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Owyhee readies for GOP primary

Lincoln Day banquet on Feb. 21 marks start of campaigns

The candidate filing window for the May 17 primary doesn't open for another 2½ weeks, but plans are already under way for this year's campaign season.

The Owyhee County Lincoln Day Banquet is scheduled for noon on Monday, Feb. 21 at the Owyhee County Community Center, 432 W. Nevada Ave., at the county fairgrounds in Homedale.

The biennial Lincoln Day luncheon typically kicks off the Republican primary races in Owyhee County.

The cost for the luncheon is \$30 plus there is always a fundraising auction for the Owyhee County Republican Central Committee.

RSVP for the event by contacting county GOP chair Shawn Dygert at (208) 250-9882 or shawn.dygert@gmail.com.

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Retiring No. 1

Bobo Carter (left) holds the No. 1 bidder placard as JB Salutregui auctions the first lot of Saturday's Marsing Disaster Auction. For more on the bidding and auction, see **Page 8A**

Fair boundary update began years ago

Longtime non-Owyhee exhibitors allowed

The plan to streamline livestock exhibit eligibility at the Owyhee County Fair has been in the works for nearly four years.

Fair board members told a group of six people that letters were sent to leaders of 4-H clubs and FFA advisors in 2018 tipping off the eventual move to allowing only Owyhee County residents to show large animals at the annual event held each August.

"Pen space is an issue," board member Tiffany Hipwell of Murphy said. "The first letter sent out in 2018 made it clear that our direction was to draw the boundary at the county line."

The new rule applies to market and breeding pigs, beef, sheep and goats as well as all dairy classes. Family Consumer Sciences entries are still open to all comers.

One FFA advisor, one 4-H leader and three parents spoke to the board on behalf of their youth during Thursday's monthly meeting inside the Owyhee County Community Center in Homedale.

Homedale FFA co-advisor Shane Wetzel said he and his colleague Rachel Rheuby were taking guidance for their youth from a rulebook and that he was unaware of the 2018 letter because he hasn't been in

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Lions bingo marks 25 years in Marsing

The HUB toiletries collection drive continues

Some would say that every Marsing Lions Club bingo night is a special occasion with the camaraderie and — for a lucky few — the winnings.

But Saturday's bingo night is truly special — even if very

few people are aware.

The next bingo night for the 2021-22 season will mark the 25th anniversary of the first Marsing Lions Club bingo.

One-time Lions Club member Bob Malmberg pieced

together how the bingo nights began.

The first was held on Feb. 8, 1997 inside the Marsing grade school. Entry cost \$15 for 12 games of six, according to a news brief in The Owyhee Avalanche.

Proceeds from that first night helped provide eye care services for eligible children

and adults in the area.

Mike Percifield was responsible for pulling the club into the endeavor.

"Mike brought it up," Malmberg said. "He was an avid bingo fan."

Malmberg and Percifield were co-workers at Bowman Produce.

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Marsing council to chew fat about food trucks

Truck park could be coming; public works needs on docket

The Marsing City Council will hear about capital equipment needs during its monthly meeting tonight.

There are several proposals on the agenda that could result in buying new equipment or providing support for community events.

The council convenes at 7 p.m., inside the Sandbar Community Room/ council chambers at 18 Sandbar Ave.

In addition to possible capital expenditures, the council will begin discussions about possibly creating an ordinance to regulate food trucks in the city limits.

According to city clerk and treasurer Jolyn Thompson, a food truck park has been proposed for Marsing, and city attorney Stephanie J. Bonney suggested

elected officials analyze future needs.

“We currently address food trucks as just standalone businesses, so this discussion will be about the future of how we deal with food trucks/food truck parks,” Thompson said.

- There are just under 6,500 feet of wastewater transmission lines that have yet to be inspected by Dr. Pipeline, and the council will consider the company’s offer to complete the infrastructure analysis for \$1 per foot.

The total price tag to complete the inspection would be \$6,490, which — according to Flannery’s testimony during the January council meeting — is more than 50 percent cheaper than the rate Dr. Pipeline has charged for the work already completed.

- The council will also discuss possibly reimbursing American Legion Post 128 for the use of the Phipps-Watson community center during the monthly community movie nights.

Apparently a Legionnaire inquired

if the city could help with the cost of using water and power during the free events, which take place on the third Thursday of each month.

Thompson said the Legion suggested no specific amount.

- The council will also take up the question of continuing to provide in-kind support for the Third of July celebration.

“The request is whether or not the City will continue with supporting the event with the tent, bathrooms, shuttle and garbage as well as asking if the City will donate any dollar amount to the event like they have in the past,” Thompson said.

Thompson said, if approved, any donation would come out of the city’s general fund.

- The council will take up the question on whether a new pickup truck is needed for either the public works department or the code enforcement officer.

Thompson said this is only a

discussion on the need, so no proposal has been prepared.

If the council decides a new vehicle is necessary, public works superintendent Ryan Flannery will be instructed to get quotes and other information, Thompson said.

The current code enforcement vehicle is an old Marsing public works truck.

Thompson said council members agreed to purchase a new truck for code enforcement early in 2020, but the idea was scrapped because of subsequent staffing changes.

- Council members also are scheduled to revisit the idea of purchasing a new public works lawnmower.

Thompson said the discussion was tabled during the October meeting.

The idea was to purchase a commercial mower to replace a residential one that was purchased three years ago. That machine has reached the end of its life cycle, Thompson said.

— JPB

Time’s running out to buy Homedale Boosters crab and steak feed tickets

Homedale High School athletes are in the final days of selling tickets for the ninth annual Homedale Boosters Crab and Steak Feed.

The dinner costs \$55 per person, or there is an option to buy a table for eight people.

The fundraiser will be held on Saturday at the Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St.

Tickets are also available by contacting athletic director Casey Grove at cgrove@homedaleschools.org or (208) 340-4611 or by messaging the Homedale Booster Club on Facebook.

Proceeds will benefit Trojans sports teams.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., with dinner served at 7 p.m. A live auction will begin at 8 p.m.

The fundraiser also includes a raffle and a silent auction.

Methamphetamine possession results in felony probation

A 37-year-old man will avoid up to six years in prison if he can remain on the straight and narrow for the next three years.

Dylan Matthew Taylor of Wilder received felony probation and suspended state penitentiary sentence when Third District Judge Andrea Courtney sentenced him on a felony drug conviction.

Taylor was sentenced on Jan. 18 inside a Murphy courtroom.

Courtney suspended a state prison sentence of two to six years, gave Taylor credit for two days he had spent in Owyhee County Jail after his arrest, and ordered him to perform 100 hours of community service.

Taylor also must pay \$750 in fines and \$635.50 in court costs.

Taylor entered a guilty plea to a felony count of controlled substance possession as part of a plea agreement.

The plea deal included Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey L. Phillips dropping a misdemeanor paraphernalia possession charge.

Taylor was originally charged with two other misdemeanors — drug possession and driving without privileges — when Homedale Police arrested him after a traffic stop just after 11:30 p.m., on Aug. 21 on West Owyhee Avenue.

Taylor’s vehicle was stopped after an officer saw him fail to stop at a stop sign.

Officers located about 26.5 grams of methamphetamine, a pipe, a syringe, and a loaded handgun during their search of Taylor and his vehicle.

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Homedale trash deal could be renewed

City council to consider lot split request on East Owyhee Ave.

The Homedale City Council could renew its municipal waste management contract tonight.

Republic Services representative and former Westowns Disposal Inc., owner Bill Pastoor requested the city consider renewing the service contract during an October meeting.

The contract doesn't expire until the end of March.

According to the agenda for tonight's council meeting, council members will discuss and possibly take action on the request.

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

The council also is scheduled to possibly take action on a lot split request in the 500 block of East Owyhee Avenue. Boise resident Tim Bever recently was high-bidder on a piece of land that will allow him to

connect to city utility services and begin his plan to develop two residences on the spot near the Snake River.

During the council's Oct. 13 meeting, a representative from Hardin Sanitation asked the city to consider issuing a request for qualifications or a comparison of services.

It appears the council never took that step.

A request to reschedule the March 9 council meeting was the only other action item listed on the agenda when it was released last week.

The council can make changes to the agenda up to 48 hours before the meeting, or – by a vote – can amend the agenda at the start of tonight's meeting.

Regular reports from the library, police department, public works department, city engineer, and on Planning and Zoning developments could be heard, too.

— JPB



Swinging to Ozark music
Left: Ramon Smith, a 5-year-old Homedale resident fittingly wearing a cape, flies around the dance floor with help from his mother, Rachael, as Betty Adams and Ozark Mountain Music play on Feb. 1 at the Homedale Senior Center. Below: Homedale native Betty Adams (second from right) led her band during its lunchtime performance. The musicians include (from left) Doug Jenkins of Nampa (fiddle), Bill Cates of Meridian (banjo), Adams, who lives in Caldwell (guitar), and Mark Stolpe of Boise (upright bass).

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✓ Primary: Political campaigns already under way for some candidates

Dygert said that confirmations of attendance from GOP primary candidates are starting to roll in.

Candidates can officially file their nomination forms between Feb. 28 and March 11.

The Owyhee County primary will be a busy one with several incumbents up for re-election, including:

- Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi for a four-year term
- Dist. 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick for a two-year term
- Four-year terms also are on the line in other county offices:
 - Clerk — Angie Barkell, incumbent
 - Treasurer — Annette Dygert, incumbent
 - Assessor — Robin Monahan, who was appointed to complete Toni Gruenwald's four-year term
 - Coroner — Aaron Tines, incumbent

Tines is scheduled to appear in a Murphy courtroom at 2:30 p.m., on Tuesday, March 29 for sentencing on a misdemeanor charge. He entered a guilty plea to the allegation he neglected

the duties of his office during an arraignment in Owyhee County Courtroom 1 on Jan. 24.

County precinct committee members for both the Republican and Democratic central committees also will be on the May 17 ballot.

Other primary races will include:

- State legislative seats, and it appears the men who are running for the reconfigured District 23 House of Representatives seats are Nampa Republican incumbents Dist. 12B Rep. Rick Youngblood and Dist. 12 Sen. Todd Lakey. House Seat A apparently is up for grabs, but on Monday Republican Michael Law of Kuna announced his intention to run for the Republican nomination.

The redistricting committee put Owyhee County in a new District 23 with southern Canyon and Ada counties.



Michael Law



From left: Current Dist. 12B Rep. Rick Youngblood and Dist. 12 Sen. Todd Lakey made appearances at Saturday's Owyhee Cattlemen's Association winter meeting in Oreana, while Dist. 23B Rep. Megan Blanksma thanked the ranchers for their support during her tenure. Dist. 23A Rep. Matthew Bundy was unable to attend because of a personal commitment. Dist. 23 Sen. Christy Zito was absent.

There are at least two legal challenges to the committee's reapportionment plan after the 2020 Census.

- Statewide offices on the May 17 primary ballot will include governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general,

secretary of state, treasurer, controller, and superintendent of public instruction.

Marsing native Cody Usabel, who now lives in Meridian, is one of several Republicans who have announced their candidacy for governor.

- U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) will seek a fourth term against a crowded GOP field.
- U.S. Rep. Russ Fulcher (R-Idaho) also faces re-election for a two-year term as the state's First District congressman.

Correction

The thrift store at the Homedale Senior Center is open from 8 a.m., to 1 p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The center is located at 224 W. Idaho Ave.

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Public input invited on NRCS conservation projects in Malheur

A public meeting scheduled for Thursday will help prioritize natural resource conservation opportunities in Malheur County.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service’s Malheur County Work Group will hold the meeting between 1 p.m., and 4 p.m., at the Malheur County Extension Office, 710 SW 5th Ave., in Ontario, Ore.

The meeting is available online at <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1618080604?pwd=MmhlaTc4WFRrVEVBMMmNJamJGaE1VUT09>

Meeting ID: 161 808 0604
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The work group seeks input from farmers, ranchers, state and federal agencies, agriculture and conservation organizations regarding natural resource conservation priorities and opportunities to invest collaboratively in Malheur County.

For more information, contact Malheur County USDA NRCS district conservationist Lynn Larsen at 2925 SW 6th Avenue, Ste. 2, Ontario, OR 97914, (541) 823-5132, or lynn.larsen@usda.gov.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

*Choice of milk and juice
PB&J sandwich, and Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily*

Feb. 9: **Breakfast:** French toast sticks, yogurt, applesauce **Lunch:** Dutch waffle with sausage patty, hash brown patty, strawberries

Feb. 10: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, French fries

Feb. 14: **Breakfast:** Apple or cherry frudel, yogurt, peaches **Lunch:** Super nachos with refried beans

Feb. 15: **Breakfast:** Sausage breakfast pizza, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken sandwich, mixed vegetables

Feb. 16: **Breakfast:** Tornado (egg, sausage, cheese), cheese stick, banana **Lunch:** Orange chicken rice bowl, steamed broccoli, snickerdoodle cookie

Homedale Middle

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

Feb. 9: **Breakfast:** French toast sticks, yogurt **Lunch:** Dutch waffle with sausage patties, hash brown patty, strawberries

Feb. 10: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, French fries

Feb. 14: **Breakfast:** Apple or Cherry frudel, yogurt, cheese stick **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, mixed vegetables

Feb. 15: **Breakfast:** Sausage breakfast pizza **Lunch:** Spaghetti with garlic French bread, green beans

Feb. 16: **Breakfast:** Tornado (egg, sausage, cheese), cheese stick **Lunch:** Taquitos, buttered corn

Homedale High

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

Feb. 9: **Breakfast:** Tornado (egg, sausage, cheese) or breakfast round, yogurt **Lunch:** Taquito with potato wedges, or cheeseburger with potato wedges, or G&G club sub with chips or chicken bacon ranch salad with breadstick

Feb. 10: **Breakfast:** Sausage and cheese croissant, yogurt **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza with fries, or Buffalo chicken wrap with chips or BBQ chicken salad with breadstick

Feb. 14: **Breakfast:** Waffle, maple sausage or Pop Tart, cheese stick **Lunch:** Cheeseburger with tots, or mozzarella and garlic pull apart with tots, or Italian sub with chips, or chicken bacon ranch salad with breadstick

Feb. 15: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy, or biscuit and jelly, sausage patty **Lunch:** Chicken taco with Spanish rice and refried beans, or chicken or spicy chicken sandwich with fries, or chicken Caesar wrap with chips, or chicken Caesar salad with breadstick

Feb. 16: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, or apple or cherry frudel, yogurt **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak with roll, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, or turkey bacon ranch wrap with chips, snickerdoodle cookie

Marsing

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

Elementary: Daily breakfast cereal option
Middle/High School each day: PB&J sandwich option

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

Feb. 9: **Breakfast:** Tornado (egg, sausage, cheese), mixed berry smoothie **Lunch:** Orange chicken rice bowl, green beans Hot Grab n go: Buffalo chicken pizza, potato wedge

Feb. 10: **Breakfast:** Apple or cherry frudel **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered corn Cold Grab n go: Turkey bacon ranch wrap

Feb. 14: **Breakfast:** Apple breakfast bites **Lunch:** Corn dog, French fries, chocolate chunk cookie Hot Grab n go: Pepperoni pizza, tots/gems

Feb. 15: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch:** Spaghetti, green beans Cold Grab n go: BBQ chicken ranch wrap

Feb. 16: **Breakfast:** Ham, egg, cheese croissant, Pop Tart **Lunch:** Dutch waffle, sausage patty, hash brown patty Hot Grab n go: Quesadilla, French fries

Bruneau/Grand View

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

Feb. 9: **Breakfast:** Muffins **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets with wheat roll, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli

Feb. 10: **Breakfast:** Mini Cinnabon **Lunch:** Hamburger on a bun, Tater Tots, baby carrots

Feb. 14: **Breakfast:** French toast **Lunch:** Little Smokies, scalloped potatoes, green beans, wheat roll

Feb. 15: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and jelly **Lunch:** Taco salad, wheat tortilla chips, refried beans/salsa

Feb. 16: **Breakfast:** PB&J sandwich **Lunch:** Chicken taco, tossed romaine salad, broccoli

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

*Salad bar: *Not Available due to the Coronavirus
Curbside pickup only between noon and 1 p.m.
Phone ahead 208-337-3020 to order
Dessert is included in curbside lunch
Milk available each day
Roll available each day except Feb. 23rd*

Feb. 9: Hot dog, fries or tots, chili, peas and carrots

Feb. 10: Beef stroganoff, broccoli

Feb. 15: Chicken patty, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables

Feb. 16: Nachos with ground beef, cheese sauce, tortilla chips, salsa, guacamole and sour cream, rice, Brussels sprouts

Feb. 17: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, beets

Feb. 22: Chicken and noodles, California blend vegetables

Feb. 23: Ham and cheese sandwich, potato salad, beet salad

Feb. 24: Baked fish, rice pilaf, country trio vegetables

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing

*Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside Marsing City Hall
Milk available each day*

Suggested donation: \$4 (60 and older), \$6 (59 and younger)

Feb. 9: Orange chicken, brown rice, stir fry vegetables, peaches, wheat bread

Feb. 11: Ham and potato soup, green beans, spiced apples, V-8 juice, wheat roll

Feb. 14: Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, beets, pineapple, wheat roll

Feb. 16: Fiesta chicken, refried beans, mixed vegetables, citrus salad, wheat tortilla

Feb. 18: Turkey Florentine, broccoli, baby lima beans, wheat bread

Feb. 21: CLOSED – President’s Day

Feb. 23: Meatball soup, corn, green beans, fresh fruit, Baci roll

Rimrock Senior Center

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Feb. 10: Fish, sautéed cabbage, macaroni and cheese, bread sticks, cottage cheese, pineapple

Feb. 15: Roast turkey, baked potato, steamed vegetables, green salad, whole wheat roll, cake and ice cream

Feb. 17: Chicken Alfredo, green salad, pasta salad, garlic bread, fruit cocktail, pudding

Feb. 22: Pot roast stew, green salad, garlic bread, banana and orange, yogurt with granola

Feb. 24: Spaghetti, steamed vegetable, green salad, Mandarin oranges, pudding

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that 48 million Americans will become sick from foodborne illnesses (CDC, 2018). And, according to surveys, 70 percent of Americans are cooking the majority of their meals at home because of the global pandemic (Blakeslee, 2020).



Suriñe Greenway

It is encouraging that more individuals are cooking meals in the home, yet not everyone preparing food has proper knowledge regarding recommended safety practices when handling food. When you factor in the piece that most individuals are preparing meals for not only themselves, but for others as well, the potential to get individuals sick can become very likely.

In addition to food preparation in the home, home food preservation rates have grown drastically over the past several years, (Johnson et al., 2018). While this increase in food preservation is wonderful, this increases the chances there may be a foodborne illness associated with improperly home-canned products.

Recognizing the changes in these current trends, Extension Educators in Idaho began structuring virtual food preservation classes via Zoom. Based on the positive response from consumers, these classes continue to be offered for free, with a range of topics occurring throughout the year. Virtual topics occur once per

month. These virtual classes are in addition to hands-on classes in food safety and food preservation content that continue to be offered throughout the year at various locations.

The February virtual program, “Dehydration Basics,” will show how fun and easy it is to dehydrate garden goodies to eat or use in cooking all year long. This class will be offered from noon to 1 p.m., MST on Thursday, Feb. 17. Quality and safety recommendations will be shared through this class that will cover the different ways you can dehydrate.

If interested, simply register by visiting: <https://bit.ly/dehydrationbasics>

If you are interested in the upcoming March program of “Boiling Water Canning Basics” and April’s “Pressure Canning Basics,” check them out here: <https://bit.ly/boilingbasics> and <https://bit.ly/pressurebasics>.

Canyon County Horticulture Extension Educator Nic Usabel hosts a similar virtual series centered on gardening topics. Check out his programs by calling (208) 459-6003.

If you have questions regarding programs the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension offers, call (208) 896-4104.

— Suriñe Greenway is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educator. For more information, you can reach the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

Owyhee Gardeners want your garden to be successful

Regardless of what Punxsutawney Phil said last week, spring is coming our way. And the Owyhee Gardeners are ready to help folks get ready.

Thursday’s monthly meeting will cover “25 Ways to Win the

Garden Season” when Diane Roberson visits for a talk.

Roberson plans to bring new and innovative ideas to the meeting, which takes place from 1 p.m., to 3 p.m., on Thursday inside the Sandbar Community Room in Marsing.

The Owyhee Gardeners meet inside the Sandbar room at City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., on the first Thursday of each month.

Calendar

Today

Ladies coffee group
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

Yoga class
10 a.m., free, all ages, beginner-focused, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Story Time
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Christian Life Club
4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. Kindergarten to fourth grade. (208) 880-7070.

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

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

Jordan Valley Ambulance meeting
6 p.m., ambulance hall, 706 Main St.

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

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

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

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

Jordan Valley school board meeting
7 p.m., Jordan Valley Elementary School library, 604 Oregon Ave., Jordan Valley. (541) 586-2213

Thursday

Fit and Fall Proof exercise class
10 a.m., to 11 a.m., free, old Marsing High School gymnasium, 800 Main St., Marsing. (208) 296-0847

Fit and Fall exercise
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Owyhee Gardeners meeting
1 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 546-1829

Yoga class
4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale

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

Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting
5:30 p.m., The Spot, 12 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. Check Facebook for updates. (208) 859-2087 or marsingchamber@gmail.com

Library Board meeting
5:30 p.m., Lizard Butte Library community room, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Alcoholics Anonymous
7 p.m., open to alcoholics, their families and those contemplating recovery, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

VFW meeting
7 p.m., Samuel Phillips III Post 11065, 208 3rd St., Wilder. (208) 250-7780

Friday

U and I Together class
2 p.m., “It Came from Where?,” free, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Saturday

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

Free lunch
11:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Homedale Boosters Crab & Steak Feed
6:30 p.m., doors, 7 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m., live auction, \$55 per person, Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., Homedale

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

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

Foot clinic
8:30 a.m., appointments necessary, foot exams, \$20; ear cleanings, \$30, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Fit and Fall Proof exercise class
10 a.m., to 11 a.m., free, old Marsing High School gymnasium, 800 Main St., Marsing. (208) 296-0847

Fit and Fall exercise
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Yoga class
4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale

After-school program
4 p.m., to 5 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Marsing Beautification Project meeting
5:30 p.m., the HUB, rear entrance, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing

Alcoholics Anonymous
7 p.m., open to alcoholics, their families and those contemplating recovery, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Wednesday

Ladies coffee group
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

Yoga class
10 a.m., free, all ages, beginner-focused, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Story Time
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Christian Life Club
4 p.m., to 5:15 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. Kindergarten to fourth grade. (208) 880-7070.

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The 60th Marsing Disaster Auction



Spotter Steve Hall was among several auction professionals who donated their time to make the auction a success.



The Usabel boys — Mike (left) and Joe — went up against the whole room in the first bidding of the day and prevailed to buy their dad Roman’s coveted No. 1 bidder card. Roman, who died in November at the age of 87, was an original member of the disaster auction committee and always picked the first item that went up for bid from his front-row seat. Mike and Joe paid \$2,100 for their dad’s number and announced it would be retired. They posed with the card at their dad’s spot, which was memorialized with his ubiquitous hat, jacket and a bouquet of flowers. A moment of silence was also observed to honor Roman.



As members of the Marsing FFA chapter brace to walk auction items around the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, longtime resident Rich Dines recounts the history of the Marsing Disaster Auction prior to the bids flying Saturday.

The Marsing Disaster Auction and raffle brought in more than \$90,000 this year. The youth who raised the most money through raffle ticket sales were recognized Saturday. **From left:** Parker Showalter, first place, \$2,060; Jordan Ineck, second place, \$1,000; Lcee Loucks, third place, \$800; and Jakel Floyd, who sold the most tickets the day of the auction. Marsing Disaster Auction Facebook photo



Yes, those doughnuts were for sale again this year. Mandy Whitney manned the fryer and plopped dozens and dozens of the dough rings into the hot oil and fished them out when they were just right so other volunteers could bag up the goodies.

Politics, state sovereignty cross paths in Oreana

25 years later, ranchers still support LU, Joyce reimbursement

Even though most members' ideologies fall into the conservative realm, as a rule the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association stands as an apolitical organization.

During Saturday's winter meeting, however, ranchers got a glimpse of which candidates in the upcoming Republican primary election may be in their corner.

And, in one instance, men who have fought for decades for their livelihoods and legacies received reaffirmation of their belief that one incumbent continues to resist joining the fight.

Raúl Labrador, a former two-term state legislator and four-term U.S. congressman, spoke to the membership meeting as a candidate for Idaho attorney general.

"We have a problem in the State of Idaho where the current attorney general thinks it's his job to represent the bureaucracy of Idaho and the people of Idaho," Labrador said.

Former OCA board member Steve Boren of Oreana pressed both Labrador and Dist. 23A Rep. Megan Blanksma (R-Hammett) for details that he really already knew:

Who was standing in the way of efforts to reimburse Paul Nettleton and Tim Lowry for the legal bills they incurred trying to save their own stock water rights and — in turn — protecting the rest of their colleagues across the West from federal agencies attempting to take those rights?

Labrador and Blanksma were — by and large — diplomatic in handling Boren's respectful but passionate grilling. But even before Boren spoke up, the attorney general candidate seemed to on a similar — if general — train of thought.

"The role of the attorney general is to protect the State of Idaho," Labrador said. "But when you're talking about the State of Idaho, it includes the people."

During a break in the meeting, one of the answers for which Boren was trying to get public confirmation entered the Oreana Community Hall.

According to those in the room, incumbent Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, a former Owyhee County prosecuting attorney, walked into the building and attempted to make the rounds during the recess.

He first walked over to Lowry, who was chatting with Bo-

ren and Jordan Valley rancher Mike Hanley — who would later update the membership about his own battle with the federal government.

The reception Wasden received was cool, according to reports. He walked across the room to shake hands with Nettleton and apparently received a similar welcome.

Wasden then quietly slipped out of the hall without addressing the full membership as had Labrador, Blanksma, lieutenant governor candidate Scott Bedke (current Speaker of the Idaho House of Representatives), would-be new District 23 state representatives Todd Lakey and Rick Youngblood and Labrador's congressional successor Russ Fulcher.

Some Owyhee County ranchers view Wasden as one of the road blocks to using Idaho's Constitutional Defense Fund to reimburse Nettleton and Lowry for the funds they've spent winning a water rights battle in Idaho Supreme Court against the Bureau of Land Management.

The court victory came in 1997. Fifteen years later, both men continue to run their operations while quietly walking as heroes amongst their colleagues.

The prevailing sentiment is Lowry and Nettleton protected the state's sovereignty — the implied purpose of the fund — and did the work that three state AGs — Larry Echohawk, Al Lance and Wasden — wouldn't take up.

"What the attorney general should have done from the beginning is had stood shoulder to shoulder with these people," Labrador said, drawing applause from the membership.

Bedke, also a rancher, has expressed support for the idea. But he and the state Senate

Pro-Tempore — now Chuck Winder — are only two votes on the Constitutional Defense Council, and Wasden has resisted bringing the question to a vote. The fourth vote rests in the governor's office.

As Boren pointed out during his questioning of Labrador, both then-Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter and current Idaho chief executive Brad Little also showed reluctance to cast votes in favor of tapping into the CDF to make Lowry and Nettleton financially whole.

Blanksma spearheaded House Proclamation 1 during the 2018 legislative session to urge the council to reimburse Lowry's LU Ranching Co., and Nettleton's Joyce Livestock Co.

On Saturday, she said that another bill was to be introduced Monday that would attempt to eliminate the opportunity for the federal government to hold a water right in Idaho. Although Blanksma announced the legislation, she said it was Bedke's bill.

Boren tried to get a commitment from Labrador to call for a vote on the Nettleton-Lowry issue if he became attorney general.

"You're going to pin me down," Labrador said. "I can't say yes or no until I study the entire case," but he said the fund appeared to be for instances such as this.

Near the end of the meeting, Hanley told his colleagues that the U.S. Supreme Court had declined to hear his case related to the BLM rescinding his grazing preference.

The Jordan Valley rancher said the BLM's action and the end of the appeal process meant the Taylor Grazing Act of 1934 is either "in jeopardy or gone."

Hanley warned: "The No. 1 priority in the West is our water, and if (the feds) can take our grazing rights, they can take our water." — JPB



Ashley Steiner, the wife of OCA director Jake Steiner, accepts the membership bit from board president Oscar Evans after winning Saturday's drawing.



Representing the Jordan Valley Rodeo Association, Vern Kershner, right, presents a \$7,500 check to OCA board president Oscar Evans. The money goes into the Owyhee Cattlemen's Heritage Fund, and an identical donation was made to the Malheur County Cattlemen's Association.



During his address to the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association on Saturday, Raúl Labrador, who is running for Idaho Attorney General, said incumbent Lawrence Wasden was "acting like a liberal activist judge" by interpreting the state Constitution.



Owyhee Cattlemen's Association secretary Scott Jensen continued in his familiar role conducting the deck o' cards raffle. One raffle was held during the meeting, and the second took place during the social hour.

Bedke: Schools’ insurance option “indirect property tax relief”

HB 443 bumps state support for teachers’ health coverage

by Jessica Megis
UI McClure Public Policy intern

The Idaho Senate approved two pieces of legislation related to education last week.

Senate Bill 1238 addressing self-directed learning has been referred to the House Education Committee.

In a move that will provide state insurance coverage for Idaho’s teachers, Gov. Brad Little signed House Bill 443 on Tuesday after deadline at Melba Elementary School. The ceremony coincided with the first of a series of teacher appreciation rallies Little will attend around the state this week.

During his visit to the Owyhee Cattlemen’s winter meeting in Oreana on Saturday, Speaker of the House Scott Bedke said HB 443 will put all school districts regardless of size — from Rimrock to West Ada — on an even playing surface when it comes to paying for health insurance.

With a 32-0 vote, the Senate also passed HB 443, which would give Idaho teachers the option to enroll in the same health insurance coverage that state employees receive. Three senators were absent for the vote.

Idaho schools currently receive \$8,400 per staff member in state funding for health insurance, and HB 443 would increase that rate to \$12,500 per employee. However, the



Idaho Speaker of the House Scott Bedke, who is running for lieutenant governor in the May Republican primary, addressed the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association winter meeting in Oreana on Saturday. Bedke is a rancher from Oakley.

option to utilize offers from private insurers would still be available, if schools choose not to switch to the state’s plan.

“This will be an indirect property tax relief because the local districts don’t have to pay for that any more,” the Republican candidate for lieutenant governor said.

School districts will have two years to decide if they want to participate,

Bedke said.

This bill supports Little’s bigger plan to retain Idaho’s teachers and better support their efforts to provide quality K-12 education. Legislators from both chambers agree the bill demonstrates “appreciation” for teachers’ work, especially during the pandemic.

S 1238 encourages academically advanced students to pursue other opportunities in or outside the classroom upon collaboration between parents, teachers, and the students themselves. The bill passed the Senate, 32-0, last Wednesday with three senators absent.

Idaho schools are facing challenges with management this year because of the pandemic, and often substitutes are sought when staff cannot teach classes.

Dist. 8 Sen. Steven Thayn (R-Emmett), the Education Committee chair who served as a substitute teacher this year at a school in his district, introduced S 1238 after observing varying progress levels of each student.

“Let’s reward some of the motivated students... [S 1238] allows for more individualized learning, personalized learning,” he said.

The concept addresses a greater emphasis on learning rather than seat time. Students that demonstrate self-directed learning are able to qualify for added flexibility.

Teachers are able to designate K-12 youth as “self-directed learners” based on students’ effort and their overall understanding of the information taught.

Thayn explained students have

several options outside of the regular coursework if they are doing well, including taking advanced courses, participating in extracurricular activities of interest, or even having a part-time job.

“Whatever agreement they come to, the student, the teacher, and the parent, need to agree to it, so that there’s some sideboards on this,” he said.

While schools do implement programs that allow for opportunities outside the classroom to students demonstrating a level of mastery, S 1238 will provide greater freedom to support students. It also permits marking these students as present for attendance, so schools still receive attendance-based funding.

“This flexibility, I think, is really helpful for parents and for students because they can meet the needs of students that don’t always fit the mold,” Dist. 4 Sen. Mary Souza (R-Coeur d’Alene) said. “Everyone has a different learning style and a different learning pace.”

Dist. 5 Sen. David Nelson (D-Moscow) backed up Thayn’s mention that the bill would have no fiscal impact.

“I do want to highlight, I think when we ask our teachers to do more, there is a fiscal impact, and this does request our teachers to do more, to handle these self-directed learners,” Nelson said.

S 1238 will now head to the House of Representatives for a public hearing.

— Jessica Megis is pursuing Broadcasting and Digital Media at the University of Idaho.

Homedale High senior donates to St. Luke’s cancer fund



Homedale High School senior Abbey Henry (right) presents a check to Christen Wilmer from the St. Luke’s Health Foundation.

Abbey Henry put a lot of work into her act of positivity, and it paid off for cancer awareness.

The 17-year-old Homedale High School senior capped her leadership project by handing a check to Christen Wilmer, St. Luke’s Health Foundation director of major and planned gifts, during an assembly in December.

Through the sale of six different Pink Night T-shirts, hoodies and sweatshirts, Abbey was able to donate \$1,529.05 to the St. Luke’s Cancer Institute.

The daughter of Camille and

Isaac Henry developed the breast cancer awareness apparel with local shirt producer Chris Marston. Abbey located a logo online and helped design the clothing.

“October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, and every year someone puts on a Pink Night,” Abbey said. “And I’ve always been interested in healthcare.”

Abbey sold the clothing to community members to wear in October at Pink Nights for the volleyball team and during Senior Night for the football team.

The shirt sales raised more than

\$3,000, but some of the money was used to cover costs.

An aunt who battled throat cancer also inspired Abbey.

“She was a big part of my life,” Abbey said.

Wilmer told the assembled student body that the cancer institute provides money for more than just treatment.

Abbey said the fact that the institute also helps people pay general bills while they or a family member undergo treatment was a big reason she selected St. Luke’s for the donation.

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SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
	(measured in inches)			Max	Min	Avg
				(measured in Fahrenheit)		
Mud Flat						
02/01	4.8	18	9.2	29	5	19
02/02	4.8	18	9.2	26	12	21
02/03	4.8	18	9.2	35	13	24
02/04	4.8	18	9.2	36	11	24
02/05	4.8	18	9.2	44	21	30
02/06	4.8	17	9.2	40	18	28
02/07	4.8	17	9.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
02/01	6.3	16	8.4	22	17	19
02/02	6.2	16	8.4	23	15	19
02/03	6.2	16	8.5	32	22	25
02/04	6.2	16	8.5	38	22	32
02/05	6.2	16	8.5	35	29	32
02/06	6.1	16	8.5	45	28	36
02/07	6.0	16	8.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
02/01	10.2	30	18.5	24	15	18
02/02	10.2	29	18.5	24	15	18
02/03	10.2	30	18.6	31	22	25
02/04	10.2	30	18.6	43	24	33
02/05	10.2	30	18.7	38	29	32
02/06	10.2	30	18.7	49	28	36
02/07	10.2	30	18.7	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 21 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 188 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 18 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 147,561 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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Fawn Creek, Nev.

Snow equiv.	Snow depth	YTD precip.
7.1	26	14.3

Idaho Power, others come to B2H agreement

Proposal shifts assets, paves way for transmission line's 2026 debut

The three electric utility organizations involved in the Boardman to Hemingway transmission line have clarified their roles and responsibilities in the project, a step that will move construction of the 290-mile transmission line forward.

Idaho Power, PacifiCorp and the Bonneville Power Administration have reached a non-binding agreement to help meet growing customer demand, improve safety and reliability, and reinforce the Pacific Northwest transmission system.

The agreement would pave the way for all three organizations to deliver low-cost power to their customers and support clean energy goals.

The three organizations will move into a negotiation phase to finalize the agreements and seek regulatory approval.

The proposal is an important step in the 500-kilovolt line that will run between Boardman, Ore., and Idaho Power's Hemingway substation in Wilson. The line, anticipated to come online in 2026, will be designed to deliver 1,000 megawatts of power in each direction between the Pacific Northwest and Mountain west.

"B2H is a major piece of Idaho Power's long-term plan to meet customer needs," Idaho Power vice president of planning, engineering and construction Mitch Colburn said.

"This agreement solidifies and simplifies a path forward for a project that will help us continue our century-long tradition of reliable, affordable, clean energy."

Key elements of the agreement, which benefit each organization's customers and stakeholders, include:

- Idaho Power and PacifiCorp will jointly own the B2H transmission line, with PacifiCorp owning 55 percent and Idaho Power owning 45 percent.
- Idaho Power will acquire an ownership interest in PacifiCorp transmission lines and equipment between eastern Idaho and the Four Corners Substation in New Mexico.
- B2H and those acquisitions amplify Idaho Power's connections to key energy markets, helping meet rapidly growing customer demand.
- The BPA will transfer its ownership interest in B2H to Idaho Power and will not participate in construction or have any ownership interest in the transmission line project.
- Facilities currently used by PacifiCorp to serve BPA's Southeast Idaho customers will be transferred to Idaho Power.
- BPA will acquire transmission service over Idaho Power's transmission system, including the newly constructed B2H, to serve customers in Idaho, Wyoming and Montana.
- PacifiCorp will acquire Idaho Power transmission assets across southern Idaho that help increase its contiguous power transfer capability between its western and eastern systems.

DEQ's regional water quality advisory board has opening

A stakeholder group that advises the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality has a vacancy.

The Southwest Basin Advisory Group (BAG) meets two to three times each year and helps guide the DEQ on surface water issues in 10 Southwest Idaho counties, including Owyhee County.

An at-large member to represent the region's general population is needed, and interested parties are asked to contact Kati Carberry by March 1. Include your name, mailing address, phone number, email address, and a brief description of your involvement in water quality issues.

Send the information to: Kati Carberry, 1445 N. Orchard, Boise, ID 83706, or call (208) 373-0321 or email katicarberry@deq.idaho.gov

The Southwest BAG advises the state agency on issues in the lower Snake River, Payette, Weiser, Owyhee, and Boise drainages.

The DEQ director appoints BAG members, and state law requires the group to include a cross-section of interests, including agriculture, forestry, municipalities, industry, recreation, tribes, environmental interests, and the public.

Members are unpaid but are reimbursed for travel expenses.

Responsibilities include advising DEQ on:

- Priorities for monitoring within the basin
- Revisions needed to the designated beneficial uses for water bodies within the basins
- Categories to which water bodies in the basin should be assigned
- Processes for developing and implementing total maximum daily loads
- Members to be appointed to watershed advisory groups
- Priorities for water quality programs within the basin based on available economic resources

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✓ **Bingo:** Winter-spring pastime originally held at town’s grade school

Jerry Bowman and Don Denton also got involved in bringing the bingo night to life.

“We decided, ‘Let’s do it,’ ” Malmberg said. “We had to get fingerprinted and all that.”

The first night was a success.

“It went pretty good,” Malmberg said. “We had quite a few people.”

The bingo nights were held at the grade school for a few years.

“It went on there for a while,” Malmberg said. “We’d get 50-60 people a night, and it just kept getting better.

“They wanted us to go every Saturday, but with our bylaws it was once a month.”

The bingo nights started with rudimentary game equipment until Bowman and Denton tracked down a number board



Marsing Lions Club members (from left) Shoni Jarvis, Steve Sloyer and Herb Churruca check bingo numbers to determine a winner earlier this season. An electrician, Churruca volunteered his services to install the bingo board inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center years ago.

and other equipment from various areas, current Lions Club member Herb Churruca said.

That same equipment is still used on the second Saturday of the month between October and April every year.

“We had it when we moved in down at the Legion Hall,” Malmberg said.

Churruca helped wire in the board when the equipment was moved to the new Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center about 20 years ago.

And that’s where upwards of 100 people will flock Saturday night for the next bingo.

Proceeds will go to a worthy community cause, and the Lions Club is still conducting a toiletries collection drive for The HUB food pantry inside the Marsing School District office.

Anyone who brings donations for the toiletries drive will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card at a local merchant.

The early bird game starts at 6:45 p.m.; the 12-game regular

series kicks off at 7 p.m.

Each bingo night starts with the selection of a hot number, and if someone bingos on that number, they win the progressive pot.

If the hot number jackpot goes unclaimed, the money will be rolled into the final blackout bingo prize pool in April.

Bingo costs include:

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

Food, soda, water and coffee are also available, and the popcorn is always free.

— JPB

✓ **Boundary:** Canyon County-based FFA’ers must find way to home fair

Owyhee County that long.

It appeared that the guidelines Wetzel was going off of may have been University of Idaho Extension regulations, but the Owyhee County Fair also has its own set of rules. The parties agreed there may need to be some review.

Wetzel’s suggestion of a grandfather clause for out-of-county exhibitors who attend school districts serving Owyhee County was actually one of the ideas that had already been put in place, acting fair board chair Doug Rutan said.

According to Rutan, the

plan set in motion nearly four years ago was to let children from out-of-county families who were already showing at the fair complete their careers thereby gradually pulling the eligibility border back to the county line.

The board foresaw explosive growth and limited fairgrounds space.

“It’s not so much the pen space,” veteran board member Lath Callaway of Marsing said. “We don’t have any more ground for parking or camping.”

Fair board secretary and

event manager Ginger Loucks pointed out that the county’s plan to build an RV park has limited expansion options, too.

Hipwell urged the parents of Homedale FFA member Kennedy Kildow — Caldwell residents Brett and Lacey Kildow — to push for a memorandum of understanding with the Canyon County Fair that would allow children living in that county but enrolled in FFA programs south of the Snake River to show in their home county.

“I would be on my FFA advisor to get an MOU with

Canyon County, stat,” Hipwell said.

Brett Kildow said his daughter, who is the current Treasure Valley District FFA Creed champion, was devastated when she received the rejection letter excluding her from this summer’s fair.

Wetzel said he is still trying to track down the MOU that excludes Homedale and Marsing FFA exhibitors from the Canyon County Fair. He said fair officials there told him a document exists, but no one can find the actual piece of paper.

Kennedy Kildow and other

relative fair newcomers who live outside the county were excluded this year because they have only shown one year in Owyhee County.

Rutan said other out-of-county animal exhibitors with longer histories were excluded because they didn’t routinely fill out a boundary exception form.

The board now requires exhibitors to submit a boundary exception form each year, and apparently some youth had filled one out only once and continued to come back to the fair.

Greenleaf-area resident Greg Idsinga, who is married to former Homedale FFA advisor Lori Idsinga (now a Shoo-Fly 4-H leader), pointed out that in the rejection letter pertaining to his son, the board cited that the fair was open to Owyhee County residents because it was funded by Owyhee County landowners.

The Idsingas run cows on property they own southwest of Homedale.

When he was told that the land ownership angle didn’t factor into this year’s decisions, Idsinga said, “I just got the letter the other day.”

Hipwell said that the Idsinga family was given “a bye” to show last year with the understanding that it was a one-time exception.

“It would be too inconsistent,” Hipwell said of admitting the children of landowners who didn’t live in the county. “We have so many like that.”

— JPB

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Emending the Murphy meter's mythology

by Janie Burke

This is regarding a recent article that appeared in your paper, submitted by Marty Peterson, concerning the “true story” of the Murphy parking meter (“The Story of Murphy’s parking meter,” *Reminiscing*, Jan. 26, 2022, Page 4).

I would like to add a correction to that story.

My family has lived in and around Owyhee County for many generations, and they remember events of our county’s past. These people have passed on to me some of the colorful stories which have endeared many of us to our heritage.

This is my understanding of the original Murphy parking meter installation:

In the early 1950s, then-County Clerk Kenneth Downing, and Vic Ford, who had his abstract office inside the courthouse, found a discarded parking meter in a Nampa city junk pile. They hauled the meter to Murphy and installed it in front of the Owyhee County Courthouse. This “gag” was a fun novelty, as well as a means of keeping people from parking in front of the courthouse gate. This event



Owyhee County Clerk Kenneth Downing hitches his horse to the parking meter in front of the Murphy courthouse in a photo from the Hutchinson, Kan., News-Herald in January 1956. The meter was installed to prevent people from parking in front of the courthouse gate. Clipping from Dani Aman’s scrapbook

can be verified by a handful of people still living who were present at that time.

The original Murphy parking meter may have been replaced over the years. There are rumors of it being stolen.

I have been told Steve Yarborough has a parking meter on his ranch in Grand View. That meter was placed there by his father, Walt. Perhaps that is the story Mr. Peterson is referencing in his article.

Our county is changing.

New ideas and stories replace the old ways and lore. Our generation of Owyhee offspring have a duty to keep the “Old Timers” tales and history alive. My small contribution to our county’s history is to verify that the first, and only, parking meter in Owyhee County can be attributed to Downing and Ford.

— Janie Burke, who grew up in Owyhee County, lives in Pine.

About the author

Janie Burke is the granddaughter of the late Walt and Mildretta Adams, who resided in Homedale.

Mildretta wrote three books on Owyhee County and nearby areas (including the Jordan Valley area).

A World War I veteran, Walt was born in Silver City and grew up in DeLamar.

Janie’s great-great grandmother lived in Silver City, and her daughter (Janie’s great-grandmother), Eva, married a man from New York, Gerard Adams, who came to work in the mine office in DeLamar. Later Gerard ran the Homedale Ferry for a time.

Mildretta was born in Nampa, but she was raised in Owyhee County on her family’s homestead in Sand’s Basin, along the Jordan Valley Freight Road. She grew to become an avid horsewoman, rock hound, and historian.

Janie’s extended family resided across Owyhee County. Her mother, Marilyn

Burke of Melba, and her two sisters, the late Pat Davis (who resided in Bruneau) and Alene Downing of Homedale, grew up in Homedale and graduated from Homedale High School. They spent time over the summers on their family homestead above Wagontown.

In 1958, Mildretta and her nephew, Ernie Bahem, purchased the house in Silver City which Janie now owns. Her grandparents ran The Schoolhouse Museum in the mining town for many years.

“Our family still owns three homes in Silver City, as well as the homestead at Wagontown,” Janie said.

She added:

“I was raised among some of the county’s most colorful ‘old timers’ and back country explorers. My family grew up touring the old sites of Owyhee County, and tracing many dusty paths of history. You could say that we have the Owyhee country in our blood.”

But wait, there’s more: A second Owyhee parking meter

by Dani Aman

When I read the story of Murphy’s parking meter in the Jan. 26th edition of *The Owyhee Avalanche*, I knew some clarification was due. I know Marty has some first-hand knowledge of the Idaho Legislature and certainly reminded me of what a powerful, influential statesman Walt Yarborough was from our own Owyhee County.

I remembered that someone told me many years ago that there were two parking meters in Owyhee County and one had been installed in front of the ranch house in Grand View of Walt Yarborough.

Attempting to piece together the puzzle, I called my cousin, Judy McBride of Bruneau (Judy knows everyone!), and asked her who might be around to remember Walt. She said that his son Steve still lives on the ranch, and she would get the phone number.

When I called, I had a great conversation with someone I have never met, Steve Yarborough.

He told me the family had moved there in 1951 and he has been there over 70 years. He confirmed that the meter was there, in working condition, and sent a text message picture.

Given the recent interest in the parking meter in Murphy and my memories of it, I dug out the newspaper

clippings in my mom’s scrapbook that documents the details. I was 6 years old, and we were living in Murphy at that time. The tongue-in-cheek article (with a photo) portrays the novelty of our remote county seat, and begins the legend of our “lone” parking meter.

It made a big impression on me when in 1969 I left our farm outside of Homedale for the big city of Portland. I landed a job with the *Oregonian* newspaper where I worked for several years. I was a country bumpkin in a metropolis. Some of the hardest things for me to deal with were parking meters. I just couldn’t believe you had to pay that much money, for that small a space, for that short a time! I had to park a mile back and walk back and forth to plug it.

I remember bragging to my coworkers that where I was from, there was only one parking meter in the whole county, and it didn’t work!

Then sometime (I believe the late ’80s) there occurred a shocking, brazen heist of our hallowed meter. It was a particularly bold act of vandalism being so close to the front door of the Owyhee County Sheriff’s headquarters. I recall having a conversation about the sophisticated tool it took to execute such a swift,



The county’s other parking meter stands in front of the home on the Yarborough Ranch outside Grand View.

clean maneuver. I also remember that there’s an article in the archives of the *Avalanche* about the incident, which greatly rankled the citizens of Owyhee.

The meter must have been replaced fairly quickly. I do not know where the existing meter came from, who replaced it, nor exactly when.

I called the director of the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy, Eriks Garsvo, who recently restored the piece as a fundraiser for the museum. I wanted to know if anyone from around there had revealed more details. He told me he hadn’t heard anything, but that he knew it was a replacement. He said he had taken it apart, cleaned and lubricated it, and it had been sent to a clock repairman to synchronize the timing, “it now accepts pennies and nickels but no dimes.” He also said that people were somewhat perplexed by Marty’s article because they had never heard that story before.

I told Eriks that if anyone in the ’60s or ’70s ever breezed through Murphy on a weekend to put up a parking meter, they would have had to install it next to the one that was there.

Things are changing at warp speed in our little corner of the world that was long overlooked.

But I can say that to date, in the 7,697 square miles of Owyhee County, we have only two parking meters. There has never been a spotlight!

— Dani Aman is the daughter of former Owyhee County Clerk Kenny Downing and a Homedale resident. She’s also Janie Burke’s cousin.

Prison time for chronic protection order violator

A 24-year-old Greenleaf man has been sent to state prison for the third violation of a no-contact order against a woman.

Michael Thomas Ferguson could serve up to five years behind bars for the felony conviction after Third District Judge Andrea Courtney handed down sentencing on Jan. 18 in Murphy.

Ferguson was arrested after midnight on Aug. 5 after a Homedale Police Officer stopped to offer assistance to a woman who was having car trouble near U.S. Highway 95 and Pioneer Road south of town.

Ferguson was the passenger in a disabled vehicle. The woman, the registered owner of the vehicle, was driving the car.

The HPD discovered that the woman had a civil protection order against Ferguson, but didn't find out the male

passenger's identity right away.

The man who would eventually be identified as a Ferguson gave the officer a false identity, according to the HPD probable cause statement.

After the woman identified Ferguson, the man admitted his identity.

Ferguson was originally charged with a misdemeanor for giving false information to the HPD officer. Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey L. Phillips dropped that charge in exchange for Ferguson's guilty plea to the felony.

Courtney gave Ferguson credit for 22 days he spent in county jail after his arrest. He'll spend at least a year in the state penitentiary, and he must pay \$625.50 in court costs.

The protection order, issued in July 2019, remains in effect until September 2024.

— JPB

Felon who pointed gun at woman placed on rider

HPD: 9mm handgun had bullet in chamber; PA struck plea deal

A 51-year-old Homedale man has been placed on a rider after striking a plea deal in a felony case.

Jeffery Allen Duffner was sentenced by Third District Judge Andrea Courtney on Jan. 19.

Courtney retained jurisdiction on the case, meaning Duffner could avoid a prison term of up to five years if he completes programs during confinement and exhibits rehabilitation.

Duffner was on felony probation when he and his girlfriend were brought into the Owyhee County Probation Office in Homedale on Sept. 21 for an investigation.

A witness accused Duffner of pointing

a 9mm handgun at his girlfriend's head. Though the gun carried no clip, there still was one bullet in the chamber, according to a Homedale Police Department probable cause statement.

After a search of his girlfriend's residence, Duffner was taken into custody and charged with felony aggravated assault, felony unlawful weapon possession by a convicted felon, and misdemeanor drug charges (possession and paraphernalia possession).

As part of a plea agreement, Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey L. Phillips dismissed the two drug charges and the aggravated assault count.

Courtney gave Duffner credit for the 108 days he had served in county jail and ordered him to pay \$595.50 in court costs.

A protection order also was issued.

— JPB

Courthouse report

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

Jan. 31
Andrea Nicole DeAugustineo, Murphy — Misdemeanor battery: 30 days in jail (7 days served, 23 days to serve), \$300 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs
Dustin Anthony Gifford, Lodi, Calif. — Misdemeanor motor carrier, fail to stop at inspection station or respond to directional signals or siren; misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, false logbook: \$162 in fines, \$318 in court costs
Alex Clay Zypf, Benton City, Wash. — Misdemeanor driving under the influence, second offense (plea deal): 1 year in jail (355 days suspended, 4 days served, 6 days in jail or 48 hours community service to be served), 1 year driver's license suspension, 2 years supervised probation, \$500 in fines, \$250.50 in court costs.
Dismissed by prosecuting attorney: Felony bribery of municipal or county officers

Jan. 28
Jesus William Arcaya Batista, Miami, Fla. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, false logbook (serious): \$43.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs.
Bobby R. Owen, Clovis, Calif. — Misdemeanor resisting and obstructing officers (plea deal): 205 days in jail (served),

\$307.50 in court costs.
Dismissed by prosecuting attorney: Felony grand theft, value exceeding \$1,000; felony controlled substance possession; and misdemeanor false personation
Kimmie Elizabeth Rodriguez, Melba — Felony controlled substance possession (plea deal): 3 years in state prison (116 days served), \$732.50 in court costs.
Dismissed by prosecuting attorney: Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession
Jan. 27
Jonathan Michael Hinkley, Wilder — Felony controlled substance possession with intent manufacture or deliver, misdemeanor resisting or obstructing officers (plea deal): 2 to 12 years in state prison, 141 days served (retained jurisdiction), \$500 in fines, \$793 in court costs
Jacob Allen King, Wilder — Felony controlled substance: 1 to 4 years in state prison,, 1 day served (retained jurisdiction), \$635.50 in court costs.
Dismissed by prosecuting attorney: Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession
Lloyd H. Riffle, Silsbee, Texas — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, fuel system violation: \$43.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

Jan. 26
Matthew Gregg Bejar, Reno, Nev. — Misdemeanor commercial, noncommercial and farm vehicle annual registration: \$300 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

Jan. 25
Vasily Alexandrovich Bogdanov, Reynoldsburg, Ohio — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
Jan. 24
Alberto Morales Ibarra, Caldwell — Misdemeanor excessive driving under the influence: 180 days in jail (3 days served, 170 days suspended, 7 days to serve), 2 years supervised probation, 1 year driver's license suspension, \$297.50 in fines, \$258.50 in court costs
Michael Edward Brown, Eagle — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop inspection station or respond to directional signals or siren; no logbook, serious violation; (plea deal): \$382 in fines, \$315 in court costs.
Dismissed by prosecuting attorney: Misdemeanor failure to appear citation
Steven Ray Widney, Perris, Calif. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation of special permit limitations or conditions: \$68.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

Jan. 20
Orlando Aranda Cuevas, Nampa — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession: 1 day in jail (served), \$300 in fines, \$347.50 in court costs.
Dismissed by prosecuting attorney: Felony controlled substance possession
Jan. 19
Jeffery Allen Duffner,

Homedale — Felony unlawful weapon possession by convicted felon (plea deal): 2 to 3 years in prison (108 days served), retained jurisdiction, \$595.50 in court costs.
Dismissed by prosecuting attorney: Felony aggravated assault, misdemeanor controlled substance possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession
Jose Albor, Homedale — Misdemeanor driving under the influence: 180 days in jail (1 day served, 175 days suspended, 4 days remaining can be served as 32 hours community service), 6 months supervised probation, 18 months unsupervised probation, 180-day driver's license suspension, \$297.50 in fines, \$234.50 in court costs
Tye Karl Atkins, Homedale — Misdemeanor DUI: 6 days in jail (1 day served, 5 days suspended, 4 days remaining can be served as 32 hours community service), 1 year unsupervised probation, 180-day driver's license suspension, \$297.50 in fines, \$234.50 in court costs.
Withheld judgment: Defendant can petition to have record expunged after completing sentence
Christopher J. Johnstone, Homedale — Misdemeanor DUI: 10 days in jail (2 days served, 8 days remaining can be served as 64 hours community service), 1 year unsupervised probation, 180-day driver's license suspension, \$597.50 in fines, \$266.50 in court costs.
Withheld judgment: Defendant can petition to

have record expunged after completing sentence
Coby Adias Oeleis, Homedale — Misdemeanor DUI, second offense within 10 years (amended from misdemeanor driving without privileges; plea deal): 1 year in jail (47 days served, 318 days suspended), 2 years supervised probation, \$1,000 in fines (suspended), \$352.50 in court costs.
Dismissed by prosecuting attorney: Misdemeanor controlled substance possession
Gregory Alan McDonald, Fairfield — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
Jan. 18
Michael Thomas Ferguson, Greenleaf — Felony no contact order violation, third offense (plea deal): 1 to 5 years in state prison (22 days served), \$625.50 in court costs.
Dismissed by prosecuting attorney: Misdemeanor false information provided on own identity or another's to law enforcement investigator
Dylan Matthew Taylor, Wilder — Felony controlled substance possession (plea deal): 2 to 6 years in state prison (2 days served; prison sentence suspended), 3 years felony probation, \$750 in fines, \$635.50 in court costs
Sukhdeep Singh, Sacramento, Calif. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station: \$118.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

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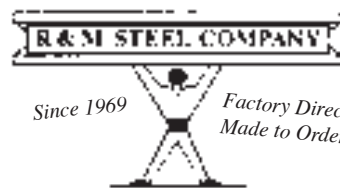
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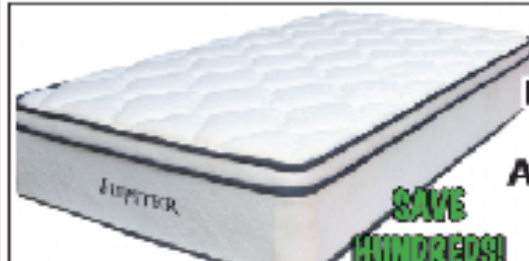


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Raiders extend win streak ahead of 1A WIC boys' finale



Rimrock's Aden Aquiso puts up a shot in a 65-18 win against Wilder on Jan. 27 in Bruneau. Photo by Jana McCarthy

Rimrock High School stretched its boys' basketball winning streak to 10 games with a 69-35 blowout of Gem State Academy on Monday in Bruneau.

The Raiders closed last week with back-to-back 1A Western Idaho Conference wins on Friday and Saturday.

Aden Aquiso erupted for 18 points Saturday in Bruneau to send Rimrock to a 71-45 blowout victory against North Star Charter.

After a relatively tight first quarter, the Raiders (13-3 overall, 9-0 in conference) rode an explosive final eight minutes of the first half to a 43-24 lead at the break.

Aquiso scored 15 points in the second period, propelling the Raiders to 26 points in the span.

Alex Martinez chipped in 16

— See **Raiders**, page 8B

HHS boys in midst of big final 3A SRV week

Homedale High School entered the gauntlet Tuesday in the final week of the boys' basketball regular season.

The Trojans played host to 3A Snake River Valley conference leader McCall-Donnelly on Tuesday after deadline.

A win would have maintained coach Cam Long's squad's edge over Fruitland for the No. 2 seed into the 3A District III Tournament and created a tie at the top.

Homedale (12-7 overall, 6-2 in conference) ends the regular season Friday with a Senior Night showdown with third-place Fruitland (13-5, 5-3).

The Trojans started the week with a one-game lead over the Grizzlies for the No. 2 seed.

The Trojans entered the week on a three-game winning streak after victories over Payette (48-33 on Friday) and Weiser (57-52 on Feb. 1) all but assured Homedale of at least the No. 3 seed in the district tournament.

The top two teams in the conference standings will earn byes into the district semifinals and need just one win on their home court to secure a trip to the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament.

Statistics from last week's games weren't provided.

Melba, Cole Valley in familiar roles

Third consecutive district title match for girls' teams

Perhaps the third time will be the charm for Melba High School's girls' basketball team.

The second-seeded Mustangs will play No. 1 Cole Valley Christian for the third time this season, and it happens to be the third consecutive 2A District III Tournament championship game showdown for the two teams.

Tipoff is 7 p.m., on Thursday on the Chargers' court in Meridian.

Both qualified for the 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament with semifinal victories Saturday.

Melba (18-3) beat No. 3

Rimrock's State quest ends

A buzzer-beating basket ended Rimrock High School's chance of returning to the 1A, Div. I Real Dairy Shootout state tournament.

Second-seeded Liberty Charter hit the final shot for a 28-27 triumph in the 1A, Div. I District III girls' basketball semifinals at Columbia High School in Nampa on Monday.

Although a fifth consecutive trip to the state tournament is no longer possible, the No. 3 Raiders (13-8) can finish third in the district tournament with back-to-back victories in the losers' bracket.

That task begins at 6 p.m., on Thursday on the Columbia floor against No. 4 Idaho City, which eliminated No. 5 Riverstone International, 42-31, on Monday.

The third-place game is scheduled for 6 p.m., on Friday at Columbia.

Coach Kyla Jewett's team had reached the semifinals with a 49-24 rout of No. 6 Wilder on Thursday in Bruneau.

New Plymouth, 59-47, while Cole Valley blasted upstart No. 5 seed The Ambrose School.

The Archers, who reached

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Sports

Marsing has better showing against powerful Ambrose

Huskies cling to sixth place as final week looms

by John Bruyninckx
For The Owyhee Avalanche
Marsing High School's boys' basketball players knew they would be in for a tough, physical evening against conference powerhouse The Ambrose School.

After all, the Archers had rolled to an 81-38 victory in the clubs' first 2A Western Idaho Conference matchup on Jan. 7.

Last Wednesday, though, the improving Huskies were ready for the challenge, holding the No. 2 Class 2A team in the state to 26 fewer points in a 55-23 loss in Meridian.

The Huskies (3-16 overall, 3-9 in conference before Monday's game against Melba) are one game ahead of Compass Charter for the No. 6 seed into the 2A District III Tournament, but Marsing is assured of needing to win a play-in game in order to qualify for the double-elimination portion of the district tournament.

After last Wednesday's game against Ambrose (16-2, 10-1), Tim Little was quick to heap some praise on his young Marsing squad.

"It was a very physical

game, and after a couple of early injuries, we were forced to run a six-man rotation," Little said. "And four of those guys were 10th-graders. Plus, Ambrose puts a lot of pressure on the ball and plays very up-tempo."

Quickly down by 10 points after the first 5 minutes, 15 seconds, Huskies managed to pick up their intensity another notch.

"We are still experiencing some growing pains," Little said. "But we still managed to battle for the entire game. They were very impressive, especially on defense."

Nacho Margarito led Marsing with 10 points and six rebounds, while Braden Ankeny pulled down seven rebounds. Noel Quebrado tallied six points and four rebounds in the loss.

Johnny Sugarman, the Archers' star point guard, knocked down 20 points, to lead all players. Fellow Ambrose senior Hudson Hughes chipped in with 16 points.

Friday: Marsing 52, Vision Charter 31 — The Huskies overcame some foul trouble to win handily over the Golden Eagles in a conference game played in Marsing.

After holding the charter school from Caldwell to just two points in the first quarter, Marsing pulled away to a 25-

12 halftime lead before winning in relatively easy fashion.

"Despite being called for 19 fouls, we didn't end up having anybody foul out of the game," Little said.

That was particularly important as starter Mikey Acosta was still out, nursing a sprained ankle.

"Hopefully we'll have him back for Senior Night (today against Nampa Christian)," Little said of the junior forward.

As coaches tend to do, even after a nice victory, Little was looking for ways to keep improving as the season winds down toward the 2A District III Tournament.

"We did shoot the ball better, but still missed a handful of close-in ones," the coach said. "Our free-throw percentage was poor, which isn't typical for this team. We've shot over 63 percent from the stripe this year as a team."

Margarito was impressive for the Huskies, scoring in bunches in the second half while finishing with 14 points, eight rebounds, two assists and three steals. Quebrado led all scorers with 16 points, and Ankeny hit the glass for nine boards.

Gavin DeLano checked in with nine points to lead Vision Charter (4-14, 0-12).



Huskies reach tourney, pushed to brink

Marsing High School junior Anna Gluch eyes the basket as she cuts through the lane past Compass Charter's Katelyn Cable. The Huskies beat the Aviators, 53-31, in a 2A District III tournament play-in game on Feb. 1. Third-seeded New Plymouth sent the No. 6 Huskies into a Tuesday night loser-out game with a 46-14 victory on the Pilgrims' floor Thursday. No statistics were provided for either game.

MARSING HUSKIES

This week's Sports Schedule

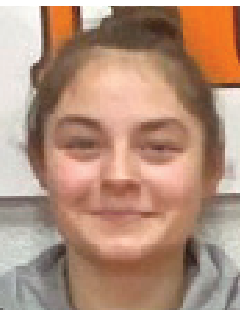
Athletes of the Week



Girls' basketball
Mikalia Gonzalez, jr., G
Scored 6 of team's first 7 points vs. Compass



Boys' basketball
Noel Quebrado, sr., G
Averaged 13 points, 7 rebounds in 2 games



Wrestling
Jaristian Crandall, sr., 138
Competes in final home meet Saturday

Girls' basketball
Varsity
2A District III Tournament
If won Tuesday: Thursday, Feb. 10, third-place game, opponent and site TBD, 7 p.m.
If won Tuesday and Thursday: Saturday, Feb. 12 at 2A state play-in game vs. District V runner-up, Burley H.S., 3 p.m.
If lost Tuesday or Thursday: Season complete

Wrestling
Coed
Saturday, Feb. 12, home for Marsing POD Tournament, old gym, 9:30 a.m.
Note – Seniors recognized around noon

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Wednesday, Feb. 9, home vs. Nampa Christian (Senior Night), 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 12 at 2A District III Tournament, site, opponent and time TBD
Junior varsity A
Wednesday, Feb. 9, home vs. Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.
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Wednesday, Feb. 9, home vs. Nampa Christian, 4:30 p.m.

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Sports

Owyheean wins title for Melba wrestling

They wrestled in the same weight class, but Melba High School’s McKoy Richardson and Grant Svedin managed top medals in Challis during the weekend.

An Owyhee County resident, Richardson (36-2) won the 145-pound championship in the Challis Invitational/ Mario D’Orazio Memorial on Saturday.

Svedin (30-4), who was on the opposite side of the bracket from his teammate, rallied from an extra-time defeat in the semifinals to finish with a third-place medal.

The tourney began Friday. Richardson wrapped up the championship medal with a 7-1 decision over Anthony Fabbi (30-7) in the title bout.

Svedin defeated Teton’s Michael Ball, 6-3, in the third-place match.

Both Melba wrestlers are juniors.

Five Mustangs teammates also managed victories during the tournament:

- Logan Dunn (24-11) ripped off three consecutive consolation bracket wins at 152 before bowing out in the semifinals.

Dunn kept his tournament alive with a narrow 3-2 decision against Canyon Ridge’s Diego Roberto before Jeremy Kay of South Fremont was forced to retire with an injury midway through the second period of the ensuing match.

Dunn’s final victory was a pin of Bonneville’s Grant Andrus (4:35).

- Evan Michaelson (29-12) pinned Hillcrest’s Hunter Reeves in the 170 championship bracket (3:29) then fell into the consolation bracket to win two more matches.

He edged Bear Lake’s Peyton Ochsenbein, 3-1, and pinned Shelley’s Seth Jacobson in 2:29.

- Brenton Overall (22-18) collected back-to-back wins in the consolation bracket at 182.

He beat South Fremont’s Talan Schuldies, 9-4, then pinned Rene Bita Lopez of Clearwater Valley six seconds into the second period of their bout.

- Trevor Rhoades (32-11) won a match in both the championship bracket and the consolation bracket.

He pinned Teton’s Jaydin Mason (5:09) in the second round of the main bracket and put Clearwater Valley’s Isaac Goodwin on his back at 2:32 of their consolation match.

- Cody Dickard (29-10) reached the consolation semifinals at 285 with three consecutive pins after falling out of the championship bracket.

He beat Bear Lake’s Alex Kipp (58 seconds), Salmon’s Tyler Martens (52 seconds), and Christian Janis of Twin Falls (2:27).

- Richardson’s run through the 145 bracket included pins against Shelley’s Aydan Mathews (1:56), Keltonn Baker of Salmon (2:56 in the quarterfinals), and Ball (3:09 in the semifinals).

- Svedin edged Jerome’s Kaden Rushing, 3-2, to start his tournament and followed it up with an 11-1 major decision against Ririe’s Ryker Harris in the quarterfinals.

He lost to Fabbi, 7-5, in extra time in the semifinals but rallied with a 6-1 victory against Rushing before defeating Ball in the bronze medal match.



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Looking back...

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25 years ago

February 12, 1997



Silver bit winner

Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association president Peter Jackson, right, presents a silver bit to the winner of the drawing, Dave Tindall of Grasmere, at the annual OCA winter meeting held last Saturday in Murphy.

City to hold hearings on amending zoning

The Homedale Planning and Zoning Commission and the Homedale City Council will hold public hearings in March on amendments intended to update the city’s zoning ordinance.

Proposed city ordinance #309 would amend the existing city ordinance #254-A, and includes, among other things, zoning map changes to include properties annexed by the city; the addition of special use provisions regarding adult book shops and other sexually-oriented businesses and an addition providing for the appointment of a city planning and zoning administrator.

The ordinance creates five zoning districts within city limits: an agricultural district; a residential district; a commercial district; a commercial and industrial district; and a public district. The document goes on to designate which activities are permitted within each district, and which require a special use permit.

Under the amended ordinance, a special use permit would be required before an adult book store, pornographic shop or other sexually-oriented businesses could set up shop in Homedale.

Mayor Paul Fink said at a recent city council meeting such a requirement would essentially prohibit such businesses from locating here.

“We cannot get any stronger without inviting constitutional challenge,” Fink said in response to council members who felt the language in the proposed ordinance wasn’t strong enough. “With a special use permit, you’ve already stopped it. We’ve shut it off.”

Marsing’s auction brings in more than \$33,000

The 36th annual Marsing Disaster Auction and Sale held Feb. 1 brought in approximately \$33,164, organizers said.

The auction and sale is an annual event to replenish funds for local disaster relief. A portion of the proceeds is also donated each year to the United Way and the Elks Rehabilitation Center.

“It was standing room only from beginning to end,” said event co-organizer Donna Churruca. “Usually, it’s that way from about 11 to maybe 2. It looked like it was going to die down, but it never did.”

More than 177 businesses contributed items for the auction block, and that was nearly matched by 157 contributions from the community, Churruca said.

50 years ago

February 10, 1972

OFFICERS OF the Homedale High School drill team, the Trojanettes, are, from left, Johnna Sue Echevarria, drill mistress; Deniece Moulton, assistant; “Peke” Woods, treasurer; Patti Tuttle, secretary; and Becky Wells, student council representative. Photo by Bette Uda



City councilmen tap Blessing as prexy; Stimmel steps down

Allen Blessing was named council president at the regular meeting of the Homedale city council Monday night.

Present were Mayor George T. Murray and Councilmen Blessing, Kenneth Metzger and Jay Ray Jackson.

A discussion was held on trailer ordinances, library and condemnation. Also on easements with regard to school property. Clerk to check into past minutes on right of way.

Mayor George Murray read a letter of resignation from City Superintendent Warren Stimmel. Mr. Stimmel has been with the City since March 9, 1937. He will finish out his 35 years as technical adviser.



Warren Stimmel

Appointed and approved to serve as city superintendent was Paul Simon, assistant water-master who has put in 21 years in this capacity.

Discussion on street lights at 7th and Idaho Avenue and 2nd and Nevada were held and clerk is to advise Idaho Power.

Trojan quintet finish strong over Panthers

The Homedale Trojans hit a hot streak going into the third quarter and outscored Parma 15-2 here Tuesday night to break open a close game and gain a 67-58 SWI league basketball victory over the Panthers.

The victory gives Homedale a 13-3 season record and a 6-1 SWI mark while Parma fell to 5-12 on the year and 1-6 in league.

Rich DeGroat paced Homedale to the win with 12 points while Joe Uranga hit 20 for Parma to lead all scorers.

Succor Crik Sam Sez:

“If this weather don’t improve purty soon, we kin put in our bid fer the next winter Olympics.”



Succor Crik Sam Sez

Coin theft here involves FBI

Working together to solve a \$20,000 coin collection theft which occurred in Homedale on Dec. 22, 1971, were two officers, Chief of Police Larry Ryel and Owyhee County Sheriff Tim Nettleton, who assisted FBI agents.

The Vernon Search residence was broken into in late December and investigation led to Salt Lake City where a suspect was picked up by the FBI.

155 years ago

February 9, 1867

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.—Some time ago T. J. Butler and George Carter were appointed County Commissioners of Owyhee County by Governor Ballard. The Legislature subsequently enacted a law continuing Geo. Carter and J. H. Johnson in the office until the next election and their successors were elected and qualified. At the first meeting of the Board in January Messrs. Carter and Catlin, acting as Commissioners, refused to admit either Mr. Butler or Johnson. These gentlemen then submitted an agreed case to Judge Cummins who decided that Mr. Butler is legally a Commissioner by his appointment.

IDAHO — RETROSPECTIVE AND PROSPECTIVE.—Idaho Territory is of about four years’ existence. Its rich mines of Gold and Silver and fertile valleys have been the chief elements of prosperity, and the ruinous character of both civil government has been a great holdback.

Every Executive who preceded Governor Ballard has been lacking in positive duties. They either spent their time in ambitious scheming or in committing deeds of public injury. They were much of the time absent from the Territory. Their communications with the Indians were mostly frauds upon the savages and Government. Caleb Lyon, “etc.,” has a national reputation in this respect. The Territorial Secretaries, prior to Mr. Howlett’s appointment, have an average record with the Governors. Secretary Smith properly applied about one-half the Federal monies he received, and Secretary Gilson none of \$30,000 placed to his credit. As to whether these speculations will to any extent be recovered from the bondsmen of the defaulting officials, we have no means of knowing except that generally bondsmen are either worthless or manage to avoid payment by some technicality in the bonds or by the popular method of “relief” bills. Thus far the most wealthy county has manipulated its financial affairs as to avoid paying anything near its just dues into the Territorial Treasury. The Third Legislature funded the indebtedness of the Territory and promised to but didn’t pay the interest in coin. The special legislation that has been marked each Session from the First to the Fourth has been an admixture of fraud and disgrace. Money has been legislated out of the Treasury without a tenable ground of justification. Offices have been abolished, new ones created, some divided and others merged or consolidated, and the legislators and their employees made preferred creditors — while others having prior claims on the Treasury have had their pay deferred ten years, and many of whom had expended their own cash as well as labor in the Territory’s service.

In our view, the future is more brightly foreshadowed. Territories are not only settled first by a roving hand of adventurers but what is really a blight upon them, they are governed especially in their infancy by a set of political outcasts. It takes time for the inhabitants to get contentedly settled, and when they do, and not before they begin to supplant the professional political bummers. Self-interest forces all honest men from day-laborers to capitalists to devote a portion of their attention to this official purification. It is folly to suppose this period in Idaho has not been reached. The power of public opinion is slow but sure. It has displaced a swindling and otherwise useless Governor. It will continue the good work in spite of individual efforts to the contrary. There are substantial reasons for believing that Idaho has passed her worst days both financially and officially.

Sports

Rimrock wins JV girls' conference championship



From left: Coach Jackie Thurman, Jade Reisinger, Molly Mulberry, Anna Kay Winings, Alia Aquiso, Kaylee Martinez, Kayloni Hall, Josie Lisle, and varsity coach Kyla Jewett. Submitted photo

Team wraps unbeaten season vs. 1A WIC clubs

by Mandi Boren
For The Owyhee Avalanche

Hustle, heart and desire got the job done for the Rimrock High School junior varsity girls' basketball players as they grabbed the 1A Western Idaho Conference championship.

First-year coach Jackie Thurman said her team started the season with three returning players, but quickly gained speed and went from "five individual players on the court to one team playing as a unit ... it was amazing to watch."

"They played their hearts out every game with intensity, teamwork and discipline which resulted in an undefeated season in conference play," Thurman said.

The Raiders capped off an unbeaten season against 1A

WIC squads with a 32-20 tournament final victory over Liberty Charter on Thursday in Bruneau.

Rimrock beat Victory Charter, another Nampa squad, 28-14, in the opening round.

At halftime of the championship game, the Raiders had the lead by just six points.

But sophomore Kayloni Hall turned up the heat with two three-pointers during the third quarter. Freshman Alia Aquiso followed suit with a trey of her own. Hall and Aquiso scored 11 of the team's 13 points to open the second half.

Liberty Charter responded with 10 points during the third period, but it was not enough.

Hall did not stop in the third and nailed her fourth and final three-pointer of the contest in

the fourth quarter.

Sophomore Josie Lisle and Hall added four more points as Rimrock outscored Liberty Charter by three points in the final period.

Lisle and freshman Molly Mulberry contributed four points each.

Hall and Aquiso were the top scorers, bringing in 23 of the team's 32 points.

Thurman is no stranger to the basketball court. The 2010 Rimrock alum starred in basketball with the Raiders. Thurman played varsity all four years of her high school career and made two trips to the state tournament with her team. Thurman was named conference player of the year her senior year.

"It was so fun coaching



Kayloni Hall sinks a three-pointer in Rimrock's junior varsity championship victory over Liberty Charter in Bruneau. Photo by Jana McCarthy

these girls and seeing them grow," Thurman said of the 2021-22 squad.

"I am excited to watch them progress in our program...they are going to be a great varsity team coming up."

— 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

Owyhee feedlot owners help upgrade Melba track timing

Mustangs' home meet results could be available immediately online

A Lynx track and field timing system is coming to Melba High School's Dave Mangum Track thanks to an Owyhee County business.

Jon Hepton and Jared Gould of Reynolds Creek Calf Ranch in Wilson presented a check to the Melba athletic department and sports booster club prior to Saturday's 2A District III girls' basketball tournament game.

Mustangs track and field coach Vonnie Willis and athletic director Casey Clark accepted an oversized check representing the \$11,295 donation during a pregame ceremony at midcourt inside Potter Gymnasium.

The timing system will enable Melba to have certified and fully automatic time results for meets that can be posted as

official in real-time.

The boosters and athletic department thanked the Dayley and Mortensen families for help in securing the contribution.

"It is because of community support and donations such as this that we are able to support our athletes and provide them with the best opportunities to be successful," the Potter Gymnasium announcer said during the presentation.

The Mustangs track and field team will play host to a pair of meets in the spring, according to a schedule posted on Athletic.net.

The first meet is the Melba IceBreaker on Thursday, March 10, and the Dave Mangum Invitational will be staged on Thursday, April 28.



From left: Melba High School track and field coach Vonnie Willis, Reynolds Creek Calf Ranch owners Jon Hepton and Jared Gould, ranch manager Jeff Clausen, previous ranch owner and current employee Jon Mortensen, and Melba athletic director Casey Clark. Submitted photo

Commentary

Jon P. Brown,
managing editor



Eyes on Owyhee Disaster auction delivers again

The number of volunteers and active committee members has diminished.

The old guard is fading away.

A pandemic wiped out the legitimate 60th anniversary celebration last winter.

Today’s generation doesn’t understand generosity.

Inflation will have its say.

Society just isn’t as caring or friendly or polite as it once was.

Horse feathers.

Like the heavyweight of humanity that it is, the Marsing Disaster Auction took on all-comers in terms of adversity.

And, with the help of that persistent, tight-knit, proud riverside community, the granddaddy of community auctions is still standing.

Saturday’s 61st 60th auction packed them in at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center for a few hours of camaraderie, compassion, bidding, ribbing, goodwill and good vibes.

Claustrophobics and Grinches not allowed.

This year’s auction, the first in two years after the 2021 event — the much-anticipated diamond jubilee — was left in the dust by the coronavirus, brought in more than \$90,000, according to the disaster auction committee’s Facebook post soon after the final auctioneer’s gavel fell.

The reaction to the return of the auction was not unlike the reaction folks breaking free from home quarantines must have had.

Farmers, good ol’ boys and even members of the younger generation were champing at the bit to blow some cash for a good cause.

And there was a raft of volunteer auction personnel just itching to help the bidders part ways with their money.

The action began at 10:13 a.m., with Rich Dines rattling off the history of the spectacle.

There was a moment of silence for original auction committee member Roman Usabel.

Then the ruckus began: Whoops and hollers from spotters belying the often placid placard waves of bidders as the price to play drifted toward the ceiling.

Auctioneers like JB Salutregui, Sam Baker, Eric Drees, Zack Zumstein and others rotated across the podium as lot after lot after lot floated through the crowd for inspection, carried by the capable members of the Marsing FFA chapter.

The items up for bid weren’t hard to spot: Just find a blue shirt, and you’ll know what’s on the block.

Over the course of nearly five hours, 400 auction lots were carried through the Legion Hall as folks locked in battle for the right to say they helped out whichever community member will next need assistance from the Marsing Disaster Fund.

And, as auction committeeman James Ferdinand pointed out, the compassion will continue to churn

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Reps. Mike Moyle (R-Dist. 14A, Steven Harris (R-Dist. 21A)

From the Statehouse Extra revenue headed back where it belongs



What is the fairest way to spend a surplus?

When the government takes in more revenue than it needs, we have a choice to make. Do we invest the surplus into new government programs? Or squirrel it away for a rainy day?

Both these choices have their merits, but we’ve chosen a different path. The most fair — and most effective — thing we can do with Idaho’s budget surplus is to refund the excess dollars to the people of Idaho.

It’s important for all of us to remember that the money the government collects in taxes belongs to the people of Idaho. The government doesn’t own it; it’s entrusted to us to use responsibly on the people’s behalf.

The truth of the matter is that the people of Idaho are the ones who know best how to put this money to work. Idaho families know, far better than any state agency or the elected members of the Legislature, what they and their communities need most, and the best way we in the Legislature can support them is by returning that decision-making power to the people.

The Idaho House’s 2022 Tax Relief bill, just signed by the governor, will send \$350 million back to the people of Idaho. This comes to 12 percent of tax paid or \$75 per taxpayer, whichever is bigger. We’re following up last year’s record tax cut — nine percent or \$50 — by restoring even more of Idahoans’ hard-earned money to their own pockets.

We also cut Idaho’s corporate income tax, from 6.9 percent to six percent. Idaho has been discovered, and businesses are paying attention. Lowering the

corporate income tax makes Idaho more competitive with other states, and will bring more good-paying jobs to the people of Idaho.

And, finally, we’re simplifying the tax code, reducing the number of brackets from five to four, and lowering rates across the board. This is especially important because Idaho’s top tax bracket kicks in at just \$7,939 in taxable income — the overwhelming majority of these people are not “high-income” at all. We are committed to making life easier and less expensive for working Idahoans.

Reducing the tax burden on Idaho citizens continues the strong trend of conservative leadership that the Idaho House has consistently demonstrated in recent years. Idaho is succeeding precisely because our low-tax, high-freedom environment is so attractive to people looking to escape the overbearing, high-tax nanny states of some of our neighbors. Continuing to lower the tax burden on our citizens is exactly the kind of strong, fiscally responsible policy that has made Idaho the fastest-growing state in the country and will allow for that growth to continue.

The government has a tremendous responsibility to use the people’s tax dollars wisely and frugally, and when there is a surplus, it is both fiscally prudent and morally right to return that surplus to the people — which is who it belongs to in the first place.

— Representative Steven Harris (R-Meridian) represents District 21 and chairs the House Revenue and Taxation Committee. Representative Mike Moyle (R-Star) represents District 14 and is the House Majority Leader.

From Washington Proposed legislation would further lessen medical costs burden

As inflation soars, Congress must seek out solutions that reduce consumer costs while spurring a strong economic recovery. In that spirit, the Lower Costs, More Cures Act, which I reintroduced last year, would meaningfully improve prescription drug affordability. Through dozens of patient-focused policies, virtually all of which enjoy bipartisan support, this legislation presents an opportunity to drive down drug costs, increase transparency, and expand coverage options for seniors.

Nearly two decades ago, I joined a bipartisan majority of my colleagues in enacting the Medicare Modernization Act, which created Part D, Medicare’s prescription drug benefit. Thanks to the program’s unique design, through which plans negotiate steep discounts and offer wide-ranging coverage options, Part D has proved highly successful, coming in roughly 50 percent under budget while delivering stable premiums and an 87 percent satisfaction rate. Still, as market dynamics and seniors’ needs evolve, both this program and the prescription drug landscape more broadly demand improvements.

To that end, the Lower Costs, More Cures Act would cap out-of-pocket spending for all Medicare Part D

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo
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enrollees, alleviating catastrophic burdens for millions of seniors, including many of the more than 235,000 Idahoans with Part D coverage. The bill would also encourage the creation of new prescription drug plans by

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Commentary

Financial management

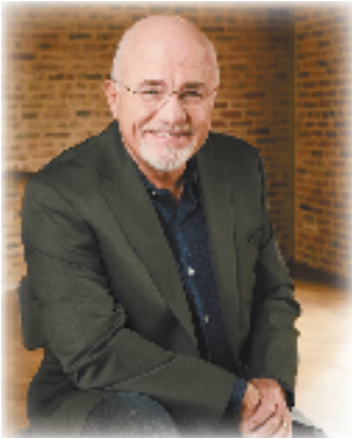
Buckle down with Baby Steps before going back to college

Dear Dave,
My husband and I are 30, and we are on Baby Step 2. He wants to go back to school and become a social worker. He currently makes about \$20,000 a year as a teacher's assistant, and he wants to take out student loans to do this. He already has an associate's degree, which wouldn't mean four years of loans, but the idea scares me a lot. I have a good job, so how can I still support him and his desire to further his education without agreeing to go deeper into debt?

— Britney

Dear Britney,
So, it's kind of a situation where *you're* working the Baby Steps and he's not. On top of this, he wants to go into debt to do social work. Does

he know what social workers make these days? This guy obviously has a heart for helping people. That's a great thing. But I've got to believe there are ways to expand his options. Social work is one path, but there are probably several paths he could follow to get involved in what he loves about the idea of social work. I'm guessing he has a passion for counseling and advocating, too. Finishing a four-year degree would put him in a position where he could potentially move into a guidance counselor role or something along those lines, considering his background. But taking out loans isn't necessary. He just needs to be patient, and wait a little bit while you two buckle down on



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the Baby Steps and get out of debt. He could get a second job for a while nights or weekends, and then you'd be able to pay off your debt faster *and* avoid those stupid loans thanks to the cash you set aside. Plus, there are millions of dollars

in scholarships out there for traditional *and* non-traditional students. Sometimes when people feel stuck in a job, they automatically default to the idea they need a degree. What your husband really needs right now is a clear idea and direction. Then, you determine if a degree is necessary to get there. Don't misunderstand me. I'm not against social work. But I've talked to so many people who went six-figures into debt, only to wind up making \$38,000 as a social worker for the state. That's crazy! You two need to sit down together, and talk all this out. Tell him why you're worried, and point out that borrowing a bunch of money isn't the only way — and definitely isn't the smart way — to make this

happen. If you really want to support him, Britney, you need to help him see there are steps he can take to pursue his dream without it turning into a financial nightmare for both of you.
— Dave
— Dave Ramsey is a seven-time No. 1 national best-selling author; personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 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.

✓ Auction: Caring hearts don't skip a beat in Marsing

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through this riverside burg. There are new volunteers and new blood as the third and fourth generations of Marsing families start finding time and resources to refuel the tradition. And, Ferdinand suspects, we haven't seen the last 90-grand Saturday in Marsing. "As the younger bidders get more successful, the prices will go up," he said with a knowing smile. But, of course, it's not about the money. It's about Marsing. Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

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✓ Burden: Insulin affordability among the objectives of proposed bill

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incentivizing options that pass more discounts directly to seniors at the pharmacy counter. Furthermore, for many of the roughly 33 percent of Medicare beneficiaries diagnosed with diabetes, the legislation would protect and make permanent a Trump Administration program providing access to plans with a guaranteed monthly co-pay of no more than \$35 for insulin. The Lower Costs, More Cures Act would also promote insulin affordability for the sizable share of the workforce enrolled in high-deductible health plans. Since Obamacare's enactment, deductibles have risen dramatically, exposing Americans to exorbitant expenses before their coverage kicks in. Our legislation offers meaningful relief for many of these workers by permanently enabling high-deductible health plans to offer pre-deductible coverage for a range of preventive health services, including insulin. For the nearly 10 percent of adults in Idaho living with diabetes, these policies could prove lifesaving

and life-enhancing. In addition to reducing out-of-pocket expenses, the Lower Costs, More Cures Act would increase drug price transparency. While brand-name drug net prices, which account for discounts and rebates, declined by 2.9 percent in 2020, list prices, or "sticker" prices, for these same drugs increased by 4.4 percent. Given that both price-points can impact out-of-pocket expenses, the legislation would establish transparency requirements that empower consumers through meaningful oversight of pricing practices. Beyond these provisions, the Lower Costs, More Cures Act would advance dozens of other pro-patient policy solutions. A new Chief Pharmaceutical Negotiator, for instance, would be tasked with combatting foreign freeloading, ensuring the best trade deals possible for domestic job creators and consumers, who subsidize a disproportionate share of biomedical innovation. Our proposal would also strengthen cost comparison tools, remove disincentives for

prescribing lower-cost medications, and facilitate outcomes-based arrangements to expand access to cutting-edge personalized medicines, to name just a few key provisions. To date, Congressional Democratic Leadership and the Biden Administration have chosen to pursue a partisan plan that would lead to higher launch prices for new drugs, fewer new treatments on the market, and an increasingly bureaucratic health system, in addition to compromising our global life sciences leadership and providing rivals like China with a competitive opening. I sincerely hope that my colleagues course-correct and instead embrace common-sense solutions like the Lower Costs, More Cures Act.
— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U. S. Senate. He is in the final year of his fourth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.

Sports

Melba boys pull ahead of Ambrose for top seed

Two double-doubles and four scorers in double figures helped Melba High School take sole possession of the 2A Western Idaho Conference lead Friday.

Joe Reiber scored 17 points and added 13 rebounds to help push the Mustangs past The Ambrose School in a crucial 2A WIC boys' basketball game inside Potter Gymnasium.

The Mustangs (16-2 overall, 11-1 in conference before Monday's game against Marsing) pulled away from their stalemate with the Archers and got the inside track on the top seed in the 2A District III Tournament, which begins later this month.

Melba owns a one-game lead and the tiebreaker ahead of today's regular-season finale against Cole Valley Christian in Meridian.

Backing up Reiber's double-double against Ambrose was Cache Beus with 13 points, 15 rebounds and four steals.

Braden Volkers and Tucker Lowber added 14 points apiece as Melba stretched its winning streak to seven games.

Volkers also pulled down three rebounds and pulled off three assists.

Johnny Sugarman led all scorers with 20 points for Ambrose, while teammates Hudson Hughes (16 points) and Mitchell Boeck (12) also hit double digits.

Melba started the week with a 68-26 blowout victory of visiting Compass Charter on Feb. 1. No statistics were available.

Trojans girls drop district game at home

Homedale High School clawed back from a 10-point halftime deficit, but couldn't complete the comeback in a 3A District III girls' basketball tournament quarterfinal.

Fifth-seeded McCall-Donnelly held off the Trojans' charge across the second half to post a 45-41 victory in Homedale on Thursday.

The loss dropped first-year coach Monica White's No. 4 seed squad into the losers' bracket. Homedale played a loser-out game on Tuesday after deadline on No. 3 Weiser's home floor.

Thursday's loss put Homedale in the position of needing to win two consecutive games to earn a trip to the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state play-in game set for Saturday in Grangeville against the District 1 runner-up.

Cold shooting pushed Homedale (7-14 before Tuesday's game) into an early hole against McCall-Donnelly.

The Trojans were 4-for-20 (20 percent) from the floor in the first half, missing all six of their three-point attempts.

The Vandals (8-12 after Saturday's 49-39 semifinal loss to No. 1 Fruitland) went 9-for-29 (31 percent) to build a 24-14 lead at the break.

But Olivia Asumendi caught fire in the second half, hitting five of six field goals, to help Homedale storm back into the game.

Asumendi, who was 1-for-4 from the field in the first half, scored 10 of her team-high 14 points after the break.

Jacy Parker connected on a pair of three-point shots in the fourth quarter as Homedale outscored the Vandals, 14-11, over the final eight minutes. She tallied 11 points.

Senior Laney Swallow also woke up in the second half, putting in six of her nine points and starting her third quarter with a three-point play.

Homedale went 7-for-9 from the foul line, but had only Swallow's free throw to cinch her three-point play after halftime.

The Vandals' Gabi Green sank three of four free throws in the fourth quarter and went 5-for-6 overall to lead all players with 15 points.

McCall kept its edge despite a shaky foul-line performance in the fourth quarter. Down the stretch, the Vandals connected on just five of 12 chances after hitting four of their first six in the first 18 minutes of play.

Ashtyn Jones scored seven points — including a three-pointer — and Green tallied eight points as McCall built its first-half cushion.

✓ Raiders: 1A WIC season ends Friday

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points, and senior Gus Black came through with 12 points.

The Huskies (6-10, 3-4) put two juniors in double figures, including Max Wheeler with 15 points, and Drake Jones with 10. Jones drilled a pair of three-point goals.

The win streak has enabled coach Arron Hall's squad to maintain a slim lead over Victory Charter for the top seed in the 1A, Div. I District III Tournament.

Rimrock, victorious in 12 of its past 13 outings, is ranked fourth in both the MaxPreps.com ratings and the IdahoSports.com Class 1A, Div. I coaches' poll.

The conference season concludes Friday on the road at Notus. Tipoff is 7:30 p.m.

If the Raiders hang on to the top seed, they'll play host to an opening-round district game.

Friday: Rimrock 64, Riverstone International 42 — Another big finish to the first half helped the Raiders end the Otters' three-game win streak.

Martinez put in a team-high 20 points for Rimrock during the game played in Boise.

Riverstone sophomore Jason Koval led all scorers with 22 points. The bulk of his scoring came off six three-point goals.

Andrew Ebbers, a 6-foot, 3-inch senior, added eight points for the home squad.

The Raiders held a four-point advantage, 15-11, after the first quarter then scored 22 points in the second period. The barrage was part of a 37-22 run in the middle of the game that put the contest out of reach.

Pedro Varela hit a second-quarter three-pointer and scored 10 of his 13 points before the intermission. Likewise, Black had eight of his 10 points in the first half.

Feb. 1: Rimrock 64, Centennial Baptist 22 — Eight of the 11 players who stepped on the floor scored for the Raiders in a lopsided conference victory in Caldwell.

Black scored 10 of his game-high 16 points in the first half as Rimrock stormed out to a 28-9 lead at the break.

The Mustangs (7-5, 4-5), who are in the 1A WIC for the first time, managed only a field goal from senior Kaden Tilzey in the first quarter and fell behind, 14-2.

Clayton Holloway, a 6-foot, 4-inch senior, scored 12 points for Centennial Baptist.

Joining Black in double figures were Rimrock teammates Martinez and Ronaldo Gomez.

Martinez paced the club in the first quarter with six of his 13 points. Gomez opened the second half with three field goals — including a three-pointer — in the third period and scored all 14 of his points after the intermission.

Jack Meyers chipped in eight points for Rimrock.

Eli Aquiso nailed a three-pointer in the fourth quarter en route to five points for the visitors.

✓ Melba: No. 1 vs. No. 3 for championship

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the semifinals with an upset of Nampa Christian, slipped into the losers' bracket and played an elimination game against No. 6 Marsing in Meridian on Tuesday after deadline.

Owyhee County resident Brooklyn Dayley posted a strong all-around game in Melba's win over New Plymouth inside Potter Gymnasium on Saturday.

Dayley scored 12 points, snagged five steals and dished four assists.

Teammate Keylee Wilson led all players with 16 points while taking down three rebounds.

Kendall Clark added nine points and five rebounds, and Hallie Arnold posted eight points and three assists.

New Plymouth received 12 points from Jane Gibson, and 11 points from Baylie Voile.

The Pilgrims routed Marsing, 46-14, in the first round of the double-elimination tournament Thursday.

Cole Valley enters the championship game as the top-ranked team in the IdahoSports.com Class 2A coaches' poll, while Melba is No. 3.

The Chargers are third in the MaxPreps.com ratings, one spot behind Melba, despite beating the Mustangs twice this season — 48-30 on Jan. 8 in Melba, and 53-42 on Nov. 30 in Meridian.

Coach Dave Lenz's Melba squad brings a five-game win streak into the championship game. Cole Valley has won seven consecutive games since a 48-40 loss to Class 4A Bishop Kelly on Dec. 30.

The Chargers have beaten Melba in the past two district championship games and have won the two schools' past six meetings.

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Public notices

OWYHEE COUNTY 2022 AGGREGATE CRUSHING PROJECT FOR CHIP SEALS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate scaled BIDS for the Owyhee County—2022 AGGREGATE CRUSHING PROJECT FOR CHIP SEALS will be received by Paragon Consulting, Inc., at their office located at 157 W. 4th Street, Kuna, Idaho 83634 until 2:00 p.m. local time on **FEBRUARY 17, 2022**, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

This project involves crushing and stockpiling approximately 12,000 tons of Class 3 Cover Coat Material, at the Owyhee County Cov Rec Pit located 9 miles southeast of Grandview near the State Highway 78 and Anderson Loop Intersection.

It is the intent of the Project Documents to describe the work required to complete this project in sufficient detail to secure comparable bids. All parts or work not specifically mentioned which are necessary in order to provide a complete project shall be included in the bid and shall conform to all Local, State and Federal requirements. Minority and women owned businesses are encouraged to bid. Owyhee County is an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) employer.

The Work under this contract shall be completed before **JUNE 30, 2022**. A Notice To Proceed date will be agreed upon between the Contractor and Owyhee County within 14 Calendar days of the issuance of the Notice of Award. The Contractor shall achieve substantial completion prior to **JUNE 30, 2022**. Once the work has started, the Contractor shall work continuously to substantially complete the work. All items will be ready for final payment within 14 calendar days of the substantial completion and no later than **JULY 14, 2022**.

A pre-bid conference will not be held for this project

There are no Federal funds utilized in this project.

The Project Documents and Drawings may be examined at the following locations:

1)Owyhee County - 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, ID 83650

2)PARAGON CONSULTING, INC. - 157 W. 4th Street, Kuna, ID 83634 (Issuing Office)

In determining the lowest responsive bid, the OWNER will consider all acceptable bids on a basis consistent with the bid package. The OWNER will also consider whether the bidder is a responsible bidder.

Before a contract will be awarded for work contemplated herein, the OWNER will conduct such investigation as is necessary to determine the performance record and ability of the apparent low bidder to perform the size and type of work specified under this Contract. Upon request, the bidder shall submit such information as deemed necessary by the OWNER to evaluate the bidder’s qualifications.

All bids must be signed and accompanied by evidence of authority to sign.

Bids must be accompanied by Bid Security in the form of a bid bond, certified check, cashier’s check, or cash in the amount of 5% of the amount of the bid proposal. Said bid security shall be forfeited to Owyhee County as liquidated damages should the successful bidder fail to enter into contract in accordance with

NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUANCE OF TAX DEED GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT P.O. Box 67 Homedale, ID 83628 Owyhee County, Idaho

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Title 43, Chapter 7, of the Idaho State Code, on December 31, 2021, the period of redemption for delinquent entries made January 1, 2019, shall expire and the Gem Irrigation District, or its assign, shall be issued a tax deed or lien for the property described below, upon which such delinquent entries were made. The property described below may be redeemed on or before June 30, 2022, by paying to the Gem Irrigation District at its office in the City of Homedale, County of Owyhee, the delinquent assessments for which the delinquent entries were made, plus a penalty of two percent (2%) thereon, interest on the total at the rate of one percent (1%) per month from the day said delinquent entries were made until the day of redemption, and recording and publication costs. Any inquiries direct to Gem Irrigation at the above-named address.

Person Assessed	Property Description	Delinquent Year Assessed	Assessment & Penalty	Interest to 12/31/21	Misc Costs
Forest & Sharon Abbott	Sec 07 T3N R5W PT. NESE	2019	122.58		51.11
Danny & Wendy Aberasturi	Sec 01 T3N R6W PT. SENW	2019	158.41	63.43	51.11
Harold Or Judy Hyatt	Sec 33 T3N R4W Pt. NENE	2017-2019	557.94	302.32	51.11
Terry & Nathan Mahler & Darcy & Norine Geary	Sec 14 T3N R5W Lot 6	2018-2019	470.00	178.26	51.11
Ralph & Marlena Robinson	Sec 03 T2N R4W PT. SENW	2016-2019	1346.52	928.14	51.11
Carol Rudd	Sec. 26 T3N R6W PT. NE & SE1/4	2019	4063.60	478.07	51.11
Jeff & Rebecca Wasson	Sec 21 T3N R4W Pt SW ¼	2019	113.70		51.11
Richard & Nikki Wheyland	Sec 28 T3N R4W PT NWNW	2019	191.27	66.23	51.11

Dated this 26th day of January, 2022
GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Sherry Maxwell, Treasurer
02/02,09,16,23/2022

their proposal as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

Owyhee County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any nonmaterial irregularities in the bids received, and to accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to the best interest of the County.

Date: Jan. 18, 2022
/s/: Joe Merrick
Joe Merrick, Chairman
02/02,09/2022

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Hot Springs Ditch Company will be held at the Emergency Center Building “EMT” Office in Bruneau on Friday, February 18, 2022 at 1:00 pm.
02/09/2022

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the South Side Bruneau Canal Company will be held at the Emergency Center Building “EMT” Office in Bruneau on Friday, February 18, 2022 at 2:00 pm.
02/09/2022

**NOTICE OF HEARING
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT FOR THE STATE
OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR
THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: DAWN CHRISTINE
SCHLEGEL
CASE NO. CV 37-22-28**

A Petition to change the name of Dawn Christine Schlegel now residing in the City of Homedale, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Christy Dawn Schlegel.

The reason for the change in name is: to change birth given name to name known by/as.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:00 o’clock a.m. on March 2, 2022 at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: January 19, 2022
s:/Catie Canaday, Deputy Clerk
Angela Barkell, Clerk of the District Court
01/26;02/02,09,16/2022

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF THE STATE
OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR
THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE**

**MAGISTRATE DIVISION
CASE NO. CV37-22-00008
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF GEORGE OTTO
BECK, Deceased Person
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be both filed with the Court and presented to the Personal Representative of the estate at the law office of JULIE ADAMS DEFORD, 317 12th Avenue South, Nampa, Idaho 83651.

DATED this 13th day of January, 2022.
/s/Susan L. Beck
Personal Representative
01/19,26;02/02,09/2022

**NOTICE
OF TRUSTEE’S SALE**

On the **12th** day of **May, 2022**, at the hour of **10:00 a.m.** of this day (recognized local time), in the office of The Owyhee County Court House, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, ID 83650, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Secured Land Transfers LLC, a Delaware limited liability company dba TitleOne, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash or cashier’s check (cash equivalent), in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale in compliance with Section 45-1506(9) Idaho Code, the following described real property, situated in Owyhee County, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:

Lots 34 and 35, Block 1, Amended Plat of the Townsite of Bruneau, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Owyhee County Recorder.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessor’s office, the address of **32473 Belle Avenue, Bruneau, ID 83604**, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession, or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by **Dennis D. Elledge and Karen L. Elledge, husband and wife**, as Grantor(s), **Secured Land Transfers LLC, a Delaware limited liability company dba TitleOne**, as **Successor Trustee**, and **Harold A. Black and Araxy Black, husband and wife** as Beneficiary, recorded **June 18, 2003**, as Instrument No. **243932**, and assigned to **DBL Company, Inc., an Idaho corporation**, by assignment recorded **May 13, 2005**, as Instrument No. **251876**, the records of Owyhee County, Idaho

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION (4 5 - 1 5 0 6) (4) (A) , IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The beneficiary hereby gives notice that a breach of obligation for which said transfer in security has occurred, the nature of the breach being:

- a) The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust Note, the monthly payments of \$193.00, due per month for the month of July 12, 2021 and all subsequent monthly payments of principal, interest, late charges and any miscellaneous fees thereafter. The Principal balance is \$14,474.87, the current interest rate is 7.00000% per annum, as of January 3, 2022.
- b) The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay past due real property taxes in Owyhee County for the 2nd half of 2018, 2019, 2020 and the 1st half of 2021, and failure to bring said real property taxes current.

All amounts are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, late fees, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees,

costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and all are accruing until the date of sale, full satisfaction, or reinstatement of the obligation.

Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Dated: 01/12/2022

Secured Land Transfers LLC dba TitleOne
Successor Trustee
/s/:Sheri Coleman
By: Sheri Coleman
Trust Officer
01/19,26;02/02,09/2022

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED
CHANGE OF WATER
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TRANSFER NO. 85334
ACE BLACK RANCHES,
28892 HOT SPRINGS RD,
BRUNEAU, ID 83604-5007
has filed Application No. 85334
for changes to the following
water rights within OWYHEE
County(s): Right No(s). 51-
10252, 51-27B, 51-28B, 51-29B,
51-30; to see a full description
of these rights and the proposed
transfer, please see https://
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waterrights/querynewtransfers.
The purpose of the transfer is to
change a portion of the above
rights as follows:**

to add a point of diversion to be used for all of the rights included, with a max diversion rate of 2.0 cfs. The new point of diversion is on the Bruneau River located in Govt. Lot 4 (SWSW) Section 30, T06S, R06E, approximately a mile south of Bruneau, Idaho.

For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208)334-2190. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code Sec. 42-222. Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with the Department 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 2/22/2022. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director
02/02,09/2022

Public notices

LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF IDAHO LAND LEASE OPPORTUNITY PUBLIC AUCTION FOR LEASES

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Article IX, § 8 of the Idaho Constitution and Idaho Code §§ 47-704, 58-307, -310 and -313, that the State of Idaho, Department of Lands (hereinafter “IDL”), will conduct public auctions of Mineral Leases E600097, E600098, E600099, E600100, and E600101, as set forth below. The deadline for each auction registration is Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 5:00PM (MST). The auctions will begin and be held consecutively on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at 10:00AM (MST). The leases will be awarded to the bidder who will pay the highest Premium Bid, as defined below. The Premium Bid payment is in addition to the annual rental rates and royalty rates that have been established by IDL and are set forth in the leases to be auctioned. Detailed information regarding the lease auction terms and conditions, the leases, including a specific legal description and map of the properties to be leased, rental rates, minimum annual royalties, and royalty rates can be obtained visiting IDL's website at www.idl.idaho.gov/leasing/minerals-leasing/ or by contacting Mike Murphy via e-mail at MineralsLeasing@idl.idaho.gov or 208-334-0290.

Mineral Lease E600097 is for 20 years for the extraction of metallic minerals with a leased premises of approximately 560 acres on the following described parcels located in Township 5 South, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, which are more particularly described as

follows:

SE1/4SW1/4 and SW1/4SE1/4 in Section 14; E1/2SE1/4 in Section 21; NE1/4NE1/4,SW1/4NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, and NW1/4SW1/4 in Section 22; NW1/4NW1/4 in Section 23; N1/2SW1/4 and NW1/4SE1/4 in Section 27; and E1/2NE1/4 in Section 28.

Mineral Lease E600098 is for 20 years for the extraction of metallic minerals with a leased premises of approximately 160 acres on the following described parcels located in Township 5 South, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, which are more particularly described as follows:

W 1 / 2 N E 1 / 4 ; E1/2NW1/4 of said Section 34.

Mineral Lease E600099 is for 20 years for the extraction of metallic minerals with a leased premises of approximately 640 acres including the entire Section 36, Township 5 South, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Mineral Lease E600100 is for 20 years for the extraction of metallic minerals with a leased premises of approximately 636.16 acres including the entire Section 36, Township 5 South, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Mineral Lease E600101 is for 20 years for the extraction of metallic minerals with a leased premises of approximately 638.97 acres including the

entire Section 16, Township 5 South, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.
02/09,16,23;03/02/2022

SUMMONS
IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE 4TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF VALLEY
Case No.: CV43-21-337
Donald S. Reed, Plaintiff
vs.
Steve Davis, DBA Deluxe Sheds, Defendant
To: Steve Davis DBA Deluxe Sheds

You have been sued by Donald S. Reed, the plaintiff in the District Court in and for Valley County, Idaho, Case No. CV-43-21-337.

The nature of the claim against you is for Breach of Contract Non-performance.

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 a written response in proper form, including the case number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at P.O. Box 1350, 219 Main Street, Cascade, Idaho 83611 (208) 382-7100 and served a copy of your response on the other party, whose mailing address is: Donald S. Reed, 13025 Delayne Road, Donnelly, ID 83615.

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

Date: Jan. 24, 2022
By: Janelle Hon, Deputy Clerk
02/02,09,16,23/2022

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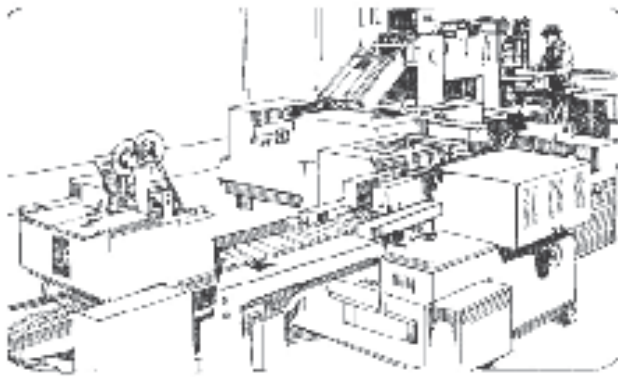
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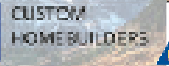
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Sports

Trojans get glimpse of near future in Weiser Invite

The same two Homedale High School athletes got dual meet wins and tournament medals in Weiser last week.

Brodie White, a sophomore wrestling at 220 pounds, and senior 195-pounder Willy Haun won their final bouts Saturday to finish fifth at the Weiser Invitational.

The boys were also victorious on the Wolverines' mat last Wednesday during a tri-meet with Weiser and the Baker/Powder Valley (Ore.) cooperative.

During the weekend, White (14-12) pulled out a 3-2 victory to deprive senior Oscar Cruz fifth place inside his home gymnasium.

While White's victory could be a preview of the 3A District III championship meet, Haun's triumph may have foretold a possible 3A state tournament matchup.

The senior (22-7) pulled out a pinfall against South Fremont junior Conrad Miller (28-9), three seconds before the end of the first two-minute period in the fifth-place medal match.

White won two consecutive consolation matches before a second loss to Elijah Williams of Gooding dropped him into the fifth-place match. Williams beat White, 4-1, in the consolation semifinals and began the tournament with a pin in 1:39 against the Trojans underclassman.

White pinned Buhl's Garret Theurer (1:25) and Borah's Kaeden Lincoln (3:38) to reach the consolation bracket semifinals.

Haun started with a narrow 3-2 quarterfinal decision against another 3A Snake River Valley conference foe — Payette's Gabriel Ramos.

Haun rallied from two narrow losses to finish fifth. Jerome's Robby Ortega prevailed, 3-2, in the semifinals, and Weiser's Kaleb Grove pulled off a 3-1 triumph in the consolation semifinal.

Three other HHS athletes were victorious in the weekend tournament.

- Wyatt Stewart (13-17) opened his tournament with a pin of Benito Gonzalez of Vale, Ore. (3:07) then pinned Priest River's Kailee Davis in 1:43 of their consolation match.
- Andrew Marston (17-14) rallied for a pair of big wins in the consolation rounds at 145. He stopped Boise's Jack Sorensen with a 15-2 major decision. Marston also pinned Vallivue's Gohaun Olson in 3:14.
- Senior Rhyalee Nix (16-9) also had a pair of consolation bracket wins. He pinned Sebastian Flores of Vallivue in 69 seconds and beat Borah's Tristan Phillips, 9-0.

Trojans lose dual meets

Held back by 10 forfeits in both dual meets, the Trojans fell in last Wednesday's tri-meet in Washington County.

White beat Cruz, 7-0, in the Trojans' 75-3 conference setback against Weiser, while Haun pinned Baker/Powder Valley's Adrian Allen in 2:41 for the only points in Homedale's 77-6 loss.

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Adrian wrestler wins at Bank of E. Oregon

Toby Clow's standout wrestling season continued Saturday with a championship in the Bank of Eastern Oregon Invitational.

The Adrian High School 220-pounder won a gold medal in Heppner, Ore., by pinning Alex Ritter from the Baker/Powder Valley cooperative for the title.

Clow stopped Ritter with a pinfall 30 seconds into the second period of their bout.

Clow (26-2) dominated the bracket, beginning with a 15-0 technical fall against hometown wrestler Nathan Ellsworth. Clow ended the match at the 4-minute, 35-second mark.

In the semifinals, Clow pinned Baker/Powder Valley's Jayden Clark in 2:50.

- Adrian 105-pounder Virginia Tolman (11-4) took fourth place in Saturday's Special District 3 girls' tournament in Redmond, Ore.

Tolman gutted out an 11-9 sudden victory in the consolation semifinals against Union's Milah Fincher to keep her tournament going.

Mountain View's Emilee Williamson posted a 10-7 decision over Tolman in the third-place match.

Homedale Trojans

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Girls' basketball
Laney Swallow, sr., F
9 points in home career finale



Boys' basketball
Eli Heck, sr., G
Playing final 3A SRV game of his career this week



Wrestling
Wyatt Stewart, fr., 106
2 pins in Weiser Invitational

This week's Sports Schedule

Girls' basketball
3A District III Tournament
If won Tuesday: Thursday, Feb. 10, third-place game, opponent, time and place TBD
If won Tuesday and win Thursday: 3A state play-in game vs. District I runner-up, Grangeville H.S., 2 p.m., MST
If lost Tuesday or Thursday: Season complete

Wrestling
Varsity
Coed
Wednesday, Feb. 9, home for tri-meet vs. McCall-Donnelly and New Plymouth (Senior Night), 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 12 at Marsing POD Tournament, old gym, 9:30 a.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Friday, Feb. 11, home vs. Fruitland (Senior Night), 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 15, 3A District III Tournament, site, opponent, time TBD
Junior varsity
Friday, Feb. 11, home vs. Fruitland, 6 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 14, 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament, site, opponent, time TBD
Wednesday, Feb. 16, 3A SRV tournament final (if nec.)
Frosh soph
Friday, Feb. 11, home vs. Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 14, 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament, site, opponent, time TBD
Wednesday, Feb. 16, 3A SRV tournament final (if nec.)

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