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Bruneau-GV schools boss to step down

Ryan Cantrell will leave his post as Bruneau-Grand View School District superintendent at the end of the school year.

Cantrell announced he would step away from the job to spend more time with his family in a message to patrons.

"It has been my great pleasure to work with the good people of Oreana, Grand View and Bruneau for the last seven years," he wrote.

"I'm grateful for my time serving in BGV, and I'm proud of the work we've accomplished together for

our students."

Trustees have accepted Cantrell's resignation, which becomes effective on June 30. The search for a successor will commence in the coming weeks.

"The time has come for me to be present more in our family

life in the coming years so that I can enjoy and appreciate the time I have with them as my son enters into the high school years," Cantrell wrote.

District patrons will go to the

— See **Schools**, page 4A



Ryan Cantrell



Marsing FFA gives to community, but with a twist

Above: Marsing FFA chapter president Annie Miller endured stiff winds to pass off a stack of meals to Brandi Campbell during the chapter's "drive-by" community lunch on Friday outside the high school's Ag building. The annual tradition was altered slightly to accommodate COVID-19 precautions.

Right: National FFA Week at Marsing also featured "Drive Your Tractor to School Day" on Thursday, and bundled-up art and speech teacher Mary Beth Prince participated.



Large RV park with retail proposed near Homedale entrance

Public hearing scheduled next Wednesday

A long-dormant piece of Homedale commercial property may gain new life.

A Caldwell-based development company has filed a special use permit application to convert the former Homedale

Auto Recyclers property at the east entrance of town into a short-term recreational vehicle park.

Madison Fundamentals LLC principals Tim Kristovich and Jeff Kessel will bring their application before the Homedale City Council for a public hearing at 6 p.m., next Wednesday.

— See **RV park**, page 14A



A public hearing notice stands on the sidewalk near a piece of East Idaho Avenue property proposed for an RV park.

Lions bingo returns to Marsing

Lions Club stages first game since October

After a four-month hiatus — three of which weren't planned — the Marsing Lions Club is bringing back its bingo night.

Saturday's first bingo of 2021 — and first since October — will benefit the club's annual Easter egg hunt. The hunt will take place on

Saturday, April 3 at the Marsing High School football field.

Bingo nights for February, January, and November were cancelled because of COVID-19 restrictions on indoor gatherings. The group typically shuts bingo in December each year.

Saturday's bingo will begin with a 6:45 p.m.,

— See **Bingo**, page 2A

Two school levies on Tuesday's ballot

Voters in two school districts that serve parts of Owyhee County will decide levy elections Tuesday.

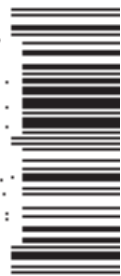
Bruneau-Grand View trustees have proposed a two-year supplemental maintenance and operation property tax levy, while Marsing seeks renewal of its 10-year Canyon-Owyhee

School Service Agency levy.

In the Bruneau-Grand View district, the proposed levy would raise \$300,000 in each of the next two school years (\$600,000 total).

The annual tax would be approximately \$139.81 per

— See **Levies**, page 4A



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Overall Owyhee County
COVID-19 cases:

878

Feb. 23 to March 1 statistics:
New confirmed cases, 0
Probable cases, 126 (New: 0)
Deaths: 25 (New: 1)
People who recovered: 944 (New: 6)
Health alert level: Yellow
Source: coronavirus.idaho.gov
and Southwest District Health

Malheur COVID-19 cases:

3,351

New cases, Feb. 23 to March 1: 20
Deaths: 58 (New: 0)
Negative tests: 20,977 (New: 3,132)
Source:
govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19

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Marsing Lions Club member David VanWassenhove calls out bingo numbers during the October fundraiser. Another bingo caller, Herb Churruca, sits at the cashier's table in the background. Saturday's bingo games will mark the first action for the service club since the fall.

COVID-19 cases tick
up in schools, overall

Owyhee County remained in the yellow health risk category for COVID-19 last week while three other counties in the Southwest District Health coverage area dropped into the gray area, indicating routine risk.

Owyhee, Canyon and Gem counties were in the yellow health advisory level in Thursday's weekly SWDH update.

Adams, Payette and Washington were in the gray level.

While Owyhee County's daily incidence numbers hovered near the gray threshold, a cluster of new cases were reported in the school districts.

The county's 25th death attributed to the virus or complications thereof was recorded.

Between Feb. 14 and Feb. 20, two confirmed or probable cases

of the virus were reported among Marsing schools staff members, while four cases were discovered in the district's student body.

As of Feb. 22, Owyhee County schools reported 17 staff members or students were in quarantine after close contact with someone who had tested positive for the virus. Five staff and students were in isolation after contracting COVID-19.

The county's daily incidence rate rose slightly to 1.39 daily cases per 10,000 people. The test positivity rate of 13.21 percent is also rising.

The percentage of people who can identify where they were exposed to COVID-19 dropped to 50 percent, which SWDH officials say indicates sustained community transmission.

✓ Bingo: Masks recommended for return

early bird game, followed by the 12-game regular session at 7 p.m. Free popcorn is always provided, and snacks and beverages are available for purchase.

The games are held inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

With Southwest District Health keeping Owyhee County in the yellow COVID-19 health alert level, there will be limited seating Saturday, and organizers recommend folks wear masks.

Each bingo night starts with the selection of a hot number,

and if someone bingos on that number, they win the progressive pot. The hot number pot rolls over each month until a winner is found, or the entire pot is folded into the stakes available during the final bingo of the year.

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

The Lions Club has had only two bingo nights in the past year. The group cancelled the

2019-20 season finale in April when the state's COVID-19 stay-at-home order was released. After an October opener to the 2020-21 season, the club decided to cancel November, January and February games.

Bingo is the club's biggest fundraiser to help pay for community service activities such as the Easter egg hunt and the Third of July barbecue as well as fund the club's eyesight and hearing outreach.

Other bingo nights have benefitted Marsing High School's senior class and the town's senior citizens.

— JPB



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Marsing resident proposes streetlights to enhance safety, discourage speeders

A long-standing issue with appropriate lighting on Old Bruneau Highway may take a step toward resolution with a little work by the city and co-operation from Idaho Power.

Marsing resident Floydine Egurrola approached the Marsing City Council during its Feb. 10 meeting and requested the installation of four streetlights along an area that is notorious for speeding cars, even at night.

The stretch of North Bruneau Highway that concerns Egurrola is between Butte Lane and Simpkin Road near the edge of the city limits.

Egurrola says the request is a matter of safety for those who drive the road and those who live on the road.

“I’ve turned off the (Snake River) bridge before with someone behind me, and before I get to the first road, someone will put the pedal to the metal, ‘Let’s go,’ and they will fly right past me,” she said.

“Plus, because of all the trees there, we were afraid to pull out and get hit.”

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— Floydine Egurrola
North Bruneau Highway area resident

She said her neighbors have expressed similar fears.

Egurrola suggested that if there were more streetlights on North Bruneau, perhaps more people would recognize that they are still inside the city limits and respect the 25 mph speed limit.

“I’m almost afraid to walk down the road during the day because they speed down there so fast,” she said.

On Feb. 10, Owyhee County Sheriff’s Cpl. Atanacio Montes told council members that many speeding tickets are given out on that particular stretch of road.

Council members agreed more lighting is a good idea.

But, elected officials say, a couple things need resolved before moving forward with a plan.

Idaho Power owns the poles on which the lights would be placed, and the city would need the utility company’s stamp of approval and assistance in the endeavor.

City engineer Kirby Cook said he would contact Idaho Power prior to next Wednesday’s city council meeting.

“The council wants to put them on the (existing power poles),” he said. “It would be a lot cheaper than putting up new poles and putting power in the ground.”

Cook also noted that the

Idaho Transportation Department would have to be involved with the process, too. The state agency would design the concept and put the electrical infrastructure in for the lights.

Cook said he will present his findings from conversations with Idaho Power and ITD during next Wednesday’s city council meeting.

Also, an entrance to the proposed Meadow Brook subdivision will light up part of the area in discussion, which may alleviate some of the problem. Project construction may begin in April once developers Les and Lavada Loucks get final plat approval.

City Clerk and Treasurer Jolyn Green mentioned that Gem Highway District has jurisdiction on the road and would have to be involved in the process.

She also said South Old Bruneau Highway is in a similar lighting situation and would likely have to be addressed as well.

— TK

GV rate increase hearing relocated

The City of Grand View late Monday afternoon announced a change of venue for a planned public hearing regarding utility rate increases.

The city council will take community input on impending water and sewer user rate hikes during a hearing set for 6 p.m., on Tuesday, March 16 at the American Legion Post 134 Hall, 410 Roosevelt Ave.

Social distancing will be in place. Masks are suggested.

The hearing was relocated from the new Grand View Community Center to provide better access and more room to meet health protocols.

A 79.3 percent water bill rate hike is proposed, 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).



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✓ Levies: Marsing faces COSSA renewal

\$100,000 of taxable assessed value, according to the district's recent legal notice.

Polling places for the Bruneau-Grand View election will be the Oreana Community Hall (Precinct 8), 18092 Oreana Loop Road in Oreana; American Legion Post 134 Hall (Precinct 9), 410 Roosevelt Ave., Grand View; American Legion Post 83 Hall (Precinct 10), 32536 Belle Ave., Bruneau; as well as Riddle (Precinct 11), which is a mail-in ballot precinct.

In the Marsing COSSA levy election, the property tax amount is not to exceed 1/10th of one percent of the school district's market value over the 10-year life of the levy.

The proceeds from the levy helps Marsing fulfill its responsibility for special education and other educational offerings for students within the district that take advantage of classes at the COSSA regional technical education center in Wilder as well as the COSSA Academy.

Polling places include the Owyhee County Community Center, 423 W. Nevada Ave., in Homedale for South Homedale

(Precinct 2); North Marsing and South Marsing (Precincts 3 and 4) at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.; and Wilson (Precinct 6) at the Wilson Schoolhouse, 10427 Johnston Lane off Idaho highway 78.

The polls will be open in both elections from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., on Tuesday.

Completed absentee ballots for both elections must be received at the county election division at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, by the time the polls close.

For more information on mail-in and in-person absentee voting, contact the county clerk's office at (208) 495-2421.

All precincts are handicapped accessible and/or will offer curbside voting if necessary.

✓ Schools: Cantrell says district staff drives success

polls Tuesday to vote on a two-year supplemental property tax levy that will generate \$600,000 over the next two school years.

Cantrell credited his colleagues and parents for improving the district's footing.

"BGV is in a very good place, thanks to the hard work and dedication of our staff, our trustees and our supportive parents," he wrote.

"BGV is culturally healthy, fiscally sound, and we have a clear path to continued success. I look forward to hearing about the continued success of BGV for years to come."

Bidders flock to GV Lions online auction

Forced virtual by a virus, the annual Grand View Lions Club Auction brought in the most money in the past three years.

Baker Auction Co., hosted the online auction at its website, and the result was 150 people registering to bid. Fifty people from 10 different communities won their auctions.

The result, according to longtime club member Doug Thurman: \$17,000 for the Lions Club's community service programs and projects — an increase of about \$1,000 over last year's live auction that was held inside the town's elementary school gymnasium.

"For the most part, people I talked to had fun bidding," Thurman said.

Thurman said the money will be used on the club's yearly projects as well as finishing up the Lions Park upgrade.

"We are sure there will be plenty of projects in the coming year," he said. "We just want to thank everyone for their support in this new adventure."

Raffle winners were from the local community.

Buffalo Martin of Grand View held the winning ticket for the Traeger grill donated by Campbell Tractor.

Oreana's Dick Chaffin took home the American Ruger 204 rifle, provided in partnership with Mountain Sports and Pawn Brokers in Mountain Home, and two boxes of shells donated by Grand View Gas.

— JPB

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As spring approaches, vigilance in battle against weeds crucial

Spring and associated warmer temperatures are just around the corner. Unfortunately, numerous weed species are ready to germinate and grow as soon as temperatures reach their individual requirements. For some species, that temperature is fairly cool.



Scott Jensen

For example, Bur buttercup, *Ceratocephala testiculata* Crantz, is one of Idaho's earliest emerging and flowering weeds. It is often the first weed to emerge and flower, growing well when daytime temperatures are between 45-50°F. This noxious weed is emerging now that we have had some warmer weather. It grows to only 4 inches tall in and around disturbed areas in southwest Idaho and can often be overlooked.



Brad Stokes

Bur buttercup is extremely easy to identify:

- Leaves are divided into

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finger-like segments resembling a bird's foot with small fine hairs.

- Stems are very short (4 inches or less) and leafless.
- Flowers are small (quarter-inch) bright yellow with five equal-sized petals.
- If left to set seed bur buttercup produces stiff brown burs with spikes.

The timing of emergence and flowering is in March and April in southwest Idaho.

Bur buttercup is considered highly toxic to general livestock, horses and especially sheep. The bur buttercup plant contains ranunculin, a toxic compound that when crushed by livestock, horses or sheep turns into protoanemonin — a highly toxic compound that irritates mucus membranes of mammals. This weed has been known to kill livestock in the western United States with sheep being the most susceptible. Signs of protoanemonin poisoning include: anorexia, labored breathing, diarrhea, recumbency and general weakness.

Bur buttercup can be easily controlled if you are vigilant. This weed has a very shallow small taproot, meaning that it can be mechanically con-



Bur buttercup growing and flowering near a sidewalk in Mountain Home. Photo by Brad Stokes / University of Idaho Elmore County Extension

trolled via hand-pulling or hoeing. Chemical control (e.g. using herbicides) is also an effective method of control. Herbicides containing the active ingredients glyphosate or 2,4-D can be very efficacious in the control of bur buttercup when it is used in the early vegetative growth stages (i.e. just after plant germination).

There are many other plants found in southwest Idaho pastures and rangeland that can be toxic to livestock. Some of the more common irrigated pasture weeds include field bindweed (morning glory), kochia and pigweed. Some common rangeland species include Halogeton, lupine and leafy spurge. There are some

species, such as poison hemlock, that are toxic under all conditions and others, such as kochia or sorghum-Sudan grass, that are only toxic under certain conditions.

Proper identification is a key step in determining potential risk as well as best management and/or control practices. One excellent reference that was recently published is University of Idaho Extension Bulletin 960 titled *Pasture and Range Plants that Endanger Livestock in Southwestern Idaho*. It is complete with color photos, plant characteristics, and symptoms of poisoning. The booklet is available online at <https://www.extension.uidaho.edu/publishing/>

pdf/BUL/BUL960.pdf or can be purchased at <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/publications>.

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— Brad Stokes is the UI Extension Elmore County educator, focusing on food production systems, horticulture, and 4-H with a passion for pollinators. Contact him at bstokes@uidaho.edu.

Calendar

Today

Food distribution

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

Northwest Owyhee CWMA 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

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

Saturday

Marsing Lions bingo

6:45 p.m., early bird game, 7 p.m., regular series, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State

Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421

Story Time

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

Homedale 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, North 2nd Street East, Homedale.

Bruneau Fire district public hearing

7 p.m., Indian Cove property annexation, Bruneau Quick Response Unit Building, 32531 Belle Ave.

Tuesday

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., \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

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Grand View City Council meeting

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

Homedale City Council meeting

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

Jordan Valley Ambulance meeting

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

Marsing Fire Commissioners meeting

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

Marsing City Council meeting

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

Three Creek School board meeting

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

Homedale Highway District meeting

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

Marsing School Board meeting

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

Obituaries

Harold Dean Bowers

Harold Dean Bowers passed away on Feb. 18, 2021 at home from pancreatic cancer. Harold was born on Nov. 19, 1933 at Gate, Oklahoma, to Sam and Maude Eells Bowers. The family moved to Idaho when he was 18 months old. He attended Knowlton Heights School near Marsing through the 8th grade.

In 1956, he enlisted in the US Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton, California. He obtained his GED and a mechanics course, which served him well all his life. After his discharge, he worked for J.R. Simplot Co. as a mechanic and truck driver for 10 years. He wanted something of his own, so he started a custom haying business in 1968. He loved his work and all his custom-

ers. Even after he retired, he worried about the farmer's hay being rained on.

He met Ermal Lea Howery on a blind date in May 1972 and they were married Sept. 30, in Elko, Nevada.

In the 1980s, he was an avid trap shooter and belonged to the Pacific Intermountain Trapshooting Association, Marsing, Caldwell, and Boise Gun Clubs, winning many awards at all the shoots.

He retired from Custom Haying in 1995 and opened up his shop for repairing Cummins Diesel Dodge pickups and air conditioning. Starting in 1998, they would spend 2 months in the winter at Quartzsite and Yuma, Arizona. He took a class on Knapping (arrowhead mak-



ing) and they met many wonderful friends and musicians there. They would take many more trips in their fifth-wheel, which included Branson, MO, Mountain View, Ark., Bowers reunions everywhere, and Pahrump, NV for all the dodge rallies.

Harold was a man of many

talents and interests; he loved classic country songs and amazed us with his knowledge of Merle Haggard, George Jones, and Hank Williams. He solved jumble words in the newspapers, crosswords and jigsaw puzzles, and for the last few years, driving to the Kuna Senior Center and playing pool with his friends. He always enjoyed donating pictures of old Marsing to the disaster auctions.

He had a reputation for absolute honesty and fairness in both his business and personal dealings.

He will be missed by so many. Especially his sense of Humor.

He is survived by his wife, Ermal of 48 years; daughter and son-in-law, Gina and Greg

Mayer; granddaughter, Hanna Mayer; 1 brother, Roland; and numerous nephews and nieces, survives him. The Family gives a special "Thank You" to all the St. Luke's Hospice team for their wonderful care and comfort.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents; 4 brothers; and 4 sisters.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Homedale and Kuna Sr. Centers.

Private burial is planned by the family. Friends may share a memory of Harold at www.flahiffuneralchapel.com.

"It ain't the years but how you spent 'em. Ain't the cares that life may bring., it's the joys, dreams, and friendships; these are worth remembering."

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar: **Not Available due to the Coronavirus*

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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

March 11: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, spinach

March 16: Bacon ranch BBQ chicken, rice, California blend vegetables

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing

Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside Marsing City Hall

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March 11: Taco bar, hamburger, cheese, sour cream, onion, olives, refried beans, Spanish rice, green salad, tortilla shells, pudding muffin

March 16: St. Patrick's corned beef dinner, cabbage, red potatoes, carrots, green salad with green grapes and green apples, pudding, roll, pineapple upside-down cake

Mary Lou Marsh

Mary Lou Marsh, age 84, of Mountain Home, passed away Saturday, February 20, 2021, at Poplar Grove in Glens Ferry. A Celebration of Life will be held for family and close friends on March 6, 2021 at 11am, at Rost Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the care of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel.

Mary was born May 20, 1936 in Caldwell, to Fred and Rose Marsh, she was the 7th child of ten. Mary grew up in Marsing. She moved to Grand View in 1953 to stay with her sister, Fern Lyons, and graduated from Grand View High School in 1954. Mary married Argie Duty in 1955 and had three children: Frank, Richard, and Donna. After she divorced Argie, Mary



moved to Mountain Home and worked for Jovial Jerries. She then married Jerry Lemieux, and welcomed a son, Robert Lemieux. After ten years of marriage they divorced. Mary spent the next 40 years cooking for many Ranches and Mom and Pop restaurants. Her most memorable cooking experience was in 1996 when she got to cook breakfast for Kevin Costner in Metaline Falls while

he filmed The Postman.

Mary enjoyed spending her time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Her most memorable times were spent outdoors camping, fishing, and cooking for everyone.

Mary is survived by 3 of her children, Richard Duty (Beth) of Mtn. Home, Donna Robison (Raymond) of Grand View, and Robert Lemieux (Judy) of Bruneau, 10 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-granddaughter. Mary is also survived by one brother, Jack Marsh of Cove, Oregon, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by both parents, 8 siblings and her son Frank Duty.

James Edward Davis

March 10, 1939
- February 25, 2021

James E. (Jim) Davis was born March 10th, 1939 in Arlington, Kentucky and passed away one month after heart surgery February 25th, 2021 at his home in Homedale, Idaho.

Jim moved with his parents 3 brothers and 4 sisters to Idaho in 1954. He worked for Fleetwood Homes of Idaho for 45 years.

Jim married Carol Boston of Nampa and together they raised 2 daughters, Kelly and Tammy Davis. In 1974 Jim married Carolyn J Kirk (Brockus) and together they raised her three children Jeff, Karen and Cathie Kirk.

Jim loved camping and fishing with family and friends, flowers, gardening and tinkering in his yard. After moving to Homedale in 2002, on any summer day you could find him buzzing around on his favorite golf cart.

Jim was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church by Pastor Reidal in Nampa, Idaho. When he moved to Homedale, he became a loving member of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church and attended regularly.

Jim is survived by 1 brother Sam Davis, 2 sisters, Joyce (Jerry) Phillips and Janice Campbell, 1 daughter Kelly, 2 stepdaughters Karen Ware and Cathie Hansen, and 1

stepson Jeff Kirk and numerous nieces nephews and grandchildren.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, 1 brother, Larry Davis, 2 sisters, Rachel Nobel and Helen Palmer, 1 daughter Tammy Davis Hernandez.

Family and friends are invited to a visitation at Alsip & Persons Funeral Chapel, 404 10th Ave S, Nampa Idaho. Calling hours are on Sunday, March 7, 2021 between 2:00 - 5:00 pm, with a funeral service in his honor on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 11:00 am at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 621 W. Idaho Ave, Homedale, ID 83628. Interment to follow at Kohlerlawn Cemetery in Nampa.

Obituary

Maj. Bob L. Davenport

Major Bob L. Davenport flew his last earthly flight and arrived at his final destination on Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

“Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth ... Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.” — “High Flight” by John Gillespie Magee Jr.

Bob was born to Lloyd and Mary (Sebesta) Davenport on June 26, 1934, in Burwell, Nebraska. When Bob was nine months old, his family moved to Nampa, Idaho.

Lloyd and Mary’s marriage ended when Bob was a young boy. Later, Mary wed Gordon M. Dyas, father of twelve children. Gordon and Mary added three more children, creating a “Yours, Mine & Ours” family with sixteen children.

From a young age, Bob had an intense desire to fly airplanes. After graduating from Nampa High School in 1952, he worked for Honstead’s Car Dealership and Clark’s Flying Service in Nampa. Wanting to learn to fly, Bob would often trade his wages for flight time.

Bob spent one year in the National Guard before joining the United States Air Force in March, 1953. After serving for three years, Bob was accepted into pilot school. In June, 1957, Bob graduated from the pilot training program, serving as a USAF pilot for 13 years. Bob served another four years as a Life Support Officer.

During Bob’s Air Force career, he was stationed in various locations, including Arizona, South Carolina, Texas, California, New York, Virginia, Guam, and Vietnam.

During Bob’s time as a pi-



lot, he flew the F86-D and the F101-B as a fighter interceptor pilot, where his mission was to intercept unidentified aircraft(s) that had violated airspace by flying over restricted areas. Bob also flew the B57-B for two years.

In 1961, while stationed at Beale Air Force Base in California, Bob married Virginia Lindstrom. In 1969, while stationed at Griffiss AFB in Rome, New York, the couple adopted a baby boy, Matthew Lloyd Davenport. In 1977, they adopted a baby girl, Maryann Kathleen Davenport. Bob and Virginia’s marriage ended in 1993.

After 20 years of military service, Bob retired from the U.S. Air Force and brought his family back to Nampa, Idaho to be closer to family.

Bob worked at the Armour Meat Packing plant and was a Canyon County Volunteer Sheriff’s Deputy before beginning a 26-year career as a carrier with the U.S. Postal Service, delivering mail to



the residents and businesses of Nampa.

From 1965 to 1970, Major Davenport was the holder of the Individual Base Carbine Championships at Griffiss AFB, New York. He was awarded the title “Top Gun” at the National Rifle Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, where he outshot 495 other shooters. He walked away from that competition with both gold and silver medals.

Bob was an avid outdoorsman and a gun aficionado, reloader, and sharpshooter. He was an exceptional hunting guide, and everyone’s favorite hunting camp host.

It has been said that if Bob could have earned a degree in gun knowledge, he would hold a doctorate. He made sure that anyone who was interested in shooting or hunting had the history, knowledge, skills, and of course, a gun.

In the summer of 1993, Bob was registering for an upcoming surgery at Mercy Medical Center in Nampa. There, he met Sue Aman-Horn, a surgery

coordinator. A few months after that chance meeting, Sue saw a photo and article about Bob in the newspaper. Sue made the bold move of calling to wish Bob, the Mailman, a happy birthday. That phone call became the beginning of their beautiful love story. Bob and Sue were married on May 21, 1994, blending their two families into one.

After marrying, Bob and Sue purchased a home with land near Murphy, Idaho, establishing their life together in the high desert of Owyhee County. Bob loved and used every square inch of their property. Eventually, Bob had to leave his heart at their homestead when it became necessary for them to move closer to town.

In November, 2018, after sustaining a serious injury from a fall, Bob moved to the Idaho Veterans Home in Boise, ID.

For three years, Bob was lovingly cared for by the doctors and nurses on One-West of the Veterans Home as he fought many difficult medical issues caused by Agent Orange.

When it became apparent that Bob was nearing the end of his life, Sue made the decision to bring him home where he would be cared for and surrounded by his family and friends.

Bob leaves us with a deep-rooted legacy of love and compassion, and we will be eternally grateful for the impact he made on our lives.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, numerous siblings, relatives, and his beloved daughter-in-law, Andrea Horn.

Bob is survived by his wife,

Sue Davenport (Nampa, ID); his children, Matthew (Kristi) Davenport (Pocatello, ID); Sheila (Duane) Taylor (Nampa, ID); Aaron Horn (Nampa, ID); and Maryann Cartner. Bob had eleven grandchildren: Garrett Davenport (Mountain Home, ID); Olivia (Preston) Harris (Pocatello, ID); Ashley Taylor, Alexander Taylor (Fiancée, Mackenzie Miller) (Nampa, ID), and Nichole Taylor (Nampa, ID); Alyssa Horn and Kenlee Horn (Caldwell, ID); Kai Laukkanen (Olympia, WA); Jacob Mork and Easton Mork (Spokane, WA).

Bob is also survived by brothers, Don (Marie) Dyas (Renton, WA); Gordon (Sylvia) Dyas (Boise, ID); sister, Dee (Sam) Sampedro (Great Falls, MT).

Visitation was held on Sunday, February 28, 2021 from 5:00-7:00pm at Nampa Funeral Home, 415 12th Ave South, Nampa, ID 83686

The memorial service was held on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 2:00pm at Bethel Church of the Nazarene, 3001 12th Ave. Rd., Nampa, ID 83686

With adoption being dear to Bob’s heart, those wishing to make a monetary donation to the adoption fund set up for Bob’s niece, Crystal (Cole) Cooper can do so online at this link: www.tvbiblemethodist.churchcenter.com under the “Give” tab for the Cooper Adoption Fund.

Bob’s family offers heartfelt gratitude to the compassionate and dedicated care team on One-West at the Idaho State Veterans Home, to Keystone Hospice, and to Dr. Michael Dee, Bob’s friend and physician.

Death notices

CHARLOTTE L. JOHNSON, 92, of Parma, died Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021 at a private care home. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

JOYCE ELAINE WILLIAMS, 84, of Homedale, died on Friday, Feb. 26, 2021. Cremation: All Valley Cremation, 1538 11th Ave. N., Nampa. (208) 899-9361

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MRW Fire & EMS brings back chili cookoff for Murphy bazaar

The 10th annual Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire & Emergency Medical Services chili cookoff returns later this month.

Yes, returns.

The first 10th annual chili cookoff, and the companion Owyhee County Historical Society spring bazaar, were cancelled last March after events were restricted because of the burgeoning COVID-19 situation.

Now both the cookoff and the

bazaar have been rescheduled for Saturday, March 27 at the Owyhee County Historical Museum complex in Murphy.

Entries are now open for the cookoff, which generates operational funds for the fire and EMS district.

Entry forms, rules and more information are available via email at info@mrwfire.org or by calling (208) 495-2154.

Registration is \$20 for a team's first entry, and \$10 for each additional entry.

Prizes include first place trophies in five categories and a people's choice award.

Chili tasting will be open to the public beginning at 11:45 a.m. Donations are requested for the pleasure of tasting the creations — \$5 for adults and \$4 for seniors. Children younger than 12 can test the chili varieties for free.

The MRW Fire & EMS chili cookoff is sponsored by D.L. Evans Bank.

— JPB

Eastern Owyhee CWMA gains new president, secretary

NW Owyhee group meets today

With a new secretary and the board of directors in place for another year, the Eastern Owyhee Cooperative Weed Management Area is ready to tackle the spread of noxious weeds.

Julie Perkins, the CWMA's new secretary, drafted some information to help people stop the spread of weeds on their properties.

The information was released during National Invasive Species Awareness Week, which ran from Feb. 22 to Friday.

The CWMA held its annual meeting on Feb. 16 in Bruneau. Bethany Gotts was elected board president, Tony Black vice-president, and Eric Davis treasurer.

Gotts succeeds Quey Johns, who passed away last year.

Perkins jumped into the new role of secretary with an article to educate people on noxious weeds.

Her news release warns that vegetation that may appear

as new pretty ground cover actually most likely are noxious weeds that can cause expensive damage to gardens as well as commercial crops and pastures and wreak havoc on agriculture producers' bottom line.

National Invasive Species Awareness Week was developed to raise awareness about invasive species, the threat they pose, and what people can do to prevent and slow their spread.

Perkins points out that digging up or disturbing a plant is not always the best course of action.

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture has designated CWMAs such as the Eastern Owyhee, Northwest Owyhee and Jordan Valley organizations to help identify noxious weeds specific to areas and locations and to provide tools to combat the invaders.

The CWMAs in the Owyhee County area (and in the case of Jordan Valley, part of Malheur County) provide education, outreach, pesticide application and expert advice to address the specific needs of property owners in the region.

The three regional CWMAs participate in ISDA cost-share

programs that assist in the fight against noxious weeds.

Contact Perkins at julieperk01@gmail.com for information on how to help protect the county's natural resources and help communities retain the recreational, economic and aesthetic uses of adjacent bodies of water and sustainable range and agricultural land.

NOCWMA annual meeting today

Community members interested in participating in the Northwest Owyhee CMWA fight against weeds, including possibly serving on its committee, are encouraged to attend the annual organizational meeting.

The meeting begins at noon today inside the Owyhee County Community Center at the fairgrounds in Homedale (423 W. Nevada Ave.).

The current NOCWMA board includes Paddy Doyle, Kent Curtis, Elmon Thompson and Tim Volk.

The CWMA board will elect 2021 officers and review cost-share application results.

The NOCWMA directors are expected to approve a new secretary, too.

Trailer, tools go missing in Marsing

Tools valued at more than \$5,000 are missing after a 16-foot trailer stolen from Marsing was recovered Saturday in Canyon County.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said the trailer was reported missing a day earlier when it was stolen from a construction jobsite on Riverside Drive in

Marsing.

The theft of the tools before the trailer was abandoned in a field qualifies the crime as grand theft, a felony.

Bowman said that there are currently no suspects in the incident. The investigation is ongoing.

The trailer is owned by a heating and air conditioning

contractor at the Marsing site and was left overnight Thursday. When the contractor reported back to work Friday morning, the trailer was gone.

The incident was entered into a national database before the trailer was found in Canyon County, Bowman said.

— TK

Marsing fireworks viewing raffle ticket locations announced

Organizers have announced where folks can purchase their chance to win a private viewing dinner for the Marsing Third of July fireworks.

Tickets cost \$10 each and can be purchased at City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., M & W Market, Marsing Hardware, OC Coffee, Whitehouse Drive-In, Idaho Fudge Co., The Spot Pizza, and The Pour House.

There are only 400 tickets available. The drawing will be held on June 19 at City Hall.

There will be two winners, and each can invite up to five friends for the tri-tip dinner that will be served on the City Hall deck overlooking the Snake River.

The raffle is part of the fireworks committee's effort to raise \$6,000 in the next few weeks for an early payment by the beginning of April that

will result in a discount on pyrotechnics cost.

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

The city council during its Feb. 10 meeting pledged \$3,100 in support for the town's Third of July celebration, but not all that money will go toward fireworks.

Fireworks committee members include Mayor Chad Sevy, City Council members Chris Even and Marie Herman, city clerk and treasurer Jolyn Green, her deputy Kim Even, school board chair Jason Sevy, and community members James and Jess Ferdinand, Jerry Meyer, Debbie Carter, Jim Briggs, Garret Briggs, Travis Jarvis, Shonie Jarvis, and Merle Herman.

Marsing's adults play to give teens their day

Second Chance Prom proceeds to fund H.S. prom

The Marsing community turned out in force Friday night to help high school students stage a prom this year.

Adults flocked to the Second Chance Prom that was held from 8 p.m. to midnight inside the Phipps-Watson American Legion Post 128 Community Center.

A donation of \$20 per couple

was sought to help the Marsing High School junior class put on a prom this spring.

The Second Chance Prom was open to adults 21 and older, and, yes, the punch was probably spiked.

Attendees were encouraged to break out vintage prom clothing and attend. "OC Ubers" were available for rides home afterward. Potluck hors d'oeuvres were rounded up for the community event that was not sponsored by either the high school or the school district.

Marsing traffic stop leads to drug charges

A Marsing man with a long criminal record faces drug and alcohol charges after a traffic stop on Friday.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said that Silvestre Gonzalez, 33, was driving westbound on Main Street in Marsing when a deputy spotted him driving faster than the posted 25 mph speed limit.

The arresting deputy reported a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. Gonzalez voluntarily handed over a small bag of a green leafy substance, which later was found

to be 4.5 grams of marijuana.

Gonzalez received misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and having an open container of alcohol.

Gonzalez was also found to have an outstanding warrant for failing to appear on a misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession charge.

Gonzalez has several misdemeanor convictions, and was sent to prison in 2010 for involuntary manslaughter after killing a man during fight at a Pascoe Road residence. — TK



Above: A pickup truck drives northbound past the Industrial Road intersection sign on U.S. Highway 95 in Homedale. The sign was laying off the roadway near Badiola Arena. **Right:** The southbound Pioneer Road intersection sign is propped up against a chain-link fence outside the Rod Fivecoat Auctions yard on U.S. 95. An Idaho Transportation Department spokesman said flying snow from passing plow trucks may have displaced both signs.

What happened to U.S. 95 signs? The snow knows

White stuff flung by plows may have broken posts

The cause may not be so mysterious, but two intersection warning signs have disappeared from view on U.S. Highway 95 recently. Both Homedale area signs — one for the Pioneer Road intersection and one for the Industrial Road intersection — were found laying off the side of the highway last week. The Pioneer Road sign was leaning against the fence at the Rod Fivecoat Auctions yard south of the South Main Street intersection, while the Industrial Road sign was

flat on the ground off the southbound shoulder near the Badiola Arena frontage. Idaho Transportation Department District 3 spokesman Jake Melder told The Owyhee Avalanche that the signs are a low priority for crews to replace, but the work is on the schedule. The priority is warning signs about curves in the road and other changes in the traffic pattern, he said. How the signs wound up on the ground with their wooden posts sheared off close to the ground doesn't have a very

sinister explanation. "We have a very healthy stockpile of those posts," Melder said. Wind gusts could be responsible, Melder said. But the more plausible explanation is the signs were downed after ITD snowplows rushed through while clearing the highway during recent storms. Melder explained that the plows run 30-35 mph while scraping snow off the roadway. The flying snow can hit the signs with enough force to break them off at the post, especially if the white stuff is wet and heavy, Melder said.

— JPB

Child abuse case heads for mediation

Mother out on bond; father to be sentenced March 25

A woman accused of abusing her two children has entered judicial mediation. Former Homedale resident Melissa Transue's jury trial on four felony counts of injury to a child was supposed to start Tuesday. Instead, the trial date — which had been vacated previously because of the COVID-19 pandemic — has been moved back to August. Transue and her attorney, Owyhee County chief public defender William Wellman, will attend mediation with state's attorney Ross D. Pittman and/or Mike Duke at 9 a.m., on Tuesday, March 30. Pittman is the Payette County prosecuting attorney and accepted the conflict case. According to the Idaho Supreme Court website, mediation can resolve any number of issues, including the possibility of reduced charges, agreements about sentencing recommendations or a Rule 11 plea, or negotiating restitution. The specific reason for mediation in this case is unclear. Third District Senior Judge Thomas J. Ryan, a former Owyhee County magistrate and retired Third District judge, will preside over the mediation. Third District Judge Andrea Courtney has been assigned the trial, and a status conference is scheduled for 9 a.m., on May 14. A pretrial conference is slated for 9 a.m., on June 11. The next trial date has been set to begin Aug. 10.



Melissa Transue

An Owyhee County grand jury indicted Transue and her husband, Duncan, on child abuse charges in early January 2020. The indictment accused the couple of chaining their two children — ages 10 and 12 at the time — in a trailer without electricity or sufficient water or food. The mother is accused of choking the 12-year-old and causing him to pass out and hit his head. She also allegedly struck the boy hard enough to cause bleeding in the nose or mouth. The father was indicted because he allegedly allowed his wife to hit and choke the boy. The incidents allegedly happened between June 2018 and December 2018. Melissa Transue was allegedly abducted and held chained in a Homedale-area barn for eight days before escaping in late December 2018. Duncan Transue accepted a plea agreement and entered a guilty plea to one count of felony injury to a child. The other three felonies were dropped. He is scheduled for a sentencing hearing before Third District Judge Davis VanderVelde at 9 a.m., on Thursday, March 25. Melissa Transue entered a not guilty plea to all counts on Feb. 14, 2020 and was released from Owyhee County Jail on a \$100,000 property bond. The Transues now live in Parma.

— JPB

SBOC meets Tuesday

Directors for the South Board of Control and its two irrigation districts will hold afternoon meetings Tuesday. All three meetings take place inside the new South Board of Control building at 201 W. Wyoming Ave. The meetings will be available via videoconference on Zoom. The Ridgeview Irrigation District board of directors will meet at 1 p.m. The Gem Irrigation board meets at 1:15 p.m. The South Board of Control

convenes at 1:30 p.m. Anyone interested in sitting in on the meetings can contact the SBOC office at (208) 337-3760 to get a link to access the meeting. Anyone who wishes to attend the meetings and does not have access to a computer or internet-capable phone, contact the office for an alternative method of attendance. For those who want to keep up-to-date with emergency notices and other news, visit www.southboardofcontrol.com.



Wilson Butte begins another 4-H year

The Wilson Butte 4-H club elected 2021 officers at a recent meeting. **From left:** President Matea Jaca, vice-president Hayden Higgins, secretary Landry Kukla, sergeant-at-arms Rhett Brackett, treasurer Hannah Moos, and reporter Josune Jaca. Submitted photo

Marsing FFA Alumni online auction starts Sunday

The annual Marsing FFA Alumni Auction will be staged online this year.

Auction items will be available for bidding between Sunday and Thursday, March 11.

Some of the items at <https://event.auctria.com/auction/MarsingFFAAlumniAuction2021> includes hay bales, a wooden bench, horseshoe art made by FFA members and choice of a homemade pie.

The FFA also will have a tri-tip dinner available for purchase until Monday. The price is \$15.

Pick up dinner and auction items between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., on Friday, March 12.

Anyone unable to pick up their items during the March 12 window can contact chapter advisor Hannah Mamer or anyone on the alumni committee.

New hope for rural broadband?

Governor’s fund, not CARES Act, could pay for work

An ambitious project to connect rural Owyhee County citizens to broadband was thought dead in the water when the sheriff’s office plan didn’t come together before the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act deadline on Dec. 15.

But an Idaho company recently rekindled the idea.

White Cloud Communications representatives reached out to the county after a reference from the Idaho Department of Commerce, which has been involved in earlier project.

In the original project, the county was to receive \$6 mil-

lion in two Household Grants to provide broadband from Marsing to Murphy and Murphy to Grand View, and a Public Safety Grant.

The Public Safety Grant, which provided \$465,000 to build a broadband tower behind the sheriff’s office in Murphy, was completed in December, but neither of the other two projects came to fruition.

The project fell apart when it became apparent that necessary fiber optic cable needed for burial along the roadway from Marsing to Grand View was not available.

Because the grants paid for

project expenses after the fact, completing the work after the Dec. 15 deadline would have made the contractor ineligible for reimbursement.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s dispatch manager Sarah Kipper, who was instrumental in acquiring the grants, said at the time that she was hopeful the deadline would be extended, but it never was.

According to Owyhee County Emergency Manager Jim Desmond, the potential funding for the White Cloud project would come from a state surplus of \$65 million that Gov. Brad Little is planning to set aside for improved broadband to underserved communities.

White Cloud reps plan to get on the agenda for Monday’s

Board of Owyhee County Commissioners meeting to discuss broadband options for projects similar to what was previously undertaken, e.g., delivering high capacity broadband to areas of the county that are not currently served with that capability, or where capacity is less than ideal.

The county has worked with White Cloud in the past on radio systems for first-responders and for the Homedale Highway District.

Desmond said he believes that there was a no-bid process allowed on the earlier projects because of the governor’s emergency declaration, but he is not sure if a new project will have to go through a bidding process.

— TK

Grouse group sets Zoom meeting

The Owyhee County Sage-grouse Local Working Group has decided to meet online next week.

A Zoom meeting will be held at 7 p.m., on Tuesday.

A link and agenda hasn’t been released yet, but LWG secretary Karen Steenhof told stakeholders in an email to expect updates on:

- Sagebrush carcass project
- Sage-Grouse Action Team accomplishments
- Idaho Department of Fish and Game wing bee
- Status of Bureau of Land Management plan amendments

Steenhof also announced that the Governor’s Office of Species Conservation (OSC) has issued a request for proposals for sage-grouse habitat restoration work.

Applications must be received by May 3, and funds will be available on July 1 when the state’s new fiscal year begins.

For more information and an application, visit <https://species.idaho.gov/sage-grouse-actions-team/>

Josh Uriarte from the OSC will attend the Zoom meeting to answer questions.

Courthouse report

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

Feb. 22
Xhafer Abazi, Copperas Cove, Texas — Misdemeanor

Feb. 18
Gurpinder Singh Brar, Albany, Calif. — Misdemeanor

or motor carrier fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

meanor commercial freight regulations violation, false logbook: \$58.50 in fines, \$214 in court costs

Feb. 17
Kenneth Haralson, Melba — Misdemeanor domestic assault (plea deal), misdemeanor intentional destruction of telecommunications line or instrument: 545 days in jail (6 days to serve, 2 days served, 535 days suspended), 2 years supervised probation, \$112.50 in fines, \$211.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Felony second degree kidnapping not for ransom (3x), misdemeanor domestic violence without traumatic injury

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Homedale library’s Story Time chimes in

With wind so prevalent lately, Story Time at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library will take advantage of the situation Monday.

Miss Kelsey will read “Copy Me Cobycub” by Richard Edwards and — as the celebration of Theodor Geisel continues — “Ten Apples Up On Top” by Dr. Seuss — during the preschool program at 10:15 a.m., inside the library at 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

Afterward, outdoor activities are planned, weather permitting, including using recycled materials to create wind chimes.

During Thursday’s Teens and Tweens, the boys and girls will play The Fish Bowl Game.

The youth will split into two teams, and each person will write three words or phrases

on three slips of paper.

The paper will be put into a fish bowl and mixed up.

Drawing slips from the fish bowl, each team will go through a Taboo, Password and charade round with team members trying to guess the word or phrase.

The team with the most points at the end of the third round wins the game.

Teens and Tweens, which is open to ages 10-17, begins at 5 p.m., each Thursday at the library.

The library is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., on Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Friday, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday. It is closed Sundays.

Call (208) 337-4228 for more information.

RSVP for county’s boating safety class

Space is limited for the next Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office boating safety class.

The Boat Idaho Class will be held between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., on Saturday, April 3 inside the Marsing School District HUB building.

Deputy Bill Conger said there is room for no more than 15 participants, so RSVP is necessary to reserve a spot in the free Boat Idaho class.

RSVP to Conger by phone or text at (208) 369-0768 or by email at bconger@co.owyhee.id.us.

This class is accredited by the National Association of State Boating Laws Administrators (NASBLA) and recognized by the U.S. Coast Guard and

— in addition to Idaho — will fulfill the boater safety course requirements for Oregon and other states that may now require watercraft operators to have taken a safety class.

Conger said participants should park behind the Hub, which is located on 8th Avenue West in the old middle school building, and walk to the left of the food pantry door to Room No. 6.

Participants are encouraged to wear masks.

The class will include an hour-long lunch break.

The cost of the class is covered by a recent Waterway grant the county received from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.



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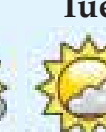
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02/25	4.3	18	4.9	34	2	20
02/26	4.3	18	4.9	32	21	26
02/27	4.3	18	4.9	32	8	22
02/28	4.3	18	4.9	36	3	20
03/01	4.3	18	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
02/23	7.6	24	10.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
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02/27	7.6	23	10.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
02/28	7.6	23	10.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
03/01	7.6	24	10.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
02/23	11.6	42	15.7	35	20	28
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02/25	11.6	41	15.7	33	15	24
02/26	11.7	41	15.7	27	19	22
02/27	11.8	42	15.8	31	15	20
02/28	12.1	43	16.1	37	16	26
03/01	12.1	43	16.1	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 232 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 28 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 366,017 acre-feet of water on Monday.

Integra Resources celebrates another DeLamar Mine retiree

Another longtime mining employee has retired from Integra Resources DeLamar.

Ronnie Stephens’ final day with the Jordan Valley-area outfit was Thursday.

According to an Integra Resources press release honoring Stephens’ 38 years with the mine, he “played an integral role in the success and operation of the site over its long history.”

“It’s a tough task trying to replace someone like Ronnie Stephens. Ronnie was trusted by his fellow colleagues, and he did an incredible job at the site,” Integra Resources project operations manager

Tom Jordan said.

“He will be taking a great deal of institutional knowledge with him, so he’s been focused on mentoring some of the younger staff as he has prepared to retire.”

Stephens runs heavy equipment at the DeLamar and Florida Mountain sites and has been essential in the reclamation of those locations as well as the road network around the project. He is

Ronnie Stephens

an experienced bulldozer operator and can be credited with building and reclaiming most of the drill pads used in Integra’s current exploration efforts.

Stephens will be joining his wife Anne in retirement. Anne worked at the DeLamar mine for years, starting her career as an assay technician, before transferring to the accounting department, and ending up as an ore control technician in Technical Services.

“We wish Ronnie a happy retirement, and we hope he can enjoy some rest and relaxation. It is well deserved,” Jordan said.



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Town’s new dentist has big shoes to fill

Jeppe to take a step back
after four decades in Homedale

Dr. William Jeppe, a fixture at Homedale Owyhee Dental for more than four decades, has been trying to negotiate a transition to a lesser role for a long time.

Upon selling his practice to Parma native — and former Jeppe patient — Dr. Jared Martin, the 72-year-old dentist may be on the right path.

In a letter to his patients, Dr. Jeppe wrote, “After 10 years of searching, I have found someone who has allowed me to make that transition ... well, partially, anyway.”

AJeppepatientnearly30years ago, Martin took a circuitous route to practicing dentistry in Homedale. Growing up in Arena Valley, near Wilder, he and his twin brother Josh, and their older sister Amber, faced a lot of obstacles on their way to life success.

The boys had a troubled home life, and their mother was incarcerated for extended periods.

Martin was living with a family friend Monday through Friday during his junior year at Parma High School to ensure he would get to class. He moved back in with his mom his senior year, but she was still in and out of his life at this time.

Martin didn’t find out until just recently that the owner of the home where he lived as a youth did not charge rent for nine months as a way of helping the boys out. In fact, the whole community was

silently involved in keeping the boys above water.

“I didn’t know that there were lots of people looking out for us,” Martin said.

He said that he has a solid relationship with his mother now.

High school counselor Cheryl Morris helped the young Martin get caught up on his schoolwork and provided guidance for his time after high school, including help with filling out college financial aid forms.

“I missed a lot of school — a lot — my senior year, but I was able to get caught up,” he said.

Upon graduation from Parma High in 2001, Martin moved to Moscow to attend the University of Idaho, where he met his future wife Lindsey, and then on to Boise State University with a degree in finance.

After college, he worked in construction for several years, including with Hubble Homes and Wright Brothers Construction.

In 2009, the economy tanked for many people, the Martins included. The couple moved in with Josh, while Martin returned to complete 40 more science credits at Boise State so that he could go to dental school.

Martin said that he was accepted into the first school to which he applied — the prestigious University of Louisville School of



Dr. Jared Martin prepares to do some work on Homedale resident Hailee Blackwell. Martin recently took over Dr. William Jeppe’s practice. Blackwell is an employee of Owyhee Dental.

Dentistry. He said that he chose Louisville because he visited the school during a trip to FFA nationals while he was in high school.

Prior to beginning dental school, Martin took another career turn and opted to join the U.S. Navy. While at Louisville, he served as a reservist.

Upon graduation, he began his required four years of military service, attending Marine Corps training and Officer Candidate School. He was then assigned to the U.S.S. Pearl Harbor, where he was deployed first to Singapore, then a seven-month stint in the Middle East.

During this time, Martin served as the dentist for 400 sailors and 400 marines. Upon his return to the states, he was stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif., where he served the same purpose.

While serving in the Navy, Martin was able to use state-of-the-art dentistry equipment. He has worked in many different specialties, while staying current on the latest technologies. This background will help update Owyhee Dental’s procedures, he said.

When Martin’s commitment to the Navy was done, he and his wife decided to come back home. The couple has two sons, 5 and 2 years old, and a third boy due in July.

Martin, who is now 37, has purchased Dr. Jeppe’s practice, as well as his patients, should they choose to stay, but Jeppe has no plans to leave any time soon. The older dentist has decided to stay on at the office and, in fact, agreed to a 15-year contract to remain part of the Owyhee Dental family.

“I look forward to continuing care for many of you and introducing you to the kind and caring doctor I have chosen to continue my legacy,” Jeppe wrote. “I hope you put your trust in him, as you have me, for many years to come.” — TK

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Crews have begun moving dirt as the first phase of construction gets underway on a new Bureau of Land Management Boise District wildland fire station in Bruneau. BLM photo

BLM begins work to replace Bruneau wildland fire station

The Bureau of Land Management has begun construction on a new wildland fire station in the Bruneau area. Located about 1½ miles southwest of town, the new Bruneau Guard Station will replace a nearby station that is being decommissioned after 37 years. The old station has outdated facilities and requires extensive maintenance, according to a BLM Boise District press release. “This fire station will keep our crews and equipment strategically located close to potential wildfires and improve our firefighting effectiveness,” BLM Boise District fire management officer Russ Babiak said.

“It will also have our personnel living among the communities who face the risk of wildfires and allow us to build stronger relationships with the public we serve.” Construction of the new station will be complete by June 2022. Mountain Home-based C-2 Construction Inc., began the first phase of construction earlier in February. The work will produce crew living quarters and site development for the fire station. The project’s second phase, which includes station construction, will commence later this year. Features of the new station will include a “much-needed”

larger engine bay, according to the release, as well as an upgraded workshop, training room and adequate parking for heavy equipment such as dozers and water tenders. The living quarters will accommodate up to 10 firefighters and will be detached from the fire station, to comply with national guidance to promote work-life separation. “Building this new station enhances the BLM’s mission to protect life, property and natural resources from the threat of wildland fire and shows our commitment to providing professional wildfire response to the local area,” BLM acting Bruneau Field Office manager T.J. Clifford said.

Bruneau Fire may expand coverage

Public comment is being taken for the plan to expand the Bruneau Fire Protection District. The district’s board of commissioners has been petitioned to annex Indian Cove property. The move will also add to the fire district’s property tax base.

The public hearing takes place at 7 p.m., on Monday at the Bruneau Quick Response Unit Building, 32531 Belle Ave., in Bruneau. The district will also accept written comment prior to the hearing. Send comments to Bruneau Fire Protection Dis-

trict, P.O. Box 243, Bruneau, ID 83604. According to a legal notice appearing in this week’s edition of The Owyhee Avalanche, the board will make a decision on the petition Monday after reviewing comments and discussion.

Gardeners chief to present rose seminar

Growing roses will be a topic of discussion at next week’s Owyhee Gardeners meeting. Garden club president Pat Benedict will present a program on pruning roses, including techniques and tools for the craft. The meeting will take place from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., on Thursday, March 11 at the Sandbar Community Room

inside Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave. The meeting is open to the

public. For more information, call Benedict at (208) 250-0943.

Nampa drunk driver sent to prison for fleeing authorities

Another man gets probation for felony DUI

A 24-year-old Nampa man will spend at least the next year in state prison after being convicted of trying to flee sheriff’s deputies after being stopped on suspicion of drunk driving. Jesus G. Marquez could be behind bars for up to 9½ years after his conviction for a second felony DUI in the past 15 years. Third District Judge Thomas W. Whitney sentenced Marquez on Jan. 22, suspending his driver’s license for five years and levying \$290.50 in court costs.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey Phillips dismissed misdemeanor counts of resisting arrest and possession of an alcoholic beverage by a driver. Marquez was arrested in the early morning of Sept. 21 on Sandham Road near Idaho highway 78 in the Bruneau area. According to court records, he was pulled over for traveling 89 mph in a 65 mph zone. When a deputy found Marquez, the suspect fled from his vehicle. He was apprehended a short time later and transported to county jail in Murphy.

Michael B. Baker of Marsing avoided state prison,

but is on lengthy probation after a plea deal in a felony drunk driving case. Thomas sentenced Baker was sentenced for his second felony driving under the influence conviction on Jan. 22 in Murphy. Whitney suspended a sentence of up to four years in prison, but ordered Baker to complete four years of felony probation. The man’s driver’s license was suspended for two years, too. Baker must spent eight days in Owyhee County Jail and is responsible for \$175 in fines and \$465.50 in court costs. An Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy arrested Baker on June 18, and he was charged with excessive DUI after registering a blood-alcohol concentration of .246 percent (more than three times the legal limit of .08 in Idaho). • Jesus Antonio Segura Perez, 33, of Caldwell was sentenced for misdemeanor DUI on Jan. 20 in the Homedale courtroom of Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington. Segura Perez was given credit for three days served in jail after his May 25 arrest by Homedale Police. Darrington suspended the remainder of a six-month jail term and placed the man on one year of unsupervised probation. Segura Perez also must pay \$500 in fines and \$202.50 in court costs. His driver’s license was suspended for six months. — JPB

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School menus

Homedale Elementary

Choice of milk and juice
Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily
March 3: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon Pull-apart. **Lunch:** Chicken filet, mashed potatoes with gravy, hot roll.
March 4: **Breakfast:** Mini donuts, string cheese. **Lunch:** Pepperoni calzone, green beans.
March 8: **Breakfast:** Apple filled donut. **Lunch:** Nachos, corn.
March 9: **Breakfast:** Waffle breakfast sandwich. **Lunch:** Hamburger, French fries.
March 10: **Breakfast:** Chocolate chip muffin. **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garlic toast, green beans.

Homedale Middle

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese
Cereal option and PB&J and string cheese offered daily
Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily
March 3: **Breakfast:** Apple cinnamon Texas toast. **Lunch:** Chicken taco, corn.
March 4: **Breakfast:** Donut. **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper.
March 8: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza. **Lunch:** Corn dog, baked beans.
March 9: **Breakfast:** Filled cereal bar. **Lunch:** Chicken patty or spicy chicken patty, potato wedges.
March 10: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon burst bread. **Lunch:** Orange chicken, steamed rice, broccoli, fortune cookie.

Homedale High

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt, string cheese or hard-boiled egg
Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily
Cereal option, grab 'n' go items each day
March 3: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy or pancakes. **Lunch:** Sloppy Joe, steamed carrots or cheesy chicken sub, steamed carrots.
March 4: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or French toast. **Lunch:** Crispito, refried beans or mini corn dogs.
March 8: **Breakfast:** Waffle sandwich or apple filled donut. **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper or corn dog.
March 9: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich or bagel with cream cheese. **Lunch:** Pork chop, mashed potatoes with gravy, dinner roll or chicken filet, mashed potatoes with gravy, dinner roll.
March 10: **Breakfast:** Homemade breakfast burrito or filled cereal bar. **Lunch:** Spicy chicken patty sandwich, potato wedges or hamburger or cheeseburger, potato wedges.

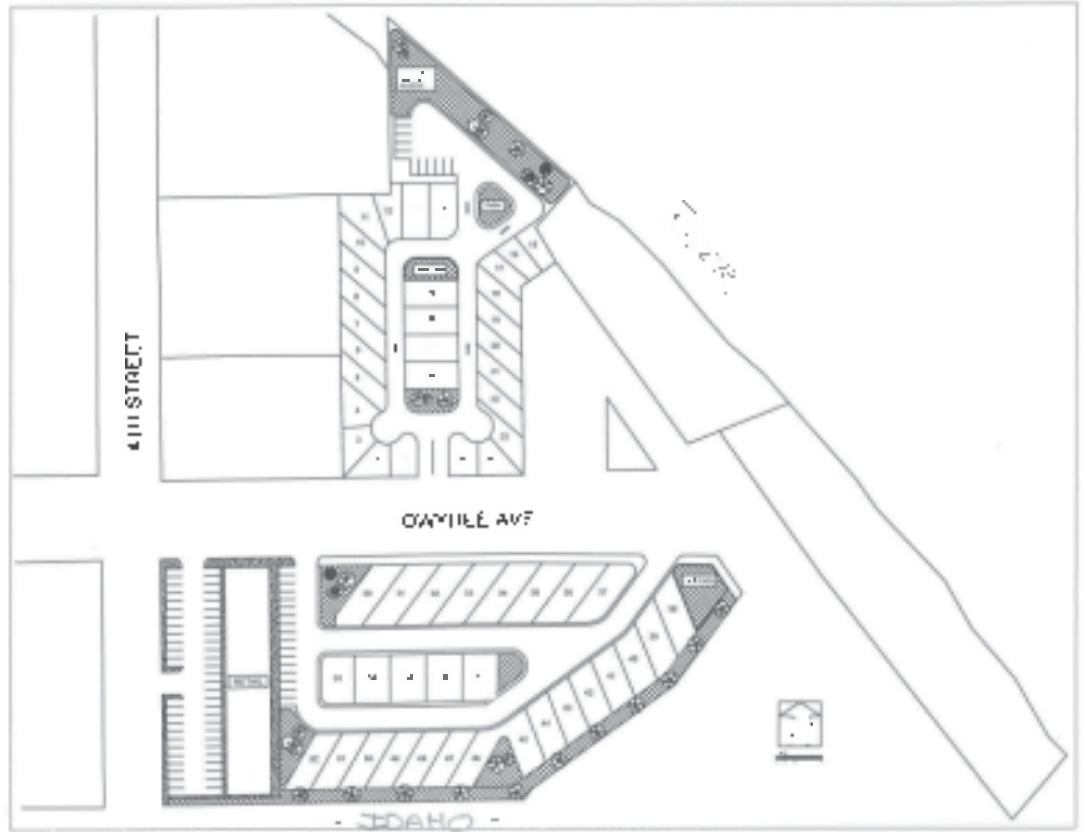
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Meals include choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables
Elementary School each day: Breakfast: Cereal option
Middle/High School each day: PB&J sandwich option
Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sandwich, salad
Hot Grab-n-go line (varies): Cheeseburger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sandwich; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)
March 3: **Breakfast:** Pop Tart, cheese stick. **Lunch:** Mac-n-cheese, green beans, snickerdoodle cookie. Hot Grab-n-go: Walkin taco.
March 4: **Breakfast:** Yogurt. **Lunch:** Hot Grab-n-go: Cherry chicken rice bowl.
March 8: **Breakfast:** Donut with sprinkles. **Lunch:** Hot Grab-n-go: Buffalo chicken nuggets, ranch dipping sauce.
March 9: **Breakfast:** Yogurt, Tornado (egg, sausage, cheese). **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans. Cold Grab-n-go: Southwest chicken salad.
March 10: **Breakfast:** Texas toast. **Lunch:** Pepperoni calzone, green beans. Cold Grab-n-go: Taco salad with breadstick.

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily
March 3: **Breakfast:** Waffles and hashbrowns. **Lunch:** Nachos and chips, refried beans, salsa, broccoli.
March 4: **Breakfast:** Bagels and cream cheese. **Lunch:** BBQ pulled pork on a bun, fries, celery sticks.
March 8: **Breakfast:** Cereal bar. **Lunch:** Mac attack, tossed romaine salad, broccoli.
March 9: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy. **Lunch:** Chili, coleslaw, applesauce.
March 10: **Breakfast:** Mini cinnabon. **Lunch:** Chicken taco, tossed romaine salad, refried beans.

From page 1A



Above: The Caldwell-based developer's concept sprawls over three parcels of land. Left: Included in the parcels is a large swath north of East Owyhee Avenue east of North 4th Street East.

✓ RV park: Plan stretches to Snake River

Community members are invited to provide comment in writing to City Hall prior to the hearing or verbally during the hearing.

According to the developers' plans filed with City Hall, the concept will include a 57-unit RV park and retail space.

The sprawling property includes 401 E. Idaho Ave., and 427 E. Owyhee Ave., which is described to include a portion of vacated East Montana Avenue east of North 4th Street East and vacated Riverside Drive and adjacent property.

The developers have included in their application purchase and sales agreements for three parcels.

The retail space would be located near the corner of East Idaho Avenue and North 4th Street East.

According to records obtained from City Hall, the developers would build and maintain the business north of East Idaho Avenue.

The maximum length of an RV stay would be 30 days.

The RV park is proposed to have large lots ranging from 30 to 50 feet in width and 45 to 70 feet in depth.

The developers also would seek water, sewer and electricity hookups for each site.

The park will include green space, walking paths, trees, dog parks, additional parking and access to the Snake River.

The retail space would provide for the consumer needs of those staying at the park as well as Homedale residents in general. A convenience store that would sell takeout food, and laundry facilities and shower facilities would be built on that space.

The East Idaho Avenue frontage property has been bare land for nearly 15 years since the old auto wreckers business was bulldozed.

The property has been for sale for several years since the previous owners had eyed development of a hotel and retail complex. Those developers would later build the strip mall in the 100 block of East Idaho Avenue and were integral in the start of the Santa Fe subdivision on the west side of downtown Homedale.

About a decade ago, the now-defunct Burley-based Kings Variety Stores had planned a retail store on the property, but plans fell through when the developer's desire to create a dedicated turn lane off Idaho Avenue didn't receive Idaho Transportation Department support.

Most recently, Les Schwab Tires had proposed a large tire and service center on the property, but that plan shifted when the company purchased Owyhee Tire & Service at the corner of U.S. Highway 95 and Industrial Road.

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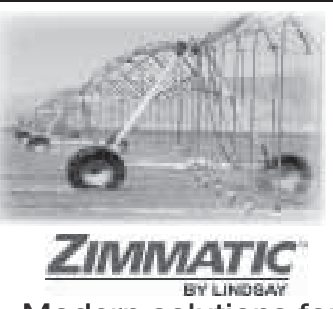
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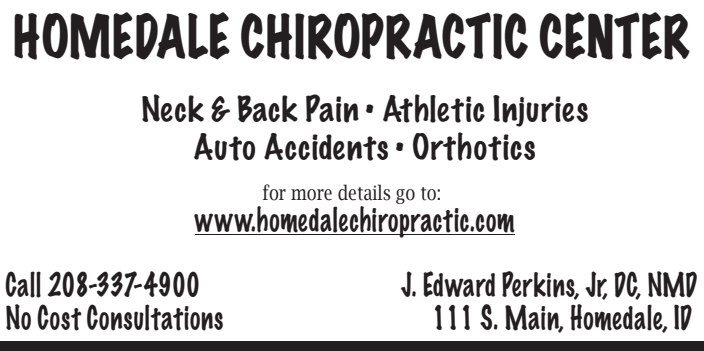
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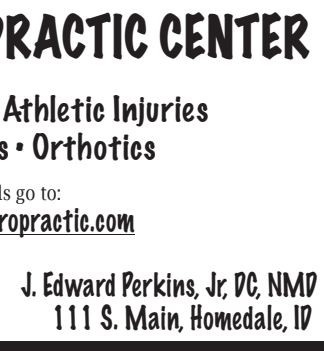
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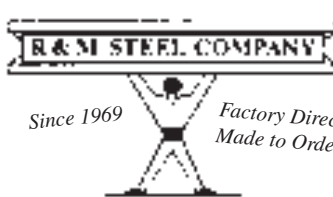
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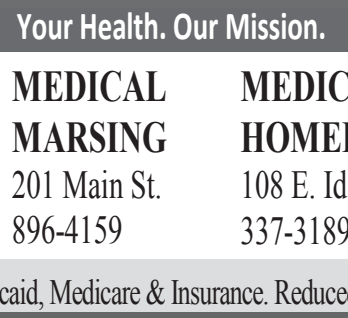
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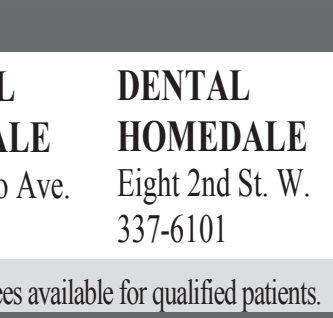
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Legislature’s Dem caucus accuses GOP of “power play”

by Connor Swersey
UI McClure Center intern
The Idaho Joint Democratic Caucus held a news conference last Wednesday explaining the minority party’s concerns with what it describes as a Republican “power grab” that has filled the legislative session thus far.

House Minority Leader Ilana Rubel (Dist. 18A, Boise) and Senate Minority Caucus Chair Janie Ward-Engelking (Dist. 18, Boise) spoke to their concerns about this session and the “un-constitutional efforts to siphon power from the governor, the attorney general, local governments, and from Idaho voters themselves,” the release read.

“This session so far has largely been one big power play,” Rubel said. “Time is running out, and it is past time for the Legislature to put people over power plays and address the real needs of the people of Idaho.”

Hitting the halfway mark, and only having passed eight bills into law, this legislative session is moving at a slower pace than previous years.

The Joint Democratic Caucus has many bills on education, lowering property taxes,

and providing funding for students falling behind because of COVID-19 ready, but have been unable to get hearings. Idaho spends the least money in the United States on education funding, which the Joint Democratic Caucus is making a priority.

“With record surplus in funding, we have a chance to invest in our students,” Ward-Engelking said. “We can’t afford to waste any more time in this building.”

Finally, Rubel made a call to action surrounding the “power grab” for the voters, workers, and citizens of Idaho.

“The people of Idaho need to activate, and speak up for their rights,” Rubel 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.

Medicaid enhancement passes House

Opponents fear yoke of federal funding

by Alexandra Duggan
UI McClure Center intern
In the midst of a pandemic that has lasted nearly a year now, health care is one of the biggest issues in the battle against COVID-19.

House Bill 216, which gives the Department of Health and Welfare an extra \$369 million, will fund the expenses incurred by Idahoans who participate in Medicaid and Medicaid Expansion. The measure narrowly passed, 37-31.

Bill sponsor Rep. Caroline Nilsson Troy (R-Genesee, Dist. 5B) mentioned rural hospitals and those on Medicaid within those hospitals not being able to receive care, and those areas lacking nurses and health professionals to help with the ongoing pandemic. Because Idahoans voted to expand Medicaid in the most recent election, Troy believes it’s Idaho’s responsibility to help Medicaid pay the bills, and consequently, help those enrolled in Medicaid.

“I’m concerned about those rural hospitals,” Troy said. “They are struggling to keep their nurses on board.”

The main point people from both parties could agree on was that Idaho has to be accountable in paying its bills — regardless if they disagree on the concept of Medicaid or not.

The citizens voted on the issue, and the Legislature passed a law to expand Medicaid to cover those who were ineli-

gible for subsidies and, therefore, ineligible for Medicaid. In 2020, that gap closed to cover 53,000 people. A year later, projections put the number much higher -- about 92,000.

Dist. 34B Rep. Ron Nate (R-Rexburg) was adamant that Idaho should be able to fund things on its own without also using some federal money.

“Let’s find ways to fund things ourselves and stop spending other people’s money,” Nate said.

During the debate on the floor, Nate made it clear he was against the expansion already because citizens in his district did not vote for it.

“Do I fund a program my district didn’t want?” Nate asked.

Even though his constituents may not have voted for it, there are still 4,438 people in District 34 on Medicaid expansion, and 9,806 people on Medicaid in general.

The Eastern Idaho Medical Center, located just outside of Rexburg, was in a crisis in December. The hospital divided up surgeries and nurses from the resources it had based on which patients were more likely to survive. It was a dire situation for EIMC, and many other Idaho hospitals had the same issue. The resources were simply just not available.

Dist. 2A Rep. Vito Barbieri (R-Dalton Gardens) also opposed HB 216, saying Idaho simply cannot afford to use federal money.

“We are committing our children to economic slavery,” he said.

The federal government has to fund a good part of Idaho’s expenditures because the

state’s low wages force its hand to cover the gap. This involves medical expenditures, social services, and even infrastructure and technology. This is because of the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage, which is computed using the state’s per capita income. Idaho has the fourth-lowest per capita income in the nation, so using federal money will not change until Idahoans’ incomes improve.

Troy said if HB 216 doesn’t go through, the program will not be able to pay bills that go out to providers across Idaho. Hospitals and health providers that are already struggling may not be able to keep their doors open any longer, Troy said.

Dist. 12B Rep. Rick Youngblood (R-Nampa) concurred with Troy’s view that Idaho needs to continue to pay its bills.

“The money has been spent, the obligations are due, that’s what Idaho does,” he said.

HB 216 now moves to the Senate for evaluation. If passed, it will move to Gov. Brad Little (R-Emmett) for signature.

If the bill fails, Troy believes legislation like this will continue to appear and health care will fail because of unavailable funds. It’s up to Idaho to decide what to do when its hospitals and health care providers are wrestling with COVID-19.

— Alexandra is a University of Idaho senior majoring in psychology with a minor in journalism. She previously interned for Idaho Public Radio and hosted a crime podcast through the U of I. Follow her on Twitter @dugganreports.



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off to state meet

Avalanche Sports

Melba, HMS boys
win basketball titles

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Flanked by their parents and with their new coach between them, Kaydince and Savannah Turner sign their letters of intent to attend Hastings College in Nebraska during a Feb. 22 ceremony in the Homedale High School gymnasium foyer. **From left:** Mike Turner, Kaydince, Hastings coach Cara Romeike, Savannah, and Malorie Turner.

“Founding mothers” have their monumental moment

HHS wrestlers sign
for college, reflect
on trail they’ve blazed

Thinking of their dancing shoes almost cost the Turner sisters a chance to continue wearing their wrestling shoes.

But, thanks to a coach’s husband, Kaydince and Savannah Turner will have a shot at collegiate athletic careers.

The sisters, who wrapped up their Homedale High School careers in Saturday’s 3A state tournament, will attend Hastings (Neb.) College after signing national letters of intent Feb. 22 with family and Trojans teammates looking on inside the school’s gymnasium foyer.

But the chance to wrestle for a fledgling

NAIA women’s wrestling program may not have come to pass.

The girls missed a chance to meet then-incoming Hastings coach Cara Romeike during the Idaho Girls’ Finals in Pocatello last season.

“We love dancing, so when we got done with the tournament, we said ‘Let’s go home,’ ” Savannah said. “We didn’t remember (to meet the coach) until we got back to the school.”

Romeike, meanwhile, was impressed with the Turners, but was concentrating on seniors during the 2020 meet. She reached out to the Turner girls later after her husband reminded her.

“I’m so glad I did because when I called them, just talking on the phone, I could tell they would be a great part of the

— See *Moment*, back page

HHS baseball presents jamboree

Softball scrimmage tripleheader
set Saturday at Vallivue

Spring has arrived. If you need proof, take a trip to John Jackson Field or Vallivue High School in Caldwell on Saturday.

Homedale High School’s baseball and softball players will kick off what they hope are long and successful seasons with jamborees.

Coach Burke Deal’s baseball team will play host to a jamboree beginning at noon

on the Trojans’ home field.

Coach Larry Corta’s softball squad is back at the Vallivue jamboree, which will feature large-school teams Vallivue, Caldwell, Ridgevue, Middleton, Capital, Meridian and Kuna.

The Trojans start with a two-inning scrimmage against the host school at 10:30 a.m., on the Vallivue varsity team.

Homedale switches to the

junior varsity field for a 11:20 a.m., two-inning stint with Ridgevue.

The Trojans’ jamboree ends at 1 p.m., on the JV field against Caldwell for three innings.

Homedale’s varsity teams are scheduled to start the season with non-conference games against Emmett at 5 p.m., next Wednesday. The baseball squad will play at Jackson Field, and the softball team will finally get another chance to play at its new complex at Homedale Middle School.

State wrestling tournaments

Marsing’s Arriaga finishes career as king of 2A mat

To be the best, one has to beat the best.

One of Marsing High School’s three wrestlers at the 2A state championships emerged victorious.

Top-seeded Isai Arriaga edged No. 2 William Maddox of Malad, 8-7, in the gold medal match at 182 pounds Saturday at the Ford Idaho Center.

Fellow Huskies senior Troy

Miller finished sixth after fellow District III qualifier Brock Cooper from state champion New Plymouth pulled out a pin in 2 minutes, 10 seconds of the 138-pound fifth-place match.

For Arriaga (28-3) and Maddox (33-3), their journeys to the title bout were remarkably similar.

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The referee raises Marsing senior Isai Arriaga’s hand as Malad’s William Maddox walks off the mat after the state final. Photo by Kelli Ineck. For more Marsing photos, see *Page 8B*

Four Trojans medal at 3A meet in Nampa

Egusquiza reaches third straight
state championship bout

Joseph Egusquiza had been there before.

He had been the up-and-coming wrestler facing down — and beating — a veteran for a state championship.

After three consecutive appearances in state championship finals, Joseph Egusquiza passed the torch to the next guy Saturday.

The Homedale High School senior finished second in the 152-pound division of the 3A championship meet — to a sophomore.

Unbeaten South Fremont wrestler Hunter Hobbs (51-0), the tournament’s top seed, pinned No. 2 Egusquiza (25-6) with 26 seconds left in the first period of their championship

bout Saturday inside the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

It marked the second consecutive season that ended with Egusquiza as a state silver medalist. Junior Kyle Richardson from Snake River defeated Egusquiza, 8-3, in last year’s 145-pound final.

As a sophomore, Egusquiza knocked off junior Jonah Bacon from Kimberly, 10-7, for the 2019 Class 3A title at 120.

Egusquiza began his career-long stay in the state tournament with a fourth-place finish at 113 as a freshman in 2018.

On Saturday, the senior was one of four Homedale teammates to step on the podium for

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Wrestling
3A state placer 2nd – Joseph Egusquiza, sr., 152

Wrestling
3A state placer 4th – Willie White, jr., 160;

Wrestling
3A state placer Rhyalee Nix, jr., 170;

Wrestling
3A state placer Willy Haun, jr., 195

Boys' basketball Varsity
Season complete: 8-15 record

Softball Varsity
Saturday, March 6 at Vallivue Jamboree, 10:30 a.m., 11:20 a.m., 1 p.m.
Wednesday, March 10, home vs. Emmett, 5 p.m.

Baseball Varsity
Saturday, March 6, home for jamboree, noon
Wednesday, March 10, home vs. Emmett, 5 p.m.
Junior varsity
Wednesday, March 10 at Emmett, 5 p.m.

Golf Boys
March 9 at Nampa Invitational, Centennial GC, Nampa (18 holes), 10 a.m.
March 10, home for invitational, River Bend GC, Wilder (18 holes), 10 a.m.

Track and field
Wednesday, March 10 at Melba Ice-Breaker, 3:45 p.m.



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Sports

Third-seeded Mustangs knock off No. 1 for district title

Melba draws once-beaten St. Maries in state opener

Melba High School capped its upset run through the 2A District III Tournament with a championship Thursday.

The No. 3 seed Mustangs ended The Ambrose School's 11-game winning streak, 62-57, in the boys' basketball title game in Meridian.

Senior Henry Clark led three players in double figures with 22 points as Melba qualified for the 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament for the second consecutive season.

The Mustangs' first championship since 2016 also marked the first time in the past four seasons that a school other than Cole Valley Christian earned the district's top spot in the state tournament.

Melba (19-4) takes a three-



From left: Assistant coach Juan Colunga, Tucker Lowber, head coach Spencer Trappett, Dillon Stosich, Cache Beus, Braden Volkers, Henry Clark, Josh Leavitt, Alfredo Orozco, Jeff Fahey, Gabe Schaffer, Trace Stimpson, Fabian Blanco, Kaden Dayley and Joe Reiber. Submitted photo

game winning streak into its state opener at 2 p.m., on Thursday at Eagle High School against District I-II champion St. Maries (20-1), which was tied with Ambrose for No. 2 in the final statewide coaches' poll (Feb. 15) and was No. 2 in front of Ambrose in the final statewide media poll (Feb. 4). The Lumberjacks have won four consecutive games after

seeing their season-opening 16-game winning streak end in a 75-66 loss to District 1A, Div. 1 power Lapwai on Feb. 8.

Ambrose (19-2) meets District V champion Bear Lake (16-9) at 5 p.m., on Thursday.

If Melba wins its opener, the Mustangs will play a semifinal game on Friday against either top-ranked District IV champion North Fremont (20-0) or

the District V runner-up West Side (20-6), which was ranked No. 4 in both final polls.

While Clark led the scoring against the Archers in the district title game, junior scoring machine Joe Reiber came through with a double-double of 15 points and 13 rebounds.

Mustangs teammate Braden Volkers, a sophomore, added 17 points, six assists and three

steals.

The Mustangs avenged a Feb. 3 home setback to Ambrose (52-49) and a 71-49 blowout loss on the Archers' floor on Jan. 6.

Junior guard Johnny Sugarman led Ambrose on Thursday with 21 points. Senior teammates Ben Blythe (17 points) and Josh Johnson (11 points) also reached double figures.

HMS boys wrap up 2nd straight unbeaten title drive

Saving their best for last, the Homedale Middle School eighth-graders won the 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament championship last Wednesday.

The top-seeded Trojans led by 26 points after the first quarter and stormed to a 68-39 win over No. 3 seed Fruitland inside the HMS gymnasium.

Trojans coach Benji Sorenson said the players' dedication allowed them to finish their middle school career with a perfect 23-0 record and back-to-back titles.

"We played our best first quarter of the year and put this game out of reach early," Sorenson said.



Front row, from left: Todd Thatcher, Carsten Smith, Jabe Maxwell, Alex Sotelo, Angel Nolasco Contreras, Cruz Bullard, and Brandon Reynolds. Back row, from left: Coach Benji Sorenson, Luke Henry, Kyler Crall, Breken Frank, Keaton Sorenson, Rafael Cuenca, Brock Walker, McCoy Swallow, and Coach Mike Frank. Submitted photo

nice lift off the bench, playing one of his stronger games of the year," Benji Sorenson said.

Cuenca scored nine points and grabbed four rebounds to go with a blocked shot.

The coach said Alex Sotelo "great all-around game" included leading the team with three assists, snagging five steals and notching six points and four rebounds.

Swallow led the team with eight steals, which sparked the team's early transition game.

"Coach Mike (Frank) and I are incredibly proud of these young men," Sorenson said. "They make it seem so easy sometimes that I can take what they do for granted."

"But as a group they continued to push, and not be satisfied with just winning, but focused on getting better every day."

Breken Frank scored nine points with two assists and blocked shot.

Other stats, included Angel Contreras with two points and

an assist, and Brock Walker, who scored two points while having his time limited after spraining his ankle in warm-ups.

"The results of this season and this game are a testament to how hard they have worked, not just this season, but for years now," Sorenson said.

Fruitland reached the tournament final after a 57-53 upset victory against No. 2 Weiser.

Feb. 22: Homedale 59, Parma 19 — Knocking down two-thirds of their field-goal looks

helped the Trojans to a 20-5 first-quarter lead in a conference semifinal at home.

"Overall, it was a very good effort on both sides of the ball," coach Benji Sorenson said.

McCoy Swallow hit a pair of three-point goals and scored eight points in the first period en route to a team-high 13 points.

"We took care of business in the first round of the SRV Tournament against Parma quickly and efficiently," Sorenson said.

Brock Walker logged a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

"I was especially pleased by the game of Brock Walker," the coach said.

Breken Frank added 10 points, while Luke Henry powered the defense with five steals and a blocked shot. Henry also scored two points.

Coming off the bench, Angel Nolasco Contreras provided a spark with six points, a team-high two assists and two steals.

Cuenca logged four points, four rebounds and three steals.

Keaton Sorenson brought down eight rebounds to go with five points and three steals.

Sotelo snagged six boards, scored four points and swiped three steals.

Todd Thatcher chipped in with three points.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

March 6, 1996



Learning about patriotism

Army Reserve Colonel Scott Syme speaks to Homedale’s second grade class about the importance of patriotism and everyone’s role in upholding our nation in respect and honor.

Grand View woman graduates

Rimrock graduate, Wendy C. Swenson, is a 1995 fall graduate of the University of Idaho. She completed her degree in elementary education. She is currently substitute teaching for the Grand View School District and searching for teaching jobs at other schools.

Wendy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swenson of Grand View.

4 Trojan wrestlers will compete in state tourney

Homedale showed impressive standings at the District Three wrestling tournament last weekend.

Wrestlers placing third and above in the district tournament qualified to compete in the state tournament this weekend in Pocatello.

Randy Breshears had pins throughout the tournament to qualify him in the Heavy Weight Division.

Will Black placed third at 112 pounds. Steve Christensen placed fourth in the 119 division, but because the district got to choose a wild card entry to the state tournament, the district chose Christensen as District Three’s representative.

Barry Bean captured third place in 135 weight class and Nathan Volk at 145 took third place.

HHS falls to Grangeville at state meet

The Trojans lost to Grangeville 50-39 in their game at the state games in Idaho Falls.

It was a combination of unfamiliar surroundings and opponent for the Homedale Trojans on Thursday that contributed to their loss, Coach Randy Potter said.

It was apparent from the beginning of the game that Grangeville was extremely aggressive with Dustin Batt and Corby Garrett.

“Grangeville knew that they’d have a better chance if they held those two under their normal double-figure scoring,” Potter said.

Homedale did out-rebound Grangeville 38 to 28. Batt had 12 rebounds and Zac Ross snatched 8 rebounds from the board. Isaac Henry led the team with six assists.

50 years ago

March 4, 1971



NEW MEMBERS of the National High School Honor Society at Homedale High School were inducted during a special candle-light ceremony performed in the fellowship hall of the Presbyterian Church. Seated, from left, Maxine Stansell, Vicki Cook, Louise Chadez, Diane Takasugi and Kristie Kent; and standing, Eileen George, Sue Wilson, Wayne Alora, Harry Zanks, Kevin Miyasako, Janine Townsend and Lynne Kushlan. Photo by Bette Uda.

Trojans paired with Pilgrims for championship

The Homedale Trojans won revenge from Marsing Saturday night at the district A-3 basketball tourney by powering to a 77-46 victory over the Huskies, who had twice beaten the Trojans in regular season play, 68-64 and 64-59.

The victory catapulted Homedale into the championship game against New Plymouth, a team which has also bombed the Trojans twice in SWI conference play, 76-66 and 75-54.

Other than owning a 2-0 lead and ties at 2-all and 6-all, Marsing trailed throughout the semi-final before a packed throng at the Caldwell field house.

It just wasn’t the right night for Coach Ted Thornton’s Huskies, who now are 17-5 and face a three-game sweep to gain the runner-up’s berth in the State Tournament March 11-13 at Ricks College in Rexburg.

Meanwhile, senior Paul Pearson, who fired home 10 field goals and 23 points, and 11 younger Trojan teammates need only win one game to qualify for the state classic for the third straight March.

Joe Percifield’s 10 points led the sparse Marsing offense, while Tilman finished with eight and Dan Percifield seven. Alan Echevarria hit a dozen for Homedale and Gross 11.

Homedale wins JV cage crown at A-3 tourney

Homedale Junior Varsity basketball team won the SWIC A-3 tournament held in Homedale Tuesday night by beating Parma J.V.s 73-66.

The Trojans were led in scoring by Mike Parker and Mike Hyer with 24 and 20 points. Gary Godlevsky and Hyer gathered in the most rebounds with 12 and 15.

This closes the season for the young Trojans with a record of 14 victories and 8 losses.

Other Homedale scoring: Greg Haylett 10, Gary Godlevsky 5, Doug Takasugi 14.

Local teachers reject Friday school holiday

No school holiday will be held at Homedale Friday as has been suggested elsewhere in Idaho.

The Homedale Associated Teachers took a united stand against a professional holiday on Friday.

The staff feels that education is not receiving adequate funding and consideration necessary to maintain the quality school program our children need, but does not feel that a day at the legislature is the way to accomplish this need, Jack Daniell, HAT president, declared.

155 years ago

March 3, 1866

RUBY RANCH, Lower Cow Creek, Feb. 22, 1866.

EDITORS AVALANCHE: As a citizen I think it my duty to inform our godfathers, through your paper, what the redskin devils are doing in this vicinity. For the past month flies have been seen every four or five nights within from one to two miles from our ranch; also, four different nights we have been attacked, but our faithful dogs have driven them away. On the night of the 10th inst, they entered our corral in which there were four horses, but our dogs objected to their mode of getting the stock, and they left in haste, minus part of a rabbit skin robe, and perhaps with sore legs. They also went to a bridge we have just completed across Cow Creek and borrowed a pick, spade and shovel; - perhaps to bridge the Owyhee, as the present owners (good fellows, but like the good old Governor of Idaho) are very slow in their operations. Could we have believed his speech last Fall in your city, there would not have been an Indian track left in the mountains. But I think a silver brick suits him better than Indian fighting. However, I am told he is about making a milk-and-molasses treaty with them now instead of a permanent one. This puts me in mind of an old proverb – “A man grows weak as he grows old.”

Yours truly, O. W. INSKIP.

WITH the exception of the last week in December and first of January, Owyhee weather has been very satisfactory all of the present Winter. As regards cold weather, we have not seen it, and the reports of two previous Winters convince us that we never will see it in Owyhee. For a square knockdown-and-dragout corkscrew-go-after-your-bung snowstorm, we’d pit Owyhee against Seylla and Charybdis and the great Maelstrom thrown in edgewise, and bet our pile on it. They don’t come often, but Lord! don’t they hug close? Don’t they stay by you? It’s past description – some time past. All of February and the greater part of January, the weather was as good as we want for Winter – better’n we deserve. March, however, starts out as if to verify the old saw – “Come in like a Lyon and go out like a Lamb” – badly lammed. (Jo-ak!) But we’ll see. A few inches of snow will help quartz-teaming mightily. Snow had been reduced to nearly a foot.

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Sports

Marsing boys' season ends in district defensive duel

New Plymouth springboards into state tourney

The hope of extending the season ended when the Marsing High School boys' basketball team fell in the 2A District III tournament third-place game on Thursday in New Plymouth.

The closely contested, physical 37-36 thriller against the Pilgrims halted the Huskies' drive to get into the state tournament play-in game.

New Plymouth beat District VI runner-up Firth, 51-44, on Saturday in Burley to reach the 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament, which begins Thursday at Eagle High School.

Late fouls knocked a pair of Marsing's feature players from the third-place game.

Defensively, the game played exactly as Huskies coach Tim Little and his staff had mapped

out. "We executed the game plan almost every possession," Little said. "The focus was on containing penetration, defending on-ball screens correctly, blocking out, and post defense, which held the Pilgrims to those 37 points."

"The coaching staff was proud of the effort on the defensive end."

Little said that New Plymouth was extremely physical and contested every shot

"The physicality and fatigue from two exhausting games was evident down the stretch," the coach said.

Guard Roger Valadez got in foul trouble early, picking up his fourth infraction midway through the third quarter. Little was forced to sit the senior until there was about four minutes left in the game. Valadez fouled out two minutes later.

Similarly, senior post Jacob Ankeny picked up his fifth with 12 seconds left in the game, leaving the Huskies without

their top two scorers. Despite missing essentially a full quarter of play, Valadez led the team with 14 points.

Junior guard Noel Quebrado scored six of his nine points on a pair of three-point shots.

Junior point guard Dominic Enrico was 0-for-4 shooting the ball, but led the team with four assists.

Ankeny scored five points and pulled down a team-high 11 rebounds.

Sophomores Alejandro Barrera and Nacho Margarito scored four points each.

Quebrado, Enrico, and Margarito had three boards apiece.

"I have to give credit to the boys that came together the last week and a half of this season," Little said. "After this season filled with adversity, some blowout losses and a few high points, they came together as a group and really bought into what we needed to do down the stretch to give us some opportunities."

"I am extremely proud of

their effort and desire to commit to what we determined was going to be the best route to some success."

The Huskies played the final week of the season the services of sophomore Mikey Acosta and senior Nacho Montes. Acosta was recently ruled out for the remainder of the season because of COVID-19 quarantine.

Feb. 23: Marsing 33, Cole Valley Christian 30 — The Huskies got an impressive showing from a dependable, stalwart defensive force in its district consolation semifinal win over the host Chargers.

Ankeny had a season-high 17 rebounds and 10 points in the low-scoring affair. Six of those boards were on the offensive end. The senior also relentlessly hassled the Chargers' shooters, swatting away five shots.

"Things just fell in place for us through some hard work and better executed game plan," Little said. "(It was) a great defensive game for us."

The score stayed tight all the way down to the last possession. Cole Valley had four chances in the last 20 seconds to tie the game, including two inbounds passes from the side and two from under the basket.

Cole Valley All-2A Western Idaho Conference performer Lakota Steele's three-point shot to force overtime fell short.

Both teams battled defensively. The Huskies hit 30.3 percent of their shots, including just 17.6 percent from long-range.

Enrico had his best performance on the season, Little said, scoring nine points, collecting five boards, and recording a pair of assists and steals.

Quebrado hit all four of his fourth quarter foul shots and accounted for 10 points and three boards. He also knocked down two of the Huskies three three-pointers.

Valadez scored four and pulled down a pair of boards.

— TK

MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete Spotlight



Boys' basketball
Jacob Ankeny, sr., P
10 points, 17 rebounds in 2A Dist. III
3rd-place game



Wrestling
2A state placer
Champion — Isai Arriaga, sr., 182



Wrestling
2A state placer
6th place — Troy Miller, sr., 138

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Season complete: 7-16 record

Wrestling
2A state placers
Champion — Isai Arriaga, sr., 182
6th — Troy Miller, sr., 138

Baseball
Varsity
Wednesday, March 10 at Horseshoe Bend, 4:30 p.m.

Softball
Varsity
Wednesday, March 10 at Horseshoe Bend, 4:30 p.m.

Track and field
Wednesday, March 10 at Melba Ice-Breaker, 3:45 p.m.

Golf
March 9 at Nampa Invitational, Centennial GC, Nampa
(18 holes), 10 a.m.
March 10 at Homedale Invitational, River Bend GC, Wilder
(18 holes), 10 a.m.

Schedules are subject to change



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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Best and worst of times

It is the best of times. Calving at its finest. The calling of those chosen to tend God’s creatures. To take part in simple miracles. To alter the balance of life on Earth by one small addition.

It is the worst of times. Calving in the midst of a winter when one needs a depth finder to see the top of the market. When it is less worrisome to lose oneself in the task of daily responsibilities easing the burden of birth, than thinking about the price of next fall’s over-crowded weaner crop.

A dilemma, some would say. But does knowing the decreased value of beef make a cowman think less of that heifer in trouble or that new calf layin’ in the straw? Does her dollar price somehow affect her value as a creation? As a work of art planned, worked on, and created by a cowman, a cow and God?

Does the price of a first calf heifer affect a cowman’s responsibility to her well-being? Does his effort, concentration and skill decrease when she’s calving as the market price decreases? Does he try harder to get a live calf if she’s worth more at the sale?

These questions are best answered, not philosophically or hypothetically, but in reality. At 3 a.m. when you hook the chains to newborn feet and start to pull, does cost cross your mind? When you rub the calf down and push him under her flank do you see dollar signs?

When you gaze over the turn-out field and cows grazing contentedly while calves chase each other around ’em, do you get a good feeling? Smile maybe and relax for a moment, thankful all is well. Or are you too occupied with their price to appreciate what you’re seeing?

The dilemma I’m presenting really isn’t much of a problem for most cow people I know. The calving barn is a long way in time and miles and thought from the auction ring.

After all, we tend to our flocks in bad weather, hard times, illness, chapped hands, achin’ backs, mad patients and yes, bad markets.

I think when we lay down in the straw or mud behind a heifer needin’ help, the price per pound is the furthest thing from our mind. So, in spite of all the well meaning (and correct) consultants who keep reminding us that what we do is a business, it is also, beyond any doubt, a way of life.

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black books, CDs and DVDs. His latest release is a collection of three audio books taking his usual humorous look at rodeo. Be sure to mention *The Owyhee Avalanche* when ordering.

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee Constitutional redundancy



A brouhaha is brewing within the confines of Owyhee County’s second-largest town, and it not only is sucking the oxygen out of the room, it’s wasting elected officials’ time.

What appears to be a small faction of Marsing citizens is clamoring for city council action to essentially protect a right already protected under two constitutions.

The fight for the Second Amendment has taken up space in each of the past two city council meetings, which as documented in this space previously already run long enough to be classified as a TV miniseries.

Of course, it would be disrespectful to call the applicants’ grievances unworthy of redress.

After all, these folks worry about losing their right to bear arms under a Democratic regime — even if that right is enshrined in the U.S. Constitution and the Idaho Constitution.

And even if that right was recently recognized through the Board of County Commissioners symbolic proclamation designating Owyhee County

a Bills of Rights Sanctuary. But the sudden need for protection is certainly a knee-jerk reaction to the changing of presidential administrations.

Granted, regulatory changes have modified what gun owners can and cannot do with their weapons, and some of those changes have been harmful to the everyday use of firearms.

Case in point: The requirement to use steel shot in shotguns was billed as a way to reduce or eliminate the amount of lead shot that can prove toxic to wildlife (not to mention anyone who happens to eat wild game that may still contain lead shot).

Turns out steel shot can tear up a shotgun faster than anything else.

Is that a passive-aggressive way to eliminate shotgun hunting? Perhaps in some minds, yes.

But to think that the government is coming for every gun is probably far-fetched.

— See *Redundancy*, Page 7B

Gov. Brad Little

From the Statehouse Building Idaho’s future requires looking forward, not back



I am sure glad to live in Idaho. We have a proud history and bright future ahead.

We have the strongest economy in the nation. We have one of the best employment rates in the country. We have been open longer than almost every other state during the pandemic and added thousands of employers during 2020, blowing previous years out of the water.

We also have the most financially solvent state budget. Quick action during the darkest months of our pandemic fight, combined with years of fiscal conservatism, have resulted in a record budget surplus.

We are positioned to provide citizens with historic tax relief and make strategic investments where they count.

This is all good news. Pointing this out is not meant to downplay the lives we have lost during the pandemic and the hardship many parents, children, and businesses have endured. It was a hard, tragic year, and the challenges continue as we get through the final stretch of our pandemic fight together. It’s also not meant to say we’re perfect — nothing can be perfect. For one, the vaccine rollout needs to happen more quickly, and it remains my top priority.

But consider other states. Instead of taking steps to give money back to citizens through tax relief, other states are considering tax increases to handle the 20 to 40 percent budget cuts they face because they haven’t managed their economy and state budgets as well as Idaho.

There has been a lot of focus on the past 11 months. That is fine, but Idahoans are better served when we focus on our future.

My plan is to provide Idahoans tax relief and make strategic investments in transportation, education,

broadband, and other important areas. It is called “Building Idaho’s Future.”

I am proposing more than \$450 million in tax relief — among the single-largest tax cuts in Idaho history. These tax cuts will boost your prosperity while keeping our tax rates competitive and our business climate vibrant.

I am also proposing major investments in our roads to help preserve one of your most precious commodities: your time. We cannot ignore a growing problem that steals Idahoans’ time and threatens their safety and our economic prosperity.

I am proposing investments in literacy to close achievement gaps that widened for some students during the pandemic, along with investments in higher education and career technical education training programs across Idaho.

My plan also includes expanding broadband infrastructure to better connect Idaho and improve commerce, economic growth, and education. In addition, my plan supports major water infrastructure projects and needed projects for agriculture and outdoor recreation.

I am seeking more support for small businesses, on top of the \$300 million in direct support for small businesses last year.

“Building Idaho’s Future” also invests in the items necessary to support frontline personnel at the Idaho State Police and training for our local frontline police officers. While other states seek to defund the police, I am proud to say Idaho “Backs the Blue.”

Beyond my “Building Idaho’s Future” plan, my “no frills” budget for Fiscal Year 2022 leaves a prudent surplus, bolsters rainy-day funds, and reflects my continued priority on education, including our

— See *Future*, Page 7B

Commentary

Financial management

Volatile stocks are attractive on way up, but could hurt going down

Dear Dave,
My husband started working at a new company about a year ago. As part of his sign-on, they gave him \$5,000 in company stock. The stock has nearly doubled in value since then, and we were wondering if we should buy more, considering how well it has done.

— Cathi

Dear Cathi,
I totally get why you two might be excited over a stock that doubled in value over the course of a year. But what you're talking about doing right now is a very risky proposition. The

truth is any stock that doubles in value over the course of just one year is highly volatile. It's unusual for stocks to do things like that, and it also means it could go down just as fast — or even faster.

I don't know where you and your husband are in your overall financial situation, but I recommend people become debt-free except for their homes, and have an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses saved up before investing. Once you reach that point, I strongly advise to begin putting 15 percent of your income toward retirement



before you start any outside investing.

Don't get me wrong. I don't mind a little selective and educated dabbling here and there once the basics are taken care of first. However, I'd never recommend putting more than 10 percent of your nest egg into a single stock. The reason? If the single stock tanks and you lose it all, then your loss is only a blip on your financial radar.

Of course, it would be fantastic if this single stock went through the roof and you two made a ton of money. Just make sure you limit the potential for damage in this kind of scenario by limiting

your exposure.
— 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.

✓ Redundancy: Symbolism has no place in city council business

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After all, for the past half-century, liberals have wanted gun control. There are still guns — not only locked safely away in responsible residences but on the streets in the hands of ne'er-do-wells.
Still, conservatives like Rose Gress are concerned enough to ask the Marsing City Council to pass a proclamation to provide sanctuary (whatever that is) against the whims of federal lawmakers.
Never mind that any law infringing upon Second Amendment rights would most assuredly get shot down (sorry) by the U.S. Supreme Court.
The sanctuary group's first audience with elected officials apparently didn't go well. Council president Chris Even, a man who has dedicated his adult life to an oath to uphold the Constitution, questioned the need for a symbolic gesture when — again — two

constitutions have enshrined the right to bear arms.
Even's no-nonsense persona apparently appeared gruff to Gress nor did he win favor with the group in February when they returned to the council to press the issue again.
Gress and Marlene Moore addressed the council last month and again asked for a resolution.
The pair couldn't get on the agenda for an official discussion (or action) item because they failed to obtain the 100 signatures Mayor Chad Sevy had set as a requirement in January to return to the agenda.
Because last month's plea came during the public comment period, the council could not take action.
That's probably for the best.
In the grand scheme of things, any resolution designating Marsing as a Second Amendment Sanctuary wouldn't be worth the paper it was printed

on. (See: Idaho and U.S. Constitution protect the right to bear arms; no city can go beyond state or federal law).
That means any resolution would be a waste of time. And if the council spends more than two meetings on that, it can be dubbed a colossal waste of time.
Hopefully, as the man who runs the meetings, Sevy can reason with the Second Amendment folks and get them to move on.
Or, better yet, Sevy can flat-out tell them to move on and let the council focus on more pressing matters — like street lights on Old Bruneau Highway or shoring up code violations or needed street repairs or figuring out the future of law enforcement.
Solutions to those real-world problems are more daunting than a perceived threat.

✓ Future: Look ahead, but remember COVID battle that remains

From Page xx
valuable teachers. My budget proposal is among the most conservative in years.
Idahoans are fearless, forward-looking people. We have dealt with the pandemic by making the best of it and caring for our neighbors.
But the battle isn't over yet. We must remain vigilant and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Idaho as we work to get more and more Idahoans vaccinated. My partners at the local public health boards will continue to have my support, as they have had all along, in taking steps to protect the communities they serve.
Given all our success and the bright future ahead of us, if you're like me, you're glad to live in Idaho, too. Let's continue to work together to build Idaho's future!

— 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. Contact him at: Office of the Governor, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720, (208) 334-2100, governor@gov.idaho.gov. Visit the website at https://gov.idaho.gov/

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City council — Mike Aebischer, Jerry Anderson, Steve Atkins, and Aaron Tines
Meetings — 6 p.m., on second Wednesday

Marsing City Hall
18 Sandbar Ave., (208) 896-4122
Mayor — Chad Sevy
City council — Chris Even, Marie Herman, Rachael Percifield and Brandy Bennett
Meetings — 7 p.m., on second Wednesday

Grand View City Hall
425 Boise Ave., (208) 834-2700
Mayor — Danny Martinez
City council — John Morrison, Tom Payne, Jon Pennington and Opal Ward
Meetings — 6 p.m., on second Wednesday

Sports

Owyheean leads Melba

Owyhee County resident McKoy Richardson led three Melba High School medalists at the 2A wrestling state championship Saturday in Nampa.

A 132-pounder, Richardson (28-11) beat Grant Ethington for the second time Saturday at the Ford Idaho Center to clinch the bronze medal.

Richardson beat the New Plymouth wrestler, 4-1, in the third-place bout. Earlier in the one-day tournament, he eked out a tight 3-2 quarterfinals win over Ethington.

- Zane Helm took fourth at 152 after his second one-point loss of the day, this time 8-7, to Ririe's Tye Sherwood.
- Grant Svedin finished fifth at 126 when he pinned Aberdeen's Hiatt Beck in 2 minutes, 18 seconds.

Richardson wrestled into the semifinals before Raft River's Tegan Whitaker pinned him in 3:36.

The road to the semis included a 12-5 win over Jimmy Williams and his first win over Ethington, 3-2, in the quarterfinals.

In the consolation bracket, Richardson gutted out a tough 13-12 decision over Potlach's Avery Palmer before locking horns with Ethington again.

After pinning Wendell's Mariana Avila in 1:42 in an opening bout, Svedin dropped a 5-4 decision to Ririe's Hyrum Boone.

In the consolation bracket, Svedin pinned Seth Harris of Soda Springs at 2:44 and whitewashed Wendell's Matthew Dahl, 6-0, before New Plymouth's

Skyler Rodriguez got a 60-second pin to drop the Mustangs wrestler into the fifth-place match.

Helm opened his tournament competition with a pin in 1:18 of Firth's Derek Adams.

After a 5-4 quarterfinals loss to Sherwood, Helm rallied with a 11-0 major decision and 15-0 technical fall against West Jefferson's Jose Lemus.

Another one-point decision, 8-7 over Malad's Ruxton Tubbs, set up the third-place rematch with Sherwood.

Ben Evans, 195 — Pinned Malad's Jaxon Thompson (2:58) and lost to Salmon's Colter Bennett and Challis's Tui Schwenke

Cody Dickard — Pinned St. Maries' Les Preyer (43 seconds) and lost to Declo's Dylan Muir and New Plymouth's Hunter Williams

Jaycie Hackler, 106 — losses to Tri-Valley's Russell Noah and Aberden's Santiago Nava

Noah Alvarez-Clausen, 113 — losses to Malad's Zach Mills and Soda Springs' Skylar Brown

Jaxen Hackler, 120 — losses to Ririe's Brian Ferguson and West Jefferson's Kameron Sauer

Evan Michaelson, 145 — losses to Oakley's Dace Jones and Malad's Blaiz Wright

Brenton Overall, 170 — losses to Potlach's Izack McNeal and Bear Lake's Peyton Ochenstein

Trevor Rhoades, 182 — losses to Malad's William Maddox and Salmon's Tyler Fitte. — TK



Melba High School's wrestlers were honored as the Class 2A state academic champions.



Melba's McKoy Richardson lifts New Plymouth's Grant Ethington off the mat during one of their two bouts.



Marsing wrestlers Isai Arriaga (left) and Troy Miller show off their state tournament medals.

Photos by Kelly Ineck

✓Trojans: Egusquiza passes Justin Ensley into fifth place on wins list

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coach Jake Levinski.

Juniors Willie White (160), Rhyalee Nix (170) and Willy Haun (195) all finished fourth.

Egusquiza climbed further up the HHS all-time career victories list on the way to Saturday's second-place showing.

He finished his career with 112 victories. He moved past Justin Ensley into fifth place on the roll call with his tournament-opening pin of Buhl's Benn Winkle. Winkle submitted 11 seconds before the end of the opening period.

Egusquiza ends his prep run five victories shy of fourth-place Adam Duryee.

Egusquiza (25-6 this season) dodged a bullet in the quarterfinals against Sugar-Salem's Daxtyn Zollinger, winning 7-6 after rallying from a 6-1 deficit and storming ahead with a three-point near-fall with 47 seconds left in the match.

Zollinger raced to a five-point lead with three takedowns in the first two rounds before Egusquiza began his comeback with an escape then a reversal with 28 seconds left in the second period.

Zollinger chose to wrestle from the bottom for the final round and lost all momentum.

Egusquiza controlled the semifinal against fellow District III grappler Mad-

dox Stevens of Weiser from the get-go. He logged a takedown 1 minute, 31 seconds into the match.

Willie White

White (28-14), who got a wild-card invitation into the state tournament after a stiff back derailed his district tournament, took fourth after Buhl's Wyatt Anderson triumphed with a pinfall 57 seconds into the second period of their 160-pound bronze medal match. White was leading, 2-0, at the time.

The junior fell into consolation bracket when eventual state champion Kyle Richardson from Snake River ended their quarterfinal in 68 seconds.

White pinned Sugar-Salem's Brent Parkinson in 2:55 in his opening match, and wrestled into the third-place bout with a 9-1 major decision over Weiser's Maximus Kingsbury, a 46-second pin of Filer's Jaimen Swainston, and a 54-second pin of Bonners Ferry's Kyle Smith, who entered the tournament as the No. 2 seed.

Rhyalee Nix

Nix (24-10) settled for fourth place after a 13-2 major decision loss to Snake River's Lance Hunter.

The Homedale junior began his odyssey in the 170 bracket with a second-

period pin of Kimberly's Riley Klimes (3:34).

Hunter sent Nix into the elimination bracket with a 11-5 decision in the quarterfinals.

Nix catapulted into the third-place match with a run of three consolation bracket victories.

He rallied in the second period and then held on for a 9-8 victory over fellow District III qualifier Seth Rushton from McCall-Donnelly in the first consolation challenge.

After pinning Weiser's Boone Ksiazek in 2:56, Nix took down Kayden Zimmerman of Kellogg (4:57) to reach the third-place match.

Willy Haun

Payette sophomore Gabriel Ramos ended a stalemate against Haun with a takedown with three seconds left in the first overtime of the 195-pound third-place match. Ramos prevailed, 3-1, with the sudden victory.

Haun grabbed a 1-0 lead with an second-period escape before Ramos forced the OT with an escape 26 seconds before the end of regulation.

The third-place bout was one of three tight matches Haun wrestled Saturday.

After pinning Buhl Spencer Gorrell in 40 seconds in an opener, Haun nar-

rowly moved into the semifinals when he got an escape and a takedown early in the third period then held off Bonners Ferry's Jackson Richter for a 5-4 win. Richter tightened the score with a reversal with 11 seconds remaining.

Gooding's Logan Anderson edged Haun, 3-0, in the semifinals, and Haun pinned Snake River's Drake Anderton in 2:46 to reach the bronze medal match.

Other wrestlers

The Turner sisters ended their prep careers with two matches each at the state tournament.

Savannah lost her final matches by pinfall against Marsh Valley's Brady Dahlke (1:32) and Weiser's Jace Buescher (2:04) in the 126 bracket.

At 132, Kaydince lost to top-seeded Emilio Caldera of Snake River (pin, 1:33) and Filer's Dylan Fisher (pin, 2:08)

At the other end of the experience spectrum, freshman 132-pounder Andrew Marston lost two matches by pinfall (Evan Barajas, Bonners Ferry, 3:02; and Tucker Hill, Teton, 2:30).

Owen Houser suffered a catastrophic leg injury 27 seconds into the second round of his opener against Bonners Ferry heavy-weight Isaiah Shottanana. The senior was unable to wrestle his second match against Fruitland's Brody Holaday.

Public notices

**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 curb-side voting shall the voter need assistance.

03/03/2021

**NOTICE OF PENDING
ISSUE OF TAX DEED**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, AS FOLLOWS: That a delinquent entry was entered as of January 1,

2016, in the records of the County Treasurer as Tax Collector of Owyhee County, State of Idaho, for the following properties:

**Parcel RPA00100100150A
Frank A DeAugustine, Jr.
PO Box 24
Homedale, ID 83628**

Property known as Lot 15 Block 10 of the amended townsit plat of Homedale. Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and recorded in the office of the recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho or more commonly known as: 504 W Oregon Ave, Homedale, ID

Tax: \$184.58
Late Charge: \$ 3.70
Interest: \$ 96.76
Costs: \$446.00* *
TOTAL \$731.04

**Parcel RPB00000346401A
Michael G & Jenell A Rice
3555 E John L Ave Lot 10
Kingman, Az 86409**

Property known as: Tax 4B 34 3N 4W City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, or more commonly known as: 110 8th Ave, Marsing, ID

Tax: \$552.86
Late Charge: \$ 11.06
Interest: \$ 289.78
Costs: \$605.00* *
TOTAL \$1,458.70

****Pursuant to Idaho Code 963-1005 (3), amounts will increase as additional cost and fees in the tax deed process are added.**

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that if said delinquent entry is not redeemed on or before April 12, 2021, by payment of said unpaid taxes together with late charge, interest and all unpaid

costs and expenses up to the date of said payment at my office as Tax Collector, Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, ID, I shall thereupon, as required by law, make application to the Board of County Commissioners of Owyhee County, State of Idaho, for a hearing to be held on April 26, 2021, or as soon thereafter as said application can be heard at the Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy,

Idaho, for tax deed conveying the above described property to OWYHEE COUNTY, State of Idaho, absolute title, free of all encumbrances, except any lien for taxes which may have attached subsequently to the assessment hereinafter referred to. **YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED,** that the record owner or owners or any party of interest as defined by §63-1005, Idaho Code, may appear in person or by counsel, and if appearing, shall have adequate opportunity to be heard for the purpose of protesting the procedures used in taking this tax deed. **NO OTHER TYPE OF PROTEST WILL BE HEARD. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED,** that inquiries and objections concerning this notice of the information contained therein shall be directed to the OWYHEE COUNTY TREASURER at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650; or by calling (208) 495-1158 no later than five (5) working days before the hearing date. 3/3, 3/10, 3/11, 3/24

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2021.

**Annette Dygert
COUNTY TREASURER and
EX-OFFICIO TAX
COLLECTOR FOR
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO
03/03,10,17,24/2021**

SAMPLE BALLOT

JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 363

OWYHEE AND CANYON COUNTIES, STATE OF IDAHO

OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

MARCH 9, 2021

INSTRUCTIONS: To vote in favor of the COSSA levy, place an X in the square at the right of the words “IN FAVOR OF”. To vote against the COSSA levy, place an X in the square at the right of the word “AGAINST”. If you change your mind, tear, or make a mistake on this ballot, request a new ballot from an election worker.

JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 363

OWYHEE AND CANYON COUNTIES, STATE OF IDAHO

COSSA LEVY ELECTION

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?

IN FAVOR OF

authorizing a COSSA levy in the amount not to exceed .1% per year for up to ten (10) years

☐

AGAINST

authorizing a COSSA levy in the amount not to exceed .1% per year for up to ten (10) years

☐

03/03/2021

**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 the American Legion Hall, 410 Roosevelt 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

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL
MEETING**

The Marsing Ambulance Service Board of Directors will hold its annual meeting, following the regular monthly meeting, designated below. Bylaws and board assignments will be reviewed. Taxpayers and residents of Marsing Ambulance District are invited to attend.

Date: THURSDAY MARCH 18, 2021
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Marsing Fire Hall
03/03,10,17/2021

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice of Hearing for the Bruneau Fire Protection District on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7 PM. Hearing will be held at the Bruneau QRU Building at 32531 Belle Ave in Bruneau, Idaho.

The purpose of this hearing is to review a petition to annex Indian Cove property into the Bruneau Fire Protection District. Any person supporting or opposing such annexation can be heard at this time if in attendance. Comments can also be mailed to Bruneau Fire Protection District PO Box 243 Bruneau, ID 83604. The board of directors will approve or reject this petition on this date after reviewing comments and discussion.

03/03/2021

LIEN SALE

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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 TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. CV37-21-00052
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF
THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN
AND FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE**

In the Matter of the Estate of: DENNIS GILBERT DUNN, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN DAVID G. DUNN was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate. All persons having claims against the estate is required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims against the estate must be presented to the undersigned attorney for said Personal Representative, Larry C. Ashcraft, of the firm ASHCRAFT LAW PLLC, at PO Box 506, Mountain Home, Idaho 83647-0506, and filed with the Clerk of this Court.

DATED February 24, 2021.
ASHCRAFT LAW PLLC
/s/ Larry C. Ashcraft
Larry C. Ashcraft
03/03,10,17/2021

Public notices

SAMPLE BALLOT
BRUNEAU GRAND VIEW JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 365
ELMORE & OWYHEE COUNTIES, IDAHO
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO
MARCH 9, 2021

INSTRUCTIONS: To vote in favor of the maintenance and operation levy, place an X in the square at the right of the words "IN FAVOR OF". To vote against the maintenance and operation levy, place an X in the square at the right of the word "AGAINST". If you change your mind, tear, or make a mistake on this ballot, request a new ballot from an election worker.

BRUNEAU GRAND VIEW JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 365
ELMORE & OWYHEE COUNTIES, IDAHO
TO LEVY A SUPPLEMENTAL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION LEVY

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 (\$100,000.00) 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.

IN FAVOR OF of authorizing the Supplemental M&O Levy
in the amount of \$300,000.00 per year for two (2) years ☐

AGAINST authorizing the Supplemental M&O Levy
in the amount of \$300,000.00 per year for two (2) years ☐

03/03/2021

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
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 - Precinct 013 - Absentee Voting
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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.
02/24/2021

SUMMONS
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF THE STATE
OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR
THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
COLLECTION BUREAU,
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Sports

Oreana 100 hits desert this weekend

Riders have until Friday to pre-register online for the 24th annual Oreana 100 desert motorcycle race.

Pre-entry is available at www.sidraracing.org.

The races are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday in the Owyhee desert. The pits will be located off Missile Base Road.

Entry fees are \$100 for professionals, \$60 for adults, \$45 for sportsman riders, and \$35 for youth riders.

An American Motorcyclists Association (AMA) membership is required. An annual membership is \$49, or you can buy a day pass for \$20.

Southwest Idaho Desert Racing Association membership is also required: \$20 annual or \$5 day pass and a \$10 number plate fee.

Youth classes will run on

Saturday:

- **8 a.m., to 9:30 a.m.** — Check-in and tech
- **9:45 a.m.** — Riders meeting
- **10 a.m.** — 50cc race
- **11 a.m.** — 65cc, girls, girls' junior races
- **12:30 p.m.** — Big Wheel and 85cc races
- **3 p.m.** — Trophies

The adult riders can check-in and tech from 3:30 p.m., to 5:30 p.m., on Saturday.

Adult classes compete Sunday on a 53-mile loop:

- **7:30 a.m., to 9:30 a.m.** — Check-in and tech
- **10 a.m.** — Riders meeting
- **10:30 a.m.** — Racing starts

Online Pre-Entry Only, closes March 5th.

More information is available on the host club, Desert Raiders, Facebook page.

✓ Marsing: Miller takes 6th

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Both wrestlers were buzz saws through the first three rounds, each scoring quick pinfalls.

Arriaga, who finished third in last season's state meet, topped St. Marie's Alex Lambson in his first match 1 minute, 27 seconds in. He recorded three quick takedowns before pinning Lambson.

In the quarterfinals, Arriaga knocked off Challis's George Cecil in 2:57. Arriaga jumped out to a quick lead, recording four takedowns and two near-falls in the first two minutes. After two more takedowns, the match was over.

In his semifinal bout with Declo's Presley Fullmer, Arriaga scored seven points in the first 1½ minutes for a 7-1 lead before pinning his opponent at 1:38.

In the Arriaga-Maddox final, things did not go so quickly. Neither wrestler scored in the first period.

In the second, Arriaga scored six points with a reversal and two takedowns, while Maddox scored on two reversals and an escape.

Arriaga clung to a 6-5 lead heading into the final two minutes.

In the third period, Arriaga recorded a takedown and Maddox escaped twice.

Arriaga was not taken down once all day.

Miller finishes 6th

Miller started the tournament strong, dropping Bear Lake's Matix Jacobson in 58 seconds.

In the quarterfinals, Miller grappled deep into the third period against Declo's AV Marino before falling at 5:38. Miller trailed, 17-5, when Marino ended the match.

In the consolation bracket, Miller dropped St. Marie's Ethan Kolar at the 1:23 mark of the first period.

After a 7-4 decision over Bear Lake's Wyatt Lloyd, Miller slipped into the fifth-place match against Cooper when Clearwater Valley's Darling Cross got a pin in 3:47.

Goins gets one win

Marsing senior Jacob Goins, the Huskies' third state tournament representative, fumbled out of the gate with a loss to West Jefferson's Josh Reyes (pinfall, 3:43).

In the consolation bracket, Goins pinned Malad's Matthew Jacaway (2:17) before being knocked out of the tournament by Declo's Miguel Juarez (pinfall, 3:28).

The Huskies finished tied for 17th place with Soda Springs in the 36-team field. Both scored 42 points.

New Plymouth won the state championship with 236 points, a comfortable 54-point margin over runner-up Ririe.

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Sports

✓ Moment: Sisters proud of their status as role models for younger girls

From Page 1B

program with their work ethic and passion,” Romeike said, echoing comments she shared during the signing. “During that call, it just came out how much they care about the sport.”

Through persistence — and light recruiting of Idaho by other colleges — the Hastings coach and the Turner sisters found each other in time for this year’s recruiting class.

“They are the ‘Founding Mothers’ of our girls’ program,” HHS coach Jake Levinski said at the signing.

“The girls have helped me grow as a coach and a person.”

True to the art of dancing, one of the girls was in the lead when they embarked on a path that would forge HHS history.

Savannah, who is 13 months younger than Kaydince, steered her sister into wrestling in sixth grade when they found out about the opportunities with the middle school team.

“Savannah’s more of the leader,” Kaydince, 18, said.

“I’m an outgoing extrovert,” Savannah, 17, said. “She’s an introvert.”

Savannah marched into Levinski’s classroom and got the ball rolling on what would turn out to be influential careers that changed the makeup of Homedale prep wrestling.

And, because of a pact that began to form when the girls arrived in Homedale earlier that sixth-grade year, Kaydince was along for the ride.

“The bond started to grow when we first moved here,” Savannah said. “The relationship didn’t start to grow real strong until high school when we said, ‘We’re going to do everything together.’”

And it continues. Kaydince didn’t apply to Hastings until Savannah had already been accepted academically.

Not until they began wrestling on the HHS team did the girls learn of a not-so-distant familial link to the sport. Their maternal grandfather had had success in high school wrestling, too.

The Turners weren’t the first girls to wrestle for HHS, but they certainly became a part of the pioneering athletes who kicked the door open to a Idaho High School Activities Association-sanctioned girls’ state tournament. The first championship meet will be held next winter.



Above: Homedale High School coach Jake Levinski speaks before the ceremony. **Below:** The Turners’ Trojans teammates pose for a keepsake of history.



“I honestly just went out to wrestle,” Kaydince said. “The thought didn’t cross my mind until our junior year of being a role model.”

The sisters have been determined to show what girls can do on the mat, but Savannah said the impact their example had on other female wrestlers didn’t become evident until one of those girls’ state finals when a competitor from Caldwell told the Turners that they were her mentors.

“It definitely made me realize how much of an impact I have on people on and off the mat,” Savannah said.

“(A wrestler) telling you that you’re their inspiration to keep wrestling made me speechless and made me tear up.”

Upwards of 15 girls have joined the Homedale Freestyle Wrestling program since the Turners began competing.

“We’re definitely role models and proud to be that,” Savannah said.

The journey to becoming leaders and recruiters for the likes of Trinity Neeser and Lizzy Hergesheimer began exactly how one would expect in what used to be a male-

dominated sport.

Every eye in the wrestling room was on Savannah when she walked into her first practice. She said it took an entire year to finally feel accepted.

“In eighth grade, we were the only girls,” Savannah said. “I told Kaydince, ‘We have to rely on each other as females in this atmosphere.’”

But the Turners experienced their moments of acceptance in very tangible ways once they got to high school.

For Savannah, it was during a physically grueling drill in her freshman season.

“I started thinking to myself, ‘What have I gotten myself into?’” she said. “I was really approaching a mental barrier.”

“Guys actually started cheering me on and saying my name and joining in to help me finish. I was a part of the brotherhood.”

For Kaydince, the click from clique to family was more of a journey than a moment.

“In my sophomore year, that’s when I really got confident in my wrestling and actually started to win some matches,” she said.

Even after becoming part of the club, both girls continued to wrestle to prove they belonged.

Kaydince was still willing to shed blood for the cause as she fought to keep her prep career alive in the 3A District III Tournament in Parma nearly two weeks ago.

In a match that in Hollywood would have been the seminal moment to get her into the state tournament, Kaydince battled through a bloody nose and tissue shoved in both nostrils to beat Fruitland’s Brodie Greif and move forward in the consolation bracket.

She said it was the most blood she’d ever dealt with on the wrestling mat, but she knew it was necessary — and not just because a berth in the state meet lurked down the line.

“I was going to keep going and show all those boys that I’ve got a bloody face and I’m going to keep going,” Kaydince said.

Respect and total acceptance from HHS teammates were on full display last week when the entire team showed up for the signing and then crowded

behind a table festooned with a Hastings banner and the ever-present wrestling shoes for a photo portrait.

The sisters’ parents — Mike and Malorie — were sitting at the table as was Romeike, who was in town for the historic moment. It’s rare for a college coach to show up for a recruit’s signing.

“This is extremely special,” Romeike said last week. “I just wanted to show that I’m putting in the effort because I want to show them that we’re a family.”

Other family members included maternal grandparents Gerald and Pam Brown, aunt and uncle Jake and Shannon Braden and a handful of cousins.

Beyond the watershed moment for HHS girls’ wrestling, there of course is the personal goal that each girl now will be able to wrestle their way to college educations.

“I want the girls in the school to know that no matter the hard work and dedication you put into it, it does pay off in the end,” Savannah said. “I just want them to know that, because this is a big opportunity for females.”

“Females have brought back wrestling (in college). The men’s wrestling was actually declining, and after they put female wrestling in the Olympics, colleges began offering full-ride scholarships to athletes.”

Savannah will study pre-veterinary at the Nebraska school and then transfer for the next phase of her education.

Kaydince wants to pursue a business degree, but also will explore graphic design classes at the Hastings-affiliated community college.

Savannah said the sisters have gained far more through wrestling than confidence and college opportunity.

“I’ve gained a mental clarity,” Savannah said.

“I’ve learned how to use my skills by myself, and it has strengthened me in the real world.”

Kaydince agreed.

“Coach Joe (assistant Egusquiza) always tells us that if we can work hard in the wrestling room, break down in the wrestling room and push through mental barriers, it’ll be easier in the world.”

“Wrestling prepares you for the world.”

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