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Elected officials received \$85K of total county bonuses

November move
was part of employee
retention strategy

Pay bonuses — some of them more than \$10,000 each — went to more than

100 full-time and part-time employees after Owyhee County commissioners passed a resolution in November.

The commissioners allocated nearly \$520,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act funds for the one-time bonuses, which represented the third bump in pay for employees during 2022.

Elected officials also received bonuses as commissioners passed a resolution that furthered the goal of retaining employees and staying competitive with surrounding counties in attracting talent.

The pay bonuses, which averaged about \$4,700 per employee regardless

of status, were based on years of service:

- Employees with the county for three or fewer years received a bonus of six percent of their annual salary.
- Four to six years of service meant

— See *Bonuses*, back page

Kindness, compassion enhance Marsing's sense of community

Right: An elementary school student's creation says all that needs to be said.

Below: The Marsing High School cheer squad leads community members in the school fight song,



Hundreds turn out for important town meeting

About 400 community members showed up last Wednesday for Marsing School District's Kindness Kickoff.

Two former Boise State football standouts — including Marsing High alum Shea McClellin — spoke to parents and older children inside the school district cafeteria as part of the event organized by district nurse Cindy Floyd and BSU-based Communities For Youth.

Families were treated to a dinner of pizza and ice cream before the younger children (kindergarten through fifth grade) retired to the elementary school gymnasium for fun activities.

While the younger boys and girls were playing games and painting "kindness" rocks

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Saw draws young blood into Marsing Disaster Auction

Bowers brings
more blades
for Saturday

Jacob Bowers isn't cutting in on someone else's action when he brings saw blade artwork to the Marsing Disaster Auction.

Bowers' perpetuation of the auction staple Mona Lindemann begun years ago was more accidental than traditional.

But it shows why the auction that gets rolling at 10:13 a.m., on Saturday inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center has survived — and thrived — into its 61st year.

"I knew the auction was there. I guess I never went," the Marsing-area farmer said. "Then I started going and it intrigued me, and I just fell in love with it."

— See *Auction*, page 3

Longtime highway chief stepping away

Library, highway
district elections
set in May

The candidate filing deadline is still weeks away, but the Homedale Highway District board of commissioners will be changing come May.

Longtime board chair Larry Prow, the Subdistrict 1 commissioner, announced last week that he will not seek another four-year term.

Prow has served on the board for more than 30 years after succeeding his father, Elmer, who also served in the

— See *Highway*, back page

Change in air: County ranchers to meet in Oreana

Bylaws regarding
board makeup,
summer locale up
to discussion

Some major changes may be proposed at Saturday's Owyhee Cattlemen's Association winter meeting.

The semi-annual full membership meeting for the county's ranchers will start at 1 p.m.,

at the Oreana Community Hall on Oreana Loop Road.

A meeting with historical implications begins when OCA board president Rex Hoagland drops the gavel at 1:30 p.m.

A major bylaws overhaul

regarding board of directors elections and length of executive board service will be discussed late in the meeting (after agency, industry and political updates at 3:30 p.m.)

Also up for discussion is

the possible relocation of the annual summer meeting from the Silver City Schoolhouse to a locale more accessible for the association's older members.

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Government, cattlemen ready to get reacquainted

Agency reports, including BLM range improvement, kick off Oreana afternoon

Saturday could mark the first public appearance in Owyhee County for the new District 23 legislative delegation. Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association board secretary Scott Jensen has received an RSVP from freshman Dist. 23, Seat A Idaho House of Representatives member Melissa Durrant (R-Kuna). State Sen. Todd Lakey (R-Nampa) told The Owyhee Avalanche on Monday that he has tentative plans to make the trip to Oreana. First-term Dist. 23B Rep. Tina Lambert (R-Caldwell) told the

Avalanche on Saturday that she would be unable to attend the OCA meeting. Attendees will register for the meeting beginning at 1 p.m., inside the Oreana Community Hall. The meeting starts at 1:30 p.m., with remarks from board president Rex Hoagland and the membership bit drawing. The range and animal health will be the first topics explored. • Bureau of Land Management Boise District manager Tanya Thrift will continue with the OCA’s general membership a discussion about range improvements that she started with association directors in a Jan. 2 meeting that also touched on permit renewals. Speaking during the Owyhee County commissioners’ coordination meeting with the Boise District brass on Jan. 23, Thrift recapped the conversation with OCA leaders.

“I want our district to get back to focusing on fixing things before they become a problem,” Thrift told the county commissioners in Murphy. “A chunk of that is working on aging infrastructure out there.” The key is “fixing small problems” before the permit renewal process starts, she added. “The cattlemen’s board will start getting feedback on individual allotments and have them be part of prioritizing to see which ones we have to tackle first,” Thrift said, adding that despite “some trust issues” she hopes ranchers will point out needed improvements. There are federal funds available to pay for some improvements from the BLM perspective or reimburse ranchers for their range rehab. • Idaho State Veterinarian Dr. Scott

Leiblsle will give an update on his agency’s efforts against brucellosis and talk about other programs. • The final portion of the meeting will include updates from the Idaho Beef Council, the Idaho Cattle Association, the Idaho Rangeland Conservation Partnership, and other government agencies. • U.S. Rep. Russ Fulcher (R-Idaho) representative Dirk Mendive is expected to take part in the congressional updates. • A social hour is planned at 5 p.m., followed by a tri-tip dinner provided by Cowgirls Catering. Folks are asked to bring a dessert to share. • The evening concludes with a dance (\$7 per person, \$12 per couple) with live music from Runnin’ for Cover. — JPB

✓ Ranchers: OCA winter meeting tackles smaller board, summer venue

From Page 1

Board framework change Plenty of discussion is anticipated about the bylaws change, and board secretary Scott Jensen said a vote on the proposal can be expected. A two-thirds majority of the members present Saturday is necessary to rewrite bylaws. Bylaws amendments would take effect in 2024, according to the draft proposal: • Reduce the number of board members from nine to five people. Officers would be vice-president and president. “It has been a bit of a struggle to find board member replacements the last few years,” Jensen said. “Reducing the numbers should help with that.” • The vice-president and president would each serve two-year terms. Currently, the

positions are one-year terms. “Most of the presidents say that they are just figuring things out by the end of their term,” Jensen said. “This should allow them to be more effective over the time of their terms.” “With removing the past president position, it only adds one additional year to their service on the board.” • Once a two-year presidential term is done, that person would leave the board, eliminating the past president position. • The directors would hold a vice-presidential election prior to the annual meeting every other year, choosing someone from the current directors. Also every other year, the longest-serving director who did not become vice-president shall go off the board. • Members would be eligible to serve on the board of directors more than once in their lifetime, but a director will not be able to serve more than two consecutive terms during each stint on the board. • The membership forms would be changed to include a section for the rancher to express willingness to serve on the board, and the board secretary will maintain a database of those prospective board members (and their geographic locations) that the nominating committee can access annually. • At each annual meeting, members will elect a director for a three-year term to succeed an outgoing director. • With the elimination of the past president position, the vice-president would assume chairmanship of the nominating committee, which

would include all officers and directors except those who are leaving the board during the nomination cycle. • New language is proposed mandating a person must be an OCA member in good standing for at least 24 months before being eligible for board nomination (or to complete an unfinished term). New members are not eligible to serve. Another new bylaws component reads: “Every effort shall be made to ensure the Board is comprised of representation from all areas of the county.” The person who brought the proposed changes forward wants to maintain anonymity, Jensen said, adding that former board presidents Chad Nettleton and Scott Bunderson have been working with the individual to solidify ideas. **Future of summer meeting** Past president Oscar Evans will bring forward an idea that has germinated with some members concerned that accessibility to Silver City is impacting attendance. The absence of veteran cattlemen is of particular concern. “Oscar has heard from a few folks that maybe moving the meeting to somewhere easier to access would be helpful,” Jensen said. “I expect plenty of discussion-tradition/history versus convenience.” “Many of the members are not spring chickens anymore and it might help them be able to attend easier.” No action is expected Saturday; the board seeks input. Decades ago, the summer meeting was held in Murphy. — JPB

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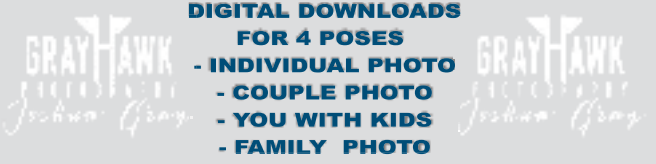
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From page 1

✓ Auction: Elbow grease and executed artwork ideas revive saw blades

The owner of Jake’s Sprinkler Service got his first taste of the atmosphere 12 years ago.

Four years ago, he joined the board of directors. At 30, he’s one of the young bloods on the board. His 26-year-old brother Davey is on the board, too.

Last year, by pure luck, he walked into an old rock house on the farm he’d just bought and stepped back in disaster auction history.

“I was there messing around one day, and I looked up in the rafters and, ‘Whoa, there’s a crosscut saw up there,’ ” Bowers said.

He pulled down the rusty 6-foot saw and cleaned it up.

Using a sanding flap on an angle grinder, he banished the rust from the coarse-toothed metal blade.

“It takes a while because it has rust and buildup on it, and I have to get it down to clean metal,” Bowers said. “I worked it and worked it. It was a dirty, dirty job.”

Next was several coats of primer across the entire blade.

Then Bowers built exact



A section of the rusty crosscut saw before Jacob Bowers performed his laborious magic. Submitted photos

replicas of the rotted original handles and shipped the tool off to his cousin’s wife, Homedale resident Amanda Milburn, who worked her magic and painted a scene on the blade.

All the hard work paid off as the blade fetched \$350 in last year’s auction.

“It was a hit, so I said, ‘That’s my thing. I’m going to keep doing it,’ ” Bowers said.

This year, though, he couldn’t just go back out to the rock house and throw a prayer up into the rafters.

But he still managed to track down a pair of 14-inch circular saw blades at a yard sale.

And Bowers was able to spread the word about the disaster auction’s good cause in the process.

“They wanted a lot of money, and I told the lady my intentions and she sold me one blade and gave me the other one when she found out what I was doing with them,” he said.

Milburn has painted farm scenes on both blades — one with a wintry feel — and the bidding should heat up again.

Bowers will keep the passion for finding those saw blades for future auctions, too.

“That’s the joys of it,” he said. “It keeps you going because you know you have to get something for the next year.”

— JPB



Above: Jacob Bowers with last year’s crosscut saw art. Below: The two circular saw blades that Bowers will bring this year.



Jacob Bowers, 30, board member, donor

Family — Wife, Martha (10th anniversary on Feb. 9). Children: Anna, 8; Timothy, 6; Evelyn, 5; Theodore, 3; and Monica 2

Residence — Has lived on farm between Marsing and Homedale for five years. Before that, lived two miles outside of town on Chicken Dinner Road in the Sunny Slope area his entire life.

Occupation — Business owner and farmer. Started Jake’s Sprinkler Service after selling Jake’s Lawn Care (which he started at age 18) two years ago.

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Meet the UI Extension columnist

This is the debut column in The Owyhee Avalanche for Brad Stokes, who is the new UI Extension Educator in Canyon County. He heads up the robust Master Gardener program. Brad has an interest in pollinators (especially bees), home horticulture, gardening, xeriscaping and other interests.

Brad grew up in Boise and graduated from Capital High School. He completed both a Bachelor's of Science (Major: Horticulture/Plant Science, Minor: Crop Science) and a Master's of Science (Major: Entomology) from the University of Idaho in 2008 and 2012, respectively.

Brad has a fondness and is an expert at insect/arthropod identification, as well as plant diagnostics, plant pathogens, soil, chemistry and Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Previously Brad was housed in Mountain Home (UI Extension, 2017-22), working in agriculture, horticulture and 4-H Youth Development.



Bur buttercup growing and flowering in late March near a sidewalk in Idaho. Photo by Brad Stokes

Bur Buttercup: Area's earliest emerging nuisance, noxious weed

Bur buttercup (*Ceratocephala testiculata* Crantz) is one of Idaho's earliest emerging and flowering weeds for homeowners, landlords, ranchers and agricultural producers. It is often the first weed to emerge and flower, growing well when daytime temperatures are between 45° and 50°F or even below. This noxious weed will be emerging when we get some warmer weather later in February. This weed is native to southeastern Europe and was introduced to the United States in the early 20th century. It grows to only 4 inches tall near disturbed areas in and can often be overlooked.



Brad Stokes

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

Bur buttercup is extremely easy to identify. Leaves are divided into finger-like segments resembling a bird's foot with small, fine hairs. Stems are very short (4 inches or less) and leafless. Flowers are small (a quarter-inch), bright yellow with five equal-sized petals. If left to set seed bur buttercup produces stiff brown burs with

spikes. The best and easiest way to identify this nuisance and noxious weed is the timing of emergence and flowering, which occurs in March in southern Idaho.

There are a few control options for bur buttercup.

This weed has a very shallow, small taproot, meaning that it can be mechanically controlled via hand-pulling or hoeing.

Chemical control (e.g. using herbicides) is also a well-known method of control. Herbicides containing the active ingredients glyphosate or 2,4-D can be very efficacious in the control of bur buttercup when it is used in the early vegetative growth stages (i.e. just after plant germination). Glyphosate is a non-selective herbicide and will kill all plant life. Be careful when using glyphosate for control of any weed species as it will kill grass species as well. 2,4-D is an auxin-mimicking herbicide and will only target broadleaf weeds, such as bur buttercup. 2,4-D is recommended to use during the early growth stages of this weed (e.g. before flowering).

If you notice the weed has already flowered, the best control option is to mechanically remove the weed.

As always read and follow all pesticide labels before use and control of any pest organism, including herbicides.

— Today marks the debut column for Brad Stokes, a University of Idaho Extension Educator in the Canyon County office in Caldwell. He specializes in horticulture and entomology and is also part of the Master Gardener program. Stokes has Master's (2012) and Bachelor's (2008) degrees from U of I. He can be reached at (208) 459-6003 or bstokes@uidaho.edu.

VFW post plans pancake feed

A local racecar driver will help introduce the burgeoning Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11065 Auxiliary to the public next month.

The Samuel C. Phillips VFW Post 11065 and Auxiliary will hold a pancake feed fundraiser from 7 a.m., to 10 a.m., on Saturday, Feb. 11 at the VFW hall, 208 3rd St., in Wilder.

Andrew Tuttle, a local racer who cut his teeth at Meridian Speedway and now competes in the ARCA Menard's Series, is the special guest for the breakfast.

The cost is \$5 per plate, and the meal includes pancake, scrambled eggs, meat and a beverage of your choice.



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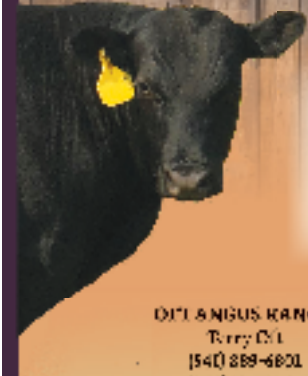
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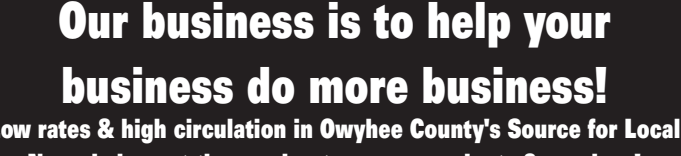
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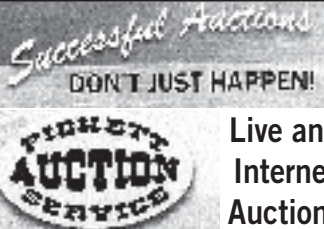
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New Rimrock Sr. Center cook eyes Saturday meal

Jodi Jewett isn’t the only new face on staff at the Rimrock Senior Center.

The coordinator, who has been on the job since October, told The Owyhee Avalanche last week that another full-time cook, Michele Sanguinetti, was hired by the board of directors in December.

Sanguinetti plans to kick off a monthly Saturday meal at the senior center, 525 Main St., in Grand View, with the annual Valentine’s fundraiser dinner on Saturday, Feb. 11.

Both Jewett, a 21-year Grand View resident, and Sanguinetti were hired by the senior center’s board of directors:

- **Chair** — Nola Boone
- **Vice-chair** — Sandy Skinner
- **Secretary** — Elaine Bean
- **Treasurer** — Bruce Tucker
- **Board members** — Bill Mead, John Carothers, and Kimberly Bearden

The senior center is open from 9 a.m., to 2 p.m., on Tuesday and Thursday.

Congregate lunches are served each day the center is open, and the bus provides transportation to Mountain Home twice a month.

For more information, call the office at (208) 834-2922 or email rrseniorcitizens@gmail.com.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

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/bread available each day

- Feb. 1: Spinach and bacon quiche, hash brown patty, beet salad
- Feb. 2: Baked ham, sweet potato, scalloped potatoes
- Feb. 7: Salisbury steak with mushrooms and onions, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots
- Feb. 8: Cheeseburger on bun, fries, green beans
- Feb. 9: BBQ chicken, baked potato, spinach

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing

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

- Suggested donation: \$4 (60 and older), \$6 (59 and younger)*
- Feb. 1: Spaghetti with meat sauce, snap peas, cauliflower, green salad, French bread
 - Feb. 3: Chicken burrito bowl, Cascade vegetables, cinnamon pears, whole wheat tortillas
 - Feb. 6: Polish sausage with sauerkraut, baked beans, peas, fresh fruit, whole grain bun
 - Feb. 8: Lemon herb fish over rice, snap peas, coleslaw, peaches, 9-grain bread
 - Feb. 10: Roast turkey with gravy and dressing, corn/dill carrots, fruit cup, cranberry sauce, whole wheat roll

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

- Feb. 2: Beef stew, coleslaw, cornbread, pears, whole grain roll, cottage cheese, Jello
- Feb. 7: Sausage gravy, hash browns, carrots, yogurt, cantaloupe, whole wheat roll
- Feb. 9: Swiss steak, baked potato, green beans, peaches, roll, yogurt

Melba Valley Senior Center

Meals served at noon (Salad bar at 11:30 a.m.)
Phone ahead (208) 495-2168 same day for complete menu
Payment by donation. All ages welcome

- Feb. 2: Slow roasted beef roast
- Feb. 7: Basil pesto chicken
- Feb. 9: Pork medallions

Calendar

Today

- Food distribution**
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., for Marsing residents only. The HUB food pantry, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411
- Labor Dept. bilingual employment services**
Noon to 4 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 364-7781 or canyoncountymail@labor.idaho.gov for appointment or information.
- 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 or (208) 337-3464
- Arock school board meeting**
7 p.m., W. W. Jones Schoolhouse, 3513 Arock Rd., Arock. (541) 586-2325

Thursday

- Fit and Fall class**
10 a.m., free, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168
- 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
- Friends of the Homedale Library meeting**
4 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.
- Teens and Tweens**
5 p.m., ages 10-17, Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.
- Alcoholics Anonymous**
7 p.m., open to alcoholics, their families and those contemplating recovery, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Friday

- Alcoholics Anonymous**
7 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 860-9674
- Disney’s Beauty and the Beast Jr.**
7 p.m., Students, \$3; Adults, \$5; Family pass, \$20. Homedale High School, inside the old gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

Saturday

- U of I Winter Beef School**
10 a.m. to noon, Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Rd., Oreana.
- Marsing Disaster Auction**
10;13 a.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 128 Old Bruneau Hwy, Marsing. Visit www.marsingdisasterauction.org for more information.
- Free lunch**
11:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419
- OCA winter meeting**
1 pm. registration; 5 p.m. social hour; 6 p.m. dinner; 9 pm. dance, \$7 single/\$12 couple. Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Rd., Oreana.
- Disney’s Beauty and the Beast Jr.**
7 p.m., Students, \$3; Adults, \$5; Family pass, \$20. Homedale High School, inside the old gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

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.

Depression and anxiety recovery

6 p.m., \$185 for 8 sessions. Garnet Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 16613 Garnet Rd, Wilder. Registration (208) 649-4511

Tuesday

- Fit and Fall class**
10 a.m., free, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168
- 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
- Region III assistance assessments**
Noon to 3 p.m., appointments necessary, Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 495-5688

After school time

4 p.m., to 5 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View.

Children’s After School Program

4:30 p.m., elementary and middle school children, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Wednesday

- Food distribution**
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., for Marsing residents only. The HUB food pantry, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411
- Labor Dept. bilingual employment services**
Noon to 4 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 364-7781 or canyoncountymail@labor.idaho.gov for appointment or information.
- 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 or (208) 337-3464
- Homedale City Council meeting**
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641
- Jordan Valley Ambulance meeting**
6 p.m., ambulance hall, 706 Main St.
- 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
- Marsing City Council meeting**
7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 896-4122
- 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, Feb. 9

- Fit and Fall class**
10 a.m., free, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd., Melba. (208) 495-2168
- 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

Frenzy of February fun at Eastern Owyhee library

The Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View is ready for another month of activities.

February brings Groundhog Day, and there are some repeat events on the library’s calendar.

The EOCL serves Grand View and Oreana. It’s located at 520 Boise Ave., and can be reached at (208) 834-2785.

- The book club for adults continues in February with the reading coming from the Western genre. Participants pick their favorite book in the category, read it and then will spend time at the next in-person meeting trying to convince their fellow club members to pick up the book.
- The book club meets on the second Monday of the month for a light lunch and book discussion. The next meeting is set for 12:30 p.m., on Monday, Feb. 13.
- For more information, leave a message on the library voicemail or with Kathy Chick at (208) 599-2148.
- With school back in session for Bruneau-Grand View children, the library is continuing its after-school time from 4 p.m., to 5 p.m., each Tuesday.
- February’s after-school activities include: Bread in a bag on Tuesday; “Why Love?” theme for Valentine’s Day on Feb. 14; Puzzle day on Feb. 21; and a Dr. Seuss Activity on Feb. 28 as Seuss author Theodor Seuss Geisel’s birthday nears.
- On Thursday, Feb. 16, “The Princess Bride” will be shown. The activity for teens and adults will run from 7 p.m., to 9 p.m.
- The Friends of the Eastern Owyhee County Library monthly meeting will take place at 6 p.m., on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

The library will be closed Feb. 20 for the Presidents’ Day holiday.

Homedale library youth programs in full swing

It’s slime time for the older youths who participate in the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library’s programs.

The Teens and Tweens attendees will make homemade slime during the next session at 5 p.m., on Thursday in the Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The after-school program for elementary- and middle school-aged children will include a slime-making activity. The program will be held at 4:30 p.m., on Tuesday.

Lora Woodward will lead the Opal Nash Story Time for preschoolers at 10:15 a.m., on Monday at the library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

Call (208) 337-4228 for more information on programs.

Library hours are noon to 6 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, from noon to 7 p.m., on Thursday, from 10 a.m., to 5 p.m., on Friday, and from 10 a.m., to 3 p.m., on Saturday.

The library is closed on Sunday.

JVHS presents bingo night

A bingo night is coming to Jordan Valley High School’s old gymnasium.

The fun begins at 6 p.m., next Wednesday.

There will be a 10-game series, and bingo cards will cost \$1 each. The blackout winner will take home \$100.

An all-you-can-eat soup and salad dinner, including dessert and drinks, will also be available for \$10 per person.

The high school drama class is also working on an original play about Skinner family’s journey to the region and the contributions its members made to early Owyhee country history.

The play is being presented through the help of the Jordan Valley ION Heritage Council.

GV Lions auction back online

The annual Grand View Lions Club Community Auction is online again.

Click on “Grand View Lions Club Auction” at <https://bakerauction.com/calendar.php> to start bidding on Friday, Feb. 10.

The auction soft close will start at 2:30 p.m., on Friday, Feb. 17.

The Lions Club also is raffling an American 6.5mm Creedmoor Ruger rifle.

Tickets are \$1 each, or six tickets can be purchased for \$5.

The winning ticket will be drawn at 3 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 18.

All raffle and auction proceeds will go back into the Bruneau-Grand View-Oreana community.

Successful bidders can pick up their items from 9 a.m., to 3 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 18 at American Legion Post 134 Hall, 410 Roosevelt Ave., Grand View.

An in-person auction preview will be held from 5 p.m., to 7 p.m., on Thursday, Feb. 16 at the Legion Hall.

Call Doug Thurman at (208) 599-1014 or Erica Mulberry at (208) 585-1811 for more information or to get questions answered.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

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

Feb. 1: **Breakfast:** Belgian waffle sticks, syrup cup, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken fried fingers, country gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, whole grain roll

Feb. 2: **Breakfast:** Sausage on Hawaiian bun, Yami yogurt, sliced pears **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, pineapple tidbits, garden salad, Jello

Feb. 6: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, whole grain roll, buttered carrots

Feb. 7: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Spaghetti, seasoned green beans

Feb. 8: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Sausage patty, French toast sticks, hash brown patty, strawberry cup

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

Feb. 1: **Breakfast:** Belgian waffle sticks, syrup cup, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, country gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, whole grain roll

Feb. 2: **Breakfast:** Sausage on Hawaiian bun, Yami yogurt, sliced pears **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, pineapple tidbits, garden salad, Jello

Feb. 6: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, steamed buttered carrots, whole grain roll

Feb. 7: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, string cheese, whole grain toast, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Spaghetti, seasoned green beans, garlic toast

Feb. 8: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** French toast sticks, sausage patty, hash brown patty, strawberry cup

Homedale High

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

Feb. 1: **Breakfast:** Sausage on Hawaiian bun or cinnamon roll, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans, garden salad **Grab ‘n’ go:** Ham and cheese sub

Feb. 2: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Corn dog, seasoned potato wedges, **Grab ‘n’ go:** Taco salad

Feb. 6: **Breakfast:** Sausage and cheese biscuit, string cheese **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, French fries **Grab ‘n’ go:** Turkey bacon sub

Feb. 7: **Breakfast:** Sausage patty, buttermilk

biscuits, country gravy **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, Tater Tots **Grab ‘n’ go:** Southwest chicken salad

Feb. 8: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, string cheese **Lunch:** Crisпитos, seasoned potato wedges, **Grab ‘n’ go:** Club sub sandwich

Marsing

Each meal includes choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables
Elementary School each day: Breakfast: *Cereal option*
Middle/High School each day: PB&J sandwich option
Cold Grab-n-go line: *Wrap, sub sandwich, salad*

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

Feb. 1: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, bananas, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Tater Tot casserole, mixed vegetables **Cold Grab-n-go:** BBQ chicken salad

Feb. 2: **Breakfast:** Waffle sticks or French toast sticks, syrup cup, grapes **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper, pineapple tidbits, tossed salad, carrot sticks, Jello **Hot Grab-n-go:** Popcorn chicken, roll, French fries

Feb. 6: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, syrup cup, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, roll, steamed carrots, snickerdoodle cookie **Cold Grab-n-go:** Italian wrap

Feb. 7: **Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito or pork sausage patty, country gravy, biscuit, sliced pears **Lunch:** Orange chicken rice bowl, egg roll, green beans **Hot Grab-n-go:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, French fries

Feb. 8: **Breakfast:** Tornado (egg, sausage, cheese) or buttermilk pancakes, syrup cup, applesauce **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, potato wedges **Cold Grab-n-go:** Berry salad

Bruneau/Grand View

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

Feb. 1: **Breakfast:** Pancakes **Lunch:** Nachos with whole wheat chips, refried beans/salsa

Feb. 2: **Breakfast:** Cereal bar **Lunch:** BBQ pulled pork on a bun, fries, broccoli

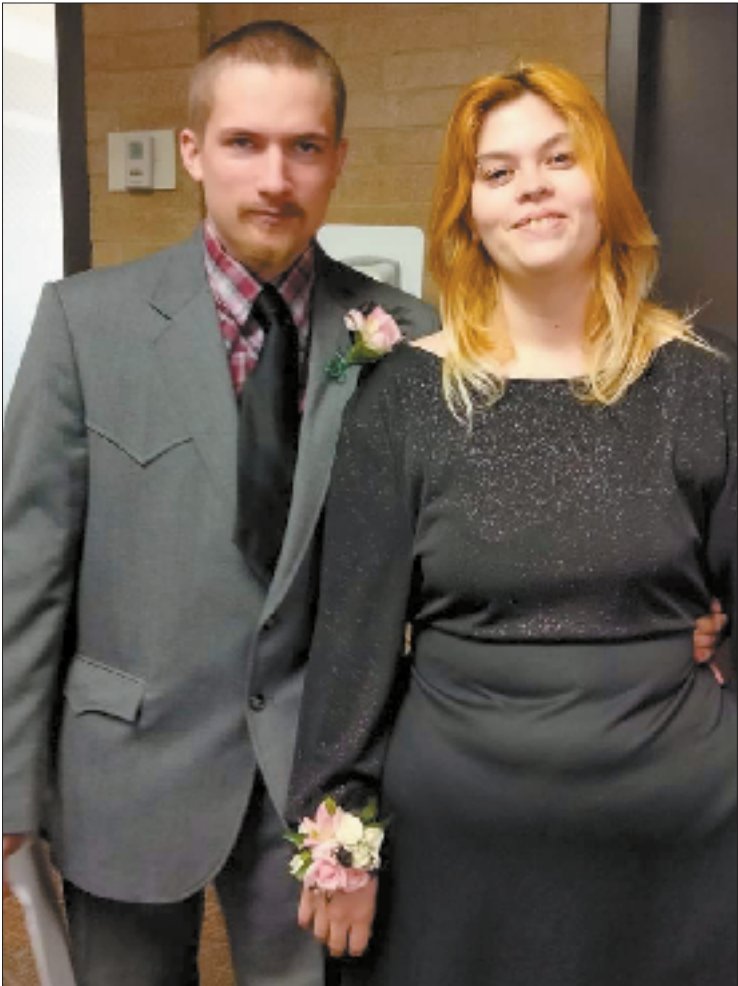
Feb. 6: **Breakfast:** Apple frudel **Lunch:** Pizza, tossed romaine salad, baby carrots

Feb. 7: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and jelly **Lunch:** Chicken patty on a bun, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli

Feb. 8: **Breakfast:** Waffle and hash browns **Lunch:** Beef and bean burrito, tossed romaine salad, corn

Feb. 9: **Breakfast:** Bagels and cream cheese **Lunch:** Ham and cheese on a bun, potato wedges, celery sticks

Wedding



Former Homedale residents wed in Caldwell
Former Homedale residents Jon Coffelt and Brianna Hagley were married on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023. The couple married at the Canyon County Courthouse in Caldwell in an afternoon civil ceremony. Submitted photo

Death notices

DR. RAYMOND JOSEPH HEIDT, 89, of Homedale, died Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023. Arrangements: Zeyer Funeral Chapel, 83 N. Midland Blvd, Nampa. 208-467-7300

KEITH GORDON SPIERS, 79, of Adrian, Ore., died Monday, Jan. 23, 2023. A viewing will be held 9:30 a.m., followed by a funeral service at 10:30 a.m., on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023 at Dakan Funeral Chapel, 504 S. Kimball Ave., Caldwell, ID. www.dakanfuneralchapel.com

ROBERT LOUIS “BOB” WIDGER, 86, of Murphy, died on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy.

Dance among Homedale PTO Valentine’s plans

The Homedale Elementary Parent Teacher Organization has launched two Valentine’s fundraisers.

An all-family Cupid’s Shuffle Dance will be held from 6 p.m., to 8 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 11 inside the elementary school gymnasium.

The cost is \$5 per family, and students at all grade levels plus their families are invited. Parents must accompany children, and there will be no drop-off.

There will be a DJ, sweet shop, a professional photo booth and surprises.

Admission tickets and tickets to take advantage of the other

features will be sold at the door.

A second fundraiser is a candy-gram sale for the elementary students.

Candy-grams went home with students last week, and money can be returned through Friday, Feb. 10.

Candy-grams will also be sold during the dance for \$2.

The candy-grams will be delivered at school on Valentine’s Day (Tuesday, Feb. 14).

For more information, contact the Parent Teacher Organization through its Facebook page, “Homedale Elementary PTO.”

Obituary

Nani Joy Child Beus

Nani Joy Child Beus, 88, our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister, passed away on January 20, 2023, in Meridian, Idaho. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 28th, at the Grand View Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, with interment preceding at 10:00 a.m. at Hilltop Memorial Cemetery in Nyssa, Oregon. Arrangements are under the care of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home, Idaho.

Nani was born in Sunset, Utah, on September 29, 1934, to Arvel Lester Child and Ila Adams. She had 6 fun brothers — Val, Keith, Ardean, Reed, Lynn, and Gary. Her early years were spent on the family farms in Vale and Nyssa, Oregon, where she learned the value of hard work.

After graduating from Nyssa High School in 1952, Nani attended Brigham Young University, majoring in Speech and Hearing, and playing violin in the BYU Symphony Orchestra. On June 30, 1953, she married Spencer William Beus in the Salt Lake Temple. They were happily married for over 64 years. They were blessed with 8 children, one of whom died in infancy (Richard Lee). In 1982 they moved to Grand View, Idaho, a farming and ranching community, where they felt very much at home and spent their remaining years.

Nani valued her membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Her life was spent in loving service — to family, church, and community. She especially loved helping the youth, and for many years served as an early-morning seminary teacher, her favorite of many church callings. For 12 years, she was a volunteer EMT and treasured the experiences she had with her fellow crew members. She loved the opportunity of serving in the Boise, Idaho Temple. Often, acquaintances having a “rough day” received a warm loaf of her homemade bread or a delicious cherry pie.

Nani loved music, working in her garden, doing family history research, studying the scriptures, and — most of all — time spent with family.

She was a devoted wife and mother who, by the way she lived, instilled principles of faith, obedience, and enduring happiness in her posterity.

Spencer preceded Nani in death in March of 2018. Brothers Val and Ardean Child also preceded her in death.

Nani is survived by 7 children: Mark (Brenda), Riverton, Utah; Sharon Merrill (Robert), Safford, Arizona; Ray (Nanci), Mesa, Arizona; Eric (Erica), Owyhee, Nevada; Renae Gheen (Mark), Genola, Utah; Kathleen Baker (Bryce), Kuna; Reed (Michelle), Orem, Utah; 39 grandchildren; 56 great-grandchildren; and brothers Keith Child (Kathy), Quincy, Washington; Reed Child (Paula), Pasco, Washington; Lynn Child (Janice), Kennewick, Washington; and Gary Child (Julie), Coeur d’Alene, Idaho.

The funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on January 28th and could be viewed via Zoom using Meeting ID: 861 1542 9509, Passcode: 552473; or with the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86115429509?pwd=WkRkVHZOTzVkJm40Q25zeVR1bWhpUT09>

Upcoming Owyhee events provide cattle industry insight

Saturday marks the first of two University of Idaho Extension workshops for cattlemen in February.

The annual Winter Beef School will be held from 10 a.m., to noon prior to the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association winter meeting.

At 6 p.m., on Monday, Feb. 13 a cattle market update, including a free dinner, will be offered at the UI Extension Office in Marsing.

Attendees for Saturday’s beef school will get lunch as well as knowledge:

- **“Tough or Tender”** — The UI meat science team will share details on what makes a great steak. Led by Brooklyn Epperson,
- **Animal science update** — Dr. Bob Collier will discuss goings-on at the UI Animal, Veterinary and Food Services Department.
- **Virtual fencing** — UI Extension Educator Scott Jensen, who works out of the Owyhee County office in Marsing, will discuss where the virtual fencing concept currently stands.

Get a handle on knowing current market trends

Sterling Marketing president and owner John Nalivka, who has made previous appearances at OCA membership meetings, and Global AgriTrends founding partner Brett Stuart will give producers the inside scoop on what 2023 will look like in the cattle markets.

The men will lead the cattle market update on Feb. 13 in Marsing.

Those interested are asked to RSVP by Tuesday by calling (435) 890-5420.

Nalivka runs his agricultural economic research and advisory firm out of Vale, Ore., serving clients beef and pork packers, processors, national chain restaurants, banks, private equity firms and brokerage houses.

Stuart is a leading expert on international market intelligence and analysis of the global meat trade. He previously served as the U.S. Meat Export Federation’s lead economist.

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Obituaries

Robert Dean Miller

Robert Dean Miller, 78, from Florence, AZ, formerly Melba, ID, went to his heavenly Father on January 15, 2023 after a long battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

On Christmas Day, December 25, 1944, John Wilson Miller and Virgynia Vink Miller of Melba, Idaho were blessed with a son Robert Dean Miller (Bob). He was baptized in the Melba Community Baptist church.

Bob graduated from Melba High School in 1963. He was active in sports and talented in music. He attended University of Idaho one year and in 1968 graduated from Boise College as their first social worker.

Bob was previously married to Vicki Otto and later Donna Elliott and divorced.

Robert helped on the large family farms and ranches in Melba and Owyhee County where he worked hard farming, raising cattle, irrigating, and remodeling his first car, a 1930 Model A Ford.

He did social work in Pocatello, ID and Boise nearly ten years. He then began farming for over 35 years in Melba raising seed crops and helping John Miller raise cattle on the ranches at Meadow Creek, Boulder Creek, and surrounding areas. He spent the last ten years working at A & R Case Management as an Intensive Behavioral Interventionist with autistic children until his retirement in 2016.

Bob was an accomplished



musician who played saxophone, bass guitar and other instruments. While entertaining at Hoots Café in Whitebird, ID, he met a banjo player and a year later married June Plush from Kuna, ID. They spent over 20 years playing music together at the Community Baptist Church in Melba, with the Kelly and Friends Band, had the Bob Miller Band of Idaho and entertained throughout the Treasure Valley. He played saxophone in the Paradons Band and bass guitar with the Alligators Band, earning his way through college.

Robert served on the Melba School board, was President 3 years for the Melba Valley Historical Society, and was active in the local Baptist Church. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Nampa #2103 Aerie & Auxiliary of the Eagles, Melba

Outlaws car club, Gem State Fiddlers, Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers, Boise Banjo Band and more.

Bob was a loving, caring, hard-working person who gave his best to all he met. He will be greatly missed and remembered for his music, knowledge, and love of history and always a story or tall tale to tell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister Diana Vee Woodward; daughter Ramie Tyson Miller and stepdaughter Kimberly Grijalva. He is survived by his wife June Miller; brother Stephen Miller (Jacque); sisters Vickie Jansson; Susan (Eric) Robbins; stepchildren George Marc Harrison, Michael Grijalva; T.J. Miller; Shannon (Dave) Roesch; Pamela (Ren) Reyes; Michael Grenz; and granddaughter Miranda Reyes. Also numerous aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and cousins.

Special thanks to all who helped with the medical needs and care before Robert's passing.

Services was held January 27, 2023 at Alsip and Persons Funeral chapel, 404 10th Ave. S., in Nampa, ID at 11:00 a.m. Interment followed at Melba Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers please donate to Melba Community Baptist Church, Melba Valley Historical Society, Owyhee County Historical Society, the ALS Association, or your favorite charity.

Dolores Marie Birmingham

October 26, 1938
- January 28, 2023

Dolores M. Birmingham (Laradogitia/Larrabeitia) was born October 26, 1938 in Vizcaya, Valencia, Spain. She passed away in her home surrounded by her family and friends on January 28, 2023 at the age of 84.

Dolores was preceded in death by her parents Manuel and Martina Laradogitia, her husband of 36 years, Richard Birmingham, her brother-in-law Frank Heffley, brother-in-law Kenneth Brown, her sister-in-law Dolores Ihli, and brother-in-law Nicholas Ihli.

She is survived by her sister Rosie Heffley, her sister-in-law Barbara Brown (Joe Amos) and, her children: Trina (Gary) Aman, Jack Birmingham, Dan (Trish) Birmingham; her grandchildren: Justin



(Kegan) Aman, Kayla (Bryan) Gold, Daniel Birmingham, Nick (Darcy McCarrick) Birmingham, Brittney (Jake) Lau, and Josh (Gabi) Birmingham; and her great-grandchildren: Gemma, Hesston, and Manuel.

On Friday, February 3, 2023, at 10:30am there will be a graveside service at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

David Dean Jones

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David Dean Jones, My Dad. The hardest-working man I ever knew. David was born in Miami, Arizona to Olan Ray & Lenore Jones.

David's memory lives on through his three children, a brother, 2 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter.

His granddaughter loved her papa chicken dearly. David was a floor covering installer and a man of many talents.

He attended the First



Presbyterian church in Homedale and lived in Wilder for the past 25 years.

Dad, we love you.

Kelly William Canoy

Kelly William Canoy, 39, of Melba, Idaho passed away on January 20th, 2023 due to heart complications.

He was born on June 15th, 1983, to his parents Howie and Julie Canoy.

Kelly graduated from Melba High School in 2001. Kelly enjoyed life to the fullest and everything outdoors. He loved spending time with his family and taking them on many adventures. Kelly's favorite activities to do with his children were camping and fishing. Kelly also taught his children how to ride dirt bikes as well as snowboarding. Kelly's love for his children was overwhelming; he loved them with his whole heart. Kelly will be missed by so many but most of all his children.

Kelly is survived by Crystal Canoy, his children Kalli, Kynden, and Camdyn. His

Mother Julie, Brother Jacob, and Sisters Mande, and Sherri. Many Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death with by Father Howie.

A celebration of life will be held at the Melba Senior Center February 18th at 1 pm.





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Man high on Oxy drives with child in vehicle

A man who overdosed while driving with a juvenile in the vehicle has received a suspended prison sentence.

Sheldon Luke Stoker of Melba was placed on five years felony probation during a Jan. 13 hearing before Third District Judge George A. Southworth.

Stoker was given credit for 11 days he had served in Owyhee County jail after his Feb. 23 arrest on a felony charge of controlled substance possession and a misdemeanor count of driving under the influence.

The prosecuting attorney dropped the misdemeanor charge of injury to child, which stemmed from the girl who was traveling unrestrained in the back seat of his Toyota Camry.

According to a probable cause affidavit, a sheriff's deputy brought Stoker around with two doses of Narcan because the then-38-year-old man was OD'ing on oxycodone. Nine pills were found in a bag in the vehicle.

Another deputy had originally initiated the traffic stop on Idaho highway 78 near China Ditch Road after Stoker nearly collided with her patrol vehicle.

Southworth suspended a state prison sentence of one to five years and also suspended the 169 days in jail that was part of a six-month sentence. Stoker received credit for the 11 days he'd already been in jail and was ordered to pay \$585 in court costs.

Stoker changed his plea from not guilty (entered in August) to guilty before Third District Randall S. Grove on Oct. 14.

• Sandra Jones, 55, of Marsing must serve three years felony probation after her sentencing for felony methamphetamine possession.

Southworth sentenced Jones on Jan. 13, 3½ months after her Sept. 29 arrest by a sheriff's deputy.

While driving on Clark Road outside Marsing, Jones was stopped for driving left of the center line.

A search of the vehicle turned up oxycodone pills and 8.1 grams of meth, according to court records.

Southworth issued a suspended sentence of one to five years in state prison and ordered the felony probation. Jones was given credit for the two days she spent in county jail after her arrest.

She must pay \$300 in fines and \$585.50 in court costs.

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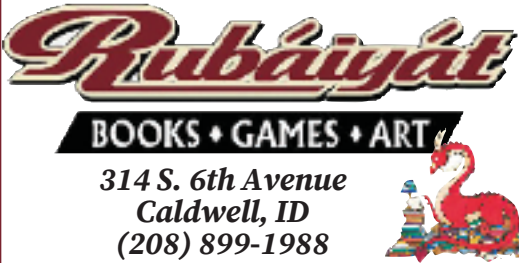
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✓ Kindness: Former BSU players engage community for important talk

with uplifting messages, the adults (and young adults) in the room heard from Communities for Youth’s Megan Smith about survey results that measured the mental health of Marsing’s secondary school students.

McClellin and former Broncos’ teammate Kyle Brotzman also spoke, and district 21st Century Community Classroom coordinator Ken Price relayed a message from retired longtime Marsing schoolteacher Debbie Elizondo.

A former first-round NFL draft pick and Super Bowl champion, McClellin is in offseason preparations for his second year as Huskies football coach.

He spoke about bullying, including online harassment, and how children could curb the instances of bullying by being an “upstander” instead of a bystander.

McClellin implored the audience to stand up to bullies and speak up when conflict and harassment is brewing.

“Being a bystander is not doing anything but aiding the bully,” he said.

“An upstander is someone who intervenes or interrupts or stands up to the stop the bully.”

The former Chicago Bears and New England Patriots linebacker suggested compassion and selflessness are the best tools to combat indifference and insensitive behavior.

“We’re so afraid to speak up because it might have an impact or we might be bullied: ‘What will they think of me?’” he said.

“Everybody is going through something. We’ve got to assume they’re going through the worst thing.”

McClellin says an “upstander” changes the subject during a conflict or questions the bully’s behavior or tries to use humor to diffuse the situation.

“And, remember, there’s strength in numbers,” he said of enough people standing up to the bully to make him back down.



Left: Marsing High School football coach Shea McClellin (left) signs autographs and chats with a couple schoolchildren with positive art and words created by Janet Anderson’s students as a backdrop last Wednesday. **Right:** Kyle Brotzman swings his leg as he introduces himself as a former Boise State kicker.

Brotzman, a former BSU placekicker, shared his experience being bullied and harassed online by football fans who were angry after he missed two field-goal attempts in a 2010 loss to Nevada that many said cost the Broncos a shot at a spot in the college football playoffs.

After the game, Brotzman said his Facebook feed just filled up with people showing support, but also a lot of folks who launched personal attacks to show their disappointment.

“For me, as a college student, I didn’t know how to deal with that,” Brotzman said.

The attacks wore on his mental health, but Olympic aerial skier Jeret “Speedy” Peterson reached out to Brotzman and came to the athlete’s defense.

Peterson had received negative treatment after getting in trouble during the Olympics, Brotzman said, so he related to the placekicker’s plight.

“That little act of kindness he showed me really changed my life,” Brotzman said. “I could have gone on a downward spiral.”

Brotzman said Peterson eventually lost his battle with

his own personal demons. The Boise native committed suicide in Utah less than a year after reaching out to Brotzman.

“I wasn’t able to reciprocate what he did for me,” Brotzman said.

Brotzman is married and has a 1½-year-old son, and he spends time away from his day job promoting events that encourage positivity and good mental health.

“I want to see him be part of

something nice,” he said.

He also stressed getting involved, just as McClellin did.

“You can hide behind your thumbs and your phones,” he said. “Or you can keep compassion going with your kindness. It’s a huge thing.”

Suicide prevention and mental health improvement are two of the focal points for the Communities for Youth project in Marsing.

Idaho Lives Project and

Southwest District Health personnel manned booths during the community night, providing resources for the families.

In her remarks relayed by Price, Elizondo presented three keys aspects to making kindness a part of the Marsing school culture.

“The Act of Kindness doesn’t cost a thing, yet it’s the richest gift you can give,” Price relayed. “What you give to others will be remembered and lives on forever.”

The three elements “to establish a positive climate of harmony” are:

• **Choice** — “Choose to be kind over being right every time because kindness is a sign of strength,” Elizondo said.

“Your choices about your life affects everyone around you.”

• **Respect** — “You are gracious with people. You are patient. Love and serve people.”

“Respect is acknowledging your mistakes. That means to apologize and correct the behavior.”

• **Responsibility** — “Ultimately you have the responsibility to make good choices.

“Periodically, you should do a ‘self-check.’ At the end of the moment/day, you should feel good about your actions.”

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Trojans inch closer to district's top spot

Homedale High School has a chance to close out the top seed in the 3A District III boys' basketball tournament this week.

The Trojans played one of the two teams within two games of first place with four to play in the 3A Snake River Valley conference on Tuesday after deadline. McCall-Donnelly (9-4 overall, 4-2 in conference) made the trip from Valley County to challenge Homedale (10-6, 6-0 at week's end).

Arch-nemesis Fruitland (9-8, 4-2) visits Friday for the Trojans' Senior Night.

Every other team in the conference started the week at least four games behind Homedale.

Saturday: Homedale 56, Payette 36 — Jaxon Dines carried the load again, scoring 21 points inside The Pit — the drearily-lit home of the Pirates in a lopsided conference game.

The senior guard seemed unaffected by the lack of clean sight angles in the round geometrically shaped gymnasium.

He nailed seven shots, including going 6-for-10 inside the three-point line, and he was perfect in six

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Homedale High School senior Omar Rios (10) fires a free throw at the basket inside the dimly lit Payette gymnasium. Rios connected on all three of his chances in Saturday's decisive 3A Snake River Valley conference victory. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

Unbeaten Melba squads keep pressure on their 2A WIC foes

Boys extend win streak to 31 games

Melba High School won its 31st consecutive boys' basketball game Saturday night in Eagle.

Carsten Volkers scored 12 points in the Mustangs' easy 76-47 win over 2A Western Idaho Conference foe North Star Charter.

Cutter Beus added 11 points and five rebounds for

— See *Boys*, Page 20

Girls reach district semifinals with No. 1 seed

Kendall Clark added to her career point total, and Melba High School added to its girls' basketball win streak.

The Mustangs closed out a perfect 2A Western Idaho Conference season and a 21-game unbeaten regular-season slate with a 51-26 drubbing of The Ambrose School on Thursday inside Potter Gymnasium.

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Rimrock girls ready for district tourney

Rimrock High School has the No. 2 seed and will start the 1A, Div. I District III girls' basketball tournament at home.

The Raiders (12-5 overall, 8-1 in conference) will play host to a first-round game at 7 p.m., on Thursday against No. 7 Idaho City (7-7), which beat Riverstone International, 55-23, in a Monday play-in.

Coach Kyla Jewett's team ended the regular season with four consecutive victories after losing its showdown with Liberty Charter, 40-30, on Jan. 17 in Bruneau.

The Patriots (10-0, 12-6) es-

sentially locked up the district tournament's top seed with that victory.

Rimrock's four-game win streak to close the regular season includes last Wednesday's 67-35 non-conference win over Owyhee in Nevada and Friday's 1A WIC victory over Idaho City on Senior Night in Bruneau.

Rimrock has won six of its past seven games.

No statistics were provided for the final games of the regular season. A district tournament bracket has not be furnished.

HHS Cheer State-bound

Homedale High School's cheer squad is heading to the state tournament.

The Trojans cheerleaders finished runner-up in the sideline discipline during Saturday's District III competition.

The second-place scoring qualifies the HHS team for the state tournament, which will take place on Friday, Feb. 10 at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

Athletic director Casey Grove announced that the cheerleaders will compete at State between 11 a.m., and 2 p.m.

HHS girls look to end skid in district opener

Homedale High School takes a four-game losing streak into the 3A District III girls' basketball tournament.

"We will have to head out on the road to McCall on Thursday who we split with in the regular season," first-year Trojans coach Benji Sorenson said.

"They have a good team, but we are looking forward to the challenge."

The fifth-seeded Trojans (7-13 overall, 3-7 in the 3A Snake River Valley conference) face No. 4 McCall-Donnelly (9-10, 3-7) in a tournament opener at 7 p.m., on Thursday.

The Vandals started Homedale's current four-game skid with a 52-29 win on their home floor on Jan. 19.

The Trojans edged McCall, 44-41, on Dec. 13 at home.

The Vandals beat Homedale, 45-41, in last season's district tournament after splitting the regular-season series.

If the Trojans beat the Vandals, they'll visit top-seeded Parma at 7 p.m., on Saturday for a semifinal game. The tournament semifinal

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1A, Div. I District III tournament

Monday's games

Play-in No. 1 — No. 7 Idaho City 55, No. 10 Riverstone International 23. Riverstone (1-15) eliminated

Play-in No. 2 — No. 8 Vision Charter 37, No. 9 Gem State Adventist Academy 30. Gem State (3-12) eliminated

Thursday's games (All at 7 p.m.)

Game 1 — No. 8 Vision Charter (6-14) at No. 1 Liberty Charter (12-6), Nampa

Game 2 — No. 5 Notus (7-9) at No. 4 Wilder (10-9)

Game 3 — No. 7 Idaho City (7-7) at No. 2 Rimrock (12-5)

Game 4 — No. 6 Victory Charter (8-7) at No. 3 Greenleaf Friends Academy (15-4)

Note — Tournament bracket not provided. First two days based on bracket makeup from 2021-22 tournament and information provided to The Owyhee Avalanche correspondent Mandi Boren by Rimrock junior varsity coach Jackie Thurman.

Sports

Trojans push around previously powerful Panthers

HHS wrestlers stay unbeaten in duals after latest tri-meet

For years, dual meet victories were rare finds for Homedale High School wrestlers, especially against the Parma juggernaut.

Last Wednesday, the Trojans edged the Panthers, 36-30, for Homedale's third victory in as many 3A Snake River Valley conference outings this season.

Two HHS underclassmen took their opponents to the limit before losing to thwart Parma's point-scoring abilities.

The difference in the six-point match

could be drawn to tough wrestling from sophomore Timmothy Whitfield, who lost, 11-7, to Parma 152-pounder Kooper Rowland, and freshman Dash Schlotterbeck, who narrowly missed in a 5-4 loss to Nate Murdock at 98 pounds.

The Panthers scored just six points for the two victories.

Junior heavyweight Michael Rose pinned Parma's Austin Green in 67 seconds to give Homedale the cushion necessary to lock up the victory.

Caden Layne got a forfeit at 220 pounds to push Homedale ahead, 30-27.

Homedale held a 24-0 lead after the first four bouts.

After two forfeits, Nathan Marston

pinned Aaron Herrera eight seconds before the end of the first period of their 132-pound match.

Shawn Lee stopped Parma 136-pounder in 72 seconds.

The Panthers rallied to a 27-24 lead after a forfeit at 170 pounds.

Kinley Balkovetz pinned Herrera in 38 seconds in an extra match at 132.

Homedale 48, Vale, Ore., 33 — A flurry of victories in the lower weights allowed the Trojans to stay unbeaten in dual meets after a non-conference decision against the Vikings in Parma.

Ty Roland (120), Trey McFarlane (126) and Marston (132) each pinned their opponents to give Homedale a 40-30 lead with two matches left in the dual meet.

Roland stopped Jaycie Hackler at 1:20, McFarlane pinned Wyatt Cox at 2:52, and Marston needed just 23 seconds to dispatch Karter Cunha.

Whitfield picked up the dual's final points with a 1:43 pin of Matthew Barton at 145.

Kade Hall tied the meet, 6-6, when he pinned Landon Haberman in 4:39 at 160.

Three of the five extra matches went Homedale's way, too.

Wyatt Stewart (126) pinned Payton Perry (1:01).

Balkovetz roared to a win over Tracy Clark (132) with a 10-second takedown.

Mariah Kissner pinned Valerie Canseco at 1:20 in their match at 145.

HHS wrestlers walk off RD Brown mat with several medals

Five Homedale High School wrestlers brought home medals from Saturday's RD Brown Invitational in New Plymouth.

Freshman Dash Schlotterbeck continued his early-career emergence, pinning Ontario, Ore., 98-pounder in 3 minutes 27 seconds in their third-place match.

Trell McFarlane, another ninth-grader competing at 106, pinned sophomore Omar Vega from Vale, Ore., in 2:51 for

third place.

Another freshman, Trey McFarlane, took just 3:27 to pin Payette's Brayden Pirrie for the bronze medal 126.

Junior heavyweight Michael Rose had the biggest challenge in his medal match. He beat Jorge Candela of Nyssa, Ore., 7-3 for third place.

Schlotterbeck opened his tournament by pinning Meridian's Evan Aland in 3:24 of their quarterfinal.

After slipping into the third-place bout with a loss in the semifinals, Schlotterbeck rallied to pin Ontario, Ore.'s Samuel Espinoza in 3:27.

Trell's tournament started in the semifinals after byes through the first round and quarterfinals. He bounced back after losing to Meridian's Daniel Garcia to beat Vega for third in only his second bout of the day.

Trey had a more active tour-

namment than his brother, winning a wild 15-10 decision over Nyssa, Ore.'s William Savage in the quarterfinals then bouncing back to win the bronze medal bout against Pirrie after losing in the semifinals to another 3A Snake River Valley conference nemesis. Nathaniel Martinez ended the match with a pin in 3 minutes, 4 seconds.

Rose fell into the third-place match after New Plymouth's

Nathan Willoughby made quick work of the Trojans' big man with a 31-second fall.

Rose reached the semis by pinning Meridian's Bridger Bivens in 3:19.

Homedale sophomore Caden Layne was sixth at 220 after narrowly losing the fifth-place match, 3-0, to Meridian's Michael Warrick. He got into the fifth-place match with a pin of Meridian's Nathan Jensen in 4:28.

Homedale Trojans

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Boys' basketball
Elijah Renteria, sr., W/P
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Girls' basketball
Jocelynn Roseborough, jr., G
Saw action in 7 of 8 quarters last week



Wrestling
Michael Rose, jr., 285
R.D. Brown Invitational bronze medalist

This week's Sports Schedule

Girls' basketball
Varsity
3A District III Tournament
Thursday, Feb. 2 at McCall-Donnelly, 7 p.m.
If win Thursday: Saturday, Feb. 4, semifinal at Parma, 7 p.m.
If lose Thursday: Monday, Feb. 7, loser-out game, opponent and site TBA, 7 p.m.

Junior varsity and frosh-soph
Seasons complete

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Friday, Feb. 3, home vs. Fruitland (Senior Night), 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 8 at Parma, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Friday, Feb. 3, home vs. Fruitland, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 8 at Parma, 6 p.m.
Frosh-soph
Friday, Feb. 3, home vs. Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 8 at Parma, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Coed
Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 3A Snake River Valley conference dual meet, Fruitland, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 3 at Weiser Invitational, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 4 at Weiser Invitational, 9 a.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 8, home for 3A SRV dual meet vs. Weiser (Senior Night), 5 p.m.



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Sports

✓ Girls: Tourney has started

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Melba (10-0 in conference) flipped the script and swept Cole Valley Christian in 2A WIC play this season to earn the top seed into the 2A District III Tournament.

The Mustangs' next game is a district semifinal at Ridgevue High School in Nampa at 6 p.m., on Thursday. They'll play either No. 4 seed Nampa Christian (4-14 according to IdahoSports.com), fifth-seeded New Plymouth (6-14) or No. 8 Compass Charter (4-13).

New Plymouth and Compass Charter faced off in a district play-in game Monday in Nampa after deadline.

Nampa Christian and North Star Charter Melba closed its regular season with a blowout victory over third-seeded The Ambrose School (13-8, 6-4) behind double-digit scoring from Clark (15 points) and Hallie Arnold (11).

Keylee Wilson chipped in nine points and shared the team rebounding lead with Clark (six each) as coach Dave Lenz's squad moved their regular-season winning streak to 25 games. The Mustangs haven't lost a non-tournament game since Jan. 11, 2022.

Clark also had four steals,

and Arnold came down with three rebounds. Wilson collected two steals, and the Mustangs' leading scorers each had two assists.

Ellie Thome paced the Archers with 11 points.

Ambrose played host to a first-round district game against either No. 6 Marsing (6-14) or North Star Charter (2-14) on Tuesday after deadline. The conference's two sets of Huskies competed in Monday's other play-in game.

Jan. 23: Melba 53, Columbia 34 — Clark posted a double-double during a non-conference game in Nampa.

Clark, who went over 1,000 points two days earlier, scored 20 points and pulled down 11 rebounds against the Class 4A Wildcats.

Owyhee County's Brooklyn Dayley fired in 18 points and dominated on defense with nine steals. She also dished five assists.

Hallie Arnold added eight points.

Two players — Mylie Mills, 12 points, and Ellie Robertson, 10 points — hit double digits for Columbia.

The Wildcats, the second-place team in the 4A Southern Idaho Conference, saw a three-game win streak end.

2A District III
Monday's play-in games
Game 1 — No. 5 New Plymouth 58, No. 8 Compass Charter 9. Compass (4-14) eliminated
Game 2 — No. 6 Marsing 43, No. 7 North Star Charter 24. NSC (2-15) eliminated
Tuesday's opening games
Game 3 — No. 5 New Plymouth (7-14) at No. 4 Nampa Christian (4-14), (n)
Game 4 — No. 6 Marsing (7-14) at No. 3 The Ambrose School (13-8), (n)
Thursday's semifinals (At Ridgevue H.S.) (Winners to State)
Game 5 — No. 1 Melba (21-0) vs. Game 3 winner, 6 p.m.
Game 6 — No. 2 Cole Valley Christian (17-4) vs. Game 4 winner, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Game 7 — Game 3 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 7 p.m.
Game 8 — Game 4 loser vs. Game 5 loser, 7 p.m.
Tuesday's games (At Ridgevue H.S.)
Third place — Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 6 p.m. (winner to state play-in vs. Dist. 1-2 runner-up, 2 p.m. MST, Saturday, Feb. 11 in Grangeville)
Championship — Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 7:30 p.m.

Four Huskies wrestlers medal in two tournaments

Two Marsing High School wrestlers took down medals with first-period pinfalls Saturday in one tournament, and girls won hardware in a different tourney down Interstate 84.

Trinity Stimmel (185 pounds) was runner-up and 107-pounder Erika Frazier finished third during the girls' tournament portion of the RD Brown Invitational in New Plymouth.

Stimmel was declared runner-up after splitting two round-robin matches.

She beat Homedale's Myra Jean Koon, 9-2, before losing to Boise's Alexis DeAlba. DeAlba pinned Stimmel in 45 seconds to wrap up the championship.

Frazier also split her four bouts with wins coming against two 3A Snake River Valley conference competitors.

Frazier pinned Fruitland's Jayda Keffer in 50 seconds before ending her match against Mackenzie Fletcher of Weiser two seconds before the end of the first period.

- Junior Jonathon Leon and Tristan Izzard both wrestled for fifth place in their respective weight classes at the Caldwell JV Tournament.

A junior, Leon pinned Vallivue's Luke Wilford six seconds before the end of the first period of their 195-pound medal match.

Ninth-grader Izzard (182) accepted the sixth-place medal after Fruitland's Kolby Holaday ended their medal-round bout in 19 seconds.

Senior Braeden Davis pinned Weiser's Jahir Cervantes in 2:53 during a second-round consolation-bracket bout at 138.

Freshman Ryan Baxter (220) also made the trip to Canyon County for coach Juan Garcia's squad.

Leon won three consecutive bouts after losing to Capital's Jordan Feese in the quarterfinals (pin, 2:47).

He kept his tournament alive with a 32-second pin against Feese's teammate Will Vance and a pin in 1:13 against Vallivue's Andre Riley.

Izzard's tournament started in the quarterfinals where Capital's Preston French prevailed by pin (2:11).

He rallied with consolation-bracket pins against Nyssa, Ore.'s Andrew Farrell (3:23) and Owyhee of Meridian wrestler Zander Evans (1:19).

MARSING HUSKIES

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

This week's schedule



Boys' basketball
Juan Ponce, Jr., G
Averaged 7 points, 2.5 rebounds in 2 games



Girls' basketball
Mila Astorquia, Sr., W
Played final home game of prep career



Wrestling
Jonathon Leon, Jr., 195
5th place at Caldwell JV Tournament

Girls' basketball
2A District III Tournament
If won Monday and Tuesday: Thursday, Feb. 2, semifinal vs. Cole Valley Christian, Ridgevue H.S., Nampa, 7:30 p.m.
If won Monday and lost Tuesday: Saturday, Feb. 4, loser-out game, opponent and location TBA, 7 p.m.
If won Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: Tuesday, Feb. 7, championship vs. TBA, Ridgevue H.S., Nampa, 7:30 p.m.
If won Monday and Tuesday and lost Thursday: Saturday, Feb. 4, loser-out game, opponent and location TBA, 7 p.m.
If win Saturday game (if nec.): Tuesday, Feb. 7, third-place game vs. TBA, Ridgevue H.S., Nampa, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity
Season complete

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Wednesday, Feb. 1, home vs. Compass Charter, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 3, home vs. The Ambrose School, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 6 at North Star Charter, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A
Wednesday, Feb. 1, home vs. Compass Charter, 6 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 3, home vs. The Ambrose School, 6 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 6 at North Star Charter, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B
Wednesday, Feb. 1, home vs. Compass Charter, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 3, home vs. The Ambrose School, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Saturday, Feb. 11, home for Pod Tournament (Senior Night), old gym

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Sports

Other scores

Boys' basketball

Jordan Valley

Coach: Alek Quintero

(4-12 overall, 1-3 1A High Desert League)

Last week

Friday — Four Rivers 51, Jordan Valley 39

This week

All times MST

Friday — home vs. Harper Charter, 6 p.m.

Saturday — at Huntington, 4:30 p.m.

Adrian

Coach: Nathan Bayes

(14-4 overall, 4-0 1A HDL)

Last week

Saturday — vs. Nixyaawii at Baker H.S., ccd.

Friday — Crane 79, Adrian 54

This week

All times MST

Tuesday — at Harper Charter, (n)

Thursday — at Four Rivers, Ontario, Ore., 7 p.m.

Friday — home vs. Huntington, 7:30 p.m.

Girls' basketball

Marsing

Coach: Michael Swanson

(6-14 overall, 2-10 2A WIC)

Last week

Thursday — Marsing 60, North Star Charter 27

Jan. 24 — The Ambrose School 43, Marsing 27

This week

2A District III Tournament

Tuesday — at The Ambrose School, (n)

Monday — Play-in: Marsing 43, North Star Charter 24

Note — For other possible games, consult the tournament schedule on **Page 14**.

Jordan Valley

Coach: Kelsi Skinner

(13-5 overall, 3-0 1A HDL)

Last week

Saturday — Crane 61, Jordan Valley 45

Friday — Jordan Valley 50, Four Rivers 18

This week

All times MST

Saturday — at Huntington, 3 p.m.

Adrian

Coach: Anthony Hansen

(9-10 overall, 2-1 1A HDL)

Last week

Saturday — vs. Nixyaawii at Baker H.S., ccd.

Friday — Crane 68, Adrian 36

This week

All times MST

Thursday — at Four Rivers, Ontario, Ore., 5:30 p.m.

Friday — vs. Huntington, 6 p.m.

— *The Owyhee Avalanche's Other Scores feature attempts to keep our readers up-to-date on how the high school teams for which coaches don't report results are faring throughout the season. Coaches can email results and comments to jon@owyheeavalanche.com or call (208) 337-4681, ext. 102 for more information on how to report their scores. Fans are also encouraged to provide context and information so that the Avalanche can give as complete coverage as possible for all high school athletes in our readership area.*

Rimrock's JV season ends in semis

Second-seeded Rimrock High School lost to No. 3 Victory Charter on Saturday but not without putting up a fight in the 1A Western Idaho Conference junior varsity girls' basketball semifinals.

Victory Charter posted a 22-17 victory at Wilder High School after holding off the Raiders' second-half surge.

Leading 8-6 at halftime, Victory Charter went on an 8-2 run to start the second half.

Trailing 20-10 as the final period began, Rimrock scored seven straight points to close the gap to 20-17 with 42.5 seconds left.

— *Information provided by Mandi Boren*



Rimrock High School junior varsity girls' basketball coach Jackie Thurman (center, kneeling) gives instructions to her players during Saturday's 1A Western Idaho Conference tournament semifinal in Wilder. Photo by Brandi Lisle

Huskies boys searching for spark ahead of district tourney

The worm may have begun to turn for the Marsing High School boys' basketball team.

Even after a lopsided 2A Western Idaho Conference loss to Cole Valley Christian, Huskies coach Tim Little is anticipating a flurry of four final regular-season games before the District III tournament.

"We will approach this last week as an opportunity to continue to improve and get as good as we can be when tournament time hits," the veteran coach said after Saturday's 52-23 setback in Meridian.

Little stayed on task after Marsing hung tough against New Plymouth in a 48-39 road loss last Wednesday.

"We are gradually taking care of the priority list of things that need to be adjusted, and as we hit this final stretch, hopefully we can address the final components as we head into the tournament," the coach said.

Marsing (6-10 overall, 2-8 in conference) is locked in a battle with Compass Charter and North Star Charter to land a district tournament play-in game on its home floor. After losing four consecutive games, the Huskies are looking for a surge with four games in the next seven days to end the regular season.

Saturday: Cole Valley Christian 52, Marsing 23

— The Chargers kept pace with New Plymouth for the No. 2 district seed against the visiting Huskies.

"Cole Valley shot the ball extremely well at their place and demonstrated why they are the No. 5 team in the state with their defensive pressure and their outside shooting effectiveness," Little said.

The Huskies needed versatility to finish the game.

"A few bumps and bruises during the game put players in different positions than they have been used to, which also had an impact with our ball control and high turnovers," Little said.

Marsing committed 17 turnovers and notched 13 takeaways against the Chargers.

Freshman Juan Diego Ponce grabbed all five of his rebounds on defense as Marsing held a 14-8 edge. The sophomore also scored a team-high six points, joining Eli Ankeny as the only Huskies to connect on three-point goals.

Jace Chadez and Nacho Margarito scored four points apiece.

Marsing connected on just eight of 36 field-goal attempts.

Last Wednesday: New

Plymouth 48, Marsing 39

— Little saw vast improvement even as the Huskies suffered their third consecutive loss on the Pilgrims' floor in Payette County.

Five weeks earlier, New Plymouth had rolled over host Marsing, 57-25.

The defense stepped up again.

"Not to sound like a broken record, but we held them to four points in the first quarter, and our defense was able to keep us in the game for all 32 minutes," Little said.

Teagan Kinney was a powerful force on both ends of the floor. He led the defense with five steals and four defensive rebounds, and his 11 points topped the Huskies' scorers.

Kinney only connected on one of six field-goal attempts — for a three-point goal — but he was perfect in eight trips to the foul line.

Ponce drilled a pair of treys for the majority of his eight points.

Jace Chadez led the Huskies with seven rebounds and four assists.

Nacho Margarito snagged four of his six boards on the Pilgrims' end and scored eight points.

Braden Ankeny also had five rebounds.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

February 4, 1998



Groundbreaking ceremony...

Homedale Mayor Paul Fink, center, cuts the ribbon as city councilmen Dan Erbe and Kevin Barlow turn the first shovels of earth at the site of the Highway 95 bypass route Wednesday. In the background are Maureen and Jay Jackson, of Jay Jackson and Associates, who supplied the shovels. The project is expected to be completed before May 1.

County adopts policy on subdivisions, variances

The Owyhee County Assessor’s Office has developed a new policy for processing plans for subdivisions, variances and other property issues which will give county officials more time for review before rendering a decision.

Increasing growth within the county has increased the number of requests for county approval of subdivision plans and variances. Under the county’s current system, the board of commissioners is frequently asked to approve requests without allowing adequate time for review or comment by other county officials.

The new policy allows the commissioners to arm themselves with the facts before making decisions, and thus prevent potential problems for the county down the road. The new procedure includes:

- The board of commissioners advises the applicant that action will be tabled for study by the appropriate county offices before making a decision.
- The county clerk will attach a staff routing slip to the applicant’s request immediately following the meeting and route the action to all appropriate county offices for comment.
- If the action is returned to the clerk with the concurrence of all appropriate county offices, the clerk will provide the action, with comments, to the board for decision. If any office does not support the request or advises that the board deny the request, the clerk will notify the applicant that a member of the county staff will appear before the board to discuss problems with the request.

Revitalization group wants to sell plan to businesses

The engineering firm working with the Homedale Downtown Revitalization Task Force presented a project summary alternative for the group to consider as it prepares to sell the merits of the project to the downtown business community.

Jim Keller, of Keller and Associates, also provided a preliminary cost estimate of \$1,600,000, and recommended the group ask the Idaho Transportation Department for more than \$831,000 for the project.

This includes the virtual replacement of Main Street from Utah Avenue to the south end of the bypass with a new 40-foot roadway and storm drainage facilities.

The state has said in the past it would give the city \$83,000 when it takes possession of Main Street upon completion of the Highway 95 bypass. That figure won’t be nearly enough to redo the southern stretch of Main Street, the base of which is nearly non-existent.

50 years ago

February 1, 1973

FRINGED WITH A lacy collar of ice, Jump Creek falls presents a beautiful picture during a cold winter such as Homedale is experiencing.

The falls, in Jump Creek Canyon some 10 miles south of Homedale, has long been a popular picnic spot with area residents, Boy Scouts, and youth groups, and once was a favorite for senior sneaks in the Spring. The canyon above the 60-ft. falls is reached by climbing the “devil’s ladder,” a hazardous stairway at right.



From the Chronicle picture file by Everett A. Colley.

DeGroat paces mates for win over Panthers

Homedale came on in the second half from a 33-30 deficit to tame the Parma Panthers Friday night 77-62.

The contest was a much closer battle than the score would indicate. The hustling Panthers led the entire way until late in the third stanza. They were on top 13-12 after the first eight minutes of play and led 33-30 at the intermission. Then came that horrible third stanza.

The quarter was an almost identical re-run of previous battles for the hometowners as they fell completely apart and watched their chances disappear. With three minutes remaining in the third frame, the Panthers were on top by seven but as the quarter ended they were down by 55-48.

Big Rick DeGroat led all challengers with 23 tallies while Greg Haylett played the supporting role in great fashion with 21. Mike Hyer rounded out the double-digit men with 17.

Jerry Shipley named to head Homedale C of C

Jerry Shipley was named the president of the Homedale Chamber of Commerce when board members held a special meeting Tuesday at the Owyhee Lanes banquet room. Elected vice president was Gordon Cahill.

Shipley, state manager of Idaho Telephone Company, served the past year as vice president.

Board of directors are Homer Anderson and Hal Tolmie, two-year terms; Marion Vance, Dee Monson, Jon Heitaman and Verdis Wilson, one-year terms; and the following holdover directors: outgoing president Darryl Warwick, Shipley and Cahill.

School Comments

Sen. Frank Church will speak at a high school assembly at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 8.

Rep. Steve Symms will present a flag to the high school student body Monday, Feb. 12. The flag previously flew over the White House. He will relate some of his experiences as a freshman congressman.

155 years ago

February 1, 1868

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THE MINES.—Work is going on lively at the Oro Fino. In the south drift the ledge is now five feet in width and getting richer. Owing to the want of shoes and dies the Morning Star mill is not running at present, but the Cosmos mill is constantly running on Oro Fino ore.

Work is being vigorously pushed forward night and day on the Ida Elmore, and ore of marvelous richness is being taken out. It is estimated that each load of quartz (weighing from nine to ten thousand pounds), hauled from this mine, yields over one thousand dollars, which will not astonish any one who takes the trouble to examine the ore at the mine or mill, as gold can be plainly seen in almost any portion of the rock — besides it contains large quantities of silver.

We noticed this week in the ore house at the Golden Chariot mine a pile of ore all sparkling with gold and streaked with silver. Work goes on night and day and the ledge appears to become richer the deeper it is worked.

The Rapidan is being worked, as is also the Omega, two ledges that were discovered late in the Fall. The boys are getting ore rich in gold and silver from both of these mines and are confident that they will make therefrom all the money they want.

Cope & Co. are busily engaged in prosecuting work on the Potosi, just back of town. In the tunnel about eighty feet from its mouth, a shaft has been sunk to a depth of fifty-four feet on the ledge, and at present a drift is being run northward from the bottom of the shaft. Considerable rich ore has been taken out of the Potosi, but judging from the way in which it has developed from the surface downwards, it would be much more profitable to its owners if worked to a greater depth, which we are told will be done early next Spring.

The Calaveras mine prospects well, and we understand that preparations are being made to work it on an extensive scale.

A number of tuns of ore have been worked from the Allison mine.

We are not at liberty to state the exact yield, but enough is known to justify Dave Meek in buying up all the stock that is for sale, for which he pays a good price, cash down.

Sports

College catch-up

FOOTBALL
Scott Matlock, sr., DT
Boise State University

Saturday — The Homedale High School graduate made a quick impact and, he hopes, a good impression on NFL scouts during American’s narrow 19-17 win over National in the 11th NFL Players Association Collegiate Bowl at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif.

Playing for former Rams and Titans coach Jeff Fisher, Matlock made his team’s first tackle of the game when he stopped Monmouth (N.J.) running back Owen Wright on the National’s first play from scrimmage.

On third down during the same series, Matlock sacked Kansas State quarterback Adrian Martinez to highlight a game that included two solo tackles, an assist and the sack for a nine-yard loss.



BASKETBALL
Jacob Ankeny, RS fr., C
Montana Western University

2022 — Ankeny and the Bulldogs ended the year on a four-game losing streak, including all three games in the Cactus Classic in Arizona.

Thursday: Montana State-Northern 70, Montana Western 58 — Ankeny was unable to book any statistics in two minutes on the road in Havre, Mont.

Saturday: Rocky Mountain College 82, Montana Western 69 — In seven minutes on the floor in Billings, Mont., Ankeny hit both of his field-goal attempts for four points with a defensive rebound.

This season — Ankeny has played in 22 games, starting three of them. He’s shooting 63.9 percent from the floor (23-for-37) and averaging 10.7 minutes per game. He’s averaging 2.3 points and 2.2 rebounds per game. He’s second on the team with nine blocked shots.

What’s next — The Bulldogs (8-15 overall, 3-7 in Frontier Conference) are on the road against the No. 12 team in the NAIA rankings, Montana Teach, for a conference game at 7 p.m., on Thursday in Butte, Mont. Montana Western entertains Carroll College in another Frontier tilt at 4 p.m., on Saturday in Dillon, Mont.



TRACK AND FIELD
Morgan Bayes, grad student, hurdles
Eastern Oregon University
LaGrande, Ore.

Saturday: Inland Northwest Invitational, Spokane, Wash. — The Adrian High School graduate finished fourth in the 60-meter hurdles final in 9.08 seconds at her latest indoor meet. She had the second seed after running a 9.1 in the preliminary heats.

She ran a sixth-place time of 1 minute, 10 seconds in the 400 meters and served the Mountaineers’ third-place 4x400 relay team that finished in 4:04.72.

What’s next — The indoor season continues as the Mountaineers play host to the Lew Thome Invitational on Saturday in La Grande.



Mustangs make most of northern trip to duals tourney

Melba High School won six of eight meets during the Clearwater Valley North-South Duals.

The wrestling meet took place Friday and Saturday in Kooskia.

Melba 65, Lewiston JV 12 — The Mustangs dominated, taking seven matches by pinfall or technical fall and piling up points with five forfeits.

Melba’s wins in the contested matches included:

- Grant Svedin (145) posted an 18-0 technical fall over Drew Dammon
- John Hunter (152B) p. Caden Trembley, 3 minutes, 29 seconds
- Joel Helm (160)p. Landynn Lynch, 1:53
- Luke Clark (160B) p. Bradley Waits, 2:00
- Evan Michaelson (195) p. Brian Wignall, 25 seconds
- Brenton Overall (220) p. Kyle Rivera, 3:52
- Cody Dickard (285) p. James Gibbs, :50

Grangeville 48, Melba 48 — Grangeville secured the victory on a tiebreaker, but Owyhee County’s McKoy Richardson was one of three native Mustangs to win, while borrowed wrestlers from Tri-Valley and Ririe accounted for 18 points on two pins and a forfeit.

- Richardson (152)p. Patrick Bowen, 1:16
- Trevor Rhoades (182) p. Michael Bowen, 3:46
- Overall (220) p. Jakob See, a McCall-Donnelly wrestler filling a spot for Grangeville,

1:53
Melba 54, Potlatch 30 — All of the Mustangs’ losses came in the middle weights, and the team racked up several forfeits.

- Helm (160) p. Joshua McPherson, 1:37
- Rhoades (182) p. Jonah Berger, :40
- Michaelson (195) p. Giovanni Aquaro, :49
- Ririe 56, Melba 28** — Melba collected four victories on the mat:
 - Rhoades (182) maj. dec. Declan Harris, 10-2
 - Michaelson (195)p. Boston Barber, 1:25
 - Overall (220) p. Tyler Magdaleno, :22
 - Dickard (285) p. Charles Wallace, :28
 - Helm (160) p. Cooper Huntsman, 1:41

Melba 46, St. Maries 39 — The Pod tournament began with the Mustangs edging St. Maries on the strength of a major decision at 145 pounds and a pin at 152 pounds.

- Svedin (145) maj. dec. Kody Tefft, 12-1
- Richardson (152)p. Amado Stewart, 3:10
- Rhoades (182) p. Trey Gibson, 4:41
- Michaelson (195)p. Rustle Brusseau, 1:33
- Dickard (285) p. Landon Warren, 3:45

Melba 72, Orofino 12 — The dual was peppered with pins and forfeits.

- Svedin (145) p. Lucas Wren, a Grangeville wrestler helping out the Maniacs, 1:04

- Richardson (152) p. Garrett Sanders, 1:47
- Rhoades (182) p. Jonas Hartrick, 3:05
- Michaelson (195) p. Sean Larsen, 5:15
- Raivio Manzer (113) p. Melba teammate Tyler Forsgren, who filled a slot for Orofino, :22
- Dickard (285) p. Melba teammate Connor Alder standing in for Orofino, 2:15

Melba 48, Clearwater Valley 28 — The power of the pinfall propelled the Mustangs past the host school.

- Svedin (145) dec. Anthony Fabbi, 3-1
- Richardson (152) p. Estuardo Puderbaugh, 5:30
- Helm (160) p. Payton Wilson, 3:54
- Michaelson (195) p. Axl Fairbank, 4:00
- Dickard (285) p. Ethan Brousseau, 1:19
- Raivio Manzer (113) dec. Tomas Gonzalez, 11-5

Melba 60, Challis 27 — The Mustangs’ final victory in the preliminary competition seven bouts end in the opening period.

- Raivio Manzer (113) p. Kanyon Hohnstein, 4:56
- Grant Svedin (145)p. Kade Beason, 1:16
- Helm (160) p. teammate Rooster Overall filling a Challis spot, 3:50
- Rhoades (182) over Clay Bullock, :58
- Michaelson (195) p. Drake Beason, 0:51
- Brenton Overall (220) p. Will Carter, 1:47

HYS spring sports sign-ups start

Homedale Youth Sports Inc., is gearing up for the spring.

That means baseball and softball can’t be far off.

Online registration is open through Friday, Feb. 24 for baseball, softball, coach pitch and T-ball.

Parents are also encouraged to consider volunteering as a coach, and indicating their interest during registration.t

A picture of the document for softball players can be emailed to Nathan Brown at homedaleyouthsoftball@gmail.com, and baseball players’ birth certificates can be sent to Amy Fossette at (208) 713-1638 or homedaleyouthsports@gmail.com

Tryouts for all teams except 8U softball, coach pitch and T-ball will be held at a date to be announced.

Baseball levels include:

- **Babe Ruth** — Seventh- and eighth-graders

at Homedale Middle School. The season starts in March.

- **AAA/Majors** — 12-and-under (must be age 11 by May 1). Season starts in March.
- **Minors/Rookies** — 10U (must be 8 by May 1). Season starts in March.
- **T-ball** — Must be 5 years old by May 1. Season is in June.
- **Coach pitch** — Must be 7 by May 1. Season is in June.

Softball teams play in the Caldwell GALS league, and a player’s age by Jan. 1 determines in which division they’ll play:

- **8U machine pitch** — Practice begins in mid-March, and games will be played from April through early May.
- **10U/12U** — Practice begins in April, and games will be played May through June.
- **14U** — Practice begins end of April and games beginning at the end of May and running through the first part of July.

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Commentary

From Washington
Partisan expediency puts the brakes on genuine solution to farm labor shortage

Although efforts to reach an agreement on federal legislation to address the growing farm labor crisis have not yet succeeded, it is important to understand the recent history of negotiations as we go forward. We made considerable progress, but ultimately there was no “deal” on the table that could possibly have gotten 60 votes in the U.S. Senate and provided an effective and lasting solution for agricultural employers.

I am a staunch supporter of Idaho agriculture, and it is that support that drove my involvement in working with Sen. Michael Bennet (D-Colo.) for the majority of the last Congress to come up with a bill to effectively address the farm labor crisis. The need for labor is dire, and seasonal labor costs are set to increase significantly again this year.

The farm labor crisis is driven by two main factors:

- 1) the lack of an able, willing, qualified and available domestic workforce
 - 2) the runaway growth of the Adverse Effect Wage Rate (AEWR), the federally required minimum wage rate for H-2A farm workers (and workers performing the same jobs as H-2A workers). The flawed methodology of this system has led to the AEWR in Idaho increasing by 40 percent since 2015, from \$11.14 per hour to \$15.68 per hour beginning Jan. 1.
- Those two issues combined with inflationary pressures that have sent other farm input costs soaring has created a perfect storm for agriculture employers, especially year-round industries like dairy that currently do not have access to the H-2A program.
- Negotiating legislation to fix the situation that has lingered and worsened for decades is extraordinarily

— See *Labor*, Page 19

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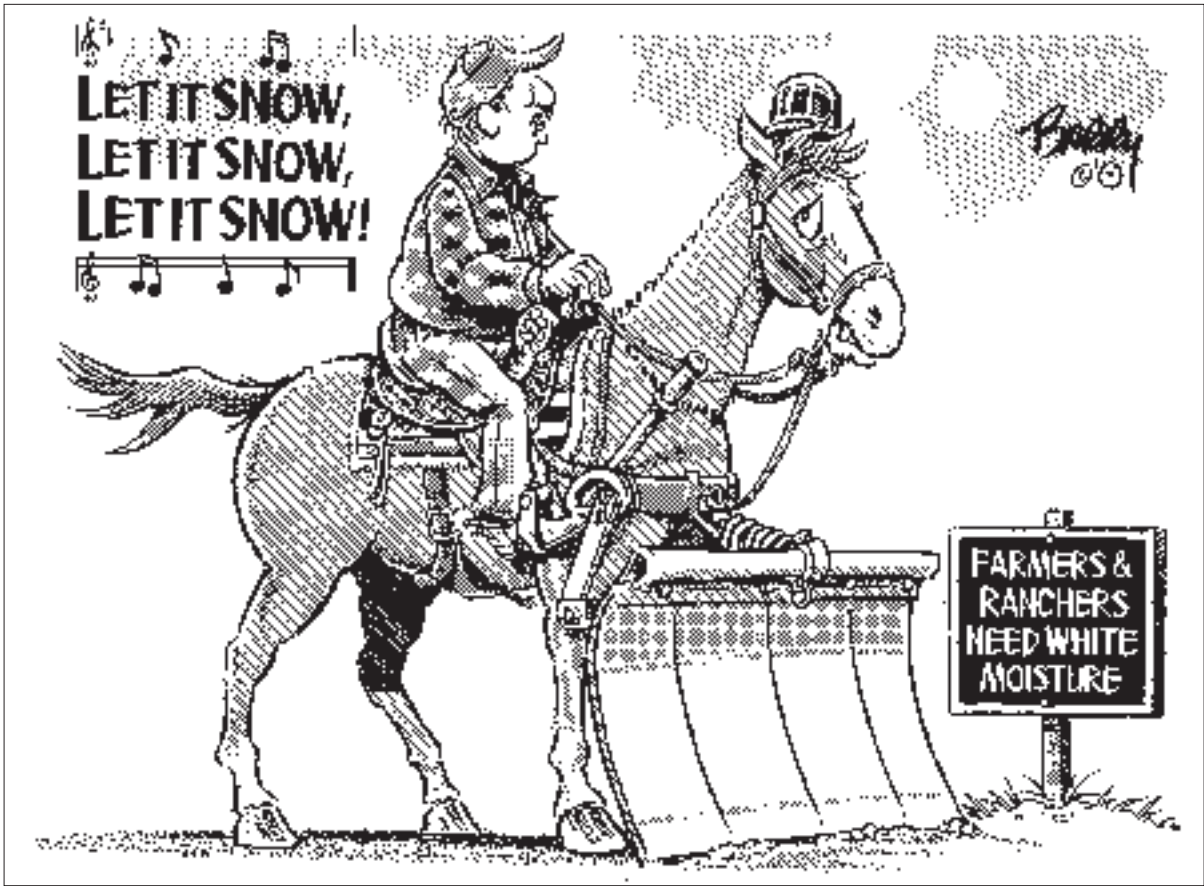
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JP Doodles



Montana-based syndicated editorial cartoonist Barry McWilliams passed away in August 2021. The McWilliams Estate has given The Owyhee Avalanche permission to publish his cartoon. McWilliams’ cartoons appeared in more than 1,500 newspapers, and he visited hundreds of elementary schools teaching children to draw.

2023: The year in water
Many reasons to count our blessings

We have a lot of reasons to be thankful right now if you rely on water for your livelihood, your community or for recreation in Idaho, no matter whether you’re a farmer, rancher, water manager, angler, river rafter, power boater and more.

First, we’ve had a good start to our mountain snowpack this year. It’s great to see snowpack values in excess of 140 percent of normal in some Snake River tributary basins that have been in a drought position for several years in a row. I’m talking about the Big Lost Basin, Big and Little Wood Basin and others.

We’re just nudging 100 percent of normal snowpack in the Upper Snake right now. We’d like to see that grow to 120 percent by the end of April to ensure a close-to-normal water supply for the Snake River Basin. Reservoirs were drawn down to near empty levels by last fall, so we really need Mother Nature to keep sending rain and snow our way this winter.

A full water supply in Idaho benefits everyone.

Second, we have been blessed with significant budget surpluses at the state level in recent years. We are humbled by the Idaho Legislature’s faith in the Idaho Water Resource Board to allocate major funding to much-needed water sustainability and aging water infrastructure projects statewide.

We appreciate the wisdom of Gov. Brad Little and the Idaho Legislature to allocate significant funds for these water improvement projects. Many of our irrigation systems were built more than 100 years ago; they’re in dire need of repair or replacement. The surplus funds create a once-in-a-generation opportunity to address these aging infrastructure issues statewide.

In addition, Gov. Little and the Legislature have

Jeff Raybould
Idaho Water Resource Board chair

About Idaho Water Resource Board
The Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) was created by the Idaho Legislature in 1965 following the passage of a constitutional amendment which established the board. There are eight members of the IWRB, appointed by the governor. IWRB is responsible for the formulation and implementation of a state water plan, financing of water projects, and the operation of programs that support sustainable management of Idaho’s water resources.



- Board members include:
- **Jeff Raybould, St. Anthony** — At-large member since 2011. Eight-year term expires Jan. 1, 2027
 - **Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, Lewiston** — Board secretary; at-large member since 2018. Eight-year term expires Jan. 1, 2027
 - **Albert Barker, Boise** — Dist. 2 member since 2013. Four-year term expires Jan. 1, 2025
 - **Dale Van Stone, Hope** — Dist. 1 member since 2015. Eight-year term expires Jan. 1, 2027
 - **Dean Stevenson, Paul** — Dist. 3 member since 2021. Four-year term expires Jan. 1, 2025
 - **Brian Olmstead, Twin Falls** — At-large member since 2021. Four-year term expires Jan. 1, 2025
 - One at-large seat and the Dist. 4 seat are currently vacant.
- Information taken from <https://idwr.idaho.gov/iwrb/>

— See *Blessings*, Page 19

Commentary

Financial management Teamwork, prayer can help couple through uncertain time

Dear Dave,
Earlier this month, my husband and I both were laid off from our jobs within a few days of each other. The layoffs were not our fault. The company is letting several people go as a cost-cutting measure. We cashed in an annuity because our finances have been tight, but the good news is he began training for a new job last week. We don't have children, so I am interviewing or filling out applications every day. Should we use the cash from the annuity to live on until things are stable again, or should we use it to pay off debt?
— Anjanette

Dear Anjanette,
If you haven't done so already, contact your creditors and explain what happened. Let them know the layoffs weren't because either of you did anything wrong, and that you'll get current with them as soon as possible. This is a scary situation you're facing, so make sure you two keep the lines of communication wide open and encourage each other while you're solving this problem. The good news, though, is



it sounds like things may be looking up. Support your husband

all you can as he takes on his new job, and make sure you continue looking for work, too. A little extra money never hurts, so temporarily taking on a part-time gig while you're looking for a permanent position isn't a bad idea, either. Of course, you need to be honorable and pay your debts if possible. But that may have to be put on hold for a while. Right now, the important thing is keeping food in the house and the lights and heat on. Hug on each other, stay determined and keep each other's spirits up. You're a team, and you'll get through this.

Always remember, too, that prayer's a good thing.
— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is an eight-time 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.

Letter to the editor Republic or democracy: Hamilton should know difference

It is sad that a member of the House of Representatives (Lee Hamilton) of 34 years does not know that the United States is a republic not a democracy.
Most likely, he would like to change it, but the fact is we are and always have been a republic. Perhaps he does not know the difference.
Charles W Cutler Wilder

Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer's address and daytime phone number.
The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in these ways:
• Emailed to jon@owyheeavalanche.com
• Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
• Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale
For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

✓ Labor: Immigration reform, legal pipeline for laborers sticking points

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difficult, especially given the Biden Administration's failure to secure our borders. However, the need for reform is serious, and Idaho agriculture helped guide the way in the negotiations. My primary objective was to address the intensifying immigration reform needs of Idaho agriculture while crafting legislation that could get the 60-plus votes needed to pass the U.S. Senate.
To that end, a bill that was good for Idaho and could attract Republican support from different regions around the country was the ultimate goal. Unfortunately, the negotiations reached an impasse when it became clear an agreement that ultimately adhered to conservative immigration principles was not within reach.
The main sticking points were over providing a viable pipeline for future farm workers by

establishing a robust number of year-round visas and providing adequate employer protections to ensure the changes to federal law would not expose Idaho farm families to excessive litigation. The mandatory E-Verify provision included in the House bill and our negotiations in the Senate has significant ramifications for agriculture employers. It was critical we got these provisions right to avoid putting farm businesses in an untenable situation in a few years once the E-Verify provision was enacted.
Introduction of the Affordable and Secure Food Act prioritized expediency over finding a genuine solution to the agriculture labor shortage. That bill included several items not under discussion in our many months of negotiations, such as the provision that would make Certified Agricultural Workers, who are currently undocumented, eligible for federal benefits like health care tax credits and food purchasing

benefits for low-income Americans and families.
Idahoans and people across our country are rightly concerned with the Biden Administration's lax border policies that have led to an increase in illegal immigration and a dangerous influx of fentanyl and other drugs. Concerns with the situation at the southern border have permeated discussions about changes to immigration law. A solution can be reached if we focus on achieving an outcome intended to meet the long-term needs of the agricultural industry. Continuing to pursue partisan go-it-alone strategies on razor-thin margins will not get us there.
— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U. S. Senate. He is in his fifth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999, and 2023 marks his 30th year in the U.S. Congress. Prior to that, he served eight years in the Idaho State Senate.

✓ Blessings: Several projects around state aimed at improving availability

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placed a priority on some major capital water projects that the Water Board is working on, including a 6-foot raise of Anderson Ranch Dam in the Boise River reservoir system to create additional water storage; a partnership project with Mountain Home Air Force Base to pipe water from the Snake River to the base for a long-term water supply (the base is building the water-treatment plant); and building more recharge basins in the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer region for restoring the ESPA to sustainable levels.
We also have a Regional Water Sustainability Projects List that includes more than 20 major projects statewide. The list includes cloud-seeding

projects, major canal-lining projects, aquifer restoration projects and more. That list is dynamic and needs to be inclusive statewide.
On the demand side, population and business growth have emerged as major issues that could affect our water supplies. We now have a total population of approximately 2 million people statewide. We were the first- or second-fastest growing state in the nation last year next to Florida. People want a piece of the country in Idaho while they can still get one.
The Idaho Water Resource Board is charged with planning our water future at the statewide level and setting priorities to address our greatest needs. We are heartened to see so many project proposals coming our way, showing the great demand for water

improvements statewide. If you have a project in mind, go to <https://idwr.idaho.gov/iwrb/programs/financial/aging-infrastructure-grant/>
Ultimately, we have to be very prudent with our water resources and use them wisely. Conservation is a cornerstone of our work, but we're also mindful of how water-saving projects can affect ground water resources, too. It's a huge balancing act, but with all of the great partners we have involved in water use and management in Idaho, we are dedicated to finding sustainable solutions for the future.
— Jeff Raybould, a farmer in Eastern Idaho, is chairman of the Idaho Water Resource Board. He can be reached at jeff@raybouldbros.com

Sports

✓ District: Trojans seek magic in McCall

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winners will qualify for the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament and play for the district championship at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Feb. 9.

If Homedale loses against McCall-Donnelly, the team will play a loser-out game at 7 p.m., on Tuesday inside the gymnasium of the higher-seeded team.

Friday: Weiser 45, Homedale 37 — The Trojans cut the Wolverines’ lead to five points in the final minute of the 3A SRV game, but were unable to complete the comeback from an early hole.

“We played much better Friday night on their senior night in Weiser,” Sorenson said. “Weiser is another tough senior-heavy team (seven seniors), and they came out hitting early and led 16-7 after the first quarter.

“I was proud of the way our girls kept their composure, though, and finished strong ... and pushing a veteran team to the end in their gym.”

Homedale cut the lead to five points in the final minute of the game.

“There were definitely some positives to take out of the effort as we go into district play this week,” Sorenson said.

Weiser (18-3, 7-3) got 15 points from Brady Reed, who nailed four three-point goals and was 3-for-4 from the line.

Reed shared top scoring honors with Homedale senior Jacy Parker, who hit three treys

3A District III Tournament
All start at 7 p.m.
Thursday’s games

Game 1 — No. 5 Homedale (7-13) at McCall-Donnelly (9-10)
Game 2 — No. 6 Payette (4-16) at No. 3 Weiser (18-3)

Saturday’s semifinals
(Winners to 3A state tourney)

Game 3 — Homedale-McCall winner at No. 1 Parma (19-2)
Game 4 — Payette-Weiser winner at No. 2 Fruitland (13-7)

Tuesday’s games
(Losers out; at higher seed)

Game 5 — Homedale-McCall loser vs. Game 4 loser
Game 6 — Payette-Weiser loser vs. Game 3 loser

Thursday, Feb. 9

Game 7 — Third-place: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner (winner to state play-in)
Game 8 — Championship: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner

en route to 15 points.

On Monday, Parker signed a national letter of intent to attend The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash. She’ll play basketball at the public liberal arts and science school.

Junior Zayne Hall popped a three and sank all four of her foul shots for seven points. Kierstley Roseborough added six points.

The Wolverines’ Tobie Noyer hit a couple threes for part of her 10 points.

Jan. 24: Parma 62, Homedale 22 — The top-seeded Panthers showed why they are the state’s No. 1 Class 3A ballclub, according

to statewide media.

Parma doubled its score with a 26-point third quarter and held a 52-15 lead heading into the final stanza.

Taylor Kaiser scored all but two of her game-high 19 points in the first half when the Panthers (19-2, 10-0) grabbed a 26-13 lead.

Kaidance Kaiser poured in 11 of her 18 points in the third quarter.

Parker led the Trojans again, scoring 12 points. Sloan McFarlane hit a three-pointer in the fourth quarter for her only points of the game, and Kierstley Roseborough’s only basket was Homedale’s only points of the third stanza.

Gomez’s big third quarter lifts Raiders

Rimrock stays a game behind 1A WIC leader

Roni Gomez erupted for 10 points in the third quarter Friday as Rimrock High School kept Idaho City at bay in boys’ basketball.

Gomez knocked down a pair of treys in his outburst, and the Raiders posted a 59-49 home victory against the Wildcats to stay one game behind Liberty Charter in the 1A Western Idaho Conference standings.

Rimrock (10-6 overall, 6-1 in 1A WIC) jumped out to a first-quarter lead and withstood scoring outbursts from the Wildcats’ top players.

Gomez led Rimrock with 17 points, and Aden Aquiso scored 11 of his 13 points over the final 24 minutes as the Raiders doubled their five-point halftime lead.

Logan Watson scored 12 points for Idaho City (4-8, 2-6), but managed just one field goal in the second half.

Luke Williams led all scorers with 24 points. He nailed half of his six three-point goals and was 5-for-6 from the free-throw line in the second quarter for Idaho City. He scored just three points down the stretch on 3-for-4 foul shooting.

Rimrock plays a conference game in Bruneau at 7:30 p.m.,

on Thursday against Centennial Baptist from Caldwell. Senior Night comes at 6 p.m., next Wednesday against non-conference foe Richfield.

Last Wednesday: Rimrock 49, Owyhee, Nev., 46 — Jack Merrick scored half his game-high 22 points in the fourth as the Raiders took control of the non-conference game late.

Aden Aquiso chipped in 10 points in Nevada.

Rolando Epitia scored 12 of his 14 points in the second quarter when Owyhee (15-3) won an eight-minute shootout to lead, 27-25, at halftime.

Owyhee outscored Rimrock, 21-17, in the second quarter.

The Raiders trailed, 38-34, to start the final stanza.

DeShawn George-Smith hit a pair of three-pointers as part of 15 points for the Braves.

Jan. 24: Rimrock 50, Vision Charter 36 — Merrick scored eight of his co-game-high 15 points in the fourth as the Raiders stormed to a conference victory in Caldwell.

Rimrock snapped a 20-20 deadlock with a 13-5 start to the second half.

Loyd Boren hit a trey and scored seven points in the second half to spark the Raiders.

Aden Aquiso scored eight points, and Layth Jenkins added seven.

Senior Ethan Stoker drained five treys for all his scoring for the Golden Eagles (8-9, 4-2).

✓ Boys: Volkers boys help Mustangs keep cruising along in the 2A WIC

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Melba (16-0 overall, 10-0 in conference), while Braden Volkers notched 10 points, five assists and two steals.

Max Wheeler scored 17

points for the Huskies (4-12, 1-9) to lead all scorers. Teammate Michael Corkish posted eight points.

Last Wednesday: Melba 71, Nampa Christian 65 —

The usual script helped the Mustangs outgun the Trojans in a conference game inside Potter Gymnasium.

Tucker Lowber led Melba with 21 points, while grabbing

seven rebounds and swiping three steals.

Nampa Christian’s Landon Mills led all players with 25 points, while teammate Dante D’Orazio chipped in 12 points.

Melba’s offense included 20 points from Braden Volkers, and Cutter Beus posted a double-double with 18 points and 12 rebounds. Beus also led the team with five steals.

✓ Trojans: Homedale still perfect in 3A SRV despite cold night in Weiser

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tries from the foul line.

He filled up the stat sheet in other ways, too, with six steals and four rebounds in a little more than three quarters of floor time.

Breken Frank led the rebounding effort. The freshman pulled down four his seven rebounds on Payette’s end of the floor.

Fifteen of the Pirates’ points came on five three-point goals from five different players.

Senior Collin Hysell hit a trey on the way to securing

part of his double-double with a team-high 13 points. He also pulled down 10 rebounds.

Another upperclassman, Abe Rodriguez, dropped a three-pointer for half of his point total.

Sigmund Goode connected on one of Homedale’s three three-pointers and helped from the charity stripe, too. He was 4-for-4 on free throws and scored nine points.

Coach Cam Long’s squad dropped in 21 of 25 free-throw attempts, including perfection from Dines, Goode, Danny

Lomeli (4-for-4) and Omar Rios (3-for-3).

Thursday: Homedale 59, Weiser 42 — The scoresheet balanced out a bit as all but one of the Trojans posted points in a challenging conference contest against the Wolverines (4-13, 1-5).

Weiser owned a 26-21 half-time lead before Homedale grabbed control after re-emerging from the visitor’s locker room.

Homedale lit off on an 18-6 third quarter and kept the pressure on by outscoring the

Wolverines by 10 points down the stretch in the fourth.

Part of Homedale’s saving grace was shooting 68 percent from two-point range (17-for-25), including Elijah Joyner going 6-for-8 and three other Trojans — Mason Strong, Trenton Fisher, and Lomeli — missing just one time apiece all night.

Joyner added a pair of free throws and was one of three players to score 14 points in the game. He was joined in the high-point conversation by Weiser’s duo of senior Kolin Cook and sophomore Malakye

Scott.

Joyner also led a team effort on the backboards with four rebounds.

Strong was 3-for-4 from two-point range, and he connected on a pair of three-pointers for his 12 points.

Sigmund Goode, like Strong, hit two three-point goals. The senior posted eight points.

Fisher scored six points as did Dines.

Luke Henry chipped in five points and was one of three players — joining Joyner and Frank — with two steals.

Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDING BEER AND WINE LICENSE FEES CITY OF MARSING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Wednesday, the 9th day of February, 2023, at the hour of 7:00 o’clock p.m., at Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing, Idaho, the City of Marsing will hold a public hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments regarding the proposed amendment to the Beer and Wine License fees. The City Council will consider and hear all comments thereto which may also be made in writing and filed with the City Clerk on or before said time.

All persons desiring to be heard concerning the proposed fee should be in attendance at the hearing. The file relating to this proposal is available for review in the office of the City Clerk at Marsing City Hall. Written comments may be submitted prior to the Council meeting, but must be received by the City Clerk no later than 4:00 pm, Friday, February 3rd, 2023 in order to be considered as part of the record. Written comments can be mailed to Marsing City Hall, PO Box 125, Marsing, ID 83639 or emailed to office@marsingcity.com.

Current fees are		Proposed fees are	
Beer Retail	\$50	Beer Retail	\$100
Beer by the Drink on Premises	\$50	Beer by the Drink on Premises	\$100
Wine Retail	\$100	Wine Retail	\$100
Wine by the Drink on Premises	\$100	Wine by the Drink on Premises	\$100

Dated this January 13, 2023
01/25;02/01/2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Zone Change Public to Commercial
City of Marsing
Please Take Notice: Marsing City Council will conduct a public hearing on February 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm at Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing, Idaho to consider a request by Lamon Loucks, applicant and property owner, for a **zone change from Public to Commercial**. The subject parcel is located at 425 W. Main St., Marsing ID 83639, further described as follows:
W2 OF LOT 3, LOT 4 BLOCK 2 ERVIN ADDITION 3 2N 4W CITY OF MARSING
The application for rezone is on file at the Marsing City Hall where it may be reviewed during regular business hours. The file will contain materials relevant to the request, the contents of which may change prior to the date of the hearing.

All persons desiring to be heard should appear at this hearing. Written testimony may be sent to Marsing City Hall, PO BOX 125, Marsing, Idaho, 83639. Written testimony must be received no later than February 3, 2022 by 4:00 pm.

Dated this January 9, 2023
01/25;02/01/2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale Library District Trustees on the 13th day of February, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee, Homedale, Idaho. The subject matter of the public hearing is the Internet Access & Safety Policy. The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Sharla Jensen
Director
Homedale Library District
02/01,08/2023

HOMEDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT #370
NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Homedale Jt. School District #370, Canyon and Owyhee Counties, pursuant to Section 33-601, Idaho Code, as amended, has determined that it is in the best interest of said school district to sell the property as identified below.

Description of property to be sold is as follows: 2011 Thomas/

Saf-T-Liner 71 passenger bus (VIN #4UZABRDT5BCAX3081). Said property will be sold by sealed bids only to the highest bidder with a minimum bid of \$8,150.00 for the 2011 Thomas/ Saf-T-Liner 71 passenger bus (VIN #4UZABRDT5BCAX3081). The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Sealed bids will be opened at 9:30 a.m. on March 7, 2023 at the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho. Any bids received after the bid opening will not be considered.

The property to be sold may be inspected at Homedale School District, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. between the dates of January 23, 2023 and March 6, 2023 (excluding weekends and holidays).

/s/:Faith K. Olsen
Finance Specialist/Board Clerk
02/01,08/2023

LIEN SALE
Unit L-27, Leti Reyes-Overton, 4307 Skyway St., Caldwell, ID 83605 — Items include household items, clothes, children’s toys.

Silent auction, bidding begins as of the first posting and ends at 1pm on Saturday, February 11. Please come by Highway 95 Self Storage at 3685 Highway 95 in Homedale to view the unit and place bids.

02/01,08/2023

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. CV37-22-00429
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Barbara J. McGann has been appointed personal representative of the Estate of Patricia Marie Brock, Third Judicial District, Owyhee County, ID. 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 shall be forever barred.

Claims must be provided to attorney Robert Montgomery at 2160 S. Twin Rapid, Boise, ID 83709 and filed with the Clerk of the Court in Owyhee County. Dated January 9, 2023.
01/18,25;02/01/2023

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

MAGISTRATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF:
PATRICIA JEAN HINTON,
DECEASED PERSON.
CASE NO. CV37-22-00450
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be both filed with the Court and presented to the Personal Representative of the estate at the law office of JULIE ADAMS DEFORD, 317 12th Avenue South, Nampa, Idaho 83651.

Dated January 10, 2023.
/s/:Nancy J. McNemee
Personal Representative
01/18,25;02/01/2023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
STATE OF IDAHO, COUNTY
OF OWYHEE
MAGISTRATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF:
ALICE MARIE MULLINS,
DECEASED PERSON.
CASE NO. CV37-23-00014
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be both filed with the Court and presented to the Personal Representative of the estate at the law office of JULIE ADAMS DEFORD, 317 12th Avenue South, Nampa, Idaho 83651.

Dated January 23, 2023.
/s/:Floydine J. Egurrola
Personal Representative
02/01,08,15/2023

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S
SALE
Trustee’s Sale No.
PLTS103480
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Pioneer Title Company of Ada County dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 5/2/2023, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, at Owyhee County Courthouse, In The Lobby,

20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the “Property”), situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, to-wit;

PARCEL I:
A parcel of land lying in the Northwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and in the Southwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, commonly known as GIVEN’S HOT SPRINGS, more particularly described to wit:

COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of Section 21, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence South 00° 18’19” West 995.38 feet along the West line of said Section 21; thence South 89° 42’33” East 995.38 feet to the INITIAL POINT of this description; thence North 00° 21’06” East 1112.93 feet; thence North 49° 30’51” East 81.00 feet; thence North 43° 19’30” East 114.55 feet; thence North 63° 48’37” East 37.83 feet; thence North 46° 32’22” East 183.79 feet to a point on the Southerly right of way of Idaho State Highway No. 78; thence South 43° 38’00” East 133.63 feet along said right of way to a point of curve; thence curving to the right 904.82 feet along a curve having a radius of 5702.36 feet, a tangent of 453.36 feet, a central angle of 09° 05’29” and a chord bearing South 39° 05’15” East 903.87 feet; thence leaving said right of way South 47° 16’46” West 877.54 feet; thence North 89° 42’33” West 331.79 feet to the INITIAL POINT of this description.

PARCEL II
A tract of land in the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more fully described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 21, Township 1 North Range 3 West, Boise Meridian; thence running North 00° 22’02” East a distance of 331.77 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence running North 47° 16’46” East a

distance of 877.54 feet to a point; thence running South 32½ 06’25” East on a chord of 484.51 feet using the following curve data: a Central Angle of 4° 52’11”, radius of 5702.36 and an arc of 484.66 feet; thence running South 29° 40’20” East a distance of 218.73 feet to a point; thence running North 89° 42’37” West a distance of 1010.52 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 11309 Hwy 78, Melba, ID 83641, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by C&O LLC, an Idaho limited liability company, as Grantor, to Pioneer Title Company of Canyon County, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Joseph A. Moyle and Lynn S. Moyle, as Beneficiary, dated 8/27/2010, recorded 9/2/2010, under Instrument No. 272109, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, ID, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by Joseph A. Moyle and Lynn S. Moyle.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 8/27/2010, FAILURE TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL BALANCE WHICH BECAME DUE AT MATURITY, TOGETHER WITH ACCRUED AND ACCRUING INTEREST, CHARGES, FEES AND COSTS AS SET FORTH.

All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$137,605.00, together with interest thereon at 8.25% per annum from 1/3/2022, until paid.

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

Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same.

DATED: December 30, 2022

Pioneer Title Company of Ada County dba Pioneer Lending Trustee Services
Trustee
/s/: Deborrah Duncan,
Assistant Secretary
Pioneer Lender Trustee Services
8151 W. Rifleman Street
Boise, ID 83704
01/11,18,25;02/01/2023

Sell it, trade it, find it in the classifieds: 337-4681

Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

To be sold for cash at a Trustee’s Sale on May 25, 2023, 09:00 AM at the In the Lobby, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, the following described real property situated in Owyhee County, State of Idaho (“Real Property”):

In Township 1 South, Range 2 West, B.M., Owyhee County, Idaho. Section 18: That portion of Government Lot 3 of Section 18, T1S, R2W, B.M., lying South and West of the High Line Canal Excepting therefrom, any portion thereof which many lie within the East 330 feet of said Lot 3 Together with a Manufactured Home affixed to and made a permanent part of the subject real property described as follows:

Year: 1992 Make: KITM VIN: X9474B22SN14088AB Body: HS Model: TL System Ident. Number: Q31032812 Commonly known as: HC 79 Box 420, Melba, ID 83641-4302 Angela M. Fritzler and Eric J. Fritzler, as Trustors conveyed Real Property via a Trust Deed dated December 29, 1998, in favor of North American Mortgage Company as Beneficiary, in which Transnation Title & Escrow, Inc. was named as Trustee. The Trust Deed was recorded in Owyhee County, Idaho, on January 6, 1999, as Instrument No. 227119, and modified pursuant to the Modifications recorded as follows: on December 9, 2021, as Instrument No. 310523; on December 7, 2012 as Instrument No. 279354; on April 14, 2009 as Instrument No. 267932; and on September 26, 2006 as Instrument No. 258249, all of Official Records.

The Deed of Trust was assigned for value as follows: Assignee: MidFirst Bank, a Federally Chartered Savings Association Assignment Dated: June 4, 2008 Assignment Recorded: June 19, 2008 Assignment Recording Information: Instrument No. 265399 Shelly M. Casares is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a

Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Owyhee, State of Idaho on December 1, 2022 at Instrument No. 314027, of Official Records.

The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to Trustor’s failure to make monthly payments beginning December 1, 2021, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable. The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$144,310.84, interest in the sum of \$5,033.97, escrow advances of \$1,184.06, other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$16,515.48, for a total amount owing of \$167,043.98, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced. The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Trustors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee’s fees and attorney’s fees, costs and expenses of the sale, and late charges, if any.

Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation. The sale is a public sale and any person, including the Beneficiary, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding by certified funds (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier’s checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee’s Deed,

without any representation or warranty, including warranty of title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards.

The Trustors, successor in interest to the Trustors, or any other person having an interest in the property, or any person named in IRC § 45-1506, has the right, at any time prior to the Trustee’s Sale, to pay to the Beneficiary, or the successor in interest to the Beneficiary, the entire amount then due under the Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney’s fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Deed of Trust with Successor Trustee’s and attorney’s fees. In the event that all defaults are cured the foreclosure sale will be canceled. The scheduled Trustee’s Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 30 days for any reason.

If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The above Trustors are named to comply with IRC § 45-1506(4) (a). No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated this 18th day of January, 2023.

Shelly M. Casares Substitute Trustee 376 East 400 South, Suite

300, Salt Lake City, UT 84111 Telephone: 801-355-2886 Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8AM-5PM (MST) File No. ID10624
01/25/02/01.08.15/2023

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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

The Request for Proposals Guide and Application materials are available on the SWIA3 website at: <https://www.a3ssa.com/administration/documents/request-for-proposals/>. Providers may submit proposals for one or more services in any or all of the designated cities and counties. Two applications are available for nutrition and transportation services. Contracts will be issued with the winning providers for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027.

Providers with questions regarding the application packet should contact the SWIA3 Fiscal and Contracts Manager, Brandi Waselewski, by telephone at (208) 898-7077 or by e-mail at brandi.waselewski@a3ssa.com. Unless specified otherwise, informational conferences for all interested providers will be held at the following locations:

- Payette Senior Center, 137 N Main St, Payette, ID 83661 2/24/2023 at 10:00- 11:30 a.m.
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- Mountain Home Senior Center, 1000 N 3rd E St, Mountain Home, ID 83647 3/1/2023 at 10:00 -11:30 a.m.

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After the informational conferences are concluded, SWIA3 will not answer any questions. Providers must submit proposals to the SWIA3 office at 1505 South Eagle Road, Suite 120 Meridian, Idaho 83642 by Friday, April 7, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

Award announcements will be made on Thursday, May 25, 2023 via email. There will be a mandatory provider meeting on Friday, June 23, 2023 to finalize awarded contracts.

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02/01/08/2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

Malheur County Local Work Group

Meeting Announcement

Who – All, the public is invited.

What - Malheur County Local Work Group Meeting

Where – Malheur Education Service District, 363 A Street West, Vale, OR

Or online at: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1614795005>

When – February 16, 2023, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Why – USDA-NRCS is holding a local work group meeting to gather input from farmers, ranchers, state and federal agencies, agriculture and conservation organizations regarding natural resource conservation priorities and opportunities to invest collaboratively in Malheur County.

Contact: Lynn Larsen, District Conservationist - Malheur County; USDA-NRCS, 2925 SW 6th Avenue, Ontario, OR 97914, (541) 823-5132, lynn.larsen@usda.gov

02/01/2023

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✓ Bonuses: Six out of more than 110 employee bonuses hit five figures

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an eight percent bonus.

- Seven to eight years brought a 10 percent bonus
- Nine to 11 years resulted in a 12 percent bonus
- Those who have worked for the county 12 years or longer received a 14 percent

bonus

Four elected officials and two employees received bonuses of \$11,000 or more.

Bonuses for elected officials included:

- Clerk Angie Barkell — \$14,420.72
- Sheriff Perry Grant —

\$14,065.71

- Treasurer Annette Dygert — \$13,275.97
- Prosecuting attorney Christopher Topmiller — \$13,292.31
- Assessor Tiffany Nettleton — \$7,646.10
- Coroner Aaron Tines —

\$5,917.15

- Dist. 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland — \$5,770.89
- Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi — \$5,124.15
- Dist. 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick — \$5,124.15

Before the bonuses,

commissioners had approved a new salary structure that raised pay across the board.

In October, a cost of living allowance was added to employees' salaries after raises were built into the Fiscal Year 2023 budget.

— JPB

✓ Highway: Taxing district elections on tap; city elections in November

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same position for 30 years.

Subdistrict 3 Commissioner Scott Salutregui also has a four-year term that concludes at the end of the year.

Nomination forms for both the Subdistrict 1 and Subdistrict 3 positions will be accepted next month with March 17 as the final day to turn in petitions to the highway district clerk and the Owyhee County elections office

The election will be held on

May 16.

Highway district positions carry four-year terms. Other spots on the ballot, with the incumbent in parenthesis, include:

- Gem — District 3 (Dan Birmingham)
- Three Creek — District-wide (Jake Brackett)

Library district elections on May 16 will include:

- Homedale — Because the trustees were appointed, all five positions will be up for initial

election. Although the seats are designated district-wide, at least one trustee must live in Canyon County and one must live outside the Homedale city limits on the south side of the Snake River.

There will be two positions with six-year terms and two with four-year terms, and the fifth position will carry a two-year term.

Six-year terms accompany other library district positions set for election:

- Lizard Butte, Marsing — District-wide (Jamie Parkins)
- Eastern Owyhee, Grand View — District-wide (Starla Piñeda)
- Bruneau Valley — District-wide (Lyndie Easterday)

There are five categories of elections planned for Nov. 7 (candidate filing deadline Sept. 8).

City council:

- Homedale — Two council seats, four-year terms (Aaron Tines and Steve Atkins)
- Marsing — Mayor, four years (Hayzen Corder, interim) and two council seats, four-year terms (Chris Even and Marie Herman)
- Grand View — Mayor, four years (Jon Pennington, interim) and two council seats, four-year terms (Tom Payne and Mike Smith, interim)

School trustees, four-year terms:

- Homedale — Zone 1 (Kurt Shanley) and Zone 5 (Shane Muir)
- Marsing — Zone 2 (Chad Showalter) and Zone 4 (Sean Rowley)
- Bruneau-Grand View — Zone 2 (Allen Merrick) and Zone 4 (Scott McNeley)
- Pleasant Valley — Zone 1 (Dave Smith) and Zone 2

(Doug Rutan)

- Three Creek — Zone 1 (David Severe)
- Melba — Zone 2 (Ed Smith) and Zone 3 (Megan Volkers)
- Glenss Ferry — Zone 2 (Marilyn Peak)
- Castleford — Zone 3 (Jason Nunes)

Fire commissioners, four-year terms:

- Homedale Rural — Subdistrict 1 (Mick Woodburn) and Subdistrict 3 (Jared Asumendi, interim)
- Marsing Rural — At-large (Jeff Percifield)
- Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson — Murphy district (Neva Miller)
- Grand View Rural — Two district-wide (Anthony Fullmer and Laura Zaragoza)
- Bruneau — Zone 2 (Reed Markham) and Zone 3 (Shane Ward)

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