points led all scorers, and he dished five assists.

Three defenders — Sorenson, Luke Henry, and McCoy Swallow — came up with five steals apiece.

Swallow nailed three treys in the team's big second quarter en route to 11 points.

Rafael Cuenca led the squad with eight rebounds.

Feb. 25, 3A SRV semifinal: HMS 66, Fruitland 32 — Henry's double-double of 19 points and 10 rebounds led the Trojans, who rode out to a 34-10 lead in another rout.

Swallow sank half of his three-point attempts and finished with 14 points.

Despite putting a smaller team on the court, Homedale dominated Fruitland on the backboards, holding a 42-15



The Homedale Middle School seventh-grade boys' basketball players pose with their coaches and the championship plaque after winning the 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament. **First row, from left:** Alex Sotelo, Jabe Maxwell, Angel Nolasco-Contreras, Carsten Smith, and Brandon Reynolds. **Back row, from left:** Todd Thatcher, Keaton Sorenson, coach Mike Frank, Lucas Martinez-Ortega, Luke Henry, Rafael Cuenca, McCoy Swallow, Tyler Erickson, Dylan Arnold (obscured), and coach Benji Sorenson. **Not pictured:** Breken Frank. Submitted photo

rebounding edge. The Trojans got 26 offensive rebounds, and three players had double-digit board figures, including Henry, Sorenson (11) and Cuenca (10).

Girls' basketball camp coming to Homedale as player's senior project

Former Homedale High School girls' basketball player Savana Buckley is coordinating a skills camp as her senior

project. The free girls' basketball camp is open to fifth- through eighth-graders and will take

place from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., on Friday, March 13 at Homedale High School. The camp will include basic

skills and games. Camp T-shirts are available for \$6. Registration forms must be returned to Homedale Middle

School by Monday. For more information, contact Buckley at (208) 724-1824.





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Boys' basketball
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Wrestling
Joseph Egusquiza, jr., 145 pounds
State runner-up

Boys' basketball
3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament
(At Meridian High School)
Thursday, March 5 vs. Filer, 8 p.m.
If win: Friday, March 6 vs. either Kellogg or Sugar-Salem, 8 p.m.
If lose: Friday, March 6 vs. either Kellogg or Sugar-Salem, 3 p.m.
Saturday games: 9:15 a.m., consolation final; 11 a.m., third-place game; 3:50 p.m., championship (at Ford Idaho Center)

Baseball
Varsity
Monday, March 9 at Emmett (DH), 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.
Junior varsity
Monday, March 9, home vs. Emmett (DH), 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Tennis
Tuesday, March 17 at Vale, Ore., 4 p.m.

Track and field
Thursday, March 12 at Kimberly Invitational

Softball
Varsity
Tuesday, March 10 at Vallivue, 5 p.m.
Junior varsity
Tuesday, March 10 at Vallivue, 5 p.m.

Golf
Boys
Tuesday, March 10 at Nampa Invitational (18 holes), Centennial GC, 8 a.m.
Wednesday, March 11, home for Homedale Ice Breaker (18 holes), River Bend GC, 11 a.m.
Girls
Monday, March 16 at Weiser Invitational (9 holes), Rolling Hills GC, 3 p.m.



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Sports

Huskies' strong boys' basketball season ends

Regular-season success not enough to propel team to State

The Marsing High School boys' basketball season came to a disappointing, abrupt end on Feb. 25 at home.

The Huskies, who claimed their first conference title in 30 years to nab the top seed, sputtered through the last three games of the 2A Western Idaho Conference slate and dropped their two games in the 2A District III Tournament.

The season came to a conclusion with a consolation bracket loss to No. 6 seed Nampa Christian, 35-31.

Despite the conclusion, Marsing coach Tim Little said it was a season to cherish and remember.

"This has been one of the most rewarding years I have had in my 23 years of coaching," he said. "The positivity, work ethic, and overachiever-attitude was second to none.

"It was a great season. One to be remembered, and one for all to be proud of."

The Huskies (15-8) jumped out to an early 9-1 lead in a packed gym. At that point, the Trojans' defense and effective rebounding started giving Marsing fits.

Nampa Christian's first basket of the night was a steal

and layup by sophomore guard Landon Cheney. This was followed by a three-point shot by junior Ryan Schober and a layup by Russell Vander Woude with 54.9 seconds left in the first quarter.

Marsing senior wing Mer-rick Hall was fouled while attempting a three-pointer but missed all three foul shots with 7.2 seconds left in the opening period.

The Trojans raced to the other end of the court, but Hall swatted away senior post Joe Ihli's attempt at a trey at the buzzer.

The Huskies led 9-8 after the first quarter.

Nampa Christian sophomore guard Brendon Smith put his team up by one with a layup 53 seconds into the second quarter.

The lead didn't last. Marsing's junior post Jacob Ankeny got the ball low, spun into the block and put in a layup, putting the Huskies up 11-10.

Ankeny had a pair of defensive rebounds and a blocked shot in the first 4½ minutes of the second quarter and swatted away Caden Yett's shot with 1:32 left in the half. The Huskies could not capitalize



Marsing junior post Jacob Ankeny splits a pair of Nampa Christian defenders on his way to the basket on Feb. 25.

Nampa Christian outscored Marsing 17-14 in the second half, putting a lid on the Huskies' season.

The Huskies were again led by Ankeny, who recorded another double-double. The junior scored 17 of his team's 31 points, on 7-of-12 shooting, and pulled down 12 rebounds. He also swatted away seven Trojans field-goal attempts.

Hall hit just three of his 12 shots, and went 0-for-3 from beyond the three-point line. He recorded five boards and was responsible for three blocked shots.

Overall, the Huskies were good on just 13 of their 35 shots, a 37 percent clip, and committed 19 turnovers as a team.

Junior Roger Valadez scored four points for the Huskies, and seniors Joaquin Oliveros and True Shippy put up two each.

Little chooses to look at the positive moments from the 2019-20 season, and not dwell on the gut-wrenching ending.

"I think it is unfortunate that some may define this very successful season strictly from the district tournament," he said. "Anyone that watched our league this year understood the parity among all the teams."

— JPB and TK

MARSING HUSKIES ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT



Boys' basketball
Jacob Ankeny, jr., P
17 points, 12 rebounds, 7 blocks in finale



Wrestling
Isai Arriaga, jr., 170
Bronze medal at 2A state tournament

Boys' basketball
Varsity season complete
15-8 final record

Baseball
Monday, March 9 at New Plymouth, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 5 p.m.

Softball
Monday, March 9 at New Plymouth, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 5 p.m.

Track and field
Thursday, March 12 at Parma Icebreaker, 3:30 p.m.

Golf
Thursday, March 19 at 2A Western Idaho Conference 9-hole meet, Falcon Crest GC, Kuna, 3 p.m.

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Sports



Boys’ 6-and-under middle weight tournament champion Makhi Holtry of Owyhee County Judo puts his opponent in a headlock.



Above: Owyhee County Judo Sensei Ryan Nash cheers on one of his young students. Right: A photo of Sensei Masao Yamashita, one of the original Boise Valley Judo instructors the tournament honors, stands on the awards table prior to Saturday’s competition.



Local judo club collects dozens of medals in home meet

82nd annual Boise Valley Judo Club/Owyhee County Judo Tournament (Saturday at Homedale High School)

Medal count
1. Owyhee County Judo, 37
2. (tie) Ore-Idaho Judo Club (Ontario, Ore.) and Idaho Martial Arts Institute (Meridian), 18
4. McCall Judo Club, 13
5. Tri-City Club (Wash.), 11
6. Blue Line Judo (Idaho Falls), 10
7. Bushido Judo Club (Twin Falls), 6
8. Emmett Judo Club, 5
9. (tie) Boise Valley Judo Club (Caldwell) and Idaho City Judo, 3
11. Western Idaho Judo Institute (Ontario), 2
12. (tie) Budokan (Seattle) and Southern Idaho Judo Institute (Twin Falls), 1

Female results
6-under
Light weight — 1. Reese Humphries (IMAI); 2. Lexi Sabey (Bushido); 3. Emma Holzer (Tri-City)
Middle weight — 1. Cambria Blake (Tri-City); 2. Matea Ketterling (OC); 3. Oakley MacKenzie (OC)
Heavy weight — 1. Ada Seiders (OC); 2. Lillian Komoda (OC); 3. Aria Gates

(OC)
Ages 7/8
Light weight — 1. Josie Black (OC); 2. Shane Beaver (OC); 3. Klowi Anderson (IMAI)
Middle weight — 1. Sailor Sim (IMAI); 2. Kiersten Anderson (IMAI); 3. Ada Seiders (OC)
Heavy weight — 1. Abigail Clifton (OC); 2. Jordan Williamson (OC); 3. Victoria Spiller (Boise Valley)
Ages 9/10
Light weight — 1. Olivia Jameson (McCall); 2. Gracie Jakovac (OC); 3. Sailor Sim (IMAI)
Middle weight — 1. Hailee Taylor (IMAI); 2. Abby Kindelverger (Idaho City); 3. Suri Frasier (Emmett)
Light-heavy weight — 1. Isabella Monical (Tri-City); 2. Aubrie Rodriguez (Ore-Ida); 3. Taylor Williamson (OC)
Heavy weight — 1. Annie Woodward (OC); 2. Kylie Scott (Ore-Ida); 3. Mariana Gaspar (OC)
Ages 11/12
Light weight — 1. Hailee Taylor (IMAI); 2. Isabella Monical (Tri-City); 3. Olivia Jameson (McCall)
Middle weight — 1. Scout Sim (IMAI); 2. Grace Gardner (Blue Line); 3. Ashlyn Dobson (Tri-City)
Heavy weight — 1. Shyanne Sabey (Bushido); 2. Ashley

Rivera (Ore-Ida); 3. Mackenzie Libengood (OC)
Ages 13/14
Open — 1. Olivia Smith (Ore-Ida); 2. Grace Gardner (Blue Line); 3. Shyanne Sabey (Bushido)
Ages 15/16
Light weight — 1. Kaylie Anderson (IMAI); 2. Sofia Monahan (McCall); 3. Brooklyn Gray (Boise Valley)
Heavy weight — 1. Mja Towner (WIJI); 2. Hailey Rogers (IMAI); 3. Belisia Larzelier (OC)
Senior
Brown belt — 1. Mja Towner (WIJI); 2. Belisia Larzelier (OC); 3. Cheyenne Hittle (Ore-Ida)
Male results
6-under
Light weight — 1. Lucas Fuller (IMAI); 2. Payson Vernon (OC); 3. Easton Brown (OC)
Middle weight — 1. Makhi Holtry (OC); 2. Oliver Gailey (SIJI); 3. Liam Lahti (Emmett)
Heavy weight — 1. Cylas Black (OC); 2. Adam Mesan (Tri-City); 3. Harrison Galbreaith (IMAI)
Ages 7/8
Light weight — 1. Gus Jackovac (OC); 2. Franklin Wilson (Ore-Ida); 3. Colton Farmer (McCall)
Middle weight — 1. Rylen

Anderson (IMAI); 2. Barrett Brandenburg (McCall); 3. Cooper Rhueby (OC)
Light heavy weight — 1. Jonah Lake (Emmett); 2. Nathan Lareau-Shults (OC); 3. Hank Vogt (IMAI)
Heavy weight — 1. Chase Derrick (McCall); 2. Elijah Martinez (Ore-Ida); 3. Charlie Wright (McCall)
Ages 9/10
Light weight — 1. Jacob Ashton (Blue Line); 2. Rylen Anderson (IMAI); 3. Barrett Brandenburg (McCall)
Middle weight — 1. Chase Baltazar (Ore-Ida); 2. Cole Vogt (IMAI); 3. Thad Zach (Ore-Ida)
Light heavy weight — 1. Mateo Black (OC); 2. Chase Derrick (McCall); 3. Tristan Lake (Emmett)
Heavy weight — 1. Jackson Martine (Blue Line); 2. Dexter Woodward (Boise Valley); 3. Julian Maestas (Ore-Ida)
Ages 11/12
Light weight — 1. Quin Russell (Blue Line); 2. Mateo Black (OC); 3. Ryker Layne (OC)
Light-middle weight — 1. Stuart Derrick (McCall); 2. Cole Tamura (Ore-Ida); 3. Adrian Ruiz (Bushido)
Middle weight — 1. Gabriel Borisch (Tri-City); 2. Jonah Anderson (IMAI); 3. Weston Woodward (OC)
Light-heavy weight — 1.

Cameron Dobson (Tri-City); 2. Sebastian Larzelier (OC); 3. Jack Palos (Bushido)
Heavy weight — 1. Deegan Gonzalez (Ore-Ida); 2. Easton Monical (Tri-City); 3. Joseph Clifton (OC)
Ages 13/14
Light weight — 1. Geordie Van Witbeck (Blue Line); 2. Stuart Derrick (McCall); 3. Adrian Ruiz (Bushido)
Middle weight — 1. Gabriel Borisch (Tri-City); 2. Sebastian Larzelier (OC); 3. Weston Woodward (OC)
Light-heavy weight — 1. Angel Cerezo (Ore-Ida); 2. Jackson Carbridge (Blue Line); 3. Cameron Dobson (Tri-City)
Heavy weight — 1. Noah Rivera (Ore-Ida); 2. Michael Rose (OC); 3. Deegan Gonzalez (Ore-Ida)
Ages 15/16
Light weight — 1. Haden Tamura (Ore-Ida); 2. Angel Cerezo (Ore-Ida); 3. Jackson Carbridge (Blue Line)
Heavy weight — 1. Jeffrey Layne (OC); 2. Tyler Woodward (OC); 3. Noah Rivera (Ore-Ida)
Senior
White belt — 1. John Ashton (Blue Line); 2. Jesse Herrera (Blue Line)
Brown belt — 1. Nathan Kindelberger (Idaho City); 2. Nicholas Monahan (McCall); 3. Braden Howard (Idaho City)

Sports



Owyhee County Judo’s Easton Brown studies the mat official during his boys’ 6-and-under light weight match.



Owyhee County Judo girls’ 6-and-under middle weight competitor Matea Ketterling throws her opponent using osoto gari.



Owyhee County Judo Sensei Doug Larzelier provides some instruction for Andy Hummel during the 6-and-under heavy weight division competition.



Above: Owyhee County Judo’s Oakley MacKenzie puts her weight into her opponent’s shoulder during a girls’ 6-and-under middle weight match. **Left:** Owyhee County Judo’s Easton Brown prepares to throw his opponent in a boys’ 6-and-under light weight match.



Owyhee County Judo’s Paisley Libengood (right) tries to control her opponent during a girls’ 6-and-under light weight bout.



Owyhee County Judo girls’ 6-and-under heavy weight competitor Aria Gates bows as part of the match ritual.

Sports

Melba rides Reiber’s double-double to State

Bunnell keeps Mustangs afloat with game-winner vs. MD

Melba High School beat Nampa Christian on Thursday to nail down a state tournament berth.

Joe Reiber posted a double-double of 22 points and 11 rebounds to help the Mustangs beat the Trojans, 70-56, in the 2A District III Tournament third-place game at Vallivue High School.

The victory sent No. 5 seed Melba to the 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament, and the Mustangs (15-8) will begin their participation against District V champion West Side (21-4) at 1:15 p.m., on Thursday at Capital High School in Boise.

This is Melba’s first state tournament appearance since 2017 when the Mustangs lost in the consolation championship for the second consecutive year. That was the last of Melba’s four consecutive trips to the state tournament.

Caleb Fong scored seven points and dished seven assists against Nampa Christian for coach Spencer Trappett’s squad, while Jace Logan — the son of assistant coach Terry Logan — chipped in 11 points and six rebounds.

Melba reached the third-place game when Easton Bunnell hit the game-winning shot for a narrow 47-45 victory on the road against No. 3 McCall-Donnelly on Feb. 25.

The sixth-seeded Trojans (16-9) couldn’t build on the momentum of upsetting top-seeded Marsing in a

Feb. 25 elimination game. Caden Yett scored 16 points for Nampa Christian, and teammate Russell VanderWoude contributed 12.

Feb. 25: Melba 47, McCall-Donnelly 45 — Bunnell’s clutch shot in Valley County made for a happy bus ride home and saved the Mustangs’ season in a district tournament elimination game.

Fong recorded a team-high 23 points, and Reiber scored 13.

Bunnell led Melba with nine boards. The Vandals’ DJ Green led all scorers with 24 points.

✓Trojans: Homedale draws District IV No. 2 Filer in Thursday’s opener

From Page 1B
of the 2013-14 season.
“I was nervous inside,” the guard said of his fateful trip to the line. “At least I made one of them.”

Lomeli missed the second free throw, only his second misfire of the night (and second miss in a span of 20 seconds). He went 6-for-8 from the foul line and buried two of his team’s 10 three-point goals for 18 points.

He also had three steals, five rebounds (four on the Grizzlies’ glass) and two assists.

Dines led all scorers with 19 points, including five three-pointers.

Lomeli said he was just trying to do what his coach told him — be a leader on and off the court.

“He’s really bought into the system we wanted to put in this year,” Trojans coach Cam Long said.

“It’s tough on these seniors. I’m the third coach in three years telling them what I want them to do.”

Lomeli’s free throw was just one of the big fourth-quarter moments for the Trojans, who remained composed despite watching a 16-point first-half lead slowly erode.

Homedale opened the game with the afterburners already engaged.

The Trojans hit all seven of their first-half three-point attempts, building a 42-28 halftime lead behind Dines’ three three-pointers, two treys from fellow freshman Mason Strong and the first of Lomeli’s two three-pointers.

But Fruitland played its hot hand in the second half to climb back into contention. The Grizzlies connected on 52 percent of their shots (13-for-25) after the intermission, and missed on just one of seven foul shots.

By contrast, Homedale hit

District drama

Homedale vs. Fruitland

2020 final — HHS 61, Fruitland 60

2019 semifinal — Fruitland 81, HHS 31

2018 semifinal — Fruitland 48, HHS 43

2016 loser-out — Fruitland 73, HHS 60

2014 final — HHS 62, Fruitland 44

2010 final — Fruitland 51, HHS 49

Note — Homedale won the 2A district title in 2004, beating Melba 59-48.

only two of five free throws in the second half after going 9-for-10 in the first 16 minutes.

Fruitland looked poised to break Homedale’s heart again in the fourth quarter when nerves that senior Daniel Uranga said were steeled by back-to-back trips to the 3A Milk Bowl for the football players on the team held up under the pressure.

Pri Weatherall had just hit a reverse layup to get Fruitland to within three points, 55-52, with 5 minutes, 50 seconds left in the game when Homedale gave up the ball on Lomeli’s offensive charge.

But Lomeli raced back to the other end of the floor to steal the ball before dribbling the other way and popping a three-pointer.

The Trojans missed a pair of contested layups while nursing a two-point lead then Uranga jumped high in the air at the rim to block Hyrum Lindsey’s attempt to tie the game.

“I was just getting frustrated about how many little baskets they were getting, and I had to take that away,” Uranga said. He would block another shot and grabbed clutch rebounds down the stretch.

After knotting the score, 58-58, on two Lindsey free throws, Fruitland switched into a full-court trapping defense that rattled past Trojans squads.

This time, though, when the

HHS ball handler was pinned in the corner in the backcourt, Strong had the wherewithal to call a timeout and save the Trojans from a 10-second turnover.

But the roller coaster had a few more laps left.

In another play that would have gone against the Trojans in years past, Lomeli lost the handle under pressure as he dribbled up the floor, only to scramble and stay in control.

This time, it would be the Grizzlies who made a mistake with the weight of the game bearing down. Josh Henggeler traveled while moving toward the basket, and Uranga made him pay by hitting a driving layup with 2:18 to go.

Homedale seemed to be in control when Dines grabbed Lindsey’s missed shot with two minutes left.

“Layups and free throws! Layups and free throws!” Long shouted from the sideline as the Trojans settled into a weaving half-court passing clinic to milk 38 seconds off the clock.

During one of those weaving sessions, Uranga dribbled the ball off his foot only to have Weatherall lose the ball on the other end during the subsequent fastbreak. After a scramble for the ball, Strong slid across the floor and corralled possession.

After Dines beat the press, Lomeli missed the front end



Homedale senior Daniel Uranga leaps high in front of the rim to block Hyrum Lindsey’s shot during the second half of the district final against Fruitland. Trojans teammate Ricardo Hernandez (12) waits for any carom.

of a one-and-one.

That left the door open for Lindsey’s jumper in the key to tie the game 60-60 with 15.6 seconds left.

Lomeli’s free throw helped Homedale (11-12) end an 11-game losing streak against Fruitland, dating to 2016. The Trojans had last beaten the Grizzlies, 59-55, on Jan. 29, 2016 in Homedale.

More importantly, third-seeded Homedale beat top-seeded Fruitland in a district tournament game for the first time since 2014. The Grizzlies had knocked off the Trojans in the district semifinals in each of the past two years, and Fruitland ended Homedale’s season

in the 2016 tournament.
Fruitland (21-2) swept the 3A Snake River Valley conference series against Homedale this season. The Grizzlies’ average margin of victory was 12 points.

Homedale has won four of its past five games. The Trojans enter their fourth state tournament since 2004 on a three-game winning streak.

Homedale’s state tournament opener comes at 8 p.m., on Thursday at Meridian High School against District IV runner-up Filer (10-14).

“We know we’re the underdogs,” Uranga said. “We can’t expect anything, but, like coming into this game, if we play solid, we can beat some teams.”

Last week’s championship was Long’s first as a coach.

“It’s probably the most special one,” he said. “I’ve never won a district championship in 16 years. I’ve only been in the championship game three times.”

And the first-season Trojans coach looked exhausted after his team capped a title chase that began with a 63-60 overtime victory against Weiser in the district semifinals.

“I was exhausted after Saturday (Feb. 22),” the coach said after cutting down the net last week. “I think we had great momentum coming in from Saturday.

“We had led all day Saturday and then (the Wolverines) took the lead late before we won in overtime. You could tell (the Trojans) believed.”

In case any HHS faithful feared a letdown prior to the title game, the Trojans were all business prior to tipoff, Long said.

“You could have heard a pin drop when I walked in,” he said. “I knew they were ready.”

— JPB

Sports



Homedale senior Julian Ramos keeps a hold on Parma's Garrett Weber during their all-District III bout in the 138-pound consolation bracket. Photo by Kelly Ineck

✓ State: Sophomore Nix loses first match in 2 OTs

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in Friday's first round, and reached the championship with a pin of Manuel Naccarato of Bonners Ferry 47 seconds before the end of their semifinal match.

Homedale junior Keagen Christensen held on in the consolation bracket at 170 after losing his opening match by a late pin (5:21) to Andrew Adkins from American Falls.

Christensen pinned two opponents in the consolation rounds — Filer's Salvador Plascencia in 58 seconds and Snake River's Jack Gibson in 2:30 — before exiting in the third round when Kellogg's Austin Stepro won at 1:34 into the match.

Julian Ramos (138) ended his high school career with a pair of consolation bracket wins against district rival Garrett Weber of Parma (a 10-4 decision) and Sugar-Salem's Bridger Norman (a 44-second pin).

Ramos tumbled into the consolation bracket when Ryker Permann of American Falls started the tourney with a 3:40 pinfall. And the final match of his Ramos' prep career was an 11-5 loss to Marsh Valley's

Caedyn Martin.

Sophomore Willie White (160) pinned fellow District III wrestler Roger Barbion of Payette in 2:33 of their first-round consolation bracket match. White fell into the consolation bracket after Alfredo Flores of American Falls pinned him at 2:39 of their tournament opener.

Marsh Valley's Brian Gines ended White's tournament with a pin in 3:33 in the second round of the consolation bracket.

Sophomore Rhyalee Nix, Homedale's other qualifier in the 170-pound division, fell into the consolation bracket after the narrowest of losses in Friday's opening round. Gibson prevailed, 9-8, in double overtime (something called an ultimate tiebreaker).

Nix eliminated South Fremont's Bo Ward with a dominant 10-0 major decision before exiting the tournament himself when Adkins pulled off a 16-4 major decision.

Gracie Rotter, a 106-pounder who was the only HHS female to qualify for the state tournament, lost both of her matches Friday by pinfall.

1A WIC coaches honor Rimrock counterparts

Rimrock High School girls' basketball coaches swept the 1A Western Idaho Conference honors in voting by colleagues.

Kyla Jewett, who led the varsity to a fourth consecutive 1A, Div. I Real Dairy Shootout after winning the District III championship, was named the varsity coach of the year.

Marc Caron earned the junior varsity coach of the year award after guiding the Raiders to the conference title.

Two juniors were on the

All-1A WIC first team — Sami Jewett and Sintia Varela.

A third junior, Madie Macmillan, wound up on the all-conference second team.

Two seniors — Hannah Field and Laura Gasper — will play the final basketball games of their high school careers in the District III Senior All-Star Game at 6 p.m., on Monday, March 16, at Payette High School.

Selections were announced on the school district's Facebook page.

Melba wrestlers win three medals

Freshman Vasi takes third at 195

Three medalists helped Melba High School to a 12th-place finish in the 2A wrestling state tournament.

Three underclassmen earned medals as every Mustangs athlete qualified for the two-day meet at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa scored points.

Freshman Fine Vasi led the way, pinning St. Maries sophomore Kyle Sibert in 35 seconds to claim the third-place match at 195 pounds.

In an epic battle of ninth-graders, McKoy Richardson edged Melba teammate Grant Svedin, 3-2, in the 120-pound fifth-place match.

Only one of the Melba competitors — Hank Svedin at 160 pounds — was a senior, painting a bright future for the Mustangs' program.

Sophomore 182-pounder Ben Evans reached the quarterfinals while scoring seven points during the weekend.

He pinned Grangeville's Bladen Farmer in 2 minutes, 35 seconds during Friday's opening round before getting pinned four seconds before the final whistle in his quarterfinal match against Orofino's Clayton Larsen. Larsen went on to

collect a fourth-place medal.

Evans pinned Valley's Kaden Buhler in 1:14 in a second-round consolation bout.

Junior Zane Helm (145) scored three points and also reached the quarterfinals after edging Malad's JD Atkinson 5-4 on Friday.

Helm lost to fellow District III wrestler and eventual state champion Joel Campbell of New Plymouth, 9-5, in the quarterfinals.

Herallied with an 8-4 decision against West Jefferson's Teagan Hansen before bowing out against another District III wrestler, Gideon Lowen of McCall-Donnelly, by pinfall (4:15) in the third round of the consolation bracket.

Svedin picked up a point at 160 pounds with a takedown to secure a 6-4 sudden victory over Bear Lake's Ryan Hunt in an overtime match in the opening consolation round.

Svedin's tournament ended with a narrow 4-2 loss to Ririe's Layton Yearsley.

Vasi reached the semifinals at 195 after winning a 4-2 battle against Murtaugh's Zach Gunnell. He fell into the consolation bracket when fellow District III competitor Tuff Bentz of McCall-Donnelly rode to an 8-1 semifinals victory. Bentz went on to lose

the state title match.

Vasi pushed into the bronze medal match with a pin of Raft River's Ethan Southern (1:41).

He started his tournament with a pin of West Jefferson's Kaycee Thomas (2:55).

Richardson wound up with 12 points for the team with his fifth-place medal.

Before beating his teammate in the medal round, Richardson got to the quarterfinals with a 12-4 major decision against Potlatch's Avery Palmer.

After losing to Bear Lake's Skinner Kyle (1:27 pin) in the quarterfinals, Richardson won three of his next four consolation matches, including his win over Svedin.

He beat Caden Bailey of Soda Springs, 11-4, but fell into the fifth-place match with a 6-0 semifinal loss to Ririe's Stetson Machen.

Machen sent Svedin into the consolation bracket with a 12-1 major decision in the championship quarterfinals.

Svedin's tournament began with a 5-1 win over Bailey, and he got two consecutive consolation victories. He pinned Ririe's Dennis Barnett in 4:24 and nipped Declo's Jon Anderson, 8-6, before losing to Kyle in the consolation semis (13-5 major decision).

✓ Huskies: Justin Ineck closes prep career

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defeat, 4-0, to Potlatch's Kenon Brown. Brown wound up as the silver medalist. Arriaga lost for only the second time this season.

Arriaga bounced back to reach the bronze medal match by crushing St. Maries' Shaun Anderson (14-3 major decision) in the consolation semifinals.

Arriaga's tournament began Friday with 3-minute, 49-second pinfall of Grangeville's Sebastian Darwish.

Other Marsing wrestlers included:

- Junior Evan Miller (126) scored five points despite an opening-round loss to Salmon's Dakota McIntosh by pinfall (3:56).

Miller recorded two wins in the consolation bracket — a major decision over Ririe's Eithan Summers (8-0) and a pin of St. Maries' Hunter Norris just 29 seconds into their match.

Miller closed out his experience at State with a pin (3:51) at the hands of Soda Springs' Drey Stoor.

- Senior Justin Ineck (138) accounted for the Huskies' other five points.

He opened with a decision over McCall-Donnelly's Woody Pyle (5-2) before losing in the quarterfinals when New Plymouth's Trent Meyers pulled off a pin in 33 seconds.

In the consolation bracket, Ineck pinned Potlatch's Tyson Tucker (2:03) before dropping a



Senior Justin Ineck competes in the final match of his Marsing High School career against Brayden Turcott of Orofino. Photo by Kelly Ineck

major decision to Orofino's Brayden Turcott (15-1) to close out his final prep wrestling experience.

- Ineck's brother Jonathan, a sophomore, also saw action at State.

The 132-pounder lost his two matches by major decision — first to McCall-Donnelly's Arlen Main (13-1) then to Declo's Nathan Garrett (13-0) in the consolation bracket.

- Jacob Goins, who made it to State as a wild card at 195, was pinned twice — first by St. Maries' Kyle Sibert (4:52) then to Malad's Tucker Palmer (4:14) in a consolation match.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Boys will be boys



“Boys will be boys,” reflected Jack, as he told me a story from his youth.

Seems when Jack was a teenager back in Ripley, Oklahoma, he and his teenage friend were serious about becoming bull riders. They had helped fix up the local rodeo arena, and that gave them chute privileges.

One week, they replaced a chute gate. They had made the replacement themselves out of oilfield pipe, painted it, and hung it up.

As they were admiring their handiwork, Jack remarked it was too bad they couldn’t buck a real bull out of there for the inaugural “grand opening!”

His pardner, Jack (also named Jack and hereinafter referred to as Jack Two) said, “Ya know, my dad just bought a brand new Charolais bull. I’ll bet that sucker would buck!”

Jack One agreed that it would sure be better than practicin’ on the buckin’ barrel. And wasn’t it a coincidence that Jack Two’s dad was outta town for a couple days?

A quick trip to the ranch and back soon had the big polled bull standing in chute No. 1. Jack Two set his rope and called for the bull. Jack One swung the new gate wide, and Jack Two had a pretty good practice ride.

They ran the bull back around for another ride, but he was not nearly as cooperative in the chute. Matter of fact, he rammed his head sideways between the pipes and lifted the heavy gate right off the L-hinges on which it hung.

Out across the arena he bucked with the 10-foot gate around his neck and layin’ on his back. Jacks One and Two chased the irate bull and cornered him. The bull turned, spotted his tormentors, lowered his head to charge and flipped straight over on his nose!

It took several minutes of flopping around and pulling for the gate to come free. The bull was considerably agitated but just dazed enough, so our two Jacks could load him back in the trailer and get him back home.

Next day, Jack Two’s dad returned home. He saddled up and rode out to check the cows with Jack Two’s uncle. The bull charged the horses and chased them out of the pasture. After two days of this, Dad decided they better sell the bull before someone got hurt.

He explained to his son, Jack Two, that the bull must have got a hold of locoweed or maybe some kind of heavy metal poisoning which made him crazy.

“Yeah,” Jack Two thought, “heavy metal, alright.”

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

Letter to the editor

GV questions reason for, prudence of DMV building

We have voiced our concerns to our county commissioners individually and/or collectively in writing, in phone calls and in county and city meetings, to no avail. We now submit this open letter. For many years our community has enjoyed the convenience and thrift of having our city clerk and DMV in one location. The only cost to the county with the current configuration has been \$150 a month for rent; no utilities. The one-time cost to buy, move and set a separate building will be at least \$50,000 (see commissioners minutes). This is a sum equal to almost 28 years’ worth of rent at the current building, to say nothing of the added increase in monthly costs for utilities and maintenance. Our community would love \$50,000, but not spent on something we don’t need.

The perceived reason for needing a separate DMV office — personnel complications — are no longer an issue. Now, the new justification is that the sheriff’s deputies will share the space with the new DMV admin. However, there has never been an issue with the space the deputies currently use in the Grand View Fire / Ambulance building. That location is very roomy and makes more sense considering the services provided.

The community recognizes that moving the DMV has nothing to do with productivity or efficiency and everything to do with personal issues. We ask that the county commissioners please put aside those personal issues and do what’s fiscally best for the community and the county and abandon the costly and unnecessary plan to have a separate DMV building in Grand View.

Grand View City Council
Mayor Danny Martinez
Councilman Jon Pennington (president)
Councilman John Morrison
Councilman Tom Payne
Councilwoman Opal Ward

According to Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell, the county could spend \$42,100 at this point (\$15,500 on the modular unit and building inspection. County commissioners also accepted a \$26,600 bid from Bruneau-based Skyline Construction to prepare the site



Something on your mind?
We welcome
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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@owyheecavalanche.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.

and hook the building up to utilities). Barkell said there could be other expenses, but scope of work and prices aren’t definite. She also said that the county pays the City of Grand View \$1,500 annually (which would be \$125 per month) for office space in city hall. “It will be nice for the sheriff to have an actual substation that is visible in town,” Barkell said. “The building will also serve as a meeting space for the probation office if they need to meet with clients.” — Ed.

Center for Rural Affairs President Trump’s 2021 budget proposals would hurt rural America

Details on President Trump’s 2021 budget plan were released recently and, as it has in the past, this administration continues to put forth proposals that undercut rural communities.

Among the proposed cuts The Center for Rural Affairs strongly opposes are those to the Conservation Stewardship Program, administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and authorized by the farm bill. This program offers invaluable support for farmers and ranchers to build on their existing conservation efforts, and the cuts would block an important path they rely on to improve their soil health and water quality.

The president is also proposing to eliminate nearly every program under the Rural Business

Anna Johnson
Policy manager

About the Center for Rural Affairs

The Lyons, Neb.-based Center for Rural Affairs is a private, non-profit organization established in 1973 working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.



Commentary

Financial management

No gimmicks: Life insurance is mortgage insurance, too

Dear Dave,
My husband and I had our first child in December. We bought a house not long before the baby was born, and since then we've been getting mail and phone calls about buying mortgage protection insurance. We're both 27, we have good jobs, and our mortgage is \$105,000. Would it be a good idea to get this insurance?
— Rachel

Dear Rachel,
Mortgage insurance is really nothing more than a life insurance policy with the word "mortgage" stuck on the front. They make it sound like a specialized product, *and* they jack the price up. The truth is it's just a big rip-off in most cases. If you two are healthy,

you both could easily get \$250,000 on 20-year level term life insurance policies, for around \$12 a month. Then, if something happened to one of you, the other could pay off the house with the insurance money and still have a nice chunk left over.
However, I recommend going a little further. My advice is for each of you to get good, level term life insurance — not just to cover your mortgage — but for 10 to 12 times your annual incomes. Both of you should have sensible plans in place to take care of your family now, and in the future, should something unfortunate happen.
And congratulations! God bless you two and your new baby!
— Dave



Dear Dave,
I was thinking about putting my emergency fund savings into a balanced mutual fund. Would this be a good idea?
— Trey

Dear Trey,
You should never put your emergency fund into anything that can go down in value, or anything that charges penalties for early withdrawals. I recommend putting it into a good money market account with check-writing privileges.
Remember, your emergency fund is insurance. It is not an investment. That three to six months of expenses you've saved has one purpose and one purpose only — to protect you, your family, and your stuff against the unexpected. You know how Murphy's Law says anything that *can* go wrong *will* go wrong? Think of your emergency fund as Murphy repellant.
That's one of the reasons an emergency fund is so important.

If you don't have one, and something unexpected happens, you're likely to end up borrowing money from the bank, or cashing out retirement savings to fix things. So, don't worry about investing this money. Just park it, and think of it as an insurance policy for when Murphy comes knocking at the door!
— Dave
— Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 16 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

✓ Proposals: FY 2021 ideas continue trend detrimental to rural U.S.

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and Cooperative Service, including the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP). We at CRA are extremely disappointed, as rural business owners do not always have access to the same financing as their counterparts in suburban and urban areas. As rural banks close and small business loans are few and far between, rural entrepreneurs can benefit greatly from RMAP.
Finally, the proposal states a plan to close loopholes on payment limits. The Center for Rural Affairs has advocated for commodity reforms and strong payment limits for many years to ensure a level playing field for small and mid-size farms and ranches.
The administration has the authority to enact strong "actively engaged" restrictions on commodity program payments, and CRA urges officials to take action to tighten loopholes that allow some operations to receive payments over \$125,000 per producer and \$250,000 for married producers.
— Anna Johnson is a policy manager for the Lyons, Neb.-based Center for Rural Affairs, a private, non-profit organization established in 1973 and working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.

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Meetings — 7 p.m., on second Wednesday

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City council — John Morrison, Tom Payne, and Jon Pennington (1 seat vacant)
Meetings — 6 p.m., on second Wednesday

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

March 8, 1995



Feeding

Jordan Valley ranchers Jim Kershner, Mike Hanley, and Jim Nelsen feed hay on the Hanley ranch near Jordan Valley with a combination of new technology and old. The men use a brand-new bi-directional Ford tractor to lead two one-ton bales onto a hay wagon pulled by a team of horses.

Future local astronaut set to test her wings

Penny Lanning is one of those lucky people who have always known what she wants to be when she grows up. But achieving her dreams, which are larger than the planet itself, may take every ounce of energy and drive that she’s got.

“I’d like to get a job with NASA, as an astronaut eventually,” she states enthusiastically.

The diminutive Homedale High School junior, with her glasses and quick, infectious smile hardly looks the part of a Buzz Aldrin or a Neil Armstrong; but that’s never stood in the way of her vision.

“Sometime when I was little,” she says, “and I was watching TV, I saw them up in the shuttle and decided that was something I wanted to do. Plus I read a lot of science fiction.”

In researching the field, she’s written NASA, asking what they look for in their astronauts, and next month she’ll be attending her second space camp.

Actually, she’ll attend two camps: The Aviation Challenge, and Space Academy Level Two. Both camps are in Huntsville, Alabama, the site of Marshall Space Flight Center.

Marvin Wallin joins Angus association

Marvin Wallin of Marsing recently became the county’s newest member of the American Angus Association, the world’s largest beef cattle registry association.

With its growing registry of over 12 million Angus, the association records ancestral information and keeps records of production on individual animals for its members, who then can use the records to select and mate the best animals in their herds.

Six Trojans advance to state tournament

The 1994-95 wrestling season ended for all but six of the Homedale Trojans at the District III A-3 Wrestling Tournament last weekend, but the remainder have one all important date ahead of them: State.

J.R. Castro (119), Ben Jeppe (125), and Nathan Volk (145) all won their weight classes, while Steve Christiansen (112) took home a second-place trophy and Nick Bowman (125) and Randy Breshears (Hvy) both wound up third.

50 years ago

March 5, 1970

FB safety poster contest winners are announced

The Farm Bureau Safety Slogan Poster contest is now completed in the schools throughout the state. 275 students from Owyhee County participated.

We would like to thank all students for their excellent work and all teachers who helped make this safety program a success.

The two first place county winners will be entered in the state contest. These will be judged in Boise on March 15. —Mrs. Roger Howard.

Winners are:

Marsing, grades 4-6 — Bob Rathbone, 1st; Peggy Cossel, 2nd; Diana McDermitt, 3rd.

Bruneau, grades 4-6 — David Campbell, 1st; Mary Hall, 2nd; Valerie Cain, 3rd.

Grand View, grades 4-6 — Catherine Glanders 1st; Debby Johnston, 2nd; Scott Smith, 3rd.

Grand View, grades 7-12 — Janet Field, 1st; Mollie Davis, 2nd; Oscar Pike, 3rd.

County Winners:

Grades 4-6 – Catherine Glanders, (GV), 1st; Bob Rathbone, (M), 2nd; Peggy Cossel, (M), 3rd.

Grades 7-12 – Mollie Davis, (GV), 1st; Janet Field, (GV), 2nd; Oscar Pike, (GV), 3rd.

Homedale, New Plymouth to meet for cage title

Homedale and New Plymouth emerged as favorites to win state berths in the District III A-3 tourney by victories last weekend at Caldwell. The two will meet at 9 o’clock Friday evening for the District Championship.

Middleton eliminated McCall-Donnelly 74-69 and Kuna sidelined Melba 81-48. Then Homedale downed Marsing 52-45 and New Plymouth, in a struggle, dropped Fruitland 64-60.

Homedale had just as much trouble with Marsing, although the Huskies helped speed the win for the Trojans when they stalled for a little over four minutes late in the third quarter, a move that may have cost them the ballgame.

At the time of the stall the score was tied 33-33 and Homedale was without the services of 6’3” Paul Pearson who was sitting on the sidelines in foul trouble.

Pearson returned in the fourth quarter, scored three points and helped the Trojans both on the boards and on defense immensely before fouling out with 1:32 left in the game. Homedale, meanwhile, pulled slowly away from the Huskies — who abandoned the stall in the fourth quarter — behind Pearson and Stan Zatica until it led 50-42 with 1:08 left.

Zatica topped Homedale’s scoring with 15 points while Pearson had 11. Dan Percifield, a 6’2” sophomore who kept Marsing right next to Homedale throughout the first half, finished with 17 for the Huskies.

Fish and Game

Canada geese in southwestern Idaho are pairing off and courting antics have started. Mating and nesting activities will soon be underway.

Some 90 islands in the Snake River from Farewell Bend upstream past Homedale to Walters Ferry, and from the mouth of the Payette River upstream to Black Canyon Dam are off limits to people during this period.

Boaters are urged not to intrude, or otherwise molest nesting areas, anytime between early March and June 1.

145 years ago

March 6, 1875

(From Monday’s Daily.)

A BIG HAUL.—

On Saturday last Perry Munday caught 5,000 pounds of white fish at a single haul with a seine near his ferry on Snake river. To some this may seem a big fish story, but it is nevertheless true. A large force of men were unable to pull the seine out of the water, until they had first relieved it of a large portion of its scaly load.

Thanks to Mr. Munday for a bagfull of the finny beauties which we had delicious eating.

FOR SOUTH MOUNTAIN.—

Dow Vincent’s stage left for South Mountain this morning loaded down to the guards with freight and passengers.

NEW ROAD.—

Andy Baker, the wide awake Division Agent for the Northwestern Stage Company, has sent out two men to hunt a crossing of the Owyhee River for a stage road from Battle Creek across the country to South Mountain.

Should they be successful in finding a crossing, it will greatly shorten the distance, and place South Mountain on the direct line of route from Silver City to Winnemucca.

(From Wednesday’s Daily.)

FROM SOUTH MOUNTAIN.—

Dr. J. A. Rupert got back from South Mountain to-day and is well pleased with the appearance and prospects of that camp. He has purchased the drug business heretofore carried on there by the Smith Bros, together with their lot of ground 23x100 feet and the building thereon.

It is Dr. Rupert’s intention to fit up and carry on a drug store for the accommodation of the South Mountain Folks.

John Lemp, of Boise City, has also bought a lot out there on which he intends erecting a brewery.

HALF WAY.—

The editor of the AVALANCHE is just thirty-five years of age to-day, half the number of years that a man is allotted to perambulate on this mundane sphere. Thirty-five mile-stones passed; thirty-five more and—what?

RESTAURANT.—

Gus. Percheron and Johnny Glenn have got their restaurant started at South Mountain, and we are informed that they dish up splendid fodder for the boys. They are clever boys and deserve to be well patronized.

TO JORDAN VALLEY.—

Hosea Eastman and Jerry Philip went on a hunting expedition to Jordan Valley today. We don’t know when they will return—probably when they get ready.

(From Friday’s Daily.)

FOUR BITS.—

Silver City subscribers will please have their half dollars ready for the carrier to-morrow evening. We believe that we give people the worth of their money, and they are expected to pay at the end of each week.

Public notices

NOTICE OF SALE
CASE NO. CV-2016-0995
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY
OF OWYHEE

TERRY L. MAHLER, II and NATHAN E. MAHLER, Plaintiffs, v. DARCY GEARY and NORINE GEARY, Defendants. DARCY GEARY and NORINE GEARY, Counterclaimants/ Cross-Claimants, v. TERRY L. MAHLER, NATHAN E. MAHLER, SCOTT MAHLER and HEATHER MAHLER, husband and wife, JEREMY MAHLER and DOES 1-5 whose true names are unknown, Counter Defendants/Cross-Defendants.

BY VIRTUE of an Amended Writ of Execution dated the 4 day of June, 2019, directed to me as Sheriff of the County of Owyhee, and issued out of the above entitled court on an Amended Judgment rendered in such court on the 12 day of September, 2018, in favor of the Defendants Darcy and Norine Geary herein and against the Plaintiffs for the total sum of \$8,816.83 plus accruing interest and costs, I have heretofore levied on all right, title, and claim, **the undivided ¼ interest of Nathan E. Mahler**, as identified in the Amended Judgment, in and to the real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, commonly known as 3959 Elders Lane., Homedale, Idaho 83628, and legally described as:

PARCEL I:
A parcel of land in Lot 6, Section 14, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee

County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at a point 934 feet North of

the Quarter comer of Sections 14 and 15, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian;

thence South 89°29'00" East a distance of 981.00 feet;

thence North 12°46'20" East a distance of 149.01 feet to a point on the Southwesterly

Right of Way line of the Union Pacific Railroad Company;

thence North 52°23'27" West (formerly North 52°37'00" West) a distance of 1279.93 feet,

to a point on the West line of said Section 14;

thence South 0°00'14" East, a distance of 917.61 feet (formerly South 0°09' East, 921 feet)

to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCLUDING therefrom the following parcel, more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter (Lot 6)

of Section 14, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian;

thence North along the Westerly boundary of said Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter (formerly a distance of 936.50 feet) a distance of 934 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

thence continuing North along the Westerly boundary of said Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter

(Lot 6), a distance of 181.50 feet;

thence South 89°30'24" East (formerly South 89°30'10" East), a distance of 240.00 feet;

thence South parallel to the Westerly boundary of said Southwest Quarter Northwest

Quarter (Lot 6), a distance of 181.50 feet;

thence North 89°30'24" West (formerly North 89°30'10" West),

a distance of 240.00 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCLUDING therefrom the following parcel, more particularly described as follows:

A parcel of land in Lot 6, Section 14, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee

County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the Quarter corner common

to Sections 14 and 15, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian:

thence North along the Westerly boundary of said Lot 6, a distance of 1450.12 feet to the TRUE

POINT OF BEGINNING;

thence continuing North along the Westerly boundary of said Lot 6, a distance of 403.96 feet to a

point on the Southwesterly Right of Way line of the Union Pacific Railroad Company;

thence South 52°23'27" East, a distance of 808.5 feet to a point;

thence South 37°36'33" West a distance of 320.0 feet to a point;

thence South 37°36'33" West a distance of 320.0 feet to a point;

thence North 52°23'27" West a distance of 561.95 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL II:

A parcel of land In Lot 6, Section 14, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian,

Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the Quarter

corner common to sections 14 and 15, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian;

thence North along the Westerly boundary of said lot 6, a distance of 1450.12 feet to the TRUE

POINT OF BEGINNING;

thence continuing North along the Westerly boundary of said Lot 6, a distance of 403.96 feet to a

point on the Southwesterly Right of Way line of the Union Pacific Rail Road Company;

thence South 52°23'27" East, a distance of 808.5 feet to a point;

thence South 37°36'33" West, a distance of 320.0 feet to a point;

thence North 52°23'27" West a distance of 561.95 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER with all additions, accessions, and replacements thereto.

PUBLIC AND LEGAL NOTICE OF SALE on April 7th 2020, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m. of said day at the **Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, 83650**, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, all right, title, and interest of Nathan E. Mahler in and to the above described real property.

This sale is subject to a minimum bid of \$4.408.46. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances

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OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO
MARCH 10, 2020

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FOR PRESIDENT

Four Year Term
(Vote for One)

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Matthew John Matern ☐

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OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO
MARCH 10, 2020

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to satisfy the Amended Judgment recorded on September 18, 2018, as Instrument #297252 in the Official Records of Owyhee County in favor of Darcy Geary and Norine Geary, in the matter Mahler v. Geary, etc., filed in the Third Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Owyhee, as Owyhee County Case #CV-2016-0995.

Creditor Attorney: Wyatt Johnson
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s:/PERRY GRANT
Sheriff of Owyhee County, Idaho
Owyhee County Sheriffs Office
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
TRUSTEE’S SALE
NO. PLTS103190

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DATED: February 12, 2020.

Pioneer Title Company of Ada County dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services
Trustee
s:/Deborrah Duncan, Assistant Secretary
Pioneer Lender Trustee Services
8151 W. Rifleman Street
Boise, ID 83704
02/19,26,03/04,11/2020

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE (Minor)
CASE NO. CV 37-20-63
IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: RENA ANNIE IRENE PERRY Legal name of child. A petition to change the name of Rena Annie Irene Perry, a minor, now residing in the city of Homedale, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Rena Annie Irene Radcliffe. The reason for the change in name is: Rena wants the same last name as her family.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:00 o’clock a.m. on April 15, 2020 at the Owyhee County Magistrate Court, 31 W. Wyoming, Homedale, Id 83628. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: February 26, 2020
s:/Cindy Chaves, Deputy Clerk
Angela Barkell, Clerk of the District Court
03/4,11,18,25/2020

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

SAMPLE BALLOT
CASTLEFORD JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 417,
TWIN FALLS AND OWYHEE COUNTIES, IDAHO
MARCH 10, 2020

INSTRUCTIONS: To vote in favor of the Supplemental Levy, place an X in the square at the right of the word “YES”. To vote against the Supplemental Levy, place an X in the square at the right of the word “NO”. If you change your mind, tear, or make a mistake on this ballot, request a new ballot from an election worker.

TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 417, TWIN FALLS AND OWYHEE COUNTIES, STATE OF IDAHO TO LEVY A SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY

Shall the Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 417 Twin Falls and Owyhee Counties, Idaho, be authorized and empowered to levy a supplemental levy, as permitted by law, in the amount of \$300,000.00, three hundred thousand dollars, per year for two (2) years for the purpose of paying all lawful expenses of maintaining and operating the schools of the District for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2022?

The estimated average annual cost to the taxpayer on the proposed levy is a tax of \$182.00 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value, per year, based on current conditions.

For supplemental levy of \$300,000.00 per year for 2 years YES ☐

For supplemental levy of \$300,000.00 per year for 2 years NO ☐

SAMPLE BALLOT
SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION
GLENNS FERRY JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #192
ELMORE & OWYHEE COUNTIES, IDAHO
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

To vote “FOR” the supplemental levy, place an “X” in the box marked – YES
To vote “AGAINST” the supplemental levy, place an “X” in the box marked – NO
If you change your mind, tear, or make a mistake on this ballot, request a new ballot from an election worker.

GLENNS FERRY JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #192
ELMORE & OWYHEE COUNTIES, IDAHO
TO LEVY A SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY

QUESTION:

Shall the Board of Trustees of Glenns Ferry Joint School District #192, Elmore & Owyhee Counties, Idaho, be authorized and empowered to levy a supplemental levy, as permitted by law in Section 33-802(3), Idaho Code, in the amount of \$ \$325,000 (Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars) each year for a period of two (2) years for a total of \$650,000 (Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2022 for the purpose of paying all lawful expenses of operating the schools of the district as provided in the resolution of the Board of Trustees of Glenns Ferry Joint School District #192 adopted on January 8, 2020.

The estimated average annual cost to the taxpayer on the proposed levy is a tax of \$92.23 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value, per year, based on current conditions. Currently, the District collects a supplemental levy that costs \$99.32 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value, and the current levy will expire when the proposed levy goes into effect, so the proposed levy produces a net decrease of \$7.09 per \$100,000.”

ANSWER:

IN FAVOR of authorizing the levy in the amount of up to \$325,000 (Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand), per year for two (2) years YES ☐

AGAINST authorizing the levy in the amount of up to \$325,000 (Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand), per year for two (2) years. NO ☐

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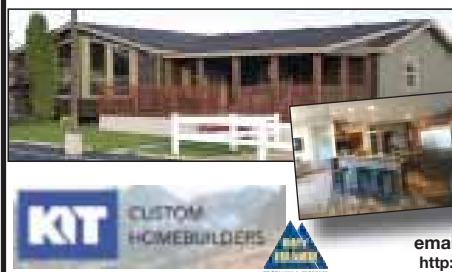
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