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Homedale students take a trip back to the frontier

Fourth-grader Miah Hibbs shows her classmates how proper ropin' is done during Thursday's annual Wagons Ho! presentation by Cal and Marla Clevenger at Homedale Elementary School. More photos, see **Page 9A**

It's official: Marsing council supports the U.S. Constitution

Citizens seek protection of gun rights, right to life

The Marsing City Council waded into the ideological debate last Wednesday and came to a conclusion:

Elected officials support all rights afforded U.S. citizens under the Constitution and federal laws.

Passage of Resolution 153,

which came with a 3-1 vote, declared Marsing a constitutionally protected city and ended three months of rancor between one councilmember and two women who sought to have Marsing declared a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary.

Councilperson Rachael Percifield voted against the resolution.

"I don't think this is what we're here for," Percifield said

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Rose Gress brought a handgun and a roll of Duck Tape to last week's council meeting when she pressed for 2nd Amendment sanctuary.

Bruneau-GV poised to dip into fund balance

District could fund schools with half of reserve after levy fails

by **Mandi Boren**

For *The Owyhee Avalanche*

For the first time in seven years voters in the Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District have rejected a supplemental levy.

With 56 fewer voters visiting

the polls this go-around, the communities of Bruneau, Grand View and Oreana voted on March 9 and collectively rejected a district request for supplemental funds of

— See *Bruneau-GV*, page 11A

Homedale RV proposal not dead yet

Mayor breaks tie to deny after neighbors' eyesore concerns

After receiving predominantly negative feedback, the Homedale City Council denied a Caldwell developer's

request to build an RV park at the east entrance to town.

But even after last Wednesday's public hearing testi-

mony didn't go their way, the principals for Madison Fundamentals LLC are planning a comeback.

The council denied the project on a split vote. Mayor

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Sweets shop hopes to hit the spot

From left: Kim Murray, and Robert and Ciera Tucker. Murray's Treats, named for Ciera's grandparents and Kim's parents, will hold a grand opening from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., on Saturday in Homedale. The sweet shop is located at 9 E. Idaho Ave., in the former Emerald Insurance Agency office. Tucker said the shop will be open from 2 p.m., to 8 p.m., from Tuesday to Sunday with possible later hours in the summer and on game nights. The shop will serve hand-dipped ice cream cones and sundaes with housemade toppings as well as s'mores with homemade marshmallows, and a rotating slate of treats to include whoopie pies, banana pudding, caramel corn, fresh-baked cookies and brownies, poke cakes and cobblers. "We have all kinds of confectionary recipes passed down in the family, so soon we'll get to making toffee and divinity and those sorts of treats, too," Ciera said. "And we plan on stocking some nostalgic sodas and candies as well." Tucker's grandfather, George, once served as mayor and city councilman in Homedale. Submitted photo

Homedale students brace for in-person ISATs

Trustees to tour schools later this month

The Homedale School District spring ISAT assessments will be administered both in-person and remotely. But not all remote learners will be allowed to take the assessments from home. District federal programs director Christine Ketterling wrote in her monthly report to the board of trustees that the middle school has received permission to administer remote tests to its distance learners. All other remote learners will be scheduled to visit their respective buildings – either the elementary school or the high school – to take the ISAT in person. In-person ISAT administration has begun, while the remote ISAT window will be open beginning April 12. At the middle school, principal Moss Strong reports

that ISAT interim post tests have helped students. "We have seen great growth from our students and believe this practice will positively impact our official ISAT results," she wrote in her report to the school board. Fifth- through eighth-graders are taking ISAT science tests this week. The English Language Arts (ELA) and math ISATs will begin on April 20. Social studies teacher quits Teachers begin making plans for the next year as the current school year winds down, and middle school social studies teacher Brennen Davis' resignation was accepted during last week's board meeting. Trustees signed off on the hiring of Rian Miller as the migrant instructional paraprofessional at the high school. Maria Diaz was hired for a food service position that was declared vacant after the original hire never reported for the job after being appointed

during the Feb. 8 board meeting, district superintendent Rob Sauer said. Elementary school custodian Martha Gonzales-De Alamilla also resigned her post. Plant facility updates District transportation and maintenance director Dan Aberasturi is still waiting for a "viable" estimate on replacing the press box at Deward Bell Stadium, Sauer said. The stadium's athletic track has needed repair or replacement for some time, but no discussions have been held, Sauer said. "Almost all of our current plant facility funds are budgets for the elementary addition," he said. The athletic track project would probably have a six-figure price tag. The district is focused on the \$1.3 million construction project to add four classrooms at HES. Trustees will get an up-close look at facilities at the three school sites from 8 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, March 30

during the annual board tour. Sauer said other facilities will be toured if time allows. Audit costs outlined Dan Coleman from the Quest CPAs firm has been hired to audit the school district's finances for the next three fiscal years. The district will spend at least \$18,900 for those three audits, but there is language that could push the price to as much as \$26,300 for the life of the contract. The base price is for three single audits. Sauer said if the district spends more than \$750,000 in a given fiscal year, additional audits and additional costs will be necessary. The district will pay \$6,000 for the FY 2021 single audit with \$2,000 for anything over the \$750,000 mark. "(The district) should meet this threshold for the additional single audit with the CARES (Act) funds plus the yearly federal funds received by the district," Sauer said. The FY 22 audit will cost

\$6,300 with an additional possible cost of \$2,100. The FY 23 audit will cost \$6,600 with an additional possible cost of \$2,200. Board declares surplus Vo-Tech equipment The trustees signed off on a list of surplus equipment, most of which was inoperable. From the HHS wood shop: • Two Powermatic wood lathes that are operational with a value of \$250 each. • A running but non-functional Grizzly 20-inch planer (\$100) • One joiner that still runs but doesn't have safety guards (\$75) • A Jet combo belt sander that doesn't work and is marked a scrap metal (\$75) • A Delta drill press and Grizzly drill press, both marked as scrap (\$25 each) Everything but the wood lathes have been replaced with new equipment through a Idaho Quality Program Standards grant, Sauer said. — JPB

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Council won't allow exception to Homedale RV ordinance

The Homedale City Council unanimously denied a resident's request to live temporarily in an RV on West Utah Avenue.

During last Wednesday's meeting inside the magistrate courtroom at City Hall, Kathy Pelletier asked permission for she and her husband to stay in the couple's fifth-wheel trailer while they completed improvements on the property. They acknowledged that they had already been living in the trailer for four months and had broken city ordinance by doing so.

Rather than issue a citation for the violation, Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said he suggested that the couple do the right thing and seek an exception to the city ordinance prohibiting habitation in RVs.

"Our goal is to help people correct it, not necessarily write up a bunch of ordinance violations," Eidemiller said.

Pelletier was asking to stay in the fifth-wheel through July, nearly 4½ months. She said they currently have a renter living in the house, and the couple just wanted to stay close as they work on their property.

City attorney Paul J. Fitzer said an ordinance waiver is required because the couple is committing a criminal violation by staying in their trailer on the property.

Eidemiller, Mayor Gheen Christoffersen, and the four-member council agreed that making this exception would set a bad precedent and cause rumblings by those who have been denied in the past.

Sewer facility funding may be coming soon

The council unanimously agreed to ask a judge to allow the city to seek up to \$10.3 million in bond funding to carry out rehabilitation and repair of the wastewater transmission and treatment systems.

The vote came a month after the council had held a public hearing on the matter of judicial confirmation.

Now, Fitzer's colleague Stephanie J. Bonney will request a hearing before a judge who will make the final ruling on getting bonds rather than asking voters to approve the bonds.

City engineer Andrew Kimmel said that all the appropriate letters have been sent regarding the city's sewer facility plan but the Department of Environmental Quality has yet to comment. He said that April 13 is the end of the public comment period for government agencies.

He said that after that time, the city will hold a public hearing concerning the facility plan, likely a 30-minute time block before the council's April 14 meeting.

Kimmel said that he has been working with city clerk and treasurer Alice Pegram taking steps to possibly secure U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development funding for the project.

"Hopefully, we will have at least a tentative offer before the next city council meeting, from DEQ and USDA," he said. "At least we will have an idea of what the funding package will look like."

Clayton Cart returns to Homedale as new SRO

Eidemiller informed the council that Clayton Cart has been hired back onto the police force. He will be replacing Karl Kingston, who is retiring on May 31, as Homedale school resource officer.

Eidemiller said that Cart will have to complete SRO training this summer before the 2021-22 school year begins.

— TK

Jackson Library plans sewing basics class next month

Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library will be offering a Sewing 101 class from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., on April 5 and April 12.

The library is located at 121 W. Owyhee Ave., in Homedale.

The class costs \$10 per person, and those interested must register in advance. Space is limited to 10 people.

Jean Bowman will teach basic cutting and sewing of material and will teach students how to make a pillowcase. The class is intended for beginners or those who have not sewed before.

"It is preferred that (students) have their own sewing machine, scissors, thread, and material for the pillowcase," library director Sharla Jensen said. "However, if they would like to take the class and do not have the access to a machine or material, they can contact me at the library."

The majority of the instruction will take place on April 5, and the April 12 session is for finishing the pillowcase project if needed.

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Marsing district's COSSA levy overwhelmingly passes

Voter turnout languishes below 10 percent

A typical small percentage of Marsing voters cast their ballots in the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency levy election on March 9.

Although just 8.9 percent of registered voters went to the polls to decide the fate of the 10-year levy renewal, the measure easily reached the required simple majority to pass.

Eighty percent of ballots cast in Owyhee County were in favor of the renewal. Nearly 71.5 percent of Canyon County voters who visiting the polls said yes.

The property tax amount will not exceed 1/10th of one percent of the school district's market value over the life of the levy.

Of the total number of registered voters in the Owyhee County precincts — including 16 people who registered on Election Day — only

Including 16 registrants on



Poll worker Darlene Prow (right) shows Mike Sprinkel how to use a touch screen vote machine during the March 9 election

the day of the election, there were 1,848 registered voters eligible to cast ballots in the Owyhee County portion of the district last week. Only 165 ballots were cast (a turnout of 8.9 percent).

The North Marsing precinct had the best turnout with 9.7 percent.

Of the 165 ballots cast on this side of the Snake River,

132 (or 80 percent of the total vote) were in favor of the levy.

Only 26 of the 43 voters who registered for absentee ballots actually followed through (60.5 percent).

Of the 28 voters who went the polls in Canyon County, 20 (71.4 percent) chose to renew the levy.

The levy helps the district meet federally mandated financial obligations of providing special education and offering career technical certificates, including, among others, automotive technology, health occupations, and law enforcement.

Without the assistance of the COSSA consortium, which consists of Marsing, Homedale, Notus, Parma, and Wilder districts, all the services provided would cost the Marsing district more than \$1.26 million.

Because the costs of delivering these services is shared by the member schools, the financial load on Marsing is greatly reduced.

— TK

Easter egg hunts are a few weeks away

Preparations are underway for local community Easter egg hunts.

Hunts are planned in Marsing, Homedale, Murphy, Grand View, and Bruneau at 10 a.m., on Saturday, April 3.

- The Marsing Lions Club will hold its annual Easter egg hunt at the high school football field on 8th Avenue West.
- Each year, the hunt is divided into specific areas for different age groups.
- The Homedale Chamber of Commerce egg hunt will be held at Sundance Park.
- The age groups will be 2 years and younger, ages 3-5, ages 6-8, and ages 10-12.
- The Chamber has purchased plastic eggs and the candy to fill them. Masks will be encouraged but not required.
- The Murphy community hunt takes place on the Owyhee County Courthouse lawn on Idaho highway 78.
- The sheriff's office sponsors the Murphy hunt, and donations are always welcome.
- Send donations to Owyhee County Sheriff's Office, P.O. Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650.
- Donations will be used to

buy candy, eggs and prizes for the children.

The Murphy egg hunt is open for boys and girls ages 10 and younger.

- The Grand View Lions Club will sponsor an annual Easter egg hunt open to toddlers through fifth-graders.
- The older children will search for candy-filled eggs at Grand View City Park, while those ages 1-4 will search for eggs on the back lawn of the Eastern Owyhee County Library.
- Children are asked to bring Easter baskets.
- The Bruneau Canyon 4-H club will holds its annual Easter egg hunt at Bruneau Elementary School.
- The hunt is open to boys and girls in preschool through fifth grade with divisions for preschoolers, kindergarteners and first-graders, second- and third-graders, and fourth- and fifth-grader.
- Each age group will have a chance to find a gold egg and a silver egg, the prizes for which is an Easter breakfast.
- The 4-H club hides 100 dozen real hard-boiled eggs for the annual activity.

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✓ **Constitution:** Zito backs council's resolution in broad letter to board

before casting her dissenting vote inside the council chambers at City Hall. "There are channels to oppose laws, and this isn't it."

"This feels like a waste of time."

The resolution comes weeks after Owyhee County commissioners resolved their support of the Bill of Rights.

Marsing residents Rose Gress and Marlene Moore spoke to the council about their ongoing desire to get the 2nd Amendment Sanctuary status that Gress said has been brought forward by other counties and cities in Idaho.

Gress worries that the change in presidential administrations threatens people's right to bear arms.

The expected appearance of Dist. 23 state Sen. Christy Zito (R-Hammett) never materialized. She was stuck on the floor of the Senate at the Statehouse in Boise, but did send a letter to the council that supported the Constitution.

"Congratulations on your efforts to declare your support for the Constitution of the United States of America," Zito wrote in her letter.

Zito acknowledged that the current political climate has many people worried about the erosion of rights.

The letter to the council, which wasn't read into the record but became a public document nonetheless, superseded an earlier version Zito apparently had written for Gress and Moore that more pointedly focused on just the 2nd Amendment.

During her testimony, Moore read the original letter into the record.

"I was asked by a resident of Marsing if I would attend the council meeting to show support of Marsing becoming a Second Amendment Sanctuary City," Zito told The Owyhee Avalanche.

"When I learned that we would be conducting a late afternoon floor session, I sent a letter to this resident to show my support, in the event that I would not be able to make it to the meeting on time."

Zito said she drafted the broader letter supporting the entire Constitution — and rescinded the first letter — after a conversation with council president Chris Even.

"I was contacted by Chris Even. He explained to me that the council was planning to declare Marsing a Constitution



Sanctuary City," she said. "I absolutely agree with that. I prepared a letter and emailed it to the council in support of that."

"I had been communicating with the other resident of Marsing by Facebook Messenger. I asked them to please disregard my letter in their possession, as I had submitted a different one to the council."

When Moore began to read the original letter, some council members displayed confusion as they tried to reconcile Zito's official letter with the words of Moore's testimony.

City attorney Stephanie J. Bonney drafted Resolution 153 at Even's behest.

"The resolution by Chris goes beyond the 2nd Amendment," she said.

Even wanted the resolution to magnify the balance the Founding Fathers sought in the Constitution.

"No one (amendment) is more important than the others," Even said.

"They all work together, and that's the framework of our country."

Councilperson Brandy Bennett asked that language be included that said the city would not spend any money on laws that were unconstitutional.

Bonney said that such an amendment would give Marsing the ability to terminate any law enforcement agreement it may forge with the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office if it was deemed OCSO enforced an unconstitutional law.

Even said he was not worried about deputies under the command of Sheriff Perry Grant doing any such thing.

Dallon Fondren and Josh Sarrette, co-owners of Marsing gun shop Armed Everyday, also appeared before the council. Fondren read his own proposed

resolution into the record.

Fondren's resolution asked that the mayor and city council oppose laws that would infringe upon the citizens' rights or that would ban the use of firearms "now employed by the citizens of Marsing."

Fondren also included the elected officials' pledge to not appropriate funds to enforce any unconstitutional laws or policies.

Finally, he asked that the officials pledge they will not require additional ID cards or taxation on the possession of firearms or ammunition.

"By this resolution, the mayor and city council vow to uphold the oaths they took to uphold the Constitution," Fondren concluded.

It's unclear how much of Fondren's proposal is in Resolution 153 because the final version of the resolution was not available at press time. Bonney was instructed to include Bennett's language about not spending money that could allow the enforcement of unconstitutional laws into the final resolution, and the council passed the measure contingent on that change.

In her letter to the council, Zito pointed out that resolutions are symbolic but get the point across.

"Sanctuary City resolutions have no effect of law," she wrote. "They do, however, send a message to federal agencies, and to the citizens of your city, that local leaders take the Constitution seriously and intend to see it upheld."

"The people of our cities and counties deserve to know that their elected officials will stand with them."

Men seek preborn sanctuary status

Later in the meeting, council



Danny Steinmeyer (left) and Don Martin (above) asked the city council to consider Marsing as a preborn lives sanctuary.

members were silent when Mayor Chad Sevy asked if any of them would take action on a request from two citizens to essentially restrict citizens' access to abortion services in town.

Two Marsing residents — Don Martin and Danny Steinmeyer, the pastor at True Family Bible Church in Middleton — asked the elected officials to take a stand for the sanctity of life.

The men wanted to make Marsing a sanctuary city for preborn life much like several municipalities and a couple counties in Texas have done, Martin said.

Steinmeyer said they wanted Marsing "to be a community that sends a clear message but also takes the right stand proactively knowing" that there are drug stores and medical providers that provide "the opportunity for (those) who can come here and seek to practice procedures and dispense medications that will take the life of innocent preborn human beings."

Steinmeyer invoked the Pledge of Allegiance and the 2nd Amendment when lobbying the council.

"That nation under God recognizes that God has given us the inalienable right to life," he said.

"What's the 2nd Amendment about? It's about the ability to protect life. And that's what we are about when it comes to Constitutional things and other laws — it is to protect life."

Martin said he lived in Meridian at a time when Planned Parenthood used clandestine dealings with the city government in an attempt to build a clinic in town.

"Marsing is a wholesome, family-oriented city that I believe values all life, no matter the age," he said. "We moved here because we value the fact that this city represents what Idaho was and still is."

"I believe we should be proactive and aware that this could happen here like many small towns across the United States."

— JPB

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Owyhee County 4-H enrollment continues to increase each year

Youth from every corner of Owyhee County have submitted their 4-H enrollments and once again put forth impressive numbers. The final count of 4-H project enrollments has been submitted for the upcoming year, and what a year it is going to be. As you can see below, Owyhee County 4-H youth have continued an upward trend over the past four years with the number of projects submitted.



Janelle Thompson

2021 — 579 projects
2020 — 361 projects
2019 — 359 projects
2018 — 331 projects

Even through trying times, the resilient 4-H volunteers, and families of Owyhee County are helping to move our program forward. This year, we have had a strong comeback of youth enrollments for shooting sports projects as well as two newly certified shooting sports instructors.

There is a wide variety of projects that our youth will be learning about; however, it is no surprise that in Owyhee County, the market animal project numbers are a large portion of our total annual enrollment.

This year there are:

- **221 4-H market livestock projects** — Beef, swine, sheep and goats
 - **101 Family Consumer Sciences and Miscellaneous 4-H projects** — Cooking, baking, cake decorating, leathercraft, sewing, photography, Dutch oven and gardening
 - **136 non-market animal 4-H projects** — Breeding beef, breeding goats, breeding sheep, breeding swine, dairy cattle, dairy goats, pygmy goat, poultry, cat, dog, and rabbit
 - **10 shooting sports 4-H projects** — Shotgun, archery and rifle
 - **111 4-H Cloverbud projects** — Art, rabbit, dog, poultry, pygmy goat, and FCS & Miscellaneous projects
- We are so thankful for the awe-inspiring continued support from the communities of Owyhee County for our 4-H program and look forward to another great year for our youth. Please plan on attending the Owyhee County Fair in Homedale Aug. 2-8 to see all the hard work our youth put into their projects.

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

Locals receive degrees from U. of Idaho

A handful of local students received some of the 568 degrees awarded during the University of Idaho’s virtual 2020 winter commencement ceremony on Dec. 12:

WyLee C. Cooper, Homedale — College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Bachelor’s of Science in Animal and Veterinary Science with a science and pre-veterinary option

Riley Haun, Wilder (Homedale High School)

— College of Letters, Arts & Social Sciences, Bachelor’s of Science in Journalism

Jessica A. Riley, Murphy — College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Bachelor’s of Science in Animal and Veterinary Science with a production option

Jazmin Acosta, Melba — College of Letters, Arts & Social Sciences, Bachelor’s of Arts in Organizational Sciences

Calendar

Today

- High school coffee**
7 a.m., free cocoa and donuts for HHS students, The Rock of Homedale, 310 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 794-1048 or TheRock83628@gmail.com
- Food distribution**
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., The HUB food pantry, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411
- Christian Life Club**
4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., non-denominational, kindergarteners through sixth-graders, First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W, Homedale. (208) 880-7070 or (208) 337-3464

Thursday

- Teens & Tweens**
5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
- Marsing Ambulance Service board meeting**
7 p.m., annual meeting, Marsing Fire Hall, 303 Main St., Marsing.

Friday

- PiYo exercise class**
9 a.m., free but bring a mat, The Rock of Homedale, 310 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 794-1048 or TheRock83628@gmail.com
- OCHS meeting**
6 p.m., to 8 p.m., A Night to Remember at the Museum: RMS Titanic history, Owyhee County Museum, 17085 Basey St, Murphy. Open to public. (208) 495-2319

Saturday

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

Sunday

- Young Life**
6 p.m., non-denominational Christian teen group, The Rock of Homedale, 310 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 794-1048 or TheRock83628@gmail.com

Monday

- Board of County Commissioners meeting**
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
- PiYo exercise class**
9 a.m., free but bring a mat, The Rock of Homedale, 310 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 794-1048 or TheRock83628@gmail.com
- Story Time**
10:15 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Tuesday

- Writing group**
9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale.
- Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon**
Noon, The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.

Wednesday

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

Thursday, March 25

- Food bank drop off**
1 p.m., to 3 p.m., (weather permitting; holidays could change date), Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206 or (541) 586-2562
- Teens & Tweens**
5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Friday, March 26

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

Saturday, March 27

- OCHS Spring Bazaar**
10 a.m., to 4 p.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum, McKeeth Hall, 17085 Basey St, Murphy. (208) 495-2319
- MRW Fire & EMS chili cook-off**
11:45 a.m., tasting begins; contest price: \$20 first entry, \$10 additional entries; tasting donation: \$5, \$4 seniors, younger than 12, free, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St, Murphy. (208) 495-2154 or info@mrwfire.org

Sunday, March 28

- No activities scheduled**

Monday, March 29

- 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.
- Jordan Valley CWMA meeting**
7 p.m., Jordan Valley CWMA office, 508 Swisher Ave., Jordan Valley.

Tuesday, March 30

- Writing group**
9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale.

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Obituary

Dave Ellis

Feb. 23, 1959
-March 10, 2021

On March 10th we lost Dave Ellis with disbelief and heavy hearts suddenly of a heart attack.

After all of his hard work in construction in Paso Robles, CA, he moved to Homedale in 2003 to manage Snake River RV Resort.

In his years there he made many new friends fishing, hunting and camping. Dave enjoyed working, fishing and

hunting in Idaho, the state he called home.

He is survived by his wife, Lori Ellis, 3 stepsons, Josh Keely (Jenna), Justin Keely (Tiffany), Roger Keely, his mother Mary Lou Ellis (Bob), brother Ed Ellis (Patty), 4 grandchildren and numerous fishing, hunting and camping friends.

There will be a celebration of life at Snake River RV Resort Saturday March 20th at 1:00 pm.

Death notice

THOMAS WILLIAM HARRIS, 82, of Boise and who grew up in Marsing and Melba, graduating from Melba High School, died on Thursday, March 4, 2021. Services were held on Friday, March 12, 2021 at the LDS Church on North Five Mile Road in Boise. Burial followed at Melba Cemetery. Arrangements: Cloverdale Funeral Home. www.cloverdalefuneralhome.com

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

*Salad bar: *Not Available due to the Coronavirus*
Curbside pickup only between noon and 1 p.m.
Phone ahead (208)337-3020 to order
Dessert is included in curbside lunch
Milk available each day
Roll available each day except March 17th and 24th
March 17: Cheeseburger on bun, baked potato, Brussels sprouts
March 18: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables
March 23: Pork roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots
March 24: Beef, bean and cheese burrito, rice
March 25: Chicken patty, pasta salad, beets

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing

Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside Marsing City Hall
Milk available each day
Suggested donation: \$4 (60 and older), \$6 (59 and younger)
March 17: Corned beef with cabbage, red potatoes, glazed carrots, green Jello with pears, wheat roll
March 19: Veggie manicotti, peas and onions, zucchini, green salad, French bread
March 22: BBQ Riblet, potatoes, peas and carrots, hoagie roll
March 24: Baked shells and greens with ground turkey, broccoli, carrots, wheat bread
March 26: Rosemary salmon, wild rice, snap peas, coleslaw, wheat bread

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
Curbside pickup from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or delivery only.
Call (208) 834-2922 as early as possible beginning at 7 a.m. to place order
March 18: Lasagna, green salad, mixed fruit salad, Jello fluff, garlic bread, peaches and cottage cheese, cookie
March 23: Tater tot casserole, steamed vegetables, pears, bread, yogurt with granola, fruit cobbler
March 25: Hot open face chicken sandwich, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, bread, mandarin oranges, cottage cheese
March 30: Sloppy Joe sandwich, green salad, beets, waldorf salad, whole grain bun, yogurt

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Choice of milk and juice
Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily
March 17: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes. **Lunch:** Pork chop, mashed potatoes with gravy, hot roll.
March 18: **Breakfast:** No school
March 22-26: No school
March 29: **Breakfast:** Cereal. **Lunch:** Corn dog, tater tots.

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 17: **Breakfast:** Tornado. **Lunch:** Pizza hot pocket, steamed carrots.
March 18: **Breakfast:** Ultimate breakfast round. **Lunch:** Taquitos and corn, cookie.
March 22-26: No school
March 29: **Breakfast:** Mini waffles. **Lunch:** Pepperoni calzone, green beans.

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 17: **Breakfast:** Breakfast quesadilla or mini waffles. **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken, cheesy breadstick or pepperoni pizza ripper.
March 18: **Breakfast:** Little smokies with a muffin or apple breakfast bites. **Lunch:** Nachos, Rice Krispie treat, or baked potato, breadstick.
March 22-26: No school
March 29: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon burst bread slice or Dutch waffle. **Lunch:** Boneless Buffalo wings, breadstick, corn or taquitos, corn.

Marsing

Meals include choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables
Elementary School each day: Breakfast: Cereal option
Middle/High School each day: PB&J sandwich option
Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sandwich, salad
Hot Grab-n-go line (varies): Cheeseburger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sandwich; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)
March 17: **Breakfast:** Bacon scramble pizza. **Lunch:** Dutch waffle, sausage patty. Cold Grab-n-go: Turkey bacon ciabatta.
March 18: **Breakfast:** Waffle, maple sausage sandwich, cheese stick. **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, jello. Hot Grab-n-go: Buffalo chicken nuggets, ranch dipping sauce.
March 22-26: No school

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily
March 17: **Breakfast:** French toast. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets with roll, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots.
March 18: **Breakfast:** Pancakes. **Lunch:** Corn dog, potato wedges, broccoli, chocolate chip cookies.
March 22-26: No school

Sushi chefs landing at Homedale library

Homedale’s youth will get another chance to show off culinary talents at Thursday’s Teens & Tweens.

The weekly activity at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library is open to boys and girls ages 10-17 and begins at 5 p.m., at the library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

During the latest Teen Chef activity, the youth will make sushi.

At 10:15 a.m., on Monday, Q-tip rainbow painting will be on the activity list for Story Time.

The preschoolers will use a Q-tip to paint and also do fun spot activities in conjunction with the reading of “Spots” by Diane Alber.

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.



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S. Mtn. 4-H learns about DeLamar Mine operation

by **Kyndra Williams**
Club reporter

On Thursday, March 11 at 5 p.m., the Integra Corp. (DeLamar Mine) had people teach the South Mountain Livestock 4-H club members with a slide show and some fun activities about what the Integra Mine is

doing for our community.

We had a great time while learning a little about what they do.

They sent some friendly people to show us that they want to help build our community. We really appreciate their time.

Top row, from left: Stetson Mackenzie, Mesa Mackenzie, Alex Williams, Emily Henderson, and Kyndra Williams. **Second row, from left:** Quincy Dufferena, Paisley Starbuck, Jayden Skinner, and Colby Carson. **Third row, from left:** Colby Starbuck, Carlee Mackenzie, Cooper Mackenzie, and Ryann Skinner. Submitted photo

County museum chief plans Titanic seminar

Public invited to free event, spring bazaar in Murphy

A look back in history, which was postponed from last year, returns for Friday’s Owyhee County Historical Society membership meeting.

Owyhee County Historical Museum director Eriks Garsvo will present “A Night to Remember at the Museum,” which is a look back at the history of the RMS Titanic.

The event takes place from 6 p.m., to 8 p.m.

The meeting inside the museum’s McKeeth Hall, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy,

is open to the public.

Those interested are asked to register for a free ticket so organizers can get a headcount: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-night-to-remember-at-the-museum-tickets-137838084421?fbclid=IwAR169_9mj2zg pQPbAYdKWd6wffXX6oFXgTD3z0WG1ApAhBUiC3KpJwIFDzk

Garsvo will share his extensive research on the ship, which sank on its maiden voyage after striking an iceberg in the North Atlantic on April 15, 1912.

On display will be replica first class china, soap, telegrams and ship models of all sizes.

Garsvo’s presentation spans the life of the ship, which began

in 1909 with construction of what was then to be the largest ship in the world.

He will take folks through the events of April 14-15, 1912 and also talk about the Titanic’s sister ships the Olympic and Britannic and the White Star Line.

The event also will provide detail of the so-called “unsinkable” ship and, through the technology of 3D modeling, people will be able to see areas most have never seen before.

Spring bazaar set

The annual OCHS spring bazaar is scheduled at the museum complex on Saturday, March 27.

The bazaar will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with vendors

inside McKeeth Hall. Previous bazaars also have featured a handful of vendors scattered throughout the museum’s exhibit rooms.

The bazaar coincides with the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire & Emergency Medical Services 10th annual chili cookoff.

Both events were cancelled last spring because of COVID-19 restrictions.

The bazaar will include local vendors and their home-crafted wares as well as homemade pies from the museum pie shop.

Chili chefs can still enter MRW’s cookoff, which is a fundraiser for the operation of the fire department and EMS

crew.

Entry forms, rules and more information is 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 is 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.

Commissioners sign off on courthouse improvements

Homedale City Hall, courtroom to get LED lighting

Town & Country Electric will update the lighting situation inside Homedale City Hall and the adjacent magistrate courthouse.

County commissioners approved a contract to retrofit 11 4-foot 4-lamps and 24 4-foot 2-lamps with LED lamps, and to replace a fixture with a new LED upgrade in city offices.

The cost for that work is \$2,172.92.

In the courthouse, Town & Country will retrofit 16 4-foot 4-lamps and four 4-foot 2-lamps to LED lamps for \$1,492.80.

The total project cost is \$3,665.72.

Owyhee County Deputy Clerk Audra Yoshikane said no date has been set for the work to begin.

The contract was approved during the commissioners’ March 8 meeting.

New coat of paint planned for Murphy courtroom

Commissioners have accepted an estimate by Meridian-based Natural Born Painters to paint the interior of Courtroom 1 in the county courthouse in Murphy for \$5,950.

The courtroom houses the criminal and civil judicial proceedings. Courtroom 2 is primarily used for Board of Owyhee County Commissioners meetings.

The work will include interior

painting, drywall repair and caulking where needed, door and casing work, and white ceilings with one wall color.

The hallway corkboard wall will also be replaced, along with trim, and a wood frame will be built to cover existing drywall patch.

County prosecutor’s phone system replaced

Prosecutor’s office will be receiving updated phone equipment to replace old, faulty items.

Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey Phillips’ office will receive two reconditioned Mitel 5320E IP phones for \$580, three Mitel power adapters for \$147, and three category D licenses for \$435, for a total of \$1,162.

“(We want to) ensure we are fully able to serve the public, which is what the commissioners eventually voted to approve,” Phillips said.

New staff for OCSO, assessor

Cayden Chavez has been hired to replace Kyle Monroe as a detention deputy inside the county jail.

Chavez will make \$15.50 per hour and was hired in a full-time capacity with benefits.

His effective date of hire was Monday.

Brandi Long has been hired as the assessor’s office Division of Motor Vehicles clerk in Grand View.

Long, who officially began her time with the county on March 8, makes \$13.30 per hour.

— TK

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WAGONS HO! PULLS INTO HOMEDALE



Left: Wagons Ho of Idaho's Cal Clevenger spoke to a full contingent of Homedale Elementary fourth-graders on Thursday about life on the frontier to help them gain a better understanding of our western heritage. Lessons taught included building fire pits, using crosscut and bow saws, and a broad axe for cutting firewood, splitting wood shakes with a froe, and more. This is the 30th year of the Wagons Ho! program teaching schoolchildren.

Below: "Mr. C" demonstrates to a group of fourth-graders how to start a fire with grass and sagebrush. From left, Baylie Bingham, Charlotte Marston, Clevenger, Skyler Boslau Gammel, and Jackson Nelson.



Above: Austin Ferguson (left) helps Baylee Harris develop her branding skills. **Below:** Giselle Vega (left) practices mountain man button drilling with assistance from Angela Bingham.



At left: Brad Kushlan (right) helps Blaze Porter (left) and Rylee Ashliman put their froe wood splitting skills to the test.

Idaho House advances bill to allow teachers to carry guns

by Alexandra Duggan
UI McClure Center intern

Mass shootings in schools raise questions and debate among all people who want these tragedies to end: Should teachers carry guns to prevent school violence, or should guns be banned in schools to prevent school violence?

The majority of the Idaho House of Representatives believe that, yes, teachers and school personnel carrying guns would be a better scenario than not carrying at all.

House Bill 122 passed 52-18 after many legislators spoke about how they too have concealed carry permits and feel safer with those in schools.

The bill advances to the Senate where it will be debated and voted on there.

If HB 122 becomes law, a school employee with an enhanced concealed carry permit could lawfully carry a weapon on school grounds. The bill does not require anyone legally carrying a weapon to inform the district

board of trustees.

Currently, Idaho Code states that guns are not allowed in schools whatsoever with the exception of a student resource officer. Most public schools have the sign “This is a gun-free zone” on the outside. This bill would make those schools concealed carry zones, keep schools from posting those signs, and let employees carry weapons on their person.

“Most shootings recently have been gun-free zones. They’re just targets,” bill sponsor Dist. 32B Rep. Chad Christensen (R-Iona) said.

Christensen also advocated strongly that this was related to the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

“I don’t want local government restricting my Second Amendment rights,” Christensen said. “The Second Amendment doesn’t stop at the door of a school.”

Christensen also brought up an incident in Utah where a teacher carrying a gun dropped it in the bathroom where it discharged and hit the toilet.

Even with that occurrence, Christensen still believes guns are the safer option.

“I do think the small risks outweigh the greater risks,” he said.

Teachers who want to carry a weapon could only have immediate possession of the gun. The weapon could not be stored in a safe or in a lockbox while on school grounds.

Dist. 19B Rep. Chris Mathias (D-Boise) reminded his House colleagues that most teachers, police and school administrations are still extremely opposed to guns in schools.

“This bill would expose our children to needless risk with virtually no statistical likelihood of reward, a ton of risk, and a ton of downside,” Mathias said.

Citing property right, he also mentioned how the Constitution is not always absolute.

HB 122 also does not have a provision regarding a duty to perform. If a shooter did happen to enter a school

building, no armed teacher or employee would be required to use their gun to protect anyone in that scenario. Conversely, law enforcement officers carry weapons and have a duty to perform using those weapons when needed.

Studies from the National Rifle Association and The National Bureau of Economic Research reveal differing results: One side says guns equal protection, the other says guns equal higher rates of violence.

Most of the House decided weapon handling experience, living in rural areas, and Constitutional rights are more than enough reason to let teachers carry on school property.

— 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.

State senators overwhelmingly oppose Simpson’s dam plan

by Connor Swersey
UI McClure Center intern

Senate Joint Memorial 103, which acknowledges the four dams on the Snake River as multipurpose and beneficial to the state of Idaho while condemning their removal, was passed in Senate on March 9.

This memorial comes after U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson (R-Idaho) sent out a detailed dam removal plan to the public for feedback. For years, Simpson has said removing these dams is one of his goals, but Idahoans are taking a different side to his proposal.

The memorial was sponsored by Dist. 21 state Sen. Regina Bayer (R-Meridian) and was first presented in a Senate

Resources and Environment Committee hearing on March 8 when 25 testimonies were on the docket.

Idaho citizens, conservation organizations, agriculture organizations, tribes, and transportation companies testified either in support or opposition of the memorial.

The general trend was tribes like the Shoshone-Bannock, conservationists, outfitters and guides, and local Idahoans from small towns relying on fishing like Riggins and Salmon all opposed the memorial. Idaho’s agriculture and agriculture transportation industries supported the memorial.

Testimony raised issues with

the language pertaining to anadromous fish, where all native Idaho species of salmon and steelhead are under endangered or threatened status.

After 18 of the 25 testimonies had concluded, with a majority opposing the memorial including the seven unheard testimonies, committee chair Steve Vick ended comment, and the committee sent the memorial to the Senate floor with a “Do Pass” recommendation.

In a 28-6-1 vote, the memorial was adopted by the Idaho Senate a day later.

On Thursday during an information presentation, stakeholders told Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee mem-

bers of the importance of the Columbia-Snake River system to Idaho agriculture.

“It’s a very efficient system,” Port of Lewiston general manager David Doeringsfeld told lawmakers.

“Idaho produces a lot of wheat,” Idaho Grain Producers Association executive director Stacey Satterlee said.

Satterlee said the grain industry produced about 112 million bushels in 2020.

“Generally, half of that wheat, the half grown in southern and eastern Idaho, stays in the United States for domestic uses. The other half ... makes its way to Lewiston, is put on a barge, makes its way down the river to Portland, and then

on to customers around the world.”

Paul Arrington, Idaho Water Users Association executive director, told the panel Idaho’s economy relies on a developed river system.

While this presentation had no effect on policy or any votes connected, a big theme in the Legislature last week surrounded Simpson’s plan, and many Idahoans oppose the removal of the Snake River dams.

— 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.



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From page 1A

✓ Homedale: Developers plan to return to council to renew park request

Gheen Christoffersen cast the deciding vote, siding with Councilmen Jerry Anderson and Mike Aebischer.

Councilmen Aaron Tines and Steve Atkins voted in favor of allowing the construction of a 57-space RV park that also would have included a convenience store and laundry facilities.

After the meeting, developers Tim Kristovich and Jeff Kessel said they would file a motion to reconsider the decision. Kessel said later that they would be on the agenda for the April 14 meeting.

The Homedale magistrate courtroom, which doubles as the council chambers, was filled to the brim with individuals wishing to have their voices heard, including some property owners bordering the proposed development.

The RV park would be bordered by East Idaho Avenue to the south, North 4th Street East to the west, U.S. Highway 95 to the east and the Snake River to the north and east.

Boise resident Tim Bever, who owns property at 505 E. Owyhee Ave., spoke in support of the proposed project.

“It would be a real shot in the arm for retail (in Homedale),” Bever said.

He said that he was under the impression that the RV park would be open seasonally, but the developers said that it would be open year-round with a maximum stay of 30 days.

However, despite Kristovich and Kessel’s vow to provide a clean, park-like setting, many citizens said the RV park would be an eyesore when residents and visitors pull off the highway.

“It’s not the first thing we want people to see when they’re coming into town,” nearby property owner George Duenaz said. “Other communities have RV parks outside town, not right in it like that.”

The property where the proposed RV park would be built is a former auto wrecking yard that has lain dormant for more than 15 years.

Duenaz did acknowledge that although RV parks are typically not right in town, sometimes city growth catches up with them. He was also concerned that with the way the intersection of East Idaho Avenue and North 4th Street East is currently configured, there would not be enough room for RVs to safely turn north.

Another neighboring property owner, Rosie Cortinas, said that she was concerned about safety with the RV park right at the entrance to town, particularly for children and pets that may run out onto Idaho Avenue.

“I thought it was going to be a housing development,” she said. “I think it will devalue our homes.”

She said that she would support a retail area but not an RV park.

Kessel said that to help alleviate fears that the area would be unsafe, Madison Fundamentals would erect appropriate fencing at the site.

Resident Kim Murray said that she was also concerned with how the RV park will look when people first arrive in town and would welcome something being put in the current vacant acreage.

“I’m thrilled to death to put something in there,” she said.

She asked if it was possible to put a motel in front and the RV park back off the road.

The developers said that the plans presented to the council were just a concept and that they would consider changes.

Kristovich and Kessel said that they plan on hiring two or three people to work at the park, including a full-time manager who would live on-site and someone to take care of the grounds.

“We won’t just let riff-raff take over,” Kristovich said, promising foliage and landscaping to give the area a park-like feel.

Though the original concept provided for 57 RV spots, the developers said they would put in fewer, if necessary.

Homedale public works supervisor Bret Smith said that there is sufficient infrastructure at the site to support what the pair is planning.

— TK

✓ Bruneau-GV: Levy was part of strategy to keep 2 elementary schools

\$300,000 per year for each of the next two years. Elmore County votes came in tied, while Riddle was the lone community to vote in favor.

Absentee voters also favored the levy, 37-27.

The final overall tally was 133 for the levy and 187 against.

Historical levy attempts by the district include:

- 2014 — two-year \$1.2 million FAIL
- 2014 — one-year \$600,000 PASS
- 2015 — two-year \$1.4 million PASS
- 2017 — two-year \$1 million PASS
- 2019 — two-year \$800,000 PASS
- 2021 — two-year \$600,000 FAIL

In an email, district superintendent Ryan Cantrell said levy dollars go into the general fund for trustees to use at their discretion. Historically the district has used many of those funds to operate Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School and elementary schools in Grand View and Bruneau.

Combining the two elementary schools has been considered many times in the past seven years and most recently this fall when Cantrell commissioned an advisory group to recommend the future infrastructure of the district.

According to a Jan. 24 press release, the advisory group recommended that the board maintain existing facilities and operations through 2024 “while fiscally planning for various options thereafter.” The Ad Hoc Supplemental Levy Committee recommended the two-year, \$600,000 levy to accomplish the recommendation.

District secretary and business manager JayDene Aquiso said with the failure of the levy the current plan is to use the district’s fund balance “to keep the budget at status quo.” According to the Bruneau-Grand View 2020-21 budget, the general fund balance is sitting at roughly \$2.1 million.

Without a levy, Cantrell said, the district would use approximately \$500,000 of the fund balance each year to keep the district operating as is.

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

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Above: Homedale High School student Bella Smith has undertaken a canned food drive as part of her senior leadership project. The Wild Lotus (1 E. Idaho Ave, in Homedale), where Smith works, will receive donations from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Friday and Saturday. The Wild Lotus is co-owned by Megan Gentry and Bella’s mother, Faydra Given. All donated items will be given to the Homedale First Presbyterian Church to be added to its food bank donations. 50-cent drink coupons will handed out to all who donate. **Right:** Jannessa Rogers spends time with her two dogs, which inspired her senior project to help out local animal shelters.



HHS seniors launch community service projects

Wrestlers, hungry, animal shelters will all benefit

With the school year winding down, some Homedale High School students are ratcheting up their senior leadership projects.

- State tournament qualifier Savannah Turner is seeking donations for an online auction.

Turner is collecting items until April 22 for a Facebook-based auction that will start on April 25.

Proceeds from the auction will be turned over to the HHS wrestling program to help the team buy equipment, pay

tournament fees, pay for hotel rooms, and fund team-bonding exercises.

Anyone with donation ideas or questions about the fundraiser can leave a message on Facebook at “Savannah Turner’s auction fundraiser.”

- Jannessa Rogers also has taken to Facebook to drum up support for her senior project fundraiser for area animal shelters.

Rogers is looking for old blankets, towels and old toys that pets may not use any more.

She’s also reaching out to people who may have pet treats that their animals may not like.

Other items she seeks include

halters, lead ropes and anything that an animal shelter can use.

Basically, “anything you could give an animal that will bring them joy or comfort,” Rogers wrote on her Facebook page.

“With COVID going around, many shelters are having hard times finding animals new homers or foster homes and volunteers,” Rogers wrote on Facebook.

The Homedale native said she will accept donations until April 20.

“I hope to donate the collected items to the Humane Society, Lake Lowell Rescue and other small/local animal rescue facilities if I am able to collect enough donations,” she

told The Owyhee Avalanche.

The 18-year-old daughter of Jennifer Ames and Nile Rogers has tied her senior project into what she hopes will become a career.

“I want to be a veterinarian in the future so that I can help animals,” she said. “Becoming a vet is one way I can do just that.”

She’ll enroll in the College of Western Idaho’s Animal Veterinary Sciences program in the fall.

“This will help me get closer to becoming a veterinarian,” Rogers said.

Donations can be dropped off the ExtraMile convenience store on the corner of East Idaho Avenue and North 1st

Street East in Homedale.

“My amazing boss agreed to help me,” Rogers said. “I also have a Facebook account that people can contact me on as well.”

- Bella Smith is coordinating a canned food drive to benefit the First Presbyterian Church of Homedale food pantry.

Food distribution takes place at the church, 420 N. 6th St. W., each Friday.

Smith has been collecting non-perishable goods for a couple weeks, and she will wrap up her drive this weekend with a two-day collection event at the Wild Lotus coffeehouse at the corner of East Idaho Avenue and North Main Street.

Donations will be taken at the shop, 1 E. Idaho Ave., from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., each day.

Smith is getting help from her mother, Faydra Given, and Megan Gentry. Those women are co-owners of Wild Lotus, where Bella also works.

Each person who donates food items this weekend will receive a coupon for 50 cents off a Wild Lotus drink.

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Pan-sized rainbows planted at C.J. Strike

Idaho Power has readied C.J. Strike Reservoir for the spring fishing season.

Crews planted 50,000 rainbow trout to the reservoir near Bruneau in early March.

The stocking was one of two major events Idaho Power pulls off in the Snake River each year in coordination with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Idaho Power tankers released trout at the Cottonwood boat ramp and the Jacks Creek sportsman's access boat ramp.

Raised in the Hagerman Valley, the trout are about 10 inches long — already pan-sized. Fish that avoid the stringer or the creel grow quickly at C.J. Strike and will provide opportunities for anglers through the summer and beyond.

“This spring release is a good boost to the early fishing season,” Idaho Power hatchery facilities coordinator Travis Long said.

“For folks that enjoy being outdoors, cabin fever starts setting in right about now, so this provides a good opportunity to break out the fishing gear and hopefully catch some supper.”

The fish-cleaning station at C.J. Strike Reservoir will remain closed until later this month when the danger of freezing has passed.

The trout release is one of the ways Idaho Power provides recreational opportunities to the public as required by its federal licenses to operate hydroelectric facilities on the Snake River.

Some previously released fish have jaw tags. Anglers who report catching one of these tagged fish are entered in an annual drawing for \$1,000. Anglers who catch a jaw-tagged fish should note the tag number, the date the fish was caught, the location and whether the fish was released. Call (800) 388-6011 to be eligible for the drawing.

Reporting tags helps the company evaluate the success of its annual stocking effort.

For more information about tagged trout or Idaho Power's

numerous fish programs, visit idahopower.com/fish.

Camp reservations filling

Idaho Power advises that it's not too early to start planning spring or summer camping trips, especially with campgrounds already filling up through the company's reservation system.

Potential visitors are encouraged to reserve their spot online now for the three developed campgrounds at C.J. Strike Reservoir and four campgrounds in Hells Canyon.

Flush toilets at the campgrounds and at many of Idaho Power's day-use parks have reopened with social distancing guidelines in place. Showers remain closed.

Early-season visitors should bring their own water because campsite water, where available, won't be on until April 1.

Although Idaho Power recently increased overnight camping rates for the first time in 15 years, the online reservation fee has been reduced.

The per-night fee for reservations made online is also lower than paying by cash or check at the park. Discounts are available for campers older than 60 and for active duty military and veterans, but only if paying by credit card in advance or at the park. Discounts are not given for cash payments.

Visit www.idahopower.com/recreation for more details.

Island Park pond stocked

Fish and Game personnel stocked the Island Park pond with 550 catchable-size rainbow trout earlier this month.

The planting was part of 18,000 fish from IDFG's Nampa Hatchery placed in ponds and lakes throughout the Treasure Valley in March.

There will be 2,700 new trout Crane Falls Reservoir in the Bruneau area.

According to IDFG, 1,500 trout donated by Blind Canyon Aqua Ranch near Wendell will be planted in the reservoir. Fish and Game already had planned to stock 1,200 fish next week.

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03/12	4.1	15	5.3	43	24	32
03/13	4.1	15	5.3	47	21	33
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03/11	6.9	19	10.3	40	27	33
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03/13	6.9	18	10.3	45	30	37
03/14	6.8	17	10.3	53	37	44
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South Mountain						
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03/10	12.6	38	16.5	43	21	29
03/11	12.6	38	16.6	42	23	30
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03/13	12.6	37	16.6	47	28	36
03/14	12.6	37	16.6	51	34	42
03/15	12.6	35	16.6	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 53 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 414 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 33 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 379,921 acre-feet of water on Monday.

Agencies band together to preserve Snively Hot Springs experience

Stricter measures are coming to Snively Hot Springs.

The Bureau of Land Management Vale District and Malheur County Sheriff's Office announced stricter measures will be in place to protect the visitor experience and natural resources at the day use area along the Owyhee River in Malheur County.

The recreation area is located west of Adrian

Beginning Friday, BLM law enforcement rangers, Malheur County Sheriff's deputies and Oregon State Police will increase patrols on the site. People violating site rules and laws governing public lands will be cited.

“We want to keep the hot springs open for the public to use and enjoy, but if people continue to ignore the rules and engage in criminal behavior, we will have to look at other options,” BLM Malheur Field Office manager Pat Ryan said.

As a day use area, the hot springs is closed to use from sunset to sunrise, and camping is always prohibited in and around the site.

“These rules have been in effect for some time but have been lightly enforced,” Vale BLM Ranger Stephanie Cox said. “Going forward, we will be strictly enforcing the nighttime closure. Those found in violation will be issued citations for trespassing and/or federal violation notices.”

Littering, illegal drug use (including marijuana), underage drinking, and driving under the influence are prohibited on public lands. Other behaviors, such as nudity, can be considered causing a hazard or nuisance.

“The BLM wants you to enjoy our public lands, but to do so responsibly — pick up your trash, stay on maintained roads and know the rules and possible restrictions before you visit an area,” Malheur County Undersheriff Travis Johnson said.

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Dead birds in Marsing could be indication of salmonella outbreak

Outbreaks that are associated with bird feeders may cause high mortality across large geographic areas.

Biologists recommend that folks with bird feeders in their yards discontinue all feeding of wild birds for at least a few weeks.

While feeders are removed from use, they should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected, and all spilled or soiled birdseed on the ground should be picked up and discarded.

"We all love to see wild birds come to the feeders in our yards" IDFG regional diversity biologist Lyn Snoddy said, "but at times like this, we all need to collectively do what's best for our wild bird population by removing and cleaning our feeders for at least a couple of weeks."

“This short term effort will help stop the suspected spread of salmonellosis in southern Idaho.”

While bird feeders should always be cleaned on a regular basis with warm soapy water, a more rigorous cleaning is required during suspected salmonellosis outbreaks. Feeders should be cleaned with a 1:10 ratio of household bleach to water. After soaking in the bleach solution, feeders should be rinsed and dried before refilling with seed.

All birds that frequent bird feeders can be impacted by salmonellosis, which is transmitted through the droppings and saliva of sick birds. Birds infected with salmonellosis can exhibit symptoms such as ruffled feathers, lethargy and diarrhea, and can appear very emaciated.

Temporarily halting the use of feeders will encourage birds to disperse and forage naturally.

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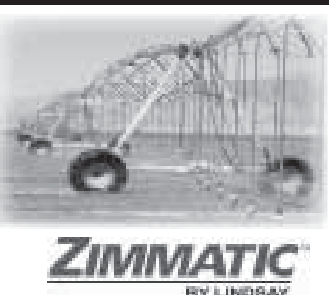
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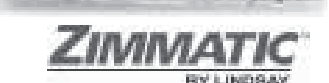
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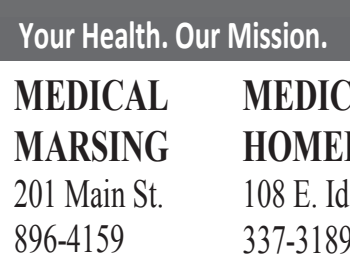
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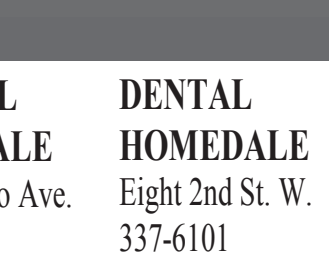
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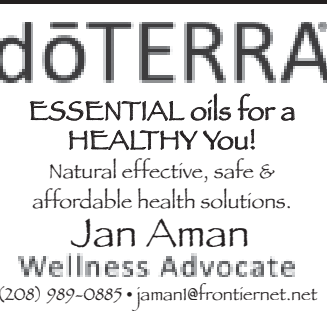
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HHS cheerleaders head for State on Friday

A limited number of fans will be allowed inside the Ford Idaho Center for Friday's high school cheer state championships.

Homedale will be allowed only 56 spectators for the 3A state meet, which

begins at 11 a.m., in Nampa.

The tickets already have been earmarked, HHS athletic director Casey Grove said, so if prospective spectators haven't either received a ticket or talked to coach Jessie Kerbs or a cheerleader

about admission, chances are there Trojans fans admission is closed.

The meet is available on the NFHS Network, which requires a fee.

The 3A championship meet will end with awards at 1:30 p.m., and the arena

will be cleared at that point.

Everyone inside the venue, except for teams on the competition floor, must wear masks at all times, according to the Idaho High School Activities Association.

FIELD OF DREAMS COMES TRUE



The scoreboard looms over the Memorial Stadium field Saturday as Marsing players stand on the baseline for the national anthem.

Huskies get sweep at home of the Hawks

Idaho City starts inaugural season at Memorial Stadium

Marsing High School offered a rude christening of the newly formed Idaho City baseball program on

Saturday at Memorial Stadium in Boise, home of the minor-league Hawks.

The Huskies took advan-

tage of perfect fall weather to sweep the Wildcats in a non-conference double-header played on a field usually reserved for professional ball. In fact, it was

— See *Huskies*, back page

Judo club provides influx of Homedale youth wrestlers

State meet wraps up folkstyle season Saturday

For once, COVID-19 has a silver lining. The Homedale Wrestling Club has benefitted from the Owyhee County Judo Club's thirst for competition.

Sensei Ryan Nash was looking for a way to keep his judo students active because the sport of judo hasn't recovered from a competition

standpoint from virus limitations.

"Our judo season was cut a little short last year due to COVID, and I did not want my judo kids to miss a full season in 2021 because judo has not gotten back up and running yet in the valley or the nation," Nash said.

None of the typical judo tournaments have been scheduled this season.

"Judo and wrestling work really well together,

— See *Wrestlers*, page 8B

Mustangs cook up mess of wins, PRs in season opener at home

Joshua Leavitt sets school record in 3,200 meters

Home surroundings were good to the Melba High School track and field team last Wednesday.

Joshua Leavitt set a school record in the 3,200 meters and won three distance races during the Melba Ice-Breaker at Dave Mangum Track.

Rimrock and Marsing were among the nine schools that

got on the track for competition at the earliest possible moment this season.

Leavitt's performance was just the tip of the iceberg for the Mustangs, who swept the boys' and girls' team titles.

"We had a great turnout and track meet out in Melba today," Mustangs coach Vonnie Willis said after the meet.

Melba athletes captured 20 events during the 2021 season opener.

The highlight of Leavitt's

— See *Mustangs*, page 7B

Trojans girls' hoops coach steps down

School trustees approve HHS volunteer coaches

Kortney Ford has resigned as girls' basketball coach at her alma mater.

The 2010 Homedale High School graduate tendered her resignation during the March 8 board of trustees meeting.

Ford, who competed as Kortney Stansell during her playing days, coached the Trojans for most of the 2019-20 season and all of the 2020-21 season.

She took over from Clay Hatfield last year when he stepped down for health reasons a couple months into his only season as the Trojans coach.

Ford had a 2-29 record in one-plus seasons as coach, including a 2-19 record during her only full season at the helm.

In January, Ford stepped down as the Trojans' junior

varsity softball coach.

Homedale's large high school track and field coaching staff was officially rounded out during the trustees meeting.

Ten volunteers were added to Bobby Christensen's staff:

- Brian Ashliman
- Edene Christensen
- Jake Collett
- Drayden Julian
- Jordan Julian
- Paul Nicoletti
- Tyrenda Pentecost
- Machele Randall
- Liddy Renner
- Charlie Shepherd

Permission was also granted to pick up another middle school coach.

Three volunteers were approved for the softball staff:

- Cary Hoshaw
- Tristan Martell
- Kylee Silliman

Baseball added four assistant coaches:

- Mark Thatcher
- Waylon Wagner
- Chad Packer
- Jamey Smith

Sports



Freshman Zayne Hall takes a cut during last Wednesday's season-opening non-conference game against Emmett on Homedale's new softball field.

Trojans split state champions' reunion showdown with Filer

Homedale High School's softball team broke through for its first win during Saturday's doubleheader against 2019 3A state champion Filer. The Trojans beat Filer, 12-1, in the opening game of the non-conference twinbill on the

Wildcats' field. Filer, which beat Homedale for the 3A state title seven years ago in Nampa, rallied for an 11-1 win in the second game. Homedale and Filer have won six of the past seven 3A state championships.

The Trojans (1-2 overall) opened the season on their new field last Wednesday with a 10-2 non-conference loss to Emmett. Dani Sitts made her pitching debut for Homedale. Statistics from the games weren't provided.

Marsing golfer flies solo in Nampa

Grades, illness stifle first-year coach's early-season roster

It was a little difficult to shake the rust off right out of the gate for Marsing High School's lone golfer at the Nampa Invitational on March 9. Junior Ethan Freeman carded a 117 at Centennial Golf Course in the Huskies' season-opening 18-hole tournament. "A bit of a tough day," first-year coach Aaron Christiansen said. "He played well but had some bad breaks." Christiansen said that Freeman hit some beautiful shots and rolled in several long putts, but his score did not put him in medal contention. "It certainly didn't reflect how well he actually played," the coach said. "It was a good starting point for the season, and I look forward to watching him improve." The team was shorthanded at Centennial because of illness and academic issues. The rest of the Huskies' squad consists of Christiansen's son James, a freshman, and sophomore Andrew Sevy. Junior Regan Stansell is currently the only girl on the

team. The team will possibly see an uptick in its roster, however. The coach said there are a few students who may be joining the small group soon, including freshman Xavier Linker on the boys' side, and freshmen Kimmie Loucks and Gwyn Nielsen on the girls' team. There are potentially one or two more that may join in the coming weeks, too. The girls' team played an 18-hole invitational on Tuesday at Centennial. Results were not available before deadline. The girls will compete in the Weiser Invitational today at noon at Rolling Hills Golf Course. Both the boys and girls will compete in the Liberty golf meet next Tuesday at Redhawk Golf Course in Nampa. — TK

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Jacob Ankeny, sr.
1st place in 100- and 200-meters
at Melba Ice-Breaker

Golf
Ethan Freeman, jr.
117 at Nampa Invitational

Baseball
Saturday, March 20, home vs. Homedale JV (2),
noon and 2 p.m.

Softball
Wednesday, March 17 at Wilder, 4 p.m.
Friday, March 19 at Mesa Park Tournament vs. Payette,
Fruitland, 11 a.m.
Friday, March 19 at Mesa Park Tournament, Game 2,
Fruitland, time TBA
Saturday, March 20 at Mesa Park Tournament, Game 3,
Fruitland, time TBA

Schedules are subject to change

Track and field
Thursday, April 9 at Middleton Invite

Golf
Girls
Wednesday, March 17 at Weiser Invite, Rolling Hills GC,
Weiser, noon
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Tuesday, March 23 at Liberty Charter meet (9 holes),
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Wednesday, March 24 at Victory Charter meet (9 holes),
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Sports

Huskies’ Astorquia no-hits fledgling Idaho City

Huskies throttle Wildcats twice

Mila Astorquia took the pitching circle on Saturday at home and turned in the performance of a lifetime.

Marsing High School’s standout sophomore hurled a no-hitter at the inaugural Idaho City softball team as the Huskies rolled, 15-0, in four innings.

As Marsing (2-1) had a COVID 19-abbreviated season in 2020, the pitcher never had a chance to show her potential. She made up for it in just the second game this season.

Astorquia mowed through the Wildcats (0-2 at week’s end), striking out seven and walking no one. She hit two batters for Idaho City’s only baserunners.

She also pitched 2 2/3 innings of no-hit relief in the second game of the twinbill.

Astorquia performed at the plate in the opener, hitting a double and a pair of singles. She had three runs batted in and two runs scored.

Team volunteer Jake Astorquia, Mila’s father, said his daughter performed well, but it was truly a team win.

“She played well, and the defense backed her up,” he said. “It was a team win, for sure.”

The Huskies hopped out front, 2-0, in the first, before a big second inning put them up 9-0. Nine consecutive athletes reached base as Marsing batted around in the inning.

Senior Mazzi Roper opened the second with a walk. On one out, the Huskies attacked with two walks, three singles, two doubles, a runner at first after a dropped third strike and a hit batter.

single, a double, a single, a single, a dropped third strike with the batter advancing to first, a walk, a double, and a hit by pitch.

The Huskies put up two more in the third and four in the fourth.

Senior Delaney Percifield’s offensive output matched Astorquia’s — three hits, three RBI, and two runs scored in four at-bats.

Marsing also benefitted from doubles by Roper (an RBI) and senior Karla Salazar (two RBI).

Lexi Loucks had two singles and a walk, scoring three



Above: Marsing sophomore ace Mila Astorquia delivers a pitch in the Huskies non-conference game with visiting Payette on Friday. Below: Junior Lexi Loucks stretches to receive a throw from shortstop Karla Salazar just in time to beat the mad dash by the Pirates’ runner.

times. She also had a pair of RBI.

Junior Jaristian Fuentes also had a hit.

Saturday: Marsing 26, Idaho City 11 (3) — The second game of the doubleheader gave the offense another opportunity to shine in an abbreviated contest in which both teams burst out of the game offensively.

The Wildcats opened the game with 10 runs their first at-bat to chase Thoene. The Huskies’ starting pitcher allowed eight runs on just one hit and three walks, without recording an out.

In relief, Salazar gave up a hit and a pair runs while recording just one out.

Astorquia then stepped into the game. She pitched 2 2/3 innings, allowed no hits, a walk and a run. Six of the eight outs she recorded were by way of strikeout.

The Huskies responded in the bottom of the first with 11 runs. Astorquia was credited with an inside-the-park home run after a poorly played popup to left field.

Sprinkled into the inning were two singles, a triple, four walks, three hit batsmen, and a fielder’s choice.

Marsing was not done with its onslaught, tacking on seven runs in the second and eight more in the third.

The Wildcats mustered one more run in the top of third.

Adding to the Huskies’



offensive output was Percifield, who homered in the third and finished with three RBI and four runs scored.

Loucks had one hit and two walks and was on base four times. She scored four runs and knocked in three more.

Roper hit a pair of singles and notched two RBI.

Salazar had two hits, including a triple, and scored three runs with an RBI.

Thoene doubled and recorded an RBI and a pair of runs.

Friday: Payette 29, Marsing 7 — The Huskies stumbled out of the blocks in their non-conference opener against the Pirates.

There was no indication on GameChanger.com exactly how long the game lasted.

The Huskies’ coaching staff did not provide any statistics for this game.

— TK

Sports

Error bug bites Trojans in first week

HHS baseball team commits 16 miscues

Homedale High School could only avoid one Filer comeback in a non-conference doubleheader.

The Trojans split Saturday's baseball road games after the Wildcats pulled off a 12-11 walk-off victory in the nightcap.

Homedale (1-2 overall) held off Filer in the opener, 10-8.

Saturday, Game 2: Filer 12, Homedale 11 — The Trojans committed half of their six errors in the bottom of the seventh inning as the Wildcats scored four unearned runs in their final at-bat.

Homedale took a 9-7 lead with three runs in the top of fifth. Dakota Gammell led off the inning with a single, and Filer helped the Trojans with two walks, two errors and a hit batter.

Gammell and Sigmund Goode both stole bases in the inning with Gammell tying the game when Goode reached on a two-base error. Goode put the Trojans ahead when leadoff hitter Tommy Muir was hit by a pitch with two outs.

Gammell led off the sixth inning with a solo home run that extended Homedale's advantage to 10-7.

Gammell was 3-for-3 with his solo blast and four runs scored.

Beeg Hockenhull drove in a pair of runs with a first-inning base hit and a third inning sacrifice fly.

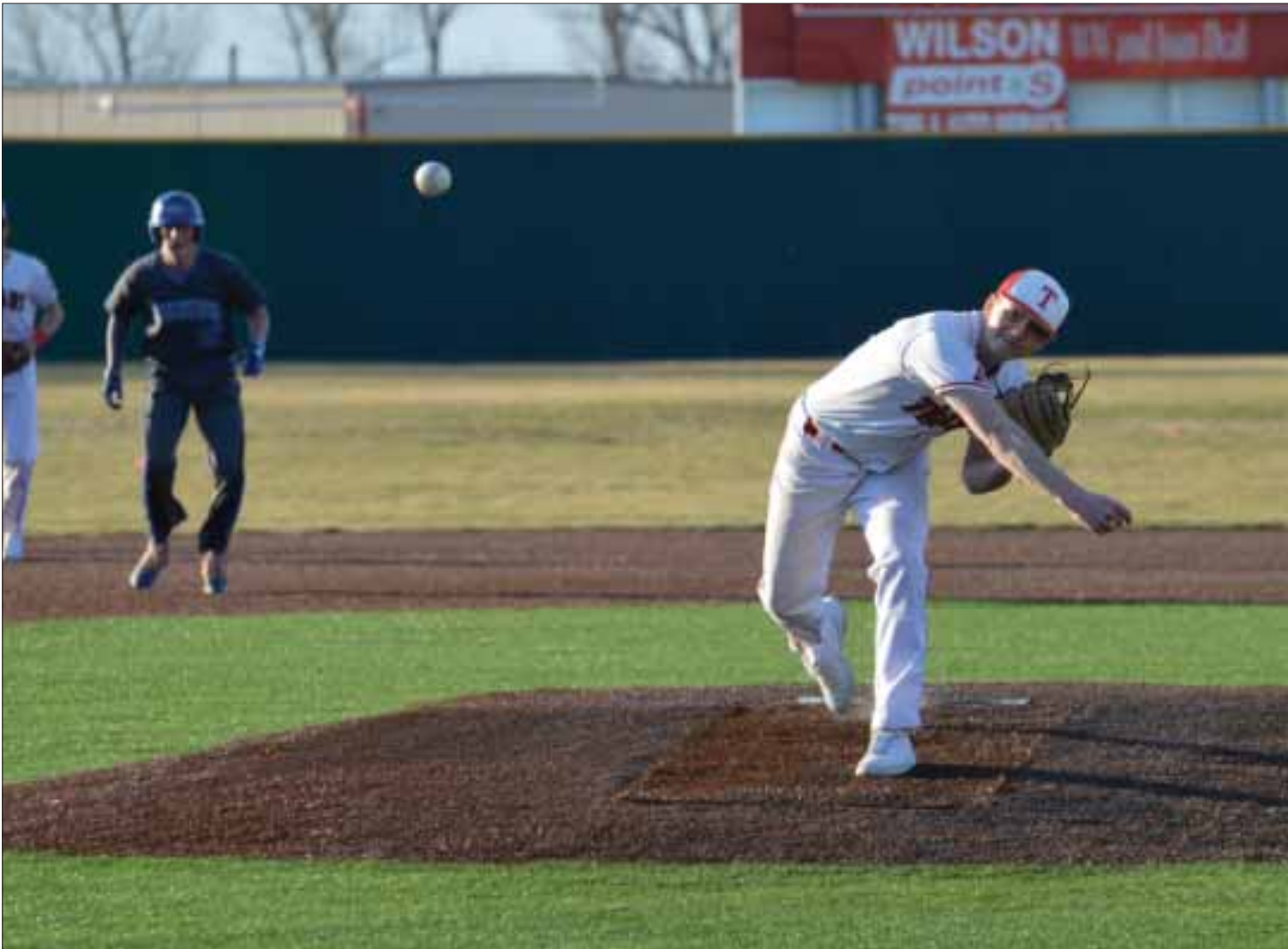
Homedale started quickly when Muir led off the game with a single and scored on Cody Liebschwager's base hit. Liebschwager scored on a wild pitch, and Gammell came home on Hockenhull's two-out hit.

Filer's Logan Lockwood went 3-for-4 with a double and drove in three runs, including the game-winner. Gage Ruby scored the walk-off run.

Batting leadoff for the Wildcats, Jonah DeLeon scored three runs and had two triples and an RBI.

Saturday, Game 1: Homedale 10, Filer 8 — The Trojans preserved the equity of a six-run fourth inning to win the opener in which each team committed five errors.

Homedale broke open a game deadlocked, 3-3, by



Above: Starting pitcher Tommy Muir unloads a pitch toward the plate last Wednesday during Homedale's season opener against Emmett at John Jackson Field. Below: Trojans coach Burke Deal (second from left) holds a conference with his starting battery and infielders.

batting around and getting five hits. Teron Morrison and Liebschwager both had doubles in the uprising.

Filer snapped back with four runs in the fifth inning to pull within two runs, 9-7, but couldn't get any closer.

The Wildcats stranded the tying run on second base in the bottom of the seventh as Muir slammed the door shut after giving up an unearned run.

Gammell struck out eight in the first four innings, and Muir fanned four in 2 2/3 innings to close the contest.

Morrison, Liebschwager and Tyler Woodward each knocked in a pair of runs for Homedale.

Lockwood, who started on the mound for the Wildcats, went 3-for-3 with three runs scored and a triple. DeLeon smashed a leadoff homer in the bottom of the first, and Jett VanBiezen collected three RBI.

Last Wednesday: Emmett 5, Homedale 0 (5) — The Trojans committed five errors in the season opener against the Huskies in a non-conference game.

Emmett gained control with three unearned runs in the third inning at John Jackson Field.

The Huskies opened the



inning with back-to-back hits as Gage Larson singled and scored on Tanner Brown's triple to over the head of Homedale left fielder D'Orr Packer.

Brown scored on a ground ball before the inning reignited with the help of Trojans errors.

Ryan Brinkerhoff doubled to bring in Caseyn Pearson in the top of the fifth inning then

scored on a wild pitch.

Homedale put two runners on with one out in the bottom of the first inning, but after surrendering a single to Packer and hitting Morrison with a pitch, Emmett's Roman Lake pitched out of the inning with back-to-back strikeouts.

Muir singled in the third inning and made it to second on a grounder, but no other HHS player got past first base

until two outs in the bottom of the fifth.

After Landon Wilson was thrown out trying to steal second base, Woodward struck out and John Lejardi was hit with a pitch. Lejardi got to second when Muir reached safely after striking out because of a dropped third strike.

Lake struck out eight and walked two in a five-inning two-hitter.

Sports

Young Mustangs rebuild from lost softball season of promise

Someone new in the pitching circle for Melba

Don Jamison has seen his share of gritty and resilient softball teams in 28 years at Melba High School. Much remains to be seen as the 2021 season begins, but this year’s batch of Mustangs has the potential to be at the top of that list. Like every other softball team in the state, Melba dealt with a lost season in 2020. But the Mustangs had far more on their minds than missing softball — even with a squad loaded with seniors and potential. “It looked like a great season was developing,” Jamison said. “We had six seniors, five of them starters. “We had a sad beginning to the season as we lost one of our junior varsity players, who passed away at the younger age of 16.” The death of a teammate

preceded the cancellation of the season when all Idaho schools closed down because of the burgeoning COVID-19 situation. “The kids held together well, though,” Jamison said. Now, the Mustangs face a 2021 season without their ace pitcher — Owyhee County resident Cindy Read — and her battery mate A.J. Webster. Others who graduated in the spring include Owyheean Kennedy Michelson and Annabelle Dickard, outfielders, and infielder Megan Bowman, a Marsing resident. There are three seniors on the squad this season — first baseman Kylee Aldrich, and infielders Madisen Bunnell and Ember Svetich. Other players back for another varsity season include junior infielders Esther Riley and Ashlie Shaffer, and sophomore infielders Keylee Wilson and Emily Zavala. Three utility players are new to squad — Janay Phillips, Lillian Hansen and Brittany Erickson.

“Our attitude is strong, and the chemistry of the girls is great,” Jamison said. “We are young and somewhat inexperienced. We hope to jell by district.” Assistant coaches this year include Marlene Jamison (outfielders) and Larry Lincoln, who is also the JV coach. Former Marsing assistant coach and one-time Melba ace pitcher Cara Duckworth is coaching the pitchers. Our attitude is strong and the chemistry of the girls is great. We are young and somewhat inexperienced. Don Jamison has been around long enough to know what awaits the Mustangs when the 2A Western Idaho Conference season rolls around. Then again, there are several variables given the lost season. “As always, New Plymouth and Nampa Christian could be tough,” he said. “(But it’s) so hard to say, due to everybody not playing last year. The conference could be wide open.” — JPB

Melba drops softball opener to Wolverines

Melba High School’s softball season got off to a fast start, but Weiser emerged the winner in Friday’s non-conference opener. Esther Riley drilled a leadoff home run in the bottom of the first inning to spark the Mustangs’ early rally, but the Wolverines’ big second inning fueled a 16-7 road victory. Riley’s homer was one of only five hits Melba attained. Weiser scored twice in the top of the fourth to get enough

cushion to withstand Melba’s three-run rally in the home half of the frame. The Wolverines scored four times in the fifth inning to seize control. Kylee Aldrich and Janay Phillips drove in two runs each for the Mustangs. Madisen Bunnell and Ashlie Shaffer joined Aldrich and Phillips in picking up singles Aldrich and Riley scored two runs apiece. Danica Lockett blasted a homer for Weiser.

Owyheean opens Melba baseball season with 7 RBI

Mustangs split first two games

Owyhee County resident Trace Stimpson blasted a grand slam Saturday in Melba High School’s baseball rout of Glenns Ferry. Stimpson’s fourth-inning bases-loaded home run sparked a 15-3 non-conference road win and highlighted his six-RBI game against the Pilots. The game was halted after five innings. Stimpson doubled home Henry Clark in the third inning. Melba (1-1 overall) set up the 10-run rule with a nine-run outburst in the fifth inning. The fifth inning started with three consecutive walks, and seven of the nine runs scored with two outs. Donovan Rose, Cameron Vail, and Braulio Colunga laced three consecutive RBI singles with two outs. Colunga’s two-run single brought in Rose and Robert Knight to close out the scoring. Colunga finished with three

RBI and notched a double. Luke Aldrich scattered three hits over the first four innings to get the victory. Parker Hansen closed out the game with a hitless fifth inning. **Friday: Weiser 10, Melba 6 (6)** — The Wolverines took the lead with two runs in the third inning and sealed the win with five runs in the fourth. Aldrich smacked a two-run homer as Melba tied the score, 2-2, in the bottom of the second inning. Jeff Fahee had led off the inning with a double. Weiser took the lead for good with two runs in the top of the third. Colunga was 2-for-3 from the top of the Mustangs’ batting order. Henry Clark lined a double to left field to ignite Melba’s three-run rally in the bottom of the fifth. Hansen scored on the hit. Colunga, who had walked, scored on Stimpson’s sacrifice fly before Clark scored on a wild pitch. Kooper VonBrethorst and Dayton Turrentine had two hits each for Weiser with Turrentine turning in a double.

HMS takes 2nd in two sports

The eighth-graders weren’t the only Homedale Middle School boys’ basketball team to play for a championship. The seventh-graders finished second in the 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament in Parma, losing to the tournament host in the title game. Middle school cheerleaders were runners-up in the 12-team Cupid’s Day Competition in Pocatello on Feb. 6.



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Sports

Young Huskies squad sprints into new season

Basketball standout makes quick transition to athletic track

One Marsing High School athlete had no problem making the transition from the hardwood to the track.

The Huskies' senior sprinter Jacob Ankeny, who closed out the basketball season with All-2A Western Idaho Conference first-team honors just two weeks ago, ran out onto Dave Mangum Track for the Melba Ice-Breaker last Wednesday and dominated.

Ankeny took top honors while recording personal bests in both the 100- and 200-meter sprints at 10.96 and 23.06 seconds, respectively. The 100-meter race was hand-timed, as the starting gun jammed.

He was not the only Marsing athlete to impress.

Senior Trayton Jacobi finished first in shot put (40 feet, 9 inches) and second out of 23 competitors in the discus (93-5). His shot put throw was more than two feet further than his

previous personal record.

"Trayton is our veteran thrower and is really benefitting from the coaching he is getting this year," coach Heidi Ankeny said.

Sophomore Vanessa Freeman recorded a pair of personal bests, as well, finishing third in the 100 (13.28) and 200 (28.59).

"I really expect her to see some big drops in her time as we get further into the season," Ankeny said. "She is our only full-time girls' sprinter this year, so she trains with only boys most days."

Braden Ankeny, a freshman, finished sixth in the 100 (12.03) and 200 (25.71).

The boys' team finished in third place overall with 126 points, 282 behind host Melba's 408. Liberty Charter finished second with 147 points.

The Marsing girls' squad finished in eighth with 24 points, 429 behind the Mustangs' 453. Garden Valley placed second with 105.

"We coaches were all extremely excited and proud of how our small team competed in Melba," Ankeny

said. "Going in there were many (athletes) who were nervous, either because they have never done track or because it has basically been almost two years since they have."

"They clearly used those nerves to drive their competition."

Other Marsing boys' finishers:

100 meters — Josue Espejel (12.4, eighth); and Nacho Margarito (13.62, 19th)

200 — Jordan Blas (25.81, ninth); and Margarito (28.46, 18th)

800 — Edgar Melendrez (2 minutes, 20.84 seconds, sixth); Dylan Harris (2:45.11, 17th); Elliot Little (2:49.38, 20th); and Tyson Campbell (3:37.35, 23rd)

1,600 — Harris (6:12.05, 12th); and Campbell (8:38.15, 18th)

4x400 relay — Nacho Margarito, Diego Margarito, Robert Salazar, and Espejel (4:56.32, fourth)

Sprint medley relay — Blas, Braden Ankeny, Jacob Ankeny, Melendrez (4:09.34, only team running)

Shot put — Emmanuel Gonzalez (33-9.5, fourth); Diego Margarito and Salazar (24 feet, tied for 20th)

Discus — Diego Margarito (69-05, 14th); and (56-03, 21st); and Gonzalez (44-11, 23rd)

Long jump — Blas (14-1.5, 11th); Melendrez (13-11, 12th); Espejel (13-10.75, 13th); Salazar (11-9.5, 21st); and Diego Margarito (11-8, 22nd)

Girls' finishers include:

200 — Trinity Stimmel (35.43, 16th)

800 — Emily Vanosdall (2:52.24, seventh); and Sal Mattivi (3:10.24, 14th)

1,600 — Mattivi (7:04.9, ninth)

Shot put — Stimmel (21-2, ninth); and Destany Blackmore (20 feet, tied 10th)

Discus — Blackmore (45-04, 12th); and Stimmel (41-09, 13th)

Long jump — Freeman (12-7.25, sixth); and Blackmore (10-1.5, 17th)

"Considering our really small numbers, we were really happy to see them do so well individually and as a team," Ankeny said. "This is an extremely coachable and highly competitive group of kids."

— TK

✓ Mustangs: Owyhee County athletes do their part in Melba's opener

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three victories was a 10-minute, 4-second run in the 3,200 meters.

Leavitt won the 800 (2:06.81) and the 1,600 (4:54:51), too.

As could be expected, Melba's strong contingent of distance runners carried the day.

Sophomore Rozzlyn Cazier set a personal record in the girls' 3,200 (12:32) and also won the 1,600 (6:01.28). She was runner-up in the 800 with a PR of 2:37.96.

Owyhee County freshman Brooklyn Dayley was second in the 1,600 in 6:02.38 and finished third in the 800 (2:38.8).

Teammate Lacey Leavitt was third in the 1,600 (6:15.37), while the junior took fourth in the 800 (2:43.46).

Dayley also sped to a win in her prep 400 meters debut (1:04.43), while Leavitt crossed the line third with a PR of 1:07.41.

Back on the boys' side, Owyheean McKoy Richardson finished fourth in the 800. The sophomore ran a personal-best

Raiders victorious twice at Melba meet

Rimrock High School athletes won a pair of events in last Wednesday's Melba Ice-Breaker track and field meet.

Senior Michael Nanney set four personal records, including a win in the boys' long jump at 19 feet, 10¼ inches.

Another senior, Madison Macmillan, led the girls' effort with a 200-meter win. She crossed the line in 28.14 seconds.

Nanney's career day

2:13.57, while junior teammate Reuben Manzer was fifth in 2:17.06, another PR.

Manzer PR'd in the 400 with a fourth-place time of 58.18, and finished third in the 1,600 in 5:04.97.

Senior Tyler Arnold (third, 57.18) and Manzer (fourth,

continued with runner-up finishes in the sprints (11.4 in the 100 meters and 24.43 in the 200) and the high jump (5-8).

Macmillan was runner-up in the girls' 100 at 13.18. She finished third with a PR in the long jump (14-11).

Freshman Ashten Moore debuted with a fifth-place showing in the girls' 1,600 (6 minutes, 38.11 seconds).

Another ninth-grader, Ira Black, was fourth in the boys' high jump at 5-2.

58.18) both had PRs in the 400.

Richardson cruised in the 300-meter hurdles (43.31 PR), and teammate Kai Temple, also a sophomore, took second with a PR of 56.56. He also had a career-best 6-foot effort to win the high jump.

Arnold ran the third leg of the Mustangs' victorious 4x200 relay team (1:38.01). Zane Helm led off, followed by Andrew Herman, while Joey Bradshaw finished it off.

Junior Will Vail PR'd to win the discus with a 108-5 mark, while teammates Sean Canoy (second, 92-10), Temple (fourth, 90-1), and Austin Evans (fifth, 89-3) also set personal records.

Senior Cameron Wood won the triple jump with a career-best 39-9 effort. Helm was third in 39-2 (PR), and sophomore Braden Volkers PR'd for fourth at 35-5½.

Bradshaw was fourth in the 100 (11.82), and Herman, a senior, PR'd with a third-place finish in the 200 (25.0).

The Melba girls were just as dominant at home.

Sophomore Meya Young raced to a win in the 100 (13.0) and finished second in the 200 (28.31, PR).

Another sophomore, Kendall Clark, grabbed the 100 hurdles in 16.93.

The Mustangs' relay teams

were unbeatable.

In the 4x100, Jacie Huddleston, Laura Forsgren, Da-isee Crossley and Melina Helm teamed up for a 1:01.78 winning time.

The Clark sisters (Kate and Kendall) ganged up with Meya Young and Hallie Arnold and ran to a 1:53.88 winning time in the 4x200.

Dayley ran the second leg in the winning 4x400 effort. Arnold led off and Kate Clark and Lacey Leavitt ran the final 1,600 meters for a 4:33.82 time.

Thrower Tayler McCoy launched her junior season in career-defining fashion, setting PRs in the discus (win at 104-2) and shot put (runner-up at 31-5½).

Young posted a PR to win the long jump (15-7½), and Kendall Clark took the high jump in 5-0 and PR'd in the triple jump (34-10).

Kate Clark was runner-up in the long jump at 15-5.

Melina Helm took third in the triple jump with a 28-0 PR.

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Sports



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Folkstyle rundown

Idaway Tournament

Saturday in New Plymouth:
Champions — Cy Black, age 5-6, 58 pounds; Makhi Holtry, 5-6, 62; Addi Duryee, girls’ 5-6, 43; John “Whit” Swan, 7-8, 64; Julien Asumendi, 7-8, 67; Josie Black, girls’ 7-8, 60; Bradee Swan, girls’ 7-8, 68; Mya Duryee, girls’ 7-8, 97; Micah Higley, 9-10, 65; Mateo Black, 9-10, 81; Hunter Bell, 9-10, heavyweight; and Porter Swan, 11-12, 85
Runners-up — Ryan Rennaker, 7-8, 49 pounds; Gus Jakovac, 7-8, 61; Titus Rice, 7-8, 64; Mannie Mulrony, 11-12, 95; and Zander Gonzalez, 11-12, 105
Third place — Conner Troxel, 5-6, 47 pounds; Bradee Swan, 7-8, 67; Xavier Cortinas, 9-10, 90; Kolbi Whittaker, girls’ 7-8, 68; Aubree Atkins, girls’ 9-11, 62; Maddyn Holtry, girls’ 9-11, 84; and Wyatt Stewart, 13-15 (middle school), 101
Fourth place — Payson Vernon, 5-6, 45; Carson Troxel, 7-8, heavyweight; Matea Ketterling, girls’ 7-8, 60; and Jaxon Kinkade, 9-10, 86
Fifth place — Wynn Watson, 5-6, 45; and Aidan Harper, 7-8, 61

Homedale Folkstyle Scramble

A scramble features divisions of mixed age and weight and boys and girls. The Homedale club played host to a competition last Wednesday:
Champions — Kash Mackenzie, Jayden Orea, Cy Black, Makhi Holtry, Ryan Rennaker, Peyton Grove, John “Whit” Swan, Gus Jakovac, Laynee Waters, Maddyn Holtry, Mya Duryee, Hunter Bell, Xavier Cortinas, Jaxon Kinkade, and Porter Swan
Runners-up — Wynn Watson, Conner Troxel, Josie Black, Carson Montenegro, Adrian Garcia, Julien Asumendi, Jayden Medina, Cameron Grant, Bradee Swan, Jakob Gaspar, Christopher Ruiz, Cristal Ruiz, Wade Ingram, Aiden Carter, Zander Gonzalez, Micah Higley, and Wyatt Stewart
Third place — Coral Hernandez, Addi Duryee, Matea Ketterling, Kolbi Whittaker, Jaime Acosta-Romero, Austin Love, Kolton Kelly, Koen Clausen, Malachi Staley, Mateo Black, Jonathan Vargas, and Mannie Mulrony
Fourth place — Bodhi Wheyland, and Wylie Curt

Idaho Open

Homedale placed ninth in the March 6 tournament, which attracted 130 from throughout the Northwest to Caldwell.
Nash said COVID-19 shut down this tournament last year.
“... So people were pretty excited to be able to compete this year,” he said.
“This was a very tough tournament — more like a regional tournament than a local tournament — and for a lot of our kids it was their first time competing at a wrestling tournament.”
Addi Duryee won the girls’ 40- to 45-pound championship to lead 13 placers from Homedale.
“We were super happy with how our kids battled,” Nash said. “It was tough, but we fared really well as a team.”
Other placers:
Runners-up — Duryee, 6-under, 40 pounds; Cyl Black, 6-under, 60; Makhi Holtry, 6-under, 65; and Hunter Bell, 10-under, heavyweight
Third place — Mateo Black, 10-under, 80; Aiden Carter, 10-under, heavyweight; Porter Swan, 12-under, 85; and Maddyn Holtry, girls’ 81-92

Fifth place — Matea Ketterling, girls’ 58-62
Sixth place — Julien Asumendi, 8-under, 70; Mannie Mulrony, 12-under, 95; and Zander Gonzalez, 12-under, 105

Gooding Folkstyle Scramble

Held Feb. 20:
Champions — Cy Black, Mateo Black, and Xavier Cortinas
Runners-up — Hunter Bell, Micah Higley, and Carson Montenegro
Third place — Josie Black, Wade Ingram, and Wyatt Stewart
Fourth place — Aubree Atkins, Austin Love, and Mannie Mulrony

Spartan Grappler Minico

Season opener, Feb. 6 in Rupert:
Mateo Black — 1st, 9-10, 81 pounds
Bradee Swan — 1st, 7-8, 68
Hunter Bell — 2nd, 9-10, hwt.
John “Whit” Swan — 3rd, 7-8, 64
Porter Swan — 3rd, 11-12, 85
Mannie Mulrony — 4th, 11-12, 95
Wyatt Stewart — 5th, 13-15 (middle school), 101

✓Wrestlers: Former HHS wrestlers return to guide their children in sport

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and so I talked to Joe Egusquiza about me helping out with a folkstyle season,” Nash said.
That conversation with Nash’s fellow Homedale Middle School wrestling coach blossomed into a large and successful winter campaign.
Nash’s judo students were interested in staying active on the mat — any mat, and the effort turned into a high school wrestling reunion of sorts.
Nash has enlisted the help of two wrestlers from his Homedale High School coaching days in the 1990s.
With Adam Duryee, Wade Black and former Fruitland wrestling standout Kyle Blackwell helping with the coaching, the folkstyle team has 90 competitions out.
Blackwell’s son is a Nash judo student, and Duryee and Black also have children competing in wrestling now.
With Egusquiza’s 13 years

Mya Duryee competes in the Homedale Folkstyle Scramble last Wednesday. Duryee is the daughter of Adam and Arbor Duryee



of experience with the town’s youth wrestlers, Nash says the current incarnation is really just an extension of the Homedale Wrestling Club.
“The judo kids have picked up on wrestling quickly and have been able to utilize their judo knowledge (throws, trips and mat work) and be successful in wrestling,” Nash said.
“We do a lot of mat work (wrestling) in judo, so parts of it were new for them, but a lot of it was also familiar.”
Familiarity has bred success.
The team looks to add more highlights during Saturday’s USA Wrestling State Folkstyle

Tournament in Kuna.
After the folkstyle season finale, the club will shift focus to Greco-Roman and freestyle for the rest of the spring.
The folkstyle season could only strengthen Jake Levinski’s high school program because, Nash said, the wrestling discipline is sanctioned by the Idaho High School Activities Association as the style of competition in middle school and high school.
Nash provided context on the different styles:
• Collegiate and folkstyle are essentially the same except that in collegiate rules riding time, length of rounds and match in



Matea Ketterling (left) is declared winner in a 58-pound match in the 8-and-under class. She’s the daughter of Nick and Christine Ketterling. Photos by Hap Duryee
college are different.
In folkstyle, the back has to be exposed two seconds or more to earn points.
• Greco-Roman is upper-body wrestling in which the use of legs to trip your opponent is not allowed.
• In freestyle there are points scored anytime someone’s back is exposed to the mat.
Freestyle and Greco-Roman are the types of wrestling seen every four years during the Summer Olympics.
“Judo is kind of a mix and variation of all three wrestling styles in addition to some differences with arm bars/chokes, etc. at the older ages,” Nash said.
The club’s 90 wrestlers are split into two classes — pre-kindergarten to second grade and third grade through middle school — that practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
— JPB

Power Family Meals with Protein-Packed Peanuts



Veggie Sammies with Peanut Butter Satay Sauce

- Prep time: 30 minutes
Servings: 2
- 4 tablespoons creamy peanut butter
 - 3 tablespoons lime juice
 - 2 tablespoons water
 - 4 teaspoons hoisin sauce
 - 2 teaspoons soy sauce
 - 2 teaspoons sriracha
 - 2 French baguette rolls (6 inches each)
 - 1/2 cup cucumber, sliced
 - 1/2 cup white onion, sliced into thin strips
 - 1/2 cup red bell pepper, sliced into thin strips
 - 1/2 cup purple cabbage
 - 1/2 cup fresh cilantro

In small bowl, combine peanut butter, lime juice, water, hoisin sauce, soy sauce and sriracha; mix well.
Spread sauce on both sides of each roll then layer with cucumber, onion and bell pepper. Top with cabbage and cilantro.

Veggie Sammies with Peanut Butter Satay Sauce

FAMILY FEATURES

Starting fresh with a new year is a chance to hit the reset button for many people, and your family can use this opportunity to rethink homemade meals while striving for nutritious (and still delicious) dishes. From snacks to the main course each evening, the options are nearly endless for planning a revamped menu with healthier ingredients.

Dinnertime can be a cinch with Peanut Butter Chicken, a simple dish that takes less than 20 minutes to make when busy evenings call for a quick solution. If a veggie-based option aligns better with your family’s desires, try Veggie Sammies with Peanut Butter Satay Sauce or go full-on comfort food with Very Vegan Peanut Butter Jackfruit Chili. Snacking doesn’t have to mean forgoing your dedication to nutritious choices either – these Peanut Granola Bars can be your made-at-home masterpiece for adults and children to enjoy.

These recipes from the Georgia Peanut Commission are powered by peanuts, a nutrient-rich superfood that delivers 19 vitamins and 7 grams of protein per serving for a health benefit punch in each bite.

Discover more nutritious recipe ideas at gapeanuts.com.



Very Vegan Peanut Butter Jackfruit Chili

Very Vegan Peanut Butter Jackfruit Chili

- Recipe courtesy of the National Peanut Board
Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 35 minutes
Servings: 8

- 2 teaspoons oil
- 1/2 large white onion, chopped
- 1/2 green bell pepper, chopped
- 1/2 red bell pepper, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1 can crushed tomatoes
- 1 can whole tomatoes
- 2 cups water
- 1 can red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 can green jackfruit, drained and chopped
- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- cornbread (optional)
- tortilla chips (optional)
- cinnamon rolls (optional)

Heat large, heavy-bottomed pot over medium heat. Add oil, onion and peppers; cook 3 minutes, stirring often. Add garlic, salt, cumin, chili powder and tomato paste, stirring to coat. Cook 1-2 minutes, stirring constantly, then stir in crushed tomatoes, whole tomatoes, water, kidney beans and jackfruit; bring to boil then reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer 25-30 minutes. Stir in peanut butter and simmer 5 minutes.
Serve with cornbread, tortilla chips or cinnamon rolls, if desired.



Peanut Granola Bars

Peanut Granola Bars

- Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 6 minutes, plus 30-45 minutes cooling time
Servings: 12-14
- 1/2 cup honey
 - 6 tablespoons unsalted butter
 - 2 tablespoons creamy peanut butter
 - 1/2 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 2 cups rolled oats (quick or regular)
 - 1 cup bran flakes
 - 1 cup sweetened coconut flakes
 - 1 cup dried fruit (raisins, blueberries or cranberries)
 - 1 cup roasted peanuts, chopped

In large, shallow, microwavable dish, combine honey, butter, peanut butter, brown sugar, vanilla and salt. Microwave at 50% power 2 minutes then whisk to combine and microwave at 50% power 2 minutes.
Add oats, bran flakes, coconut flakes, dried fruit and peanuts; stir to combine. Microwave on high 1 minute. Stir and microwave 30 seconds.
Press mixture into 13-by-9-inch baking dish lined with parchment or wax paper with some extra hanging over edges to easily lift bars out. Use bottom of glass wrapped with plastic wrap to press granola mixture firmly into pan. Allow to cool completely 30-45 minutes. Cut into 12-14 bars.



Peanut Butter Chicken

Peanut Butter Chicken

- Recipe courtesy of “Unsophisticook”
Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 12 minutes
Yield: 6 cups
- Peanut Sauce:**
- 1/2 cup creamy natural peanut butter
 - 3 tablespoons sweet red chili sauce
 - 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
 - 1 tablespoon soy sauce
 - 1 tablespoon honey
 - 1/8-1/4 cup hot water (optional)
 - chopped unsalted roasted peanuts (optional)

- 2 tablespoons olive oil or avocado oil
- 1 1/2 pounds boneless skinless chicken breasts, diced into 1-inch cubes
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 3/4 cup peanut sauce
- cooked brown rice
- assorted bell peppers, sliced
- chopped unsalted roasted peanuts (optional)

To make peanut sauce: In small glass bowl, whisk peanut butter, sweet red chili sauce, apple cider vinegar, soy sauce and honey until blended smoothly.
Thin sauce with hot water to desired consistency.
Garnish with chopped unsalted roasted peanuts, if desired.
To make chicken: In large skillet over medium-high heat, drizzle oil. Add diced chicken then pour soy sauce over top. Saute about 10-12 minutes until chicken is fully cooked.
Serve with peanut sauce, brown rice and colorful sliced veggies. Garnish with chopped unsalted roasted peanuts, if desired.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Camp Cookie

He’s the tumbleweed chef and rides with the wagon
Ahead of the thunderin’ herd.
His pots and pans clack like a diamondback’s rattle.
He growls or he don’t say a word.

His face is a roadmap. Looks like a carcass
Hung too many days in the sun.
He smells like a mule and cooks with a shovel,
And his fly is always undone.

The riders kin tell when he’s in the kitchen,
The buzzards all come onto view.
He spits in the pan and shaves in the taters,
And clips his toenails in the stew.

His gunpowder biscuits explode in the fire.
His beans explode in yer bowel.
His medda lark soufflé is hard on the belly,
They say it tastes like an owl.

His coffee’s so rank a housefly won’t touch it.
Even buckshot floats in the slop.
You don’t pour a cup, you twist off a swaller,
Then chew a sip offa the top.

Now cowboys are tough guys who face death each day
In blizzards or stampedes or storms.
They ride them bad horses and sleep with the snakes.
And duel with the hooves and the horns.

But many a cowboy who follered the wagon
Has joined the “last roundup club”
Not from Indians, gunfights or even bad whiskey
But from eatin’ ole Camp Cookie’s grub.

— 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.

Gov. Brad Little



From the Statehouse Foolish logic in Dems’ COVID plan penalizes responsible states

Democrats in Washington, D.C., are actively working to saddle your grandchildren with unprecedented levels of debt to bail out states that have not operated responsibly before or during the pandemic.

The latest round of foolish logic in the Democrats’ COVID-19 relief plans would punish responsible states like Idaho for pursuing tax cuts for our citizens.

First, their plan gives disproportionately more direct aid to states that have kept people out of work and entered the pandemic with poorly performing economies and botched state budgets. The move comes at the expense of Idaho, which has low unemployment, few restrictions, a strong economy, and a solvent state budget. The plan siphons a quarter of a billion dollars away from Idaho and gives it to states on lockdown, such as California, New York, Illinois, and others.

Then, their package includes a multibillion-dollar bailout for private pension funds that have been mismanaged for decades. The move comes at the expense of Idaho, which has one of the strongest state pension funds in the nation, thanks to prudent management.

Now, under the bill, Idaho would potentially subsidize poorly managed states simply because we are using our record budget surplus to pursue historic tax relief for our citizens. Language in the federal bill is unclear, and one interpretation could prohibit states from pursuing tax relief through 2024 (citation: <https://www.wsj.com/articles/democrats-to-states-no-new-tax-cuts-11615333751>).

We achieved our record budget surplus after years of responsible, conservative governing and quick action during the pandemic, and our surplus should be returned to Idahoans as I proposed.

What incentive do states have to do the right thing when they get bailed out for doing the wrong thing?

Unlike these states, Idaho is in a position to cut taxes in a middle of a pandemic. We have limited spending. We have cut red tape and earned our status as the least-regulated state in the nation. We rank among the most financially solvent states because of our rainy-day fund levels, solvent state pension, and strong Unemployment Insurance

Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to *The Owyhee Avalanche* must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer’s address and daytime phone number.

The submission deadline is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in these ways:

- Email to jon@owyheeavalanche.com
- Mail to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
- Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale

For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

Fund balance.

Idaho has taken a balanced, measured approach in our pandemic response. We have managed to prevent a crisis in our hospitals while keeping businesses, schools, and churches open longer than almost every other state. We directed most of our federal relief funds in direct support of Idaho citizens and businesses. We are a leading state for our share of vaccine doses administered.

Other states chose to lockdown, hurting workers, students, and families. Meanwhile, their failed policies are not reducing COVID-19 spread. Idaho, on the other hand, continues to see declining COVID-19 case counts and hospitalizations, while staying open.

Simply put, any future federal relief funds directed to states should be allocated fairly. We know the debt is mortgaged from our grandkids, and I will push to use those funds to directly support them through long-range investments in education, broadband, and water infrastructure.

Idaho’s congressional delegation and I will continue to keep the pressure on Congress and the Biden Administration to do what’s right for future generations, and not use our grandkids’ futures for political payback to irresponsible states.

— 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.

From Washington As in the past, federal COVID-19 relief should be bipartisan, targeted

Prior to the recent passage of the American Rescue Plan, Congress came together five times to pass bipartisan bills totaling roughly \$4 trillion to help Americans weather the pandemic. Recent economic projections from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) provide proof of their effectiveness, predicting a robust economic recovery. We should be encouraged by this, as well as vaccine distribution underway, and look to fill any gaps in the response instead of just piling more taxpayer dollars on yet-to-be depleted programs. Unfortunately, a bipartisan process is not

what occurred in the recent passage of the American Rescue Plan I voted against when the Senate passed it by a vote of 50-49.

The new Senate Majority’s decision to move forward with a budget resolution to quickly pass proposals lacking broad bipartisan support, rather than focusing on policies that will boost vaccine distribution and help get people back to work and our kids safely back to school, was disappointing. The \$1.9 trillion

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Commentary

Financial management

Teaching young instills generosity, deters financial recklessness

Dear Dave,
Why do you seem to put so much emphasis on teaching young children about money? Isn't there time for that later when they're older?
— Cyndi

Dear Cyndi,
I firmly believe that one of the best ways you can make sure your kids are ready to face adulthood when the time comes is to teach them how to handle money at an early age. The reason? Learning about money, and how to manage it in a wise, mature fashion, is about a lot more than just dollars and cents.
There's a quote from author Andy Andrews I really love. He says, "The goal is not to

raise great kids. It's to raise kids who become great adults." If you think about it, there's a subtle but powerful distinction here. Kids might behave well out of a sense of obedience or even fear, but that doesn't mean they'll do what's best for them once they're on their own. To raise kids who later become great adults, you have to begin instilling good character traits in them at an early age.
Work equals money. When you teach kids to work, you're teaching them responsibility. Whether it's chores around the house or a job at the mall, work involves accountability and following through on tasks. Work shows kids they are in control of their actions, and that they will reap the rewards or conse-



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quences of those actions.
Teaching kids to save teaches them patience. Today's world is one of instant gratification, and saving money makes you slow down and think. It also

shows kids they can't have every little thing they want the moment they want it.
When you teach kids to give, you're teaching them generosity. A willingness and desire to give doesn't always come natural to us when we're young. Parents should encourage and model the act of giving, because generosity is a wonderful character trait and a powerful weapon in the fight against selfishness and greed.
Finally, teaching kids to spend responsibly is a great way to teach wisdom. All kids totally get the idea that spending money is fun. That's a no brainer. But when you get involved in teaching spending as something that should be thought through and done with

care and reason, you're imparting the idea of using good judgment and thoughtfulness before taking action.
I hope this helps, Cyndi!
— 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.

From the Statehouse

Proper utilization of tax dollars is important responsibility

Every floor session in the Idaho House of Representatives starts with a short thought from the House Chaplain, a prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance. I can't think of a better way to start the legislative process. We start the process of legislation with words of encouragement, words of spiritual benefit and words of patriotism.
On the floor, we debate bills and sort through the process of laws, budgets and policies. I have had the opportunity to be involved in many great debates about policy, but the other main responsibility of the Legislature is the work of budgets and finance. In Appropriations committee, we have reviewed all budget requests and we are in the process of building the budgets.
I have already had the opportunity to debate and present appropriations bills on the floor of the House. As a Representative, I team with a member of the Senate, and we combine efforts to present the bills in both chambers to send the approved bills to the Executive Branch for implementation.

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I have had the opportunity to work on the Military Division and Division of Veterans Services budgets. I have also worked on and presented budgets for the Commission on Aging, Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, State Independent Living

Council and the Idaho Lottery on the House floor. I have about eight more budgets that I will present over the next two weeks. I am also in the process of running supplemental bills dealing with Agricultural Education and water issues.
The Idaho economy has been resilient during the past year, and the Idaho ideals of hard work and ingenuity have really helped us throughout the past year. Tax bills to lower taxes and tax relief bills are on the horizon. The proper role of government and how to best utilize taxpayer money and resources are duties that I take very seriously.
I always like hearing from constituents and hearing what they think and what topics are important to them. I want to thank you all for what you do to make our communities better.
— A Republican from Mountain Home, Matthew Bundy is the freshman Dist. 23A member in Idaho House of Representatives.

✓ COVID-19: Billions of dollars from earlier relief bills still unspent

From Page 10B
American Rescue Plan comes just a few short months after a \$900 billion package was signed into law, and ignores estimates that roughly \$1 trillion in enacted stimulus funding remains unspent. It directed the Senate Finance Committee to increase the deficit by a staggering \$1.3 trillion, without deliberating what policies would best grow our economy. The Finance Committee did not debate amendments. Rather, it was asked to rubber stamp partisan legislation passed in the House of Representatives.
The nearly \$2 trillion package includes sweeping policy changes that deserved thorough, bipartisan scrutiny at the committee level. According to the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget (CRFB), "Only about 1 percent of the entire package goes toward COVID vaccines, and 5 percent is truly focused on public health needs surrounding the pandemic. More than 15 percent of the package — about \$300

billion — is spent on long-standing policy priorities that are not directly related to the current crisis."
Many of these long-standing wish-list items are in the Finance Committee's jurisdiction. Take the \$350 billion bailout for states, many of which are running surpluses for fiscal years 2020 and 2021, including Idaho. Taxpayers across the country should not have to bail out failed policies and poor fiscal management of certain states. Consider the \$86 billion bailout for the multiemployer pension system, which has been in crisis for several years. Bipartisan proposals to address the problem were ignored in favor of using the reconciliation process to avoid reforms, leading to future bailouts. Other long-standing policy priorities, such as expanding the child tax credit and earned income tax credit, and increasing Affordable Care Act subsidies, made it into the package, although neither is directly related to coronavirus relief.
Our economy is recovering. Vaccine distribution

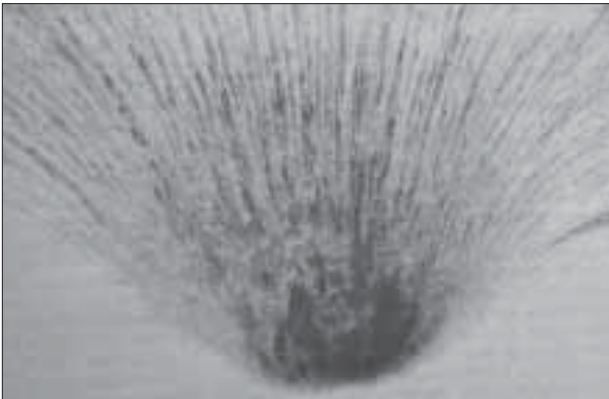
and administration is well underway and accelerating. The fight against COVID-19 is not over, and some further relief may have been appropriate following the enactment of the first five phases of relief. However, there have been and continue to be strong disagreements on the scope and content of the current relief package, which should have been deliberated and debated through regular committee order. Idahoans deserved a serious, bipartisan process focused on their most urgent needs: getting or keeping their kids in school, getting workers safely back on the job, keeping small businesses' doors open and helping to reclaim a semblance of pre-pandemic life. This partisan process resulted in a spending spree that grossly misses its mark, and places an undue burden on future generations. I will continue to support bipartisan, targeted COVID relief for families affected by the pandemic, and pro-growth policies that will allow employers to reopen and rehire.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

March 20, 1996



Glory hole

Water is being released in substantial amounts through the glory hole at Owyhee Dam this spring.

Cutting horse competition Friday and Saturday

A cutting horse competition at Chuck Tyson’s ranch near Walter’s Ferry will feature about 200 riders from across the West, and will raise funds for legal defense of water and grazing rights in Owyhee County.

Ten classes of rider and horse categories will compete during the two-day event for what Tyson said are fairly large purses. Competitors will range from professionals on expensive prize-winning horses to first-time-up kids on green colts. The event should draw as many as 100 contestants per day.

While there won’t be any spectator admission charges for the event, Tyson said the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association will have concession stands at the arena both days to raise money for OCA’s Property Rights Defense Fund.

Library receives gift from Aldrich sister’s estate

Homedale Library staff and board members were stunned to learn recently that they would receive over \$80,000 from the estates of Hazel and Dorothy Aldrich, formerly of Homedale. Many know that Hazel was the librarian at Homedale Library for forty years, retiring in 1980. Hazel’s mother was librarian before her. Hazel’s sister Dorothy, who taught nursing, also spent many years helping out at the library.

“This is a marvelous gift... and a big responsibility. The decision about what to do with this gift is up to the Library Board. Should all the money be invested and only the interest or part of the interest be spent each year? Or should part or all of the money be spent for one or more worthwhile purposes? If so, what?” asks librarian Margaret Fujishin.

Anyone with ideas should contact a board member: Eloise Dexter, Janet McCornack, Kay Kelly, Opal Nash or Jean Freelove.”

HHS business students successful at state

Students from Homedale High School recently attended the state leadership conference for Business Professionals of America held at Boise State University.

“The state conference is a spring board for competitive event winners to advance to the national conference held in May,” Chapter Advisor Dennis Ankeny said.

Jeremy Slawson captured first place in Financial Specialist and third place in Computerized Accounting. Dana Marston stole first place in Computerized Accounting and first place in Database Application. Eric Roesberry won fourth in Desktop Publishing and John Cook took second in Database Application. Students who placed in the top four of their event will attend the national conference in Phoenix, Arizona in May.

50 years ago

March 18, 1971



DENNIS TANIKUNI, Homedale, state DeMolay master councilor, shakes hands with Gov. Cecil Andrus after the governor signed a proclamation naming this week, March 14-21 as International DeMolay Week, in observance of the 52nd anniversary of the order.

Barry Fujishin selected to serve

Barry Fujishin, son of Mr. and Mrs. San Fujishin of Homedale, a junior majoring in political science at The College of Idaho has received an internship to work at the national headquarters of the Selective Service System in Washington, D.C., next summer, according to Dr. Curtis W. Tarr, national director.

Trojans take 3rd at state basketball tourney

The Homedale Trojan basketball team returned Sunday afternoon to a flag-bedecked hometown after defeating the Glenns Ferry Pilots 78-70 in two overtime periods Saturday night to wrap up third place in the state A-3 tournament at Rexburg.

The Trojans fought back to win Saturday night after losing a 54-53 heartbreaker to Genesee Friday afternoon in the semi-finals. Genesee Bulldogs (26-0) went on to win the state title Saturday night by beating Sugar-Salem 67-61.

Homedale conquered Wendell, 76-65 in Thursday afternoon’s quarter-final round. Wendell had wrestled the state championship away from Homedale last year in the final game of the state tournament.

Saturday night’s win gave Coach Daryl Kellum’s tall red and white aggregation a 19-7 season’s record, and the team had shown continued improvement throughout the season by bouncing back to beat every team which had defeated it earlier, including New Plymouth, Marsing, Glenns Ferry and Vallivue — as well as avenging the Wendell defeat of last year.

Paul Pearson, senior playing his final basketball game for Homedale High School after three standout seasons, was named all-state center on the first team.

Grant of \$1,150 to rec use told by McClure

A grant of \$1,150 to the City of Homedale for purchase of one-half acre of land adjoining the Riverside Park was announced this week by the office of Congressman James McClure.

The grant will provide 50 per cent of the purchase price of lots near the new swimming pool.

155 years ago

March 17, 1866

COUNTY AFFAIRS. – So far as our knowledge extends, it is the history of nearly every county on the Pacific Coast that its finances are or have been managed with the utmost recklessness. There is with all, however, a species of uniformity. Every county is severely taxed. We often hear tax-payers inquire what becomes of the money? They see no public property – nor improvements. The objects and sources of taxation are multiplied and the rates increased, yet no money accumulates in the county treasury and the paper of the county is next to worthless. At this point, a singular uniformity is still apparent. The usual debts are incurred anywhere from 100 per cent. to 1000 per cent. above the real value of the service or articles obtained, and thus increase the debt and add a heavy interest thereto. It is the history of all counties that they are worth their indebtedness and the citizens are finally forced to pay every farthing. They are thus made to pay from two to ten times the amount that would have been necessary under proper management. We can point to a score of counties whose scrip is from worthless up to and not exceeding twenty cents in value per dollar. While nearly every one familiar with its affairs, believes the orders of Owyhee County worth seventy-five cents per dollar, yet they are freely offered for fifty cents in cash and traded at the stores at the same rates. Excepting a small wooden jail, the County rents all buildings used for County purposes. We never hear of our county officers being suspicioned of dishonesty, and Owyhee County stands better to-day than most counties, and probably the best of any in the Territory. While our County only owes about \$16,000 or \$18,000, many people don’t understand how it became so, nor why scrip is only fifty cents. Yet the best posted men will give no more. Can it be they fear the future of the County? The only charitably plausible reason is the great value of money for immediate use. Some say in twelve months we’ll be out of debt. One year ago the same was said of Boise County. The Grand Jury of that County have recently made a careful investigation, and after stating that the debt is enormous, amounting to \$100,000 bearing 10 per cent. Interest, this finding is given: “We find the credit of the County to be utterly ruined; its certificates of indebtedness scarcely worth the paper upon which they are written; an empty treasury; no real or personal property (with the exception of the Jail and Hospital) to guarantee the payment of its debt.” In view of this and the facts above stated, our County Officers should be continually on their guard, and furnish for publication a statement of bills allowed and orders made at each session of the County Commissioners.

AGRICULTURAL. – As Spring approaches, ranches should be preparing for planting the usual crops. The lands along Jordan, Reynolds, Sinker and other Creeks near by, are fertile and capable of producing vegetables, barley and oats sufficient to supply the Owyhee market the present year. More farmers are required to till the ground that should be, and, but for the continual Indian depreciations, we believe plenty would choose that surest of occupations in the mines. However, as the case now stands, those who have good ranches are afraid to attempt their cultivation the ensuing Summer. Mr. Killingsworth informs us that he has had a splendid ranch on the Jordan and would like to farm it, but he fears to make the attempt. Last year over \$3000 worth of stock was stolen from it, and with this experience he don’t care to risk his life in addition to his property.

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES
February 1, 8, 16, & 22, 2021

February 1

- Set the agenda.
- Approved and paid all outstanding bills for the departments listed below:
Current Expenses, \$29,118; Road & Bridge, \$9,135; District Court, \$483; Probation, \$739; Health District, \$4,507; Museum, \$5; Indigent & Charity, \$12,213; Revaluation, \$484; Solid Waste, \$7,308; 911, \$57,874; County Vessel, \$68; Taxing Dist. Elections, \$746
- Approved the 1-25-21 minutes.
- Approved the 1-27-21 minutes.
- Approved the polling locations for 2021:
Precinct 001 & 002 – North & South Homedale — Owyhee County Community Center, 423 West Nevada Ave, Homedale, ID 83628
Precincts 003 & 004 – North & South Marsing — Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall, 126 Old Bruneau Highway, Marsing, ID 83639
Precinct 005 – Pleasant Valley (mail-in) — Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650
Precinct 006 – Wilson — Wilson School House, 10427 Johnston Lane, Melba, ID 83641
Precinct 007 – Murphy — Owyhee County Museum & Library, 17085 Basey Street, Murphy, ID 83650
Precinct 008 – Oreana — Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Road, Oreana, ID 83650
Precinct 009 – Grand View — Grand View American Legion Hall, 410 Roosevelt Ave, Grand View, ID 83624
Precinct 010 – Bruneau — Bruneau American Legion Hall, 32536 Belle Ave, Bruneau, ID 83605
Precinct 011 – Riddle — Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650
Precinct 012 – Three Creek — Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650
Precinct 013 – Absentee — Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78 / PO Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650
- Approved a letter of support for the Grand View Community Club in their application for a Community Block Grant to repair and update the old Catholic Church in Grand View and turn it in a Community Center.
- Approved the hiring of Catie Canaday for the full-time position of Magistrate Court Clerk with the Clerk’s Office, to begin February 8, 2021, at the pay rate of \$13.50 an hour.
- Approved the hiring of Allison Wilson for the full-time position of District Court Clerk II with the Clerk’s Office, to begin February 8, 2021, at the pay rate of \$14.00 an hour.
- Approved the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association catering permit for February 6, 2021.
- Approved the filing of RS2477 Complaint with the US Government by Attorney Alan Schroeder.

February 8

- Set the agenda.
- Approved the 2-1-21

minutes.

- Approved Resolution 2021-04 - Transfer of a Service Weapon to a Retiring Employee regarding Deputy McGrew and his retirement from duty on January 31, 2021.
- Approved the tax cancellation on Parcel No RP03N04W294641 in the amount of \$351.83. The homeowner received tax exemption for 2020, which was inadvertently left off when property taxes were calculated.
- Approved the reassignment of Shane Trautman from Jailer to part-time Bailiff with the Sheriff’s Office, to begin on February 4, 2021, at the pay rate of \$16.12 an hour.
- Approved the reassignment of Kyle Monroe from Jailer to Patrol Deputy with the Sheriff’s Office, to begin on February 4, 2021, at the pay rate of \$19.18 an hour.
- Approved the CDC COVID-19 Guidelines re Owyhee County Employee Policy. This policy states that the Owyhee County Employee Policy will follow CDC guidelines as they continue to be updated regarding COVID-19 guidelines and information.
- Approved Certificate of Residency number 21-04 for College of Western Idaho.
- Approved the Lien on I&C case 21-03.
- Approved I&C 20-29.
- Approved the denial of I&C 21-02 under Idaho Code 31-3511-Applicant failed to cooperate with the county.
- Discussion regarding house number signs within subdivisions in Owyhee County has been tabled until further notice.
- Commissioners met with Jarbidge District BLM for their monthly coordination meeting.

February 16

- Set the agenda.
- Approved and payed all outstanding bills for the departments listed below.
Current Expenses, \$68,756; Road & Bridge, \$19,543; District Court, \$497; Fair, Grounds & Buildings, \$163; Probation, \$47; Museum, \$213; Indigent & Charity, \$15,502; Junior Colleges, \$5,300; Revaluation, \$137; Solid Waste, \$13,495; Weeds, \$630; 911, \$2,581; County Vessel, \$2,312; Off Hwy Vehicles, \$129; Taxing Dist. Elections, \$130,732
- Approved the 2-8-21 minutes.
- Approved Resolution 2021-05 Destruction of Temporary Record Documents from the Owyhee county Court Clerk’s Office, Clerk’s Office and the Murphy & Grand View DMVs.
Owyhee County Court Clerk’s Office - copies of motions, stipulations, minutes and orders: October 2020 to present
Clerk’s Office – Payroll: 2012
Murphy & Grand View DMV - End of Day Reports: 2015 and older
- Approved the request from Melba Valley Senior Center for a \$1500 grant to assist in the operation of the Melba Valley Senior Center.
- Approved the request from Southwest Idaho Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. for Sponsor Contributor / Membership for 2021 in the amount of \$500.
- Approved the Catering Permit requested by the Girls Rodeo Association for March 7, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Owyhee County Community Center.
- Approved the wage increase to \$21.32 per hour for Atanacio

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- Approved the hiring of Zoe Daulton for the full-time position of Deputy Auditor with the Clerk’s Office, to begin February 22, 2021, at the pay rate of \$15.50 an hour.
- Discussion with Mark Carpenter regarding the need for a Conditional Use Permit: Mr. Carpenter is petitioning the Commissioners to override Planning & Zoning’s decision requiring a Conditional Use Permit for renovating a residential building that was deemed unlivable and removed from the Assessor’s taxing list in the late 1990’s. The Commissioners set a second meeting for March 22, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. to deliver their decision.
- Discussion regarding Uniform Addressing signs as stipulated in Ordinance 02-01 – the county will return to collecting a \$70.00 fee for installing green- house number signs.
- Homedale Rural Fire District petition for support for a Community Block Grant was tabled until the 2-22-21 Commissioner meeting.

February 22

- Set the agenda.
- Approved the 2-8-21 minutes.
- Approved Lyndon Haines (Washington Co) and Keri Smith (Canyon Co) as Southwest District Health board members.
- Approved the new hire of Brandi Long with the Assessor’s Office for the Grand View DMV, to begin on March 8, 2021, at the pay rate of \$13.30 an hour.
- Approved the 404 Permit regarding Design Study Report for the SIBBs KN 22594 Owyhee County Bridge to be conducted by the US Army Corps of Engineers, Idaho Department of Water Resources, and Idaho Department of Lands. This project includes the installation of a temporary shoo-fly on North Fork Boulder Creek and removing & replacing a bridge on North Fork Boulder Creek. The estimated start and finish dates for this project are Spring 2022 & Fall 2022.
- Approved a letter to Congressman Simpson regarding dam breaching on the lower Snake River pertaining to the reasonable recover of salmon and development of renewable energy resources.
- Discussion – A Wilson Creek Road Rehabilitation project was discussed with Harry Nelson & Phil Rittenhouse and approval was given to draft an agreement with Paragon Consulting, Inc. Agreement will be submitted on the March 1, 2021 agenda.
- Discussion – Homedale Rural Fire Department petitioned the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners for support in their application for a Community Block Grant to purchase land and build a new Fire & Ambulance building. A resolution of support will be submitted on the March 22, 2021 agenda.
- Commissioners met with Boise District BLM for their monthly coordination meeting.
03/17/2021

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 property:

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

CITY OF HOMEDALE FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION 2021-6157
LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS of the City of Homedale, that discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, gender or national origin in the sale, rental, leasing or financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing or in the provision of brokerage services is prohibited by Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act (Federal Fair Housing Law).
It is the policy of the City of Homedale to encourage equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, gender or national origin. The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 expands coverage to include disabled persons and families with children. Therefore, the City of Homedale does hereby

pass the following Resolution.
Be it resolved that within available resources the City of Homedale will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability or familial status to seek equity under Federal and State Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Compliance Division.
Be it further resolved that the City of Homedale shall publicize this Resolution and through this publicity shall encourage owners of real estate, developers and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law and amendments and any applicable state or local laws or ordinance.
Said program will at a minimum include: 1) publicizing this resolution; 2) posing applicable fair housing information in prominent public areas; 3) provide fair housing information to the public; 4) preparing a fair housing assessment; and 5) declaring April as Fair Housing Month.
EFFECTIVE DATE:
This Resolution shall take effect March 10, 2021
Gheen Christoffersen, Mayor
Attest: Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk
03/17/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE
In accordance with Sec.106 of the Programmatic Agreement, T-Mobile West, LLC plans to upgrade an existing telecommunications facility at 31 West Wyoming Avenue Homedale, Idaho 83628. Please direct comments to Gavin L. at 818-898-4866 regarding site SL02635A.
03/17,24/2021

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

LIEN SALE
F-15 ELIZABETH SNOW, 531 W IDAHO AVE, HOMEDALE IDAHO. DRESSER TWO CAR SEATS AND MISC ITEMS.
Sealed bid auction will be held on March 20, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., at Hwy 95 Self Storage located at 3685 Hwy 95 Homedale Idaho. Unit can be observed between now and the auction. Cash only. All bids are final. Units must be swept.
03/10,17/2021

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Bruneau - Grand View School District (BGVSD) seeks statements of qualifications from interested builders, to build a (roughly) 4,000 sq. ft. maintenance shop on Rimrock school grounds for the purpose of storing maintenance equipment, providing a maintenance office and work space, athletic equipment storage and to use as a concessions stand for spring athletic events.

In compliance with Idaho Statute 67-2805, competitive bidding procedures will be open to licensed public works contractors only after meeting preliminary supplemental qualifications established by the political subdivision. The solicitation for bids in the category B procurement shall consist of two (2) stages, an initial stage determining supplemental pre-qualifications for licensed contractors... followed by a stage during which bid prices will be accepted only from pre-qualified contractors.

Statement of Qualifications shall be received by BGVSD no later than April 1, 2021 at 4:00pm. Please send Statement of Qualifications to Bruneau Grand View Joint School District 365, 39678 State Highway 78, Bruneau, Idaho 83604.

Digital copies of the project can be obtained by contacting Jonathan McClure at jmcclure@sd365.us or calling BGV at 208-834-2260. Physical print-out(s) of the project may be obtained at BGVSD's District office located at 39678 State Highway 78 in Bruneau Idaho.

Questions related to the project are to be directed to Jonathan McClure at jmcclure@sd365.us or calling BGV at 208-834-2260

By Order of the Board of Trustees

Joint School District No. 365
39678 State Highway 78
Bruneau, Idaho 83604
JayDene Aquiso
03/10,17/2021

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Southwest Idaho Area Agency on Aging (SWIA3), the designated Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Serving Southwest Idaho, announces its intent to accept proposals from interested service providers for homemaker and respite services in various locations in Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Valley and Washington

counties.

The Request for Proposals Guide and Application materials are available on the SWIA3's website at: <https://www.a3ssa.com/administration/documents/request-for-proposals/>. Providers may submit proposals for one or more services in any or all of the designated cities and counties. Contracts will be issued with the winning providers for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

Providers with questions regarding the application packet should contact the SWIA3 Contracts Manager, Brandi Waselewski by telephone at (208) 898-7077 or by e-mail at brandi.waselewski@a3ssa.com. An informational conference for all interested providers will be held on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 10:00am. Unless specified otherwise, this will be held at the SWIA3 office at 1505 South Eagle Road, Suite 120 Meridian, Idaho 83642. The conference can also be accessed via zoom at the link below:

Topic: SWIA3 Homemaker and Respite RFP Informational Meeting

Time: Apr 8, 2021 10:00 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 836 0419 0928

Passcode: 960684

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83604190928?pwd=b2dqUktYZUlyWGNid0RJTEExR0V5dz09>

After April 12, 2021, SWIA3 will not answer any questions. Providers must submit proposals to SWIA3 office at 1505 South Eagle Road, Suite 120 Meridian, Idaho 83642 by Friday, May 7, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

Award announcements will be made on Friday, June 11th via email. There will be mandatory provider meeting on Monday, June 28, 2021 to finalize awarded contracts.

SWIA3 does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed, ability to speak English, disability, sex, age or marital status in admission, treatment, or participation in its programs, services, and activities, or in employment.

3/17,24/2021

SUMMONS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR

THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE COLLECTION BUREAU, INC., an Idaho corporation, Plaintiff, vs. ESTEBAN RIOS, Defendant

Case No. CV37-20-00194

TO: THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: You have been sued by the above named Plaintiff. The nature of the claim against you is monies due and owing. Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the case number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiff's Attorneys, Mark L. Clark, PLLC, PO Box 846, Nampa, Idaho, 83653; (208) 463-2331. A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

Dated: Feb. 8, 2021

Angela Barkell, CLERK OF THE COURT

By: /s/ Lena Johnson, Deputy Clerk

02/24;03/03,10,17/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV37-21-00045

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Devan W. Denton has been appointed personal representative of the Estate of Deborah Jolene Denton, Third Judicial District, Owyhee County, ID. All persons having claims against the decedents or the estates are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims shall be forever barred.

Claims must be provided to attorney Robert C. Montgomery, 2160 S. Twin Rapid Way, Boise, Idaho 83709 and filed with the Clerk of the Court in Owyhee County. Dated February 23, 2021.

03/10,17,24/2021

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE CASE NO. CV37-21-00075

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANKLIN P FLETCHER, II, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned was appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must both be presented to the undersigned at address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 4th day of March, 2021.

/s/:SHIRLEY FLETCHER, Personal Representative

c/o William L. Punkoney, ISB #8446, White Peterson Law Office, Attorneys for Personal Representative, 5700 E. Franklin Road, Suite 200, Nampa, Idaho 83687, Tel: (208) 466-9272, Fax: (208) 466-4405

03/17,24,31/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE CASE NO. CV37-21-00039

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF LOYD R. RANDOLPH and MARTHA M. RANDOLPH, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,

that CONNIE DEMOND and CHRISTOPHER RANDOLPH have been appointed personal representative of the above-named estates. All persons having claims against the decedents or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 9th day of March, 2021.

/s/:GWEN K. SWEESY

Gwen K. Sweesy, P.O. Box 1084, Caldwell, ID 83606. (208) 454-2974

03/17,24,31/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho:

57-12064

SHAWN M HIPWELL

BRECCA HIPWELL

15681 BATES CREEK RD

OREANA, ID 83650-5060

Point of Diversion NESW S22 T04S R01W OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER

Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 to 11/15 0.82 CFS

Total Diversion: 0.81 CFS

Date Filed: 02-11-2021

Place Of Use: IRRIGATION T04SR01WS22 NESW, NESE, NWSW, NWSE, SWSW

Total Acres: 41

This application proposes to appropriate trust water and will be evaluated in compliance with Section 42-203C, Idaho Code, and IDWR's Water Appropriation Rules, IDAPA 37.03.08.

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact the Western office at (208)334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s), please see <https://idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRAApplicationResults/>. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 W AIRPORT WAY, BOISE ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 4/5/2021. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director

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WORK WANTED
Homedale Community Garden is opening up the garden to our community. Are you interested in working with our garden team and bringing home fresh produce? Contact Denise at dddixon2222@gmail.com for more information.

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HELP WANTED
Owyhee County Road and Bridge District 3 is accepting applications for a Road and Bridge Operator. Must have experience operating heavy equipment, performing skilled maintenance and construction work on county roads and bridges to ensure the safety of the general public. CDL required. Must be able to pass background check and drug/alcohol test. Starting wage DOE. Applications must be received by Friday March 26, 2021. Please contact the Owyhee County Clerk's office for an application and job description. The information can also be found online at www.owyheecounty.net Owyhee County is an equal opportunity employer.
Class A CDL driver. Clean DLR. at least 2 years experience. 10 western states. Usually home several times a week. Most re-starts at home. Competitive wages with and without benefits, quarterly safety bonus, clean inspection bonus, phone allowance, \$2000 signing bonus. Call Bonnie (208)697-9923.

South Board of Control has an opening for a full-time Heavy Equipment/Diesel Mechanic position. Full job description and application is available at the South Board of Control main office at 118 S 1st St. W, Homedale, or Office@southboardofcontrol.com. Job open until filled.

Agricultural Research Assistant wanted: 40-acre research farm near Sunnyslope seeking an individual with agronomic and equipment knowledge in local crop production to assist with my operations. Pay negotiable pending experience and abilities. Prospective candidate must be at least 18 years of age and pass background and other preemployment screening. Contact Marty Schraer at 208/250-0937 for further information.

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Sports

Big second inning propels Pirates past Huskies

Baseball opener lasts just 4 innings

Overwhelming offensive output in the second inning pushed Payette High School to a 20-3 non-conference baseball victory over host Marsing

on Friday. The game was halted after four innings. The 3A Snake River Valley Pirates (1-1) built a 3-0 advantage in the first inning then exploded for 17 runs in the second to take an insurmountable 20-0 lead. Payette sent 23 batters to the plate in that decisive inning.

The Huskies (2-1-1 at week's end) got on the scoreboard in the third inning. Marsing loaded the bases with no outs when Coupe Urrutia was hit by a pitch, Xavier Delgadillo slapped one of his two singles (an infield variety to shortstop) and Kolton Scott walked. After Urrutia scored on Kail

Wyman's grounder to short, JT Chadez walked to reload the bases and Bowen Campbell drew a free pass to bring home Delgadillo. Marsing's other run came in the fourth. James Hance opened with a double and scored on Urrutia's infield single. Kodee Bennett homered

for the Pirates and had two hits, three RBI and four runs scored. He also walked twice. **Last Wednesday: Marsing 3, Horseshoe Bend 3** — The Huskies tied the Mustangs in Horseshoe Bend (0-2). No stats or other information was made available for this game.

Counterclockwise from below: Marsing starting pitcher Xavier Delgadillo delivers a strike early in Game 1 at Memorial Stadium.

Kolton Scott slides safely into third for a stolen base as Idaho City's third baseman tries to handle the throw.

First baseman Bowen Campbell settles under a high infield popup in the third inning of the opening game of the doubleheader.

Huskies junior James Nance hits one on the screws to lead off the game.



✓ Huskies: Players overcome awe of playing on professional diamond

From Page 1B the first time Idaho City had stepped on a baseball field at all. The team's only practices have been inside the town's elementary school gymnasium. "It's the first time the kids have played out on the dirt and grass," Wildcats coach Chris Turner said. "What an environment — I think they'll remember this." Reflecting the optimism of an inaugural team, the squad had a strong turnout, pulling in 15 athletes. "I played football, and I'm glad they got the baseball team together," senior shortstop Noah Erbe said. "It's a great opportunity." Senior first baseman Trayton Nelson agreed, gesturing out to the field. "Look at this — it's amazing." The Wildcats had a lot of help getting the team up and running. The school received an \$11,000 donation from

Dick's Sporting Goods to help with initial costs, like equipment and uniforms. Additionally, the school district raised another \$15,000 for the Wildcats' new baseball and softball programs. Idaho City was not the only team benefitting from the atmosphere a professional baseball field brings. In particular, the Huskies were impressed with the field itself. Senior catcher Kolton Scott pointed out to center field. "Do you see that? It's (405 feet) to straight-away center," he said. "I would love to hit one out there." Junior shortstop James Hance, who transferred from Nampa's Skyview High School before the current school year, was naturally impressed by the field and stadium but emphasized how glad he could experience it with the Huskies (2-1-1 overall). "I came from a bigger

school, and everyone was worried about their personal stats, especially in football," Hance said. "This is a team. We help each other." **Game 1: Marsing 19, Idaho City 11** — The Wildcats hung in tight in the opening game, trailing just 4-3 after three innings. In fact, neither team scored until that third inning, when the Huskies' Braeden Davis scored (despite tripping halfway down the third-base line) on a Coupe Urrutia double for the first run of the game. Urrutia stole third base, then trotted home after starting pitcher Xavier Delgadillo tripled. Delgadillo then scored on a passed ball. Kail Wyman scored later in the inning, leading to a 4-0 lead. Delgadillo appeared to hurt his left knee while sliding into second base in the fourth inning. He stayed in the game,

initially giving it a go on the mound. He moved to shortstop after a little shuffling of positions. No further information was provided for this game. **Game 2: Marsing 17, Idaho City 1 (4)** — The second game of the doubleheader was never in doubt, ending on the 10-run rule. The Huskies went up 6-0 in the opening frame. With one out, four straight Huskies batters reached base. Urrutia dashed to first base after a dropped third strike, Delgadillo walked, Bowen Campbell was hit by a pitch, and Scott singled. In the midst of that, Urrutia and Delgadillo scored on wild pitches. Scott's single knocked in Campbell. Scott would score on another wild pitch. Colton Brown walked and scored on a triple by Davis. Davis trotted home on Robert Renteria's single.

The Huskies scored one more run in the second inning and two in the third, before an eight-run fourth forced the 10-run rule. The lone Wildcat run came in the fourth inning when Ty Nelson doubled and came home on a pair of errors. Nine of Marsing's 10 players reached base. Delgadillo did not record a hit but drew three walks. Brown and Davis each had a hit and walked twice. Scott was the only player with multiple hits, smacking a pair of singles. JT Chadez had a double, and Davis and Wyman each recorded triples. Campbell got the win, striking out six and allowing two hits and no walks. In his one inning of relief, Scott allowed a hit and a run, while striking out a pair of Wildcats. — TK