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Board president Scott Bunderson (left) prepares to give his opening remarks as other Owyhee Cattlemen's Association directors look on during Saturday's winter meeting inside Oreana Community Hall.

## Water outlook

## Snowpack looking good for growers

South Board ditch rider earns statewide award

Two weeks into February, the Owyhee Reservoir has enough water in it to allow 3 acre-feet for 2021 irrigation.

But South Board of Control manager John Eells is notoriously conservative when it comes to the lifeblood of the agriculture industry in the Homedale-Marsing-Adrian area.

"You never know what these storms are going to do," Eells said. "Last year, it started raining in June."

The late-spring rain of 2020 helped stretch the water supply, and producers enjoyed a relatively stress-free growing season.

The Bureau of Reclamation forecasts 4 acre-feet of water in 2021 — a full water year. But Eells cautions that those are just "preliminary numbers."

Still he sees some sunshine, even if he's hoping for clouds.

"There's a lot of winter left,"

— See *Growers*, page 14A

## OCA president: Ranchers will move forward as they always do

Boise BLM chief clarifies what's going in Biden's early days

Chairs were spaced out, and there were fewer ranchers in the Oreana Community Hall on Saturday, but Scott Bunderson did exactly as his kind does.

The Owyhee Cattlemen's Association president conducted his first full membership meeting, and he didn't waste any time addressing the elephant in the room and set the tone that every livestock producer has already assumed.

"Looking through all the craziness, it's funny how the beef and ag industry at the

family level remains fairly unchanged," Bunderson said in his opening remarks. "Cattle still need to be gathered, moved, fed and calved, crops have to be planted, irrigated, harvested and put up.

"And while folks in town are forced to take days or weeks off with pay if there's a suspicion that they have COVID-19, the American ranch family continues to march along without much of a care as how the rest of the world considers to be normal.

— See *Ranchers*, page 8A



Jordan Valley Rodeo Association representative Vern Kershner (left) hands Scott Bunderson a \$15,000 check as a contribution to the Owyhee Cattlemen's Heritage Fund as directors, including Rex Hoagland, stand and applaud. The check represents proceeds from September's Owyhee Rope and Ride, held in Homedale, and the sale of tickets for the annual ATV raffle.

## Large Idaho Avenue reconstruction set for summer start

Homedale businesses probably will feel parking impact

A long-anticipated road reconstruction project along Homedale's main drag will start later this year.

According to the Idaho Transportation Department, general contractor Knife River Corp., likely will start the \$2.1 million project in early June, and work will last into August.

"(There's) always some wiggle room for unplanned delays," ITD public information officer Jake Melder said.

The project calls for complete ex-

cavation and reconstruction of Idaho Avenue (Idaho highway 19) along its business corridor from North 4<sup>th</sup> Street East to North 4<sup>th</sup> Street West.

The work zone will take up four-block segments on half of the road at a time; staging details have been left to the contractor (start on East Idaho Avenue moving west, or vice versa).

Melder said that those details should be decided in May.

Pedestrian access to businesses will be preserved, but parking on Idaho Avenue more than likely will be impacted.

"There are many businesses

— See *Reconstruction*, page 4A



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# Homedale council holds series of hearings

## Sewer bond process, residential developments on docket

The City of Homedale is scheduled to take one of the final formal steps toward securing funding for a large-scale wastewater system upgrade tonight.

A public hearing will be held during the regular city council meeting to receive input on a plan to ask a judge to approve a bond levy that will generate cash for \$10.5 million in projects.

The council meeting begins at 6 p.m., inside the magistrate courtroom across the lobby from City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

The city has opted to petition for judicial confirmation to institute a tax levy rather than ask voters through a bond election, which would have to be held later this year.

The city also plans to seek grant funding — either through U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development or an Idaho Community Development Block Grant — to help with project costs.

Because of a compliance agreement with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, the city is on the clock

to rehabilitate its wastewater lagoons and sewer delivery system to avoid more regulatory violations.

Construction of any upgrades to achieve compliance must be completed by Dec. 31, 2023.

Upgrades highlighted in recent discussions with Great West Engineering representative Andrew Kimmel include rebuilding the sewer lagoons and replacing aging pipe.

If the council approves filing a petition for judicial confirmation, a court date will be established for Homedale to argue its case.

The judicial confirmation public hearing is just part of a busy night for the council.

Two other hearings are scheduled regarding residential development in town:

- Ideal Custom Homes has applied for a special use permit to build two townhomes on North 1<sup>st</sup> Street East.

The townhomes are planned for a vacant lot between the alleyway north of East Idaho Avenue and the Flahiff Funeral Chapels parking lot at the corner of East Owyhee Avenue



The fenced property north of the alleyway on North 1<sup>st</sup> Street East is subject to a public hearing tonight. A developer wants to build two townhomes on the property that lies south of the Flahiff Funeral Chapel parking lot.

and North 1<sup>st</sup> Street East.

Only a special use permit is needed for a multi-family development because the area’s zoning already allows single-family residential development.

- Representatives for another developer — Gem Capital,

LLC — will go before the council in a public hearing to rezone an area in the industrial zone on the second block of West Wyoming Avenue.

The group seeks residential zoning to allow the construction of a single-family home on property that currently

encompasses 117 and 125 W. Wyoming Ave.

The developer already has requested a lot split to allow room for a single-family residence, and that will be part of the proceedings tonight, too.

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Ready to hit the stage

Homedale High School drama club members, **from left**, Amber McBride, Sara Termini, Delyla Kester, and Aby Nelson work on *The Addams Family* tree on the school's auxiliary gym stage. “*The Addams Family Young@Part*” will show at 7 p.m., on Friday and Saturday in the old gym on East Idaho Ave. Tickets are available through BookTix ([www.homedale.booktix.com](http://www.homedale.booktix.com)) for \$12.50 each for online viewing, or \$5.50 (students) and \$7.50 (adults). 100 people will be allowed in the gym and online tickets are limited to 125 sold per performance.

# Jury trials will return to Owyhee courtrooms

## PA: No backlog on docket like other counties

The Idaho Supreme Court has set the ball in motion to resume jury trials on March 1, but unlike some counties, Owyhee won't have many headaches to jump-start the docket.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey Phillips said the COVID-19 pause on jury trials did not create a backlog south of the Snake River.

“Due to the excellent working relationship of the prosecuting attorney with the defense bar, along with my office’s diligence in resolving cases during the pandemic, we don’t have any more jury trials set than I would expect to in a normal, non-pandemic world,” the first-term elected official said.

The court clerks’ office reports 15 to 20 jury trials “on hold” that must be reset, and there are also five civil jury trials on hold.

The Supreme Court announced in a release last week that jury trials can resume as

long as courts follow certain conditions and limitations the state high court’s justices ordered in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

“I don’t believe we have any cases that pre-dated the pandemic still pending a jury trial that has a likelihood of proceeding,” Phillips said.

“While a handful of jury trials are likely to proceed on cases initiated since the suspension of jury trials, I don’t see any sort of overwhelming wave as was implied by Chief Justice (G. Richard) Bevan for many other counties.”

Last week’s Supreme Court order prioritizes jury trials for criminal cases with those that have defendants currently in custody at the front of the queue. Civil jury trials will be prioritized after the criminal jury trials.

Phillips cautioned folks against thinking the PA office staff isn’t busy just that they’re “generally managing to stay ahead of the crush, so to speak.”

But he added:

“... Depending on how the District Court sets trials, we may experience a temporary

crush in that we may have trials more closely scheduled than usual, but I don’t anticipate the sort of stressful calendar they’re likely to experience in the aforementioned counties by Chief Justice Bevan.”

In addition to the resumption of jury trials next month, the Idaho Supreme Court also is allowing grand jury impaneling again.

Last week’s order relies on COVID-19 incidence rate standards established in two of the Court’s related orders in September.

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# Cooperative weed management boards plan annual meetings

The first of two Cooperative Weed Management Area committee meetings will be held Tuesday in Bruneau. Community members interested in participating on the committees are invited to attend both meetings. The Eastern Owyhee CWMA will meet and choose committee members at 6 p.m., on Tuesday inside the Bruneau Emergency Medical Services Building on Belle Avenue. Current board members include Eric Davis, Tony Black and representatives from the Shoshone-Paiute Duck Valley Indian Reservation and Idaho Power Co.

The EOCWMA board chair, Quey Johns, passed away last year. The Northwest Owyhee CWMA will hold its annual organizational meeting at noon on Wednesday, March 3 inside the Owyhee County Community Center at the fairgrounds in Homedale (423 W. Nevada Ave.). The current NOCWMA board includes Paddy Doyle, Kent Curtis, Elmon Thompson and Tim Volk. Both boards will elect officers and review cost-share application results at the meetings. A new board secretary must be approved by both committees, too.

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### ✓ Reconstruction: Project targets roadway and ADA ramps, possibly from LID work

abutting the highway, with sidewalk along the length of much of this project,” Melder said. “We will be keeping pedestrian facilities in place.” There are also a number of access points to Idaho Avenue (driveways, side streets, etc.), and they will be closed while reconstruction work is being done in front of them. “For the most part, there are alternate vehicle access points to these parcels on the local roads,” he said. According to the project’s webpage (<https://itdprojects.org/projects/id19homedalerebuild/>), a travel lane in each direction will be available, though some closures will be needed. In those situations, traffic will be detoured to Wyoming or Owyhee avenues, depending on location of the closures. Melder anticipates flaggers will be used in sections where traffic will be restricted to a single lane. Melder said that some curb

cuts at intersections are not up to current Americans with Disabilities Act standards and will be replaced. Those may require some detouring for pedestrians while they are being constructed. Twelve years ago, business owners in the downtown corridor paid assessments to finance sidewalks, curbs, gutters and streetlights through a Local Improvement District. The work included handicapped-accessible curb cuts. Melder said the project manager does not have a list of the LID-constructed curb cuts, so he can’t say for sure whether or not they will be replaced as part of the upcoming construction. Melder said that the city has authority over handicapped parking designation, striping and signage, such as potential changes in front of the Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. The handicapped parking space in front of the senior center was

removed during the LID construction and has never been reinstated. When the construction is completed, the current parking configuration will be maintained with a combination of angled and perpendicular spaces. Melder said he anticipates more angled parking will be available. Road reconstruction will create the following improvements:

- New drainage
- New road base
- New asphalt surface
- Updating pedestrian curb cuts to meet ADA standards
- Improved marked crosswalk at the Homedale Senior Center
- Removal of some parking spots near intersections for better visibility of stop signs

Work will generally take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and will include loud noises and vibration from heavy equipment.

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# Government offices to close for Presidents Day holiday

All Owyhee County government offices will be closed Monday for Presidents Day, including county offices in Murphy, and city halls in Homedale, Marsing, and Grand View.

Across the Oregon line, city offices in Adrian, and Jordan Valley will be closed, too.

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners meeting, typically held every Monday, will be postponed to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, in Courtroom 2, in Murphy.

Contact the county clerk's office at (208) 495-2421 if you want to sit in on the meeting, which is available online through Zoom.

- Homedale schools will be

closed, but all other schools in the county, as well as those in Jordan Valley and Adrian, will be open. Adrian School District will observe the holiday on Friday and will be closed.

- Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library in Homedale and Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View will be closed, but Lizard Butte Library in Marsing will remain open. Bruneau Valley Library in Bruneau is closed every Monday.
- All U.S. post offices will be closed.
- U.S. Bank branches in both Homedale and Marsing will be closed to observe the holiday. The Marsing branch's lobby has been open since late fall,

while services in Homedale are only available through the drive-up teller window.

- Westowns Disposal Inc. will not alter its garbage pick-up schedule for Marsing and Homedale.
- Albertsons in Homedale will remain open its normal hours, as will the Sav-On Pharmacy within.
- M&W Market in Marsing and the liquor store will keep its normal hours, as well.
- Homedale Drug and the liquor store will be open normal hours.
- The Owyhee Avalanche will keep its normal hours, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and all deadlines will stay the same.

# Former Homedale woman off to prison after probation revoked

## Motorist found with meth on U.S. 95 gets probation

A former Homedale resident convicted of felony drug possession has had her probation revoked and is heading to prison.

Kimberly Lynea Oneel, whose residence is now listed as Caldwell, was ordered to the state penitentiary for one to four years. She did receive credit for 510 days served behind bars.

Third District Judge Davis VanderVelde pronounced sentencing on Jan. 22.

Oneel originally received a suspended sentence of up to seven years when she was convicted on the possession charge in 2017.

Oneel is to serve this sentence consecutively with the sentence imposed for a similar conviction in Canyon County in 2014.

- A 56-year-old Winnemucca, Nev., woman must serve four years felony probation won't be able to legally drive for five years after her conviction on charges of felony drug possession and misdemeanor paraphernalia possession.

Rebecca Marguerite Wallace was sentenced on Jan. 22 in the courtroom of Third District Judge Thomas W. Whitney.

Whitney suspended a state prison term of two to five years and levied a \$175 fine and ordered Wallace to pay \$858 in court costs.

She also must perform 100 hours of community service, and her probation officer has 30 days of discretionary jail time to use if necessary.

Wallace was originally charged with felony methamphetamine possession, and misdemeanors for operating a vehicle while under the influence of drugs, open container possession, and drug paraphernalia possession.

An Idaho State Police trooper arrested Wallace during a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 95 8½ miles from the Oregon border on May 15.

The trooper pulled over Wallace because she was speeding in a 2006 Ford Focus and having a difficult time maintaining the northbound lane of travel on the highway.

An Owyhee County Sheriff's Office canine unit was dispatched to screen the vehicle. A subsequent search turned up 3.9 grams of meth as well as prescription medication.

— JPB

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Feb. 11: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, country trio vegetables

Feb. 16: Stir-fry chicken with vegetables, rice

Feb. 17: Hot dog and chili, tater tots, brussel sprouts

Feb. 18: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, mixed vegetables

**Sandbar Community Room, Marsing**  
*Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside Marsing City Hall*  
*Milk available each day*  
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Feb. 10: Chili burger, roasted potatoes, peas, juice, wheat bun

Feb. 12: Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, wheat roll

Feb. 15: Closed – President's Day

Feb. 17: Salmon, wild rice, spring blend vegetables, fresh fruit, wheat bread

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Feb. 11: BBQ chicken, carrot & raisin salad, rice pilaf, banana & orange, garlic bread, yogurt

Feb. 16: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green salad, cottage cheese, roll, cupcake

Feb. 18: Beef enchilada, refried beans, Spanish rice, green salad, fruit cocktail, cottage cheese, chips

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# 4-H horse judging helps shape youths’ reasoning skills

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In 4-H, learning about horses means much more than learning to ride. Through 4-H, youth with a passion for horses can participate in educational contests related to the equine industry regardless of whether they even own a horse. These educational opportunities enhance members’ knowledge of horse health, breed characteristics, management, and feeding.



Janelle Thompson

4-H Horse Judging teaches youth how to become authoritative judges of the ideal equine form. Specifically, the judging contest focuses on evaluating a class of four animals and ranking them from most desirable to least desirable, based on a standard determined by industry experts. Members learn to verbally defend their decisions, gain in-depth animal industry knowledge, and develop teamwork skills, self-confidence, self-motivation, and self-discipline. The primary objective of these contests is to provide an opportunity for youth to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail.

The five main criteria to look at when evaluating a horse’s conformation are: balance, structural correctness, way of going, muscling, and breed characteristics. While

many characteristics of good conformation are the same across all breeds, other characteristics that are desirable in one breed may not be desirable in another. To most people, balance is the most important category as it indicates how proportional a horse is. In most cases, the more correctly balanced a horse is, the more athletic it will be, no matter what its purpose or discipline. Balance can often be described as how well a horse’s parts fit together.

When the youth gives their reasons to a judge, they are learning to discuss and defend how they placed a specific class of horses. Another major purpose for giving reasons in judging contests is that it offers an opportunity for students to learn how to think, organize thoughts and speak about those thoughts as well as teaching youth judges from placing the classes solely based personal likes and dislikes, and encourages them to make defensible judgments in regards to current standards in the horse industry. Giving reasons should be a positive, pleasant learning experience for 4-H youth.

On March 13 at the Canyon County Fairgrounds in Caldwell, Owyhee County youth will compete in the annual multi-county 4-H horse judging contest where they will put their horse judging skills to the test. We are proud to have many local youths that have been working hard to represent Owyhee at this event. Good luck to them all.

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

# Teens & Tweens prepare for Valentine’s

The Teens & Tweens participants get into the Valentine’s spirit Thursday at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library.

Boys and girls, ages 10-17, are invited to drop into Homedale’s library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., at 5 p.m., for the program.

The group will make light-up circuit Valentine cards and heart maps.

A heart map is a collage of different things that is close to one’s heart.

There will be no Story Time programming on Monday because the library is closed for

the Presidents Day holiday.

Library hours are 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., on Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Friday, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday. It is closed Sundays.

Call (208) 337-4228 for more information programs.

# Calendar

## Today

### Food distribution

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., The HUB food pantry, 205 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411

### Christian Life Club

4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., non-denominational, kindergarteners through sixth-graders, First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St. W, Homedale. (208) 880-7070 or (208) 337-3464

### Grand View City Council meeting

6 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2700, noon to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday

### Homedale City Council meeting

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

### Jordan Valley Ambulance meeting

6 p.m., ambulance hall, 706 Main St.

### Marsing Fire Commissioners meeting

7 p.m., Marsing Fire Hall, 303 Main St., Marsing.

### Marsing City Council meeting

7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 896-4122

### Three Creek School board meeting

7 p.m., Three Creek School, 49909 Three Creek Road, Rogerson.

### Homedale Highway District meeting

7 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale

### Marsing School Board meeting

7 p.m., school district office boardroom, 301 8<sup>th</sup> Ave W, Marsing. (208) 649-5411

### Public gospel meeting

7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Wilder Rural Fire Protection Station, 601 Patriot Way, Wilder. (612) 367-7984

## Thursday

### Teens & Tweens

5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

### Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting

5:30 p.m., Marsing City Hall, Sandbar Community Room, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. Check Facebook for updates. (208) 859-2087 or [marsingchamber@gmail.com](mailto:marsingchamber@gmail.com)

### VFW meeting

7 p.m., Samuel Phillips III Post 11065, 208 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Wilder. (208) 250-7780

## Saturday

### Catholic Mass

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

## Tuesday

### Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

### Writing group

9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St. W., Homedale.

### Eastern Owyhee CWMA

6 p.m., annual meeting, Bruneau EMS building, 32531 Belle Ave., Bruneau. Public invited

## Wednesday

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9 a.m. to 1 p.m., The HUB food pantry, 205 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411

### Christian Life Club

4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., non-denominational, kindergarteners through sixth-graders, First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St. W, Homedale. (208) 880-7070 or (208) 337-3464

### Public gospel meeting

7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Wilder Rural Fire Protection Station, 601 Patriot Way, Wilder. (612) 367-7984

## Thursday, Feb. 18

### Teens & Tweens

5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

## Monday, Feb. 22

### Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

### Story Time

10:15 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

### Story Time

11:15 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

## Tuesday, Feb. 23

### Writing group

9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St. W., Homedale.

### Homedale Chamber luncheon

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

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

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

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# School menus

## Homedale Elementary

*Choice of milk and juice*  
*Vegetable and fruit choices will be offered daily*  
Feb. 10: **Breakfast:** Chocolate chip muffin. **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garlic toast, green beans.  
Feb. 11: **Breakfast:** Bug bite grahams with yogurt. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, steamed nuggets.  
Feb. 15: No School  
Feb. 16: **Breakfast:** Toast and sausage patty. **Lunch:** Hot dog, macaroni and cheese, baby carrots.  
Feb. 17: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes. **Lunch:** Pork chop, mashed potatoes with gravy, hot roll.

## 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. 10: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon burst bread. **Lunch:** Orange chicken, steamed rice, broccoli, fortune cookie.  
Feb. 11: **Breakfast:** Apple breakfast bites. **Lunch:** Crispito, corn.  
Feb. 15: No School.  
Feb. 16: **Breakfast:** Apple filled donut. **Lunch:** Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes with gravy, hot roll.  
Feb. 17: **Breakfast:** Tornado. **Lunch:** Pizza Hot Pocket, steamed carrots.

## 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. 10: **Breakfast:** Homedale breakfast burrito or filled cereal bar. **Lunch:** Spicy chicken patty sandwich, potato wedges or hamburger/cheeseburger, potato wedges.  
Feb. 11: **Breakfast:** Donut or yogurt parfait. **Lunch:** Beef taco with corn, cookie or Burrito with corn, cookie.  
Feb. 15: No School  
Feb. 16: **Breakfast:** English muffin sandwich or cinnamon roll. **Lunch:** Crispito, refried beans or deli sandwich, chips.  
Feb. 17: **Breakfast:** Breakfast quesadilla or mini waffles. **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken, cheesy breadstick or pepperoni pizza ripper.

## 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. 10: **Breakfast:** Pop tart, cheese stick. **Lunch:** Mac-n-cheese, snickerdoodle cookie. Hot Grab-n-go: Walkin taco.  
Feb. 11: **Breakfast:** Yogurt. **Lunch:** Hot Grab-n-Go: Cherry chicken rice bowl.  
Feb. 15: **Breakfast:** Donut with sprinkles. **Lunch:** Cold Grab-n-go: Turkey bacon ciabatta. Hot Grab-n-go: Garlic French bread pizza, ranch dipping sauce.  
Feb. 16: **Breakfast:** Yogurt, Tornado (egg, sausage, cheese). **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans. Cold Grab-n-go: Southwest chicken salad.  
Feb. 17: **Breakfast:** Texas toast. **Lunch:** Pepperoni calzone, green beans. Cold Grab-n-go: Taco salad with breadstick.

## Bruneau/Grand View

*All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily*  
*Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily*  
Feb. 10: **Breakfast:** Muffins. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets with whole wheat roll, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli.  
Feb. 11: **Breakfast:** Mini cinnabon. **Lunch:** Hamburger on a bun, tater tots, baby carrots.  
Feb. 15: **Breakfast:** French toast. **Lunch:** Little Smokies, scalloped potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll.  
Feb. 16: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy. **Lunch:** Taco salad, whole wheat tortilla chips, refried beans/salsa.  
Feb. 17: **Breakfast:** PB&J sandwich. **Lunch:** Chicken taco, tossed romaine salad, broccoli.

# Death notices

**FRANCISCALEJARDI**, 93, of Homedale, died on Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021, at home of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale (208) 337-3252

**ANTHONY R. “TONY” WHITE**, 39, of Homedale, died Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021 at his home. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 459-0833

## Adrian student’s senior project accomplishes blood drive goal



Adrian School Board trustee Ryan Martin (left) donated blood with the help of phlebotomist Amanda Balderas on Feb. 2 as part of high school student Teanna Pierce’s senior project.

An Adrian High School student took on a good cause for her senior project, partnering with the American Red Cross to get blood donations Feb. 2 at the Adrian Community Church.

Teanna Pierce grew concerned she wouldn’t meet her goal when people who had committed to donate began canceling.

Fortunately, she said, there were enough people willing to give and, after counting walk-ins, she attained her target of 22 unites.

“I was unsure on how things would run due to COVID-19, but everything worked out perfectly,” Pierce said.

Many locals showed up, including school nurse Madison Ishida, to do their part to help those in medical need. Ishida is the daughter of Adrian schools superintendent Kevin Purnell.

School board member Ryan Martin also donated.

Pierce, who wants to study nursing after high school, was assisted by advisor Michelle Dudley and a cadre of student volunteers.

Piece said that she is grateful for all the help she received on her project.

“It was so amazing to watch how everything worked out,” she said.

— TK

## HHS’ winter formal set for Caldwell

Much like last year’s prom, Homedale High School students had to go out and find their own place to hold a winter formal.

The school district hasn’t sanctioned dances since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

So, the quest to hold an unaffiliated winter formal was launched.

Last month, a parent announced on the Homedale Community Awareness Facebook page that Indian Creek Steakhouse in Caldwell has agreed to open its upstairs space for the students’ dance, scheduled for 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Feb. 27.

Tickets are \$7 per person or \$10 per couple, which will go to the steakhouse, which will provide beverages.

Winter formal tickets are being pre-sold because of the limited capacity of the venue.

There are 175 tickets available, and they can be purchased from Rylan Love at (208) 697-4377. Tickets will also be sold at the door if all 175 are not sold beforehand.

Now, organizers have to come up with \$500 to pay the DJ, which is an independent contractor who works through the venue.

For information about donating for the DJ, visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/homedaleawareness/permalink/1383045062034644/>

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✓ Ranchers: Interior order pausing decisions won't delay grazing permits

The option not to go to work just isn't an option."

Bunderson tried to create a buffer between the politics and bureaucracy that continue to be burrs in ranchers' saddles, and painted Saturday's winter meeting as something of an oasis from the chaos swirling about.

"I realize that there's so much in the news these days that isn't good, and sometimes it's hard to see the bright side of things," he said. "But it actually really doesn't take that much: Turn off the news, hang up the social media, spend some time with your family and your friends and, of course, make sure that you're at a respectable six feet.

"We may have our differences in opinion and views, but in the end we're all heading in the same way, which is hopefully forward."

He also reassured the gathering that the work ethic and fortitude ingrained in the ranchers' lifestyle is exactly the way to emerge from the gloom.

"There's a lot of uncertainty right now in the world and with some very real points of concern," he said. "But I'm certain that this community will deal with things the way they always do, which is head-on."

Then he threw a dose of reality at the ranchers.

"By the way, if you've got some way figured out to do this calving virtually, I'd love to hear it," he joked.

Bunderson's levity probably broke the ice on a meeting that was organized under a cloud of uncertainty because of the new presidential administration.

BLM under Biden

Ranchers proceed with caution these days as President Biden continues to issue executive orders, but Bureau of Land Management Boise District manager Tanya Thrift tried to reassure cattlemen that — as far as the federal agency is concerned — some of the normalcy brewed during the Trump administration remains.

She cleared up the new mask requirements, saying that cattlemen don't have to worry about wearing face coverings on federal range.

"You don't need to wear a mask when on public lands doing the work that you do to take care of your grazing

allotments," Thrift said.

"What might be a change (is) if you come to meet with (Owyhee Field Office manager) Donn Christiansen or your range con in the office. You will be asked to wear a mask, and we've got plenty of extras there if you choose to come in."

Thrift's overarching message, though, was that ranchers can expect no fundamental changes to the way the BLM does business.

"The BLM's mission didn't change. We still do livestock grazing. We still sell timber. We still do minerals permits. We do rights-of-way," she said. "Our mission doesn't change regardless of what administration is in place.

"Sometimes we get some tweaks on how they want us to implement that mission, but our core mission doesn't change."

While she admitted that it was too early to see how the administration may ask the federal agency to shift focus, she expects the emphasis of working with stakeholders to continue.

"But that's something we've been doing all along," she said. "That's not going to change: Our ability to work with you guys to get good work done on the ground."

Interior's 60-day administrative pause

Thrift also addressed a Jan. 20 order from acting Interior Secretary Scott de la Vega that suspended authority throughout the department's lower levels.

She said that ranchers who are in the middle of the grazing permit renewal process will continue to work toward a new permit. Likewise, range projects that were already in the approval stage will continue.

The pauses mostly address mining plan operations and the issuance of rights-of-way. With the latter, that means there could be a delay in Owyhee County's ongoing RS 2477 right-of-way designation cases.

"I'm encouraged it's only 60 days because sometimes we've had things paused for a really long time," she said. "I know that can be crippling when we're trying to help folks be successful on the ground."

"But I have hope."



Ainsley Erwin, the daughter of OCA director Russell Erwin, accepts the membership bit from board president Scott Bunderson. Ainsley had the winning ticket for the prize donated by Commercial Tire. Miller Livestock Solutions and CowBos also donated the bridle that was given away.



Above: Bureau of Land Management Boise District manager Tanya Thrift delivered a lot of information about how the agency adapts to an new presidential administration. Below: OCA secretary Scott Jensen shows the winning card, which was held by Wilson rancher Jerry Hoagland, who won the rifle scabbard donated by Ken's Tent and Canvas, in the deck o' cards raffle.



Climate change focus

Thrift also tried to talk ranchers down from any apprehension about how the

Biden administration's plan to battle climate change could alter operations.

"Probably one of the best

things that we can continue doing to help with climate change is graze sustainably just like you have been doing," she said.

"Thinking back to other administrations, fuels projects have been a high priority. If we take care of the landscape with fuels projects — whether that's targeted grazing or prescribed fires — that's a huge bang for the buck on climate change, and you guys are living and breathing that every day."

Biden administration BLM appointees

Thrift acknowledged that there will be new faces in the upper echelons of the BLM, but tried to sound a hopeful tone by pointing out that many of those folks come from western backgrounds, including with the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department.

She also mentioned that acting national director Mike Nedd is a veteran of the bureau.

"Mike's been around for a long time," she said. "He knows what our mission is, and he'll be really helpful getting new folks up to speed."

Right after Thrift wrapped up, though, Idaho Cattle Association president Jay Smith, a rancher from Lemhi County, had to needle her just a bit.

"I've known Tanya for a long time, and just have to bust her chops a little bit," he said. "(Clinton administration Secretary of the Interior) Bruce Babbitt was from Montana."

— JPB



Items for the annual Grand View Lions Club auction can be previewed in person, but bids must be made online.  
Submitted photo

## GV Lions auction starts online Friday

Gun, grill raffle planned this year, too

The Grand View Lions Club Community Auction is online this year, and it opens Friday. Bids will begin to close at 2:30 p.m., on Friday, Feb. 19. Organizers decided to take the long-standing fundraiser online this year because of COVID-19 concerns. The auction is available at <https://bakerauction.com/calendar.php>. Visit that site beginning Friday and click on “Grand View Lions Club Auction” to start the bidding. The Baker family has been taking care of the auctioneering for 50 years

and callers have encompassed three generations of that family. The Lions Club extends thanks to the Bakers — especially Tommy Baker — for helping take the auction online this year. The organizers also expressed gratitude to all the people who donated auction lots this year. Once the auction is closed, purchased items can be picked up from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 20 at the American Legion Post 134 Hall, 410 Roosevelt St., Grand View. Items can be previewed from 5 p.m., to 8 p.m., next Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 18 at the Legion Hall. The Lions Club is conducting a raffle this year, too. Prizes are an American 204 Ruger Rifle, with two

boxes of shells donated by Grand View Gas, and a Traeger pellet grill donated by Campbell Tractor. The winning tickets will be drawn at 6 p.m., on Feb. 20. Tickets cost \$1 each or \$5 for six and can be purchased at Grand View Gas or at the Legion Hall on Feb. 17-18 and Feb. 20. You can also purchase tickets online through Venmo (@GrandView-LionsClub). For more information on the auction and raffle, call Doug Thurman at (208) 599-1014 or Erica Mulberry at (208) 585-1811. Proceeds from the auction and the raffle support the Lions Club’s community service projects in Bruneau, Grand View and Oreana.

## BLM fleshes out mask requirement

Public lands mandate covers when physical distancing not possible outdoors

The Bureau of Land Management implemented a mask requirement in the wake of President Joe Biden’s executive order to protect the federal workforce. Biden’s order required masks be worn in all federal buildings and on public lands. In Thursday’s press release, the BLM offered a little clarification on the use of masks on public lands. According to the release, masks are required outdoors on public lands when physical distancing is not possible. Ranchers had worried how that would affect livestock operations. BLM Boise District director Tanya Thrift further clarified the policy during Saturday’s Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association winter meeting in Oreana. “You don’t need to wear a mask when on public lands doing the work that you do to take care of your grazing allotments,” she said. The BLM implementation is immediate and covers employees, visitors, partners and contractors in all BLM facilities and buildings. The outdoor areas include narrow or busy trails, overlooks, and historic homes. “Ensuring people use masks when physical distancing is not an option and washing hands is the best way to stop the spread of COVID-19,” BLM deputy director of operations Mike Nedd said. “Getting outside and enjoying our public lands is a great way to be active during the pandemic. We want to make sure our employees and visitors remain safe while recreating on BLM-managed land.” The press release also reported that the BLM is following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and working with state and local health authorities to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

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# Couple retires after decades at DeLamar Mine

### Co-workers recall service and friendly atmosphere

Two longtime DeLamar Mine employees were recently recognized upon their retirements.

Boyd Walker and Alexis Stanford received a sendoff at Integra Resources’ DeLamar Mine after 34 years of service.

Walker and Stanford began their mining careers as the Owyhee County mine in 1987.

Integra Resources is working toward potential future redevelopment after DeLamar Mine had been under a care and maintenance program since the 1990s before Kinross Gold USA sold the operation to Integra.

Known as a jack of all trades, Walker became someone who the site team could rely on to get just about any job done. As a key member of the surface crew, Walker did everything from repairing fencing to operating large equipment, and everything in between.

In 2013, Walker began his work as an equipment operator, and inspired others on the job through his determination and dedication to his work, a press release announcing he retirements said.

“Boyd has always been ready to jump in and tackle any challenge head-on,” Integra Resources project operations manager Tom Jordan said.

“He’s the kind of co-worker that others look up to.”

Stanford started as an exploration worker at DeLamar. She traveled

around the Owyhee Mountains picking up samples until she began working as a surface crewmember. She completed tasks including helping with blasting, building maps and fixing fences.

About 20 years ago, Stanford started working in the office, where she became a staple of the mine site and helped champion its involvement in the surrounding community.

“We can always count on Alexis to handle her many responsibilities that keep the place running smoothly. As a true family and people person, we can also always count on her to make this a really fun place to work,” Integra Resources site support coordinator Linda Tunnell said.

“Around here, she’s known as the ‘skunk whisperer.’ Over the years she has had three skunks as office pets. We will miss her leadership, determination, care for the community, and definitely her zucchini cake.”

Looking back at more than three decades of work, Stanford encourages others to consider working at the mine.

“I am grateful for the huge variety of job experience I was offered at the mine. I was enabled to continuously advance my career and move up in the company, all while working in a family environment so close to my home in Jordan Valley,” she said.

“I will miss my colleagues and am looking forward to this next chapter of my life.”



Co-workers recently helped Alexis Stanford (left) and Boyd Walker celebrate their retirement from DeLamar Mine. Submitted photo

Walker and Stanford spent years working together at the mine, and now the couple will spend their retirement together. The two plan on kicking off their next adventure by camping in DeLamar and eventually go on a long trip to Alaska.

## Man dies in Loveridge Bridge wreck

A Rupert man was killed Thursday afternoon when a semi-trailer slammed into the back of agricultural machinery north of Bruneau.

Amador-Herrera Lopez, who was steering the rear of the large ag machinery, died at the scene.

Amador-Herrera Lopez and his co-worker were northbound crossing the Snake River on Loveridge Bridge at milepost 77 on Idaho highway 51 when the driver of the northbound semi failed to slow and rear-ended the slow-moving agricultural machinery.



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# Grand View center gets BOCC backing

## Court clerks shuffle in Murphy

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners showed its support for a Grand View group's grant application to convert a church into a community center.

The Grand View Community Club is looking to make extensive improvements to St. Henry's Catholic Church, 510 Idaho St., in Grand View. The Catholic Diocese of Boise donated the church to the club last year.

To help with the renovations, the club has applied for a \$225,000 Idaho Community Development Block Grant.

During their Feb. 1, county commissioners provided a letter of support at the request of the group, which has asked community members and community leaders to draft articles of support to be used in the application.

In its letter, the BOC said the club wishes to bring the community together by providing a safe, neutral, and welcoming space for large group activities and community functions.

"The club is not only creating a community center to increase venue options for a variety of public and private functions in Grand View, but will be furthering the safety of their town by refurbishing an unused building before it lapses into disrepair," the commissioners wrote in their letter of support.

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office, Bruneau-Grand View School District, Eastern Owyhee County Library, the

Grand View Parents Teaches Association, and local property owners have also submitted letters of support, according to club member Victoria Collett. Others have committed to providing letters.

The grant application deadline is March 5, and letters of support should be emailed to [vcollett67@gmail.com](mailto:vcollett67@gmail.com).

The club's commemorative engraved brick sale fundraiser is also ongoing.

The bricks will memorialize businesses, families and individuals whose generosity made the community center possible.

There are three brick sizes from which to choose:

- A 12-inch-by-12-inch brick costs \$1,000.
- An 8x8 brick costs \$200
- A 4x8 brick costs \$125

Contact Collett at [vcollett67@gmail.com](mailto:vcollett67@gmail.com) to submit an engraving and purchase a brick.

## County hires new clerks

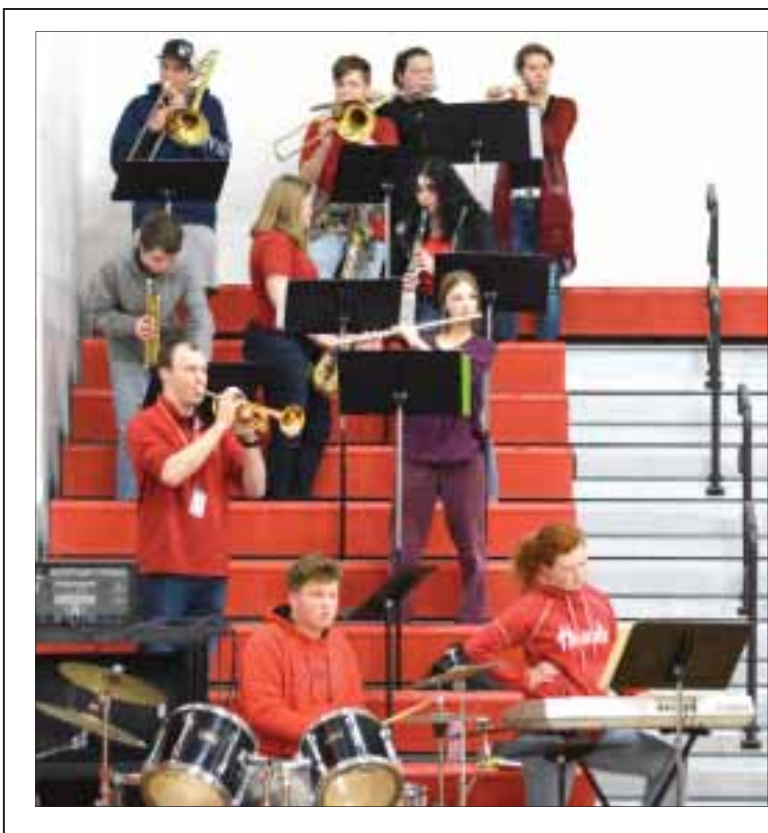
The Owyhee County Clerk's Office has hired a pair of court clerks to replace employees who have recently departed.

Catie Canaday started in her position as Magistrate court clerk on Monday, succeeding Brenda Stimpson, who resigned. Canaday will be earn \$13.50 per hour.

Allison Wilson has been hired to replace Rachelle Fahey as a clerk II for District Court. Fahey moved to the prosecutor's office, replacing Brandy Hudman as Jeffrey Phillips' senior legal secretary.

Wilson will make \$14 per hour and began the new position on Monday.

— TK



## Homedale pep band back playing with glee

The Homedale High School pep band is back in action at home basketball games after COVID-19 attendance restrictions were relaxed for winter sports events. Band director John Zieske plays trumpet to help out his musicians during Friday's 3A Snake River Valley conference boys' basketball game against Parma.

# County commissioners file to retain waterways funds

## Sheriff: Black Sands improvements on hiatus for now

Owyhee County has submitted a request to the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) to retain the balance of its vessel fund, a process that typically happens every year.

The county receives a monthly distribution of revenue shared from fees collected by the state that are earmarked specially for waterways projects.

"If we don't spend it all — which we typically don't — we just have to ask for retention for whatever upcoming projects (the sheriff's office) might have," County Clerk Angela Barkell said.

The vessel fund began fiscal year 2020 with a balance of \$154,263 with revenue of

\$46,114 from boat registrations and \$26,543 from a boat safety grant.

All vessel fund expenditures totaled \$93,307, bringing the final balance to \$133,613, which is the amount that the county is hoping to retain.

The reporting and remittance form to the state was approved during the Jan. 25 Board of Owyhee County Commissioners meeting.

In a letter to IDPR, Sheriff Perry Grant communicated that his office will submit a grant request for a CTX modular bathroom to replace portables at the Black Sands boat

ramp, on C.J. Strike Reservoir, southeast of Grand View.

The county also wants to build a five-bay boat shed to store equipment across from the Black Sands lake access turn-off.

"We still need to dredge at Black Sands, as well," Grant said. "Those are the three big projects beyond always trying to upgrade watercraft."

The letter states that existing funds will be used to provide the Recreational Boat Safety grant match expenditures for FY2021.

Grant said both projects are currently on hiatus, but he will hold a meeting soon to address the plans.

— TK

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# State Senate leader builds relationships with rubber chickens and chocolate cake

How the 15<sup>th</sup> order of business became a stress reliever

by Connor Swersey  
UI McClure Center intern

In the Idaho Senate, the 15<sup>th</sup> order of business has turned into much more than just miscellaneous business and adjournment.

With stories of cake, and stolen rubber chickens, it has become a time to lighten the mood as work continues, and opinions clash.

On both the Senate and House floors, meetings are structured similarly because both move through orders of business ranging from bills, to roll call, to many other common happenings in Idaho Legislature.

Senate Majority Leader Kelly Anthon (Dist. 27, R-Burley) helps explain all these things to newly elected senators and can use his experience within the Senate to help run the floor.

“When I was a freshman senator, Bart Davis was the majority leader,” Anthon said. “I always looked forward to the 15<sup>th</sup> order because, well, he was a storyteller.”

These short stories ranged from short jokes to his favorite German chocolate cake recipe.

“These were often unusual or just funny,” Anthon said.

Davis, who spent 15 of his 19 years in the Senate as Majority Leader, is now the District of Idaho U.S. Attorney.

“It was never my intention to be silly,” Davis said. “Government, by nature, is a great deal of conflict.”

Davis says almost everyone he served with was a good person, and they were just doing what they thought was right and what their constituents’ thought was right.

“If we could have a little bit of fun at my expense, that was OK,” Davis said. “If we chuckle about a few things, we realize that among our differences there is a great deal of similarities.”

One of his favorite memories, included the Blue Cross, pedometers, and the Senate Minority Leader at the time. The Blue Cross provided pedometers for the legislators’ belts as a contest on who could get the most steps with the winner securing a donation for their local school district. It’s a competition that continues in the current session.

“During the 15<sup>th</sup>, I stood up and said,

‘I don’t know what to do with this thing,’” Davis said. “Very quickly, the Minority Leader stood up and said, ‘Well, Sen. Davis, when you go to the lunchroom, you put it in on your fork.’”

“We all had a laugh,” Davis said. “And that is what you should be able to do.”

Anthon wants to continue the tradition as a pressure relief valve after tensions may have been high.

“When I am in the 15<sup>th</sup> order, my inclination is to try to be Sen. Davis a little bit,” Anthon said. “I want to provide something peculiar or interesting for people to think about.”

Anthon says it is not just about being funny, but that little moment of levity can bring the floor together and help build relationships between colleagues.

“I think it is important because relationships can make the day,” Anthon said. “Even when you disagree, the relationships are key, and that is what Bart did by allowing everyone to have a shared experience and laugh a bit.”

Anthon recalled a rubber chicken getting stolen and the announcement of a vigil for the lost novelty.

“That kind of levity is important,” he said.

Davis loved working in the Senate, and learned many life lessons about the state, the job, and the people he worked with.

“These are good and decent people that I had the distinct privilege of working with,” Davis said. “I don’t say that to gain their favor. I say it because it is true.”

In an overwhelmingly red state, Idahoans from both sides of the aisle want to hear about their representatives working together for a stronger Idaho.

“If people would just take the time to look at how valuable everybody’s opinion is and try to find the center of that opinion, then we can move forward,” Davis said.

— Connor grew up in Salmon and is a University of Idaho senior studying journalism and political science with an eye toward preparing for law school. He is an intern working for The Owyhee Avalanche and other newspapers around the state through the James A. and Louise McClure Center for Public Policy Research. Follow him on Twitter @swersey\_connor.

## Former airman Bundy pays respects to National Guard crash victims

Dist. 23A Rep. Matthew Bundy (R-Mtn. Home) released a statement to The Owyhee Avalanche on Thursday after the three Idaho Army National Guard helicopter pilots killed in a Feb. 2 crash near Lucky Peak Reservoir in the Boise area were identified:

“When I arrived at work the morning of February 3rd at the Capitol building, I was met with the tragic news that an Idaho Army National Guard helicopter had gone down and that there were three Guardsmen who had lost their lives in the crash. I am deeply saddened by this tragic event. On the House floor that morning, the House Chaplain shared his thoughts of comfort and led us in prayer on behalf of these fallen soldiers and their families. He shared a scripture from the Old Testament, and I would like to share that passage with you as well. Psalms 34:18, ‘The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.’ Let our thoughts and prayers be with these families as we reflect on the lives of those we have lost. May God



Matthew Bundy

bless and be with us at this time.”

Gov. Brad Little issued a half-staff directive last Wednesday asking that all flags be lowered to half-staff statewide until the day after the last of the Guardsmen is laid to rest.

The directive ends Friday

The City of Marsing lowered its gigantic U.S. flag at Island Park to half-staff, and the City of Homedale also lowered flags in the days after the directive.

## At-large opening on regional DEQ water quality board

Applications are open for an at-large member on the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality’s Southwest Basin Advisory Group.

The BAG welcomes membership from stakeholders in the Southwest Basin.

The group advises the state agency on surface water issues across Idaho counties in southwestern Idaho, including Owyhee County.

BAG members are appointed by the DEQ director and meet two to three times per year. State law requires the group to include a cross-section of interests, including agriculture, forestry, municipalities,

industry, recreation, tribes, environmental interests, and the general public.

Members are unpaid, but travel expenses are reimbursed.

Members are responsible for advising DEQ on a variety of matters:

- Priorities for monitoring within the basin
- Revisions needed in the designated beneficial uses for water bodies within the basins
- Categories to which water bodies in the basin should be assigned
- Processes for developing and implementing TMDLs

• Members to be appointed to watershed advisory groups

• Priorities for water quality programs within the basin based on available economic resources

Those interested in serving on the BAG can contact Kati Carberry by March 1. Applications must include a name, mailing address, phone number, email address, and a brief description of involvement in water quality issues.

Send inquiries to Kati Carberry, 1445 N. Orchard, Boise, ID 83706; by phone at (208) 373-0321; or by email to kati.carberry@deq.idaho.gov.

## Honor roll

### Adrian High School

**Highest Honors (4.0 grade-point average)** — Ashlee Dudley; Bailey Ready; Rylee Ready; Gerret Schoorl; Luis Amaral; Sadie Wagster; Gavin Bayes; Toby Clow; Allyssa Dudley; Riley Lucas; Rome Luo; Teanna Pierce; Clay Ready; and Mesa Zimmerman

**High Honors (3.99-3.5 GPA)** — Jace Bateman; Carter Bayes; Elizabeth Nielson; and Mckenzie Autrey

**Honors (3.49-3.0 GPA)** — Hayden Adams; Ismael Aguirre; Octavio Bautista; Sugey Beltran; Lucy Martin; Breanna Morford; Evalyn Nunez; Mylie Zimmerman; Morgyn Babcock; Jesse Walker; Adan Bautista; Manuel Aguirre; and Claire Wagster

# Owyhee moves to yellow zone as COVID numbers continue to fall

Health officials upgraded Owyhee County’s COVID-19 health level last week.

One week after moving into the orange zone, the county was placed in the yellow level as daily incidence rates and positivity rates continue to decline throughout Southwest District Health.

The district reported during its weekly update Thursday that Owyhee County had a daily incidence rate of 1.27 cases per 10,000 people. Likewise, the positivity rate continues to drop, registering at 7.06 percent, which just above the district’s goal of five percent or less.

The health district said 62.5 percent of the people with COVID-19 can identify an exposure source, which — although increasing — indicates sustained community spread.

As of the first of the month, four school district staff members or students in Owyhee County were quarantined after close contact with someone who had tested positive. There were only two school-related cases in isolation after positive tests.

**Overall Owyhee County COVID-19 cases:**  
**859**  
Jan. 26 to Feb. 1 statistics:  
New confirmed cases, 14  
Probable cases, 124 (New: 4)  
Deaths: 24 (New: 1)  
People who recovered: 906 (New: 61)  
Health alert level: Yellow  
Source: [coronavirus.idaho.gov](https://coronavirus.idaho.gov) and Southwest District Health

**Malheur COVID-19 cases:**  
**3,298**  
New cases, Jan. 26 to Feb. 1: 97  
Deaths: 56 (New: 1)  
Negative tests: 16,874 (New: 1,240)  
Source: [govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19](https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19)

Between Jan. 24 and Jan. 30, there were three student cases of confirmed or probable COVID-19 reported in Homedale (one) and Marsing (two).

While health officials tie Owyhee County transmission to social gatherings, workplaces and household exposure, there is no evidence of transmission

with the schools.

Owyhee County and Adams County are the first counties to move into the yellow zone in recent weeks. Canyon, Gem and Payette counties were upgraded to orange.

District-wide, the daily incidence rate was 3.19 per 10,000 people on Jan. 30.



Homedale resident Jon Hayes (left) received his COVID-19 vaccination on Friday at The HUB on the Marsing School District grounds. Terry Reilly Health Services pharmacist James Hunt administered Hayes’ shot.

## Another COVID-19 vaccination clinic planned at HMS

Health district acknowledges shortages

As has happened recently in other local communities, Terry Reilly Health Services organized a mobile COVID-19 vaccination clinic on Friday at The HUB in Marsing.

TRHS patient navigation supervisor Jesus Blanco said that 120 vaccine doses were brought to Marsing for those eligible to be in Group 2 — frontline essential workers and adults 65 and older.

Blanco said another clinic is planned for Group 2-eligible folks from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday at Homedale Middle School. Anyone who qualifies into Group 2 who wishes to receive the vaccination can call the Terry Reilly Health Services Homedale clinic at (208) 337-3189.

Most Southwest District Health vaccination sites are reporting they have no appointments available, according to a press release from the department that encompasses Owyhee, Canyon, Adams, Gem, Payette, and Washington counties.

“The current vaccine quan-

tity of 3,000 weekly doses makes it very difficult to schedule appointments in advance,” the release reads. “It is difficult for our COVID-19 vaccine partners (such as TRHS) to schedule vaccination clinics.”

According to the release, the 3,000 weekly allotment of doses isn’t enough to get all eligible individuals vaccinated in a single week. SWDH estimates it will take 10 weeks to gets Group 2 vaccinated with the current weekly allotment.

The health district estimates 46,778 people in Southwest Idaho fit into Group 2, and officials who understand people are eager to receive the vaccine urge patience and understanding.

“We encourage community members eligible for the vaccine to prioritize those compromised individuals over 65 and those that are high risk,” the release states.

Questions about COVID-19 related information can be directed to the SWDH COVID-19 call center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (excepting holidays) at (208) 455-5411.

Get statewide information at <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov>.

— TK

## MRW volunteers begin vaccinations

10<sup>th</sup> chili cook-off scheduled next month

Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson emergency services volunteers are starting to receive COVID-19 vaccinations.

Public information officer Capt. Louis Monson broke down who has receive shots so far, and

what’s happening next.

- Ten MRW Quick Response Unit emergency medical technicians received their first doses on Jan. 5.

- Those EMTs received their second shot on Feb. 2, and 10 MRW firefighters got their first doses.

- The firefighters are set to receive their second doses on March 2.

Monson said Southwest

District Health provided the vaccine, and MRW EMTs under the supervision of a Saint Alphonsus Medical Center nurse administered the shots.

While the volunteers are receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, plans continue for the MRW Fire and EMS 10<sup>th</sup> annual chili cook-off. The event is scheduled for March 27, and more information will be released soon, Monson said.

## Courthouse report

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

### Feb. 2

**Adan Arteaga, Parma** — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, failure to secure cargo or vehicle equipment: \$43.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

### Feb. 1

**Deborah A. McDowell, Melba** — Misdemeanor inattentive or careless driving: \$240 in fines, \$307.50 in court costs

### Jan. 31

**Librado Soto-Mercado, San Diego** — Misdemeanor motor carrier fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

### Jan. 28

**Luis Perez-Alvarez, San Diego** — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, suspension violation: \$43.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

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# Marsing City Council set to revisit 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment request

## Group returns with signed petition

A month after taking no action citizens' group's request to designate Marsing a Second Amendment sanctuary, the city council will take up the issue again.

According to City Clerk and Treasurer Jolyn Green, Mayor Chad Sevy had told the group they could be put back on the agenda to address the council if they gathered 100 signatures.

After examination of the signatures, Green said that about 60 are legitimate signatures, and that about half are from people who live outside the city limits. A petition drive has been under way at several commercial locations inside the Marsing city limits.

When the council meet-

ing begins at 7 p.m., today at City Hall (18 Sandbar Ave.), the council will hold a public hearing on the second rooster-related conditional use permit application since city code was amended in September to allow the animals in the city limits.

A maximum of 50 people will be allowed inside the meeting room.

Council members will take input during the hearing, and could possibly make a decision on Jacquine Shippy's application later in the meeting.

The meeting will feature monthly reports from:

- City engineer Kirby Cook
- City attorney Stephanie J. Bonney
- Code enforcement officer Cory Callison
- Owyhee County Sheriff's Cpl. Atanacio Montes
- Public works superintendent Philip Gibson

Gibson is expected to up-

date elected officials on various repairs and other activities that his crew has completed in the last month, including organizing and cleaning the city shops, updating inventory, and servicing equipment.

He will also discuss upcoming projects, including the installation of a new fuel tank for the wastewater treatment plant backup generator.

Gibson will also address the pending retirement of public works employee Ed Lowder. He will end nearly 15 years on the job on March 31.

The city council will consider multiple business applications including Loucks Laundry & Car Wash, and Cajun Kitchen, a food truck that has the same ownership as Holy Oly Os donuts.

The council will also have preliminary discussions about Third of July activities, including set-up details. — TK

# Third of July fireworks donation drive begins

The Marsing Third of July fireworks committee has begun fundraising to pay for this year's extravaganza.

The committee must raise \$6,000 over the next few weeks to pay for the pyrotechnics. Submitting payment by the beginning of April will secure a discounted price for the fireworks, committee member James Ferdinand said.

Marsing City Council will hold a vote at its meeting tonight on whether to continue

as a major sponsor of the fireworks show. The town's Chamber of Commerce has stopped its involvement.

Donations are being accepting at City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., or can be submitted by mailing checks to the city at P.O. Box 125, Marsing, ID 83639.

The committee is also considering the raffle of some type of VIP viewing opportunity. More details on a possible raffle will be available after tonight's council meeting.

# Marsing Chamber meets while courting new leadership

The Marsing Chamber of Commerce may be going through some structural changes when it meets at 5:30 p.m., on Thursday.

The meeting will be held in the Sandbar Community Room inside City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave.

Recently, Chamber president Julie Franklin has been seeking folks interested in filling multiple positions within its ranks.

Franklin, who has been looking to step down in her position while ensuring a smooth transition of leadership, has solicited Marsing businesspersons to take over

her role, as well as to assume vice-president, secretary, and treasurer positions.

Franklin has served as president for four years.

She said that the Chamber currently has one person who has expressed interest in succeeding her as president.

The focus of Thursday's meeting will be to plan the Chamber's course for 2021.

Anyone interested in any of the positions available are encouraged to email Franklin at marsingchamber@gmail.com or call (208) 859-2087 as soon as possible.

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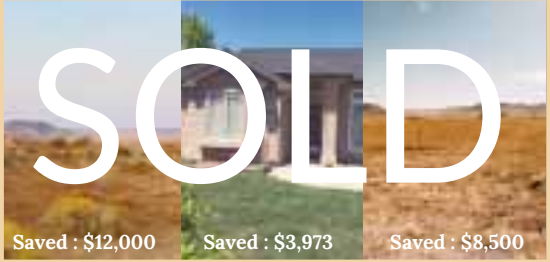
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DISTRICT III TOURNAMENTS

Melba, CVC ready for rematch

State qualifiers face off for district title Thursday

Melba High School's all-time leading scorer Kate Clark led her team to the 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament Saturday.

The senior scored 20 points as the third-seeded Mustangs beat No. 2 New Plymouth, 49-33, in a 2A District III Tournament semifinal on the Pilgrims' floor.

Kendall Clark added a double-double of 11 points and 11 rebounds as Melba (18-3 overall) punched its ticket into Thursday's district championship game.

Hallie Arnold added eight points.

Alyssa Christensen led New Plymouth (13-6) with 14 points.

The Mustangs will take on top seed Cole Valley Christian (16-1) at 7:45 p.m., on Thursday on



Kate Clark scored 20 points in Melba High School's upset of New Plymouth in the district semifinals.

— See *Melba*, page 2B

Raiders reach 1A, Div. 1 State, but they aren't finished just yet

Girls, LC meet for district championship for third time in four seasons

Rimrock High School will make its fourth consecutive appearance in the 1A, Div. I Real Dairy Shootout girls' basketball state tournament, which starts next Wednesday.

But first the Raiders have a date for a District III championship rematch at 7:30 p.m.,

on Friday at Columbia High School in Nampa against No. 2 seed Liberty Charter.

Top-seeded Rimrock crushed No. 4 Riverstone International, 47-25, in a Saturday semifinal at Columbia to qualify for the state tournament and another shot at a district crown.

"We had a good week of practice, and hopefully we're ready to go into next week and State," Raiders coach Kyla Jewett said.

— See *Raiders*, back page

Egusquiza pins his piece of Homedale history on the road

Senior becomes 9<sup>th</sup> Trojan with 100 wins, wins Weiser crown

Joseph Egusquiza became the ninth wrestler in Homedale High School history with 100 career victories Friday.

The 152-pound senior pinned Grangeville's Mason Frei in 3 minutes, 2 seconds in the opening round of the Weiser Invitational to hit the century mark.

He won three more matches during the weekend to win the tournament championship to move past Ron Hooker into

eighth on the Trojans' all-time wins list.

Egusquiza is two victories from catching No. 7 Ryan Nash and four wins from Bryan Martinat for sixth place on the list.

— See *Homedale*, page 2B

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|----------------------|-----|
| The 100 wins club    |     |
| Nash Johnson         | 154 |
| Jeremy Ensley        | 129 |
| Tyler Christoffersen | 119 |
| Adam Duryee          | 117 |
| Justin Ensley        | 110 |
| Bryan Martinat       | 107 |
| Ryan Nash            | 105 |
| Joseph Egusquiza     | 103 |
| Ron Hooker           | 102 |

Trojans split tight stretch-run games

Boys play host to Weiser in big game tonight

Close contests on back-to-back nights has magnified the importance of Homedale High School's boys' basketball game tonight.

The Trojans needed a little extra time to beat Parma, 52-51, in overtime on Friday at home, but couldn't repeat the magic when visiting McCall-Donnelly prevailed, 38-35, in a 3A Snake River Valley conference game Saturday.

Now, Homedale (6-12 overall, 3-5 in conference) face Weiser today in a third



Eli Heck looks for a teammate on the perimeter as Parma's Isaiah Krohn guards him.

— See *Trojans*, back page

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**Boys' basketball**  
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Averaged 20 points in 3 games with 11 3-pointers



**Girls' basketball**  
Mayci Cline, sr., P/W  
Senior season winding down



**Wrestling**  
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If lost Tuesday: Season complete. Final record: 2-19  
Junior varsity  
3A Snake River Valley conference tournament runner-up  
Last Wednesday's championship: Fruitland 28, Homedale 25

**Wrestling**  
Coed  
Wednesday, Feb. 10, home vs. Payette (Senior Night), 5:30 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 12 at New Plymouth  
Saturday, Feb. 13 at Marsing POD Tournament, 9 a.m.

**Boys' basketball**  
Varsity  
Wednesday, Feb. 10, home vs. Weiser (Senior Night), 7:30 p.m.  
Note — Senior class cake auction fundraiser at halftime  
Friday, Feb. 12 at Payette, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Feb. 17 in 3A District III Tournament, site and opponent TBA, 7 p.m.  
Junior varsity  
Wednesday, Feb. 10, home vs. Weiser, 6 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 12 at Payette, 6 p.m.  
Monday, Feb. 15, home for 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament  
Fresh soph  
Wednesday, Feb. 10, home vs. Weiser, 4:30 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 12 at Payette, 4:30 p.m.  
Monday, Feb. 15, home for 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament

Note: 40 percent gymnasium capacity allowed (apx. 600)  
Spectators not allowed for wrestling tournaments  
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# Sports

## Trojans nab five Weiser Invitational medals

### McCall pulls out 3A SRV dual on home mat

Joseph Egusquiza’s 100<sup>th</sup> career victory was just the icing on the cake for Homedale High School’s wrestling team last week.

The senior’s championship at 152 pounds at the Weiser Invitational highlighted five medals in the week-end tournament.

- **160** — Willie White pinned Caldwell’s Ezra Hernandez in 3 minutes, 34 seconds to win the third-place medal. He rallied through the consolation bracket after losing his first match of the tournament.
- **170** — Rhyalee Nix needed a tie-breaker to beat Weiser’s Boone Ksiazek, 9-8, in the third-place bout. The match could be a window into the up-

coming battle for the 3A District III championship.

After beating Ksiazek, 9-8, in regulation during the quarterfinals, Nix lost an 11-3 major decision to Meridian’s Isaiah Twait in the semifinals.

- **195** — Willy Haun pinned Oakley’s Houston Bingham four seconds into the third period to captured fifth place.

Haun’s wrestle-back through the consolation bracket included a 1:15 pin of teammate Michael Rose. He lost the consolation semifinal to Meridian’s Roc Dixon, 7-2, to fall into the fifth-place match.

- **285** — Senior Owen Houser finished sixth after a narrow 10-9 loss to Mountain View’s Aiden McGinnis in the fifth-place match. Houser won three consecutive consolation bracket matches before winding up in the fifth-

place bout.

Other Trojans with victories were:

- Noah Bowen (160) won his tournament opener, pinning Grangeville’s Anjel Kent in 3:35.
- Brodie White (220) edged Meridian’s Mario Mares, 4-2, in a first-round bout.
- Andrew Marston (132) pinned Kimberly’s Jared Hanchey in 3:18 in a preliminary bout.
- Jeffrey Layne (145) pinned Vallivue’s Gohaun Olson in the first round of consolation matches.
- Rose (195) was a 9-2 victor against Centennial’s Jackson Waite in another consolation opener.

**Last Wednesday: McCall-Donnelly 38, Homedale 31** — In Valley County, Egusquiza’s 99<sup>th</sup> victory came with a 5-0 decision against Adam Rushton, but two key forfeits at 126

and 182 and three first-period pinfalls helped McCall get the upper hand in the 3A Snake River Valley conference meet.

The Vandals won five of eight matches wrestled.

The Trojans’ other victories were:

- **170 pounds** — Nix beat Seth Rushton, 13-2
- **285** — Houser pinned Sawyer Kovis 41 seconds before the end of their bout.

Only three matches went the distance, including wins by Nix and Egusquiza, and Andrew Alvarez’s 7-2 triumph against Homedale’s Brodie White at 220.

There were seven exhibition matches contested, too.

The only Homedale triumph was Michael Rose’s 10-6 decision against Wyatt Marolf at 220.



Marsing senior Mazzi Roper turns the corner past forward Hannah Bingaman on her way to the basket in the Huskies win over the Aviators. Photo by Kelly Ineck.

## Huskies girls ground Aviators

Marsing High School reached the main bracket of the 2A District III girls’ basketball tournament with its widest margin of victory of the season.

The Huskies (2-14 overall at week’s end) run roughshod over visiting Compass Charter, 49-15, on Feb. 2 in a district tournament play-in game.

Sixth-seeded Marsing fell to No. 3 Melba, 61-18, in Thurs-

day’s district semifinal on the Mustangs’ floor and visited No. 4 seed Nampa Christian for an elimination game on Tuesday after deadline.

“Overall, the girls had a good time at their last game at home for the season,” Huskies’ first-year coach Mike Swanson said after the team’s final home game of the season.

Sophomore guard Emily Vanosdall led Marsing with

11 points. She pulled down four rebounds, too.

Senior post Alana Larrusea scored eight and collected a game-high 10 boards.

Swanson sees the Aviators improving.

“Compass did a great job at competing and playing the entire game,” he said. “They are going to be tough in our league very soon.”

— TK

## Marsing girls fall into tourney’s consolation bracket

Marsing High School was outmatched in all aspects against one of the state’s best teams in the 2A District III girls’ basketball tournament on Thursday.

Hometown Melba dominated the floor and scoreboard in a 61-18 quarterfinal victory that sent Marsing into the consolation bracket to face New Plymouth.

The Huskies (2-14 at week’s end) visited the Pilgrims on Tuesday after deadline.

The Mustangs put four players in double figures during Thursday’s victory, which sent Melba into Saturday’s semifinals.

Senior Kate Clark led the way with 14 points, and was backed by sophomores Hallie Arnold (13), Kendall Clark

(12), and Keylee Wilson (10).

Kendall Clark led the team with 11 rebounds.

Kate Clark was also good for four rebounds and four steals.

Marsing sophomore Emily Vanosdall finished the game with seven points, according to a report from Melba coach David Lenz.

No other information was

provided by the Marsing coaching staff.

The No. 3-seeded Mustangs knocked off No. 2 New Plymouth, 49-33, in Saturday’s semifinal. Melba takes on top-seeded Cole Valley Christian for the district championship at 7 p.m., on Saturday in Meridian.

A win against the Pilgrims on Tuesday would put Marsing into the third-place game

at 7 p.m., on the road against either Nampa Christian or The Ambrose School. The district’s third-place team moves on to a 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament play-in game set for 3 p.m., on Saturday in Burley against the District 6 runner-up.

A Tuesday loss would end the Huskies’ season.

— TK

## Mustangs’ path is clear: Beat NC for No. 2 berth

### Melba boys recover after stumble vs. Ambrose

Even after a narrow loss to the conference leader, Melba High School controls its own destiny in a quest for a district tournament first-round bye.

The Mustangs play host to Nampa Christian at 7:30 p.m., today in the 2A Western Idaho Conference season finale for both teams.

The squads finished the

weekend tied for the No. 2 berth into the 2A District III Tournament. The Trojans played Marsing in a conference game after deadline Monday.

Nampa Christian lost, 70-55, to conference leader The Ambrose School on Friday in Meridian, two days after the Archers knocked off Melba in a crucial game on the Mustangs’

floor.

The Ambrose School, ranked third in the statewide coaches’ poll and fourth in the media poll, took a big step toward the conference title with a narrow 52-49 win over Melba last Wednesday.

Hudson Hughes scored 21 points as the Archers (16-1 overall, 11-1 in conference) pulled out the win over Melba (15-3, 9-2).

Joe Reiber posted a double-double of 11 points and 11

rebounds, but the Mustangs saw a six-game winning streak end.

Melba came into the game tied for No. 5 with Valley in the Class 2A coaches’ poll.

The Mustangs can secure the No. 2 berth in the district tournament and a first-round bye outright with a victory against the Trojans tonight. Melba beat Nampa Christian, 79-69, on the road on Jan. 19.

Cache Beus continued his contributions against Ambrose

with nine points and 13 rebounds.

Rounding out the Archers’ scoring were Johnny Sugarman with 14 points and Ben Blythe with 13.

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# Looking back...

*from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle*

## 25 years ago

February 14, 1996



**Margie Isaguirre:** Margie won the adult’s People’s Choice for her oil painting of a scenic picture including ducks over water shown above.

### Local wins Smorgasbord “People’s Choice” award

Margie Isaguirre thinks being the recipient of the People’s Choice award is just the same as winning the Oscars.

Isaguirre received the prize for an oil painting of flying ducks over a body of water in the wilderness. This was her first experience painting ducks, she said, but not her first painting experience.

Isaguirre’s painting career began about 17 years ago.

### 4-Hers will see government in action

Four local youths will attend the 19<sup>th</sup> annual 4-H “Know Your Government” Conference in the spring.

Chris Basel of the Shoo Fly 4-H club, Matt VanderBoegh, Jill Butler and Tiffany Brown of the Tumbleweed 4-H club are among 160 delegates who will learn about Idaho’s state government decision-making process and judicial system, Mary Jean Craig of the Idaho State 4-H Office said.

### County resists snail listing

An Owyhee County recommendation to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service strongly resists listing of the Bruneau Hot Springsnail not only on scientific data, but the fact that the county is involved in the planning process with federal and state agencies, and believes a listing would only deter a positive process.

The letter, submitted by the Land Use Committee for the Owyhee County commissioners, lists the county’s involvement with the snail over the past years, the progress of the planning process in reference to the snail, the science that pertains to the snail, and concludes that a snail listing would only harm the species.

In the comments, the county reviews past county involvement in the process, including “studying (1) the first attempt to list the Bruneau Hot Springsnail as an endangered species, (2) the Court proceedings which resulted in a delisting action followed by a remand for reconsideration, (3) the proposal by the Bruneau Valley Coalition requesting an amendment to the Endangered Species Section of the Owyhee County Land Use Plan, (4) the proposal by Dr. Roy Mink for the Idaho Water Resources Research Institute of the University of Idaho, (5) the Habitat Maintenance and Conservation Plan proposed by the Bruneau Valley Coalition, (6) the information provided to us by Ted Koch and Trish Klahr of your service, (7) the information obtained during multi-agency meetings planned and held through the cooperation of the Endangered Species Subcommittee (chaired by Cindy Bachman) of this Committee.

## 50 years ago

February 11, 1971



ADJUSTING THE CROWN of Sue Wilson, reigning as Homedale High School Tip-Off Queen Jan. 30, is Paul Pearson, Tip-Off King. The royal couple were selected by popular votes cast by the student body. Miss Wilson is a junior and Pearson a senior. Photo by Bette Uda.

### Chief Larry Ryel has training in police work

Homedale’s new Chief of Police, Larry Ryel, served five years with the City of Orange, Calif., Police Department. He took police academy at Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, Calif., and received California Basic P.O.S.T. Certificate upon completion of two years’ experience of Law Enforcement and on completion of Police Academy.

He has received 21 units (college credits) of Police Science from Santa Ana College and Orange Coast College while on the Police Department in Orange.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryel have been married for 11 years and have three children. Mrs. Ryel, Cheryl, has been in Idaho since December and their three children, Scott, age 9, is in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Dorothy, age 7, is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and Paul is 18 months old.

### Marsing races to 10<sup>th</sup> win in TVL action

Marsing High breezed to its 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive Treasure Valley conference win Tuesday night by downing Greenleaf Academy 78-51. The Huskies are 14-4 for the season while the Grizzlies are 1-8 and 1-16.

Pat Tillman paced the Huskies with 23 and Tim Percifield tossed in 15. Dave Wilkins and Koch were high for Greenleaf with 12 each.

### Trojan quintet rallies to head off Panthers

The Homedale Trojans pulled out all stops Tuesday night and downed a stubborn Parma High five 69-62 in a Southwest Idaho league game.

With the win the Trojans stayed tied with New Plymouth at 6-1 for the loop lead while 11-5 over-all. Parma suffered its seventh league setback against no wins and is 7-10 on the year.

Parma led Homedale by a single point midway in the final period before the Trojans rallied to retake the lead and the game.

Paul Pearson topped Homedale with 20 points with 13 for Ray Garcia and 10 for Rick Degitz. Robin Johnson was high for Parma with 16 and Flip Lundy added 15.

## 155 years ago

February 10, 1866

CAMP ALVORD should be moved to the Chico road, or to the interior of some thickly settled community. It is right in the heart of an Indian country, off any traveled route, and without external protection. The Indians come close to nearly stealing Camp Lyon, and altogether succeeded in filching Camp Alvord on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November last. Their stock was nearly all stolen and the herder killed. The location of the Camp is calculated to drive the Indians out to the traveled road – if fierce enough to drive them anywhere.

If this Camp were located on White Horse or Trout Creek, it would still be in the Indian range and on the road, too. White Horse Creek affords fine camp accommodations, both as regards creature comforts, and securing scalps. It is, also, the right place on the road, being thirty-five miles from the Owyhee crossing on the Chico and Red Bluff road. Trout Creek is another good point, fifty miles from the Owyhee River. By establishing a Post on White Horse, the present crossing of the savages from the Owyhee and Malheur to the Queen’s River and Paradise Valley country would be interrupted, and possibly do more good than at any other point. A Post there would be less liable to capture, and might receive some protection from emigrants.

### ITEMS from the World:

SALE – We understand Messrs. More & Fogus have sold out their interests at Ruby City to some Eastern capitalists for the sum of \$940,000. They intend to continue operations hereafter in the Flint District, in the same county.

NEW YORK AND OWYHEE MILL – As this mill is fully completed, and running, it is proper that it should receive a fitting notice before being placed on the regular list.

The officers of the Company arrived here in the latter end of July, selected a site, and broke ground for the mill on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August last, and laid the corner stone on the 29<sup>th</sup> of the same month. The building is 69x71 feet, and has a Scriptural foundation – machinery and all being placed on solid bed rock. It has twenty stamps, with twelve pulp tanks, ten of Wheeler’s pans, with proper concentrators. The engine is one of 90 horsepower. All the machinery was manufactured at the Pacific Iron Works, San Francisco. The whole moved off, on the start, smoothly and noiselessly, as if so by use. It was intended to have the mill completed at an earlier day, but it was impossible to anticipate every necessity. Considering the size and durable construction of it, we can hardly see how the time could have been abridged. A month’s time is nothing compared to injurious haste. Only ten stamps will be run steadily until Spring. The changeableness of the weather, bad roads and difficulty of procuring wood in the snow, dictate this decision.

### ITEMS from the Idaho Statesman:

FROM ROCKY BAR – From Mr. A. Quivey, who came down day before yesterday, we get particulars from Alturas. The snow is about six feet deep, though the weather has not lately been very cold. All the mills except one are running successfully. There is no lack of rock, and the pay is good. In the Yuba district there are about seventy-five men spending the winter. Spring will bring lively times there, and several mills will be erected during the summer. At Rocky Bar and Red Warrior everybody is busy though communication has been so badly interrupted that people get the blues for the want of news.



# Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

## On the edge of common sense Believe it or not!



Do you believe in ghosts? How 'bout angels? Miracles? Tarot cards? I grew up believin' in Heaven and all its assorted angelic inhabitants and their counterparts in the singed black hats. Reincarnation wasn't taught in Sunday School, but we were encouraged to believe that souls existed. So, with this sort of background it was easy for me to accept ghosts. Especially when I saw the "ghost of Yankee Bill Summit."

This experience happened many years ago, but I was a full-grown man with a full-grown moustache. It was a crisp October, and Lee and I had driven to Yankee Bill in northern Nevada. We and the cowboys had worked cows all day. Since we still had another day's work, we stayed over at the old sheep headquarters high up in those beautiful mountains.

That evening Antonio had cooked up a great Basque supper: fried sweet peppers, spuds, codfish, Dutch oven bread and his special chicken-fried steak. We sat around the table in the company of Ten High and Vino Fino, smoking and getting beat at checkers by Juan Garay.

It was cold and a moonless night when we retired. Lee and I took a room right off the dining area. We laid out our rolls on a couple of cots and waited for everyone to hit the sack. The wood floor of this old sheep headquarters carried each footstep like it was next to ya.

Late into the night, Lee started talkin' in his sleep and woke me. He rolled over and shut up, but someone was standin' over me. I strained to see him by the starlight. He was pullin' his shirt over his head so I couldn't see his face, but he had on chinks, boots and big Mexican spurs.

I stared at him hard, and I could see the dresser behind him, through him. I sat up to get a better look. I realized I was wide-awake. I said, "What are you doin' here?" He didn't answer, so I swiped at him. He jumped back, but his boots didn't make a sound on the wood floor.

He stayed in the room as long as I stared at him. Finally I lay on my back, closed my eyes and willed myself to sleep.

Now, cowboys are a superstitious lot, so I didn't say much next mornin'. I made a few inquiries whether any old buckaroos had died up there. Nobody knew. Nobody but me, I guess. I know. I know 'cause I've seen him ... the ghost of Yankee Bill.

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Jon P. Brown, managing editor

## Eyes on Owyhee Protect community journalism, transparency in government



It happens in some form every year: A legislator tries to pass a law that will eliminate the requirement to publish legal notices in the newspaper.

In a mixed vote Thursday, the Idaho House of Representatives State Affairs Committee forwarded House Bill 53 to the floor with a do-pass recommendation. The full House was scheduled to vote on the bill Tuesday.

Freshman Dist. 34A Rep. Jon Weber (R-Rexburg) introduced this latest bill. The committee moved it forward after hearing opposing testimony from several people representing the Newspaper Association of Idaho, the Idaho Press Club and the Idaho Association of General Contractors.

Speakers representing city, county and highway district governments favored the bill.

The Owyhee Avalanche opposes HB 53, as should all newspapers and people who want to hold government accountable and keep its actions in the sunlight.

If passed, HB 53 would create Idaho Code 60-106B giving government entities — Owyhee County, municipalities in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View, and all sorts of local taxing districts — the option to publish legal notices on their official websites instead of what the entity has designated as

its official newspaper.

During his testimony Thursday, Weber stated that the majority of taxing districts without websites now have the option to publish on county or city websites. As near as I can tell, no such option exists in Owyhee County.

The Owyhee Avalanche is this county's official newspaper. In other counties, small (and oftentimes family-owned) newspapers are the vessels through which citizens learn about the machinations of government, including legal notices on public hearings to address planning and zoning issues, ordinance changes, whether or not to run a levy election, fee increases, and other actions that affect citizens' everyday lives.

Through his bill, Weber wants to eliminate the requirement for all units of government to publish legal notices in newspapers and allow those governmental entities to post legal notices on their own websites.

Such a proposal is fraught with consequences that would further diminish public access to and awareness of the actions of government.

— See *Transparency*, Page 7B

## From Washington It's time for a 3<sup>rd</sup> federal judge in Idaho

In 1953, then-U.S. Sen. Herman Welker (R-Idaho), a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, made a convincing case for the addition of a second federal judgeship for Idaho at a Judiciary subcommittee hearing. The senator cited the increase in cases, rising case backlog and considerable distance between places of holding court for the only federal judge in Idaho at the time. He asked, "How long can this able jurist physically and mentally stand this tremendous workload?"

In 1954, Congress went on to pass and President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed into law legislation adding that second federal judgeship for Idaho and additional judgeships for other states across our nation. The reasons our state needs a third federal judgeship today mirror those Sen. Welker shared with his Senate colleagues 67 years ago, only those justifications have intensified in the decades of Idaho's growth and development since. The report for the previously mentioned 1953 hearing includes statistics sought by Sen. Welker from the then-Chief Judge for the Third Circuit regarding the caseload of Idaho's then-only federal judge. The report indicates Idaho's federal judge had 147 pending civil cases in March of 1953. Sen. Welker also noted 25 pending criminal cases in the first half of 1953 in his testimony.

How does that caseload compare to the caseload today for our state's two federal judges? According to the most current available data from the Judicial Conference of the United States, Idaho's caseload included 527 filings per judge in the year leading up to September 2020. When the filings are weighted for the time it takes to deal with them, Idaho judges deal with 485 weighted filings per judge per year, creating a chokepoint on our justice system. Since 2003, the Judicial Conference of the United States has consistently found Idaho to be facing a judicial

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emergency based on weighted caseload numbers per active federal judge.

Further, when Idaho was allocated the second of its two federal judge positions in 1954, our state had a population of 600,000. Now, according to current U.S. Census Bureau population estimates, our state's population exceeds 1.8 million. Yet, we still only have two judgeships. Idaho is one of only three states with only two authorized federal judgeships. And, one of Idaho's two U.S. District Judges, Justice B. Lynn Winmill, announced recently he will be taking senior status effective Aug. 16, which will require timely action to fill his position.

Similarly populated states, such as Nebraska with 1.9 million people or West Virginia with approximately 1.8 million people, have three and eight authorized

— See *Judge*, Page 7B

Commentary

Financial management

Rash decision to start own business is asking for trouble

Dear Dave,  
I don't like admitting this, but I absolutely hate my job. Last year, I almost cashed out part of my 401(k) to start my own business or open a franchise, and doing something like this is still on my mind. Considering how I feel, do you think this would be a good idea?

— Kurt

Dear Kurt,  
In your current state of mind, this entire idea is a trap. Don't misunderstand, I love the idea of someone living their dream and owning their own business. But you just mentioned starting your own business in same breath with opening some sort of franchise. That tells me you don't really know what you

want to do.  
Have you ever heard someone say they're "going all in"? When you're playing cards that means you're about to bet everything on a single hand. But here's the deal, it's never smart to go all in when it comes to small business. That's a good way to turn a dream into a nightmare.

I'm urging you to really think about this before you take action. You didn't mention anything about your financial situation, other than you have a 401(k). That's a good thing, but if it's all you have — and you don't have any other savings set aside — you could be in real trouble. If you decided to leave your job, and your idea for your own business doesn't pan out, you've lost a chunk



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of your retirement savings. It's gone for good. Bankruptcy also becomes a real possibility. Opening a business just because you don't like your current job, or you're angry at "the man," is a bad idea.

You need to find something you truly love doing, because to have any chance of success you'll have to live and breathe that business day and night, seven days a week.

Don't make any rash decisions about your current job right now. If you really want to start your own business, begin by doing a lot of research, saving as much money as you can, and thinking about things you could do for a living that would make you smile every day. Once you figure that out, the next step is devising a plan that will allow you to open a business without putting your entire financial world in danger. In other words, how can you start small with the money you have, instead of damaging your retirement

funds or taking out a loan?  
It's not an either/or proposition, Kurt. You don't have to risk it all to get away from a job you hate and into one you love!

— Dave

— 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.

✓ Transparency: Bill further discourages participatory government

From Page 6B

Allowing internet-only legal publications would also further erode the precarious financial footing with which most community newspapers are already coping as internet giants such as Google and Facebook take huge bites out of other revenue streams such as display and classified advertising.

The most important issue, however, is transparency in government.

Removing public notices from newspapers eliminates third-party neutral interest and removes any independent proof of publication. And, as pointed out in Thursday's testimony, it could also eliminate an important historical archive.

It would eliminate an important safeguard that holds the publishing entity accountable and removes any safeguard against the legal posting being altered once it is placed online (such as surreptitiously changing the date of a hearing to reduce public input).

Publication in newspapers also gives readers a one-stop location to find all legal notices for every government board whose decisions affect them. In Owyhee County, that includes county commissioners, city councils, and the trustees for school districts, highway districts, library districts, cemetery districts, and irrigation districts.

Newspaper publication is convenient for citizens and saves them the time they may spend searching — in some cases — a dozen or more governmental websites. Newspapers also provide a permanent record for public notices. Under Weber's plan, reliable archiving of internet-based notices would be at the mercy of the continued operation of each government's official website — and site security.

House Bill 53: Who to contact

District 23  
Sen. Christy Zito (R-Hammett)  
czito@senate.idaho.gov  
(208) 332-1181

That is, of course, if the governmental entity in question has a website that is regularly updated — or a website at all.

In rural Idaho, if sufficient internet service is even available, government agencies such as highway districts, irrigation districts and even some small-town city halls, don't have the manpower to regularly update websites. The governing board secretaries are often part-time employees who may have full-time employment elsewhere, not to mention personal responsibilities at home.

Add to that pile of variables the fact that lawmakers and other officials are still trying to tackle the issue of reliable broadband internet service in rural and remote areas.

Another aspect to rural Idaho that Rep. Weber may have overlooked is an aging population that relies more on newspapers than the internet to get their news, including news of pending governmental actions.

It's easy to see that eliminating the requirement of newspaper publication has the potential to cut thousands of Idaho residents out of the participatory government process.

What's at work here may be an idea to streamline government spending (even though many legal

notices are paid for by those who are filing permits with the governments).

But what's at stake is the distinct possibility that Weber's idea will allow government boards to pull the shade down further on their dealings and discourage the minority of citizens who are still trying to pay attention to what their elected officials are up to.

Removing the requirement to publish legal notices in a government-designated official newspaper may be convenient for the governments, but it will damage public trust, further reduce public input and participation in government and further hamper community newspapers' fight for survival.

Allowing such legislation to gain traction pushes the pendulum of influence further away from rural communities and toward the population centers, which are more likely to have reliable internet service and more convenient ways to access the information.

In fact, there were few rural voices represented on the State Affairs Committee last week.

So the fight is on ... again.

Fortunately, Dist. 23B Rep. Megan Blanksma (R-Hammett) and Dist. 23A Rep. Matthew Bundy (R-Mtn. Home) told the Avalanche they opposed the bill.

If it passes the House, the next step is to put pressure on Dist. 23 Sen. Christy Zito (R-Hammett), among others, to reject the bill.

If you want to preserve community journalism and keep the sunshine on government happenings, let her and other senators know the importance of publishing legal notices in the Avalanche and other newspapers.

✓ Judge: State's population has tripled since last judge was added in '54

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judgeships, respectively. Two neighboring states with smaller populations than Idaho, Wyoming (582,328) and Montana (1.08 million), both have three authorized judgeships. California has 60 permanent judgeships and one temporary judgeship, while New York has 52 judgeships.

To ensure effective and efficient administration of justice, our state's judgeship allotment must keep pace with our growing state. On Jan. 22, fellow Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho) and I reintroduced legislation to establish a third federal district judgeship in Idaho. Reps. Mike Simpson (R-Idaho) and Russ Fulcher (R-Idaho) also introduced a counterpart to this

legislation in the House of Representatives.

Idaho needs a third judge to meet the demands of our growing state. I continue to work with my colleagues in Congress on both sides of the aisle for enactment of legislation that enables a third judgeship position for Idaho to help ensure effective access to the courts for Idaho's increasing population.

Sports



Marsing High School 120-pounder Solon Lafleur (top) beat Payette’s Gabe Monize by a 5-0 decision in an exhibition match on Feb. 1 at home. Photo by Kelly Ineck

Huskies get one win in makeup

The old Marsing High School gymnasium on Main Street played host to a pair of visitors in a wrestling tri-meet that had a decidedly different look than was originally planned. The Huskies had been scheduled to entertain Payette, Tri-Valley, Homedale, and Melba on Dec. 9, but COVID-19 had other plans. Rescheduled to Feb. 1, the meet featured Marsing, 1A Tri-Valley and 3A Snake River Valley member Payette. Homedale and Melba were scheduled for the original meet but didn’t return. Brian Marshall said the Trojans and Mustangs had too

many meets on their schedule and had to back out. The Huskies were wrestling short-handed again as they continue to deal with injury and illness. Marsing will end a 12-day competitive layoff when it plays host to its annual Pod Tournament. Melba plays host to the 2A District III Tournament at 10 a.m., on Saturday, Feb. 20. **Feb. 1: Payette 23, Marsing 0** —Solon Lafleur at 120 pounds and Jonathan Ineck (145) lost their matches by pinfall to Tyler Feeley and Kawika Lee-Bartolome, respectively.

Jonathan Leon (195) lost by a 15-0 technical fall to Colb Decaney. Jacob Goins (220) was pinned by Gabriel Ramos. Lafleur took a pair of exhibition matches by decision, beating Jordan Barrett, 6-1, and Gabe Monize, 5-0. Ramos pinned the Huskies’ Kail Wyman in an exhibition at 220. **Feb. 1: Marsing 6, Tri-Valley 6** — Ineck pinned Gabe Sutton in their match. Jonathan Leon lost to Blake Damon by pinfall. Ineck won a close decision, 14-12, against JC Henry in an exhibition match.

Homedale’s top eighth-graders keep on cruising

**B boys win two in a row**

Homedale Middle School’s top eighth-grade boys’ basketball team remained unbeaten last week with a couple of easy conference wins. The Trojans’ A team (6-0 overall, 5-0 in conference at week’s end) has three 3A Snake River Valley conference games left this season. The regular-season doubleheaders start at 4:15 p.m., with the tipoff of the B contest: **Thursday** — Home vs. Weiser **Tuesday** — at Fruitland **Thursday, Feb. 18** — Home vs. McCain of Payette. The postseason tournament is scheduled to run from Monday, Feb. 22 to Wednesday, Feb. 24 at a site yet to be determined.

**Thursday: Homedale 49, Parma 19** — The Trojans rolled in their rematch with the Panthers, but HMS coach Benji Sorenson said the visitors did a better job frustrating the Trojans’ gameplan. “We still managed to put together a 30-point win, but it wasn’t exactly a pretty game,” the coach said. “Parma slowed it down and tried to slug it out, and they did a good job again of making us play their game.” The Trojans’ 8-0 run at the end of the first half blew open the score, sending Homedale into the break leading 25-11. The Trojans held Parma scoreless in the fourth quarter. Luke Henry converted three of seven three-point goals and led the Trojans with 14 points. Teammate Breken Frank chipped in 13 points, and McCoy Swallow added 10.

**Feb. 2: Homedale 55, McCain 18** — Faced with the knowledge of a struggling program, the Trojans were able to maintain their composure in a conference victory in Payette. “It was really an opportunity for us to work on some new things we have been doing in practice and iron out some of the little things we need to fix on defense as well as get some experience for some kids,” Sorenson said. Five Trojans got their first starts of the season, including three — Carsten Smith, Todd Thatcher and Brock Walker — who had never started an A level game in their middle school careers. “I wanted those kids to get to run our press and learn what it takes to get us off to a quick start,” the coach said. Homedale got off to that desired fast start when Walker

Melba wrestlers split dual meets in N.P.

Melba High School split a couple of dual meets during a wrestling trip to New Plymouth last Wednesday. The host Pilgrims fueled a 55-24 2A Western Idaho Conference victory with a slew of first-round pinfalls. In the match of the meet, New Plymouth’s Grant Ethington edged McKoy Richardson, 6-5, at 132 pounds. Melba won two bouts in the upper weights. **Izzy Martin (182)** pinned Brock Winward in 3 minutes, 2 seconds. **Ben Evans (195)** pinned Malaki Lopez in 3:19.

**Melba 15, Tri-Valley 10** — In a brief encounter, Evan Michaelson pinned his opponent three seconds before the end of their bout to sew up the Mustangs’ victory. Wrestling at 145 pounds, Michael pinned Tri-Valley’s JC Henry at the 5-minute, 57-second mark to pick up a crucial six-point triumph. Brenton Overall won a 182 slugfest with Blake Damon, 17-11, in one of just two matches that went the distance. Vicente Acosta (132) took care of the Titans’ Adam Miller in 2:30 for another six-pointer for Melba.

Homedale youth prepare for baseball

Registration for Homdale Youth Sports softball, baseball, and Babe Ruth leagues ends Feb. 24. Registration for coach-pitch and T-ball will remain open until May 1. **Babe Ruth season** will be from March 1 through June 10. Players are from 13 to 15 years old and must be 13 by May 1. Registration is \$100. **T-ball/coach-pitch seasons** will run from May 17 to June 30. Coach-pitch players are 6 and 7 years old (6 by May 1). Registration is \$45. **T-ball (4-5; 4 by May 1).** \$35. **Rookie and minors seasons**

(8-10; 8 by May 1) run from March 1 to May 31. \$75. **Majors and AAA spring seasons** play March 1 to May 31. All players are 11- and 12-year-olds (11 by May 1). \$75. **Softball for 14U (13-14), 12U (11-12), 10U (9-10), and 8U (7-8)** runs April 1 to June 30. 14U, 12U, and 10U registration is \$75, while 8U is \$45. Online registration is at <https://www.homedaleyouthsports.com/>. Contact HYS secretary Amy Fossette at (208) 713-1638 for more information.

tapped the opening tip ahead to Alex Sotelo for a layup and a foul. Sotelo converted the three-point play and Homedale had the early lead just four seconds into the game. Smith went 2-for-2 from beyond the three-point line in the first quarter to help fuel Homedale’s 17-4 start. Walker played strong toward the basket, scoring seven of his nine points in the second quarter and drawing fouls. Swallow also played hard on the offensive end, crashing the boards for five of his team-high eight rebounds and leading all scorers with 17 points. Keaton Sorenson and Henry picked up six steals and four steals, respectively, to lead the defense.

**B team sweeps a pair Thursday: Homedale 29, Parma 26** — The Trojans

(3-2 at week’s end) held off a Panthers’ charge in the fourth quarter to stretch their 3A SRV winning streak to two games. Homedale led most of the game, including a seven-point advantage at the break. Dylan Arnold and Brandon Reynolds led the Trojans’ scoring effort. **Feb. 2: Homedale 43, McCain 9** — Nate Lindgren provided a defensive spark that led to easy layups. Cruz Bullard made a big impact on defense, too, cutting off the Pirates’ passing lanes for four steals and a bunch of deflected and disrupted passes. He also had three assists. Lindgren led the team with 10 points and six steals. He also grabbed four rebounds. Arnold and Mario Garcia scored eight points apiece with Arnold snagging four rebounds and Garcia notching two steals.

# Public notices

**SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES**  
**January 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2021**

**January 4**  
Set the agenda as presented.  
Approved to pay all outstanding bills for the following departments: General, \$309,8000; Technology, \$9,242; Jail, \$3,377; Road & Bridge, \$402; District Court, \$175; Probation, \$261; Health Dist., \$4,507; Indigent & Charity, \$10,833; Revaluation, \$320; Solid Waste, \$7,522; County Vessel, \$118;  
Approved the 12-28-20 minutes.  
Established twelve (12) voter precincts in Owyhee County:  
1North Homedale  
2South Homedale  
3North Marsing  
4South Marsing  
5Pleasant Valley  
6Wilson  
7Murphy  
8Oreana  
9Grand View  
10Bruneau  
11Riddle  
12Three Creek  
Approved the re-hire of John Cossell for the roll of Bailiff & OHV at the pay rate of \$18.08 per hour, effective January 8, 2021.  
Approved the lease of a Toshiba eStudio (copier and printer) for Owyhee County Sheriff's Office from Allied Business Solutions for \$106.50 per month for 63 months.  
Denied Indigent & Charity case 20-28 per Idaho code 31-3511-(3)-Application is incomplete.  
Lift the lien for one (1) day on Indigent & Charity case 12-03 for the purposes of mortgage refinancing by the lien holders.

**January 11**  
Swearing in ceremony for: Prosecutor Phillips  
Commissioner Hoagland  
Sheriff Grant  
Commissioner Aberasturi  
Re-organization of the Board: Commissioner Hoagland declined continuing to be the Chairman.  
Appointed Commissioner Merrick as Chairman of the Board.  
Appointed Commissioner Merrick as the District Magistrate Representative.  
Approved maintaining the remaining Commissioner duties as they were set in January of 2020  
Commissioner Aberasturi  
Southwest District Health Department Representative  
Treasure Valley Partnership Representative  
Weed Department Supervisor  
Probation Department Supervisor  
Commissioner Hoagland  
Road and Bridge #1 Supervisor  
Commissioner Merrick  
Road and Bridge #3 Supervisor  
Solid Waste Supervisor  
Planning & Zoning Supervisor  
Set the county burial fee at \$750.00.  
Declared The Owyhee Avalanche as the official newspaper of Owyhee County.  
Set the mileage reimbursement at \$.56 per mile, in accordance with the Internal Revenue Service's standard mileage rate.  
Set the agenda as presented.

Approved the 1-4-2021 minutes  
Approved the temporary hiring of Kelli Lathrop for the position of part time dispatcher with the Sheriff's Office, to begin on January 12, 2021, at the pay rate of \$17.00 an hour.  
Approved a certificate of residency to the College of Western Idaho for student #2021-01.  
Approved the lien on Indigent and Charity case 21-01.  
Approved the letter in response to appeal to St. Luke's for Indigent and Charity case 20-25.

**January 19**  
Set the agenda as presented.  
Approved to pay all outstanding bills for the following departments: Current Expenses, \$68,908; Road & Bridge, \$22,544; District Court, \$264; Fair, County, \$1,002; Probation, \$1,161; Museum, \$1,535; Indigent & Charity, \$106; Jr. College Tuition, \$2,600; Revaluation, \$1,083; Solid Waste, \$4,353; Weeds, \$175; 911, \$6,357; County Vessel, \$313; Waterways, \$801; Off Hwy Vehicles, \$290; Taxing Dist. Elections, \$122  
Approved the 1-11-2021 minutes.  
Approved Resolution 2021-02 a resolution of the Owyhee County Board of County Commissioners declaring Owyhee County Idaho to be a sanctuary for the amendments to the United States Constitution commonly known as "The Bill of Rights" and the Declaration of Rights found in article 1 of the Idaho Constitution.  
Approved Resolution 2021-03 the Destruction of Temporary Documents from the Owyhee County Clerk's Office.  
Cancelled Voter Registration Cards, December 2018 and older  
Returned Correspondence relating to Voter Registration, December 2018 and older  
Voter Cancellation Notices: Voter Moved, December 2018 and older  
Unused and Spoiled Ballots, September 2020 and older  
Poll Books, November 2015  
Voted ballots, ballots and ballot stubs, May 2017  
Ballots, Absentee ballots, mail-in ballots, absentee envelopes, and tally books, 2018 General Election  
Tax Cancellation & Exemption Records, December 2018 and older  
Financial Data: Claims – PA; Jail; Recorder, 2015  
Financial Data: Month End Reports, Tax Remittance Reports, Claims Approvals, 2015  
Financial Data: Auditors Certificates, 2015 and older  
Payroll Records: timesheets, 2010  
Approved the tax cancellation on Parcel No RPA01300010400 in the amount of \$1358.51. The homeowner received tax exemption for 2020, which was inadvertently left off when property taxes were calculated.  
Approved an Acknowledgement of Receipt response to Captain Anderson re the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment training in the vicinity of Saylor Creek Range.  
Approved a certificate of residency to the College of Western Idaho for student #21-02 and student #21-03.  
Approved the lien on Indigent and Charity case 21-02.  
Approved the denial of Indigent and Charity case 20-27 under Idaho Code 31-3511 – applicant failed to cooperate with the county.

**January 25**  
Set the agenda as presented.  
Approved the 1-19-2021 minutes.  
Approved the engagement agreement for legal services with Ramirez-Smith Law (the "Firm"). The scope of work provided by the Firm shall include, but is not limited to: legal research and consultations with the County's elected officials and others as requested; legal representation; preparation and presentation of legal trainings for the County elected officials and others as requested; and attendance as requested at regularly scheduled Board meetings. Compensation for services are: an hourly rate of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and the mileage rare of \$0.56 per mile traveled from the Firm Headquarters.  
Approved the service agreement between Homedale & Opaline Transfer Stations and Republic Services for solid waste disposal. With this contract, the county agrees to pay Republic Services \$126 per load from the Homedale Transfer Station and \$152 per load from the Opaline Transfer Station; haul and disposal services are estimated to be 2-3 containers per week per site.  
Approved the Owyhee County Comment on Review of the Section 368 Energy Corridors Regions 4, 5, and 6 Report regarding Westwide Energy Corridors.  
Approved the 2020 County Vessel Fund.  
The 2021 Employee Wage Adjustments was tabled until the afternoon of Wednesday, January 27, 2021.  
Board of Commissioners met with BLM for their second bi-monthly meeting.

**January 27**  
Set the agenda.  
Approved employee wage adjustments as presented.  
The complete minutes can be viewed online at www.owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk's office.  
02/10/2021

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
On March 1, 2021, the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners will hear testimony in Courtroom 2 of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho on the following matter:  
**Beginning at 10:00 am**, the Board will consider a recommendation of approval from the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding a request filed by **Gordon & Sandra Trout** seeking to rezone a portion of their parcel, totaling approximately 9 acres, from agricultural to multi-use zone. The subject parcel, RP03N05W220031, is a 201-acre parcel located at 3759 Market Road approximately 1 mile south of Homedale in an agricultural zone. The portion to be rezoned is contiguous to the multi-use zone lying south of Market Road and north of the B5 canal in a portion of the NE¼ of the NW¼ of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.  
A copy of the proposed project is available for review in the Community Development office or at owyheecounty.net under

Public Hearing Documents on the Community Development page. For additional information please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2.  
02/10/2021

**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 ABOVENAMED 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/ Rachele 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 DEVISEES 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 DEVISEES 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/ Rachele Fahey, Deputy Clerk  
02/03,10,17,24/2021

**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



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# 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

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## Sports

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✓ **Raiders: Familiar foe awaits in district championship**

The Raiders (16-2 overall) have won 11 consecutive games, including a 56-42 win over Liberty Charter on Jan. 22 in Bruneau.

Liberty Charter (17-2) reached the district final with a 46-26 blowout of No. 3 Notus on Saturday.

The Raiders have won two of the past three district championships, beating Liberty Charter last season and in 2018. Rimrock lost the district title game to Notus in 2019.

Rimrock is 1-6 in its three most recent State appearances, but they have lost six consecutive games, starting with a consolation game setback in 2018 against Liberty Charter.

**Saturday: Rimrock 47,**

**Riverstone International 25** — Sintia Varela hit a three-point goal at the first-half buzzer to help the Raiders pull away.

The Otters were up to the challenge over the first eight minutes as Rimrock fought to an 11-9 advantage. The Raiders' Madie Macmillan scored five of her game-high 18 points in the first quarter.

Varela's trey before halftime closed out Rimrock's 14-3 run to the break.

A senior, Varela scored half of her 14 points in the third quarter as Rimrock maintained its edge.

Mattie Draper and Sami Jewett also canned three-pointers for the Raiders.

Kaisa Zoller scored 11 points for Riverstone, which had reached the semifinals with a 43-32 victory over No. 5 Greenleaf Friends Academy.

**Thursday: No. 1 Rimrock 62, No. 8 North Star Charter** — Varela scored 12 points in the fourth quarter as the hometown Raiders ran away to a victory in their postseason opener.

Varela nearly achieved a triple-double in Bruneau. She popped a pair of fourth-quarter three-point goals to cap her 21-point night and added 11 rebounds and eight assists. She denied the Huskies many second chances, taking down seven defensive rebounds and coming up with four steals.

After a modest 14-6 start, Rimrock claimed a 26-12 advantage at the break.

Sami Jewett, younger sister of Rimrock coach Kyla Jewett, fired in a pair of three-point goals in the first quarter en route to 14 points. She also set up teammates with six assists.

Another senior, Macmillan scored eight of her 12 points before halftime, and she chimed in with nine rebounds and four steals.

Ashtyn Moore contributed seven rebounds and four steals while scoring a third-quarter bucket.

— *The Owyhee Avalanche* correspondent *Mandi Boren* contributed to this report.



*Sintia Varela shoots at Columbia High School on Saturday. Photo by Mandi Boren*

✓ **Trojans: Defense starts clicking, but boys stumble against Grizzlies**

consecutive home game that could mean the difference between playing on the road or at home to start the 3A District III Tournament next Wednesday.

The Wolverines (6-12, 4-3) have the inside track on the No. 3 seed and beat the Trojans, 37-31, on Jan. 23.

**Saturday: McCall-Donnelly 38, Homedale 35** — The Vandals cranked down its chances and cranked up its accuracy in the second half of a consistently close game.

A disparity in chances at the foul line was the real breaking point, though. McCall-Donnelly went 10-for-13 from the line, while Homedale missed on half of its 10 chances.

The Trojans owned a 19-17 lead at the break, but McCall-Donnelly converted eight of its 13 shots (61.5 percent) over the final 16 minutes to beat Homedale to the finish line.

The Vandals remained unbeaten in the 3A SRV, a half-game behind leader Fruitland.

Homedale eked out a half-time lead despite a 30 percent shooting success (6-for-20) in the first half. Homedale was 6-for-16 (37.5 percent) in the second half and popped three three-pointers on each side of the intermission.

Jaxon Dines scored three treys and was 3-for-4 from the free-throw line while leading Homedale with 16 points.

Fellow sophomore Mason Strong added 13 points on 3-for-4 shooting inside the perimeter and two treys.



*Sophomore Mason Strong drives through the lane Friday against Parma.*

The Vandals' DJ Green led all players with 17 points.

**Friday: Homedale 52, Parma 51 (OT)** — The Trojans kept their hopes for a tournament home opener alive, and — at the very least — potentially wrapped up the No. 4 seed.

Dines' season-high 23 points helped the Trojans gain some breathing room against the Panthers (3-13, 1-7) and Payette, who are battling for the fifth and sixth district seeds.

Homedale's overtime win closed out a season series sweep over Parma.

The Trojans' patience and

popping style of half-court offense came into its own, too.

Homedale snapped quick passes around the perimeter as players moved around to get open against the Panthers.

On eight occasions, that rotating, weaving offense ended with either Dines or Milo Mertz drilling a three-pointer. On other trips down the floor, Dines slashed to the lane and drew fouls, sometimes getting the bucket in the process.

Dines was 4-for-6 on two-pointers and 4-for-9 on treys. He sank half of six free throws.

Mertz was 4-for-6 from

three-point territory, encompassing every shot he took on a 12-point night.

Like Dines, Strong took the ball to the hole often. Although struggling from the three-point line (0-for-6), he scored two baskets and hit three foul shots for seven points.

Bryce Cornwall's only points of the night came on a three-point play to stop a six-point Parma run in the second quarter. He converted a snap pass from Trenton Fisher then dropped the free throw after Jarod Krohn's foul to push Homedale back to a 21-15 lead.

Three-pointers from Isaiah Krohn and Jose Angel Barba drew Parma to within a point, 24-23, during a bad stretch for Homedale later in the period. But Dines' trey gave Homedale some cushion 79 seconds before the intermission.

Parma improved its accuracy in the second half, sinking 10 of 19 shots (52.6 percent) to for a 45-45 tie and overtime.

Barba was 6-for-6 on free throws and 5-for-8 on treys to fuel a game-high 27 points. Parma teammate Josiah Larson scored 12 points.

**Feb. 2: Fruitland 65, Homedale 47** — Despite seven three-pointers after intermission, the Trojans never recovered from the Grizzlies' dominant first half.

Fruitland never trailed, scoring 22 first-quarter points on the way to its largest lead of the game, 35-13, at the break.

After knocking down only

four of 18 attempts in the first half (22.2 percent), the Trojans began to hit the mark over the final 16 minutes. Dines and Strong both nailed four three-pointers.

Homedale converted 13 of 31 second-half shots (41.9 percent), but couldn't overcome the icy first half or slow down Fruitland, which converted 47.6 percent (10-for-21) of its shots in the second half.

The Trojans were at a distinct disadvantage in free throws, too. Even though Homedale converted four of five chances, the Grizzlies visited the line 21 times, scoring 14 points.

Hyrum Lindsey and Nolan Bower, the Grizzlies' tall frontcourt players who dominated the first go-round on the Trojans' floor, combined for 48 points in Fruitland's home victory.

Lindsey was 8-for-8 from the foul line and finished with a double-double of 28 points and 13 rebounds (including seven offensive boards).

Bower missed only one shot inside the perimeter (6-for-7) and canned a pair of three-pointers for 20 points.

Dines led Homedale with 21 points. He was 3-for-3 on free throws and grabbed six of his team-high seven rebounds on Fruitland's glass.

Strong scored 16 points. He didn't take a free throw.

Eli Heck (1-for-2) was the only HHS player other than Dines to step to the foul line.