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HHS seniors land service academy nominations

Congressional nods bolster football teammates' appointment chances

Dawson Fox and Thomas Symms want to be better people as they progress through their lives.

One of the biggest steps in that mission for the Homedale High School seniors may be on the horizon.

The 18-year-old Caldwell-area residents have been nominated for service academies as part of the 2021 batch recognized by Sens. Mike Crapo, Jim Risch and U.S. Rep. Russ Fulcher.

"I am always so proud of any of our young men or women that chose to serve. What an amazing gift for them to chose do something for the benefit of not only themselves but for all of us," HHS principal Matt Holtry said.

Holtry also coached them on the Trojans' football team.

"With these two, I can say they are two very determined and passionate young men who truly want to make a difference in the world we live in," the son of a military man added. "They represent the values and character that we desire to see in so many young people that we work with."

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More than a dozen volunteers helped unload 20,000 pounds of shelf-stable food at the Marsing School District's The HUB pantry. The food was donated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

LDS church makes large donations to Marsing, Homedale food pantries

Food distribution centers in Homedale and Marsing recently benefitted from donations from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

The church donated 40,000 pounds of non-perishable food to the El-Ada Community Action Partnership Owyhee County food pantry in Homedale and the

Marsing HUB food pantry.

The large shipment of food, which originated in the church's Salt Lake City storehouse, included 24 pallets of canned foods and two pallets of flour.

Volunteers helped unload 20,000 pounds at each location on Jan. 26.

"It's so amazing," El-Ada man-

ager Olga Valero said.

Kelli Jenkins, Caldwell LDS stake representative, coordinated the donation as part of the church's humanitarian services.

Jenkins, along with The HUB coordinator Becky Barkell, was also instrumental in the church's

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Homedale High School seniors Dawson Fox (left) and Thomas Symms have received multiple service academy nominations from Idaho congressional delegates.

Homedale mayor, councilman among COVID-19 vaccination recipients

City employees invited to HMS clinic for school staff

Terry Reilly Health Services clinical workers converged on Homedale Middle School with a batch of COVID-19 vaccinations for folks in he second tier of Gov. Brad Little's plan.

Hospital/health care workers and those working in long-term care facilities were among the first group to receive vaccinations. This second group on hand for Thursday's mobile clinic at the middle school included teachers, emergency responders, and those who work in corrections.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen and Councilman Jerry Anderson as well as city employees were able to come

in for their shots, too.

The Terry Reilly staff brought about 100 vaccinations. After the initial group received their shots, citizens 65 and older were offered their chance.

At that point, business was hopping.

The vaccinations are received from the state and distributed by the

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Homedale grad receives big National Guard promotion

White to become state's Senior Enlisted Leader

A 1994 Homedale High School graduate will take a leap forward in his chosen career when he assumes a new position in the spring.

Idaho Army National Guard Command Sgt. Maj. Scott White will be taking over as Senior Enlisted Leader, working for Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Michael Gershak. In his new position, White will serve as senior leader for both Air and Army enlisted and all the state and federal employees that work for the Idaho Military Division.

The Idaho Military Division is the fourth-largest employer in the State of Idaho.

White will replace retiring Chief Master Sgt. Hal Bon-



Sgt. Maj. Scott White

giovini and will begin in his new position on April 1.

"(Bongiovini) is one of the best airmen I have had the pleasure of working with," White said. "He was great at mentoring me as I moved up in the ranks."

"He and his wife Kelly are both in the Idaho Air National Guard and have devoted their lives to the safety and security of this country. We, as Ameri-

cans, are blessed to have people like them serve our state."

White and his wife Tonia were high school sweethearts and married upon his return from basic training. The couple left Idaho for Fort Stewart, Ga., where Scott was assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry as combat medic.

White deployed to southwest Asia during Operation Southern Watch as a flight paramedic with the 571st Air Ambulance in 1999. Upon his return to the U.S., he left active duty Army and joined the Idaho Army National Guard.

White has been in the Guard since 2002 and has served his country for 27 years in total.

Tonia is a graduate of Marsing High School and Boise State University and currently works at Saint Alphonsus in Nampa as a CT technologist.

Until his move to Senior Enlisted Leader, White con-

tinues to work for Idaho Army National Guard Commander Brig. Gen. Farin Schwartz as Senior Enlisted Advisor and part of the command team.

"He is a phenomenal leader, mentor and friend," White said.

As Senior Enlisted Advisor, he deals with all matters from the enlisted force, which comprises about 70 percent of the Army National Guard.

The Whites live on Chicken Dinner Road, east of Marsing.

The couple has three children — daughter Hannah, a junior at Marsing High School, and the reigning Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen; and sons Caleb, an eighth-grader at Marsing Middle School, and JR, a Marsing kindergartner.

White said Hannah has a passion for horses and has worked for Flint Horse Training and is exploring college and career opportunities.

Caleb plays football and enjoys working on cars and helping his grandfather Ron Kiester on the family farm.

"JR loves anything that his older brother and sister do," White said. "We all enjoy living next to the family farm and the animals we have."

White has a message to the younger generation considering a military career.

"The National Guard has been an incredible experience and a phenomenal career that I would recommend to any young adult as their first choice," he said. "Throughout my career, I have seen many different countries and almost every state in our country."

"I have worked for and with some of the greatest people on planet Earth; these soldiers, airmen, and civilians answer the nation's call every time, whether it's at home or abroad."

— TK

February South Board irrigation meetings scheduled

The men who govern the southern portion of the Owyhee Project will gather for their second series of meetings of the year Tuesday.

The daytime meetings will take place inside the new South Board of Control building at 201 W. Wyoming Ave.

The meetings will be available via videoconference on Zoom.

The Ridgeview Irrigation

District board of directors will meet at 1 p.m.

At January's meeting, Bret Nielson was elected chairman, and John Lax will serve as vice-chair.

The Gem Irrigation board meets at 1:15.

Marsing resident and Div. 1 representative Rick Smith is the 2021 Gem chair, and Homedale-area resident Steve Clapier (Div. 2) is vice-chair.

The South Board of Control convenes at 1:30 p.m.

Smith chairs SBOC this year with Clapier as vice-chair. Nielson is the Ridgeview representative.

The rest of the SBOC directors are the Gem board members — Dennis Turner (Div. 3), Ryan Criffield (Div. 4) and Chris Landa (Div. 5), all of the Homedale area.

Clapier, Criffield, Landa,

Lax, Nielson and Ridgeview director Mark Aman all are in the final year of their current three-year terms. Elections could be held in November.

Nielson and Landa will attend Joint Board meetings with Owyhee Irrigation delegates, and Smith is the South Board's alternate.

Anyone interested in sitting in on the meetings can contact the SBOC office at (208) 337-

3760 to get a link to access the meeting.

Anyone who wishes to attend the meetings and does not have access to a computer or internet-capable phone, contact the office for an alternative method of attendance.

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New administration compounds cattlemen’s apprehension

Ranchers look for answers during Saturday’s winter meeting

The Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association is trying to get back to business as usual for Saturday’s membership meeting.

Of course, OCA board president Scott Bunderson concedes, there’s a lot of unusual to deal with as the ranchers prepare for the winter meeting at the Oreana Community Hall.

“As with most organizations, the first part of the year was spent trying to figure out how to work around social roadblocks while still trying to conduct business,” Bunderson said of his first months as president. “Some of that has been handled with virtual solutions and some creating thinking.”

The festivities begin at 1 p.m., on Oreana Loop Road, with registration. Bunderson will drop the gavel at 1:30 p.m., to start the meeting.

Directors are asking anyone who is in a high-risk group, or is feeling sick or is just uncomfortable with being with a large gathering to stay home. The meeting will be available online via Zoom, Bunderson said.

Folks attending have the option to wear masks if they choose. There will be plenty of room created for social

distancing.

“What really amazes me is that in the course of only a year, COVID-19 has redefined our social interactions at all levels,” Bunderson said. “Fortunately, we have a good Board of Directors and lots of experience from past leadership to draw from.

“This organization has always been very hands-on, so taking a step back has been difficult.”

While COVID-19 continues to present challenges, the start of the Biden presidential administration has brought on more apprehension.

“Politically, things are moving very fast, which makes me wonder if the changes being made have much insight behind them or are being done merely to appease the voter base,” Bunderson said.

“For at least the next few months, I doubt the economy will change much. However, I believe that the wide-reaching policy changes are going to have an economic impact.”

Bunderson’s biggest concern from that standpoint is how the general public’s emotional response to change may affect the economy.

Bunderson says Bureau of Land Management officials may attend the meeting or be

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— **Scott Bunderson**
OCA board president

available via Zoom, but he’s unsure how much information they’ll be able to provide regarding changes sparked by Biden administration executive and secretarial orders.

“The sheer number of executive orders is indicative of the (next) few months of this new administration,” he said. “The trickle-down effect of these orders, I believe, is yet to be seen but I don’t believe that many of these reversals are going to end being in favor of the agricultural or beef industry.

“The Trump administration made many good policy decisions that helped our industry, and only time will tell how these recent reversals will affect us.”

The orders have frozen decision-making on the local level and also have caused confusion as to whether ranch hands on federal range will actually be expected to wear face coverings.

“I’ve already reached out to the BLM,” Bunderson said.

of business.

Saturday’s first two speakers will cover some aspects of the ranching business.

Andrew Bingham from the University of Idaho Ada County Extension will address Social Security benefits in his “Missed Opportunities in Ag” talk.

Bingham will address how paying into Social Security through self-employment taxes can benefit folks when retirement age rolls around, Bunderson said.

“Traditionally, the goal of many people in the ag and beef industry is to avoid paying too much in taxes,” Bunderson said.

Brandon Willis of Ranchers Insurance will present “Reducing Drought and Price Risk.”

“There’s been some talk and speculation when it comes to this topic, and several members have expressed interest in knowing more about drought and price risk,” Bunderson said.

Bottom line for Saturday is the ranchers probably are just happy to get out of the house.

“I’m hoping we’ll have more people than I think we are,” Bunderson said.

“People are just tired of being cooped up and want something to do.” — JPB

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Face coverings no longer required in Homedale schools

With a lessening of cases among school personnel and students, Homedale School District’s COVID-19 health alert level has been upgraded from red to yellow.

The news of Southwest District Health’s upgrade was announced on the elementary school’s Facebook page.

The district is lifting the requirement that face coverings be worn at all times inside buildings; however, students and staff are strongly encouraged to continue the practice.

Meanwhile, the health district’s latest update, released last Wednesday, lists Owyhee County in the red health alert level overall.

Owyhee County was in the red zone for a second consecutive week even though its daily incident rate dropped from 3.56 daily cases per 10,000 people to 1.99. According to the SWDH scale, a daily incidence rate below 5.0 is one of the factors to consider in moving a county to orange, and a daily rate below 2.5 is part of the criteria to put a county in the yellow

Overall Owyhee County COVID-19 cases:

850

Jan. 26 to Feb. 1 statistics:
New confirmed cases, 5
Probable cases, 123 (New: 3)
Deaths: 24 (New: 1)
People who recovered: 870 (New: 25)
Health alert level: Red
Source: coronavirus.idaho.gov and Southwest District Health

Malheur COVID-19 cases:

3,261

New cases, Jan. 26 to Feb. 1: 60
Deaths: 56 (New: 1)
Negative tests: 16,261 (New: 627)
Source: govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19

category. No new cases were reported in school districts between Jan. 17 and Jan. 23, and seven staff and students were in quarantine as of Jan. 25. No isolation cases (students or staffers with confirmed COVID-19 cases) were reported as of Jan. 25. SWDH did say that one

cluster outbreak in schools is being monitored, but didn’t specify which school district.

The health district’s weekly report acknowledges the incidence rate and the positivity rate (12.61 percent) are falling, but — in the case of the positivity rate — “still shows that COVID-19 is much more prevalent than our data show.”

The percentage of people who can identify exposure (40.91 percent) also decreased dramatically.

District health officials won’t consider upgrading a county to another health level until after that county has spent two full weeks in a health alert level.

Another Marsing resident applies for rooster permit

During September’s meeting, the Marsing city council members amended city code to allow roosters within city limits with the issuance of a conditional use permit.

Next Wednesday, a second permit application will be the subject of a public hearing during the monthly council meeting.

The hearing is set to begin at 7 p.m., and will be followed by the regular monthly meeting in the council chamber.

Jacquine Shippy is the second petitioner to file a request since the council’s September decision. Kimber Burril and Dustin Elison were granted a permit after the Oct. 14 hearing.

Shippy wants to keep roosters at 116 2nd Ave. W.

The CUP application fee is \$250 and does not guarantee approval.

“I’m grateful that the city allows a workaround for the no-rooster law, but my dogs don’t require permission and have more nuisance potential, and cost a lot less,” Shippy wrote in a Marsing Community Awareness Facebook post.

Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., currently has a 10-person limit to gatherings in the council chamber. If citizens want to have their voices heard during the public hearing, they will likely have to wait outside and come in individually to address the council.

The city will take written comments, too. The mailing address is Marsing City Hall, P.O. Box 125, Marsing, ID 83639. They can also be hand-delivered and read into the record at the hearing.

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— TK

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A group of HHS football players formed a bucket brigade to help unload 13 pallets of LDS church food donations at the El-Ada office at 15 W. Colorado Ave.

✓ Pantries: El-Ada’s shelves stocked

recent \$2,520 donation to fund a 12-foot-wide, 30-foot-long ramp stretching from the rear parking to the door of the food pantry. Marsing’s Showalter Construction donated gravel and in-kind services for the project.

El-Ada received help from the Homedale High School football team and other community members to unload and stock the pantry’s shelves last week.

The HUB was helped by a dozen or so volunteers from the LDS church and Scott Jensen and Suriñe Greenway from the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing.

— TK

Homedale School District migrant liaison Aida Barroso received her COVID-19 vaccination at the Terry Reilly Health Services mobile clinic on Friday in the Homedale Middle School cafeteria.



✓ Vaccination: Friday clinic in Marsing

appropriate health districts.

Terry Reilly chief operating officer Tami Fife said clinics currently offer vaccinations four days per week in Nampa and once a week in Caldwell. In addition, Terry Reilly staff visits smaller communities like Homedale once or twice a week.

The Marsing School District announced that TRHS will hold a vaccination clinic Friday at the HUB. Anyone 65 and older who wants to get the vaccine can call (208) 649-5411, ext. 197 to get on the list.

Vaccinations will be given in Melba this week, too, Fife said.

She added that more vaccines will likely be delivered to Homedale next week.

“A lot of people have been very grateful and are excited to get their lives back on track and have the opportunity to see people they haven’t seen much in the past year,” she said. “People are tired of this, and we want our lives back.

State’s new vaccine online tool

The State of Idaho launched a new website to help folks find information on when and where to get COVID-19 vaccinations, and what to expect when they get to their appointment.

The new webpage is <https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/covid-19-vaccination>.

“The rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine in Idaho is my No. 1 priority,” Gov. Brad Little said in a press release.

The website also helps people find where to receive the vaccine and where to access providers in the area, while laying out which priority groups will next receive the vaccine.

“We’re happy to say that the vaccine is something we can tangibly do to get back there.”

Fife said that TRHS is following the governor’s recommendation: The next wave of vaccinations will be for people 65 and older, followed by folks with medical conditions who are not 65 and older. Those vaccinations are expected to be available by the end of March or beginning of April.

After that, shots will be allocated to the general public.

There are variables in the vaccine distribution.

“Factors are how quickly we receive the vaccines and how fast we can get them out to people,” Fife said. “We have had a phenomenal relationship with the health department; they have been very responsive and clear with their communication. They’ve been great about aligning what they want with what we’re doing.

“It’s been a flurry of activity by everybody, there’s no denying that, but it’s the right thing to do.”

— TK

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Choice of milk and juice
Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily

Feb. 3: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon pull apart. **Lunch:** Chicken filet, mashed potatoes with gravy, hot roll.

Feb. 4: **Breakfast:** Mini donuts, string cheese. **Lunch:** Pepperoni calzone, green beans.

Feb. 8: **Breakfast:** Apple filled donut. **Lunch:** Nachos, corn.

Feb. 9: **Breakfast:** Waffle breakfast sandwich. **Lunch:** Hamburger, French fries.

Feb. 10: **Breakfast:** Chocolate chip muffin. **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garlic toast, green beans.

Homedale Middle

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese
Cereal option and PB&J and string cheese offered daily
Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily

Feb. 3: **Breakfast:** Apple cinnamon Texas toast. **Lunch:** Beef taco, corn.

Feb. 4: **Breakfast:** Donut. **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper.

Feb. 8: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza. **Lunch:** Corn dog, baked beans.

Feb. 9: **Breakfast:** Filled cereal bar. **Lunch:** Chicken patty, spicy chicken patty.

Feb. 10: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon burst bread. **Lunch:** Orange chicken, steamed rice, broccoli, fortune cookie.

Homedale High

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt, string cheese or hard-boiled egg
Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily
Cereal option, grab ‘n’ go items each day

Feb. 3: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy or pancakes. **Lunch:** Cheese quesadilla, steamed carrots or cheesy chicken sub, steamed carrots.

Feb. 4: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or French toast. **Lunch:** Crispito, refried beans or mini corn dogs.

Feb. 8: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or Cinnamon pull apart. **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper or corn dog.

Feb. 9: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich or bagel with cream cheese. **Lunch:** Pork chop, mashed potatoes with gravy, dinner roll or chicken filet, mashed potatoes with gravy, dinner roll.

Feb. 10: **Breakfast:** Homedale breakfast burrito or filled cereal bar. **Lunch:** Spicy chicken patty sandwich, potato wedges or hamburger/cheeseburger, potato wedges.

Marsing

Each meal includes choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables

Elementary School each day: Breakfast: Cereal option
Middle/High School each day: PB&J sandwich option

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

Hot Grab-n-go line (varies): Cheeseburger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sandwich; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)

Feb. 3: **Breakfast:** Bacon scramble pizza. **Lunch:** Dutch waffle, sausage patty Cold Grab-n-go: Turkey bacon ciabatta.

Feb. 4: **Breakfast:** Waffle, maple sausage sandwich. **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, jello. Hot Grab-n-go: Buffalo chicken nuggets.

Feb. 8: **Breakfast:** Apple breakfast bites. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, steamed carrots, hot roll. Hot Grab-n-go: Buffalo chicken nuggets.

Feb. 9: **Breakfast:** Mini waffles. **Lunch:** Beef taco, refried beans, Spanish rice. Hot Grab-n-go: Mozzarella cheese bites, marinara sauce cup.

Feb. 10: **Breakfast:** Pop tart, cheese stick. **Lunch:** Mac-n-cheese, snickerdoodle cookie. Hot Grab-n-go: Walkin taco.

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily

Feb. 3: **Breakfast:** Waffle and hashbrowns. **Lunch:** Nachos with whole wheat chips, refried beans/salsa.

Feb. 4: **Breakfast:** Bagels and cream cheese. **Lunch:** BBQ pulled pork on a bun, fries, fresh broccoli.

Feb. 8: **Breakfast:** Cereal bar. **Lunch:** Ham & cheese on a bun, tossed romaine salad, peas.

Feb. 9: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy. **Lunch:** Chili, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll.

Feb. 10: **Breakfast:** Muffins. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets with whole wheat roll, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli.

Death notices

LELAND ANDERSON, 69, of Homedale, died on Jan. 27, 2021 at his home. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapels, Homedale.

ELIZABETH “BETTY” ANN BERNADAS, 96, a 1942 Bruneau High School graduate who grew up in the Bruneau area, died Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021. A private graveside service was held at Mountain View Cemetery in Mountain Home. A celebration of Betty’s life will be held at noon on Saturday, July 24, 2021 at the Bruneau Community Park. Arrangements: Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, 500 N. 18th E., Mountain Home. (208) 587-9860

DIANE “CORKY” C. BROWN, 79, of Homedale, died Friday, Jan. 29, 2021. Cremation: All Valley Cremation. All Valley Cremation, 1538 11th Ave. N. Ext., Nampa. (208) 899-9361

JOYCE MAST, 83, of Caldwell, formerly of Homedale, died Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021 at a local care facility of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel. Homedale. (208) 337-3252

Service notice

BILLY KEITH O’CONNOR (BILL), 78, of Nampa, pastor at the Marsing Church of the Nazarene, died on Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2020 after a sudden illness. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021 inside the Family Life Center at Karcher Church of the Nazarene, 2515 W. Karcher Rd., Nampa (corner of Karcher Road and Middleton Road). Face coverings and social distancing are recommended.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

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Feb. 3: Ham and cheese on roll, potato salad, California blend vegetables
Feb. 4: Lasagna, green beans
Feb. 9: Salisbury steak with mushrooms and onions, mashed potatoes/gravy, spinach
Feb. 10: Tuna salad, lettuce with tomato and cucumber, carrot salad
Feb. 11: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, country trio vegetables

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Feb. 3: Crunchy tuna casserole, winter blend vegetables, stewed tomatoes, roll
Feb. 5: Beef stew, brussel sprouts, spiced apples, cornbread
Feb. 8: BBQ chicken, baked beans, Normandy blend vegetables, wheat bun
Feb. 10: Chili burger, roasted potatoes, peas, juice, wheat bun
Feb. 12: Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, wheat roll

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Feb. 4: Tuna casserole, beef ravioli, steamed vegetables, peaches, cottage cheese, roll
Feb. 9: Salisbury steak, au gratin potatoes, mushroom gravy, spinach, fruit salad, pudding, roll
Feb. 11: BBQ chicken, carrot & raisin salad, rice pilaf, banana & orange, garlic bread, yogurt



New barber brings modern style to Homedale
Jesus Renteria recently opened Up the Block, a new barbershop, located at 112 W. Idaho Ave. Renteria, who completed his training in July, specializes in modern men’s haircuts, including fades, and hot towel shaves. Up the Block is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday. Renteria can be reached at (208) 230-8110.

UI offers ag business course for ranch and farm women

Annie’s Project, geared to help farm and ranch women become better business owners and partners, will be presented in an online series. University of Idaho Extension will offer the six-week educational course beginning Tuesday. Registration closes Monday, and the cost is \$60. The business skills course will consist of six, three-hour Zoom sessions to help farm and ranch women by connecting through networks and by managing and organizing critical information. The series will include at least one in-person networking event or farm walk. The online sessions will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. MST each Tuesday until March 16. The all-woman course focuses on problem-solving and decision-making skills to address production, legal, market, human and financial risks in agriculture. Topics include record-keeping, business planning, marketing, farm succession planning, retirement planning, insurance programs, and best places to find resources. Registration is available online at <http://bit.ly/2021IdahoAnnies>. More information is available from Ashlee Westerhold, ashleew@uidaho.edu, or Karie Boone, kboone@uidaho.edu.

MSD kindergarten registration coming

The Marsing School District will welcome its newest crop of young ones when the elementary school hosts kindergarten registration for the 2021-22 school year from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30. The registration is for incoming kindergarten students only that live within the districts boundaries. Students must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1. Parents or guardians must be able to provide a certified copy of their child’s birth certificate, immunization records, and a utility bill in the parent or guardian’s name (proof of residency within the school district). The child must also be present for registration. For an appointment, call the Marsing School District office at (208) 649-5411, ext. 4.

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Homedale eighth-grader wins VFW essay contest

High-schoolers receive checks in speech competition

Three Homedale students received salutes from the local Veterans of Foreign Wars outfit for their civic-minded creations.

Cmdr. Daniel Carlson and Quartermaster Harry Schumacher from Samuel C. Phillips III Post 11065 made separate trips last Wednesday to hand out VFW swag, certificates and prize checks.

In the afternoon, the two military veterans presented a check and prizes to Gwen Parker at Homedale Middle School for winning the Post 11065 Patriot's Pen essay contest.

The Patriot's Pen essay theme was "What is Patriotism to Me?"

Gwen's parents — Gavin and Annie Parker — and HMS principal Moss Strong joined Carlson and Schumacher in Starla Bender's classroom for the presentation.

The eighth-grader earned \$100 for her championship essay, and Bender also received a check as the teacher of the winning writer.

"We like to give the teacher a check to say thanks for promoting the program," Carlson said.

The VFW typically makes the presentation at a year-end banquet in December, but COVID-19 and other issues forced the cancellation of the event and pushed the presentation into January.

"We appreciate you bringing this to our school and making this opportunity for the kids," Strong said.

On their morning stop at Homedale High School, the men congratulated Voice of Democracy runner-up Katie Christoffersen and third-place contestant Jacy Parker. Yes, Jacy is Gwen's older sister.

This year's Voice of Democracy five-minute

recorded talks answered the question: "Is this the country the Founders envisioned?"

The sophomores also received some pointers on how to improve their presentations in case they want to take another run at the annual contest over the next two years.

It may behoove them to do so because there are cash prizes all along the route, which includes Post, District, State, and National levels.

The national winner earns a \$30,000 scholarship, which caught both girls' attention.

Katie is the 15-year-old daughter of Jeff Christoffersen and Jodie Seward.

Jacy, 16, is the daughter of Gavin and Annie Parker.

Among the prizes each girl received were a check and a VFW-themed water bottle and lanyard.

The speech competition has been a regular part of U.S. History and English teacher Ed Lee's curriculum every year since he moved from Caldwell High to HHS in 2014.

"(Carlson and Schumacher) put out a great effort each year," Lee said. "It also helps with students' writing skills."

Lee also received a check because the 2019-20 Post 11065 winner came from his classroom. Carlson said the VFW never had a chance to present the check last year. Lee's students swept the Post 11065 contest a year ago with Elizabeth Whitehead advancing to the district round while Téa Uranga and Allison Whitehead finished second and third, respectively, in the local competition.

Five years ago, another of Lee's students — Dylan Burks — won the local competition and the District 4 contest before finishing fourth in the state. Burks graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at



Marcus Robins



Homedale eighth-grader Gwen Parker (right) receives her check and certificate as winner of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Samuel C. Phillips III Post 11065 annual Patriot's Pen essay contest. Post Quartermaster Harry Schumacher (left) and Cmdr. Daniel Carlson make the presentation



Above: Sophomores Jacy Parker (second from left) and Katie Christoffersen (second from right) receive recognition for their placing in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Samuel C. Phillips III Post 11065 annual Voice of Democracy speech contest. Post Quartermaster Harry Schumacher (left) and Cmdr. Daniel Carlson visited Homedale High School last Wednesday to make the presentation. **Below:** The men present a certification to Patriot's Pen runner-up Alex Hamilton at COSSA. Alex has Homedale ties.

West Point last spring.

Other recipients in the 2020-21 Post 11065 awards included:

- Homedale resident Alex Hamilton, who was runner-up in the Patriot's Pen essay contest. Alex attends school at the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency Academy in Wilder.
- Wanda Taylor of the COSSA Academy was third in the Patriot's Pen judging.
- Marcus Robins, a Parma



resident who attends school in Ontario, won the Voice of Democracy contest. — JPB

HHS seniors plan cake auction

Homedale High School's annual senior class cake auction will be held next Wednesday.

The Class of 2021 live auction will be held at halftime

of the 3A Snake River Valley conference boys' basketball varsity game between the Trojans and Weiser. Tipoff is 7:30 p.m.

In addition to the live auction, a silent auction will be held.

Proceeds from the fundraiser typically help the senior class pay for its all-night graduation party inside the HHS gymnasium.

Bridge work closes part of Strike Dam Cutoff

Folks wanting to visit C.J. Strike Reservoir may need to find a new route for the next few weeks.

Mountain Home Highway District workers began a canal bridge replacement project Monday, and will be on site through Feb. 19.

Strike Dam Cutoff Road is closed until Feb. 20, eliminating access via that road to C.J.

Strike Dam. The road is open from Idaho highway 67 to the Air Force Base marina on the reservoir, according to a notice posted to the Bruneau-Grand View School District website.

The road is closed from the bridge into Owyhee County. For more information, call the highway district at (208) 587-3211.

Dam access will be available

through Grand View or by taking the River Road route. Motorists can go through Bruneau, too, if necessary, according to an Idaho Power news release.

Idaho Power facilities will be open.

The North Park boat ramp is still accessible. Other campgrounds and recreational access points are also open.

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From page 1A

✓ Nominations: Coach, Merchant Marines grad helps students prepare

“They have grown into fine young men that I am encouraged to know will be leaders of our future.”

Symms’ nominations include to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. (Risch), the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. (Crapo), and the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. (Risch).

Fox has been nominated to the Air Force Academy and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N.Y. Idaho’s U.S. senators nominated the son of Randy and Lindsey Fox to both academies. He has a 3.856 grade-point average in four years at Homedale.

Both got serious about applying when their junior years rolled around.

“It’s just being a part of something bigger than yourself and just wanting to serve and try to change and become a better person,” Symms said.

Fox’s primary focus was on an Air Force Academy nomination until a senator’s aide said he could increase his chances for nomination with a Merchant Marines Academy application.

“That one’s nice because you get to pick whatever branch you want to go into after your four years,” Fox said of the Merchant Marines Academy. “Or (officials) assign you according to your education.”

Symms, the son of Dar and Jodi Symms, also received nominations to West Point and Annapolis from Fulcher. He has a 4.084 GPA at HHS.

“I wanted to go to an academy because I think it’s a great development of character,” Symms said. “You get lifelong friends. You learn so much, and you just come out a better person.”

Symms’ grandfathers — Ken Fast (Vietnam era) and Dick Symms (Korea) — were in the service, and Dick was part of the Reserve Officers’ Training

“They both have the character, attributes and academic qualifications that the service academies are looking for in a well-rounded individual.”

— Terry White
Homedale assistant football coach

Corps (ROTC).

If Symms had his druthers, he would like to attend the Naval Academy.

Fox’s uncle was in the Air Force. He studied nursing, and his military service paid for all his schooling.

“I just got interested because of the learning environment, you get all kinds of hands-on experience, and they teach you stuff about a certain career that you want to go into,” Fox said.

Fox was drawn to the chance for personal improvement, but he also understands how emerging from an academy as an officer can help land a good-paying job after completing the five-year, post-graduation active duty commitment.

Dawson said he’d like to study to be a mechanical engineer and possibly a pilot, so Choice No. 1 for him is the Air Force Academy.

Symms wants to major in engineering or economics.

Symms said he and his football teammate should hear about possible academy appointment in mid-April. Dawson said congressional nominations bump their odds of appointment to about 60 percent.

Homedale assistant football coach Terry Moore, a 1978 graduate with honors of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, has helped the young men understand what’s ahead.

“I distinctly recall meeting as a class in Bowdich Hall during the first week of Indoc-trination, and the Regimental Commander telling each of

us, ‘Look to your right, look to your left. You may not see these people on graduation day. They won’t make it.’ ”

Moore said the current acceptance rate for the Merchant Marine Academy is 22 percent, which is double that of the Air Force Academy (11 percent) and better than the Naval Academy (eight percent).

The coach imparted his unique experience as an alum of a service academy, giving Symms and Fox an idea of daily academy life as well as post-graduation obligations and career opportunities.

“Getting appointed to a service academy is a great accomplishment but also just a first step,” Moore said. “Finishing through to graduation takes a lot of discipline, desire, perseverance and character.”

The 2019 Naval Academy graduation rate was 88 percent (79 percent for the Air Force Academy), Moore said.

Moore said Symms and Fox are good candidates.

“They both have the character, attributes and academic qualifications that the service academies are looking for in a well-rounded individual,” he said.

Symms’ older brother, Richard, is a good friend of Dylan Burks, who graduated from West Point last spring and is the last HHS graduate to receive an appointment to a service academy.

“I talked to Dylan, and he told me it was the best decision he has ever made,” Thomas Symms said.

To qualify for a nomination, the young men submitted an application and references and had to meet certain scholastic requirements under a deadline.

A nomination doesn’t guarantee appointment to a service academy.

Fox and Symms have completed the six-part Candidates Fitness Assessment (CFA) and now must undergo medical assessments.

The CFA physical and motor fitness events are designed to measure muscular strength and endurance, cardio-respiratory endurance, power, balance, and agility, according to the Naval Academy admissions website.

Events include a basketball throw, pull-ups, shuttle run, crunches, push-ups and a 1-mile run. There are minimum benchmarks to be met with each one.

Both young men credit Moore with helping them prepare for leadership aspects.

“Once I learned that they were interested in attending a service academy, I took the time to talk with them about their interest and the process of getting a nomination and applying,” Moore said.

The coach did what coaches do: He advised Symms and Fox about what the academies look for and spoke of the advantages of attending a service academy and the lifetime benefits the endeavor offers.

Moore would ask Symms and Fox to direct younger teammates in after-practice duty assignments.

“He’d have me get some of the boys to clean out the locker room or give us different tasks to replicate a scenario an officer might face,” Fox said.

Moore said the project at Mike Matteson Fieldhouse also was part of showing appreciation for the community’s generosity.

“The Mike Matteson Fieldhouse is a beautiful facility that the family, community and boosters have provided for our athletes,” Moore said. “To those that have been given much, much is expected. Keeping the fieldhouse in like-new condition is important on many levels.”

Moore earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a U.S. Coast Guard Marine Engineering License and was commissioned as an ensign in the U.S. Navy.

Symms and Fox were part of a group of 60 nominations Risch made.

“Every year, I am proud to see the commitment to country and leadership displayed by the young men and women who apply to attend our nation’s service academies,” Risch said.

“These nominees represent some of Idaho’s finest young people. I congratulate them on being selected and wish them the very best throughout the admissions process.”

Crapo made 52 nominations.

“The U.S. military academies are filled with top-tier students from across the nation who have expressed a deep commitment to country and service,” Crapo said. “Idaho has many promising young leaders, and these 52 nominees have indicated a willingness to pursue higher education at one of the esteemed academies.”

“These students have much to be proud of, and I look forward to seeing their continued successes resulting from their hard work.”

Idaho’s congressional delegates announced their nominations last week. Also included in the group was standout basketball player Grace Jackson from Parma, who was nominated to the Merchant Marines Academy (Crapo and Risch).

— JPB





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Stage crew HHS drama’s unsung heroes

Limited live audience allowed

The Homedale High School drama club hits the stage with its rendition of the musical “The Addams Family Young@Part” at 7 p.m. on Feb. 12 and 13 in the school’s auxiliary gymnasium.

When a play or musical is produced and performed, the cast earns praise for a job well done. Often missed, though, are the time and work and creative skills of the stage crew.

This year’s crew — LaRae Stewart, Makenzie Rountree, Delyla Kester, Sara Termini, and Abi Nelson — will help with the frequently thankless job of building sets, moving them between scenes as quickly as possible, running the curtain, and myriad other tasks and responsibilities.

Many of these jobs are done behind stage props while avoiding lights.

Rountree, a sophomore, is stage manager this weekend, filling the shoes of longtime drama assistant (and HHS math teacher) Stacy Holton. Despite her retirement from teaching, Holton is still helping the club out with sewing costumes, among other duties.

“We are so happy to have her

help,” director DeAnn Thatcher said. “We just can’t let her go. Her talents are amazing, and she is such a willing volunteer.”

The stage crew’s duties for this production have included creating a papier-mâché Addams Family tree and painting the back wall black.

The crew also cleared the stage so Homedale transportation and maintenance supervisor Dan Aberasturi could hang cables for new leg curtains. The curtains were financed through a 2020 Southwest Idaho Legacy Organization (SILO) grant.

Thatcher has directed about 30 plays in 13 years as HHS drama club advisor.

During the first semester production, HHS music teacher John Zieske was stage manager, but for the year’s second production he is in charge of sound and music direction.

With the new in-person attendance limitations, about 100 people (40 percent of the old gym’s capacity) will be able to watch the production live.

Online ticket sales are available until 5 p.m. on Feb. 12. The online tickets are limited to the first 125 sold for each performance.

Tickets are available through BookTix (www.homedale.booktix.com). It costs \$12.50

for online viewing, while those wanting to watch in person will pay \$5.50 (students) and \$7.50 (adults).

Thatcher said the drama club has been able to practice on the auxiliary gym stage only once because of other demands on the gym space from the high school and community.

“We have been holding practices in the band room,” she said. “Our students keep asking for stage practice so we can work on our sound, lighting, pacing and spacing, backdrops, sets, and object placement.”

Thatcher has been researching grants to raise funds to build an auditorium with a green room, costume room, dressing areas as well as an attached ballroom, kitchen and bathrooms.

“This dream facility could then be used for our practices and performances, school and community concerts, weddings, dances, quinceañeras, reunions, and other fine events in our community,” she said.

Thatcher knows from previous research that a lofty project like this would cost around \$3 million, but the price might be different now.

“Sometimes, when we take action and come together, dreams can become reality,” she said. — TK

Courthouse report

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

Jan. 25

Justin Steven Lepore, Homedale — Misdemeanor marijuana possession, drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): 4 days in jail (served), \$300 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Felony controlled substance possession

Rosendo Cruz Perez-Flores, Pasco, Wash. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, false logbook, serious violation: \$263.50 in fines, \$162.50 in court costs

Jan. 22

Dean Edward Back, Kuna — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, logbook, 14-hour rule violation: \$43.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Michael B. Baker, Marsing — Felony driving under the influence, excessive, 2nd or subsequent offense (plea deal): 1½ to 4 years in prison (suspended), 8 days in jail, 4 years felony probation, 2 years driver’s license suspension, \$175 in fines, \$465.50 in court costs

Jesus G. Marquez, Nampa — Felony DUI, found guilty of 2 or more violations with 15 years (plea deal): 1 to 9½ years in prison, 5 years driver’s license suspension, \$290.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor resisting or obstructing officers, misdemeanor consume or possession alcoholic beverage by driver

Kimberly Lynea Oneel, Caldwell — Felony controlled substance possession probation violation: 1 to 4 years in prison (510 days served), \$485.50 in court costs. **Note:** Amended sentence from 2018 conviction; to be served consecutively with 2014 Canyon County case

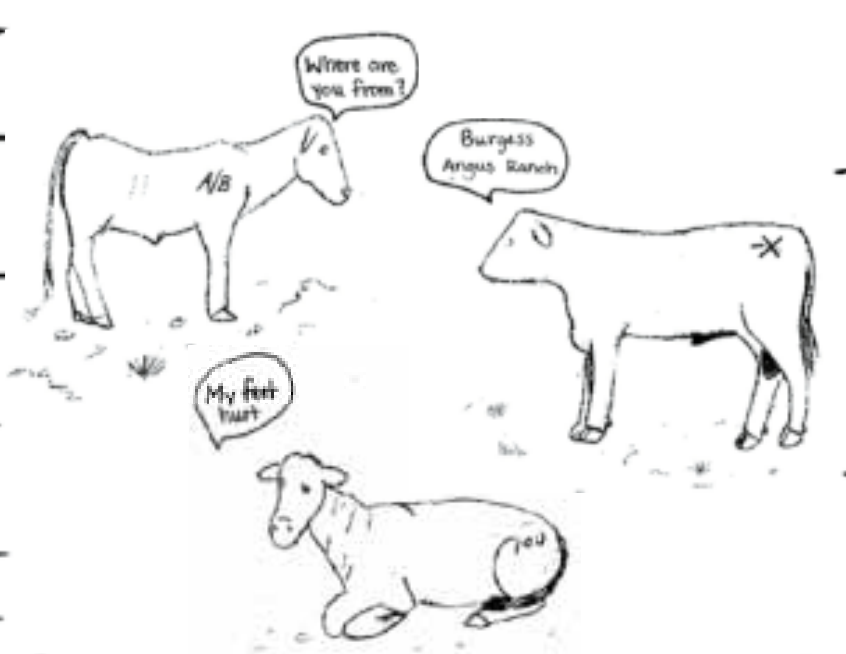
Rebecca Wallace, Winnemucca, Nev. — Felony controlled substance possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): 2 to 5 years in prison (suspended), 5 days in jail (served), 5 years driver’s license suspension, 4 years felony probation, \$175 in fines, \$858 in court costs

Tong Yang — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, inoperative brakes: \$43.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

Jan. 20

Jesus Antonio Segura Perez, Caldwell — Misdemeanor DUI: 180 days in jail (3 days served, 177 days suspended), 180 days driver’s license suspension, 1 year unsupervised probation, \$500 in fines, \$202.50 in court costs

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Homedale Chamber back in swing of things

Lack of meetings, recruitment stunted 2020 membership

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce met last week for just the second time since public gatherings were limited last spring.

There was some reason for optimism after the Jan. 26 gathering of business leaders at The Bowling Alley, including an influx of new Chamber members and those expressing interest in joining.

The core members present at all meetings, including Homedale Chamber president Gavin Parker, vice-president Sheila Matteson, a representative from the City of Homedale, and a few other local businesses were there. And there were new faces.

Richard Babineaux, a Wilder-based Edward Jones financial advisor, Vance and Nikki Borowski from Owyhee Candle Co., Big Valley Gun and Pawn's Sam Clark, Jesus Renteria from the Up the Block barber shop, and Curtis Batho from Treasure Valley Fence & Feed made initial appearances at the, under normal circumstances, monthly meeting.

"Sorry for those of you who have tried to come (to meetings) at times for the last year," Parker said. "It's been interesting to say the least."

Parker also reported that the number of Chamber members dropped from 42 in 2019 to 18 in 2020 because the member recruitment drive was suspended in the first week of February. The drive typically involves making calls and sending out invoices to existing members to get commitment to the current year's roster.

Because it was just the second meeting in nearly a year (the October meeting drew just four participants), Parker provided an overview of the Chamber's activities and benefits.

The regular activities the Chamber organizes are the annual Easter egg hunt at Sundance Park, Safe 'n' Sane Halloween, and the Homedale for the Holidays parade and tree lighting.

Chamber members get the benefit of a business listing on the website shared with City of Homedale (www.cityofhomedale.org), including scrolling banner ads with business logos, and a link to the business website.

Parker said that members also become part of a network in which participants can support each other and provide assistance when needed. Chamber meetings frequently involve business leaders brainstorming ways of attracting business to the city and increasing involvement in community activities.

Annual dues is \$35 for businesses with one to five employees, \$45 for six to 10 employees, and \$60 for 11 or more.

Businesses that paid 2020 dues are considered paid for 2021 as well because of the exceptional circumstances that reduced the number of meetings last year, Parker said.

"Call it our COVID-19 relief fund," he said.

Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen updated the group of activity that will create changes in the city.

He said the Idaho Transportation Department plans road reconstruction along Idaho Avenue from 4th Street East to 4th Street West. The work is set to begin this summer.

"It's not clear if it's going to be delayed by COVID," Christoffersen said. "It's going to be an inconvenience for a lot of people and a lot of businesses."

"We tell them it's the best road we have in town, and we want people to know that it's not us doing it but the state."

He said there are multiple sewer projects set to begin soon and that they may take three to four years to complete.

"We're under contract to get it done by 2023, but it's hard saying if we'll get it all done by then," he said.

The Chamber will meet next at noon on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at The Bowling Alley. — TK



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	(measured in inches)			(measured in Fahrenheit)		
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01/26	2.5	8	3.2	27	12	21
01/27	2.5	8	3.2	36	23	30
01/28	2.5	8	3.2	42	27	33
01/29	2.5	8	3.2	35	25	32
01/30	2.6	9	3.3	37	18	28
01/31	2.6	10	3.3	41	16	29
02/01	2.6	10	3.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
01/26	1.9	4	7.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
01/27	2.0	4	7.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
01/28	2.3	6	7.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
01/29	2.4	6	7.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
01/30	2.5	8	7.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
01/31	2.6	8	7.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
02/01	.6	7	7.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
01/26	6.5	22	10.2	25	13	19
01/27	6.5	22	10.2	31	22	27
01/28	6.6	22	10.3	34	27	30
01/29	6.7	23	10.5	34	24	29
01/30	7.0	27	10.9	36	24	27
01/31	7.0	26	10.9	42	26	34
02/01	7.1	27	11.0	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 49 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 195 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 29 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 347,760 acre-feet of water on Monday.

Homedale Sr. Center still closed to public

The Homedale Senior Center remains closed because of COVID-19 concerns.

As has been the case for most of the last year, however, the center is still offering curbside pickup of lunches three days each week.

The thrift store is also open at 224 W. Idaho Ave. The store is open from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. A limited number of shoppers will be let in at one time, and everyone must wear masks.

Curbside meals are available for pick-up between noon and 1 p.m., and folks must order ahead by calling (208) 337-3020. A \$5 donation is suggested.

The center also continues its Meals on Wheels delivery in Marsing and Homedale.

The February board of directors meeting will be scheduled when possible.

All other activities — Fit and Fall exercise, ladies' coffee group, and foot clinics — are suspended until further notice.

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense
Marginal Quotes



- “As long as you’ve got good elimination, you’ve got it made.” Uncle Leonard
- “If a man can’t drive in a bar ditch, he’s got no business on the highway.” – Tink
- “When asked how she got to be president, Anita replied, ‘I missed the meeting’.”
- “You can’t used too much tape.” –Dr. Allen
- Tom Hall says, “I enjoy all company. Some when they arrive, some when they leave.”
- “A true friend will tell you if yer hat’s on backwards.” – Calvin
- “I’d rather be at the head of the ditch with a shovel than at the bottom with a decree.” – Tom on irrigation rights
- “If they won’t come, you can’t stop ’em.” – Jim B.
- “He’s stooping to new heights.” – Sandy
- “His eyes are so squinty they could blindfold him with dental floss.” – Buck
- “They teach chickens to lay eggs by walkin’ back ‘n’ forth in front of them with a hatchet humming, ‘Um, um, good, um, um, good ...’ ” – Doug
- “The right to be heard does not include the right to be taken seriously.” – Hubert H.
- “If you wanna put out a fire, start yer own!” – Hoot
- “Cowboys walk in parts.” – Peter
- “You have to know Mr. Dewey well in order to dislike him.” – Margaret T.
- “Bank examiners come in after the battle and shoot the wounded.” – Boyd
- “Horse shoein’s not so hard. It’s just the dread of doing it.” – Carl
- “His sleeping bag smelled like they drove geese into it and beat them to death.” – Oly K.
- “You are what you eat” ... but I say, “You are where you walk.”
- “It’s been a month of Mondays!” Sheryl
- “I don’t deserve this award, but I’ve got sinus and I don’t deserve it either.” –Ace R.
- “Sometimes you have no choice, so take it!”
- On fundraising, “Don’t put all your hands in one pocket.”
- “If yer smart you’ll always believe in Santa Claus.” – Judy
- “Sure you can sell out when things are good. But then what will you do?” – John
- “Of course your waffle is tough, you ate the potholder.”

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Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee
Answers to the postal problem



It took a month and another batch of unhappy subscribers, but we finally have an answer to the delivery problems The Owyhee Avalanche has experienced. The explanation per the U.S. Postal Service — there is no guarantee that subscribers outside Homedale will receive their newspapers by Wednesday each week because overnight delivery isn’t a given. Apparently, it has never been the USPS policy to get newspapers delivered by Wednesday each week. Apparently, Avalanche subscribers outside Homedale (and in some cases just outside the Homedale city limits) just get lucky when they receive a newspaper dated for a Wednesday publication date on a Wednesday. Or the correct Wednesday. Needless to say, this came as a shock to a guy who has made his living reporting “news” and not “olds” (sorry, old journalism joke). As has been reiterated time and again, it is our job here at the Avalanche to deliver timely information to our readers so they can make a contribution in their communities or just support events in their backyard. However, the revelation that the Postal Service doesn’t hold the same pride in service as we do may require some changes on our end. If can’t beat ’em, join ’em, eh?

(Let’s stop here for a second and let it be known that the postmasters in Homedale and Marsing have bent over backwards in trying to help us get the Avalanche in the hands of readers on time). For years, it has been an (incorrect) assumption that items reported in the Avalanche each week could include things that were happening on the evening of the day the newspaper would show up in mailboxes. Of course, most of the information we put in the newspaper is couched with consideration to the possibility that a Wednesday newspaper may show up in Bruneau or Grand View or Jordan Valley on Thursday. That’s the way things go sometimes with the postal system. But now instead of it being a case of Situation Normal All Fouled Up, the SNAFU is actually SOP (Standing Operation Procedure). That means it’s a good bet that even newspapers bound for Marsing could show up on Thursday because — as explained last month in this space — all newspapers not destined for most Homedale addresses leave the Homedale Post Office bound for the USPS

— See *Postal*, Page 13A

Idaho Assoc. of Counties
Idaho Legislature could find ways to provide property tax relief

In 2018, the Idaho Legislature passed more than \$200 million in income tax relief. In fiscally conservative Idaho, this tax relief was welcomed. Over the past few years, we have witnessed a new clamor for tax relief. This time, it isn’t income tax relief that many Idahoans are asking for. It is property tax relief. As county commissioners, we get it. Nobody likes property taxes. In growing areas of the state especially, property taxes are becoming an even heavier burden for homeowners and renters who end up paying property taxes indirectly through rent payments. We have heard time and time again that Idahoans are struggling with the rapid rise in property taxes thanks in large part to the rocketing rise in home values and unprecedented growth. Many of the services that counties provide are required by the state and/or constitution. This means that counties cannot rely on budget cuts as a sound policy for providing tax relief. This does not mean that there are no other ways property tax relief could be provided. Here are some proposals that we are confident would provide property tax relief, sometimes significantly, if the Legislature would agree to implement these ideas. Currently sheriffs are only allowed to charge a \$5 administrative fee for driver’s licenses, but in reality, it costs the sheriff’s office closer to \$8 per license to cover the cost. This results in property taxpayers getting stuck with providing a subsidy to the licensee. The Legislature could remedy this by raising the fee on driver’s licenses. While county commissioners have the authority to raise some administrative fees related to the DMV, fees related to driver’s licenses and many other DMV services are often subsidized by property taxpayers because of an inability to raise

those fees without a change in state law. Property taxes should not be used as a subsidy when a service can be paid directly by the users. More state funding for public defense and district courts could be used to off-set property taxes. While the state does provide some funding for these services, property taxpayers have to supplement to maintain these state-mandated services. Giving counties the ability to implement a local option tax could also provide significant property tax relief especially in growing areas and areas that draw significant amounts of tourism. Currently, only resort communities with a population of less than 10,000 are allowed to collect this type of tax. Local option taxing authority would allow counties to diversify how they raise revenues, allowing us to be less reliant on property taxes as a key revenue source. Re-indexing the homeowner’s exemption would provide significant property tax relief to homeowners, especially those who own homes worth between \$100,000 and 200,000. Legislators indexed the homeowner’s exemption in 2006 with Gov. Risch signing the bill into law. In 2016, the Legislature removed this index even though home values were rising rapidly. Since that time, the property tax burden shifted significantly onto the backs of homeowners. Re-indexing the homeowner’s exemption would provide immediate relief for many of those homeowners hit the hardest with rising property tax bills. Increasing access to the circuit breaker property tax relief program for those who may be struggling the most financially, could address more immediate

— See *Relief*, Page 13A

Commentary

Financial management Culture, resistance to change, ignorance keep people broke

Dear Dave,
Your plan has been a lifesaver for us. Why do you think some people are unwilling to listen to good advice, and make changes in their finances?
— **Tammi**

Dear Tammi,
Thank you so much for all the kind words. I'm really proud of you two for putting in the effort and hard work that goes along changing your financial behaviors and gaining control of your money.
I think there are several reasons why some folks resist making changes in their lives, even when those changes would make things a whole lot better and easier for them. One of

those things is often denial. My dad used to tell me 90 percent of solving a problem is realizing and admitting a problem exists. I'm convinced that one of the major factors keeping people from winning with money is they don't realize they even have a problem. If you are apathetic because you think things like debt and living paycheck-to-paycheck are OK or just the way things are, you'll be unwilling — or even afraid — to make the big changes necessary to achieve big results. Debt is so ingrained into our culture that most Americans can't envision a car without a payment, or college without student loans. We've been sold on the idea



of debt so aggressively that most folks don't believe life without a pile of payments is possible.
Also, change is painful.

Most people won't change until the pain of where they are exceeds the pain of change. No matter who you are, where you're at right now financially is, in large part, a sum total of the decisions you've made to this point. If you don't like where you are, you have to acknowledge the fact that things need to change — you need to change.
Finally, there's an element of ignorance involved. Don't get me wrong, I don't mean being dumb or stupid. What I'm talking about is a simple lack of good information. Anyone can learn things, if they'll just admit they don't have all the answers and set their minds to studying and educating themselves on a topic. If you're not careful, what you don't know about money will *make* you broke and *keep* you broke!
— *Dave Ramsey is a seven-time No. 1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Dave Ramsey Show, heard by more than 16 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.*

✓ Postal: Changes necessary when USPS can't guarantee prompt delivery

From Page 12A
distribution hub in South Boise before (eventually, we hope) making their way back to the addressed destination.
That also means that information about any event happening on a Wednesday in any town in our coverage area but Homedale must be publicized at least a week ahead of time in the Avalanche.
Given the occasional slowness of the mail, we have tried to do this anyway for the benefit of those readers who are on the outer rings of our coverage area.
Now, it will have to be a matter of procedure that mid-week events get a run in the Avalanche at least a week ahead of time.
Of course, looking at our deadlines, that also means that submitting such information — for articles or the community calendar — has a new protocol.
In the past, information for events scheduled for

Feb. 3 or Feb. 4, for example, would have been due to the newsroom by noon on Jan. 29 to get a chance for "same-day" publication.
Now information for an event scheduled for next Wednesday or Feb. 11 should have been received by Jan. 29 to ensure publication in an edition that folks would have seen in time to take advantage of the event.
So, the submission deadline will be altered for folks to submit information on fundraisers or events that occur outside of Homedale.
Now, the information must be received at least TWO WEEKS before the event to guarantee a timely announcement about the event.
For example, if you want to publish an announcement or calendar item for an event scheduled for Feb. 17 or Feb. 18, please send all the pertinent details, including a contact phone number, to the Avalanche by

noon Friday. You can send it by email to jon@owyhee-avalanche.com, mail it to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, or fax it to (208) 337-4867.
So, the new rule of thumb to make sure the community has plenty of notice about an upcoming event is to send it in time to publish a week (at least) before it happens.
That'll require some planning, of course, but we appreciate you keeping the Avalanche in mind when it comes to publicizing your events.
We're here to help and continue our mission of giving Owyhee country community members information about their world.
The mission now includes, apparently, being adaptive to postal policies that contradict our primary goal of serving the community.
I thank our readers for their patience through this latest inconvenience.

✓ Relief: Local option tax is one way counties could lessen burden

From Page 12A
taxpayer needs. This could especially aid older individuals on a limited income with home values skyrocketing across the state.
Finally, Gov. Brad Little recently proposed a historic tax cut of more than \$400 million thanks to the record state budget surplus. We argue that while income tax relief would be nice, that is not what most Idahoans are clamoring for. We support using

online sales tax collections currently accruing at a record-breaking rate in the tax relief fund to provide significant property tax relief.
We urge the House, Senate and Gov. Little to work with us as your local partners who are the boots on the ground. We hear from our constituents daily. We can relate because we, too, are homeowners. We are struggling to balance the financial needs of the counties with the property tax relief that is

also urgently needed. Please help us by providing significant property tax relief while also ensuring proper funding for the many services that counties are mandated to provide.
— *Owyhee County Dist. 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland was among commissioners from 22 of Idaho's 43 counties who signed this op-ed distributed by the Idaho Association of Counties.*

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

February 7, 1996



Reward for service

OCA president Mike Hanley presented a western print to Donna Watterson of the Owyhee County Extension Office for her good work over the past years.

Freedom, cattle discussed by OCA

Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association president Mike Hanley designed a different program for the OCA winter meeting this past Saturday in Murphy – different than perhaps any in the past, he said. “Our message this time isn’t about animal diseases or whatever, what we’re talking about here is patriotism,” he said. “Whether we’re cattlemen or agency folks or whatever, we’re all Americans and we all need to think about our freedom.”

Hanley invited Case Visser of Parma to speak about the German occupation of his native Holland during the 1940s. Visser recounted his impressions of the war, American pilots, and the changes in America he has seen since he emigrated twenty years ago.

Retired Air Force Colonel Bernie Fisher of Kuna was also present to speak of his tour in Vietnam in 1966, which ended when he won the Congressional Medal of Honor for saving his wingman’s life.

Both men spoke on what American and their freedom means to them.

Snake River Adjudication at OCA

Reynolds Creek rancher Jerry Hoagland gave a report on the Snake River Basin Adjudication, which is going to have a big effect on Reynolds Creek water users, he said. Hoagland said that the adjudication judge has decided to use representative cases to settle general issues, which puts a great deal of pressure on whoever gets picked.

Reynolds Creek water had been adjudicated about ten years ago, Hoagland said, and water-users in the area were hopeful of avoiding the SRBA. An environmental group appealed, however, and now Hoagland said that Reynolds Creek has been included in Issue #5, which will decide who has a right to early and late season use of run-off water.

Hoagland is concerned because the Reynolds Creek ranchers don’t have very much time to begin a case to defend their rights, and he is also concerned because all Idaho water rights are being decided by a few cases.

Marsing auction raises \$31,000

The 35th Annual Community Disaster Auction and Sale in Marsing Saturday raised \$31,000 for local persons who experience natural disasters and are in need of relief aid. The funds also help purchase the local ambulance and supplies needed for ambulance operations. The auction was held at Marsing Elementary School.

50 years ago

February 4, 1971



THIS SNAKE RIVER catfish is one of the species now being subjected to additional sampling in prescribed areas by the Idaho Fish and Game Department to determine whether the occurrence of residual mercury is within the tolerance limit established by the Food and Drug Administration. Fish samples will be analyzed by gas chromatograph at the Idaho Department of Health laboratory in Boise. Trout in Jordan Creek were found to have mercury above tolerance limits prescribed by the health department.

Cattlemen plan winter confab at Murphy Feb. 6

The 5th annual winter meeting of the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association will be held at the Murphy courthouse at 5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 6. The directors have worked out the following program according to Jess Wilson, secretary:

5-5:30 – “Sonoray and New Meat Programs from the University of Idaho”, Dr. John Miller, extension meat specialist.

5:30-6 – “Redwater, Vibriosis and Brucellosis in Cattle”, Dr. Richard Hall, extension veterinarian.

6-6:30 – “What’s Ahead in Public Lands”, William Matthews, state director of the BLM.

6:30-7 – “Public Land Law Review Report”, Walter Little, chairman, Idaho State Land Law Review Commission.

7-7:30 – Business.

7:30 – 9 – Personality Adjustment Period and Potluck immediately following.

Trojan band will play at Caldwell clinic

Homedale high school band will participate in a three school band clinic being held Friday and Saturday at the Caldwell high school. The two-day event for bands from Homedale, Caldwell and Nampa will conclude with a concert at 8 p.m. Saturday evening in the Caldwell high school gym, according to Roger Fordyce, Caldwell band director.

Guest clinicians will be Mel Shelton, director of the Boise State College band, and Dick Miller, The College of Idaho band director. Both will direct numbers with both the ensemble and the band. Preparing their students for the event are directors Bill Schink, Nampa; Duane Root, Homedale, and Fordyce.

Trojans move tied with Pilgrims, Vikings in SWI

The Trojans were all wearing hot pants Friday night when they walked to the free-throw line and took advantage of Middleton charity to capture a 79-61 victory.

With two minutes remaining in the third quarter, the Trojans found themselves in the lead and went to the stall. The Vikings went to the foul route, hoping to get the ball back for the two-pointers.

But their strategy boomeranged as the dead-eyed Trojans hit 21 of 32 from the line in the final stanza to tuck away the victory.

The win puts Homedale in a three-way SWIL tie for with New Plymouth and Middleton all at 3-1. Middleton is 9-4 overall and Homedale 8-5.

155 years ago

February 3, 1866

DIAMONDS AND HOG-EM.. – A subscriber writing from Hog’em asks us the following questions, and desires an answer by express, but to prevent further impertinent queries being advanced by similar inquiring minds, we’ll endeavor to dispose of it all at once. He asks, first – “Do you know whether there are diamonds in Owyhee, and if so, how many; or are you lying generally?” The style of that question is objectionable, but for fear of receiving more of the same sort, we shall respectfully reply that we believe Owyhee to be exceedingly rich in diamonds; about how many, though, is a silly question, and is the offspring of a mischievous mind; generally, we follow the parting instructions of our good old parents, who admonished us to always speak the truth and very little of that. Again: “Admitting there are diamonds in Owyhee, by what process do you propose to make them profitable to work?” As we are supposed to own (!) and run this section of country, particularly the diamond territory, it behooves us to explain. The only practical plan we have heard suggested for working Owyhee diamonds, is by “the Pilgrim Process.” A friend of ours, who has spent some weeks in Diamond District, says he has incorporated a number of pismire nests that are running his mine very successfully. This process was suggested to him at the time of the “first rush,” when most of the precious gems were obtained in the top of the ant-hills. By incorporating a large number of these nests, he expects to supply a large demand for diamonds, now that the mines of Golconda and Brazil are about exhausted. These insects are very industrious; show no disposition to strike for the eight-hour system or higher wages – in short, so far they have worked for nothing and found themselves. They work shifts, and put in all the time. They are not divided on “the County Seat question” – that is organized in mutual damnation societies – are not troubled by petitions for this or that, and are better adapted naturally for searching the earth in diamond mining than man – it being necessary to prospect on all fours. Our Hog’em subscriber further inquires, if we don’t “think the stones with which Stephen was pelted wouldn’t sell for more to Barnum than all our Owyhee gems; also, the ‘brick’ that Noah got in his hat after his safe journey ’round the Horn?” These, and other similar queries, would not receive any further notice if we had space and time – they don’t come within the province of arts or science; such interrogatories arise in the minds of devilishly disposed persons.

RUMOR. – We have it from a respectable source that a spirit of conciliation between the two Owyhee emporiums is being manifested. It has been wisely suggested that owing to the great distance between the two cities each should have a resident Ambassador from the other. It is proposed to petition his Excellency, the Governor of I. T., to make the appointment. As the Governor is certainly unprejudiced, he would doubtless make wise selections. We have heard the name of John C. Holgate, Esq., of Ruby, mentioned as a suitable man for the Silver mission. The Silverites would receive him warmly. Miles and Brown (not J. L.) are seeking the position. As the peace and dignity of the two emporiums are at stake, we hope the Governor will not decide hastily. The Silverites are urging Hughey McGraw for the diplomatic honors. We’ve heard the Rubyites speak well of him. We are glad that matters are becoming more conciliatory, and that the goose is assuming a greater attitude.

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Bruneau-Grand View trustee: Levy isn't necessary

Schkade, district fund balance amounts differ

by Mandi Boren
For The Owyhee Avalanche
The Bruneau-Grand View School District is moving forward with plans to ask voters for a supplemental levy of \$300,000 per year for two years.

During a Jan. 18 special meeting, trustees narrowly approved, 3-2, a measure for the March 9 ballot.

Zone 3 Trustee Raelynn Schkade and Zone 1 Trustee Gary Jones cast the dissenting votes.

In the meeting, Jones said he was in favor of a levy but at a reduced amount of \$200,000 per year. No board member provided a second for Schkade's motion to amend the amount to \$100,000 per year.

In an email to The Owyhee Avalanche, Schkade explained the rationale behind her dissenting vote.

"Providing the highest quality education and being fiscally responsible can be achieved without running a levy. It is a misuse of the public's trust to

keep our community's property taxes inflated," she said.

"We must ask ourselves, 'If we don't need it, why do we continue to ask for it?'"

She said a levy was "not necessary," but added that if the district did decide to ask for a levy, she would only support "a very modest amount."

"We have over \$3.6 million in our fund balances, and in the previous two years we have not spent a penny of our levy funds," Schkade said.

Schkade also said that the district's current revenue from the state is enough money "to adequately educate the students and offer preferred extra-curricular activities while still completing our prioritized facilities projects. We currently spend far more per student than the state average and have a much higher teacher-to-student ratio than most schools."

She also said that an increase over the "past couple years" of state and federal revenue has allowed the district to "explore adding new and advanced opportunities/activities."

A Jan. 24 press release from district superintendent Ryan Cantrell and a review of the budget confirmed that the dis-

trict's current general fund balance is roughly \$2.1 million.

Schkade explained her higher figure by including all district fund balances, including child nutrition, bond, plant facilities and governmental funds.

Cantrell explained that the district also has roughly \$900,000 saved for capital expenditures. The board recently approved a request for qualifications to construct a maintenance facility, which he estimated will cost around \$275,000 from that budget line.

He went on to explain that "all other carry-over dollars are earmarked for federal programs, bond payments, etc., and must be spent on programs specified by the account restrictions."

Cantrell said operating three facilities costs the district an extra \$250,000 to \$350,000 per year depending on the year.

"Levy dollars go into the general fund, to be spent as trustees see fit," Cantrell explained.

According to an email provided by the district, some of the general fund expenses incurred in the past three years have included:

- **Maintenance equipment** — \$39,500

- **Tractor** — \$31,000
 - **Emergency alarm** — \$16,000
 - **Paint for gyms** — \$50,000
 - **Playground equipment** — \$75,000
 - **Water pump and filtration system** — \$30,000
 - **Football field bleachers/lighting** — \$54,000
 - **ADA-compliant bus** — \$41,000
 - **Staff retention and recruitment (including advanced education)** — \$60,000
 - **Activities bus** — \$22,000
- "We do not differentiate between levy dollars and general fund dollars when we're paying our bills and funding programs," Cantrell said.
- In a letter to the school board, the district's Ad Hoc Levy Committee explained the fund balance:
- "At the current time, the district enjoys a healthy fund balance. This can be attributed to judicious spending of historical levy funds as well as several sources of unplanned and unexpected income."

The letter went on to state that the committee felt a levy was "critical to support historical and planned spending ... and to

maintain a partial contribution to current programs."

Parent and levy committee member Melissa Raymond said the committee spent many hours reviewing and discussing the district budget and current and future needs.

"While the district has received some unexpected funds the last few years, these monies are not guaranteed in future years," Raymond said.

"If we want to continue operating our schools without making teacher and program cuts, we need to pass a levy. As a mother of children in this school district, I want us to strive for excellence not mediocrity."

The requested amount of \$300,000 per year for two years is a reduction from the \$400,000-per-year levy that is set to expire at the end of this school year. Both amounts are also a decrease from the 2017-2019 levy of \$500,000 per year.

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

Missionaries bring weekly Bible fellowship meetings to Wilder

A local fellowship is holding a series of public gospel meetings every Wednesday through the end of the month at the Wilder Rural Fire Protec-

tion Station, 601 Patriot Way, Wilder.

The fellowship, which focuses on folks in the Homedale and Wilder area, worship in the

spirit of the New Testament, which told of missionaries who traveled to meet in homes on Sunday mornings for family fellowship for all ages.

The local fellowship is part of a ministry that teaches the Bible across the world. The men and women who are part of this ministry have left their homes and jobs to preach the gospel, free of charge, working in pairs as instructed in the New Testament. Local residents usually host these missionaries.

The public is invited to attend the gospel meetings, where the words of Jesus continue to inspire faith in God and in His power to do a work in people's lives today. Se habla español.

For more information, call missionaries Glenn Sparks or Brandon Forsyth at (612) 367-7984.



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1A, Div. I basketball, wrestling state tourneys shuffled

Top seed Rimrock girls open district at home Thursday

The Idaho High School Activities Association has made changes to the schedule for its small-school basketball state tournaments.

The wrestling state tournament format has been altered, too.

The governing body made the changes to address COVID-19 concerns.

The 1A, Div. I Real Dairy Shootout girls' basketball state tournament will be held between Wednesday, Feb. 17 and Friday, Feb. 19 at Columbia High

School in Nampa.

Coach Kyla Jewett's Rimrock squad owns the No. 1 seed in the District III tournament at will play host to a first-round game at 7 p.m., on Thursday against the No. 8 seed. That berth was

decided Tuesday after deadline.

The Raiders (14-2 overall, 8-0 in conference) take an 11-game winning streak into the postseason.

Rimrock closed out the 1A Western Idaho Conference season with a 59-19

— See *Tourneys*, page 3B

Melba girls clobber Marsing

Mustangs get
No. 3 seed for
district tourney

"Melba came out like a buzz saw."

Those were the words of Marsing High School girls' basketball coach Mike Swanson after the Mustangs trounced the Huskies, 67-20, in a 2A Western Idaho Conference matchup on Jan. 26 in Marsing.

Melba leaped out to an 8-0 lead in the game's opening 1 minute, 39 seconds, held a 30-point halftime lead on Marsing's senior night.

Melba ended the week as

— See *Girls*, page 6B

Huskies drop 2A WIC finale

Marsing High School suffered a 43-37 loss in Friday's girls' basketball regular-season finale on the road against Nampa Christian.

The Huskies' coaching staff provided no information on the 2A Western Idaho Conference game.

In Tuesday's 2A District III Tournament play-in game, Marsing (4-13 overall, 2-6 in conference) played host No. 7 seed Compass Charter. Results were not available at press time.

If the Huskies won Tuesday, they'll travel to face No. 3 seed Melba at 7 p.m. on Thursday.



Turners claim championships in landmark tournament

Counter-clockwise from above:

Homedale High School senior Savannah Turner (left) watches from the edge of the mat as her sister Kaydince battles Sam Ferguson of Thunder Ridge.

The tournament banner hangs in the HHS gym. Trojans coach Jake Levinski (right) shouts encouragement to Savannah Turner.

Hometown Trojans win four Nash medals

Two champions and four medalists in three divisions pushed Homedale High School to third place in its own girls' wrestling tournament.

Senior sisters Savannah and Kaydince Turner won their weight classes Saturday on their home mat in the second annual Ardis Elizabeth Nash Memorial.

Lizzy Hergesheimer (123-pound class) and Trinity Neeser (130) finished third in their round-robin divisions.

The tournament comes on the heels of the Jaybird Tournament at Columbia High School in Nampa. Female wrestlers will get their own sanctioned state tournament at the end of the 2021-22 season.

"This all-girls wrestling tourney is a big deal in the state of Idaho," HHS athletic director Casey Grove



wrote in an email hailing the work coach Jake Levinski and his staff did with the tournament.

Homedale's four wrestlers competed against athletes from 11 teams from around Idaho, including Treasure Valley schools Eagle and Mountain View and Rocky Mountain from Meridian; Blackfoot, Burley, Preston,

Malad, West Side from Dayton, and Idaho Falls schools Thunder Ridge, Bonneville and Hillcrest.

Homedale was among three teams with four wrestlers, the second-largest roster behind Eagle, which brought six athletes.

A total of 34 wrestlers

— See *Nash*, back page

HHS cheer second in Jerome

Homedale High School's cheer squad made its weekend trip to Jerome pay off.

According to a report from athletic director Casey Grove, the Trojans' cheerleaders finished second in the Pom division of Saturday's Tiger Rumble Spirit Jam 2021.

"They have been working really hard all season," Grove wrote in an email. "Congrats to Coach (Jessie) Kerbs and her squad."

Big wins mean big chance for Melba

Boys could tie
for 2A WIC lead

Melba High School rolled through the week in preparation for a 2A Western Idaho Conference boys' basketball showdown.

The host Mustangs stretched their winning streak to six games with a 70-28 blowout of Compass Charter on Saturday.

Tonight, Melba (14-2 overall, 8-1 in conference) plays host to The Ambrose School in a battle for first place. The Archers (14-1, 9-1) beat the Mustangs, 71-49, on Jan. 8 in Meridian. Ambrose's only conference loss came against Nampa Christian on Jan. 14.

A win tonight could give the Mustangs the inside track on the No. 1 seed into the 2A District III Tournament.

— See *Melba*, page 3B

Sports

Shots begin to fall, but Trojans split conference games

HHS boys can't keep up the pace vs. Vandals

Homedale High School ran into a hot-handed host Friday in a 3A Snake River Valley conference boys' basketball game.

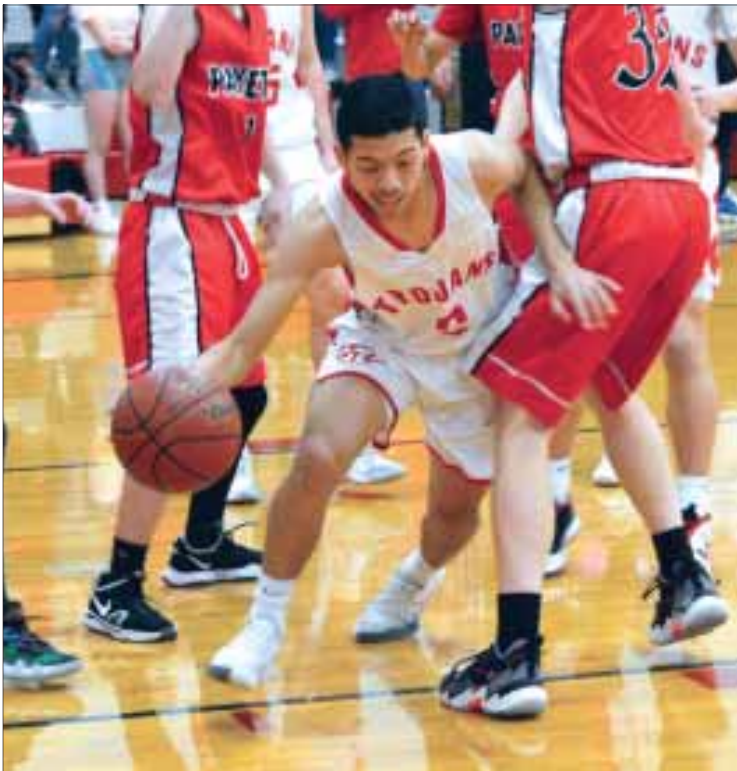
McCall-Donnelly converted two-thirds of its first-half shots then withstood the Trojans' second-half charge in a 53-43 victory.

The long road trip came one night after Homedale had knocked off Payette, 49-25, at home. The Vandals visit the HHS gymnasium on Saturday to make up a game postponed from December because of the Valley County school district's COVID-19 restrictions.

Even with McCall draining shots at an alarming rate in the first half, Homedale was up to the task through the first eight minutes. The Trojans owned a 19-18 lead after the first quarter, but the Vandals went on a 16-5 run to take control by halftime.

Homedale (5-10 overall, 2-3 in conference at week's end) tightened the score and trailed, 38-35, heading into the final period after an 11-4 spurt to start the second half.

Homedale's shooting woes returned. The team was 7-for-28 (25 percent) from beyond the three-point line and shot 30.4



Homedale senior forward Ventura Martinez dribbles out of the key and around Payette's Cace Lewis.



Homedale sophomore Mason Strong zips into the lane as Payette's Jaydin Morin-Bishop pursues.

percent (14-for-49).

Three players — Alex Johnson, Isaac Speirs and DJ Green — scored 12 points apiece for McCall, which converted 19 of 36 shots in the game (52.8 percent).

The Vandals ruled on the backboards, collecting 30 rebounds to Homedale's 15. Green snagged all but one of his nine rebounds on the Trojans' glass as McCall owned a 23-6 edge on Homedale's end of the floor.

Jaxon Dines fired in four three-point goals, and led all scorers with 15 points.

Fellow sophomore Mason Strong scored 10 points, but missed on all seven of his three-point tries. He led the team with four steals.

Trenton Fisher scored seven points.

The game was filled with 36 fouls, and the teams took 28 free throws.

Thursday: Homedale 49, Payette 25 — Already comfortably ahead, the Trojans slammed the door on the visiting Pirates with a whitewash in the fourth quarter of a 3A SRV game.

Homedale sealed the victory

with a 12-0 run through the final period in a game that was marked by the Trojans' patience on offense and coach Cam Long's willingness to shuttle full lineups in and out.

Homedale played without junior Hayden Kincheloe, who decided to undergo surgery to fix a shoulder injury that has nagged him since football season. Long said Kincheloe's basketball season is over, but he should be ready in time for the 2021 football campaign.

With Kincheloe out, Fisher stepped up again. He scored

seven points on 3-for-4 shooting and notched three rebounds and two steals.

Dines led all scorers with 18 points. He found his range on 4-for-5 three-point shooting. He and Strong shared the team rebounding lead with six apiece. Strong scored 14 points.

All six of Strong's boards were on the defensive end.

Jaydin Morin-Bishop shared Payette's scoring lead with Max Walters (seven points each). Payette committed 20 turnovers and managed just 10-for-42 shooting (23.8 percent).

HOMEDALE TROJANS

Athlete Spotlight

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Boys' basketball
Jaxon Dines, so., G
Averaged 16.5 points, 4 rebounds; 8 3-pointers



Girls' basketball
Olivia Asumendi, jr., G, W, P
Averaged 13.5 points and 10 rebounds



Wrestling
Savannah Turner, sr., 130
Ardis Nash Memorial champion



Wrestling
Kaydince Turner, sr., 136
Ardis Nash Memorial champion

HOMEDALE
CHIROPRACTIC CENTER
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Girls' basketball
Varsity
3A District III Tournament
Thursday, Feb. 4 at Weiser, 7 p.m.
(on Facebook: Living In the News page)
If win Thursday: Saturday, Feb. 6, semifinal at McCall-Donnelly, 7 p.m.
If lose Thursday: Tuesday, Feb. 9, loser-out game at Fruitland or Payette, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity
3A Snake River Valley conference Tournament
If nec.: Wednesday, Feb. 3, championship game (home vs. Parma or at Fruitland), 6 p.m.
Frosh soph
Season complete
Final conference record: 1-6

Wrestling- Coed
Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 3A SRV dual vs. McCall-Donnelly, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 5 at Weiser Invitational
Saturday, Feb. 6 at Weiser Invitational

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Friday, Feb. 5, home vs. Parma, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 6, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 10, home vs. Weiser (Senior Night), 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Friday, Feb. 5, home vs. Parma, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 6, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 10, home vs. Weiser, 6 p.m.
Frosh soph
Friday, Feb. 5, home vs. Parma, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 6, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 10, home vs. Weiser, 4:30 p.m.

Note: 40 percent gymnasium capacity allowed (apx. 600)
Spectators not allowed for wrestling tournaments
Games are available on www.nfhsnetwork.com. There is a fee.

The Owyhee Avalanche

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Sports



Marsing High School junior 145-pounder Jonathan Ineck needed 76 seconds to pin the host team's Christian Langdon. Submitted photo.

Hobbled Huskies quiet on NC mats

The Marsing High School wrestling team locked horns with Nampa Christian, Tri-Valley, and New Plymouth last Wednesday on the Trojans' mats.

The Huskies are without several key performers. Senior star Isai Arriaga (182 pounds) injured his shoulder at the Padilla Invitational in Parma on Jan. 22 and will likely miss significant mat time.

"We're going to be sitting him awhile," first-year coach Juan Garcia said.

Marsing is also missing Troy Miller (138), who is nursing wisdom teeth issues, and Jacob Goins (195), who is dealing with an unspecified injury.

Senior Evan Miller has yet to suit up this season, but he has been helping the team out in other ways.

Nampa Christian 12, Marsing 6 — Jonathan Ineck (145) made quick work of Christian Langdon, pinning him in 1 minute, 16 seconds.

Kail Wyman (220) lost to Gabriel Bowlin by pinfall 26 seconds into their match.

The Trojans are coached by former Homedale assistant Mark Boothby, who initiated the program.

New Plymouth 75, Marsing 0 — The Pilgrims collected 10 forfeits against the shorthanded Huskies.

Erin Vian pinned Ineck in 1:24, while Jonathan Leon (195) dropped his match to Malaki Lopez (fall, 33 seconds).

Zack Vian beat the Huskies' Solon Lafleur, 6-3.

Tri-Valley 6, Marsing 0 — Lafleur lost at 132 when Dallan Scott ended the only match with a pin in 3:26.

— TK

✓ Melba: Six straight wins

From Page 1B

The six-game winning streak that includes back-to-back lopsided wins from last week may be the momentum coach Spencer Trappett's team needs to get past the high-flying Archers.

The Mustangs maintained their second-place stalemate with Nampa Christian behind Cache Beus' second double-double of the week Saturday against Compass Charter.

Beus soared with 21 points and 12 rebounds. He sparked the opportunistic defense with five steals.

Josh Leavitt added 18 points and corralled five rebounds, while Braden Volkers put in 13 points and notched five assists.

Logan Clark paced Compass Charter with 10 points, while teammate Max Myers kicked in six points.

Last Wednesday: Melba 75, New Plymouth 48 — Five players scored in double figures as the host Mustangs continued their pursuit of first place in the 2A WIC.

Volkers put in 20 points as Melba pounded the Pilgrims to maintain a tie for second place with Nampa Christian.

Beus turned in a double-double with 15 points and 13 rebounds, while Joe Reiber came forward with 14 points. The senior also dished four assists.

Leavitt and Henry Clark scored 11 points apiece.

New Plymouth's Matt Hall had a team-high 16 points.

✓ Tourneys: Plans change

From Page 1B

blowout of Victory Charter on Friday in Nampa. No statistics were provided.

The 1A, Div. I boys' state tournament will take place Wednesday, March 3 through Friday, March 5 at Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

The boys' District III tourney starts Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Rimrock is in the middle of the pack in the 1A WIC. The Raiders (7-8, 4-4) beat Centennial Baptist of Caldwell, 54-22, at home on Jan. 26 and lost to Victory Charter, 53-26, on Friday in Nampa.

No statistics were provided.

The 3A and 2A girls' basketball state tournaments run Thursday, Feb. 18 through Saturday, Feb. 20.

The boys' tourneys run Thursday, March 4 through Saturday, March 6.

The IHSAA also altered the schedule for the wrestling state tournaments. The 3A and 2A tournaments will take place on Saturday, Feb. 27 at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete Spotlight

Boys' basketball
Jacob Ankeny, sr., P
Averaged 19.3 points, 14.7 rebounds in three games

Girls' basketball
Mazzi Roper, sr., G
6 points, 6 rebounds vs. Melba

Wrestling
Jonathan Ineck, jr., 145
Pinfall win at Nampa Christian

Girls' basketball
Varsity
2A District III Tournament
If won Tuesday: Thursday, Feb. 4 at Melba, 7 p.m.
If lost Tuesday: Season complete
If won Tuesday and Thursday: Saturday, Feb. 6 at New Plymouth, 7 p.m.
If won Tuesday, lost Thursday: Tuesday, Feb. 9 at TBA, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity
Season complete

Wrestling
Wednesday, Feb. 3 at New Plymouth Duals, 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Friday, Feb. 5, home vs. Melba, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 8 at Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 10, home vs. New Plymouth (Senior Night), 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Friday, Feb. 5, home vs. Melba, 6 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 8 at Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 10, home vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Friday, Feb. 5, home vs. Melba, 4:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 8 at Nampa Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 10, home vs. New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.

Note: Two spectators per player allowed in gym for each game (as of press time, school had not decided on updated protocol).
Spectators not allowed for wrestling tournaments
Games livestream at www.nfhsnetwork.com. There is a fee.

Schedules are subject to change

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Sports

Marsing boys' basketball team takes two on road

Team gets healthy for 2A WIC home stretch

The Marsing High School boys' basketball team went 2-for-3 on the road last week, concluding with a tough 50-39 loss to 2A Western Idaho Conference powerhouse The Ambrose School on Saturday.

The Huskies (6-11 overall, 5-8 in 2A WIC) leaned heavily on the senior leadership of Jacob Ankeny and Roger Valadez as the team battled back to tie the game, 32-32, at the end of three quarters in Meridian.

But it was too little, too late as the Archers took control in the fourth.

Ambrose went on a quick 8-0 run in the decisive fourth quarter to squash any momentum the Huskies had mustered.

"(Ambrose is) a top-four

team in the state and most likely soon to be league champions," Marsing coach Tim Little said. "We continued to build on some positives and are still improving."

"Turnovers and poor shooting — I sound like a broken record — hurt us."

Little noted that the Archers have one of the better backcourt trios that he has seen on the 2A level — quick, athletic, and skilled.

Ankeny finished with 15 points and a season-high 18 rebounds. He also swatted away six Ambrose shots.

Valadez scored 12 and pulled down nine boards. He also led the team with three steals.

Sophomore Alejandro Barrera accounted for four points, while juniors Enrique Quebrado and Dominic Enrico scored three each. Quebrado had four boards.

"I think this is only our second game this season in which

we have had our 'full squad,'" Little said. "Hopefully we can stay healthy as the tournament rolls around."

Marsing's game with Vision Charter, scheduled for tonight, has been canceled as the Golden Eagles deal with COVID-19 issues.

Thursday: Marsing 60, Compass Charter 35 — Ankeny had his best game of the season, hitting 14 of 16 shots in a 30-point explosion. He also pulled down 13 boards.

"They had no answer for Jake," Little said.

The Huskies led the Aviators, 35-27, at the half, and Compass was able to eke out just eight points over the final 16 minutes.

"(This marks) three games in a row in which we have brought more energy and took a few little steps towards playing to our strengths and improving," Little said.

The coach did note that turnovers are still a concern,

as most 2A WIC teams employ a full-court press against the Huskies. He said the team will focus on that aspect heading into the stretch run to the 2A District III Tournament.

The Huskies got nine points each from Valadez and Quebrado, who nailed three treys in the game. Valadez led the team with six assists, while Quebrado dished out five.

Barrera scored eight points and added six assists.

Ankeny had three each of assists, steals and blocks.

Jan. 25: Marsing 69, Vision Charter 23 — The Huskies broke out of their four-game funk in a big way and showed signs that their offense is on the road back.

"(We) took care of what we needed to on the road vs. the current No. 8 team in the league," Little said. "Effort was high again, similar to (Jan. 22 game against Cole Valley Christian), and we were able to play everyone."

Little took Ankeny out of the game three minutes into the second half to keep him fresh for the stretch run. Valadez and Barrera stepped up to fill the scoring gap, putting up 18 points apiece.

Barrera led the team with three three-pointers.

Despite playing just a little over half the game, Ankeny notched 13 points on 6-of-10 shooting and pulled down 13 boards.

Quebrado scored three points, and Mikey Acosta added six points and four boards.

With the scoring margin, many of the Huskies bench players saw significant time and opportunity on the floor.

Sophomore Nacho Margarito scored four points and corralled three rebounds.

Seniors Nacho Montes (three points) and Bowen Campbell (two), and sophomore Jordan Blas (two) added to the onslaught.

— TK

Homedale girls hang tough in regular-season finale

No. 6 Trojans open district at No. 3 Weiser

Homedale High School played its most competitive game of the season ahead of the 3A District III girls' basketball tournament.

The Trojans' scoring stabilized even as their losing streak reached 12 games after Friday's 3A Snake River Valley conference setback to host Payette.

The Pirates held off Homedale's second-half surge for a 45-38 victory that cemented the No. 5 seed into the district tournament.

The Trojans (2-17 overall, 0-9 in conference) will play as the No. 6 seed when the tournament begins at 7 p.m., on Thursday on the road against No. 3 Weiser (8-11, 6-3).

A win against the Wolverines would put Homedale in the semifinals against No. 2 McCall-Donnelly (5-3, 4-1) in

Valley County at 7 p.m., on Saturday. A loss Thursday sends the Trojans into a loser-out game on the road at 7 p.m., on Tuesday.

Friday: Payette 45, Homedale 38 — The Trojans cut into the Pirates' lead in the second half, but couldn't fully recover from a 20 percent shooting night (12-for-60).

The Pirates, who as the No. 5 seed visit No. 4 Fruitland on Thursday, built an 11-point lead in the first half against Homedale.

Freshman forward Olivia Asumendi accounted for half of the Trojans' field goals and scored 13 points to lead the visiting squad. She also split her team-high 14 rebounds evenly on both ends of the floor.

Jacy Parker was 4-for-4 from the foul line and scored eight points, while Homedale teammate Laney Swallow was 5-for-7 on free throws and scored seven points before fouling out.

Zayne Hall had the Trojans' only three-point goal and scored eight points.

Payette's Arianna Hernandez led all players with 18 points, and she had eight of her nine rebounds on the Pirates' glass.

Madisyn Collingwood was 5-for-8 from the field to added 10 points for the home squad.

Last Wednesday: Weiser 88, Homedale 35 — The host Wolverines handed the Trojans their most lopsided loss since last season's opener.

Melba beat host Homedale, 78-7, in a non-conference game on Nov. 15, 2019. Last week's loss in Washington County saw the widest margin of victory for an HHS opponent on its home floor since Melba rolled, 73-19, on Nov. 19, 2019.

Weiser wasted little time getting the upper hand, scoring 26 points in the first quarter and posting 34 points in the final eight minutes of the opening

half. The Wolverines owned a 60-23 advantage at the break.

Asumendi converted six of 10 shots (60 percent) and led Homedale with 14 points. Parker drained half of her eight attempts for 10 points.

Asumendi also had a team-high six boards, while Parker, Swallow and Téa Uranga brought down four apiece.

Parker led the Trojans with three steals.

Maddy Erickson led four Weiser double-digit scorers with 27 points. She went 11-for-22 from the field and knocked down five of nine free throws. She was busy on the offensive glass, grabbing seven of her eight rebounds there.

The Wolverines took 83 field-goal attempts, converting 35 (42.2 percent).

Tobie Noyer (17 points) and Ivy Morris (12) each popped a pair of three-pointers, and Jenifer Juarez had a trey as part of her 11 points.

Wednesday morning in Owyhee County



That's when the Owyhee Avalanche hits the news stands

Public notices

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

Alice E. Pegram
City Clerk
City of Homedale
01/27,02/03/2021

On February 24, 2021, the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St., Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below.

Beginning at 9:30 am, the Commission will hear application Z21-07 a request for a conditional use permit filed by **Robert Meyers** seeking approval to establish a 600kW solar project to supplement pressurized irrigation pumping costs located on two parcels totaling approximately 875 acres. The subject parcels, RP06S05E012400 & RP06S06E061200, are located approximately 3 miles north of Bruneau off Young Road in an agricultural zone situated in a portion of Section 1, Township 6 South, Range 5 East, and a portion of Section 6, Township 6 South, Range 6 East Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 10:30 am, the Commission will hear application Z21-08 a request for a conditional use permit filed by **Tyler Becker** seeking approval to establish a single-family residence on a 40-acre parcel located off Mud Flat Road, approximately 10 miles south of Grand View. The subject parcel, RP07S03E059000, owned by Marshall & Jeanette Becker, is located in an agricultural zone in the SE¼ of the SE¼ of Section 5, Township 7 South, Range 3 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Copies of the proposed projects are available for review in the Community Development office or at the website listed above. For additional information please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2.
02/03/2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale City Council on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming Ave. Homedale, Idaho.

The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for Special Use Permit filed by Ideal Custom Homes requesting that they be allowed to build two townhomes at 11 N 1st St. East, South one-half of lots 1-4, Block 70, Homedale, Idaho.

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Alice E. Pegram
City Clerk
City of Homedale
01/27,02/03/2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale City Council on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming Ave. Homedale, Idaho.

The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for Zone Change filed by Gem Capital, LLC requesting that the City of Homedale change the zoning from Industrial to Residential at 117 W. Wyoming Ave, Lot 4, Block 48 and 125 W. Wyoming Ave, West 45’ of lot 6 & all of lot 7, Block 48, Homedale, Idaho.

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marsing City Council will hold a public hearing to consider any and all comments on the following: Jaquine Shippy, petitioner, is requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow roosters in City limits.

The address of the parcel is 116 2nd Ave. W, Marsing, ID 83639.

Comments will be taken at the public hearing or may be submitted in writing for consideration.

Written comments can be sent to the Marsing City Hall, PO Box 125, Marsing, ID 83639 or delivered to Marsing City Hall, located at 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. Written comments will be received until 5:00 pm on February 8th, 2021 and will be read into the record at the public hearing.

The public hearing will be held at the City Council Meeting which begins at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at Marsing City Hall, located at 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. Dated this 20th day of January, 2021

01/27,02/03/2021

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the South Side Bruneau Canal Company will be held at the Emergency Center Building “EMT” Office in Bruneau on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Chris Alzola
Secretary
208-587-2789
02/03/2021

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Hot Springs Ditch Company will be held at the Emergency Center Building “EMT” Office in Bruneau on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Chris Alzola
Secretary
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LIEN SALE

Unit F-33, William Matthews, 28215 Rocky Rd, Parma Idaho 83660, Unit Containing, Microwave Clothing, and misc household items. Sealed bid auction will be held on 02-06-2021 at 1:00 PM. People can look at the unit between now and the day of sale during regular business days and hours. All bids are final. Cash only. The unit needs to be emptied and swept in a timely manner. Unit is located at the Hwy 95 Self Storage, at 3685 Hwy 95 Homedale Idaho 83628.

01/27,02/03/2021

NOTICE OF HEARING IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

IN RE: APRIL KRISTINE RAMIREZ

CASE NO. CV37-21-00004

A Petition to change the name of APRIL KRISTINE RAMIREZ, now residing in the city of Homedale, State of Idaho, has been filed in the Magistrate Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. Petitioner wishes to change her name to April Kristine Scott. Petitioner wishes to change her current last name because Ramirez is from her previous marriage.

A hearing on the petition is

CITY OF MARSING

Quarterly Expenditure & Revenue Report

1st FISCAL QUARTER, FY 2020/2021

FUND	BUDGET AMOUNT	Expended to Date	% of Budget Expended	Revenue to Date	% of Budget Revenue
01 General	\$ 601,466.00	\$ 68,457.40	11.38%	\$ 171,994.97	28.60%
Law Enforcement	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 11,666.64	15.56%	\$ -	
02 Roads & Streets	\$ 264,275.00	\$ 22,762.55	8.61%	\$ 19,611.28	7.42%
03 Parks	\$ 110,800.00	\$ 26,748.79	24.14%	\$ 5,770.21	5.21%
05 Planning & Zoning	\$ 125,500.00	\$ 15,185.00	12.10%	\$ 3,734.10	2.98%
Sub-Total	\$ 1,177,041.00	\$ 144,820.38	12.30%	\$ 201,110.56	17.09%
25 Water	\$ 696,555.00	\$ 198,487.64	28.50%	\$ 39,453.19	5.66%
29 Irrigation	\$ 108,805.00	\$ 12,354.17	11.35%	\$ 4,707.09	4.33%
30 Sanitation	\$ 115,100.00	\$ 25,706.41	22.33%	\$ 9,969.38	8.66%
35 Sewer	\$ 594,524.00	\$ 27,643.79	4.65%	\$ 24,815.55	4.17%
Sub-Total	\$ 1,514,984.00	\$ 264,192.01	17.44%	\$ 78,945.21	5.21%
TOTAL (all funds)	\$ 2,692,025.00	\$ 409,012.39	15.19%	\$ 280,055.77	10.40%

The General Public is invited to inspect all supporting documents for the above Financial Statement at City Hall during regular business hours

Financial figures may include fund transfers, service charges, refunds, reimbursements and other accountig procedures

Dec. 31, 2020

Jolyn E. Green
City Clerk-Treasurer
01/27,02/03/2021

scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on February 8, 2021 remotely via Zoom.

Objections may be filed by any person who can show the Court a good reason against the name change.
Date: Jan. 6, 2021
s/: Lena Johnson, Clerk of the Court
01/13,20,27;02/03/2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. CV37-21-00019
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF
THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN
AND FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE
Magistrate Division

In the Matter of the Estates of: MARSHALL DAVIS CURRIE and JOYCE ELAINE CURRIE, Decedents. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tamara Tucker 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 (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must both be presented to the Personal Representative of the Estates of Marshall Davis Currie and Joyce Elaine Currie at the law offices of Dinius Law, 5680 E. Franklin Rd., Suite 130, Nampa, Idaho, 83687, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 27th day of January, 2021.
DINIUS LAW
/s/ Kevin E. Dinius
Kevin E. Dinius
Sarah Hallock-Jayne
Attorneys for Personal Representative
02/03,10,17/2021

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
TOM LEGG and CONNIE GOINS-LEGG, husband and wife, and CODEY WELCH and NICOLE WELCH, husband and wife, Plaintiffs, vs. ESTATE OF BELLE M. BOND, an Estate purportedly holding property in Owyhee County, Defendant
Case No. CV37-21-00007

SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION TO: THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: You have been sued by the above named Plaintiffs. The nature of the claim against you is a Complaint for Quiet Title. Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case No., and paid any required filing fee with the Clerk of the Court at Owyhee County District Court, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650, Phone No. (208)495-2806, and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiffs’ Attorneys, Pickens Law, P.A., P.O. Box 915, Boise, ID 83701, Phone No. (208)954-5090.

A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained either by contacting the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for the Plaintiffs. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

Dated: January 19, 2021
Owyhee County District Court
By: /s/ Rachelle Fahey, Deputy Clerk
02/03,10,17,24/2021

SUMMONS
CASE NO. CV37-20-00355
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND
FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE

NATALIE WILHITE,
Plaintiff,
v.
ALL OF THE HEIRS AND
DEWISEES OF NELLIE
LUCILLE KETNER, also known
as Nellie Ketner Wilson, deceased;

and the current occupants of LOT 12 OF BLOCK 1 OF THE MOLER ADDITION TO THE CITY OF MARSING, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, Defendants.

TO: ALL OF THE HEIRS AND DEWISEES OF NELLIE LUCILLE KETNER, also known as Nellie Ketner Wilson, deceased; and the current occupants of LOT 12 OF BLOCK 1 OF THE MOLER ADDITION TO THE CITY OF MARSING, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

You have been sued by NATALIE WILHITE, the Plaintiff in the District Court in and for Owyhee County, Idaho.

The nature of the claim against you is quiet title.

Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case No., and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 20381 State Highway 78, P. O. Box 128, Murphy, Idaho 83650, telephone number (208) 495-2421, and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiff’s attorney at David E. Kerrick, 213 S. 10th Avenue, P.O. Box 44, Caldwell, Idaho 83606, telephone number (208) 459-4574.

A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

DATED: Jan. 25, 2021
ANGELA BARKELL, Clerk of the Court
/s/ Rachelle Fahey, Deputy Clerk
02/03,10,17,24/2021



Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On the 29th day of April, 2021, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. of this day (recognized local time), in the office of The Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, ID 83650, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Secured Land Transfers LLC, a Delaware limited liability company dba TitleOne, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash or cashier’s check (cash equivalent), in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale in compliance with Section 45-1506(9) Idaho Code, the following described real property, situated in Owyhee County, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:

A parcel of land being a portion of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, and a portion of Government Lot 4, of Section 26, and a portion of the Northwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a found brass cap marking the North Quarter corner of said Section 35; thence South 0°31’17” East, coincident with the east line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 35, a distance of 645.08 feet to a 5/8” rebar/cap PLS 14221; thence North 73°23’06” West, 316.38 feet; thence North 69°46’59” West, 141.71 feet; thence North 26°17’26” West, 120.04 feet; thence North 15°02’39” West, 252.43 feet to the centerline of an existing gravel road; thence North 69°27’33” West, coincident with said centerline, 73.21 feet; thence North 74°47’33” West, coincident with said centerline 251.89 feet; thence North 68°01’20” West, coincident with said centerline 215.18 feet; thence North 71°03’41” West, coincident with said centerline, 119.01 feet; thence North 79°56’59” West, coincident with said centerline, 98.70 feet; thence South 88°41’20” West, coincident with said centerline, 126.22 feet; thence South 82°54’07” West, coincident with said centerline, 575.45 feet to a point on the south line of said Section 26; thence leaving said centerline, North 7°27’39” West, 55.99 feet; thence North 50°27’48” East, 710.60 feet; thence North 12°23’15” East, 731.74 feet to the southerly right of way line of State Highway 78 and the beginning of a non-tangent curve; thence 1044.90 feet along the arc of said curve to the left, with a central angle of 10°16’11”,

a radius of 5820.58 feet, subtended by a chord bearing South 46°40’27” East, 1043.50 feet; thence North 65°59’00” East, 113.32 feet to the centerline of said State Highway 78, and the beginning of a non-tangent curve; thence 131.64 feet along the arc of said curve to the left, with a central angle of 1°18’59”, a radius of 5729.58 feet, subtended by a chord bearing South 53°01’47” East, 131.64 feet to the Idaho Transportation Department Station 280+84.00; thence South 53°18’39” East, coincident with said centerline of State Highway 78, a distance of 373.27 feet to a point due north of the quarter corner common to Sections 26 and 35; thence South 0°31’17” East, 250.46 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH a 40 foot wide ingress/egress easement being 20 feet right and 20 feet left of the following described centerline, and located in Sections 26 and 35, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a found brass cap marking the North quarter corner of said Section 35; thence South 71°34’41” West, to the centerline of an existing gravel road, 108.74 feet; thence South 58°42’37” West, coincident with said centerline, 97.34 feet; thence South 65°10’37” West, coincident with said centerline, 98.45 feet; thence South 63°31’56” West, coincident with said centerline, 92.48 feet; thence South 74°12’55” West, coincident with said centerline, 48.91 feet; thence South 81°44’38” West, coincident with said centerline, 49.83 feet; thence North 79°04’58” West, coincident with said centerline, 52.85 feet; thence North 60°39’48” West, coincident with said centerline, 48.40 feet; thence North 69°27’33” West, coincident with said centerline, 73.21 feet; thence North 74°47’33” West, coincident with said centerline, 251.89 feet; thence North 68°01’20” West, coincident with said centerline, 215.18 feet; thence North 71°03’41” West, coincident with said centerline, 119.01 feet; thence North 79°56’59” West, coincident with said centerline, 98.70 feet;

thence South 88°41’20” West, coincident with said centerline, 126.22 feet; thence South 82°54’07” West, coincident with said centerline, 575.45 feet to a point on the south line of Section 26, and the POINT OF TERMINUS.

Together with the water rights represented by Idaho State Department of Water Resources Water Right No. 2-2144 with a claimed priority of March 21, 1958 to 3.7 cfs of irrigation water from the Snake River a tributary of the Columbia River and Water Right No. 2-10011 with a claimed priority of April 1, 1982 to 0.2 cfs of irrigation water from the Snake River a tributary of the Columbia River Water Right No. 57-10232 with a claimed priority of March 21, 1958 to 0.19 cfs of stock water and 0.04 cfs of domestic water with a total diversion of 0.23 cfs of the waters of ground water together with any and all other water rights and ditch rights appurtenant to the above described premises.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessor’s office, the address of 8319 Clark Road, Marsing, ID 83639, 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 Rodney D. St. Clair, an unmarried man, as Grantor(s), Secured Land Transfers LLC, a Delaware limited liability company dba TitleOne, as Successor Trustee, and D.L. Evans Bank, as Beneficiary, recorded May 2, 2017, as Instrument No. 292654, in the records of Owyhee County, Idaho.

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

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the outstanding principal plus all accrued unpaid interest, late charges and account fees, for loan XXXXXX1293, when due on September 30, 2019 in the sum of \$712,226.57.

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

Dated: December 30, 2020

Secured Land Transfers LLC dba TitleOne
Successor Trustee
/s/: Sheri Coleman
By: Sheri Coleman
Trust Officer
02/03,10,17,24/2021

Sports



Kate Clark eyes a layup over the trailing Jade Wainman.

✓ Girls: Scoring drought puts Marsing in early hole

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the No. 3 seed in the 2A District III Tournament.

Marsing wound up with the No. 6 seed and played host to a play-in game against Compass Charter on Tuesday after deadline. A win would put the Huskies in the first round of the double-elimination bracket on the road against Melba (7 p.m., on Thursday).

Against the Mustangs, Marsing got on the board 5:46 into the game on Alana Larrusea’s layup, but the Huskies would score just one more bucket in the first quarter. The Mustangs led, 21-4, after the first quarter and 39-9 at the break.

Melba (17-3 overall, 7-3 in conference) smothered Marsing (1-13, 1-9) in the first half, rarely allowing the Huskies to get the ball inside. The Mustangs consistently swatted away passes and shots throughout the game, forcing Marsing players to attempt off-balanced jumpers with hands in their faces.

Melba on the other hand was able to pass the ball smoothly

and easily, inside and out, and the ball seemed to always find the net.

“They are one of the best teams I’ve ever seen, and my hat’s off to Coach (David) Lenz and his program,” Swanson said.

Things didn’t get any easier for the Huskies in the second half as Melba continued its dominating ways and out-scored Marsing, 28-11, in the second half.

The Mustangs had three girls score in double figures.

Senior guard Kate Clark nailed back-to-back three-pointers in the second quarter on the way to a game-high 17 points that padded her school scoring record.

Sophomore guard Hallie Arnold added 12 points, and sophomore forward Keylee Wilson put up 10 points and seven rebounds.

Wing Mazzi Roper notched six points and six boards for Marsing, while fellow senior Jade Wainman added five points and a pair of assists.

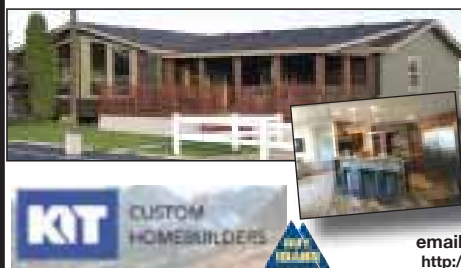
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Sports

Weiser wipes out Trojans in home debut

Egusquiza now at 98 career victories

Joseph Egusquiza moved one victory closer to the century mark, but his struggle was a microcosm of Homedale High School's difficulty against Weiser.

The senior 152-pound wrestler was locked in a defensive stalemate with Clayton Beesley when Egusquiza drove Beesley to the mat — and found himself in a deficit because of a penalty point.

Eventually, Egusquiza held on through to the end.

He pulled off the 98th victory



Homedale senior Joseph Egusquiza lifts Weiser's Clayton Beesley into the air during their bout last Wednesday.

of his prep career with a 3-1 decision in a fierce bout that was one of the few Trojans highlights in a 63-15 loss to the visiting Wolverines in a 3A Snake River Valley conference dual meet last Wednesday.

The dual marked the first time hometown fans had a chance to see the Trojans in action.

Egusquiza didn't disappoint. The 2019 state champion battled Beesley to a stalemate in the first two minutes. Getting the upper hand in the second round, Egusquiza lifted Beesley off his feet and drove him into the mat for what HHS coach Jake Levinski viewed as an aggressive but legal move to get a takedown.

Instead, the referee penalized the Homedale wrestler for roughness and he trailed, 1-0.

Egusquiza chose the down position to start the third period. After Beesley's momentum was stunted by an illegal hold

call, Egusquiza got an escape and a takedown then held on for the victory.

In the subsequent match, 160-pounder Willie White held on to a 1-0 lead against Maximus Kingsbury until the third period.

With 90 seconds left in the match, White rolled Kingsbury into a cradle and picked up a pinfall. Weiser still had a commanding lead, 30-9.

Homedale's other six points came when Gracie Rotter picked up a forfeit at 106.

Weiser built what proved to be an insurmountable lead on the strength of three forfeits (98, 120, and 182) and posted pinfalls in eight other bouts.

The only other match that

went the distance featured Homedale 195-pounder Willy Haun against Rylee Willet. Willet quickly built an 8-1 lead after two minutes, but Haun was able to stem the tide the rest of the way. He got a takedown in the second period, but couldn't make up any more ground in the third round as Willet was warned against stalling at one point.

Homedale wrestlers collected two wins in exhibition matches after the conference dual.

Keegan McKay pinned Weiser 145-pounder Israel Almanza in 1 minute, 15 seconds.

At 170, Rhyalee Nix beat the Wolverines' Kaleb Grove, 9-2.

— JPB

HMS 8th-graders prevail with defense, dead-eye foul shots

The Homedale Middle School eighth-graders showed the mettle that could help them repeat as boys' basketball champions.

Clutch free throws and the fortitude to overcome a poor field-goal percentage allowed the Trojans' A team to seal a 57-53 comeback win against host Weiser on Jan. 26.

Coach Benji Sorenson's team converted just 27 percent of its shots from the floor, but pulled out the 3A Snake River Valley conference victory with a 19-for-22 showing from the foul line.

"Weiser was a motivated squad, and Homedale had a hard time matching their intensity from the start," Sorenson said.

Homedale (4-0 overall, 3-0 in conference at week's end) mounted two sustained comebacks. First, from a 10-8 first-quarter deficit and then the final charge back from a hole the persisted throughout much of the second half after Weiser's shooting heated up against what Sorenson described as a lackluster HMS defense.

The Wolverines (2-1, 1-1 with the loss) led by nine points,

50-41, and had possession after an unforced Homedale turnover with 2 minutes, 48 seconds left.

But guard Alex Sotelo stole an inbounds pass, and that turnover led to McCoy Swallow's three-point goal from the corner to ignite a 16-3 game-finishing run.

Luke Henry showed his athleticism with a diving save of a defensive rebound to spark a fast break. Sotelo was fouled, and the offending Wolverine was whistled for a technical.

Sotelo converted all four free throws.

With two minutes left, Keaton Sorenson put back his own missed shot to tie the game 50-50. Sorenson led the Trojans with 16 points.



Luke Henry floats in for a layup against Fruitland. Photo by David Hann

Weiser still had life as Homedale rushed its offense and committed ill-advised fouls. But Sorensen blocked a Wolverines' three-point attempt and Frank made clutch free throws in the final 30 seconds.

Thursday: Homedale 67, Fruitland 19 — The Trojans

crushed their rivals with defense and rebounding during a conference home game.

HMS pulled off 20 steals and held a 47-18 rebounding edge.

Frank, who notched 10 points and seven rebounds, set the defensive tone against the Grizzlies' big post.

Henry's 22-foot three-pointer

at the first-quarter buzzer gave the Trojans' an insurmountable 17-4 lead.

Henry scored a team-high 15 points and grabbed four steals. Sorenson had the team's second double-double of the season with 10 points and 10 rebounds, and he led the defense with five takeaways.

Forwards Brock Walker (four points and seven rebounds) and Rafael Cuenca (five points and five boards) came off the bench to provide depth against the bigger Fruitland squad.

Homedale's eighth-graders play Parma at home on Thursday. The doubleheader starts at 4:15 p.m.

B team

Thursday: Fruitland 35, Homedale 32 — The host Trojans (1-2 in conference) fought back from an early 11-1 deficit, but their 16-6 run through the fourth quarter wasn't enough to complete the task.

Jan. 26: Weiser 31, Homedale 29 — The week began with a close 3A SRV road loss in a see-saw battle against the Wolverines.

✓ Nash: Every Trojans wrestler who stepped on the mat won a medal

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were in the field, and matches were held on two mats as high-energy rock music filled Homedale's main gymnasium.

Savannah Turner pinned Eagle's Halle White in 3 minutes, 26 seconds in what turned out to be the decisive match in the 130-pound pod.

White pinned Neeser in 63 seconds in the division's first match, and Savannah

pinned her teammate in 1:09 in the last bout of the day for the class.

Kaydince Turner wrestled through a bracket to win at 136 pounds.

She pinned Mia Furman in 1:23 in the championship bout.

Kaydince dominated the bracket, opening with a pin of Alexandra Garvin from Rocky Mountain. The match ended at the 3:24 mark.

In the semifinals, she routed Sam Ferguson in a 10-0 major decision. Ferguson had received a first-round bye.

Hergesheimer went 2-2, winning her final two round robin matches at 123 to take third place.

Hergesheimer made quick work of Thunder Ridge's Katelyn Ramos in the fourth round of action. The 35-second pinfall was the first of the HHS junior's

important victories.

She pinned Mountain View's Erica Lyon in 3:10 to seal third place.

Other champions included:

- **101** — Danielle Holt, Thunder Ridge
- **116** — Liv Wieber, Eagle
- **123** — Camilla Tew, West Side
- **155** — Kayli Acosta, Eagle
- **191** — Reece Woods, Eagle