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Homedale youth center holds grand opening

The Rock of Homedale spokesperson Kathy Deal delivered an emotional address to nearly 50 supporters who gathered during the youth center's grand opening celebration on Saturday afternoon. The Rock has been planned for 2½ years, and Deal spoke of the trials and tribulations that have been encountered and overcome for the vision to become reality. The non-denominational Christian youth center has been open for business from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m., Monday through Thursday since Jan. 13 in the 300 block of East Owyhee Avenue, just east of the high school.

GV faces water, sewer rate increases

Public hearings set on increases, community center block grant

Grand View citizens could see substantial rate hikes for both water and sewer services as the city grapples with needed infrastructure repairs.

The city council will hold a public hearing on "impending" rate increases at 6 p.m., on Tuesday, March 16.

The hearing will be held at the new Grand View Community Center, 510 Idaho St. Social distancing guidelines will be in place, and masks are suggested.

— See *Increases*, page 7A

Local DMV adjustments continue

Mon.-Thurs. schedule slated at GV satellite

Owyhee County Assessor Toni Gruenwald continues to make changes to the three Division of Motor Vehicles offices under her supervision in an effort to serve the county's citizens.

The DMV office in Grand View, which is currently in City Hall, is keeping to its schedule of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., every other Wednesday. Gruenwald said that construction of the new

— See *DMV*, page 4A

Absentee ballot deadline Friday

Marsing, BGV to stage March 9 levy elections

Voters in the Marsing and Bruneau-Grand View school districts have until Friday to request absentee ballots for the March 9 election.

Patrons in both districts face levy elections.

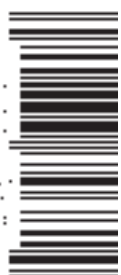
Bruneau-Grand View trustees have proposed a two-year supplemental maintenance and operation property tax levy, while Marsing seeks renewal

— See *Absentee*, page 5A



BLM prepares for another jackpot burn

A Bureau of Land Management firefighter ignites areas of heavy, downed juniper jackpots during the 2019 Trout Springs Prescribed Burn. A similar operation could begin as early as today. For more, see **Page 16A** Photo courtesy BLM



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Gypsy Jackson library celebrates Dr. Seuss

Story Time back to one session

With the state entering Stage 3 of the governor’s reopen plan, Story Time is back to one session at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library.

The Homedale city library’s preschool reading program returns to one session each week.

The next session runs from 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m., on Monday. The second 45-minute session has been discontinued because parents prefer the earlier time, library officials said.

With Theodor Geisel’s 116th birthday approaching, Story Time will kick off the library’s celebration of Dr. Seuss and other Geisel creations.

The Story Time children will hear “I Wish I Had Duck Feet” and “Hooper Humperdink...? Not Him!...,” which Geisel wrote under his pen name Theo. LeSieg.

The craft will help children make duck feet they can take home and wear.

On Geisel’s birthday, Tuesday, the library at 121 W. Owyhee Ave., will play host to a Dr. Seuss Night for families

from 5:30 p.m., to 6:30 p.m.

The event theme is The Sneetches. There will be a drawing to win “The Sneetches” book and a Sneetch plushie.

Activities will include a fishing pond, a photo booth, crafts and more.

Refreshments will be provided.

The escape room returns to Teens & Tweens on Thursday. The Mad Scientist Escape Room activity starts at 5 p.m., as the boys and girls ages 10-17 split into two groups.

Each group will work together to solve puzzles and find the solution.

At least 15 to 20 youth attend each week, so the library will continue to utilize the Homedale Community Foodstead building next door for one group. Youth coordinator Carol McMichael said both buildings will be utilized most weeks unless the activities are able to move outside.

“We are splitting into two groups for this next activity because I am hoping it will give the kids more of a chance to participate in solving the puzzles,” McMichael said.

Call (208) 337-4228 for more information.

Homedale’s growth dings rural school funding from feds

Football field press box needs replaced

As Homedale grows, the school district is taking a funding hit.

In her monthly report to the board of trustees, federal programs director Christine Ketterling said that the district will lose about \$23,000 in federal funding for the 2021-22 school year.

The district had received money from the federal Department of Education’s Rural Education Program for the past few years, Ketterling said. But changes to the program, including the formula used to calculate eligibility, has Homedale on the outside looking in.

It’s not a surprise, though.

“They had notified us of this change last year, but in the summer of 2020 reinstated us for one more year,” Ketterling wrote in her report.

District superintendent Rob Sauer said the money provides pay and benefits for 60 percent of an elementary paraprofessional and one period of a certified staff

member at the high school.

He said that a change in the district’s demographic and median household income played a part in the loss of the funding.

“We will try to utilize other federal programs or general fund dollars to cover the costs,” Sauer said.

Deward Bell Stadium press box deteriorating

District transportation and maintenance director Dan Aberasturi is in the process of getting price quotes to build a new announcer’s stand at Deward Bell Stadium.

In his Feb. 8 board report, Aberasturi said the roof has rotted because of a lack of a waterproof barrier. That has led to partially rotting in the floor and walls.

The project would involve dismantling the existing structure and replacing it with a new one.

“It’s possible it will be completed before the start of the season,” Sauer said. “It really will depend on cost as we are balancing other projects with the cost of the four new elementary classrooms.”

Sauer said the preliminary plan is to use plant facility

funds for the new press box.

It would be the third major construction project at the football field in the past few years along with the construction of a concession stand beyond the west end zone and the Mike Matteson Fieldhouse, which was financed in part by money from the Matteson family.

The school district still hasn’t devised a plan to replace the all-weather athletic track that rings the Deward Bell field. In the past, advisors have said a complete replacement is necessary. That would costs hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Personnel changes

Most of the personnel moves the board finalized dealt with food service staff.

But elementary school paraprofessional Michelle Endicott was bumped from part-time to full-time.

Selena Moyer is now a full-time food service staffer at the middle school after the resignation of Sonia Machuca.

Arturo Cervantes Valle has been hired as part-time food service staffer at the high school.

— JPB

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Senior project, CARES Act help Homedale students quench thirsts

Water bottle filling stations now in place at all schools

An annual weight training fundraiser helped add a second water bottle filling station to the Homedale High School campus.

Installing a water dispenser was part of Thomas Symms' senior project, and funds were raised through the school's Lift-a-thon before the Thanksgiving break.

With guidance from his mentor, weight training instructor Brady Swallow, Symms coordinated the weight-lifting fundraising in which more than 100 participants collected pledges for the amount of work they accomplished in the weight room.

The Lift-a-thon raised about \$2,600. After the dispenser was purchased and installed, the remainder of the proceeds helped purchase weight-training equipment, school secretary/bookkeeper Sherri Romriell said.

Now, across the hall from the weight room in the HHS gymnasium, is a water dispenser.

The dispenser sits just outside the girls' locker room, and it's the second such dispenser on the campus.

The school district used CARES Act money to buy and install the first dispenser, which is located on the south wall of the gymnasium foyer.

District transportation and maintenance director Dan Aberasturi said in his report to the board of trustees for its Feb. 8 meeting that there are four dispensers in use at the schools.

The first dispenser at the high school cost \$1,100.



Homedale High School senior Ashley Maybon, 17, fills a water bottle outside the girls' locker room. The dispenser was part of Thomas Symms' senior leadership project.

CARES Act funding was used to obtain a dispenser for the elementary school.

The middle school's dispenser, which cost \$1,500, was purchased with general fund money.

"The one at the middle school was purchased before CARES funds were available," district superintendent Rob Sauer said.

— JPB



The VFW Samuel C. Phillips Post 11065 has another raffle in the works. Proceeds from tickets sold to win this Kimber American 1911 .45 caliber pistol will go toward the building fund to put a new roof on the VFW hall in Wilder.

VFW raising funds to roof Wilder hall

Area military veterans have launched another raffle to help put a new roof on their meeting hall.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Samuel C. Phillips Post 11065 is giving away a Kimber American 1911 .45 caliber pistol.

Tickets are on sale now for \$5 each. Ticket sales will continue until the winner is decided during the VFW's July 8 meeting.

VFW members will sell tickets at Albertsons in Homedale

the weekend before Memorial Day weekend and two weeks before Memorial Day at M&W Market in Marsing.

Members will sell tickets the weekend before the Fourth of July at Albertsons and two weekends before Fourth of July at M&W Market

For more information on the VFW or obtaining tickets, call Carlson at (208) 649-7006.

VFW members also plan to place flags on veterans' graves at Wilder Cemetery prior to Memorial Day.

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SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
				Max	Min	Avg
(measured in inches)						
(measured in Fahrenheit)						
Mud Flat						
02/16	3.9	18	4.4	33	26	29
02/17	4.0	17	4.6	33	7	24
02/18	4.1	17	4.7	32	4	21
02/19	4.2	19	4.8	44	28	33
02/20	4.3	19	4.9	34	15	27
02/21	4.3	19	4.9	36	13	27
02/22	4.3	19	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
02/16	5.4	21	9.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
02/17	6.2	25	9.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
02/18	6.8	24	9.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
02/19	7.4	27	9.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
02/20	7.6	27	9.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
02/21	7.6	26	10.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
02/22	7.6	26	10.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
02/16	10.3	42	14.2	27	22	25
02/17	10.6	43	14.4	33	18	22
02/18	10.6	42	14.4	31	17	25
02/19	10.8	40	14.8	36	24	30
02/20	11.4	45	15.4	33	20	24
02/21	11.5	45	15.5	35	20	27
02/22	11.6	43	15.6	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 51 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 250 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 28 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 361,851 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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✓ DMV: Grand View office still open every other Wed.

DMV office will be completed soon. Once open, it will operate from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Brandi Long has been hired as the Grand View DMV clerk, and she will start in the position on Monday, March 8. For the past few months, the assessor's cartographer/deed processor Lesli Hinton has been doubling as DMV clerk in Grand View.

Gruenwald said that for the time being, the Grand View office will be open to walk-ins, but the volume of business will be monitored and the protocol adjusted appropriately.

"If it gets too busy, we may have to go to appointment-only," she said.

The Marsing office will continue its schedule of 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, by appointment only. To make an appointment, click on the Assessor's tab on the county's website, www.owyheecounty.net, and follow the prompts at the bottom of the page.

The DMV office located inside the county courthouse in Murphy is open from 9 a.m. to noon by appointment only. When the office reopens at 12:30 p.m., only Owyhee County residents will be served.

Gruenwald said recently that doing business by appointment has been great, but motorists from more populous nearby counties still are taking up much of the time frame.

The assessor's office has struggled to accommodate the needs of its citizens as county DMV offices have been inundated with customers from Ada and Canyon counties. Steps to make Owyhee citizens the focus resulted in changes such as serving Owyheean before out-of-county customers, regardless of who was in line first.

— TK

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Readying vegetable seeds, fruit trees for fast-approaching spring

With the recent snowy weekend pushing me to finalize my garden layout plan, it is now time to calendar a planting schedule. In fact, you might be starting pepper seeds indoors this week, followed by tomatoes two weeks later and perhaps lettuce three weeks after that.



Nic Usabel

While I could generalize some seed starting dates the best-made planting timeline comes when you review the material for yourself to create a planting timeline that will work for your growing environment. You can do just that by using UI Extension Bulletin: *Spring Vegetable Planting Guide for Idaho*. This guide provides general guidelines for planting dates across Idaho’s hardiness zones. You can view the resource yourself at <https://bit.ly/UIBUL965>.

Thinking of starting seeds? Struggled with starting seeds in the past? Here are a few tips to get off to a successful sprout:

- Use clean sterilized containers that have holes for drainage.
- Fill containers with light-textured sterile potting mix and use the bottom watering method to water seeds and seedlings.
- Keep the growing medium in moderate condition, not wet, and never let the seedling wilt.
- Provide a supplemental light source for 12 to 16 hours, allowing the seedlings a period of rest overnight from the artificial light.
- Provide air circulation to help strengthen the seedlings and reduce potential for fungal disease.
- Fertilize with a diluted solution only as needed after the young plants have at least four leaves.
- Finally, before moving the plants outdoors, provide a week of hardening off. During this time gradually acclimate the plants to mild outdoor temperatures, doubling their exposure time each day. Plants should be placed outside into indirect light when temperatures

are mild, and the air is calm. For additional seed-starting information, view UI Extension Bulletin: *Start Seeds Indoors with Success* at <https://bit.ly/CIS1209>.

For those with fruit trees, consider a delayed-dormant oil spray applied at a rate of two percent after bud swell, which coincides with the increasing activity stage of overwintering pests.

Application must be made when temperature and bud stage correspond. Only apply oil if temperatures remain above 40°F for 24 hours after application.

With ideal conditions, oil should be applied on a clear, non-windy day in the 50° to 70°F temperature range. The window of application extends from bud swell to when the leaves just start emerging.

The last point you can safely apply oil based on fruit tree crop are apple at half-inch green, but ideal application at green tip stage; Pear at cluster bud; Cherry at white bud; Peach/Nectarine at pre-bloom.

Thoroughly cover all cracks and crevices. If aphids and scale have been a serious problem in previous years, an insecticide could be added.

Read and follow label instructions for preparation and application.

For additional resource links and bud stage pictures search “2021 Delayed-Dormant Oil Application” at <http://pnwpestalert.net>.

In March, join a free class virtually to learn more about “Lawn Care for Success” at <https://bit.ly/21Lawn2C> or “No Till for the Home Gardener” at <https://bit.ly/NoTill2C2021>.

Have a successful start to your garden season! Reach out to me or a local Extension office with additional questions.

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Dean’s List

The College of Idaho

Two local students qualified for The College of Idaho Dean’s List after the fall 2020 semester at the private college in Caldwell.

Jordan Valley — Baylee Davis maintained a 3.88 grade-point average majoring in Biology.
Marsing — Katelyn Hobbs

Calendar

Today

Food distribution

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., The HUB food pantry, 205 8th 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. 6th 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

Food bank drop-off

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

Teens & Tweens

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

Friday

Idaho Foodbank drop-off

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

Marsing FFA drive-by lunch

11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Marsing Ag shop, 209 8th Ave. W., Marsing. National FFA Week community lunch

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Story Time

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

Tuesday

Writing group

9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale.

Dr. Seuss Night

5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Wednesday, March 3

Homedale FFA blood drive

8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Homedale High School auxiliary gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

Food distribution

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

NOCWMA annual meeting

Noon, Owyhee County Community Center, 432 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. Public invited.

Christian Life Club

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

Grand View Fire commissioners meeting

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

Thursday, March 4

Teens & Tweens

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

Owyhee County Fair Board meeting

7 p.m., Owyhee County Community Center, 423 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3888

Monday, March 8

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Story Time

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

Homedale Library Board meeting

1:30 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Homedale FFA chapter meeting

6:30 p.m., Homedale High School Ag shop, East Owyhee Avenue and North 2nd Street East, Homedale.

Tuesday, March 9

Writing group

9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale.

Ridgeview Irrigation meeting

1 p.m., South Board of Control boardroom, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. Meeting available via Zoom, call (208) 337-3760 for link.

Gem Irrigation meeting

1:15 p.m., South Board of Control boardroom, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. Meeting available via Zoom, call (208) 337-3760 for link.

South Board of Control meeting

1:30 p.m., South Board of Control boardroom, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. Meeting available via Zoom, call (208) 337-3760 for link.

Melba School Board meeting

5 p.m., district office, 511 Broadway, Melba. (208) 495-1141

American Legion Post 128 meeting

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

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

Death notices

HAROLD D. BOWERS, 87, of Caldwell, died Thursday, Feb. 18, 2021 at his home. Services are under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

MARY L. MARSH, 84, of Grand View, died Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021. Arrangements: Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, 500 N. 18th E., Mountain Home. www.rostfuneral.com and (208) 214-4348

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar: **Not Available due to the Coronavirus*
Curbside pickup only between noon and 1 p.m.
Phone ahead 208-337-3020 to order
Dessert is included in curbside lunch
Milk available each day
Roll available each day except Feb. 24th
Suggested donation: \$5
Feb. 24: Nachos (ground beef, cheese sauce, tortilla chips, salsa, sour cream), broccoli, rice
Feb. 25: Chicken patty, macaroni and cheese, beets
March 2: Baked fish, fries/tater tots, carrots
March 3: Ham and Beans, California blend vegetables, corn bread
March 4: Spaghetti, green beans
March 9: Salisbury steak with mushrooms and onions, mashed potatoes and gravy, beets
March 10: Tuna noodle casserole, country trio vegetables

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing

Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside Marsing City Hall
Milk available each day
Suggested donation: \$4 (60 and older), \$6 (59 and younger)
Feb. 24: Oven fried chicken, cheesy potatoes, broccoli, V-8 juice, wheat roll
Feb. 26: Cheesy cod, brown rice, snap peas, peaches, wheat roll
March 1: White bean and kale soup with chicken, carrots, pears and blueberries, wheat roll
March 3: Mexican beef casserole, Mexican rice, corn, tortilla
March 5: Breaded fish, brown rice, peas, coleslaw, wheat bread
March 8: Roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, juice, wheat roll
March 10: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, graham crackers, wheat bread

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
Curbside pickup from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or delivery only.
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Feb. 25: Swiss steak, baked potato, carrots, peaches, yogurt, bread
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Obituary

Margaret Dines

July 18, 1942
– February 19, 2021
Margaret Dines, 78, passed away on February 19, 2021, of natural causes, surrounded by her family. She was a true fighter until the very end. She was born July 18, 1942 in Enid, Oklahoma to Niles Oyler and Laburma Oyler Rong. At the age of 4 she, along with her three older sisters and mother moved to Marsing. Margaret graduated Marsing High School.



Margaret married the love of her life, Ralph Dines, on October 6, 1963 and shared 57 wonderful years together. Through this union they were blessed with two children, Tracy (Raymond) Gaviola and Kelly (Bj) Dines, four

grandchildren, Madison (Cole) Pryor, Britney (Josh) Behrens, Conner Goff & Josh Dines. Three great-grandchildren, Aspen, Caisey and Presley. She was preceded in death by

her parents, two sisters, Wanda Kent and Gladys Larsen, two sisters-in-law, seven brothers-in-law and a son-in-law. Margaret is survived by her husband, children, grandchildren, sisters, Mamie (Don) Bair, Donna Chaney and Mary (Barb) Rong. The family would like to thank the hospice caregivers, Emily, Consulo and Amie for the wonderful care and compassion that they showed our Mother and family. Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 26, 2021 at 1:00 pm at Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Caldwell. Interment will follow at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Condolences can be given at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com

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Increases: City sponsors club’s grant try

The community center now occupies the former St. Henry’s Catholic Church. City council members propose a 79.3 percent increase in the water bills, from \$25.21 per month to a flat rate of \$45.21 per hookup (regardless of residential or commercial). A flat rate is also planned for sewer connections. Customers will pay \$40.78 per month (an increase of 64.6 percent from the current \$24.78 per month). The city is still waiting to hear back from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality on the facility plans submitted for the water system and the wastewater system. DEQ has the plans for review now, according to City Clerk and Treasurer Kathy Brown. Rate hikes are typical when a city needs to find government grants or loans to pull off system rehabilitation. Grand View faces major projects for both of its systems: • A wastewater lagoon rehabilitation for the sewer system • A rehab of Well No. 1 to restore redundancy in the municipal water system Both projects are necessary to maintain regulatory compliance with Idaho DEQ guidelines. Brown said city leaders are investigating loans and grants from several agencies, including an Idaho Community Development Block Grant, U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development, and the Army Corps of Engineers. **Community center grant hearing set** Another city council public hearing will tackle the issue of a community development block grant to help with the remodeling of St. Henry’s Catholic Church into the Grand View Community Center. The city is the fiscal agent for the \$225,000 grant for which the Grand View Community Club has applied. The hearing is set for 4 p.m., on Tuesday at the Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave. Verbal and written comments are being accepted prior to the hearing and also during the hearing. The hearing will serve as an informational meeting outlining the need for the project, the application process, the scope of work, funding and budget, schedule and benefits. — JPB

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Idaho congressman floats dam breaches to save salmon

Simpson’s plan would strive to mitigate waterflow changes

by Connor Swersey
UI McClure Center intern
U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson (R-Idaho) released his plan to help rejuvenate and save Idaho’s steelhead and salmon populations by removing four dams on the Snake River.

Simpson has been quoted in the past saying that this is one of his goals as a representative. He and his staff released the \$33.5 billion plan earlier this month.

The plan consists of multiple sections from his staff’s information-gathering stages, pros and cons of the dams in question, wildlife impacts on salmon and steelhead, questions in funding, and the path moving forward.

Information Gathering: “In the last three years, my staff and I have held over 300 meetings,” the plan stated. These meetings took place with representatives from the following agencies, industries, governments and interest groups:

- Agriculture
- Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)
- Communities
- Conservationists
- Energy
- Recreation
- Salmon
- States

- Transportation
 - Tribes
- In the meetings, the staff and representatives sought answers to questions:
- What if the four Lower Snake River Dams (LSRDs) were breached?
 - How would each group be affected?
 - Could benefits be replaced?
 - How much will it cost?

These questions allowed Simpson and his staff gauge the public mindset behind the dams. Simpson did have two questions that he believed Idahoans should be asking:

- “Are the four LSRDs beneficial?”
- Simpson found that the four LSRDs provide many benefits to the state:

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The ability to have an inland port in Lewiston because of the dam’s lock system allowing freighters to travel that far inland. This provides Idaho with a low-cost transportation method for crops like grain.

The dams also provide easy access to irrigation water for Idaho’s farmers.

- “Are Idaho’s salmon doing well?”

Simpson explains that the simple answer to this is that Idaho’s salmon are not doing well today. Current returns of wild salmon that swim more than 900 miles from central Idaho to the Pacific Ocean are nowhere near what they were and now are on “a trajectory towards extinction,” the plan reports.

The biggest factors Simpson be-

lieves is causing this are poor ocean conditions, warmer water in rivers/ reservoirs created by the LSRDs due to global warming and climate change, and finally having four more dams for Idaho salmon to navigate.

Simpson’s plan: Simpson then asks the public “do we want to roll up our sleeves and come together to find a solution to save our salmon, protect our stakeholders and reset our energy system for the next 50 plus years on our terms?”

He then lays out his concept for a \$33.5 billion with large steps outlined below:

- Dam removal in 2030 and 2031 costing up to \$1.4 billion with another \$900 million in mitigation and studies
- Energy replacing costing up to \$10 billion where the BPA or another entity will have replacement generation built and online before the dams are removed
- Working groups with watershed partnerships from the Snake River Basin, Willamette Watershed, Columbia Watershed, Puget Sound Watershed, Washington Coastal Watershed, Oregon Coastal Watershed, and the Montana Watershed costing up to \$3 billion to revitalize habitat
- Funding for agriculture for enhanced nutrient management costing up to \$1.6 billion
- Funding for outdoor water-related tourism and recreation costing up to \$425 million
- Funding for Idaho’s irrigators cost-

ing up to \$750 million to reengineer the irrigation affected by dam removal

- Funding for Idaho’s agricultural handlers like transportation, storage, and barge system costing up to \$4.4 billion

These are not all the costs and do not go into detail like the concept on Simpson’s website, but these are some of the big costs associated with his plan.

Simpson states that President Biden is working on a \$2 trillion to \$3 trillion stimulus for improving American infrastructure and clean-energy jobs. Simpson’s concept would cost just one to two percent of that stimulus.

Simpson wants to hear Idahoans’ feedback and can be reached by email at simpson.concept@mail.house.gov.

He wraps up his plan with a statement for all Idahoans.

“It would be a tragedy if future generations looked back and wished that we current Northwest leaders and stakeholders would have at least taken the time to explore this opportunity to develop our own Northwest solution to protect stakeholders and save salmon,” Simpson 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.

“My science tells me it’s not necessary” With pandemic still an ongoing issue, Idaho lawmakers remain maskless

by Alexandra Duggan
UI McClure Center intern

Many Idaho lawmakers wander the Statehouse laughing and chatting with one another before going into session every day. They have their name tags, their badges and their blazers.

The only thing that is missing is a face mask.

Health officials say the pandemic isn’t over yet. Trends are looking better in general, but for Idaho the COVID-19 numbers are still a looming dark cloud over citizens, hospitals and health workers. Even though the vaccine is beginning to roll out, people are still encouraged to wear masks.

Lawmaker Charlie Shepherd (R-Riggins) is opposed to mask-wearing. In his small town of Riggins, there is no mask mandate. Around the Statehouse, he is often seen with Rep. James Holtzclaw (R-Meridian), who also does not wear a mask because he said he doesn’t get sick.

Riggins is in Idaho County. It’s right on the Salmon River, and is known for whitewater rafting trips and is a common stop for travelers on U.S. 95,

including University of Idaho students on their way up to Moscow. In gas stations, in restaurants and around town, no one is wearing masks besides the occasional passerby walking into the Chevron to grab a snack on their way in or out of town.

Shepherd said in his town, because they have never had a mask mandate, teachers, students and people in stores don’t wear masks, so he doesn’t wear them as well.

“My science tells me it’s not necessary. We’ve had no outbreaks. We’ve had no deaths. The science saying it’s helpful to me is inaccurate,” the Dist. 7B representative said.

Even though Riggins has an extremely small population, which leads to lower COVID-19 numbers, it doesn’t mean the virus hasn’t reached the nooks and crannies of the small river town.

In March, nearly 10 Riggins EMTs were quarantined after being exposed to someone there who was later transferred to the St. Luke’s Hospital in McCall after contracting a severe case of COVID-19. On Jan. 10, the

number of patients testing positive for the virus on a daily basis spiked by 27 percent. Idaho County has had 853 cases, and 17 deaths attributed to COVID-19 or complications.

With Idaho lawmakers, masks are few and far between. The legislative body makes its own rules, so no members are required to wear masks — even though there is a sign on the Statehouse doors saying masks are required when inside.

The line between what is required and what isn’t is blurry.

The House Republican Caucus released a statement in December saying they would take safety precautions including social distance seating and plexiglass in chambers as well as a mask requirement. The release said legislators are required to wear masks outside their offices. However, there is no mask enforcement within the Statehouse. Some lawmakers say, requirement or no, that it is their “personal choice.”

“It’s a personal choice. It’s my private information,” Dist. 34B Rep. Ron Nate (R-Rexburg). “I just don’t need to (wear a mask).”

Most lawmakers who do not wear masks are also pressing to end Idaho’s COVID-19 restrictions. During the reading of a bill to end limited gatherings, Dist. 1A Rep. Heather Scott (R-Blanchard), who also does not wear a mask around the Statehouse, made the controversial statement, “the pandemic is over.”

Dist. 18A Rep. Ilana Rubel (D-Boise) is an adamant mask-wearer at work. Rubel had live COVID-19 cases pulled up on her screen during the debate on the House floor. As she was listening to her colleagues talk about the pandemic, she was watching COVID-19 cases and related deaths rise.

“As Heather Scott was saying the pandemic was over, I think about five people died as that sentence left her mouth,” the Assistant Minority Leader said.

COVID-19 numbers within Idaho still exist — 299 deaths occurred in January, and 476 died in December. Dr. David Pate, who was the previous president and CEO of St. Luke’s in Boise, called on politicians on Feb. 1 over Twitter to show some compassion for

those impacted by COVID-19 by wearing a mask. Throughout the pandemic, Pate has been very vocal about mask-wearing in Idaho.

“If you don’t believe masks work, I doubt I am going to convince you otherwise at this point,” he tweeted. “You are hurting people. If you do not feel sad for these people, you have a much bigger problem — you have lost your compassion, empathy and your soul.”

Some Idaho citizens in Idaho think that if they have to wear masks around their businesses and town, government officials should be just as vigilant.

Cassandra Craft, 32, who works at a downtown restaurant near the Statehouse said that wearing masks is the easiest part of the pandemic. She and her sister, who works for another downtown restaurant, see maskless lawmakers come in for lunch every day.

“We have people representing our state who don’t believe in science,” Craft said. “You help the people that you represent. They represent the state, and they don’t even care about the people in it.”



The Homedale Highway District commissioners stand with maintenance worker Barron Poage after a presentation during the Feb. 10 meeting. **From left:** Subdistrict 2 Commissioner John Demshar, Subdistrict 1 Commissioner (and board chair) Larry Prow, Poage, and Subdistrict 3 Commissioner Scott Salutregui. Submitted photo

Homedale Highway crewman starts on path to Road Scholar

A Homedale Highway District employee recently completed a portion of the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) Road Scholar program.

Barron Poage received his certificate during a ceremony at the Feb. 10 meeting of the district’s board of commissioners.

Poage passed the LHTAC T2 first level training in the Road Scholar program.

Road Scholars take a number of classes, including first aid, CPR, basic math, roadway materials, pavement maintenance and preservation, and flagger certification as a way to better perform their jobs.

The program also promotes effective communication skills on the job, and there are options to study subjects such as basic surveying, contract administration and road safety.

Emergency training in Three Creek

School teacher plans to retire

Tiny Three Creek School has been able to maintain face-to-face learning this year, including some beyond schoolchildren.

Seven community members were certified as emergency responders after completing training with Keyes to Safety.

Citizens trained in first aid, CPR and the use of an automated external defibrillator.

The Keyes to Safety crew also did an inventory of the school’s emergency medical supplies and will soon restock kits and replace the AED machine’s battery.

- Frank Ely gave \$325 to help with project supplies.

One project is seventh-grader Belle Brackett’s aquaponics work, which includes fish and plants such as bok choy.

Sarah Brackett has a tub of parsley sprouting in the project, but has plans to replant the underperforming peas.

Lilly Brackett provided giant sunflower sprouts for Valentine’s Day and is putting other plants in her tub.

- STAR test results show students progressing well in reading and math.

“We are very happy to be one of the few schools maintaining face-to-face instruction,” teacher Dena Pollock wrote in her monthly newsletter. “Keep praying we complete our year this way.”

- A spring cleanup/volunteer day is planned for April 10.
- The school board will meet at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, March 10.
- Trustees will search for a new teacher. Pollock will retire.
- Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meetings have been put on hold until May.

The PTO will organize events for the last day of school during a 7 p.m., meeting on May 10.

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Parks & Rec provides boating safety funds

BOCC gives Melba Sr. Center \$1,500 grant

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation will provide Owyhee County with a \$26,583 grant, and funds must be used by Sept. 30.

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners signed off on an agreement to obtain the funds through the state’s Recreational Boating Safety Program.

According to the agreement, the Parks & Rec funding is provided to “encourage greater participation and uniformity in boating safety and to permit (Owyhee County) to assume the greater share of boating safety education, assistance, and enforcement activities.”

The grant will also assist the county in developing and financing a county Recreational Boat Safety Program.

Another portion of the agreement lines out ownership of equipment bought with grant money.

Any single piece of equipment purchased completely with the boating funds with a current market value of \$1,000 or more will remain state property with the county being responsible if damage is incurred. Equipment valued at \$1,000 or more that is purchased with a mixture of state and local funds because the county’s property.

Anything valued at less than \$1,000 becomes county property upon purchase, regardless if the proceeds are wholly grant money or a mixture.

The state agency determines the market value of the purchases.

Commissioners assist Melba Senior Center

County commissioners agreed to provide a \$1,500 grant to the Melba Valley Senior Center, which provides service to Melba and Murphy residents.

The grant is the same amount that was awarded to the organization last year.

“Our center strives to serve the seniors in the Melba/Murphy community and appreciate(s) the participation of the citizens from (Owyhee County),” the request letter reads. “It is through their efforts that our center is able to thrive, especially during these stressful COVID-19 pandemic days.”

County clerk hires new auditor

Zoe Daulton started her new position as deputy auditor for the Owyhee County Clerk’s Office, replacing Linda Gert-hung.

Daulton begins at \$15.50 per hour in the full-time position.

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Lawmaker gets
The HUB low-down

Clockwise from right:

Marsing HUB coordinator Becky Barkell (left) explains the facility to Dist. 23A Rep. Matthew Bundy (R-Mtn. Home) and his wife, Colette, during their Friday visit.

Marsing School District superintendent Norm Stewart (left) tells the Bundys of different aspects of The HUB, such as a central location for a school nurse, the school boardroom, an Owyhee County Sheriff's substation, the food pantry and preschools.

Stewart (right) and 21st Century Learning Center site director Ken Price greet Bundy, a Mountain Home High School teacher, upon his arrival Friday.



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Talent show
back at HHS

Weighed down early by the uncertainty of life during COVID-19 and the corresponding restrictions, the Homedale High School music department has decided to hold its annual talent show.

The show will be at 6:30 p.m., on Friday, March 19 in the school's auxiliary gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave.

Tickets for the show are \$3 for students, \$5 for adults, and \$15 for families. Maximum capacity in the gym is 40 percent currently, meaning 100 people can attend.

A panel of teachers will judge students in five categories: preparedness, stage presence, originality, talent, and audience response. The three highest-scoring acts in each age group (elementary, middle, and high schools) will earn trophies.

HHS band director John Zieske said that the school's band is applying proceeds from the fundraiser to its 2022 Seattle trip.

— TK

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School menus

Homedale Elementary

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

Feb. 24: **Breakfast:** Apple cinnamon Texas toast. **Lunch:** Orange chicken, steamed rice, broccoli, fortune cookie.

Feb. 25: **Breakfast:** Breakfast bites. **Lunch:** Uncrustable PB&J sandwich, potato chips, baby carrots, Rice Krispie treat.

March 1: **Breakfast:** Cereal. **Lunch:** Corn dog, tater tots.

March 2: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza. **Lunch:** Chicken patty sandwich, coleslaw.

March 3: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon Pull-apart. **Lunch:** Chicken filet, 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. 24: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll. **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garlic bread, green beans.

Feb. 25: **Breakfast:** Mini donuts. **Lunch:** Nachos.

March 1: **Breakfast:** Mini waffles. **Lunch:** Pepperoni calzone, green beans.

March 2: **Breakfast:** Chocolate chip muffin. **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, French fries.

March 3: **Breakfast:** Apple cinnamon Texas toast. **Lunch:** Chicken taco, corn.

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. 24: **Breakfast:** Sausage plate or mini pancakes. **Lunch:** Pulled pork sandwich, tater tots or hamburger/cheeseburger, tater tots.

Feb. 25: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or Pop Tart. **Lunch:** Chicken taco, corn or corn dog, corn.

March 1: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon burst bread slice or Dutch waffle. **Lunch:** Boneless Buffalo wings, breadstick, corn or Taquitos, corn.

March 2: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich or BeneFit bar. **Lunch:** Chicken patty, French fries or hamburger or cheeseburger, French fries.

March 3: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy or pancakes. **Lunch:** Sloppy Joe, steamed carrots or cheesy chicken sub, steamed carrots.

Marsing

Meals include 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. 24: **Breakfast:** Bacon scramble pizza. **Lunch:** Dutch waffle, sausage patty. Cold Grab-n-go: Turkey bacon ciabatta.

Feb. 25: **Breakfast:** Waffle, maple sausage sandwich. **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, jello. Hot Grab-n-Go: Buffalo chicken nuggets, ranch dipping sauce.

March 1: **Breakfast:** Apple breakfast bites. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, steamed carrots, hot roll. Hot Grab-n-go: Garlic French bread pizza.

March 2: **Breakfast:** Mini waffles. **Lunch:** Beef taco, refried beans, Spanish rice. Hot Grab-n-go: Mozzarella cheese bites, marinara sauce cup.

March 3: **Breakfast:** Pop Tart, cheese stick. **Lunch:** Mac-n-cheese, green beans, snickerdoodle cookie. Hot Grab-n-go: Walkin taco.

Bruneau/Grand View

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

Feb. 24: **Breakfast:** Pancakes and egg patty. **Lunch:** Chicken patty on a bun, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli.

Feb. 25: **Breakfast:** Breakfast wrap. **Lunch:** Beef and bean burrito, tossed romaine salad, corn, brownies.

March 1: **Breakfast:** Apple frudel. **Lunch:** Pizza, tossed romaine salad, corn.

March 2: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and jelly. **Lunch:** Chicken and noodles, tossed romaine salad, steamed carrots.

March 3: **Breakfast:** Waffles and hashbrowns. **Lunch:** Nachos and chips, refried beans, salsa, broccoli.

Courthouse report

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

Feb. 16
Malak Singh, Antelope, Calif. — Misdemeanor motor carrier fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting; misdemeanor logbook violation (serious): \$382 in fines, \$318 in court costs

Feb. 9
Kuanysh A. Kalmenov, Los Angeles — 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

Feb. 8
Kyle Frank Herger, Caldwell — Misdemeanor motor carrier fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

Feb. 3
William Mackenzy Alfaro, Wapato, Wash. — Misdemeanor controlled substance possession, drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$566.11 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Felony controlled substance possession (2x)

Lisa M. Galvez, Homedale — Misdemeanor driving without privileges (plea deal): \$325 in fines, \$322.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor fail to provide proof of insurance (second or subsequent offense)

Hector Enrique Garcia Ortega, Miami — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, false logbook (serious): \$263.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Cosme Gavino Padilla, Homedale — Misdemeanor disturbing the peace (amended from misdemeanor resisting or obstructing officers; plea deal): \$540 in fines, \$309.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor carry concealed weapon while under the influence

Suzanne Elizabeth Ross, Yakima, Wash. — Misdemeanor controlled substance possession, drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$566.11 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Felony controlled substance possession (2x), misdemeanor DWP

Danielle Joy Smith, Wilder — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession: \$100 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs

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| 6. Dead | F. Breath |
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| 11. Midnight | K. Feet |
| 12. Muddy | L. Fingers |
| 13. Round | M. Forearms |
| 14. Slick | N. Eyes |
| 15. Soft | O. Heads |
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| 17. Sticky | Q. Knees |
| 18. Stiff | R. Moons |
| 19. Swollen | S. Section |
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| 21. Wet | U. Arms |

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From the Statehouse Prioritize clean, plentiful water to build Idaho’s future



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The availability of water has transformed much of our state from a desert into an abundant agricultural landscape that supports tens of thousands of Idahoans and their livelihoods. Across Idaho, water is the building block for careers and prosperity.

How we manage — or mismanage — our water resources determines our success or failure as a state.

Unlike the California, which continues to a face a water crisis because of mismanagement of its resources, Idaho can say with pride that our executive and legislative branches are in lockstep in our commitment to ensuring a sustainable water supply remains at the forefront of our priorities as a state moving forward. We are equally committed to

maintaining and improving water quality in Idaho’s rivers, lakes, and communities.

On Feb. 12, the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee advanced a critical piece of my “Building Idaho’s Future” investment package — \$50 million in strategic investments in long-term water projects and safe water systems for our communities.

This investment provides for cleaner, more efficient water systems for rural communities and the agriculture industry across Idaho. It is one of the most significant investments for sustainable water infrastructure in our state’s history.

Unlike many other states, Idaho is in a position to invest in — rather than cut — financial resources that support a safe, plentiful water supply for current and

— See *Water*, Page 13A

Speaker of the House Scott Bedke

Saving Idaho water Several questions unanswered in Simpson’s dam breach plan



Congressman Simpson’s \$33 billion proposal to breach the four lower dams on the Snake River is quite a read. My review of this unique and costly plan raised more questions than were answered by the initial explanation.

My entire public and professional career has been focused on water issues and water policy. Working directly with those affected by these issues and policies has always been the cornerstone of my activities. I fully appreciate the deliberate approach that is absolutely necessary as we discuss water issues and set water policy that has the potential to fundamentally change the very economy upon which

Idahoans depend.

These are some of the questions that come to my mind as I think about the Congressman’s ambitious plan:

Congressman Simpson seems to have consulted with environmental groups, the tribes and officials from the states of Washington and Oregon and has tried to thoroughly vet their issues and concerns. But what about Idaho? What about the issues and concerns of those who have elected him to 12 terms and sent him to Washington to represent their interests? Where

— See *Breach*, Page 13A

From the Statehouse: District 23 Legislation further protects Idahoans’ 2nd Amendment rights

The Idaho Small Arms Protection Act is unlike any other legislation in the country, designed to protect the owners of small arms in Idaho.

Idaho has a Firearm Freedom Act; however, our prior law passed has been proven to be insufficient to protect gun owners as the Ninth Circuit Court ruled that some provisions of our law violates the supremacy clause of the U.S. Constitution.

Our goal is to defend the right of Idahoans to possess the arms necessary to protect and defend life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Idahoans expect the Democrat-controlled Congress to pass law, and President Biden to issue executive orders, which will impose significant taxes on firearms and accessories routinely owned by Idahoans, tax on ammunition, require background checks, waiting periods for firearms and ammunition, registration of firearms, licensing by individuals wishing to possess a firearm, or declare certain firearms and accessories illegal.

Idaho’s constitution prohibits registration of firearms:

ARTICLE I DECLARATION OF RIGHTS
Section 11. RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS. The people have the right to keep and bear arms, which right shall not be abridged; but this provision shall not prevent the passage of laws to govern the carrying of weapons concealed on the person nor prevent passage of legislation providing minimum sentences for crimes committed while in possession of a firearm, nor prevent the passage of legislation providing penalties for the possession of firearms by a convicted felon, nor prevent the passage of any legislation punishing the use of a firearm. *No law shall impose licensure, registration or special taxation on the ownership or possession of firearms or ammunition.* Nor shall any law permit the confiscation of firearms, except those actually

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used in the commission of a felony.

This bill does not declare federal laws, which have

— See *Rights*, Page 13A

Commentary

Financial management

Saving for future big purchases part of debt-free strategy

Dear Dave,
How far in advance do you recommend figuring future purchases into your budget?
— **Robbie**

Dear Robbie,
I recommend starting to put money aside, and including it in your budget as soon as you know the need for an item is a real possibility. Waiting until things go wrong or something breaks down will leave you in a real mess, more times than not. For example, if you're pretty sure you'll need another vehicle in a year or two, the smart thing is to start putting money aside now. Do some research on prices then do the math to see how much you'll need to set

aside each month. And remember, it's a whole lot easier to save money when you don't have things like credit card payments and other debt hanging around your neck. That's one of the big reasons I want to help people learn to live debt-free!
— **Dave**

Dear Dave,
We'd like to own a home someday, but we know we're not ready for that kind of financial commitment yet. Where does buying a house fit in your Baby Steps plan?
— **Heather**

Dear Heather,
Buying a home when you're



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broke is the easiest way I know to become a foreclosure statistic. I'm glad you two are being thoughtful and sensible about taking such a big step. If you remember, in Baby

Step 1 I advise people to save up a beginner emergency fund of \$1,000. Baby Step 2 is paying off all consumer debt from smallest to largest using the debt snowball method. Then, Baby Step 3 is where you go back and grow your emergency fund to a full three to six months of living expenses. With all this in mind, let's call getting ready to buy a home Baby Step 3b. Save up for a down payment of at least 20 percent to avoid PMI (private mortgage insurance). Also, make sure any mortgage loan is a 15-year, fixed-rate loan, where the payments are no more than 25 percent of your monthly take-home pay. Doing it this way may delay your dream of being a homeowner for a while, but it will help ensure your new home is a blessing and not a financial curse!
— **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.*

✓ Water: Aquifer sustainability, preserving MHAFB mission part of plan

From Page 12A
future generations of Idahoans. Our plan will increase the sustainability of the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer. The aquifer was declining at an unsustainable rate until recent investments by water users and the state. Now we have an opportunity to further improve aquifer levels for the benefit of farmers, ranchers, and communities across southern Idaho. In addition, Idaho is one of the few states with a U.S. Air Force base that has the ability to significantly expand, and a stable water supply is critical to the base — an operation that contributes \$1 billion annually to Idaho's economy and ensures our security as a nation. Additional funding enables the State of Idaho to partner with the Mountain Home Air Force Base to secure a stable water supply for current and expanded missions at the base. This investment demonstrates Idaho's proud support of a strong U.S. military and the women and men in our armed forces. Idaho has the strongest economy in the nation, the largest budget surplus in state history, and the most financially solvent state budget because the people

of Idaho did their part to propel our state forward and keep their loved ones safe during the pandemic. Once again, thank you, Idaho. Our historic investments in agriculture and water today mean rural Idaho will remain a strong part of our heritage and economy for generations to come.
— *Brad Little (R-Emmett) is in his first term as Idaho governor. He previously served 10 years as lieutenant governor and was a state senator for nearly eight years.*

✓ Breach: Plan to save salmon doesn't address all threats to the fish

From Page 12A
and when was the same involvement with the officials of this state? Or, with the Idaho State Water Board, with the Idaho Department of Water Resources, with the Port of Lewiston or with the countless farmers and ranchers, the counties and the dozens of Idaho cities who will be seriously affected by his proposal? All of these have more than a vested interest in the pros and cons of a proposal that has the potential of doing nothing less than to change the entire custom and culture of our state. How do we replace the thousands of megawatts of inexpensive, clean, reliable electricity generated by the four hydroelectric dams — affordable electricity that every Bonneville Power Administration customer, including numerous Idaho cities, farmers and industries, depends on? When we figure out how to get Oregon and Washington to site small modular nuclear reactors along the Columbia River, then maybe we could consider removing these four dams. If Congressman Simpson's proposal is all about saving the salmon, why is there zero discussion about controlling the predator population at the mouth of the Columbia River, predators that studies have shown kill up to 35 percent of all the adult salmon attempting to return to Idaho? That's not to mention the predators that negatively impact the out-migration. What about Idaho's only seaport? It is estimated that fully 50 percent of Idaho's wheat production and 10 percent of the wheat grown in the USA moves through the Port of Lewiston each year. How will Idaho's grain producers be affected when they would be forced to trade the cheapest form of grain transportation for something that all admit will cost significantly more? What about the 487,000 acre-feet of water that leaves Idaho every year under the Endangered Species

Act biological opinion? Congressman Simpson is the first to admit that breaching the dams will not guarantee survival of the salmon. Will the powerful interests downstream of Idaho demand additional Idaho water if breaching is unsuccessful? Will we be asked to then breach additional Idaho dams? As I review the plan, I find myself asking many more questions about it than are being answered by Congressman Simpson's proposal — at least the proposal as it has been made public to this point. Until these and other vital questions are openly addressed with Idahoans, not one more drop of Idaho's precious water, not one more piece of Idaho's culture, should be sacrificed to the Washington, D.C. power brokers.
— *Dist. 27A Rep. Scott Bedke (R-Oakley) is the Speaker of the Idaho House of Representatives. He's in his ninth term.*

✓ Rights: Immunity for refusing to aid in enforcing unconstitutional law

From Page 12A
been in place for decades, are null. Rather it protects certain arms, ammunition, reloading supplies and components. Many of these items have been declared illegal in other states. Idaho will protect the right of our citizens to own and use them pursuant to their right protected by the Second Amendment. This legislation will provide criminal and civil immunity to law enforcement officials and elected officials who refuse to aid federal agents in enforcing federal law passed that is not pursuant to the U.S. Constitution, Idaho's Constitution, or Idaho code. If the attorney general of the state of Idaho will not defend this legislation, this bill provides a way for the Legislature to pass a concurrent resolution to intervene on behalf of our state. This law will not allow for violation of federal law. This is a statement that the State of Idaho will defend your right to own these small arms.

We invite all to join us in this effort to declare our state sovereignty, uphold our Second Amendment, Fifth Amendment, Ninth Amendment and Tenth Amendment.
— *A Republican from Hammett, Christy Zito is in her first term as the District 23 state senator representing Owyhee, Elmore, and the rural portion of western Twin Falls. She previously held District 23, Seat A in the Idaho House of Representatives.*

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

February 28, 1996



The Homedale Trojans will begin the team’s bid for the state championships this Thursday in Idaho Falls at 8 p.m. Team members are: Front row: Rickey Britton, Justin Schwartz, Isaac Henry, Armondo Mireles, Zeb Ross; Back Row: Zac Ross, Ryan Hellwege, Boyd Walker, Corby Garrett, Dustin Batt, Andrew Hellwege, Gavin Parker, Eric Roesberry, Randy Potter.

HHS Trojans heading to state

Homedale finds themselves on the road to the state games after a win over the Fruitland Grizzlies, 63-57, on Tuesday.

But the win wasn’t near as easy as it sounds.

The Trojans had beat the Grizzlies twice during the regular season and it was pushing the odds when it came time for the district championship game, Coach Randy Potter said.

“We knew going into the game that we would have to shut Fruitland’s Osborn and Luke down,” Potter said. “But we just cooled them down enough to make them less threatening.”

Homedale then became the obvious threat in the fourth quarter when they took a six-point lead that held throughout the rest of the game.

Dustin Batt was high scorer with 21 points and high rebounder with 10. Corby Garrett also had 10 rebounds and Ryan Hellwege followed with seven. Eric Roesberry helped the team out with 11 points along with Zac Ross and Isaac Henry each scoring nine. Henry led Homedale with eight assists and the team had 21 assists collectively.

New barbershop coming to town

Mary Davies, of Marsing, is planning to open a hair salon in Homedale this week. She’s naming the shop “Homedale’s Men’s Hair Shack” located at 106 W. Idaho.

Davies is a former respiratory therapist from St. Lukes Hospital in Boise, but said the stress and time was too much of a demand.

So she went to beauty school at Lady Helens and has been cutting hair ever since.

Davies currently works at Nina’s Hair Care in Marsing. She received her beautician’s license in September and has always had dreams of owning her own shop, she said.

“It’s always been my dream to work for myself,” Davies said. “And Nina’s helped me get a good start, but I’m ready to branch out on my own.”

Larzelier to perform in W. U. Opera

Nicole Larzelier, daughter of Doug and Mary Jo Larzelier of Homedale, will appear in a Willamette University Musical Theatre Workshop presenting *The Coronation of Poppaea* by Claudio Monteverdi.

The Coronation of Poppaea is one of the earliest operas which is still in the repertoire today. It was first presented in 1642 at the first public opera house in Venice.

50 years ago

February 25, 1971

Land-sports group commends Davis brothers

State Sen. David Bivens was elected state chairman of the Idaho Landholder-Sportsman Council Monday, after a luncheon at the Idaho Fish and Game Department Building, 600 South Walnut.

Bivens succeeds State Sen. Vernon Ravenscroft of Tuttle, who has headed the group for six years.

State Rep. Steve Antone, Rupert, was elected vice chairman, and Al Kiler was re-elected treasurer.

The 1971 statewide Landholder-Sportsman of the Year award was shared by Don and Gene Davis, Bruneau, two brother Owyhee County ranchers. They were cited for allowing hunting with and without permission for pheasants, quail, chukar, partridge, sage grouse and mule deer.

Owyhee Historical Society shows antiques

Members of the Owyhee County Historical Society showed some of their prized antiques at the bi-monthly meeting held Friday evening at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

A family Bible, prized books, old letters, a school bell, saddle bags used by a Nebraska county doctor and many other prized articles and a story told about them made up an interesting program. Also slides taken from pictures of Silver City as it looked in 1866 were shown.

Vice President Paul Swinney presided in the absence of President Al Walradt.

Ms. Julie Hyslop, museum director, announced everything was in readiness for the workshop to be conducted on Saturday at the museum.

Mr. Swinney stated more than \$4,000 has been collected for the Museum building fund. He reported that price on the Pedracini building which has been considered for purchase has been raised from \$6,000 to \$9,000.

Basque dance set on Saturday, said just for fun

The annual Homedale-Marsing Basque dance will be held Saturday Feb. 27 at the Washington Grade School, Homedale. Dancing will be from 9:30 to 1:30 with Jimmy Jausoro’s orchestra from Boise providing the music.

This year, as last year, there will be no lamb auctioned. The dance will be just a fun dance for the Basques of the area, but is also open to the general public. Levis and cotton dresses are the traditional wear. Admission is \$1.50 per person.

Trojan cagers enter district A-3 tournament

The Homedale Trojans will test their chances in the A-3 district basketball tourney at the Caldwell Fieldhouse tonight (Thursday) at 6 o’clock, against the winner of Wednesday night’s contest between Wilder and McCall-Donnelly.

Homedale sent Kuna Kavemen basketballers reeling back to their caves Friday night to nurse their wounds from a 68-62 loss to the Trojans.

Although first quarter play got off to a rather slow start, it turned out to be the best period of play.

After two minutes of playing catch, Kuna’s Rick Arnold finally broke the ice with a set shot to spark the action. Kuna easily dominated the first quarter and led at the end, 15-10.

Taking high-point honors for the Kavemen was Mike Young with 23, followed by Shane Beus with 15.

Homedale’s man of the hour was Brian Vance, who poured in 20 tallies. Gross added 12 and Mike Garcia 11.

155 years ago

February 24, 1866

BOISE CITY, February 15, 1866.

Pursuant to notice previously published, a large number of the citizens of Boise City assembled this evening at Riggs’ Hall to discuss the question of procuring the passage by Congress of an act to establish a Branch Mint at Boise City.

The Assemblage was called to order by Jas. S. Reynolds, who briefly stated the object of the meeting, and an organization was effected by choosing Hon. H. O. Riggs Chairman and W. G. Kelly, of Owyhee, Secretary.

The meeting was addressed by Messrs. Reynolds, Gonahl, Curtis, Gov. Lyon and Judge Cook.

Judge Curtis presented the following resolutions, which were read and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It is anxiously hoped by the people of this Territory that the present Congress will pass a law to provide for the establishment of a Branch Mint in Idaho Territory, at some point selected and found to be the most eligible and convenient for such purpose; and

WHEREAS, It is of the greatest importance, in procuring the passage of such a measure, through Congress that the people of the various mining localities in the Territory, should have an opportunity to contribute their reasons for the measure and data, together with the most accurate statistics within their reach, showing the amount of gold and silver bullion produced in the different localities, cost of shipping the same to San Francisco, and any and all facts tending to show the absolute necessity for the establishment of a mint, and the profit which would result to the Government and all interested in the Territory; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a Committee of seven be appointed by the Chair to act as Central Committee to receive the reports from the different mining districts, and to prepare an address, in which shall be stated the facts and necessary evidence to sustain our Delegate in Congress in his efforts to procure the passage of a law for the establishment of a Mint at Boise City, I. T.

Resolved, That the Committee be, and is hereby requested to correspond with such persons in the counties of Boise, Alturas and Owyhee as will exert themselves in getting up meetings and procuring the sense of the people in those counties, on the subject of a Mint.

After some time the Chairman announced the Committee, composed as follows: E. J. Curtis (Chairman), Joseph Miller, John Cummins, Col. Flournoy, Hill Beachey, C. Jacobs and W. A. George.

Judge Curtis moved that the name of H. O. Riggs be added to the Committee; carried.

The following other resolutions were also presented and adopted:

Resolved, That the people of the surrounding towns and mining camps are hereby invited to express their sentiments in relation to the establishing of a Branch Mint at Boise City, by public resolutions or petitions, or both and also, to forward such statistic or other information as they can obtain, to the Chairman of this Committee.

Resolved, That the thanks for the people of Idaho Territory are due and hereby tendered our Delegate in Congress, Hon. E. D. Holbrook, for his efforts in behalf of establishing a Branch Mint at Boise City.

After some further remarks by different speakers it was resolved that the Secretary furnish the *Statesman*, *AVALANCHE*, and World News papers with copies of these proceedings for publication. The meeting then adjourned.

J. C. RIGGS, Chairman.
W. G. KELLY, Secretary.

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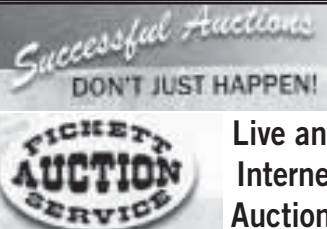
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BLM to burn juniper jackpots near Oreana

The Bureau of Land Management's ongoing campaign against western juniper encroachment in Owyhee County continues.

The federal agency announced it will conduct a prescribed burn southwest of Oreana between now and April 30.

The burning of jackpot piles of heavy, dead tree branches is part of the Bruneau-Owyhee Sage-Grouse Habitat (BOSH) project to improve the grass and sagebrush in the sage-steppe ecosystem that supports wildlife habitat, livestock grazing and recreation.

The jackpots are the result of BOSH juniper treatment over nearly 1,100 acres.

The timing of the burning project depends on weather, fuel and ground conditions.

With favorable conditions, fire managers expect to burn for three to seven days, and mop-up and

patrol will last several days afterward.

The public can expect to see smoke during ignitions and during mop-up.

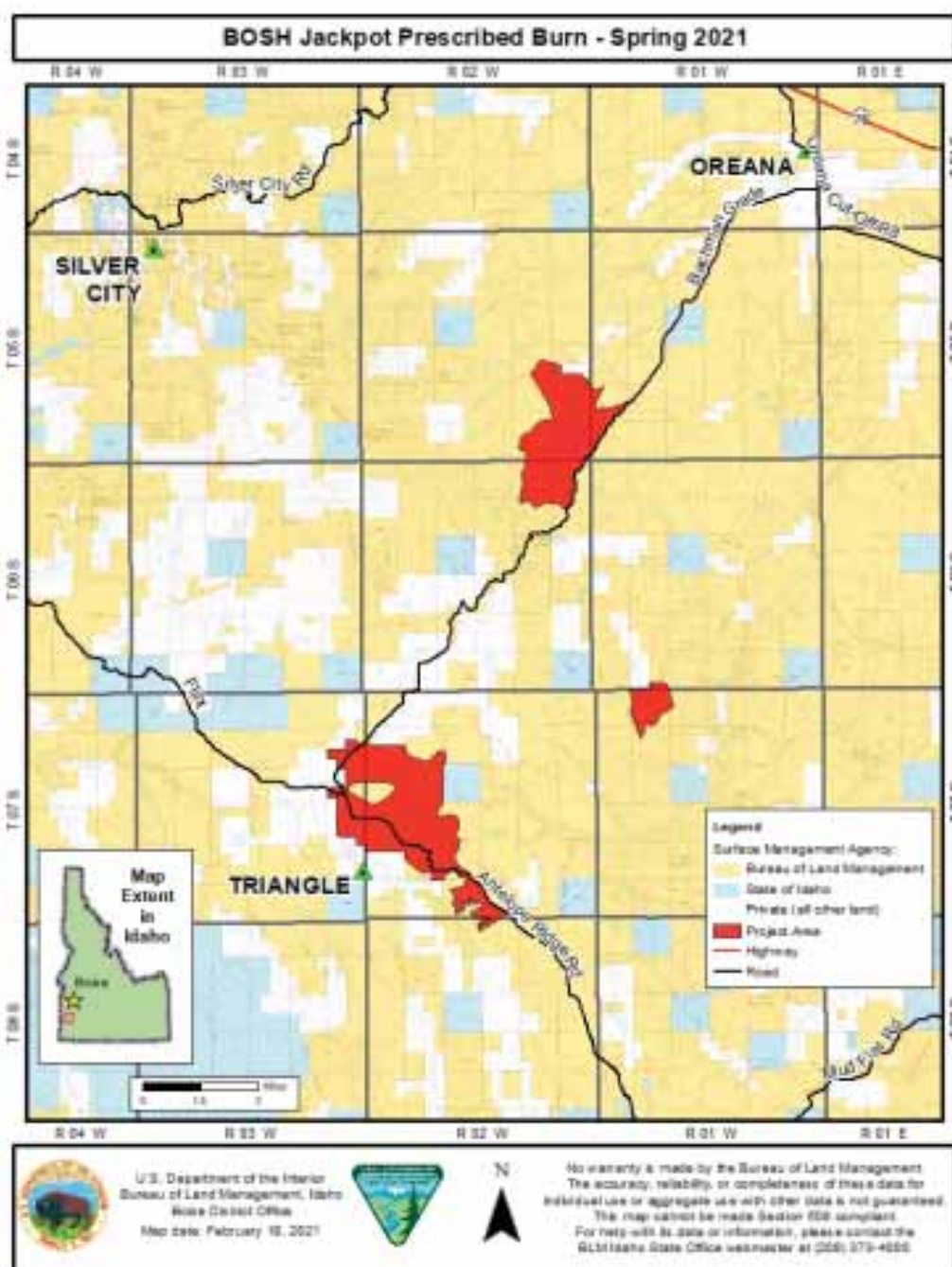
The jackpot project will be carried out in two primary areas — along Bachman Grade Road eight miles southwest of Oreana and near Triangle, which is 20 miles southwest of Oreana.

Traffic won't be delayed by the operation.

Fire managers will target weather and fuel conditions that minimize fire spread, such as snow, high fuel moisture and new grass growth. Containing the fire spread to individual tree debris zones protects nearby live vegetation and allows for faster vegetation recovery.

For more information, contact the BLM Boise District Fire Information Line at 208-384-3378.

At right: The red areas on this Bureau of Land Management map indicate the areas where jackpots will be burned between now and the end of the April



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Standing, from left: Dennis Lenz, David Lenz, Erika Hunter, Kendall Clark, Keylee Wilson, Brooklynn Dayley, Alivia VanSchoaick, Telissa Christensen, Lacey Leavitt, Meya Young, Kinley Spence, and Laura Forsgren. **Coaches standing behind, from left:** Darrin Shindle and Chris Hinderliter. **Kneeling, from left:** Hallie Arnold, Kate Clark, Faith Svedin and Daisee Crossley. Submitted photo

HHS' Egusquiza completes personal mission on the mat

Four-time district champ leads six Trojans to State

There's a "game day" switch deep inside Joseph Egusquiza, and he flipped it with every intense fiber of his being again Saturday.

The Homedale High School senior won his fourth consecutive 3A District III wrestling championship at Parma High School, capping a dream career run of six district titles since seventh grade.

The 152-pounder, whom his father Joe calls "a hugger" and

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Joseph Egusquiza (left) and his father, Joe, share an embrace and final words before the senior went out for his first match of the day in Parma.

Melba finally reaches 2A summit

Mustangs knock off three-time champions on road to state title

The Melba High School girls' basketball team finished off a stellar season as the cream of the crop.

The Mustangs put a bow on their campaign with a 2A state championship, topping the

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Raiders rally, capture state consolation title

Girls move on from tough opening loss

Kyla Jewett smacked her hands together like a weekend duffer who had just missed a 5-foot putt to break 100 for the first time.

It may have been out of frustration, but the Rimrock High School coach's emotion with less than 40 seconds left in the state tournament opener against Prairie seemed more like a moment of "the one that got away."

The Raiders rallied from last Wednesday's 53-43 first-round loss to the Pirates in the girls' basketball 1A, Div. I Real Dairy Shootout to win the consolation championship Friday at Columbia High School in Nampa.

In the trophy round, Rimrock posted a narrow 39-34 victory over District III and 1A Western Idaho Conference rival Liberty Charter.

The Raiders finally collected hardware in the consolation bracket in their third consecutive try.

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Rimrock senior Sintia Varela races past Prairie's Tara Schlader (left) and Madison Shears for a baseline layup last Wednesday.

3 Marsing seniors win district crowns

The Marsing High School wrestling team enjoyed a great deal of success at the 2A District III tournament on Saturday in Melba.

Three senior Huskies stood atop the podium following Saturday's action as champions — 182-pounder Isai Arriaga, Troy Miller (138), and Jacob Goins (220) finished with district gold.

All three grapplers earned their way into the 2A state tourney, which begins at 9 a.m., on Saturday at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

Arriaga (23-3) successfully defended his district crown with only one victory — a 1-minute, 41-second pinfall of New Plymouth's Brock Winward in the championship bout. Arriaga received two byes through the preliminary stages.

Miller (25-5) won the championship after New Plymouth's Sam Lettunich retired with a medical issue before the title bout. The Huskies senior pinned Melba's Skyler Vander-Zee in 1:32 in the semifinals.

Goins (13-4) recorded a second-round pin of Nampa Christian's Gabriel Bowlin (2:45) in the title bout.

Goins pinned Nampa Christian's Zachariah West at 2:29 in the semifinals, and started his tournament with a late pin of Melba's Josh Waite (5:34).

Other Huskies wrestlers:

- Jonathan Ineck (145) — fifth place
- Jonathan Leon (195) — fourth place
- Kail Wyman (220) — sixth place

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Sports

Fruitland benefits from familiar formula vs. HHS boys

Trojans can't overcome lopsided free-throw count in district semis

Fruitland High School got its revenge Saturday against Homedale in the boys' basketball 3A District III semifinals.

A lack of equity at the free-throw line allowed the host Grizzlies to hold off the Trojans in a 51-43 victory one year after Homedale beat Fruitland for the championship on a last-second shot.

While the top-seeded Grizzlies qualified for the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament, the No. 4 Trojans fell into a loser-out game played on Tuesday after deadline on the road against No. 3 Weiser.

Tuesday's winner moves on to Thursday's district third-place game against either Parma or Payette. The district's No. 3 berth will take on the District I runner-up at 2 p.m., MST on Saturday in Grangeville for a state tournament invite.

Saturday: Fruitland 51, Homedale 43 — Fruitland beat Homedale in a district tournament game for the fourth time in six matchups stretching back more than a decade.

The Trojans pulled within a point after three quarters before the Grizzlies expanded their lead in the final period.

But Fruitland went 14-for-29

from the foul line in the second half while Homedale didn't earn one free throw in the final 16 minutes.

Overall, the Grizzlies visited the foul line 22 more times than Homedale, knocking down 20 of 27 attempts (74.1 percent).

Only Jaxon Dines made it to the line for the Trojans, and he connected on just one of five attempts in the first half.

Hyrum Lindsey put in nine of 12 foul shots and two of Fruitland's three-point goals to lead all scorers with 21 points.

Dylon Watson went 6-for-8 from the charity stripe and contributed 16 points to the Grizzlies' effort.

Dines and Trenton Fisher scored 12 points apiece for Homedale. Fisher was 6-for-11 from the floor, including 6-for-9 from inside the three-point line.

Dines, Milo Mertz and Ventura Martinez drained treys, and Mason Strong added six points.

Fruitland's performance at the free-throw line counteracted Homedale's opportunistic transition game, which resulted in 19 points off the Grizzlies' 22 turnovers. Meanwhile, the Trojans limited their miscues



Josh Brown launches a shot over fellow junior Marcelino Flores in Homedale's first-round win over Parma.

to 10.

The Grizzlies limited Homedale's second-chance shots, owning a 33-8 rebounding edge on the Trojans' backboards. Still, five of Fisher's co-team-high seven boards came from on his end of the court.

Eli Heck also grabbed seven rebounds, while Dines had five defensive boards and six steals despite four fouls.

Last Wednesday: Homedale 52, Parma 37 — Mason Strong took over the game with a career-high 25 points to send the Trojans into the district semifinals.

The sophomore guard did most of his damage in the second half at home as Homedale beat the Panthers for the third time this season and

stretch its win streak against Parma to five games.

The Trojans led by as many as eight points in the first half after Jaxon Dines nailed his only three-point goal of the night for a 14-6 lead early in the second quarter.

Strong had four rebounds and four steals, and Homedale forced 17 Parma turnovers while giving the ball away only eight times.

The Trojans didn't allow too many second chances either. Strong grabbed four rebounds on Parma's end of the floor as Homedale owned a 14-9 edge on the Panthers' backboards.

Strong's first basket of the second quarter, a layup, came off a turnover, and so did Dines' trey. Homedale scored 14 points off turnovers, while Parma was only able to make one bucket directly off a Trojans' miscue.

Strong was 7-for-10 on free throws to carry the Trojans on the foul line. Homedale was 10-for-17, while Parma only managed to hit two of its six chances.

Dines scored nine points, and Sigmund Goode hit a pair of first-half three-pointers for all his scoring.

Isaiah Krohn paced Parma with 15 points. He heated up on three-pointers in the first half and finished 3-for-9 from behind the line.

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Wrestling
Joseph Egusquiza, sr., 152
Won 4th 3A District III title



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Sports

✓ Raiders: Varela pours in 22 points in consolation final victory over LC

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They lost to Raft River, 49-45, last season, and Liberty Charter got the better of Rimrock for the 2018 consolation trophy.

Liberty Charter nipped District IV runner-up Murtaugh, 40-39, in Thursday's consolation semifinals to reach the final day of action.

With five seniors, Rimrock entered its fourth consecutive state tournament with probably the strongest opportunity to regain the glory of the Bob Delle-Mike Chandler run of the 1990s and 2000s. In fact, the current Raiders have put together the longest string of consecutive State appearances since 2007. Rimrock has played in six of the past nine state tournaments.

Before the Prairie loss, the Raiders had won 12 consecutive games, the program's longest such streak since Chandler's first team won 20 in a row in 2006-07 (one year after Delle's swan-song squad set the school record with 22 consecutive victories).

Last Wednesday: Prairie 53, Rimrock 43—The Raiders raced out of the gate against the District IV runner-ups.

Senior Sintia Varela scored eight points — including a three-pointer and a three-point play — to push Rimrock to an 11-2 lead 2½ minutes after tipoff.

The hot-starting Raiders connected on four of their first five shots, including a game-opening trey from senior Sami Jewett.

By the time Varela had converted a round of crisp passing into a layup, the Raiders had used a combination of defensive rebounds and Pirates turnovers to build a 13-4 advantage.

But the Pirates' Madison Shears drained a pair of three-pointers in the final two minutes of the opening frame to chip ice off Prairie's 1-for-11 shooting start.

From there, the Pirates used tough defense in the key to disrupt passes and pressure defense to force turnovers and spark a 20-3 run to take control.

Rimrock went without a shot for the first 3½ minutes of the second quarter as Prairie built a 27-18 lead it wouldn't relinquish.

Rimrock missed its first five shots in the second period and didn't score until Madie Macmillan put back an



Rimrock's Kyla Jewett keeps an eye on the action during last Wednesday's state tournament opener in Nampa.

Varela, Kyla Jewett top All-1A WIC selections

For the second year in a row, Kyla Jewett has been selected as the top coach in the 1A Western Idaho Conference.

And Jewett's standout scorer on the Rimrock High School girls' basketball team — Sintia Varela — gave the Raiders back-to-back conference players of the year.

Sami Jewett, the coach's younger sister, was placed on the all-conference first team for the second year.

A third senior, Madie Macmillan, is a second-team pick.

All three players have been chosen for the 1A District III Senior All-Star team.

offensive rebound 2:11 before halftime.

Varela's last three-pointer of the game with six seconds left in the first half was part of Rimrock's 10-2 run.

Varela led all scorers with 19 points, and Macmillan added 12. Only the Raiders' five starters scored in the game, as Jewett scored seven and Treau Smith added three points to go with a team-high 10 rebounds.

Fabiola Gomez's only basket of the contest got the Raiders within a point, 29-28, 1:45 into the third quarter.

But the Pirates got another surge with Kristin Wemhoff's fast-break layup off a Rimrock turnover, and Prairie lit off on a 12-8 run to the end of the period.

Rimrock never got closer than eight points the rest of the game, including at 50-42 with three minutes left on Macmillan's free throws before Prairie slowed down the tempo and salted nearly 90 seconds off the clock.

Shears was 4-for-4 from the free-throw line and hit three treys for her team-high 15 points. Wemhoff and Prairie

teammate Delanie Lockett added 12 and 10 points, respectively.

The Pirates held a distinct advantage at the foul line that actually proved to be the margin of victory. Spending nearly half of the fourth quarter in a double bonus, Prairie converted 15 of 27 from the line in the game. Rimrock was 5-for-16 overall.

Friday: Rimrock 39, Liberty Charter 34—Varela closed her high school career with a 22-point explosion to help down the archrival Patriots in the consolation championship game.

The Raiders roared out to an 8-0 lead before Liberty Charter rallied to narrow the gap to one point, 10-9, by the close of the first quarter.

The game would remain tight throughout with two lead changes and no lead larger than Rimrock's opening-quarter cushion.

Varela knocked in eight of her team's 12 field goals, going 4-for-6 from inside the three-point line and dropping in four three-pointers. She also grabbed five rebounds.

Rimrock held on to its lead



Rimrock senior Sami Jewett launches an early three-pointer in last Wednesday's state tournament opener.

with clutch free throws in the second half. The team hit six of nine tries after missing three of its seven attempts in the first half.

Liberty Charter, meanwhile, couldn't match the Raiders' outside shooting, collecting just three treys.

Rimrock bottled up Madison Hodnett again, as the Patriots' center managed only four points and five rebounds in 27 minutes. Berlyn Logue led Liberty Charter with 13 points, and Grace Gerdes added 10 points and seven rebounds.

Ashten Moore led Rimrock's rebounding with six in a reserve role. Varela and Macmillan brought down five apiece.

Thursday: Rimrock 70, Lakeside 55—Varela and Jewett carried the Raiders in second-round game that required an early comeback.

The District I champion Knights from Plummer started the game on a 14-3 tear, but the Raiders gained control with a huge 29-point second quarter and never looked back.

Rimrock led by as many as 17 points, 58-41, early in the

fourth quarter.

Varela shot 70 percent (7-for-10) from inside the perimeter and finished with 25 points and eight rebounds.

Jewett went 3-for-8 from distance and connected on seven of 13 shots from within the three-point line for 23 points.

Varela also nailed five of six free throws.

All seven of Jewett's rebounds came on Lakeside's end of the floor as the Raiders dominated with 28 defensive boards to the Knights' nine offensive rebounds.

Rimrock senior Mattie Draper came off the bench for a three-pointer, but her starting teammates scored the rest of the points.

Macmillan scored nine points, and Smith chipped in six. Gomez was 2-for-3 from the foul line for half of her points.

Arianna Gorr and Jolissa Holt scored 12 points apiece for Lakeside, while teammate Kria Peters tallied all seven of her points on 7-for-9 foul shooting.

Sports



The Homedale Smash 10U includes: **Top row, from left:** Keeley Watson, Baylie Bingham, Alivia Campos, Maddyn Holtry, Isabelle Roseborough, Charlotte Marston, Selena Badiola, Hadley Parker, and Gracie Jakovac. **Bottom row, from left:** Emilia McGuire, Karlee Smith, Lynlee Ryska, Adley Landa, Shane Beaver, Sophia Topmiller and Claire Allen. **Not pictured:** Baylee Harris and Oakley Shanley. Submitted photo

Homedale 10U wins third straight volleyball tourney

The Homedale Smash 10U volleyball team wrapped up the club season Feb. 13 with its third consecutive first-place finish.

The team competed against seven other teams, including Homedale's RedHots 10U, who played in their first tournament.

The Smash coaches include Kristy

Roseborough and Amber Campos, while the RedHots are coached by Diana Asumendi, Brianne Topmiller and Annie Smith.

Asumendi is club director of a six-team network.

The local 12U and 14U seasons will begin soon.



Melba's Joe Reiber puts up a jumper against Marsing's Roger Valadez early in last week's district tournament game. Reiber notched a double-double last Wednesday against Nampa Christian in the semifinals.

Reiber, Beus propel Melba into district final

Joe Reiber and Cache Beus were at it again last Wednesday, sending Melba High School into the 2A District III boys' basketball championship game.

Both 6 feet, 2 inches tall, the junior Reiber and freshman Beus tallied double-doubles in scoring and rebounds in an 80-69 semifinal victory over host Nampa Christian.

The win gave the Mustangs an automatic berth in the 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament, which will take place next week at Eagle High School.

The third-seeded Mustangs (18-4) face top-seeded The Ambrose School (19-1) in the district title game at 7 p.m., on Thursday in Meridian.

One night after a dominating performance against Marsing, Reiber scored 28 points and yanked down 10 rebounds

against the Trojans.

Beus was even bigger on the boards with 20 rebounds to go with 16 points, six assists and three steals.

Henry Clark chipped in 12 points and eight rebounds.

Rusty Vander Woude barely lost his scoring duel with Reiber, finishing as Nampa Christian's top scorer with 27 points.

Caden Yett put in 14 points for the second-seeded Trojans (16-5), who played host to No. 4 New Plymouth (14-8) in a loser-out game on Tuesday after deadline.

The winner of that game will face either Marsing or Cole Valley Christian for third place at 7 p.m., on Thursday.

The No. 3 seed out of District III takes on the District VI runner-up in a state tournament play-in game at 3 p.m., on Saturday in Burley.



State tournament accolades

Top: The Rimrock High School girls' basketball team, coaches and other personnel pose with the 1A, Div. I Real Dairy Shootout state consolation trophy after beating Liberty Charter on Friday at Columbia High School in Nampa. Photo by Ashley Merrick **Right:** Rimrock athletic director Ashley Merrick (right) comes out of the stands prior to last Wednesday's opener against Prairie to accept a sportsmanship award from her Columbia counterpart Randy Potter, who used to coach the Homedale boys.



Sports

Fast-acting Melba dissolves Marsing's offense



Marsing senior post Jacob Ankeny fights his way through traffic toward the basket during the second quarter of last week's first-round district game in Melba.

Mustangs roll to home-court district victory

Melba High School turned on the power a day after an outage postponed its 2A District III Tournament quarterfinal with Marsing.

The Mustangs used speed to convert defensive rebounds and turnovers into points Feb. 16 in a 62-32 blowout of the Huskies to open their boys' basketball postseason.

"Our defensive intensity was inconsistent last night and turnovers — especially in the 1st quarter — put us in a hole that was difficult to climb out of," Marsing coach Tim Little said after the game.

Third-seeded Melba (18-4) reached the 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament with an 80-69 district semifinal road win against No. 2 Nampa Christian last Wednesday.

The Mustangs travel to Meridian to face No. 1 The Ambrose School (19-1) for the district championship at 7 p.m., on Thursday.

Marsing (6-15) fell into the consolation bracket and played No. 5 Cole Valley Christian in a loser-out game Tuesday after deadline in Meridian.

Last week's first-round game

was rescheduled from Feb. 15 because of a power outage turned the Mustangs' Potter Gymnasium dark.

Melba wasted little time shooting the lights out once they came back on.

Junior guard Joe Reiber fired in a pair of three-point goals as Melba scored 19 of the game's first 21 points.

Marsing players' poor passes and Melba's athleticism fueled the Mustangs' fast start.

Reiber scored nine points in the first quarter and led all scorers with 24 points. He also had five rebounds and four steals.

One of Reiber's biggest boards came 80 seconds into the second quarter and was a microcosm of the groove the Mustangs created.

After grabbing a defensive rebound, Reiber volleyed an outlet pass to a teammate who hit sophomore guard Braden Volkers with a bounce pass for a layup.

There wasn't one dribble during the fast break.

Volkers scored 14 points, while junior teammate Dillon Stosich chipped in 12 points and notched three steals.

Stosich hit a layup that established the Mustangs' 32-10 halftime lead on another fast break ignited by another Reiber defensive rebound and outlet pass.

Melba's pressure defense played a part in many of Marsing's 20 turnovers

Mustangs 6-foot, 5-inch senior Henry Clark and his teammates limited Huskies 6-8 senior center Jacob Ankeny to 10 points and only 10 shots.

The 2020 2A Western Idaho Conference player of the year reached the foul line only once, missing both first-half tries after a foul by freshman Cache Beus.

Those were the Huskies' only free throws of the night.

Ankeny was limited to six rebounds, while Mikey Acosta chimed in with five.

Marsing's only consistent offense came from beyond the three-point line.

Junior guard Noel Quebrado was 3-for-11 from downtown, including a shot that pulled Marsing to within 12 points, 19-7, after Melba's third consecutive turnover with 4 minutes, 50 seconds left in the first quarter.

Freshman Nacho Margarito converted an Ankeny pass about 90 seconds earlier for only Marsing's second basket. Margarito took only two shots on the night and finished with four points.

The Huskies were 6-for-19 from three-point territory with Dominic Enrico canning both his attempts and Nacho Montes adding another.

MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete Spotlight



Boys' basketball
Mikey Acosta, so., P
Five rebounds vs. Melba



Wrestling
Isai Arriaga, sr., 182
Gold medal at 2A Dist. III meet

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Sports

✓ HHS: Kaydince Turner turns in the gutsy performance of tournament

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a kid that always smiles, set his jaw and led six wrestlers from coach Jake Levinski's stable into Saturday's 3A state tournament at the Ford Idaho Center.

Fellow seniors Savannah Turner (126) and Willy Haun (195) as well as juniors Rhyalee Nix (170) and Willie White (160), and ninth-grader Andrew Marston (132) also qualified for the state tournament.

Six other Trojans — seniors Kaydince Turner (132), Gracie Rotter (106), Owen Houser (285), juniors Elizabeth Hergesheimer (120) and Isaiah Stebly (126), and freshman Shawn Lee (113) — finished fifth in their respective weight classes. That gives them alternate status for Saturday.

Egusquiza sets his sights on a third state championship during a one-day tournament Saturday, and you can bet he'll enter his final prep competition with the tenacity that was on display early in Parma.

Egusquiza (22-5) outlasted his final two district opponents, including an 11-4 decision over Weiser's Maddox Stevens in the championship bout.

In the semifinals, Egusquiza dominated Garrett Weber of Parma, 7-1, to move past Bryan Martinat into sixth place on the HHS all-time victories list.

Egusquiza enters the state tournament with 109 career wins, one shy of Justin Ensley at No. 5. He'll most likely wind up fifth all-time because there aren't enough state meet bouts for him to catch No. 4 Adam Duryee (117 wins).

Egusquiza's day began quickly in the district quarterfinals against Kooper Rowland. On the opening signal, he scurried across the mat and flattened the Parma athlete to set up a pinfall in 55 seconds.

In his semifinal against Weber, Egusquiza was levied a one-point penalty for a technical foul late in the opening round. But he maintained his composure to rout his opponent.

He pushed his lead to 4-1 with a near-fall in the second round, and at one point looked up to the referee and raised his hand in protest when Weber appeared to stall and refuse to compete while face-down on the mat.

Nix wrestled for a district championship for the second year in a row, and he will compete in his third state tournament.

Seth Rushton of McCall-Donnelly outlasted Nix to get

The 100 club

Nash Johnson	154
Jeremy Ensley	129
Tyler Christoffersen	119
Adam Duryee	117
Justin Ensley	110
Joseph Egusquiza	109
Bryan Martinat	107
Ryan Nash	105
Ron Hooker	102

an 8-4 decision in the final.

Nix (20-8) had only two matches Saturday. After a bye in the quarterfinals, he blanked Kaleb Grove, 9-0, for a major decision in the semifinals.

Senior Willy Haun (23-18) will end his high school career with a trip to the state meet.

He punched his ticket to the Idaho Center with a speedy 35-second pin of Weiser's Dillon Houser in the bronze medal match at 195.

Haun pinned Houser in 90 seconds of their opening match in the 195 quarterfinals then lost the semifinal when McCall's MaHonri Rushton posted a pin in 1:03.

Haun edged Parma's Tate Oberg, 5-2, to move into the third-place match.

Senior Savannah Turner will close her prep career with a trip to the state meet after a fourth-place finish at 126.

Turner (17-9) lost third place when Jace Buescher's got a 26-second pin.

She pinned Fruitland's Dylan Stowe in 2:38 to reach the semifinal. Another Fruitland wrestler, Kolton Farrow, pinned Turner six seconds before the end of the first round in the semifinal.

Turner rallied in the consolation bracket, beating teammate Isaiah Stebly, 4-0.

Marston will wrestle in the state tournament to close his first season of prep competition.

After controlling the early portion of a 132-pound semifinal, Marston got caught by Weiser's Justin Williamson, who pulled out a pin (2:48) to move into the title bout.

Marston rallied with a pin in 1:32 against Payette's Miah Garcia in the consolation semifinal.

He lost the third-place bout to Weiser's Juan Aguirre, who posted a 13-4 major decision.

Marston started his tournament with a pin of teammate Kaydince Turner at 4:48 of their quarterfinal.

Turner (15-12) kept her tournament alive with a tough and emotional 8-2 victory over



Homedale senior Kaydince Turner works to get out of a hold by Fruitland's Brodie Greif.

Fruitland's Brodie Greif in a first-round consolation bout.

The senior used a scoring flurry to build a 7-2 lead after four minutes, but she was escorted to the medical table for treatment of a bloody nose during a stoppage before the final round.

Turner gutted out a victory against Greif after beginning the final round from the down position. Greif had her on the mat, but Turner refused all attempts to get turned and — even after another blood stoppage with 35 seconds remaining and with tissue shoved in both nostrils — held on for the victory without giving up a point.

Afterward, Levinski and assistant coach Joe Egusquiza stood and applauded from the side of the mat before both embraced Turner as she broke down in tears.

In the fifth-place match, Turner toughed out another victory, beating Payette's Miah Garcia, 4-3.

Hampered by back spasms, White, a 2020 district champion, fell to sixth at 160. The junior (24-12) lost the fifth-place match by medical forfeit to Fruitland's Ethan Skelly.

On Monday, White confirmed that he had received an at-large bid to the state tournament based on his overall body of work this season.

The former district champion pinned teammate Noah Bowen in 31 seconds of their quarterfinal but lost a 9-3 decision to Weiser's Maximus Kingsbury in the semifinal.

He slipped into the fifth-place match when Fruitland's Brett Hoffman pulled off a pin in 51 seconds of their consolation semifinal.

Stebly (19-22) rallied from his consolation semifinal loss to Savannah Turner to pin Fruitland's Dylan Stowe at the 3:56 mark of their fifth-place match.

Stebly had three wins on the day. He pinned Parma's Lucas Berry in 63 seconds in a first-round match then pinned Payette's Jordan Barrett in 2:43 in the first round of the consolation bracket.

Houser (15-20) pinned Fruitland's Brody Holaday one second into the second round of the fifth-place match.

The senior edged Alexander Aslanzadeh of Parma, 3-2, in the quarterfinal but lost his semifinal match to Weiser's Jesse Lockett on a 34-second pin.

Another tight loss, 8-7 to Weiser's Tristan McMahl, in the consolation semifinal sent Houser to the fifth-place bout.

Rotter (5-14) got the fifth-place slot with a bye. She lost her only matches of the day by pinfall to Payette's Brian Mendoza (38 seconds) and Fruitland's Kiana Dullanty (2:25).

Lee (3-28) also earned fifth place after a bye following his consolation semifinal loss to Weiser's Rafael Delgadillo (24-second pin). Van Vinson of McCall pinned Lee in 3:17 of their quarterfinal.

Hergesheimer (8-15) was fifth with a bye after losing

the consolation semifinal to Fruitland's Johnny Squibb (1:16). She also lost in the quarterfinal when Weiser's Tristan Coria got a pin two seconds before the end of the first period.

At 145, sophomore Jeffery Layne (10-19) pinned McCall's Adam Rushton in 3:45 during a first-round consolation match, but wound up sixth after Fruitland's Ray Florez pulled off a 5-2 victory in the fifth-place match.

Freshman Brodie White (19-23) finished sixth at 220 when McCall's Andrew Alvarez posted a 1:42 pinfall in the fifth-place match.

Earlier in the meet, Alvarez grabbed a 9-3 victory to send White into the consolation bracket.

From there, White narrowly missed a shot at third place when McCall's Sawyer Kavis edged the ninth-grader, 5-4, in a consolation semifinal.

Other competitors for Homedale on a busy Saturday included Levi Jamison (3-22) and Trinity Neeser (2-16) at 138, Keegan McKay (6-28) at 145, Anahi Cortez (1-10) at 152, Noah Bowen (8-20) at 160, Michael Rose (8-15) at 195, and Uriel Neri (6-18) at 220.

According to Idaho High School Activities Association restrictions, each state tournament wrestler will receive two passes for spectators at Saturday's season finale.

Although only 10 HHS fans will be allowed inside the Idaho Center, the action will be available on NFHS Network.

—JPB

Sports

Slew of state qualifiers push Melba to 2nd at district

Six weight-class runners-up led 11 state meet qualifiers Saturday as the host squad Melba High School finished second in 2A District III wrestling tournament.

The Mustangs recorded multiple runner-up finishes, including 106-pounder Jaycie Hackler, Jaxen Hackler (120), McKoy Richardson (132), Zane Helm (152), Ben Evans (195), and Cody Dickard (285).

Those finishing third place or better in their weight classes earned trips to State.

Besides the second-place wrestlers, other state qualifiers include Noah Alvarez-Clausen (third, 113), Grant Svedin (third, 126), Evan Michaelson (third, 145), Brenton Overall (third, 170), and Trevor Rhoades (third, 182).

The 11 wrestlers next compete in the 2A state tournament, which begins at 9 a.m., on Saturday at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

• Jaxen Hackler lost the 120-pound title match to New Plymouth’s Zack Vian, who prevailed by pinfall in 45 seconds.

Hackler pinned Garden Valley’s Daniel Martinez in 3 minutes, 14 seconds to reach the gold-medal match.

• Jaycie Hackler and Tri-Valley’s Russell Noah faced off in the title match at 106,



Above: Garden Valley’s Daniel Martinez (bottom) struggles to break free of Melba’s Jaxen Hackler’s grasp in a 120-pound semifinal clash. *Below:* Melba’s McKoy Richardson (left) locks up Dallan Scott during their match on Saturday as the referee gets up close for a call.



with Noah pulling off a pin in 32 seconds.

• Richardson pinned New Plymouth’s Kolten Branstetter (3:04) in the semifinals

then forfeited the championship bout to New Plymouth’s Grant Ethington.

• Helm pinned New Plymouth’s Erin Vian (1:47) in the

semifinals. In the championship, he lost in a major decision to New Plymouth’s Trent Myers (13-0).

• Evans topped Garden Val-

ley’s Ayden Falck (fall, 59 seconds) in their semifinal bout before a disqualification took him out of the district final with New Plymouth’s Malaki Lopez.

• Dickard dropped Garden Valley’s Nathan Willoughby (fall, 1:23) in the semifinals. In the title bout, New Plymouth’s Hunter Williams topped Dickard (fall, 2:33).

• Overall routed Tri-Valley’s Blake Damon, 14-2, in the 170 third-place match.

• Michaelson pinned Nampa Christian’s Christian Langdon in 4:21 of the third-place match at 145. He also edged Marsing’s Jonathan Ineck, 3-0, in a consolation semifinal.

• Logan Dunn took fourth at 152. He beat Garden Valley’s Gavin Kelly, 9-3, in a consolation semifinal before Erin Vian posted a pinfall in 1:45 in the bronze medal match.

Four other Mustangs placed fifth in their respective divisions, including Vicente Acosta (132), Skyler Vander-Zee (138), Josh Waite (220), and Charles Arrington (285).

Acosta wrapped up fifth with a pinfall at the end of the first round against Maximus Good of Garden Valley.

Waite pinned Marsing’s Kail Wyman in 41 seconds in the fifth-place match at 220.

— TK



Marsing’s Goins gets tough

Melba’s Josh Waite (bottom) struggles to keep his shoulders off the mat during his match with Marsing senior Jacob Goins.

Huskies’ Ineck dispatches Pilgrim

Jonathan Ineck (top) looks for coaching direction during his match with New Plymouth’s Christopher Newling on Saturday.



Public notices

ATTENTION OWYHEE COUNTY VOTERS
In accordance with Idaho Code 34-302, on Monday February 1, 2021 the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners designated the following locations for all 2021 elections:
Precinct 001 & 002 – North & South Homedale
Owyhee County Community Center
423 West Nevada Ave
Homedale, ID 83628
Precincts 003 & 004 – North & South Marsing
Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall
126 Old Bruneau Highway
Marsing, ID 83639
Precinct 006 – Wilson
Wilson School House
10427 Johnston Lane
Melba, ID 83641
Precinct 007 – Murphy
Owyhee County Museum & Library
17085 Basey Street
Murphy, ID 83650
Precinct 008 – Oreana
Oreana Community Hall
18092 Oreana Loop Road
Oreana, ID 83650
Precinct 009 – Grand View
Grand View American Legion Hall
410 Roosevelt Ave
Grand View, ID 83624
Precinct 010 – Bruneau
Bruneau American Legion Hall
32536 Belle Ave
Bruneau, ID 83605
Pleasant Valley, Riddle and Three Creek precincts will remain as mail-in ballot precincts.
Voters not wishing to vote in person may also request an Absentee Ballot by filling out a request form at www.idahovotes.gov or by requesting a form be mailed to you. Requests for Absentee Ballots must be received by February 26, 2021. Only ballots returned to our office by 8:00 pm on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 will be counted. Absentee Ballots can also be tracked at www.idahovotes.gov
Owyhee County Elections
Angela Barkell, Clerk
02/24/2021

**NOTICE OF COSSA LEVY ELECTION
JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 363
OWYHEE AND CANYON COUNTIES, IDAHO**
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN according to law and requisite action by the Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 363, Owyhee and Canyon Counties, Idaho, that a **COSSA levy election** will be held on **Tuesday, March 9, 2021**, in the Joint School District No. 363, Owyhee and Canyon Counties, State of Idaho, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said District their vote at precinct polling sites open **8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.** for the following question: “Shall the Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 363, Owyhee and Canyon Counties, State of Idaho, be authorized and empowered to assess a levy under ***Idaho Code Section 33-371(2) (COSSA Levy)*** for the purpose of funding the **District’s share of the costs of operation** of the Canyon Owyhee School Service Agency (COSSA), of which the District is a member, in an amount **not to exceed one tenth of one percent (.1%) of the school district market value, for a period of not to exceed ten (10) years,** commencing with the fiscal year **beginning July 1, 2021**, as provided in the Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees on December 9, 2020.” Said election will be conducted pursuant to ***Title 34 Idaho Code.***
Owyhee County polling locations for the March 9, 2021 Joint School District No. 363 COSSA Levy:
Precinct 002 - South Homedale
Owyhee County Community Center
423 West Nevada Ave
Homedale, ID 83628
Precinct 003 - North Marsing
American Legion Hall
126 Old Bruneau Highway
Marsing, ID 83639
Precinct 004 - South Marsing
American Legion Hall
126 Old Bruneau Highway
Marsing, ID 83639
Precinct 006 - Wilson
Wilson School House
10427 Johnston Lane
Melba, ID 83641
Precinct 013 - Absentee Voting
Owyhee County Courthouse
20381 State Hwy 78
Murphy, Idaho 83650
For Mail-In Absentee or In-Person Absentee Voting, contact the Owyhee County Clerks Office at 208-495-2421.
All Precincts are handicapped accessible and / or offer curbside voting shall the voter need assistance.
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**
On March 17, 2021, the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in

the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St., Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below.
Beginning at 9:30 am, the Commission will hear application Z21-10 a request for a conditional

**NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION LEVY ELECTION
BRUNEAU-GRAND VIEW
JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 365
ELMORE AND OWYHEE COUNTIES, IDAHO**
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN according to law and requisite action by the Board of Trustees of Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District No. 365, Elmore and Owyhee Counties, Idaho, that a **supplemental maintenance and operation levy election** will be held on **Tuesday, March 9, 2021**, in the Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District, Elmore and Owyhee Counties, State of Idaho, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said District their vote at precinct polling sites open **8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.** for the following question: “Shall the Board of Trustees of Bruneau Grand View Joint School District No. 365 be authorized to levy a Supplemental Maintenance and Operation (M&O) Levy in the amount of **THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000.00)**, per year, for the **next two (2)** years, for the total of **SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$600,000.00)**, commencing **July 1, 2021** and ending **June 30, 2023**, resulting in an **annual tax of approximately \$139.81 per one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of taxable assessed value**, based on current conditions. The Levy will be for the purpose of paying all **lawful expenses in maintaining and operating the schools**, as provided in the resolution of the Board of Trustees of Bruneau Grand View Joint School District No. 365 adopted on January 12, 2021.” Said election will be conducted pursuant to ***Title 34 Idaho Code.***
Owyhee County polling locations for the March 9, 2021 Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District No. 365 Supplemental Levy:
Precinct 008 - Oreana
Oreana Community Center
18092 Oreana Loop Road
Oreana, Idaho 83650
Precinct 009 - Grand View
American Legion Hall
410 Roosevelt Ave
Grand View, ID 83624
Precinct 010 - Bruneau
American Legion Hall
32536 Belle Avenue
Bruneau, Idaho 83604
Precinct 011 - Riddle – Mail Ballot Precincts
Owyhee County Courthouse
20381 State Hwy 78
Murphy, Idaho 83650
Precinct 013 - Absentee Voting
Owyhee County Courthouse
20381 State Hwy 78
Murphy, Idaho 83650
For Mail-In Absentee or In-Person Absentee Voting, contact the Owyhee County Clerks Office at 208-495-2421.
Elmore County residents who reside in the Chattin Flats voting precinct will vote mail-in ballot or in-person absentee at the Elmore County Courthouse.
All Precincts are handicapped accessible and / or offer curbside voting shall the voter need assistance.
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use permit filed by **Jeffery & Rochelle Gastaldi** seeking approval to establish a single-family residence on a 3.4-acre parcel located off Whispering Hills Drive and Hogg Road, approximately 4.5 miles west of Marsing. The subject parcel, RP02N05W027800, is located in an agricultural zone in a portion of the NW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 2, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.
Beginning at 10:30 am, the Commission will hear application Z21-11 filed by **Randy Williams** seeking a conditional use permit to establish a private airstrip on 3 parcels of land: RP01S02W201963, RP01S02W201970, & RP01S02W207200, totaling approximately 88.5 acres. The subject parcels, owned by Edward Frisbie, and Mark Frisbie, are located at and around 11800 Fantastic Dr., approximately 5 miles southwest of Melba, and are located partially in both multi-use and agricultural zones in a portion of the E ½ of Section 20, Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.
Beginning at 1:00 pm, the Commission will hear application Z21-12 a request for a conditional use permit filed by **J. Lavar Young** seeking approval to establish a single-family residence on an approximately 2.3-acre parcel located off Wilson Cemetery Road and Night Hawk Lane,

approximately 6.5 miles southwest of Melba. The subject parcel, RP01S03W117211, is located in an agricultural zone in a portion of the NE¼ of the SE¼ of Section 11, Township 1 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.
Additional information about the meeting is available at owyheecounty.net under Public Hearing Documents on the Community Development page. Copies of the proposed projects are available for review in the Community Development office or on the webpage. For additional information please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2.
02/24/2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale City Council on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming Ave. Homedale, Idaho.
The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for Special Use Permit filed by Madison Fundamentals, LLC requesting that they be allowed to develop a 57-unit, temporary use RV park and retail space at 401 E. Idaho Ave (all of Block 104 and all of Block 107) and 427 E. Owyhee Ave, (a portion of vacated Montana Ave and vacated Riverside Drive and all of lots 2, 3, and 4 of Block 105 and all of lots 13-16 of Block 105), in the

city of Homedale, Idaho.
The public is invited to attend and offer input.
Alice E. Pegram
City Clerk
City of Homedale
02/24,03/03/2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The public is invited to attend a public hearing to discuss the impending Sewer/Water rate increase on March 16, 2021, 6 pm at Grand View Community Center 510 Idaho Ave. Grand View, ID. Please adhere to social distancing guidelines, masks are suggested.
02/24,03/03,10/2021

**INVITATION FOR BID
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**
that bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of Marsing Joint School District No. 363, Marsing, Idaho, for Integrated CE S Bus.
Detailed specifications are available at the Marsing School District Office, 205 8th Ave West Hwy 78, Marsing, Idaho, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.
Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 11, 2021, to the Marsing School District Office, 205 8th Ave West Hwy 78, Marsing, Idaho. Bids received after the stated time and date will not be considered.
The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept, reject or to select any portion of any or all bids and to waive any technicality. No bidder may withdraw the bid(s) after the opening of such bids unless the awarding of the bid is delayed for a period exceeding thirty days.
Questions should be made in writing via email to Mrs. Lorraine Simonson, lsimonson@marsingschools.org Business Manager.
Norm Stewart, Superintendent
Marsing School District #363
02/24,03/03/2021

**INVITATION TO BID
BUS MAINTENANCE**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:
Sealed bids will be received in the District Office of the Superintendent of Schools located in Bruneau, Idaho 83604, 39678 State Highway 78, Telephone (208)-834-2260, until 5 o’clock p.m., March 8, 2021 for bus maintenance, materials and services for two years, July 2021- June 2022 and July-2022- ending June-2023 school years.
Please pick up the bus maintenance information packet with specifications and bid forms at the District Office, 39678 State Highway 78 Bruneau, Idaho. For additional details contact Superintendent, Ryan Cantrell at 208-834-2260.
The bids will be opened by Bus Maintenance Committee and share their recommendations with the board, at the board meeting April 13, 2021 at Rimrock Jr. Sr. High School, at 7 p.m.
The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept the bid deemed best, or reject any and/or all bids and to waive any technicality.
By Order of the Board of Trustees
Joint School District No. 365
39678 State Highway 78
Bruneau, Idaho 83604
JayDene Aquiso
02/17,02/24/2021

Public notices

LIEN SALE
F-12, XAVIER FRAIRE P.O. BOX 502, HOMEDALE IDAHO. LAWNMOWER, LADDER AND MISC ITEMS.
F-15 ELIZABETH SNOW, 531 W IDAHO AVE, HOMEDALE IDAHO. DRESSER TWO CAR SEATS AND MISC ITEMS.
K-1 TRAVIS GLASGOW, 695 N SHADY GROVE WAY KUNA IDAHO 83634. PAINT SPRAYER OSB SHEETS, TV AC UNIT AND MISC ITEMS.
Silent auction will be held on 03-06-2021 at Hwy 95 Self Storage located at 3685 Hwy 95 Homedale Idaho. All bids are cash only and final. Units will be swept out. units can be viewed during regular business hours between now and the day of the action. Sealed bids will be accepted only. Auction will end on 03-06-2021 at 1PM.
02/24,03/03/2021

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 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,

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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

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/ Rachelle Fahey, Deputy Clerk
02/03,10,17,24/2021

SUMMONS CASE NO. CV37-20-00355 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
NATALIE WILHITE, Plaintiff,
v.
ALL OF THE HEIRS AND 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

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filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case No., and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 20381 State Highway 78, P. O. Box 128, Murphy, Idaho 83650, telephone number (208) 495-2421, and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiff’s attorney at David E. Kerrick, 213 S. 10th Avenue, P.O. Box 44, Caldwell, Idaho 83606, telephone number (208) 459-4574.
A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.
DATED: Jan. 25, 2021
ANGELA BARKELL, Clerk of the Court
/s/ Rachelle Fahey, Deputy Clerk
02/03,10,17,24/2021

SUMMONS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE COLLECTION BUREAU, INC., an Idaho corporation, Plaintiff, vs. ESTEBAN RIOS, Defendant
Case No. CV37-20-00194
TO: THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: You have been sued by the above named Plaintiff. The nature of the claim against you is monies due and owing. 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 number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiff’s Attorneys, Mark L. Clark, PLLC, PO Box 846, Nampa, Idaho, 83653; (208) 463-2331. 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: Feb. 8, 2021
Angela Barkell, CLERK OF THE COURT
By: /s/ Lena Johnson, Deputy Clerk
02/24;03/03,10,17/2021

PUBLIC HEARING

Southwestern Idaho Cooperative Housing Authority (SICHA) has developed its agency plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. The plan, attachments and support documents are available for review at the SICHA administrative office located at 377 Cornell Street, Middleton, Idaho 83644 between the public business hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday. In Owyhee County, the plan and attachments can be examined at the El-Ada Community Center, 15 West Colorado, Homedale, Idaho. In addition, a Public Hearing will be held at the SICHA administrative office in Middleton at the address indicated above on April 15, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.



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Sports

Homedale girls take 2nd at club tourney

Homedale’s seventh-grade girls’ basketball team finished runner-up in the Crash The Boards Tournament.

The team went 3-1, losing Saturday’s tournament championship game, 31-10, to the Eagle Basketball Club.

Homedale trailed by just five points at halftime (11-6) in the championship game, but coach Benji Sorenson said “We lost our edge a bit early in the second half,” against Eagle.

“But it was a good weekend and a nice finish to our tournament season to take home some hardware playing against these club teams and bigger schools,” the co-coach (with Mike Frank) added.

Homedale reached the championship game with a 29-21 win over Idaho Elite Red on Saturday afternoon.

The tournament began Friday night with a 17-13 triumph against Mountain Home.

Homedale began its three-game Saturday with a 36-8 blowout of Idaho Elite Blue.



Back row: Coach Mike Frank. **Front row, from left:** Coach Benji Sorenson, Tiana Sorenson, Stephanie Quezada, Kierstley Roseborough, Stella Heck, Kynna Soland-Pfeil, Bailey Hymas-Robinson, Belen Asumendi, Karlie Kildow, and Breydyn Ford. Submitted photo

HMS boys play for another 3A SRV title today

After polishing off their final two regular-season opponents, Homedale Middle School now takes on surprise guest Fruitland today at home in the 3A Snake River Valley conference boys’ basketball tournament final.

Game time is 5:30 p.m.

The Trojans eighth-graders trounced No. 4 Parma, 59-19, on Monday.

Third-seeded Fruitland upset No. 2 Weiser, 57-53, in the other semifinal in the single-elimination tournament.

Coach Benji Sorenson’s team won’t be done even after taking their shot at a second consecutive championship.

The Trojans (11-0 overall, 5-0 in conference) have agreed to play host to at least one exhibition game on Friday inside the HMS gym.

Baker, Ore.’s eighth-graders will be in town, and there may be one other team to create a round-robin mini-tournament.

“Baker has a real good eighth-grade team,” Sorenson said. “It will be a great test for us, and we are glad they are willing to come down and give us a game.”

There will be an admission charge of \$5 for adults and \$3 for children to help cover costs.

Thursday: Homedale 54, McCain 21 — The Trojans cooked in their 3A SRV home finale, owning a 20-point lead (32-12) at halftime, which gave the coach an opportunity to give bench players some run.

McCoy Swallow posted a game-high 13 points with eight rebounds, and Rafael Cuenas picked up five of his nine boards on the offensive glass.

Keaton Sorenson dished six of the Trojans’ 11 assists, while Alex Sotelo added three assists to go with seven points and five steals.

The Trojans committed only six turnovers.

“Another bright spot was a second consecutive game where we did a good job of taking care of the ball,” Benji Sorenson said.

Feb. 16: Homedale 66, Fruitland 37 — The Trojans scored 13 points in the first five minutes before the host Grizzlies found the basket.

Breken Frank opened his game-high 16-point performance with a Euro step finish to beat two defenders off the dribble for the contest’s first points. He also snagged four rebounds.

Homedale’s knack for assists was on display soon after as Sotelo made an extra pass to set up Swallow’s three-pointer from the corner.

Swallow finished with 13 points and nine rebound. Sotelo logged eight points, five rebounds and would notch another assist later in the game.

Keaton Sorenson got in on the 13-0 start, too, by converting an offensive rebound to start an 11-point, eight-rebound game. He also dished three assists.

Luke Henry capped the fast start with the final six points of the rally. He would also grabbed five rebounds in the game.

Once Fruitland woke up, the Grizzlies tightened the game somewhat for a 29-19 HMS lead at the break.

Despite a sluggish three minutes after halftime, the Trojans maintained a double-digit lead before Frank book-ended a 9-0 burst with a driving layup and a three-pointer. Sotelo knocked in a couple of floaters for the rest of the run, and Homedale led, 47-30, heading into the third period.

The Trojans overcame a rare backseat in shooting percentage with offensive rebounding to spark second-chance points. Homedale had 20 offensive rebounds and outboarded Fruitland, 39-22.

B team

Thursday: Homedale 42, McCain 19 — A second-half surge sent the Trojans on a 30-11 run to close their season finale.

Cruz Bullard scored six points in the first quarter before the teams settled into a sluggish

first half. Homedale led, 12-8, at the intermission.

Eight Trojans scored in the second half. Mario Garcia finished as leading scorer with nine points, while Bullard and Tyler Erickson chipped in with eight apiece.

Other scorers were Dylan Arnold (six), Brandon Reynolds (four), Jabe Maxwell (three), and Nate Lindgren and Simon Sosa (two each).

“We were proud of how the B team competed this season,” B coach Mike Frank said. “They are a great bunch of kids and showed up everyday looking to get better.”

Feb. 16: Fruitland 38, Homedale 29 — Trojans went toe-to-toe with the conference’s best team for most of the game. In the end, the inability to finish crucial layups played a factor.

Arnold led the way with seven points, while Garcia and Kyler Crall put in five each. Bullard, Reynolds, and Lindgren chipped in four points apiece.

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Sports

Mustangs' Kate Clark tops again; Vanosdall lone Husky

The Melba High School girls' basketball team was represented well on the All-2A Western Idaho Conference team. Senior guard Kate Clark shares the Co-Player of the Year award with New Plymouth's Alyssa Christensen. Clark shared the distinction last season with then-senior teammate Kortney Trappett. Clark finished out her stellar career with 1,402 points and 61 three-point shots this season, both of which are school

records. She has multiple career games in which she hit six three-point shots, which is also a school record. Sophomore wing Emily Vanosdall, an honorable mention selection, was the sole Marsing player cited. District III champion Cole Valley Christian's Matt Beglinger is Coach of the Year, breaking a two-year run by Melba's David Lenz. Melba sophomores Kendall Clark and Keylee Wilson

made the first team. Last season, Kendall Clark was at first-teamer while Wilson received honorable mention. Sophomore Hallie Arnold was the Mustangs' second-team lone representative, while Owyhee County freshman Brooklyn Dayley made the honorable mention list. Kate Clark also made her way on to the 2A District III Senior All-Star team, joining teammate forward Faith Svedin.

Marsing, Melba student-athletes earn 2A WIC academic honors

Several local athletes, encompassing basketball, wrestling and cheer, have been placed on the 2A Western Idaho Conference all-academic team. Varsity student-athletes who attained a 3.75 grade-point average qualified: **Marsing** — Mila Astorquia and Emily Vanosdall, girls' basketball; and Dakota Krausch and Karla Salazar, cheer **Melba** — Joshua Leavitt, Owyhee County resident Trace Stimpson, and Braden Volkers, boys' basketball; Hallie Ar-

nold, Telissa Christensen, Kate Clark, Kendall Clark, Owyhee County resident Brooklyn Dayley, Laura Forsgren, Erika Hunter, Lacey Leavitt, Faith Svedin, and Keylee Wilson, girls' basketball; Cody Dickard, Jaycie Hackler, McKoy Richardson, Grant Svedin, and Joshua Waite, wrestling; and Emmary Astle, Brittany Erickson, Jaycee L'Heureux, Emma Olsen, Kali Williams, and Gabrielle Young, cheer **Nampa Christian** — Halle Burch, girls' basketball (former Jordan Valley athlete)

✓ Melba: Mustangs rally after watershed 2A WIC loss to New Plymouth

From Page 1B Bears from Bear Lake, 51-40, on Saturday at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

"As far as the state tournament (as a whole), I feel that everyone contributed to the success of the team," Melba coach David Lenz said. "I thought all of our players had moments in the tournament when they made plays that helped us win." Melba nailed six three-pointers and shot 40 percent overall in the state final.

It was the Mustangs' second championship game appearance in the past three seasons. They lost, 50-34, to Soda Springs in 2019. On Saturday, the Mustangs went 13-of-17 (76.5 percent) from the free-throw line, while the Bears were 6-for-11 (54.5 percent). Senior Kate Clark and sophomore Kendall Clark led the Mustangs in scoring throughout the season, and that didn't change when the state tournament rolled around. However, Lenz was quick to note the sisters' work on the other side of the ball.

"Kate and Kendall...were a huge part of the defense we played and were good at rebounding the ball," he said. Lenz said Kate Clark's contributions could not be overstated. She was named the 2A Western Idaho Conference Player of the Year this season. "Obviously, Kate's presence and leadership are a big reason we were successful," he said. "Kendall was going to be a matchup nightmare whether they were in their 2-3 zone or if they played man defense." He also noted that Keylee Wilson, Faith Svedin and Telissa Christensen played great defense and hit important bas-



Melba sophomore guard Hallie Arnold puts up a shot over Nellie Palayo (13) and Tayler Thompson (15) during the Soda Springs chapter of the Mustangs' state championship story.

kets. According to Lenz, Owyhee County resident Brooklynn Dayley played her best basketball of the year in the state tournament. The freshman averaged 8.6 points, 5.6 rebounds, 3.3 assists, and 1.6 steals per game over three

days, first at Bishop Kelly High School in Boise then at the Idaho Center. "She made a lot of winning plays for us all tournament," Lenz said. The coach said that the real turning point on the Mustangs' season came after a 33-29 con-

ference loss to New Plymouth on Jan. 15. "After that loss, we really came together as a team and decided if we were going to get the most out of our team, we needed to become more of a team," Lenz said. "Our shot selection became a lot better, and each player filled their role to the best of their abilities and played to their strengths." Kate Clark put up 17 points against Bear Lake, while Kendall chipped in 16. The Clarks pulled down four rebounds apiece. Rounding out the scoring, Dayley added nine points, Wilson six, and Hallie Arnold three. Wilson led the team with seven boards. The Bears' senior Hailey Humphreys scored a game-high 21 points, and junior Kalisha Parker put up 13. Parker led the team with seven rebounds. "Overall, it was a great team effort all tournament," Lenz said. "I don't think we have the success we had without all seven of them contributing the way they did."

Friday: Melba 46, New Plymouth 34 — The Mustangs met 2A WIC foe New Plymouth in the semifinal game at BK and showed they were more than up to the task. The Mustangs reached the state final behind the strong play of star guard Kate Clark, who logged 19 points and three rebounds. Dayley had an overall strong showing with eight points, nine boards and four assists. Arnold added nine points and three assists. Alyssa Christensen paced the Pilgrims with 11 points and eight rebounds. Teammate Eboni Shaw chipped in

10 points and five offensive boards. **Thursday: Melba 42, Soda Springs 27** — After early struggles defending the outside shot, the Mustangs took control and figured out ways to get it done against the three-time reigning champs. Melba fell into an early 9-3 hole against the Cardinals before clawing back into the game and asserting control. Melba pulled to within three points, 14-11, early in the second quarter, fueled by the Clark sisters' three-point field goals. A pair of free throws and a driving layup by Dayley knotted the score at 16-16. Another trey, followed by Kendall Clark's free throw put the Mustangs up 20-16 with 1 minute, 29 seconds left in the half. She converted a fast-break layup after a turnover moments later to stretch the lead to six. The Cardinals held the ball over the last minute-plus of the half, waiting for a final shot. But the Mustangs' smothering defense prevented a good look, and the shot fell well short. Melba outscored the Cardinals, 20-11, over the final 16 minutes to avenge losses to the Cardinals in the three previous state tournaments. Sophomore Kendall Clark was a force on both sides of the ball for Melba, putting up 14 points and pulling down seven rebounds. Dayley scored nine points, corralled five rebounds, and dished out three assists. Sophomore forward Keylee Wilson was good for seven points and four boards. Sophomore Taylor Billman led the Cardinals with 10 points. — TK