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Bundy's feet benefit schools

Dist. 23 rep earns Marsing money in walking challenge

Matthew Bundy's days are numbered as a District 23 representative, but he's still walking the walk for his constituents.

In fact, he averaged 10,000 steps per day at the State-Matthew Bundy house in February and earned \$1,000 for Marsing schools.

"I am sad to be losing Owyhee County in my legislative district due to redistricting," the

— See **Bundy**, page 13A



NATIONAL FFA WEEK, A WEEK LATER



Pucker up, piggy!

Homedale High School English teacher Luke Crockett, a former standout wrestler at Boise State University, didn't grapple with his pig Thursday. He puckered up during an assembly celebrating National FFA Week inside the school gymnasium. Crockett and Government teacher Randy Lyons were the top vote-getters in polling on who should get the honor. FFA co-advisor Shane Wetzel (background) helps Lyons prepare for his date. More photos from the assembly, **Page 9A**

Bills would change voting rules before primary

by Jessica Megis, UI McClure Public Policy Intern

The House State Affairs Committee last Wednesday advanced two bills that, if passed, would affect voting procedures ahead of Idaho's May 17 primary elections.

HB 692: Tightens forms of ID accepted at polls

Dist. 8B Rep. Dorothy Moon (R-Stanley) presented House Bill 692, which prohibits affidavits in lieu of identification when registering or voting at the polls.

"Removing the affidavit, it just needs to happen," Moon said. "If one illegal vote gets in and cancels your legal vote, that is wrong, and that is part of this election integrity... This is a no-brainer."

The bill offers several changes to acceptable forms of identification required to vote as well as changes to

the voter registration process.

Student ID cards and signed voter affidavits would no longer be accepted to verify a voter.

Under current law, Idahoans need proof of residency to register at the polls or vote on Election Day. HB 692 would require a current Idaho driver's license, recent utility bill, a U.S. passport or birth certificate to prove identity and U.S. citizenship.

This bill would also create a fund to

— See **HB 692**, page 5A

HB 693: Eliminates use of absentee drop boxes

Angie Barkell wore two hats last Wednesday when she testified against a bill that would outlaw absentee ballot boxes ahead of the May 17 primary.

She spoke before the House as both the Owyhee County clerk and the state clerks' association representative on the Idaho Association of Counties Legislative Committee.

House Bill 693, introduced by Dist. 7A Rep. Priscilla Giddings (R-White Bird), would prohibit absentee ballot drop boxes. Several counties, including Owyhee County, currently use absentee

ballot drop boxes.

"We encourage voter turnout," the Republican candidate for lieutenant governor said. "We want people to vote as much as possible, but we also need secure and fair election."

Barkell testified during last Wednesday's public hearing, saying the boxes are a convenience for citizens and ensure a secure process.

"I have always looked at my responsibility as the county clerk and the chief

— See **HB 693**, page 5A



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County gas prices soar

Between Thursday afternoon and Monday morning, the price for regular unleaded gasoline skyrocketed close to 50 cents per gallon at stations in Marsing and Homedale.



Marsing’s centennial on the mayor’s mind

City council to discuss FY 23 budget before regular meeting

Marsing is turning 100 years old this year, and Mayor Chad Sevy wants to throw a party. The mayor could ask to set a budget for a celebration later this year when the city council holds its monthly meeting at 7 p.m., today. The regular meeting follows a budget workshop inside Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave. City clerk and treasurer Jolyn Thompson said the mayor has asked for feedback on what a centennial celebration should look like. “He requested us here in City Hall to give him a list of ideas for events and celebrations and go from there,” Thompson said. The centennial marks Marsing’s establishment as a village. City incorporation didn’t come until 1941, which makes the municipality actually older than Homedale, which didn’t incorporate until 1947. City councilmembers will

be in the council chambers beginning at 6 p.m., to discuss current expenditures and revenue and begin formulating a plan for the Fiscal Year 2023 budget. That new budget may have to include provisions to prepare for a street sweeping and snow plowing program. The council could vote on an Idaho Transportation Department maintenance agreement for Main Street/Idaho highway 55 today after city engineer Kirby Cook’s presentation. According to discussion from the February meeting, ITD wants a new maintenance agreement for the city’s main drag, shifting a lot of work onto Marsing’s public works crew. The state agency originally wanted an agreement in place this summer, but Cook said last month that the deal could be pushed back to 2026. That would give Marsing time to build up a capital equipment

fund to purchase a street sweeper. **RV park still in works** Cook could provide an update on a proposed recreational vehicle park that a Nampa couple is planning west of downtown. Martin and Hannah Maisel originally received council approval to build a 55-space RV resort off Idaho 55 to accommodate folks traveling to visit the nearby Sunny Slope wine region. The council approved rezoning and a conditional use permit in May 2019. “They have been working on getting their water and sewer, sidewalks and final plat set up,” Thompson said. In other development news: • City attorney Stephanie J. Bonney is scheduled to present the council with a draft ordinance pertaining to food trucks in light of the food truck park that has been proposed on Main Street. If the council approves the draft ordinance, a public hearing could be held in April, Thompson said.

• During his report near the end of the meeting, Sevy will present a series of business license applications, including one for a proposed second location for Owyhee Family Dental. Dr. Jared Martin has closed on the purchase of the old US Bank building on Main Street and plans to expand his operation. The original location is on South Main Street in Homedale. Other business license applications have been field for Guerrero’s Market and Earth Brite Rock Shop. **Street safety focus** As the city awaits the return of Owyhee County Sheriff’s Deputy Travis Leedom from his Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training academy stint, the council will hear about other steps to impede drivers not following the rules of the road in town. Code enforcement officer Seth Wahl will discuss the installation of a caution sign at the intersection of Sandbar Avenue and 1st Street near City Hall.

Thompson said motorists are “completely disregarding” the stop sign at the intersection. The council could also discuss installing bus stop designations in town. Wahl will also give a report on his public outreach efforts — including on Facebook — to introduce himself to the community and progress on corralling at-large dogs. **Volunteers proposed cleaning park pond** After public works superintendent Ryan Flannery tells the council that the newly rebuilt dock has been installed at Island Park pond, Sevy will present a proposal that could lead to the cleanup of the riverside pond. The mayor wants to waive the overnight camping ban at the park to accommodate a team of divers who have volunteered to clean up garbage in the pond during a weekend, Thompson said. The ban was lifted a few years ago for the Bike Idaho tour. — JPB

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Middle row, from left: Katie Christoffersen, jr., 4.01 GPA; Sydney Davis, jr., 4.01; Rylan Love, jr., 3.97; Catherine Decker, jr., 3.96; Kaylee Blankenship, jr., 3.94; Sigmund Goode, jr., 3.91; Olivia Smith, jr., 3.90; Kambell Garrett, jr., 3.90; and Mason Strong, jr., 3.90
Back row, from left: Elizabet Egusquiza, jr., 3.87 GPA; Olivia Miller, jr., 3.84; Rylan Binford, jr., 3.78; Erika Mercado, jr., 3.72; Omar Rios, jr., 3.71; Kaden Tomevi, jr., 3.70; Trenton Fisher, jr., 3.55; Jaxon Dines, jr., 3.43; Cade Contreras, jr., 3.38; and Yocelyn Albor, jr., 3.33
Not pictured: Rose Flores, sr., 3.50 GPA; and Marysol Mata, jr., 3.96. Submitted photo

HHS inducts new National Honor Society members

The latest batch of top-performing students was inducted into Homedale High School’s National Honor Society chapter during a ceremony March 1 inside the school’s gymnasium.

Chapter president Destiny Castellanos welcomed parents and other guests and

led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Laney Swallow delivered the invocation and the benediction.

Vice president Alexa Durrant recounted the National Honor Society’s history, and treasurer Elizabeth Whitehead ran down the selection

criteria.

Castellanos then returned to lead the candle-lighting ceremony: Hayden Kincheloe lit the candle of knowledge, Chris Aguilera lit scholarship, John Lejardi lit service, Eli Heck lit leadership, and Swallow returned to light the candle

representing character.

Castellanos administered the society oath to new inductees before HHS principal Matt Holtry delivered a welcome address and chapter advisor Ed Lee presented membership certificates.

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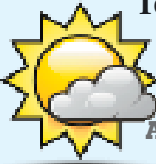
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				Max	Min	Avg
	(measured in inches)					
	(measured in Fahrenheit)					
Mud Flat						
03/01	5.0	15	9.3	49	33	41
03/02	5.0	14	9.2	54	33	43
03/03	4.9	13	9.3	56	33	41
03/04	4.7	13	9.2	41	25	33
03/05	4.6	12	9.2	37	22	29
03/06	4.5	13	9.2	35	19	27
03/07	4.5	13	9.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
03/01	4.9	11	9.5	54	45	48
03/02	4.5	9	9.5	56	45	50
03/03	3.8	7	9.4	54	29	43
03/04	3.1	6	9.4	34	24	29
03/05	2.8	6	9.4	36	22	28
03/06	2.4	6	9.3	31	22	26
03/07	2.3	5	9.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
03/01	11.3	29	20.0	53	44	47
03/02	11.2	28	20.0	52	44	48
03/03	10.9	27	20.0	55	32	44
03/04	10.7	25	19.9	35	24	29
03/05	10.7	26	19.8	35	20	27
03/06	10.8	25	19.9	32	17	24
03/07	10.8	25	19.8	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 25 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 1,665 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 16 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 175,731 acre-feet of water on Monday.

More SNOTEL

As of Monday

Fawn Creek, Nev.

Snow equiv.	Snow depth	YTD precip.
9.1	33	15.7

Public hearing next step in developing Snake River land

With the Homedale City Council regular meeting pushed back a week this month, the agenda is pretty light so far. But elected officials are scheduled to at least conduct a public hearing when they convene at 6 p.m., next Wednesday.

Boise resident Tim Bever has filed a request to change the zoning for riverfront property he wants to develop in the 500 block of East Owyhee Avenue.

The council will take up Bever's application to change the allowed use from industrial to residential at 503 E. Owyhee Ave. Bever hopes to build two homes on the site.

The public can provide comment either at the meeting or send written comments to City Hall prior to the hearing. For more information on making comments, call City Hall at (208) 337-4641.

Homedale kindergarten signup just weeks away

Homedale Elementary School is preparing to register the community's newest students. Kindergarten registration will take place from 1 p.m., to 7 p.m., on Friday, April 15 at the school, 420 W. Washington Ave.

The 2022-23 school year will mark the second year of all-day kindergarten at the school.

Parents are asked to bring their incoming kindergartener only to registration for screening while paperwork is completed.

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Correction

The name of the Homedale Middle School cheer coach was incorrect in last week's edition. Heidi Lawler is the HMS cheer coach.



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✓ HB 693: Owyhee County distributed drop boxes to three locations

election official in our county to be a facilitator to the voter and not to be the gatekeeper. That is up to the voter. It's their right, and my job is to help them," she said.

After a failed motion to keep the bill in the committee, the original motion to pass HB 692 to the House floor was approved with a 10-3 vote and do-pass recommendation.

Barkell said the county set up drop boxes for the first time during the 2020 primary. The boxes were available in secure locations in Homedale, Grand View and at the sheriff's office in Murphy, and Barkell said they are used only during countywide elections.

The boxes allow voters to drop off their absentee ballots at their convenience rather than only during business hours at the county courthouse in Murphy.

"As a clerk and Owyhee County's chief election official, I believe that it is my responsibility to facilitate every citizen's right to vote. If we can do that by providing a drop off location for an absentee voter, then we should be doing so," Barkell said.

She said "this is not an Idaho issue."

"The fear-mongering in politics is over the top. The constant 'what-ifs' are only adding to the very thing these politicians are trying to solve, and that is restoring voter confidence."



— Angie Barkell
Owyhee County Clerk

"I understand there is grave concern that we might see ballot-box stuffing. The election legislation this year is full of 'preventative' measures to stifle election fraud based on purported events that may or may not have happened in other states," Barkell said.

She added, "There are no reported instances of ballot-box stuffing in Idaho."

"Overall, I believe that voters, and especially Owyhee County voters, are inherently honest citizens wishing to engage in the democratic process and exercise their right to vote," she said.

In fact, she suggests that legislation like HB 692 actually works against its purported objective.

"The fear-mongering in politics is over the top. The constant 'what-ifs' are only adding to the very thing these politicians are trying to solve, and that is restoring voter confidence," Barkell said.

Barkell said the county plans to set up boxes again for the May 17 primary — unless HB 692 passes the Legislature and is signed into law by Gov. Brad Little.

The Board of County Commissioners has final say in where the boxes would be located, but Barkell said the concept is still very much an experiment.

"If people don't use it, we won't keep doing it, but we should have the option," she said.

She said fewer than 50 voters dropped absentee ballots in the boxes during the last election cycle, "but my opposition is

really based on principle more than anything else."

Drop boxes aren't used during district or municipal elections.

Pending approval, a box will be stationed at the Grand View DMV office and inside Homedale City Hall at the magistrate court office. Those would be available only during business hours. The only box available 24 hours would be inside the sheriff's office in Murphy.

"The boxes will be checked each business day for use and routed by (sheriff's) deputy to Murphy on a weekly basis," she said. The final drop-off day will be the Monday before the election (May 16 for the primary)."

The boxes will be located in monitored locations and locked in secure facilities during non-business hours, Barkell said.

Another security measure: Every time ballots are collected at the absentee submission station, all officials who handle the ballots will sign a chain-of-custody form.

Voters who don't want to rely on a drop box can still either deliver their absentee ballots in person to the clerk's office in Murphy, mail it in, or vote in-person absentee at the courthouse in Murphy.

Absentee ballots can be requested online at voteidaho.gov or through the U.S. mail. In-person requests must be made at the elections office in Murphy.

In-person absentee voters will be issued a ballot in the same fashion as a mail-out request, Barkell said.

"They will be handed the ballot when it is issued," she said. "The voter can choose to take the ballot home, vote and return by mail, or use the lobby to mark the ballot and return it to the clerk to complete the process."

In-person absentee voting for the May 17 primary election will run from May 2 to May 13. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is 5 p.m., on May 6. Absentee ballots must be received at the elections office — either by mail or dropped off — by 8 p.m., on May 17.

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✓ HB 692: Emergency clause "just isn't plausible": County clerk Barkell

help Idahoans who don't have a driver's license or state ID card attain free identification cards that can be used to register at the polls or vote.

Citizens have until 5 p.m., on April 22 to pre-register for the primary election.

Moon said HB 692 would help improve voting security and amend law so that only U.S. citizens — with proper identification and proof of residency — can vote.

Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell told The Owyhee Avalanche that the proof of citizenship bill may be well-intentioned but isn't perfect.

"I don't think this is a bad thing and would be helpful for election poll workers; however, the bill has so many issues that end up being unintended consequences and create too many challenges for voters and those of us that run elections," she said.

Barkell has been watching the session closely for legislation that could impact counties and county clerks. The state clerks' association representative on the Idaho Association of Counties Legislative Committee, she

testified on another voting-related bill last Wednesday. HB 693 would prohibit drop boxes where voters could place their absentee ballots.

Both bills contain an emergency clause that would enact the law upon Gov. Brad Little's signature, meaning that the changes would affect procedures for the May 17 primary. Most approved legislation goes into effect on July 1 unless the emergency clause is attached.

"The emergency clause that we are seeing in so many of these bills just isn't plausible," Barkell said.

The nature of the emergency isn't specific in either bill.

All public comment during the HB 692 hearing opposed the bill, and several high school

students said the proposed changes would discourage new voters from taking part.

Canyon County Clerk Chris Yamamoto testified in opposition.

While supporting the idea of funding for free ID cards, he said parts of the bill pose what he considered unnecessary challenges for citizens to get their votes in.

"I think proving citizenship here [with HB 692], while very well-intended, will make it harder for naturally born citizens to vote, than naturalized citizens," he said.

A 9-2 vote sent HB 692 to the House floor.

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Upcoming class gets you ready for starting garden seeds for spring

Many of us are likely counting down the days until seeds can be started indoors for the 2022 vegetable garden season.

In the previous year, I shared with you the UI Extension Bulletin: *Spring Vegetable Planting Guide for Idaho* that provided starting dates based on the plant hardiness zone. You can review the resource at <https://bit.ly/UIBUL965>.

Today, I'd like to share about starting seeds and the items I consider the cornerstones to seed propagation: containers, potting mix, temperature, water, and light.

A number of containers can be used to start seeds indoors. No matter the container you choose, ensure that your container has drainage holes in the bottom to allow excess moisture to drain out and water to move up into the soilless media when using the bottom-up watering method. Second, start with new or clean containers and trays to avoid diseases. Used containers should be washed and then sterilized by soaking in a 10 percent bleach solution followed by a rinse and allow to air dry.

When starting plants indoors, the seeds should be placed in a soilless media or potting mix to a depth as indicated on the seed packet. The sterile potting mix should be a lightweight, fine-textured mix and moistened before planting seeds. These mixes are generally sold as a seed starting or propagation mix and are less porous than a traditional potting mix allowing for increased moisture-holding capacity in close contact with the seed.

Achieving the ideal soil temperature can help to improve germination rates. Many of our warm-season vegetables like tomatoes, peppers, and melons have an ideal temperature

for germination that is higher (75°F to 85°F) than our cool-season crops. Use of a heating mat or placing these containers on top of a refrigerator in the kitchen can help reach ideal temperatures and improve germination rates.

I find the method of bottom-up watering provides me the most success and reduces the problem of damping off. This water method is "accomplished by pouring room-temperature water into a tray holding the planting containers. If using this method, apply only as much water as the pots will completely absorb within a few minutes. Don't let pots sit in standing water for long periods of time" as is mentioned in the UI Extension Publication *Start Seeds Indoors with Success*. Keep your seedlings moderately moist, ensuring they do not wilt. Access this full publication at <https://bit.ly/CIS1209>.

Finally, provide 12 to 16 hours of light per day for your seedlings. There are several light fixtures at varying price points that work, but florescent tubes suspended 2 to 4 inches above the plant will do the trick. If you are using an LED grow light system, follow the instruction with regards to the suspension above the plants.

If you are interested in learning more about starting seeds, join our upcoming *Starting Seeds with Success* class at 6 p.m., on Monday, March 14. Call UI Extension, Canyon County at (208) 459-6003 to reserve your spot and pay the \$10 class fee. Learn hands-on as you will be provided supplies to start tomatoes and peppers. The U and I Together and virtual engagement series for all ages is held weekly at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, and registration can be completed at <https://bit.ly/UIspring22>.

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Nic Usabel

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Circuit Breaker tax relief workshop

9:30 a.m., to 1:30 p.m., first-come, first-served, or appointments available, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020 for appointment

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.

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

Marsing Fire Commissioners meeting

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

Jordan Valley school board meeting

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

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

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., "Financial escape room," free, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Saturday

Idaho Wild West seminar

9 a.m., to 3:30 p.m., \$10 (advance registration required for lunch), Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. RCSobba@gmail.com, <https://idahowildwestseminar.eventbrite.com>

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

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.

Homedale library board meeting

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

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

Circuit Breaker tax relief workshop

9:30 a.m., to noon, Rimrock Senior and Community Center, 525 Main St., Grand View

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.

Teen Night

7 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

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

Obituaries

Rodney Earl Redford

June 2, 1938
- February 28, 2022
Rodney Earl Redford died in Nampa, ID with his loving family by his side.

Rodney was born in Tacoma, WA to Ira Henry Earl and Esther Mae Redford. He was a member of the 1955/1956 Bethel High School Championship Football team that had a 10-0 season. A record that is held to this day. His team was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 2016. When Rodney was 18 years old his mother revealed to him his Native American Heritage. He was very proud of that heritage and would later in life become a member of Sungleska Oyate.

In 1960, after working for Boeing, he and a group of close friends relocated to the San Francisco Bay Area to work for General Motors. In a trip home to visit family and friends he met Linda Hagen on a train. Three months later the two of them would take a train to Reno, NV where they eloped. They welcomed their first daughter, Katharine, April of 1961 and brought her



home from the hospital on their 1st Anniversary. Their 2nd daughter, Jennifer, followed in 1964 and later Margaret Perry would join the family as their foster daughter. Rodney and Linda would have celebrated their 62nd Anniversary on April 23rd.
Rodney worked in the Insurance and Computer Industries. He also owned a boat company, ProAm Boats, which some are still on the waterways today. He retired from McDonnell-Douglas in 1995. He and Linda would then move to Nampa, Idaho. In 2000, Rodney and Linda had a

home built in Marsing on the Snake River. They resided in that home until last year when they downsized and moved to South Nampa.
Rodney was known for his sage advice solicited (and unsolicited lol) to anyone who would listen. He had a soft heart for his canine companions and over the years many chose he and Linda to be their forever home.

Rodney was preceded in death by his parents, Ira and Esther, (2) brothers - Lloyd and Delwin, sister - Eileen and foster daughter, Margaret. He is survived by his wife, Linda, daughters Kate (Bryant) Chavous, Jennifer (John) Redford-Davis. Grandchildren: Shaun, Olivia, Colin, Trevor, Kyle, Libby, Rachel, Matthew and Michelle. He is also survived by 19 great-grandchildren. And many beloved friends and relatives
In lieu of flowers, please follow your heart and donate in his name to your favorite charity. Per his request there will be no funeral.

Jerry Clenneth Anderson

Jerry Clenneth Anderson was born June 15, 1935 in Logan, Utah, to Lewis Clenneth Anderson and Olla Maria Jenson Anderson. He passed away peacefully at home on March 3, 2022 surrounded by his family. He enjoyed fishing and hunting with his extended family while growing up in Millville, Utah. This love of the outdoors stayed with him throughout his entire life.



He moved to Idaho in 1958 and married Vicki Lea Chandler on July 11, 1960 in Homedale, Idaho at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They were later sealed in the Logan Utah Temple in 1963. Shortly after, they served a 2-year church building Mission in Georgia and Kentucky, where they met many life-long friends. He continued his church service in various callings throughout his entire life. He also served in the community, most recently on the city council which was a great joy to him. He made his living in carpentry, masonry, cement work, roofing, building and remodeling homes and businesses. He taught all of his children to work hard and be responsible in everything they do. He enjoyed being outdoors in any capacity: gardening, growing flowers, looking for wildlife on long drives in the mountains, camping, etc. He played baseball early in his life and was an avid bowler, bowling in 2 leagues for many years. He was also an avid New York Yankees fan since

he was a small boy, a Boise State football and Gonzaga basketball fan.
He was preceded in death by his parents, his 2 younger sisters, his younger brother, and one grandson. He is survived by his wife Vicki, of nearly 62 years, 8 children: Geri, Clint (Jill), Londa (Danny), Kenna (Richard), Rena (Scott), Monte (Lorrie), Fon (Emily), Kordell (Emily), 23 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren plus two more on the way, great-great-grandchildren, and many, many extended family members.

A viewing will be held Friday, March 11th at Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Homedale (27 E Owyhee Ave) from 5:00-8:00 pm. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 12th at 11:00 am at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (708 Idaho Avenue, Homedale, ID) with a viewing before the service from 9:30-10:30 am. Interment will follow at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery (4410 Cemetery Rd, Marsing, ID). Condolences can be given at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com

Courthouse report

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

Feb. 28
Jon Kelsey Johnson, Houston, Texas — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
Jorge Nunezsequivas, Las Vegas, Nev. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, false logbook (serious violation): \$43.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
Roshaun Lamont Valentine, Libby, Mont. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, false logbook: \$43.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Feb. 25
Anthony Thomas Anderson, Boise — Felony controlled substance possession, misdemeanor driving under the influence (plea deal): 1 to 5 years in state prison (retained jurisdiction), 60 days in jail (16 days served), \$787.50 in

court costs. **Dismissed by the prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor controlled substance possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession
James Frederick Davis, Homedale — Felony controlled substance possession (plea deal): 1 to 4 years in state prison (suspended), 3 years felony probation, \$635.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by the prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession
Brandon Lee Guthrie, Wilder — Felony controlled substance possession, misdemeanor possession or use of a legend drug or precursor without authorized prescription (plea deal): 1 to 4 years in state prison (42 days served in jail; remainder suspended), 3 years felony probation, \$793 in court costs. **Dismissed by the prosecuting attorney:** Felony controlled substance possession; misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession 3x
Justin Steven Charles Lepore, Homedale — Felony grand theft (plea deal): 2 to 10 years in state prison (retained jurisdiction; 23 days served in jail), \$595.50 in court costs.

Dismissed by the prosecuting attorney: Felony attempted grand theft
Randall Escobar, Caldwell — Felony controlled substance possession (plea deal): 1 to 4 years in state prison (suspended), 3 years felony probation, \$635.50 in court costs
Cynthia Marie Morris, Wilder — Felony controlled substance possession: 3 years felony probation, \$435.50 in court costs. **Withheld judgment:** Defendant can petition to have record expunged upon successful completion of sentence

Service notice

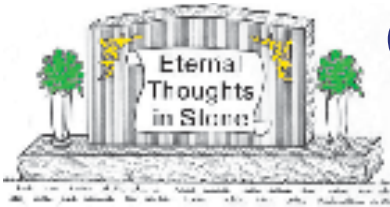
DEBORAH “DEBI” MARIE HOLZHEY, 62, of Marsing, a former school district business manager and Zone 4 trustee, died on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at the Marsing schools cafeteria, 301 8th Ave. W. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel

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Death notice, Page 8A

Octogenarian ready to run for Homedale Sr. Center

Bob Hulse is taking over Homedale’s main drag for his birthday celebration Saturday.

Well, at least part of it.

The Homedale resident is turning 83, and he’s planning to jog from the Homedale Senior Center to west on Idaho Avenue for a couple blocks to mark the milestone.

Hulse said the Homedale Police Department will give him an escort on his jaunt, and he is inviting anyone else who wants to join in.

He’ll push off from the senior center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., at 10 a.m., on Saturday.

Hulse announced his plans to jog a couple blocks for his birthday earlier this year, saying that he hoped folks would pledge money to the senior center in his name.

The senior center is still taking donations in conjunction with the event. Call (208) 337-3020 for more information on how to help out.

The senior center is open Tuesday through Thursday, and congregate lunch is served each day.

The center also offers a Meals on Wheels program.

A Fit and Fall exercise class is offered at 10:30 a.m., each Tuesday and Thursday.

The senior center’s thrift store is open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Death notice

KEVIN M. LOOTENS, 61, of Marsing, died on Thursday, March 3, 2022. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel.

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NATIONAL FFA WEEK

Homedale chapter celebrates late, but great



Above: One of the events during Thursday’s Homedale FFA Ag Olympics was an egg toss. Two-student teams from each class tossed a hard-boiled egg back and forth at expanding distances until only one team was able to complete the task. Belisia Larzelier (left) watches as Tyler Woodward tries to catch her toss. Behind them are Delyla Kester and Jesse Packer, and the third team is Andrus Garcia and Kinsey Blankenship. FFA chapter co-advisor Rachel Rheuby stands next to HHS principal Matt Holtry supervising the competition. **Below, left:** Part of the Ag Olympics relay included a stick horse bucket race. Chris Aguilera (front) and Rylan Binford show off the different ways to ride a stick horse — or not.



Above: Greenhand Kennedy Kildow (left) performs her Treasure Valley District championship FFA Creed recital as Homedale’s chapter officers look on, including (from right): John Lejardi, president; Trinity Neeser, secretary; Heather Reynolds, sentinel; Bailey Purdom, reporter; Ashley Stebly, historian; and Rylan Love, vice president. **Below:** Purdom helps keep track of the five M&Ms for which junior Sydney Davis is sifting through a bucket of corn during the Ag Olympics relay.



Government teacher Randy Lyons (left) held his pig’s front legs while kissing to a serenade of Wham’s “Careless Whisper.”



School menus

Homedale Elementary

Choice of milk and juice
PB&J sandwich, and vegetable and fruit choices offered daily
March 9: **Breakfast:** Tornado (egg, sausage, cheese), cheese stick, banana **Lunch:** Orange chicken rice bowl, steamed broccoli, snickerdoodle cookie

March 10: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken Taquito, buttered corn

March 14: **Breakfast:** Mini cinnis, yogurt, pears **Lunch:** Corn dog, potato wedges, chocolate chunk cookie

March 15: **Breakfast:** Waffle, maple sausage, cheese stick, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken taco with Spanish rice and refried beans

March 9: **Breakfast:** Blueberry muffin, scrambled eggs, grapes **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered corn, hot roll

Homedale Middle

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

March 9: **Breakfast:** Tornado (egg, sausage, cheese), cheese stick **Lunch:** Orange chicken rice bowl with egg roll, steamed broccoli

March 10: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes, yogurt **Lunch:** Taquitos, buttered corn

March 14: **Breakfast:** Mini cinnis, yogurt **Lunch:** Corn dog, potato wedges, chocolate chunk cookie

March 15: **Breakfast:** Sausage and cheese croissant, cheese stick **Lunch:** Super nachos with refried beans

March 9: **Breakfast:** Waffle, maple sausage, yogurt **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered corn, hot roll

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

March 9: **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

March 10: **Breakfast:** Texas toast, or blueberry muffin, scrambled eggs, cheese stick **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza with potato wedges, or Buffalo popcorn chicken with breadstick and potato wedges, or club sub with chips, or chicken bacon ranch salad with breadstick

March 14: **Breakfast:** French toast sticks, or bagels and cream cheese, cheese stick **Lunch:**

Cheeseburger with fries, or chicken or spicy chicken sandwich with fries, or turkey bacon sub with chips, or BBQ chicken salad with breadstick

March 15: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy, or biscuit and jelly, sausage patty, cheese stick **Lunch:** Orange chicken rice bowl with egg roll, steamed broccoli, or Malibu chicken wrap with chips, or turkey bacon ranch salad with breadstick, Jello

March 9: **Breakfast:** Sausage breakfast pizza, or mini pancakes **Lunch:** Super nachos with refried beans, pepperoni pizza with tossed salad, or ham and cheese sub with chips, or chicken Caesar salad with breadstick

Marsing

Meals include choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables
Elementary School breakfast option: Cereal
Middle/High School lunch option: PB&J sandwich. Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sandwich, salad. Hot Grab-n-go line (varies):
Cheeseburger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sandwich; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)

March 9: **Breakfast:** Pop Tart, cheese stick **Lunch:** Dutch waffle, sausage patty, hash brown patty, strawberries, Cold Grab-n-go: Ham and cheese sub meal

March 10: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes **Lunch:** Pepperoni ripper, carrot sticks, pineapple tidbits, Jello, Cold Grab-n-go: Italian sub

March 14: **Breakfast:** Banana bread, yogurt **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, steamed carrots, hot roll, Cold Grab-n-go: Turkey bacon ranch wrap

March 15: **Breakfast:** Mini Cinnis, cheese stick **Lunch:** Beef taco, refried beans, carrot sticks, Spanish rice, Hot Grab-n-go: Garlic French bread pizza, tots/gems

March 9: **Breakfast:** Waffle, maple sausage sandwich, cheese stick **Lunch:** Mac-n-cheese, green beans, hot roll, snickerdoodle cookie, Hot Grab-n-go: Walkin taco, potato wedge

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily
March 9: **Breakfast:** Mini Cinnabon **Lunch:** Chicken taco, tossed romaine salad, refried beans

March 10: **Breakfast:** Muffins **Lunch:** Hamburger on a bun, Tater Tots, baby carrots

March 14: **Breakfast:** PB&J sandwich **Lunch:** Little Smokies and whole wheat roll, scalloped potatoes, green beans

March 15: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and jelly **Lunch:** Taco salad and whole wheat chips, refried beans/salsa

March 9: **Breakfast:** French toast **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets and whole wheat roll, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots

Avalanche columnist, UI educator visits Gardeners

A former Marsing High School teacher will be back in town Thursday for the next Owyhee Gardeners meeting.

Nic Usabel, a Marsing native who is now a horticultural Extension Educator with the University of Idaho Canyon County Extension, is the guest speaker for the monthly meeting. The public is invited to attend.

The meeting runs from 1 p.m., to 3 p.m., on Thursday inside the Sandbar Community Room at Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave.

Usabel will discuss Spring Gardening. He has a garden column appearing in this week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche, too.

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
March 9: Cheeseburger on bun, Tater Tots, beet salad
March 10: Bacon ranch BBQ chicken, rice, broccoli
March 15: Chicken patty, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables
March 9: Sausage and biscuit, mashed potatoes and gravy, Brussels sprouts

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
Curbside pickup from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or delivery only.
Call (208) 834-2922 as early as possible to place order
March 10: Taco salad, green salad, tomato, olives, onions, cheese, beef chili, Spanish rice, whole grain tortilla, chips, fresh fruit, salad, pudding
March 15: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli, green salad, whole wheat roll, fresh fruit salad, cottage cheese, cake and ice cream
March 17: Corned beef, red potatoes, carrots, cabbage, green salad, Tapioca pudding, Jello and mandarin oranges, bread

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing

Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside Marsing City Hall
Milk available each day
Suggested donation: \$4 (60 and older), \$6 (59 and younger)
March 9: Teriyaki chicken, brown rice, stir fry vegetables, pears, wheat bread
March 11: Vegetarian orzo casserole, mixed vegetables, spiced apples, roll
March 14: Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat roll
March 9: Corned beef and cabbage, roasted potatoes, baby carrots, green Jello and pears, Baci roll

Melba Valley Senior Center

Meals served at noon. All ages welcome
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March 10: Tuna noodle casserole
March 15: Swedish meatballs
March 17: Roast pork

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DAY OF REMEMBRANCE



Former Homedale city councilman
Jerry Anderson passes away

City of Homedale public works supervisor Bret Smith secured the American flag at City Hall to half-staff Friday in honor of former City Councilman Jerry Anderson. Anderson, whose final term on the council ended on Dec. 31, died Thursday at the age of 86. He chose not to run for another term last year, and Councilperson Kim Murray, whom Anderson replaced in December 2015, won election. A little more than a year after he lost election by two votes, Anderson was appointed again — this time to finish a term after Tim Downing’s resignation. He was elected for a two-year term in 2019.

See Page 7A for Jerry Anderson’s obituary and memorial service information.

More artistic outlets slated
at Homedale city library

The Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library Teens & Tweens participants will get another chance to channel their artistic talent Thursday.

The program for boys and girls ages 10 to 17 takes place at 5 p.m., inside the Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., adjacent to the city’s library.

The group will undertake a team-building activity by drawing on a large, circular piece of paper divided into sections.

Each teen will pick a section and write their name and draw pictures.

The exercise will create a colorful wheel of art.

- At 10:15 a.m., on Monday, the preschool participants at the Opal Nash Story Time will learn “How to Catch a Leprechaun” just in time for St. Patrick’s Day. Adam Wallace wrote the featured book.

Story Time takes place at the Jackson memorial library.

After the reading, the chil-

dren will create St. Patrick’s Day four-leaf clovers. Call (208) 337-4228 for more information on programs.

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COSSA SALUTES TOP CAREER TECHNICAL STUDENTS



This year's batch of National Technical Honor Society inductees is the largest in Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency history, according to welding instructor Shelby Cloward.

Homedale students enter technical honor society

HHS inductee's COSSA work earns CTE scholarship

A Homedale High School graduate helped induct two HHS students into the National Technical Honor Society on Thursday.

Shelby (McRae) Cloward is the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency Regional Center's NTHS advisor and the professional-technical school's welding instructor.

The HHS graduate stepped into the teaching role when Homedale resident Mark Bauer retired.

On Thursday, Cloward led the 2022 induction ceremony in Wilder, which included bringing Homedale students Daryl Ramirez and Erikka Mercado into the chapter.

Later in the event, interim COSSA CEO Patricia Frahm, who ascended to the role when Dr. Harold Nevil retired in December, announced Ramirez as one of the latest Robert and Elaine Batt Foundation Career Technical Education (CTE) Scholarship winners.

Frahm is also the COSSA

Academy principal.

Ramirez was awarded a \$2,500 scholarship. He plans to serve in the U.S. Marine Corps before attending WyoTech in Laramie, Wyo.

Frahm said 10 COSSA students submitted applications for this year's round of scholarships. Ramirez and four others were selected:

- **Carter Morse, Parma** — \$4,000 to enroll in Lewis-Clark State College's diesel program
- **Adrian Miramontes, Wilder** — \$2,500 to study welding at a Universal Technical Institute campus or an Idaho state college
- **Bailey Pascale, Parma** — \$1,500 to enroll in the College of Southern Idaho's dental hygiene program
- **Jose Torres, Parma** — \$1,500 to study Business Construction at Idaho State University

The Batt Foundation money can be used either to purchase tools and equipment to start a



The Batt Foundation scholarship winners include, from left: Carter Morse, Bailey Pascale, Jose Torres, Homedale's Daryl Ramirez, and Adrian Miramontes.

business or to attend college or a trade school.

Applicants must submit a portfolio of their work, make a presentation before a panel of judges and stand for follow-up questions.

"We really look for students who are well-rounded," Frahm said.

Each of the Batt scholarship winners also took the NTHS pledge Thursday joining what McRae called the largest group of inductees in COSSA's history. Each received a certificate and a pin:

- **Homedale** — Ramirez and Mercado
- **Wilder** — Miramontes, Joelly Mendoza and Julissa Juarez
- **COSSA Academy** — Curtis Anderson and Trapper Morrison
- **Parma** — Morse, Pascale, Torres, Vince Avila, Bianca Morford, Anthony O'Leary,

Brett Plaisance, Hailey Sitts, Kaedee Wagstaff, and Hailey Wilhite

- **Notus** — Aylin Alvarez, Kellen Parks, Gabriell Peterson, Sherlyn Rueda, and Hilary Shores

McRae itemized seven traits chapter members must possess: Skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership.

— JPB



Above: Another big crowd, including Homedale residents (from left in front row) Steve Belknap, Laura Aebischer and Mike Aebischer; turned out to absorb Scott Jensen’s advice about making jerky. **Below:** Jensen talks about how to use an electric food dehydrator to make jerky during Friday’s U and I Together class at Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library in Homedale. Submitted photos

U and I Together series winding down at Jackson library

Classes will switch to periodic run to save resources

The first season of U and I Together classes has been successful but stressful for Homedale’s city library.

The free community education series will wrap up its inaugural run later this month at Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

Classes are held each Friday and continue this week with four sessions of Financial Escape Room.

“I would love to keep them going, but it has really stretched us pretty thin trying to do them,” library director Sharla Jensen said. “Hopefully we can become a district and have more staff down the road for more classes.

“We will still try to do some classes here and there. But it

takes a fair bit of staff time doing them weekly.”

A library board subcommittee headed up by board member Pam Gibbens continues its work exploring the steps to create a library district.

Homedale High School graduate and University of Idaho Extension Educator Andrew Bingham developed Friday’s Financial Escape Room exercise, Jensen said.

Bingham works in the UI Ada County Extension Office.

The sessions will take about an hour, and space is limited because of the nature of the exercise.

“We recommend that families or groups of friends come do the escape room,” Jensen said.

“Since space is limited,



we are going to offer it four different times.”

The exercise works best with groups of five to eight people, Jensen said. Groups must call the library at (208) 337-4228 to reserve a time slot.

The class is recommended

participants about finances.

“It’s set up like ‘Ready Player 1,’” Jensen said. “You have to find the golden egg and solve clues to unlock (the game).”

Some of the topics include investing, buying a car and budgeting.

Bingham said he developed the curriculum in conjunction with the Meridian and Garden City libraries.

The financial escape room is one of three classes remaining in the series this month:

- **March 18** — Homedale artist Julie Townsend Cloud will present a visual arts class. The start time returns to the regular 2 p.m.
- **March 25** — The final class looks forward to warmer weather and being outside as instruction is offered on planning a garden.

— JPB

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✓ Bundy: District will use money to promote students’ healthy lifestyles

first-term House of Representatives member said. “But I am so proud to continue to represent Owyhee County, and I am confident this donation will be put to good use in the Marsing School District.”

Marsing superintendent Norm Stewart learned of the successful February fundraiser when the Dist. 23A representative sent an email.

How the money will be used is still being studied, he said.

“Nothing is finalized yet, but his email says to focus on fitness, so I was initially thinking

of some kind of a student-focused event that could include incentives such as a drawing for bikes,” Stewart, who is an avid bike rider, said.

Bundy had pledged his support to the school district for this year’s Steps for Schools Walking Challenge during a visit to the district in 2021.

According to a Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health press release, Bundy was among nearly 60 elected officials who completed the challenge and earned \$52,000 for Idaho schools.

Bundy was among the legislators who walked 10,000 steps each day to earn \$1,000. Elected officials who walked at least 5,000 steps daily received \$500 for their designated schools.

“It was great fun to go for walks in Boise and around the capitol knowing that these exercise sessions were benefitting the youth of Idaho,” Bundy said.

“I avoided the elevator in the capitol, and that alone is worth about 2,000 steps a day. I go up and down a lot of stairs in a

typical day in the capitol. I love to have the opportunity to support youth and their recreation programs.”

Bundy was the only member of the District 23 legislative delegation to enroll in the Steps for Schools program.

Looking ahead to life after redistricting, only one of the prospective new District 23 legislators — Rep. Rick Youngblood (R-Nampa) — took part in the fundraiser this session.

According to the Blue Cross Foundation, 45 participants

reached the 10,000-step threshold and 14 averaged between 5,000 and 10,000 steps per day.

“Creating healthy habits, supporting Idaho students and schools, and setting a great example about the importance of being active are some of the benefits of the Steps for Schools walking challenge,” Blue Cross foundation executive director Kendra Witt-Doyle said. “Idaho elected officials continue to step up to help build a healthier Idaho.”

— JPB

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— **John 3:16**

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“Lord, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom.” Jesus replied, *“Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”*
— **Luke 23:42,4**

Have you ever heard someone say that there are other ways to God besides Jesus? If there was any other way to offer us forgiveness of sin, to reconcile us to God, to give us eternal life and to open Heaven for us when we die, God would have found it. He never would have sent Jesus to die on the cross. There simply is no other way. Jesus said:

“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through Me.”
— **John 14:6**

Through His death and resurrection, Jesus is the way to the Father. He is the communication of God to us. Jesus gave up His spirit, having fulfilled every command of the Father and every prophecy of scripture. This was not a cry of exhaustion, but of completion. Jesus had done what He had agreed to do. Jesus said It is finished, not I am finished.

“It is finished.”
— **John 19:30**

Jesus finished our salvation. It’s paid for. It’s bought. We don’t need to add anything to it. It’s a gift to us. If we put our faith in Jesus, we can say with confidence, we know that our sin is forgiven. We repent. It

The Bible teaches clearly that there is only one way to God — the Lord Jesus Christ. God calls us to turn away from sin and receive Jesus Christ by faith as our Lord and Savior. You can do that right now, wherever you are. We can begin a relationship with God, and He promises that we will be forgiven and become a completely new person. With God’s help we will pray, we will stand boldly for God’s truth, and we will never compromise with a godless culture that defies and despises the principles of Scripture. We stand, knowing that in the end, God will judge all those who are opposed to Him, and He will establish His perfect will and Kingdom on Earth just as it is in Heaven. This Easter we should thank God for sending His only, beloved Son to die on the cross as His sacrifice for our sin. Then go and tell someone else why Jesus died.

— *Jack Muldoon is a longtime Marsing resident who has been instrumental in the non-denominational prayer breakfast staged at the Nazarene church as well as the annual Marsing High School all-alumni picnic in August.*

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STATE TOURNAMENTS: BASKETBALL

Trojans win prize after dramatic weekend

Strong's strong rebound play clinches trophy

After a weekend of close shaves, the Homedale High School boys' basketball program is now batting .500 at the state tournament. Mason Strong's tip-in with 12 seconds remaining gave the Trojans a 57-56 victory over Bonners Ferry in Saturday's 3A Real Dairy Shootout

— See *Trojan*, page 6B

JV silences Echo, wins hardware

Rallying from an opening-round loss to an old foe, Jordan Valley High School won the 1A Oregon girls' basketball state tournament consolation championship. The No. 9 seed Mustangs pounded seventh-seeded Echo, 52-28, on Saturday in Baker City. "It's awesome!" senior Tayler Eiguren said. "It's been a long time since our girls have brought home

— See *Hardware*, page 7B



Homedale senior Hayden Kincheloe soars to the hoop Saturday against Bonners Ferry in Meridian. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

Melba's massive run ends with 2A championship

Mustangs close season on 15-game win streak

The Big Three broke through in Melba High School's third straight trip to the 2A boys' basketball state tournament. The offensive juggernaut of Joe Reiber, Braden Volkers, and Cache Beus reached double figures Saturday to push the Mustangs to the state championship at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa. Reiber, the 2A Western Idaho Conference co-player of the year, scored 20 points and Beus got

— See *Melba*, page 3B

Dead-eye Black, Rimrock bring trophy back

Senior connects on 14 of his last 17 shots

Rimrock High School's boys' basketball team made history Saturday, bringing home what is believed to be the program's first state tournament trophy. Led by Gus Black's near-perfect shooting, the Raiders coasted to a 51-38 win over Oakley in the 1A, Div. I Real Dairy Shootout consolation final at Vallivue High School in Caldwell. A senior, Black ended the final weekend of

— See *Rimrock*, page 5B

Pitching could be pivotal for young Huskies

Ford back at softball team's helm

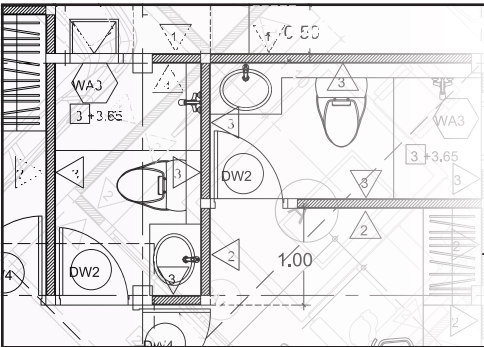
Kortney Ford has come full circle in her young coaching career. She's back as Marsing High School's softball coach after a three-year

absence. And, the Homedale High School graduate figures the Huskies will be closer to the competitive club she was trying to build in 2017 and 2018. Marsing will be challenged by the 2A Western Idaho Conference's top three teams — New Plymouth, Melba, and

Nampa Christian. "I believe we will fit in well with the conference this year," she said. "With having several returning players and adding a few new girls to the mix, we will compete with everyone in our league." Among the returners is junior Mila

Astorquia, who has another year of experience in the pitching circle. "She is a strong pitcher and has worked hard to get where she is at now," Ford said. "I'm excited to see what she brings this season."

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Sports

From page 1B

✓ Melba: Mustangs pierce Archers' hopes of returning to the state final

his obligatory double-double in a 59-50 Real Dairy Shootout state final victory over 2021 state champion St. Maries.

It was Melba's 15th consecutive victory.

Volkers nailed a pair of three-point goals to chip in 14 points as conference coach of the year Spencer Trappett's club won the school's second state crown and first since Bob Lenz landed on top with his 2011 squad.

The Mustangs lost the consolation championship game last season to Bear Lake, and went 0-2 in the 2020 tournament.

Saturday: Melba 59, St. Maries 50 — There was little mystery in the title game. There were only two lead changes, and Melba (24-2) took control with an 11-0 run.

That spurt was necessary, though as the Lumberjacks (20-4) cut into the Mustangs' 17-point lead with a 16-8 run to close the game.

Melba opened the game up

in the second quarter after scrapping to an 11-9 lead after eight minutes.

The Mustangs held a big edge on the foul line, connecting on 13 of 25 chances. St. Maries went 3-for-7.

Beus was 5-for-11 at the charity stripe and finished with 11 points while getting eight of his 10 rebounds on the defensive end.

Beus also snagged six steals to contribute to the Lumberjacks' 16 turnovers.

Owyhee County resident Kaden Dayley chipped in four points, including a trey and three rebounds for Melba.

Reiber was 6-for-8 from inside the three-point line and dropped in all five of his free-throw attempts. He also snagged five of his seven rebounds on defense before fouling out.

Greyson Sands (12 points) and Coleman Ross (eight points) drained two three-pointers apiece for St. Maries. Tristan Gentry-Nelson added

11 points and 10 rebounds.

Friday: Melba 61, North Fremont 52 — The Huskies scored 19 of the game's final 28 points, but couldn't catch the Mustangs in a semifinal at Capital High School in Boise.

North Fremont scored 11 unanswered points in one stretch, but couldn't overcome the Mustangs' consistency.

Melba used a 13-2 run to build a 19-point lead, 52-33, and found another player to score in double digits.

Tucker Lowber had a perfect night from the field, going 6-for-6 with three three-pointers to lead the way with 15 points.

Volkers notched 11 points, and Reiber was good for 20 again.

Beus was held in single digits, but managed six points and seven rebounds. He and Reiber dominated the North Fremont backboards, collecting 12 of Melba's 21 defensive rebounds.

Paced by Lowber, the

Mustangs didn't miss much. The team shot 60 percent in the first half (12-for-20) and got hotter as the game dragged on. Melba connected of 61.5 percent of its shots (24-for-39), including nearly half of its three-point attempts (6-for-13).

That success neutralized North Fremont's 15-3 rebounding advantage on Melba's side of the court.

Gabe Shaffer came off the bench to score five points as Melba's reserves outscored their North Fremont counterparts, 20-0.

Jordan Lenz led the Huskies with 19 points, and teammate Max Palmer had 14 points. Palmer missed all seven of his three-point attempts, though.

Thursday: Melba 48, The Ambrose School 45 — The march to the championship began against a District III rival that had played for the state title a year earlier.

The Mustangs shook off the Archers' 14-4 start and held on through a tightly contested

district championship game rematch.

Beus and Reiber struggled to get the ball in the basket, going a combined 3-for-20 with Reiber missing on 10 of his 12 shots. But the duo pulled down 18 of Melba's defensive rebounds to thwart Ambrose. The Mustangs held a 29-12 edge on the Archers' end.

Volkers stepped up with 24 points, including 8-for-9 at the foul line, to pick up the slack.

Lowber was perfect on four shots from inside the three-point line and added 14.

Although held to five points, Reiber had 13 rebounds, while Beus (one basket) cleared 11 boards.

The Mustangs held co-conference player of the year Johnny Sugarman to nine points, but he grabbed eight defensive rebounds.

The Archers' leading scorers were Lincoln Mathis (11 points) and Hudson Hughes (10). Hughes also had seven defensive rebounds.

✓ Huskies: Astorquia returns, but this time she has pitching backup

Senior Lexi Loucks will be a defensive anchor at first base, the coach said.

"Lexi is our wall at first base. She does a great job at keeping the ball in front and getting the out," Ford said. "Lexi also brings leadership to the team."

Another senior, Emily Thoene, is Marsing's only returning outfielder.

"She does a great job at seeing the field and communicating on the field with her teammates," the coach said.

Ford returns to Marsing after a brief stint on the HHS junior varsity coaching staff

in the virus-interrupted 2020 season. Justine de Bar will be a big help as an assistant coach, she said.

The Huskies program is growing, too. There are 16 players out this season, which means Marsing will be able to play an abbreviated junior varsity schedule.

That only gives Ford's younger charges more experience.

"A weakness could be that we will have five newcomers in the starting lineup, but I believe they are ready to take on this challenge," Ford said.

Two of those newcomers

— freshman Lily Thoene and junior Mariah Colbert — will be crucial to the Huskies' pitching game.

Thoene, Taylor Callison and Kylie Goostrey will see time in the circle, too, to spell Astorquia.

"Having a strong pitcher this season with several back-up pitchers is going to be our biggest strength compared to seasons in the past," Ford said.

"Marsing softball is also going to have strong hitters this season."

Colbert could be one of those key hitters. She is a catcher and

an outfielder.

"Mariah joins the team this season and is willing to play an important role," Ford said.

"She is an all-round great softball player, and I'm excited to see what she will bring to the team."

Colbert and Astorquia will be among the team's top performers, Ford said.

"Each of them is very determined and tries very hard to excel," the coach said. "They both will do what it takes to lead Marsing to a successful season."

Described by her coach as "an overall athlete," Thoene

will also see time at second base.

"She will play many different positions this season," Ford said.

"You will see exciting things coming from her when she is up to bat."

Junior exchange student Sophia Lundberg is another newcomer.

"She has never played softball before, but has picked it up very quickly," Ford said. "She has a great glove and has taken a liking for the shortstop position."

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Kings and queens

The eighth-grade king and queen of the Homedale Junior High Valentine dance (seated) were Wade Black and Megan Hopkins. The seventh-grade prince and princess were Jason Bideganeta and Miren Lejardi (standing).

Marching band wins grand prize

The Homedale marching band won grand prize at the Moscow Mardi Gras Parade, held on March 1. The weather was blizzard-like and the band was stuck staying on one more night than planned due to the bad weather causing road closures, but despite the bad trip, they came home with something positive: the \$100.00 grand prize.

Today the band will be playing at the NAIA college basketball tournament at Northwest Nazarene College, Montgomery Fieldhouse in Nampa.

Homedale attends freestyle wrestling tourney

The Homedale kids freestyle wrestling club attended the LaGrande Open Wrestling Tournament, March 8. Five grapplers grabbed first place belt buckles for Homedale. Marcus Eby 9-10, 70# class, Kip Watson 11-12, 60#, Jeremy Perkins 13-14, 70#, Robert Ayala 13-14, 105# and Michael Eby 13-14, 110# all placed first.

Jeremy Ensley 9-10, 50# and Anthony Pearson 13-14, 155# placed second. Kale Hartwig 15-16, 167# placed third. Everett Ensley 9-10, 75# placed fourth and Josh Bopp 13-14, 90# finished eighth.

Seniors, faculty to hold basketball showdown

The seniors of Homedale High will take on the Homedale High faculty in a basketball fundraising game to be held Monday, March 17 in the high school gym.

“We’ve been practicing from 5-7:30 a.m. at a secret site everyday, including weekends,” says Frank Craig, coach for the faculty team. “I’ve been on the phone with Pat Riley, of the Miami Heat, going over the game plan. We plan a running game. We’ll do a full press basketball game the whole time, and 90% of our shots will come from the 3-point line!”



Andrew Hellwege (left), coach and player for the seniors, and faculty coach Frank Craig.

50 years ago

March 9, 1972

Trojans to meet Glenss Ferry in State A-3

Homedale will meet Glenss Ferry at 1:30 p.m. today (Thursday) in the state A-3 basketball tournament at Boise State gymnasium. The game will be broadcast by Caldwell radio station KCID, 1490 kc. New Plymouth will play Timberline at 9 p.m.

Pilgrims edge Trojan quintet

New Plymouth did it to Homedale again Saturday night in the District A-3 basketball finals, coming from behind to capture a 64-62 thriller.

It was a disappointment to the fighting Trojans who rose up on Thursday night to down the mighty Middleton Vikings 64-59, after the Vikings had defeated them three straight times during the regular season play.

The Trojan downfall Saturday night was attributed to “mistakes” which proved costly, and it was Eric Larsen’s last second lay-up which broke the 62-62 tie, and gave the Pilgrims their fifth district championship in six years.

The Navy Blue and White were behind 53-48 with six minutes remaining in the tussle when they began to move.

After Mark Johnson went to work and dumped in seven important counters, the Pilgrims were on top 59-58 with 3:40 remaining.

The Trojans kept the pressure on and went ahead 62-61 on Gary Tanikuni’s field goal.

The Pilgrims’ Larsen hit on a charity toss with 2:15 showing on the clock to put it in a deadlock. Neither club could manage to connect until Larsen’s glorious cripple.

The Trojans only placed two men in the double-digit column as Rich Degitz connected for 13 while Rick DeGroat hit for 10.

Mayors wager window wash on tourney game

If the Homedale Trojans beat the Glenss Ferry Pilots this afternoon at the state basketball tourney, Mayor George Murray is going to be mighty relieved, and the Homedale city hall will have some clean windows.

BUT — if Homedale loses, it will be the Glenss Ferry city hall that has the clean windows, and Mayor Murray will have some mighty sore muscles.

The window washing challenge was issued Tuesday by Glenss Ferry Mayor Dale Messerly, and Mayor Murray accepted.

On-site care is goal of ambulance attendants

Concern for on-site care and emergency transportation of the sick and injured has led to the implementation of a Certified Emergency Medical Technicians Program in Caldwell.

Attendants from Homedale Ambulance Service began classroom instructions on Feb. 1 in an 81-hour program designed especially for ambulance attendants, but beneficial to fire department personnel, police, or anyone having occasion to assist in emergency situations. It is one of the most comprehensive programs ever developed.

Succor Crik Sam Sez:

“The legislachur could probably adjourn this week end, but its gotta stick around an’ repeal the bills it passed.”



155 years ago

March 9, 1867

EX-SHERIFF STANFORD has the means and an authorized agent in this camp to pay all his indebtedness — either public or private. We are really glad of this, for we could hardly entertain a belief that he could be dishonest. It is no great credit to any one to be honest, for such is the duty of all, and a discredit to be otherwise; but a man who removes any grounds that may have existed or given rise to inimical charges and suspicions against him, it is but justice to credit him therewith.

GONE FISHIN’.—Andy Loucks took a sleigh load of mortals down to Jordan Valley, lately. They went prepared to catch salmon, hunt, &c. We understand that Reynolds’ Creek is being visited by others also fishly inclined. We can almost fancy the effects that bare ground and green grass would have upon some old “stags” we wont of. One could hear ’em bellow a mile and see the sand by still further.

SAN FRANCISCO TO NEW YORK BY RAIL.—The distance between these two points is given at 2,658 miles. The highest grade upon the route is in ascending the Black Hills, where a grade is attained of 105 feet to the mile for a distance of ten or twelve miles, the law allowing a maximum grade of 116 feet to the mile. The highest point traversed between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans is in the Black Hills, where the road attains an altitude of 8,250 feet (over a mile and a half) above the sea level, while the highest point of Bridger’s Pass, where the road crosses the Rocky Mountains, is but 7,424 feet above the tide water — Salt Lake City being 4,285 feet in elevation, and the summit of the Sierra Nevadas 7,011 feet. The parties having this great labor in hand promise to have the entire line completed by the first day of January, 1870, or in three years from this date. —*Sacramento Bee*.

NEWSPAPER LABOR.—A writer in a New York paper gives an estimate of the amount of labor performed by the regular writers for the daily press. He estimates that the editor who prepares daily what would make two hundred lines in print, in the course of a year would write enough to make twelve portly volumes. And supposing his career as a writer to last thirty years, he would write in that time enough to make up three hundred and sixty volumes. Probably very few thorough-going newspaper men, connected with the press of the large cities, furnish less than four hundred lines of original matter daily. The leading New York dailies usually have a page or more of editorial matter in each issue, and in many cases the bulk of this is furnished by one or two men. Compared with the labors of these men, the boasted performances of the most prolific book writers sink into insignificance. The writer adds:

There is no more complete error than the universal idea among men who can write something that is quite easy to “get up,” as they call it, a newspaper article. When they read one that is well digested and well written, it flows so smoothly; its points are so well taken; its language is so simple, that to write another would seem to be mere child’s play. But just try it, good sir and with all your talent, and all your learning, and all your self-confidence, you may egregiously fail. Lord Brougham was an orator, a historian and an essayist, but he could not to save him, put an article into right shape for the London press without assistance. No; the work requires a peculiar schooling and long experience.

Sports

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✓ Rimrock: Raiders make school history with state tournament trophy

his prep basketball career by nailing 14 of 18 field-goal tries in three games (77.8 percent). And he missed his shot in the tournament opener against Grace on Thursday.

The Raiders (19-5) were making their first state tournament appearance under the guidance of Arron Hall, and the school's first trip to State since coach Gary Jones' 2007-08 squad went 0-2.

Back-to-back wins against Oakley and District III nemesis Liberty Charter (52-46 on Friday) marked the first state tournament victories for a Rimrock team since the Raiders knocked off Carey, 66-44, in the 16-team Class A-4 state tournament consolation bracket 25 years ago.

"This season surpassed all of our expectations, especially when we were able to play for a consolation trophy," Hall said.

He's not looking past the history either.

"I can't comment on next year just yet," he said. "I'm just enjoying what this team has done this year."

The Raiders rebounded from a chilly 61-35 opening-round loss to Grace with two consecutive victories.

"Once we settled down and played like we have all year, we had a lot of fun at the tournament," Hall said.

This season marked apparently the sixth time Rimrock has played in the boys' basketball state postseason. Jones led the Raiders to the tournament four times between 1984 and 2008, and the 1970-71 Rimrock squad won a district title and qualified for the state playoffs.

Rimrock's only other state

tournament victory in the past 38 years came in the Class A-4 consolation semifinals in 1984 when the Raiders beat Kootenai, 71-65, before losing the consolation championship to Camas, 70-69.

The 1984 consolation final quite possibly marked the only other time Rimrock had played for a trophy.

Saturday: Rimrock 51, Oakley 38 — The Raiders showed their true colors in the consolation final, drubbing the Hornets with a 20-point lead (32-12) in the second half and putting the game out of reach with a 16-3 run.

Rimrock held Oakley to just eight percent shooting in the first 16 minutes (2-for-25) to build a 22-7 halftime lead. The Raiders kept their distance after the intermission by converting 68.8 percent of their shots (11-for-16).

Ronaldo Gomez went 5-for-6 from the free-throw line and backed up Black's 15 points with 11 points.

Gomez and Aden Aquiso denied Oakley second chances as Rimrock owned a 29-17 rebounding edge on the Hornets' end of the floor. Gomez collected eight of his nine rebounds in enemy territory, while Aquiso notched 13 of his game-high 14 boards on Oakley's side of the court.

Aquiso fouled out, but not before he added eight points and four blocked shots.

Alex Martinez and Jack Meyers scored six points each.

Isaac Cranney scored 11 points for the Hornets, while teammate Payton Beck carded nine points and seven defensive rebounds. Beck was 1-for-11 from the field, but missed only



Front row, from left: Cooper Raymond, Luis Araujo, Eli Aquiso, Ronaldo Gomez, Pedro Varela, and Alex Martinez. Back row, from left: Coach Arron Hall, Zane Mills, Moss MacMillan, Layth Jenkins, Jack Meyers, Dan Meyrueix, Gus Black, Aden Aquiso, and assistant coach Wylie Aquiso. Photo by Jonathan Waterlander. A rundown of Raiders' state tournament history, Page 7B

once in eight free-throw tries.

Friday: Rimrock 52, Liberty Charter 46 — The Raiders stormed out of the locker room after halftime and built a 15-2 spurt to come from behind and avenge their loss in the District III championship game.

The Patriots used an 11-0 run to construct a 30-26 lead at the break, but Rimrock's defenders clamped down in the second half.

Still, the Raiders never had a lead larger than 10 points, and the Patriots scored the game's final two baskets to create some drama.

The Raiders endured a three-point barrage from Liberty Charter. Luke Thomas, the player who hit the game-winning shot in the district

final, nailed three treys, while fellow starter Dillon Criddle had a pair and Stephen Roskam came off the bench for two more.

Gomez was the only Rimrock player to hit long-range shots, finishing with six points.

Black had another near-perfect shooting night, canning eight of 10 shots and going 2-for-4 from the foul line to lead all scorers with 18 points.

Criddle checked in with 17 points and 10 rebounds, but Black was up to the double-double challenge as he pulled down 10 boards.

Rimrock's Alex Martinez knocked in all five of his field-goal tries for 10 points, and three of his four rebounds came on the defensive side.



Alex Martinez takes a shot over Grace's Ty Gilbert in Thursday's opener.



Rimrock senior Pedro Varela drives toward the key on a fast break against Oakley in Saturday's consolation final. Photo by Jonathan Waterlander



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Sports



The Homedale High School players and coaches showed their love for the community by taking a trophy photo with the fans who drove to Meridian on Saturday. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

✓Trojans: Homedale shakes off potentially will-shattering opening loss

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consolation final at Meridian High School.

“Mason’s rebound and put back against Bonners was absolutely an incredible play,” Trojans third-year coach Cam Long said. “Bonners shot the lights out, but the guys fought till the end.”

The hardware-clinching sequence began when, with the Badgers leading, 56-55, senior Hayden Kincheloe missed a free throw.

After Bonners Ferry’s Braeden Blackmore tipped the carom, Strong snagged the basketball, spun around, and put up a short, arching jump shot over Blackmore’s outstretched arms.

After the ball swished through for the go-ahead basket, the Badgers rushed up the floor, but Blackmore’s would-be game-winning bank shot bounced off the front of the rim.

The victory capped a weekend of ups and downs for Homedale (16-10), including an all-too-sweet victory over football nemesis Sugar-Salem to keep the season alive Friday night.

“What a great win for our boys’ basketball program and for our community,” HHS principal Matt Holtry — the football coach whose state playoffs ride has ended against the Diggers in each of the past four seasons — said on social media.

“(I’m) proud of the way the men battled back after a tough

loss in double OT last night.”

That double overtime loss came in Thursday’s opening round with a 51-50 setback at the hands of Snake River.

“We prepared for Snake River, played them tough, but eventually came up short in double OT,” Long said. “The ability to shift focus to the next two wins was needed to keep playing, and that’s what these kids did.

“I am so proud of these guys along with our coaches, and so thankful for our community that showed up in force all three days. What a ride for all of us these last three weeks of basketball.”

Saturday’s consolation final victory gave the Trojans program its eighth trophy in 16 state tournament trips since the 1969 team won it all.

The program’s year-end banquet will be held at 7 p.m., on Thursday inside the HHS cafeteria.

Saturday: Homedale 57, Bonners Ferry 56 — Strong’s athletic putback marked the 13th lead change of the consolation championship game, and neither team led by more than five points over the final 28 minutes of the contest.

Junior guard Jaxon Dines concluded a big weekend with 16 points, outpaced only by the Badgers’ Asher Williams, who scored the vast majority of his 20 points on six three-point goals. Dines had a pair of treys.

Strong’s game-winning basket was the last two of his

HHS at State

- 1969 — Champion
- 1970 — Runner-up
- 1971 — Third place
- 1972 — Fourth place
- 1973 — 0-2
- 1976 — Consolation champion
- 1984 — 7th place
- 1985 — 7th place
- 1997 — Consolation champion
- 2004 — 1-2
- 2010 — Consolation champion
- 2014 — Runner-up
- 2020 — 0-2
- 2022 — Consolation champion

Note — Information for 1975 and 1983 unavailable as yet

13 points. He went 6-for-10 from the floor.

Kincheloe and junior Alijah Joyner corralled five rebounds each. Joyner was 4-for-5 from the field for eight points, while Sigmund Goode chimed in with nine.

Friday: Homedale 50, Sugar-Salem 46 — The Trojans, with a roster of several athletes who had lost four consecutive postseason games to the Diggers on the gridiron, went to Holtry’s playbook for the win — sort of.

Dines, who rang up 23 points, found a familiar target on a pivotal play late in the consolation semifinal.

He threw a full-court

inbounds pass to Strong, who scored a layup to start a three-point play.

“That play is called ‘Quarterback,’ and we ran it because the situation and the look was perfect,” Long said.

“We called timeout and told the guys we were gonna beat Sugar on a football play. They loved the call, and sometimes the situation works out for you to be able to execute it.”

The free throw was Strong’s only trip to the foul line in the game. He chipped in eight points on 2-for-3 shooting.

Dines zeroed in on the basket all game. He connected on four of six shots from inside the three-point line and hit three long-range baskets. He also went 6-for-8 at the free-throw line.

The junior dished three assists and collected three defensive rebounds to go with four steals.

Trenton Fisher was 3-for-4 from the free-throw line and scored seven points before fouling out.

Kincheloe added five points and six defensive boards as Homedale held a 17-6 edge on the Diggers’ glass. Likewise, Sugar-Salem didn’t allow Homedale too many second chances, holding a 21-4 advantage on the Trojans’ backboards.

Porter Holt (12 points) and Toby Pinnock (11) reached double figures for Sugar-Salem.

Thursday: Snake River 51, Homedale 50 (2OT) — The

dramatic weekend began with the Trojans losing in extra time for the second consecutive game. McCall-Donnelly had beaten Homedale in OT for the District III championship seven days earlier.

Homedale’s shooting improved in the second half as the team erased a seven-point deficit and built a four-point lead during the third quarter.

After Snake River tied the score to force overtime, the teams managed just two points each in the first extra four minutes. Snake River outscored Homedale, 5-4, in the second OT, grabbing the lead for good with 28 seconds left.

There were 15 lead changes.

Dines scored 23, missing just once in six trips to the foul line. He also had five steals and two defensive rebounds.

Like Dines, Strong knocked down a pair of treys en route to 12 points. He collected five of his seven rebounds on defense.

Joyner grabbed seven rebounds and scored six points while blocking a pair of shots and swiping three steals.

Kincheloe led the team with eight rebounds (five on defense).

Snake River’s Marcus Coombs scored 13 points to lead a balanced attack. Luke Higginson had five of his team’s 16 steals.

Sports

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✓ Hardware: Mustangs rally from yet another loss to 1A HDL arch rival

a plaque.”

The Mustangs won back-to-back state championships in 1991 and 1992. Jordan Valley last won a trophy in 2018 when it finished third.

Jordan Valley (26-6) made the sixth state tournament appearance in school history as coach Kelsi Skinner returned after a two-year hiatus.

“We couldn’t be prouder as their coaches,” Skinner said, speaking also for assistant coach Mike Skinner.

“These girls battled sickness and injury all year long and never once backed down. They are such a fun group of girls, and their drive and tenacity is second to none. We are going to miss our seniors, but we know they will go on and do great things!”

A second-team all-tournament selection, Eiguren was one of three seniors on a club that suffered five of its six losses to eventual state champion Crane. The other loss came against 2018 champ Country Christian, which Crane beat, 44-37, in Friday’s semifinals.

“We were super proud of our girls for battling each time and definitely at the state tournament where game was slightly out of control and rough,” Kelsi Skinner said.

Top-seeded Crane knocked off No. 3 seed Damascus Christian, 56-47, on Saturday for its second consecutive title.

After a 45-35 loss to Crane in the opening round of the state tournament Thursday, Jordan Valley upset No. 5 Nixyaawii, 61-53, to stay alive Friday.

“Sometimes coming back



Front row, from left: Seniors Kaylee Stoddart, Cassity Gluch, Tayler Eiguren, and Kelsey Gluch. Back row, from left: Assistant coach Mike Skinner, head coach Kelsi Skinner, Kaitlyn Stoddart, Meg Eiguren, Jill Gammett, Shailee Rutan, Claire Collins, and Kyndra Williams. Submitted photo

in morning after a tough loss the day before is really hard,” Skinner said.

“Our girls met the challenge head-on and competed in a hard-fought battle to secure a shot at bringing home some state hardware.”

Sisters Cassity Gluch and all-tournament first-teamer Kelsey Gluch were the other seniors on Jordan Valley’s 2021-22 roster.

“There has been no drama on our team all year. Everybody got along,” Cassity said. “That has been the key to making it to State and doing so well.”

Cassity was on the floor throughout her senior season despite a torn medial collateral ligament in her knee.

“I’m pretty proud of our team,” Kelsey said. “We don’t have very many girls in our

high school, but we had a good group of girls step up and form a cohesive team.

“It feels great to be part of something so special.”

Saturday: Jordan Valley 52, Echo 28 — After scoring 19 points in the first period, the Mustangs pulled away.

Echo shot just 14.3 percent (3-for-21) after halftime.

“After watching Echo play the two days prior, we knew we had a game ahead of us,” Skinner said. “They were a quick, talented team. We prepared, and the girls took care of business on Saturday afternoon.”

Kelsey Gluch drained two three-point goals and converted three of five free throws to lead all players with 13 points.

Tayler Eiguren notched a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds, while junior Jill

Gammett recorded half of her 12 points on three-pointers.

Jordan Valley held Echo without a field goal in the final 4 minutes, 43 seconds.

The Mustangs all but shut down the Cougars’ attack after Echo built a 7-3 lead on jump shots from Faith McCarty and Sydney Bracher. McCarty led Echo with 11 points.

Gammett’s three-pointer knotted the score 7-7 and ignited an 11-2 run that put Jordan Valley in control.

Meg Eiguren’s jumper 91 seconds into the third capped a 12-2 spurt and gave Jordan Valley an 18-point edge, 35-17.

Friday: Jordan Valley 61, Nixyaawii 53 — In a game that went back and forth for most of the first half, the Mustangs took control with defense.

Gammett stole the ball from Kyella Picard and raced on a fast break for a layup to even the score, 23-23, with 2:42 left in the first half.

The basket — which was part of Jordan Valley’s 19 points on 22 turnovers — marked the end of Nixyaawii’s last lead of the ballgame.

Player of the game Tayler Eiguren led Jordan Valley’s defensive dominance with 11 rebounds on the Golden Eagles’ end of the floor. She poured in 24 points with three treys and 7-for-9 foul shooting. Her double-double performance included 16 total rebounds.

Kelsey Gluch snagged eight defensive boards as the Mustangs held a 27-7 edge on the Nixyaawii glass. She scored 11 points.

Her sister, Cassity Gluch, dropped in six of nine field-goal attempts, scoring 16 points to go with seven rebounds.

The Golden Eagles held a 30-17 edge on Jordan Valley’s backboard, but the Mustangs still managed eight second-chance points with Gammett getting six offensive boards.

Ella Stewart led Nixyaawii with 17 points. Teammate Picard swept 12 of her 14 rebounds off Jordan Valley’s glass.

Thursday: Crane 45, Jordan Valley 35 — Tayler Eiguren hit back-to-back three-pointers to cut a late 12-point deficit in half, but the eventual state champion allowed just two more field-goal attempts over the final 94 seconds in the state tournament opener.

Once Alexia Ballard scored in the paint with less than two minutes left in the opening stanza, Crane never relinquished the lead.

Eiguren’s layup 3½ minutes into the game gave Jordan Valley its only lead, 4-2.

Eiguren posted a huge double-double with 16 points and 17 rebounds. Fourteen of her boards came on Crane’s end.

Cassity Gluch snagged eight of her 10 boards on defense and also scored six points.

Crane got 10 points from Taylor Joyce. Ballard grabbed six of her seven rebounds on Jordan Valley’s glass where Crane held a 31-5 edge.

Jordan Valley shot 20 percent (4-for-20) in the first half and just over 25 percent (12-for-46) in the game.

Three Trojans land on all-conference team

Juniors Jaxon Dines and Mason Strong are first-team All-3A Snake River Valley conference players.

The standout Homedale High School guards helped the Trojans to the consolation championship Saturday in the 3A Real Dairy Shootout boys’ basketball state tournament.

Senior Hayden Kincheloe, an all-conference second-teamer, walked on the floor for the final game of his prep career Tuesday after deadline.

Kincheloe competed as part of the Class 3A team in the 2A/3A District III Senior All-Star Game at Fruitland High School.

State tournament contributions

- Jordan Valley High School teacher Tara Echave coordinated coverage of the girls’ basketball state tournament.
- The Owyhee Avalanche correspondent Mandi Boren coordinated coverage of Rimrock’s tournament run.

Rimrock at State

2022
Class 1A, Div. I
First round — Grace 61, Rimrock 35
Consolation opener — Rimrock 52, Liberty Charter 46
Consolation final — Rimrock 51, Oakley 38

2008
Class 1A
First round — Murtaugh 47, Rimrock 39 (2OT)
Consolation — Cascade 48, Rimrock 37

1997
Class A-4
First round — Shoshone 42, Rimrock 38
Consolation — Rimrock 66, Carey 44
Consolation semifinals — Hagerman 54, Rimrock 44

1994
Class A-4
First round — Highland 75, Rimrock 58
Consolation opener — Clark Fork 56, Rimrock 55

1984
Class A-4
First round — Shoshone 80, Rimrock 66
Consolation semifinals — Rimrock 71, Kootenai 65
Consolation final — Camas 70, Rimrock 69

Note — A banner in the Rimrock gymnasium notes that the 1970-71 team won a district championship and competed in the state playoffs.

Commentary

Jon P. Brown,
managing editor



Eyes on
Owyhee
Closer than you think

The Ukranian crisis rages a world away. But the effects of Russia’s unprovoked attempt to eliminate a 30-year-old democracy and essentially drag the world back into the late 1980s are reverberating in Owyhee County.

One Marsing family has enlisted prayer warriors to help get their son home.

I’m not divulging identifying details, but suffice to say what looked like a dire situation last week got a little brighter when the man made his way to Lviv.

Now, he plays another waiting game trying to get a ride to Poland.

The escape to Lviv came after days of uncertainty. The man was in line behind innumerable Ukranian refugees waiting for a train out of Kyiv.

His wife and young daughter rode a train to Lviv two days before he did.

But, like a million others fleeing the indiscriminate Russian onslaught, they left with few belongings.

Anyone can help fight the humanitarian crisis that has unfolded as the clunky Russian campaign has lumbered along.

And, there are folks in Owyhee County — even those unaware of the local man’s plight — who want to help the besieged nation’s general population.

The issue: Who can you trust to handle monetary donations and either get that money into the hands of those who need it or those who will make a legitimate effort to purchase anything refugees need?

Some people may hesitate to help because they don’t know which efforts are legitimate and which are fraudulent fronts to take advantage of the situation. Bad actors come out of the woodwork with every crisis.

There’s the Ukraine Humanitarian Fund (in place since 2019), but the United Nations is involved. That could create more skepticism than compassion.

Several other funds are available, too. But, of course, you should use due diligence when researching where to send your money.

The Idaho Office for Refugees suggests:

- International Rescue Committee, which has a Boise office, has personnel in Poland assisting Ukrainian refugees. (www.rescue.org)
- Ukrainian-born Boise artist Sasha Barrett has helped organize Artists for Ukraine to raise money for the humanitarian organizations helping Ukrainians. (<https://artistsforukraine.betterworld.org/>)
- Ukrainian Red Cross Society (<https://redcross.org.ua>)
- Voices of Children is a Ukranian-based organization with a charitable arm that is helping boys and girls cope with the psychological impact of the conflict. (<https://voices.org.ua>)
- Doctors Without Borders is working in-country to help meet healthcare needs. (www.doctorswithoutborders.org)

Another local effort: Meridian’s Full Gospel Slavic Church will accept non-perishable food, medical supplies, baby care supplies and other essential items through Friday. Donations, including monetary contributions, can be dropped off between 10 a.m., and 10 p.m., each day at 251 W. Lake Hazel Road. The church will send the aid to Europe via Meest (<https://us.meest.com/>).

There are several options. Weigh them. Vet them. And act, if you choose.

JP Doodles



Montana-based syndicated editorial cartoonist Barry McWilliams passed away in August. The McWilliams Estate has given The Owyhee Avalanche permission to publish his cartoon, and the feature begins this week. McWilliams’ cartoons appeared in more than 1,500 newspapers, and he visited hundreds of elementary schools teaching children to draw.

From Washington
Practical — not political — steps
needed to fight rising inflation

Inflation has accelerated under the Biden Administration to 40-year highs, leaving Idahoans to face soaring prices for everyday expenses. This stealth tax was exacerbated by excessive federal overspending in early 2021, and Congress must abandon reckless tax-and-spend proposals that will add more fuel to the inflationary fire.

In just one year under this administration, consumer price inflation skyrocketed to 7.5 percent. The Penn Wharton Budget Model estimates households spent \$3,500 more in 2021 just to keep up with rising costs, while others estimate the average U.S. household is spending an additional \$276 a month because of inflation. Small businesses cite inflation as the biggest challenge they face, and workers’ wages are being eaten up by rising costs. Farmers are paying significantly higher prices for crop seeds, fertilizer, equipment repairs and labor, which will inevitably drive food costs even higher. Reports indicate western states, including Idaho, are experiencing the highest inflation rates.

In January relative to a year earlier:

- It costs families nearly seven percent more to put food on the table.
- Energy costs skyrocketed by 27 percent.
- The price of gas exploded by 40 percent — with the average cost of gas in Idaho up nearly \$1 from a year ago.
- The bill for fuel oil to heat the family home ballooned by more than 46 percent.
- A new car costs over 12 percent more, and a used one costs almost 41 percent more.
- New clothes cost over five percent more.

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- Home prices rose nearly 18 percent, and 27 percent in Idaho, from the end of 2020 to 2021.

Economists agree the Democrats’ American Rescue Plan poured \$2 trillion of inflationary fuel on an already overheating economy, and has been a significant contributing factor to the price spikes since the beginning of the Biden Administration.

Inflation also has a negative impact on the federal budget, including increased interest expense that crowds out a host of other national priorities, from low-income support programs to national defense to disaster relief.

As Ranking Member of the Senate Finance

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Commentary

Financial management

Keep date nights simple when you're climbing out of debt



Dear Dave,
We're trying to get control of our finances by living on a budget. We also have about \$18,000 in debt we are trying to pay off. My husband brings home \$3,400 a month, and I am currently taking care of our 8-month-old baby. We would like to have a date night once a month, and he thinks we should set aside \$200 for this. Under the current circumstances, I feel like this is too much. What do you think?
— **Carolyne**

Dear Carolyne,
If you had told me you guys

make \$150,000 a year, I'd say go have a great time. But with your income, and a lot of debt on top, I'd put the brakes on that amount. It sounds like he's looking for an outlet to unwind and have a little fun, without giving a lot of thought to the big picture. The good thing, though, is you're working together and beginning to take this personal finance thing seriously.
My advice would be to lower the date night amount to about \$50 right now. That's plenty for a reasonable dinner and a babysitter for a couple of hours.

You might not have to figure babysitting expenses into the equation at all if you have family or friends nearby.
Going out on a date doesn't have to mean spending a lot of money. Years ago, when my wife and I were broke, we did tons of stuff that didn't cost a dime. Things like hiking and picnics are great ways to spend quality time together, while keeping your pocketbook in your pocket. Just be creative, talk about it together, and make sure you find ways to have a little "us" time on a regular basis.
I think you're right on this

one, Carolyne!
— **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.*

From Washington

Biden's address solidifies need for D.C. leadership change

State of the Union speeches often make history. Joe Biden's speech on March 1 re-wrote it.
As a member of Congress, constituents contact me every day about major concerns including escalating gas and grocery prices, increasing crime in our cities, and threats facing America because of the open border policy.
President Biden said what everyone wanted to hear during his speech: He was going to lower prices, increase police funding, and secure our border. Really? Well Mr. President – I don't believe you ... because your actions speak louder than your words.
When President Biden cut off American energy production and became one of Russia's biggest customers for oil, that didn't help our gas prices. When he mandated vaccines and pumped trillions of artificial dollars into the money supply, that didn't reduce our grocery prices. When he applauded the movement of the progressive left to "defund the police," it didn't help our crime levels. And when he refused to enforce our immigration laws, he opened the floodgate to illicit drug flow, sex trafficking, and greatly compromised our homeland security.
The 2022 SOTU speech was a classic case of political theater.
Tragically missed was the opportunity to "reset" what has turned out to be the president's most obviously egregious policies. He could have claimed the world situation has changed, and it is time to restart American production of "clean" fossil fuels so as to eliminate the need to purchase "dirty" fuel from Russia and other adversaries. The president

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Committee assignments — Natural Resources, and Education and Labor

Term expires 2022

A black and white portrait of Rep. Russ Fulcher, a man in a suit and tie, smiling.

wants us all to "buy American" (except for oil). Hopefully some solutions to those issues will follow ...
Of concern was the president's desire to crack down on Second Amendment rights, and his goals to make many things "free" or have a reduced cost (in other words, taxpayer-funded): Community college, child-care, prescriptions drugs, tech company subsidies, assisted living, and anything COVID-related (worldwide). But history tells us that if we think things are expensive now, just wait until they are "free."
If you sense some skepticism in my remarks, it's because there are. I have been in office every day this president has, and I try to work with his administration every day. As a result, I am directly familiar with administration policies seemingly void of any common sense.
Our current leadership is more concerned with control than serving Americans.
Speeches like this SOTU make me re-dedicate myself to changing the direction of this government, and that starts with a congressional leadership change this November. I believe we can make that happen ...
... and so does the current leadership. As of this writing, 31 of my Democratic House colleagues have already said they are retiring instead of trying for another term. Barring major federal changes in election laws, a leadership turnover is coming; and for the sake of our constitutional republic, it needs to.
— *Republican Russ Fulcher is in his second term in the U.S. House of Representatives, and he is seeking re-election this year.*

✓ Inflation: Protect 2017 tax reforms; D.C. would do well to watch Idaho

From Page 8B
Committee, I have asked the Congressional Budget Office for detailed information on these harmful effects.
Rather than considering further damaging measures, such as more untargeted federal spending, wage and price controls, and tax hikes, Congress should be taking practical steps to address runaway inflation. We should ensure the Federal Reserve attends to its low-and-stable inflation mandate without allowing politics to enter decision-making; exercise greater discipline over spending, deficits, debt and our

broken budget process; expand trade opportunities; streamline federal regulation; and protect the tax reforms implemented under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, which led to record-high levels of business investment, historic lows in unemployment and poverty, and record-high incomes during the past administration.
I am deeply proud of our great state, where Idahoans have worked together to build a magnet for ingenuity, growth and free enterprise. At 2.4 percent, Idaho's unemployment rate is far below the national average, and total employment in Idaho grew by

21,730 net new jobs during the past year. Washington, D.C., should take note, and take steps to address the harmful effects of inflation, tackling our ballooning debt crisis and the unsustainable mandatory spending that will undermine Idaho's successes.
— *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. He is seeking another term this election cycle. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.*

Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale City Council on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming Ave. Homedale, Idaho.

The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for Zone Change filed by Tim Bever requesting that the City of Homedale change the zoning from Industrial to Residential at 503 E. Owyhee Ave, Parcel #RPA001000B0010, Homedale, Idaho.

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Alice E. Pegram
City Clerk
City of Homedale
03/02,09/2022

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Units of
Larry Dixon
PO Box 463
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PO Box 574
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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: REBECCA ANN GEORGE

CASE NO. CV 37-22-00044

A Petition to change the name of Rebecca Ann George now residing in the City of Melba, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Rebecca Ann Arnold.

The reason for the change in name is: My biological father has been out of my life for 8 years and I want to take my stepdad's last name.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 11:45 o'clock a.m. on March 21, 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 31, 2022
s:/Lena Johnson, Deputy Clerk
Angela Barkell, Clerk of the District Court
02/16,23;3/02,09/2022

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

Case No. CV37-22-00065

In the Matter of the Estate of GLENNDA LOUISE DAY, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JAMES M. DAY has been appointed Personal Representative

of the above-named Decedent. All persons having claims against the Decedent's estate is required to present claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned attorney for said Personal Representative, Larry C. Ashcraft, of the firm ASHCRAFT LAW PLLC, at PO Box 506, Mountain Home, Idaho 83647 and filed with the Clerk of this Court.

DATED March 2, 2022
ASHCRAFT LAW PLLC
/s:/Larry C. Ashcraft
03/09,16,23/2022

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, Murphy Section

Case No. CV37-22-00070

In the Matter of the Estate of BEVERLY M. HARDIN, a/k/a BEVERLY MARIE HARDIN, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that TIMOTHY D. STANFILL, JR., has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent, BEVERLY M. HARDIN. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be both (1) presented to the personal representative of the estate at the law offices of White, Peterson, Gigray & Nichols, P.A., 5700 East Franklin Road, Suite 200, Post Office Box 247, Nampa, Idaho (ID) 83653-0247, and (2) filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 18th day of February, 2022.
/s/Philip A. Peterson
Attorney for:
Timothy D. Stanfill, Jr.
Personal Representative
03/02,09,16/2022

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

Case No. CV37-21-00373

BETTY STAPPLER, doing business as Desert High Real Estate, Plaintiffs,
vs.
MARC L. NEWMAN, an individual, Defendant.
TO: MARC L. NEWMAN, an individual.

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY: BETTY STAPPLER, doing business as Desert High Real

Estate, in the District Court in and for Owyhee County, Idaho, Case No. CV37-21-00373.

THE NATURE OF THE CLAIM AGAINST YOU IS FOR: a breach of contract.

At any time after 21 days following the last publication of this Summons, the Court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the case number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650, and telephone number (208) 495-2806 and served a copy of your response on the other party, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 1084, Caldwell, Idaho 83606, and telephone number is (208) 454-2974.

A copy of the Summons and Complaint 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.

DATED this 14 day of February, 2021.
Angela Barkell
Owyhee County District Court
By: Lena Johnson
Deputy Clerk
02/23;03/02,09,16/2022

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

Case No. CV37-21-00426

CAPZ HOLDINGS, LLC, an Idaho limited liability company, Plaintiff,
vs.
MICHAEL G. RICE and JENELL A. RICE, husband and wife, and all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, lien, or interest adverse to the Plaintiff in the property described as follows:

A part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described to-wit:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian; thence North 90°00'00" East 25.00 feet along the South boundary of the said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence leaving the said South boundary, North 0°49'20" West (formerly of record North) 186.00 feet to a 1/2" inch rebar in the East right of way of Eighth Avenue West, the INITIAL POINT of this description; thence leaving the said right of way line North

90°00'00" East 100.00 feet to a 1/2" inch rebar; thence North 0°49'20" West (formerly of record North) 139.5 feet to a 1/2" rebar; thence North 56°14'12" West 121.45 feet (formerly of record Northwesterly 121 feet) to a 1/2" inch rebar in the said East right of way line; thence South 0°49'20" East 207.00 feet along the said East right of way to the INITIAL POINT OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

Defendants.

NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF(S). THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 21 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

TO: **Michael G. Rice**
2224 N. Graham Unit 14
Huachuca City, AZ 85616-8402

You are hereby notified that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650; Telephone (208) 495-2806 within 21 days after service of this Summons on you. If you fail to so respond, the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the plaintiff(s) in the Complaint.

A copy of the Complaint is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek the advice or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected.

An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 2 and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and must also include:

1. The title and number of this case.
2. If your response is an Answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint and other defenses you may claim.
3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney.
4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to plaintiff's attorney, as designated above.

To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the above-named court.

DATED: Dec. 8, 2021
Angela Barkell
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: Lena Johnson
Deputy
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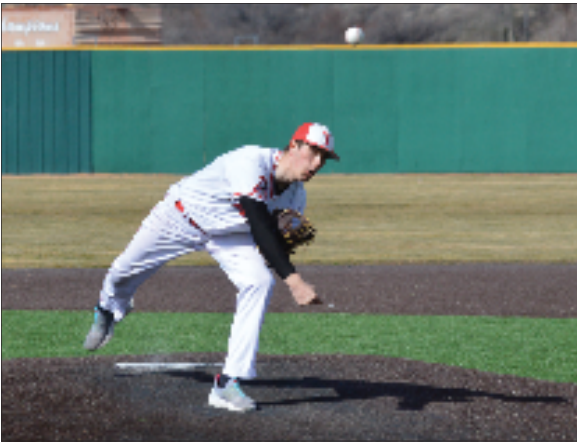
BASEBALL BEGINS

Trojans return to diamond

Clockwise from top: Andrus Garcia takes a lead at first base against Ridgevue.

Homedale High School baseball coach Burke Deal makes his way to the mound to make a pitching change.

Right-hander John Lejardi fires a pitch toward home plate.



HHS fans get first glimpse

Homedale High School kicked off its baseball season Saturday with a jamboree at John Jackson Field. The Trojans scrimmaged Ridgevue from Nampa in an afternoon game, which also gave new umpires a chance to train. A supervising umpire gave pointers to the home plate ump during the contest. Coach Burke Deal used two pitchers — John Lejardi and Andrus Garcia — early on against Ridgevue. The Warhawks scored frequently while the Trojans struggled to make contact.

Homedale Trojans

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

This week's Sports Schedule

Baseball
Wednesday, March 9 at Emmett, 5 p.m.
Saturday, March 12, home vs. Filer (2), noon and 2 p.m.
Wednesday, March 16 at New Plymouth, 5 p.m.
Junior varsity
Wednesday, March 9, home vs. Emmett, 5 p.m.
Saturday, March 12 at Filer (2), noon and 2 p.m.
Wednesday, March 16, home vs. New Plymouth, 5 p.m.

Track and field
Friday, March 11 at Melba Icebreaker, 2 p.m.

Tennis
Monday, March 14 at Nyssa, Ore., 4 p.m.

Softball
Varsity
Wednesday, March 9 at Emmett, 5 p.m.
Saturday, March 12, home vs. Filer (2), noon and 2 p.m.
Monday, March 14 at Vallivue, Caldwell, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, March 15, home vs. Emmett, 5 p.m.
Junior varsity
Wednesday, March 9, home vs. Emmett, 5 p.m.
Saturday, March 12, home vs. Filer (2), noon and 2 p.m.
Monday, March 14 at Vallivue, Caldwell, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, March 15 at Emmett, 5 p.m.

Golf
Boys
Wednesday, March 9, home for Homedale Ice Breaker (18 holes), River Bend GC, 10 a.m.
Girls
Monday, March 14 at Weiser Invitational (9 holes), Rolling Hills GC, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, March 15 at Nampa Tournament (18 holes), Centennial GC, 10 a.m.



Boys' basketball
3A Real Dairy Shootout
state tournament consolation
champions. Final record: 16-10
photo by Kyla Sorenson

SPRING SPORTS COACHES



Baseball
Burke Deal,
15th season



Softball
Larry Corta,
19th season



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4th season



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11th season



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