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61ST ANNUAL MARSING DISASTER AUCTION



Auction flirts with \$100K barrier

Above: The crowd inside Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center listens to Sam Baker sell an item during Saturday's Marsing Disaster Auction. As of Monday, committee member James Ferdinand reports, this year's auction and raffle had raised more than \$91,000. "Another amazing year," Ferdinand said.

Right: Young Mackenzie McIntyre (right) shows off the auction item quilt she and her grandmother made as Marsing FFA member Mikayla Sotelo escorts her through the crowd. More photos, see **Page 9**



Marsing tackles rezone, fee change

New mayor to preside over first meeting

Bringing some uniformity to an annual business fee is on the Marsing City Council's docket today.

The meeting inside the Sandbar Community Room/council chambers at City Hall (18 Sandbar Ave.) marks the first meeting for new mayor Hayzen Corder.

After Corder gavels the meeting to order at

7 p.m., the council will hold a pair of public hearings.

One deals with leveling the permit fees for stores, restaurants and bars that sell or serve wine and beer.

After owners of the Pour House came forward with a question, council members discussed last month the fact that the fees for annual licenses weren't uniform.

Currently, stores pay \$50 annually for the

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Outcry makes clear RV code isn't a done deal

Commissioner wants more conversations with all sides

After a public hearing attended by about 150 people, Owyhee County's proposed recreational vehicle ordinance very much remains a work in progress.

"We'll redo the ordinance right now then present that to the citizens and see if it's palatable," Dist. 2 County Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said.

"If that's palatable then we will make the decision to go forward. If not, we'll sit down and ask whatever group (not satisfied) what can be done."

During a joint hearing of the Board of County Commissioners and the county Planning and Zoning board, 150 people crammed into the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy. The meeting was broadcast via Zoom, and concerned citizens were placed in both courtrooms as well as the lobby and the P&Z office in the

— See **RV**, page 3

County corrects bonus info; elected officials receive about \$63K

Automated error triggers wrong response to records request

Owyhee County corrected information it had provided for The Owyhee Avalanche's report on recent employee bonuses.

The corrected information provides accurate bonus totals for employees and elected officials.

County Clerk Angie Barkell explained the cause of the incorrect response to the Avalanche's public records request:

"The bonus payroll (report) was run separately as a demand payroll. When we do that in our payroll system, we have to attach it to one of the regular

payroll runs," Barkell wrote in an email after alerting the Avalanche to discrepancies.

"When the report was generated to provide a list for the public records request, the system added the regular payroll amounts to the totals because they are attached for reporting period accuracy."

Barkell said an insufficient review of the material before the figures were sent to the Avalanche was also part of the problem.

The total amount of American Rescue Plan Act funds used for the bonuses is a little more than \$360,000. The approximate figure of \$520,000 reported last week was produced incorrectly by the original report.

The scale used for the bonuses holds true:

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Beef council salutes county rancher
Owyhee Cattlemen's Association member Paul Nettleton (right) accepts a plaque from Idaho Beef Council finance and operations director Shari Gullede recognizing his annual contribution of protein during the 12 years of the "Beef Counts" program helping the Idaho Foodbank. For more news from Saturday's OCA winter meeting, read the Feb. 15 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

Lions bingo more popular than ever

The excitement returns Saturday as another Marsing Lions Club Bingo night launches.

The crush of people wanting to try their hand at the game — and help the Lions Club's cause to assist community members and community causes — has forced organizers to set a specific time to open the doors at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center (126 W. 2nd St. N.).

The doors will open at 6 p.m., and the early bird game will be played at 6:45 p.m. The regular series of 12 games will start at 7 p.m.

The price to play includes \$1 per sheet for the early bird game and \$1 for every Hot Number entry. The first card in the regular series costs \$18 and each additional regular series card is \$5.

Proceeds from Saturday's games will benefit the Lions Club's community service fund.

Free popcorn will be available, and refreshments are typically sold.



January was big for bingo. Shylo Holmes (left, with Herb Churruca) won \$850 on blackout, and 28 players split one prize. Submitted photo

✓ Change: Beer, wine fees aren't uniform

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retail sale of beer and bars and restaurants pay \$50 the sell beer by the drink.

Conversely, stores are charged \$100 per year for wine retail licenses, and bars and restaurants pay that amount to sell wine by the drink.

The proposed change is moving the beer license fees to \$100 to make them uniform with the wine fees.

Also on the agenda today is a public hearing for Lamon and Melissa Loucks' application to rezone the former city hall building from public to commercial.

The building at 425 Main St., has remained in a public zone since the Louckses purchased the building from the city nearly four years ago.

✓ Bonus: Employees average \$3,300 each

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- 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 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 people — all but one of them elected officials — received five-figure bonuses. Last week's article put the number at six — including four elected officials.

Under the corrected information, bonuses for elected officials came in just under \$63,000 (about 17 percent of the total bonus budget) and included:

- Clerk Angie Barkell — \$11,312.81
- Sheriff Perry Grant — \$11,034.31
- Treasurer Annette Dygert — \$10,414.77
- Prosecuting attorney Christopher Topmiller — \$8,100.00
- Assessor Tiffany Nettleton — \$5,163.60

- Coroner Aaron Tines — \$4,641.90
- Dist. 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland — \$4,527.16
- Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi — \$3,880.42
- Dist. 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick — \$3,880.42

One hundred salary bonuses were issued after the Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution in November.

Removing the elected officials' salary bonuses from the equation, the average bonus for the 91 county employees was nearly \$3,300.

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✓ **RV:** Public comment period open until Feb. 24; fate of proposal unclear

county annex building behind the courthouse. There were still others in the courthouse hallways.

County Community Planning director Mary Huff said the public hearing wasn't the only chance for citizens to speak up. The 30-day comment period lasts through Feb. 24. Comments can be sent via email, postal mail or hand delivery to the county clerk or Huff.

- **Huff:** mhuff@co.owyhee.id.us

• **Commissioners via Clerk**
Angie Barkell: abarkell@co.owyhee.id.us

• **Postal mail:** P.O. Box 128,
Murphy, ID 83650

Aberasturi pointed out the issue never was a “done deal” just because an ordinance had been drafted and public hearing held.

“The hearing was for information gathering,” the Homedale Republican said. “If that was what the citizens wanted, we would have moved forward.

“But it’s clearly not, so we’ll go back and get sides together and find out what’s palatable and set another hearing and see if the public likes that or if that needs to be tweaked.”

County officials are walking a tight rope between protecting the government's financial resources and fiercely coveted property rights.

“One thing that needs to be kept in mind in these conversations are the implications to public services that we all

rely upon and what continued increased population/demand does to those services when there is not an associated increase in tax revenue to go along with increased population,” Huff said.

“An RV on land brings in additional population, but no additional tax revenue. So, the additional burden for that specific kind of growth is on the backs of our taxpayers. An increased demand on public services can only lead to two things: increased taxes or declining levels of service that rely on taxes for funding.”

Huff said the strain on services affects all aspects of county living — from deteriorating roads, to more crowded classrooms, to longer lines at county offices, and extended emergency service response times.

The proposed ordinance would set time limits citizens would have to use their RV during home remodels or new home construction or medical hardships to place an RV on their property for living quarters for an ailing family member. The proposed ordinance would also limit the number of days guests could stay in an RV on private property when visiting.

Permits would be required (as they are now), but no fee schedule has been developed.

Some citizens who testified at the hearing, such as Homedale-area resident Philip Overlin, called permit fees “taxation without representa-

tion.”

“In the current economic climate, this regulation will create a greater financial burden and even more hardship,” Overlin said while addressing the hardship permit section of the proposal.

“These permits are nothing more than a tax cloaked as protecting the public good. This is an attempt at taxation without representation; we have not asked for another tax.”

Vision Community Church senior pastor Benje Graves, whose family has lived outside Marsing for a quarter-century, brought a different layer to the argument in addition to the infringement on property rights.

He said the element of “human suffering” for those unable to afford housing must be considered.

“We can all talk about rules and fines, but in the end, it’s about people, families, with nowhere to live,” Graves said. “It’s not like most of them can just go out and buy a home in this market.”

Aberasturi pointed out that the ordinance wouldn't regulate RVs parked within city limits. He also pointed out that the issues that the county is trying to address exist in greater frequency on the western side of the county than in the Bruneau-Grand View area.

The road to where the county finds itself began “a year or two ago” because of complaints to P&Z, Aberasturi said.

“The Planning and Zoning commissioners, with the feedback they got from the citizens, recommended that we do this,” he said.

Aberasturi said Prosecuting Attorney Christopher Topmiller drafted the proposed ordinance at the request of the BOCC. The commissioner said Topmiller's draft is "pretty restrictive" in light of complaints Aberasturi has received regarding RVs.

“We had a group that came in that were very vocal about their property rights, which I totally support,” Aberasturi said. “So we’ll take that as something that we need to move forward with.”

The commissioner also wants to balance property rights with existing RV park owners' right to commerce.

“There are also constitutional rights to me as a property owner and taxpayer that I don’t subsidize someone else who doesn’t want to pay property tax,” Aberasturi said, characterizing that as “socialism.”

Aberasturi said he hopes to bring all sides together to develop an ordinance everyone can live with, but he left the door open to scrapping the new

code altogether.

"We can drop it completely, but it reverts back to what we already have in place," Aberasturi said.

The commissioner said current county code already requires everyone using an RV for residence to obtain a conditional use permit. That provision has been on the books for two decades.

The current code is idle, though, because it's unwieldy to enforce, Aberasturi said. Currently, a complaint goes through the BOCC before being referred to the prosecutor and then the sheriff's office: A timeline that drags on for months.

The new ordinance would put enforcement under the purview of the sheriff's office as a code enforcement matter. A warning would be issued and, if no resolution in a specified time period, a citation would be issued beginning the legal process.

"I think it is a mistake, and will unquestionably end up being unfairly enforced. Please do not establish codes where someone can go crazy with a book of citations and fines," Graves told the commissioners. "A better approach would be to not develop a fine system at all."

— JPB

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VFW post plans pancake feed

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 at the VFW hall, 208 3rd St., in Wilder.

Local race car driver Andrew Tuttle, who competes in the ARCA Menard's Series, will be on hand.

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

Grand View Lions auction starts Friday

Online bidding, rifle raffle part of fun this year

by **Mandi Boren**
For The Owyhee Avalanche

Bidders get ready. The annual Grand View Lions Club community auction starts Friday.

For the third consecutive year, the auction will be held online from Friday through Feb. 17.

Bidders can review items online or in person at the American Legion Post 134 Hall, 410 Roosevelt Ave., in Grand View. The in-person review takes place from 5 p.m., to 7 p.m., on Thursday, Feb. 16.

Bidders can view items, register and bid at <https://bakerauction.com/calendar.php>

Raffle tickets for an American 6.5 Creedmoor Ruger rifle are available for purchase for \$1 each or six for \$5 until 3 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 18 at Grand View Gas and the Legion Hall. Buy tickets through Venmo at GrandView-LionsClub.



Rimrock High School student Layth Jenkins models this year's prize in the rifle raffle. Submitted photo

All auction proceeds go back to the communities of Bruneau, Grand View and Oreana.

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

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Ways to win the war on Owyhee’s weeds

Spring and associated warmer temperatures are just around the corner. Unfortunately, numerous weed species are ready to germinate and grow as soon as temperatures reach their individual requirements. For some species, that temperature is fairly cool. Additionally, winter annuals (annual plants that germinate in the fall such as cheat grass, medusahead, foxtail and shepherd’s purse) have already germinated and are ready to take off when the weather warms.



Scott Jensen

With weed forces set to launch an attack, we need to be ready on the defensive front. One of the most important steps in preparing your defense (and maybe even go on the offensive) is to know your enemy. Identifying specifically what weeds you have is essential to knowing how to best manage them. For example, winter annual grasses are generally best managed with fall pre-emergent treatments. Attempts to treat them in the spring could be compared to closing the barn door after the horses have escaped!

There are some great resources to help with proper weed identification. “Weeds of the West” is my “most used” resource when trying to identify unfamiliar weeds. It is out of print although there are copies available online. I do have a few copies for sale at the Extension office. A pdf version is available online at no cost at <https://wyoextension.org/agpubs/pubs/wsws-1.pdf>. There are also several apps available such as PictureThis and PlantIn, which are available at your favorite app store.

It is important to know that many plants found in southwest Idaho pastures and rangeland can be toxic to livestock. Some of the more common irrigated pasture weeds include field bindweed (morning glory), kochia and pigweed. Some common rangeland species include Halogeton, lupine and leafy spurge. There are some species such as poison hemlock that are toxic under all conditions and others such as kochia or sorghum-Sudan grass that are only toxic under

certain conditions.

Proper identification again is a key step in determining potential risk as well as best management and/or control practices. One excellent reference that was recently published is University of Idaho Extension Bulletin 960 titled *Pasture and Range Plants that Endanger Livestock in Southwestern Idaho*. It is complete with color photos, plant characteristics, and symptoms of poisoning. The booklet is available online at <https://www.extension.uidaho.edu/publishing/pdf/BUL/BUL960.pdf> or can be purchased at <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/publications>.

Once weeds are properly identified, an integrated management approach is the best method for long-term control. This involves utilizing all of the tools available, which includes cultural, mechanical, biological, and chemical methods of control.

Cultural control looks at things like planting, crop rotation, irrigation practices, etc. Can we alter some of our cultural practices to reduce or eliminate weed pressure? Mechanical control practices can include cultivation, hoeing, or simply hand-pulling. Biological relies on natural enemies such as predators, parasites, and pathogens. Chemical is the use of pesticides/herbicides.

Reality is that no one control method works every time in every situation. Knowing what you have is key to determining what combination of control methods will produce the best, long-term weed control in your specific situation. If you would like to visit about specific weed control issues, please give me a call. You can also contact your local CWMA (cooperative weed management area).

Jordan Valley — Eric Morrison, (541) 586-3000

Northwest Owyhee — Julie Perkins, (208) 519-1533 or julieperk01@gmail.com

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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

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., Jordan Valley.

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

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

Owyhee Gardeners meeting
1 p.m., Koenig Winery, 21452 Hoskins Rd., Caldwell. (208) 546-1829

Teens and Tweens
5 p.m., ages 10-17, Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

JVHS Sr. class bingo/dinner fundraiser
6 p.m., bingo, \$1 per card; dinner, \$10 per person. Jordan Valley High School inside the old gymnasium, 501 Bassett St., Jordan Valley.

Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting
6 p.m., to 7 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing.

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

Friday

Homedale Boosters Steak/Crab Feed
6 p.m., doors, 6:30 p.m., dinner, 8 p.m., live auction, Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., Homedale. \$55 per person or \$500 per 8-seat table. Contact Casey Grove (208) 340-4611 or Homedale High School athletes for tickets.

Alcoholics Anonymous
7 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 860-9674

Saturday

VFW pancake breakfast fundraiser
7 a.m., to 10 a.m., \$5 per plate. Samuel C. Phillips VFW Post 11065, 208 3rd St., Wilder.

OCHS field trip planning meeting
9 a.m., LeBaron’s Honker Cafe, 1210 2nd St. S., Nampa.

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

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

Valentine’s dinner fundraiser
6 p.m., to 8 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922.

Cupid’s Shuffle Dance
6 p.m., to 8 p.m., \$5 per family, child must be accompanied by adult, inside the gymnasium, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale.

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

Monday

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

Homedale district library board meeting
10 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

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

Book club
12:30 p.m., lunch, 1:00 p.m. discussion. Adults. Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. Library, (208) 834-2785 or Kathy Chick (208) 599-2148

Homedale FFA meeting
6 p.m., Homedale High School, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

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

Grand View Community Club meeting
6:30 p.m., Grand View Community Club (formerly St. Henry’s Catholic Church), 501 Idaho St., Grand View.

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Homedale Fire commissioners meeting
Noon, The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.

Region III assistance assessments
Noon to 3 p.m., appointments necessary, Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 495-5688

Ridgeview Irrigation District meeting
1 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

Gem Irrigation District meeting
1:15 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

Obituaries

Wilma LaDean Buckley

Wilma LaDean Buckley, 89, of Marsing, passed away at St Luke's, Nampa with her husband, son and daughter-in-law at her side on January 25, 2023 after a lengthy illness of diabetes. She will be intensely missed by her family and many people whose lives she touched.

Wilma was born May 1, 1933 to Lewis and Opal (Porter) Eells in Owyhee County along the Snake River half a mile down from Givens Hot Springs. She graduated eighth grade in a class of three boys and three girls from the Knowlton Heights Grade School east of Marsing.

On April 28, 1952 she married one of those boys, Roy Buckley. They had a deep and abiding love for each other and were man and wife for 70-plus years. They had one child, Randy.

Roy and Wilma were always planning ahead. From their middle teens they talked about what it would be like to be man and wife. By the time they were married they were making payments on a house (not much of one) and Wilma had it furnished with second-hand furniture. On their wedding day Roy happily carried his bride into their own home.

Wilma was an outdoor girl. She played softball and she loved her home yard and garden — especially the flowers. Wilma was a great cook and homemaker. She enjoyed being in the mountains or desert picking up rocks for her rock garden, taking pictures, riding her horse Skipper, drawing and painting pictures, and making wonderful afghans. She liked to hunt and



shoot guns and was very good with handgun, rifle or shotgun. She won a first-place medal at the Idaho State M.L. Match in 1969. Wilma enjoyed the fall deer hunt; she and Roy's mother (Rosie) were hunting partners. When Rosie passed away, Wilma never hunted deer again.

Wilma is survived by her loving husband, Roy; son Randy (Joni) Buckley of Caldwell; grandchildren: James (Angie) Buckley of Homedale and Sam (Crystel) Buckley of Nampa; many beloved great-grandchildren; brothers Terry, Dallas, and Doyle; sisters Rachel, Eunice and Barbara as well as nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Wilma was the oldest of eleven children, four boys and seven girls. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, brother Ted and sisters Wanda, Arlene and Darlene.

Memorial services will be held at a later date under the direction of Dakan Funeral Home, Caldwell.

In lieu of flowers please support Paralyzed Veterans of America or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Death notices

GLORIA JEAN CONNER, 79, of Oreana, died Monday, Jan. 30, 2023 at home of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapels in Homedale. (208) 337-3252

FRANKLIN J. CRAIG, 75, an English teacher at Homedale High School from 1989 to 2001, died on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023 at a Nampa hospital. A funeral service was held on Friday, Feb. 3, 2023 at Zeyer Funeral Chapel, 83 N. Midland Blvd., Nampa.

MARIA TERESA RENTERIA GAMA, 55, of Marsing, died Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023 at home of natural causes. Viewing: 5 p.m., to 8 p.m., on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Homedale. Service: 11 a.m., on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023 at Flahiff's in Homedale. Interment will follow at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapels. (208) 337-3252

GARY WATSON SAMSON, 81, of Emmett, a 1959 Marsing High School graduate, died on Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023. A viewing was held on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023 at Potter Funeral Chapel in Emmett, and graveside services took place on Friday, Feb. 3 at Emmett Cemetery. A celebration of life followed.

GREGORY GERARD THIES, 62, of Melba, died Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023 at home of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapels in Homedale. (208) 337-3252

Dr. Raymond Joseph Heidt

Dr. Raymond Joseph Heidt was born 28 February, 1933, to Stephen Ralph Heidt and Elizabeth Cephalina Hirschhorn-Heidt, and the grandson of immigrants.

He graduated from Okanogan (Washington) High School in 1951 and immediately enlisted in the US Army, where he served in the artillery during the Korean conflict, as well as earning a Bronze Star.

He joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in 1955, and married Joyce Ann Aston in the Idaho Falls temple on January 17, 1956.

As Ray made his way through undergraduate and then graduate school, the couple welcomed five children.

Leaving California for Utah in 1969, Ray first served as an assistant professor at Utah State University, and then as an assistant vice-president at Utah Home/Fire Insurance. He graduated with a PhD from the University of Utah in 1977, and finished his career in the offices of the Idaho Insurance Commission.

He and his wife served a



mission for the LDS church in 1996-97. Ray was an active member of the American Legion and an avid genealogist, finding the names of over a thousand deceased ancestors. He was also actively engaged in community pursuits, and wrote hundreds of letters to the editor in his lifetime.

He said that, from the eyes of an immigrant his proudest moment in life was when his son became the Idaho Democratic nominee for governor this past year.

He passed away just short of his 90th birthday on January

28, 2023, after a fall and a brief corresponding illness. He was preceded in death by his wife Joyce and son John Thomas; and is survived by daughter Ruth (Mrs. Mark) Belanger; daughter Elizabeth (Mrs. Jared) Friend, son Stephen and his wife Alexandra, son Joseph and his wife Vicki, seventeen grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023 at the LDS chapel in Marsing, 215 3rd Ave., Marsing, Idaho. Viewing started at 9:00 a.m. Service at 10:00.

Rocky Johnston Curtis

After a courageous 4-year battle with cancer, Rocky Johnston Curtis passed peacefully at his home in Homedale, Monday, January 30 surrounded by the loving presence of his family. He was sixty-four. Born on March 7, 1958, to parents Alfred and Anna Mary (Johnston) Curtis, Rocky was the youngest of four siblings. He attended Homedale schools and graduated from Homedale High School in 1976. He joined the Air Force in 1977 and served as an Airman First Class for 2 years.

After leaving the military, Rocky started his own aluminum siding and window business. He moved to Vacaville, CA in 1988 where he obtained a contractor's license and founded Curtis Brother's Construction company.

Rocky married Janel Tooke of Vacaville, CA on July 23, 1994. They were married for 18 years but later divorced. They remained lifelong friends and shared grandchildren, whom he cherished.

Rocky's strong faith in



Jesus carried him through the challenges of life. He loved serving the community in any way he could. He felt that being of service to others was his purpose in life. He was active in church, various community organizations and served as a sponsor for many individuals in AA. He worked with the youth group at his church and put his construction skills to use building houses in Mexico for a service trip in 2003. Rocky was a frequent speaker at middle schools, educating the students about addiction and recovery. One of Rocky's most significant milestones was celebrating his 30 years of sobriety on January 4, 2023.

Rocky was an avid golfer

and loved to fish. Rocky made lifelong friends wherever he lived due to his outgoing personality and sense of humor. He will be remembered for his warm smile and unique laughter. Rocky was a naturally gifted singer. He performed the National Anthem at the Homedale Rodeo, was a member of the worship team at Covenant Community Presbyterian Church and sang at many weddings and funerals, including his mother's funeral, his own wedding and his niece's wedding in Ireland.

Rocky is survived by his 4 siblings: Kelly (Scipia) Curtis, Marilyn (Gary) Evans, Craig (Sandy) Curtis and Kent (Lori) Curtis; his ex-wife Janel Curtis and her children Jema (Matt) Hagerman and Sam Tooke; his grandkids Andrew, Julia, and Evan Hagerman; as well as his nieces and nephew and numerous cousins.

A special thanks to the VA in Sacramento and Boise, as well as, Hospice nurse Kenneth Leake for their concern and attentive care. Details regarding the memorial service TBD.

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61ST ANNUAL MARSING DISASTER AUCTION



The top four elementary schoolchildren in raffle ticket sales among fourth- and fifth-graders were (from left) Kip Corder (third), Elias Brock (fourth), Lcee Loucks (first), and Jordan Ineck (second). Marsing schoolchildren sold nearly \$8,000 worth of \$1 raffle tickets ahead of the auction. Photo by Kelly Ineck





Above, from left: Bobo Carter, auctioneer Sam Baker, and Tim Dines keep an eye out for bids while selling a lot during Saturday's event. Carter and Dines are auction committee members. Left: One of the auction lots was a bottle of Bajarriba tequila, donated by Marsing High School graduate Rico Austin, who is a partner in the Tres Cabo Amigos company that manufactures and markets the spirit.

Valentine's at
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Center returns

The annual Valentine's Dinner fundraiser is back at the Rimrock Senior Center.

The dinner will be served from 6 p.m., to 8 p.m., on Saturday at the senior center, 525 Main St. in Grand View.

The dinner costs \$7 per person, and the menu consists of roast beef, baked potato, green beans and salad with a roll and dessert.

Tickets are available at the senior center. Call (208) 834-2922.

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Irrigation boards to meet

The irrigation supervisors operating the South Board of Control arrives Tuesday.

The meetings will be held inside the boardroom at the SBOC shop, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., in Homedale.

The Ridgeview Irrigation District board, which governs the Oregon part of the system, convenes at 1 p.m.

The Gem Irrigation board of directors meet at 1:15 p.m.

The South Board of Control directors — comprised of the Gem Irrigation governors and the Ridgeview board chair — meet at 1:30 p.m.

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is coming back

TROJANS TAKE IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL



Flanked by his father Matt and mother Moss, Homedale High School standout wide receiver Mason Strong drops the pen flamboyantly after signing his letter of intent to play football at The College of Idaho.

Parker, Strong cement futures

Two Homedale High School basketball standouts stepped off the hardwood long enough to solidify their college plans last week.

One, Jacy Parker, will stay on court as she puts her college education on course.

The other, Mason Strong, is taking a short trek to fulfill a family tradition.

The seniors signed letters of intent two days apart inside the HHS gymnasium foyer with teammates, coaches and family members looking on.

Parker, the daughter of HHS graduates and former

standout athletes Gavin and Annie Parker, said yes to The Evergreen State College.

She signed to play volleyball for the Geoducks in Olympia, Wash., during a noontime ceremony on Jan. 30. The Owyhee Avalanche

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Homedale High School senior Jacy Parker (center) sits with family members after signing her letter of intent to play volleyball at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash., on Jan. 30. **Back row, from left:** Uncle John Bideganeta, grandfather Joe Bideganeta, grandmother Val Bideganeta, grandmother Leslie Parker, and grandfather Mike Parker. **Front row, from left:** Sister Hadley Parker, mother Annie Parker, Jacy, father Gavin, and sister Gwen.

Return engagement: Melba, Cole Valley back to girls' State

Mustangs get 22nd straight win in district semis

Surroundings were super-familiar Tuesday for the Melba High School girls' basketball team.

The top-seeded Mustangs faced off with No. 2 Cole Valley Christian in an all-chalk 2A District III Tournament final in Nampa.

The showdown, which was played at Ridgevue High School after The Owyhee Avalanche's deadline, marked the second consecutive championship matchup for the schools. Find the result online at www.owyheeavalanche.com.

The Mustangs beat the Chargers for the district title last season before losing two of three games in the 2A

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Boys' basketball

Sizzling Mustangs sew up No. 1 seed

Another night, another leading scorer. Another night, another win.

Braden Volkers paced three scorers in double figures Friday night as Melba High School moved its boys' basketball winning streak to 33 games.

Volkers scored 15 points and the top-ranked Mustangs cruised to their 19th consecutive 2A Western Idaho Conference victory, 78-34, against host Compass Charter.

With two games remaining in the conference season, Melba (18-0 overall, 12-0 2A WIC) secured the top seed in the upcoming District III tournament with the lopsided win in Meridian.

Cole Valley Christian (16-4, 10-3) beat New Plymouth (15-5, 9-4), 41-34, on Monday

— See *Mustangs*, page 14

Still tops: Trojans survive stumble

HHS has No. 1 seed with two games left

Homedale High School boys' basketball players slept through an alarm last week but woke up in time to seize control of their destiny going forward.

The Trojans saw a seven-game winning streak end on Jan. 31 despite a wild comeback against McCall-Donnelly.

The Vandals handed Homedale its first loss of the 3A Snake River Valley conference season, 37-32, in Valley County.

But the Trojans erased a two-point deficit over the final

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Sports

Trojans tumble in 2nd quarter vs. McCall

Held to Arlett Quezada’s free throw in the second quarter, Homedale High School lost an otherwise even 3A District III girls’ basketball tournament opener Thursday.

Host McCall-Donnelly amassed its entire margin of victory in the second quarter of the 40-32 triumph.

The Trojans tried to prolong their season in Fruitland on Tuesday after deadline.

In the first game of the postseason, it appeared first-year coach Benji Sorenson’s squad was going to run even with host McCall-Donnelly.

The teams finished the first quarter in the Vandals’ gymnasium tied, 10-10.

But the Trojans (4-17) could manage only Quezada’s 1-for-2 showing at the foul line in the second period, and the Vandals (10-11) took a 19-11 lead into the break.

McCall made the advantage stand up as the teams again played evenly throughout the second half.

Homedale senior Jacy Parker scored six points in the second half and matched Vandals

junior guard Gabi Green for high-point honors. Each girl scored 10 points with Green knocking down all four of her free-throw attempts.

Homedale senior Sydney Davis was perfect on two foul shots and scored seven points. Junior teammate Zayne Hall went 4-for-4 at the line for most of her six points. Quezada added five points.

Seniors Ashlyn Wallace, a forward scoring seven points, and Ashlyn Jones, a guard with six points, rounded out McCall’s offensive leaders.

The Vandals took on Payette (4-17) in Tuesday’s other loser-out game.

McCall lost to No. 1 Parma, 56-26, in Saturday’s semifinals. No. 3 Weiser upset No. 2 Fruitland, 66-44, and visits the Panthers to play for the district title at 7 p.m., on Thursday.

Tuesday’s winners meet on the floor of the higher-seeded team to battle for third place and a spot in Saturday’s state tournament play-in game.

Weiser and Parma have qualified for the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament.

Weiser is Homedale’s common wrestling foe down the stretch

After 3 medals at Weiser Invite, HHS welcomes host squad for Senior Night

Trell McFarlane swept to a wrestling championship with five wins over Friday and Saturday.

The freshman collected the 106-pound division title to lead three Homedale High School medalists at the 34th annual Weiser Invitational.

McFarlane’s twin brother, Trey, took fourth at 126 pounds, and sophomore teammate Caden Layne placed sixth in the 220 weight class.

Trell McFarlane was unbeaten during a five-bout round robin.

Two of his matches went the distance and ended in major decisions, including his 10-0 tournament finale triumph over Burns, Ore., junior Kempton Richardson.

Trell (21-8) also beat Borah’s Nolan Hackney, 9-1, in the second flight of bouts.

The HHS wrestler’s three other victories were opening-round pins: against Nyssa, Ore.’s Jose Jimenez (1 minute,

pulled off a 6-0 decision.

Ty Roland (120) collected a consolation-bracket victory, catching Mountain View’s Robert Morgan for a pin four seconds into the second period.

Another Trojan at 126, Wyatt Stewart, edged Ontario’s Nathan Marcelino, 8-7, in a consolation bout.

Shawn Lee (138) eked out a 7-5 decision against Weiser’s Jahir Cervantes.

The Trojans close out the home portion of their season today with a Senior Night 3A Snake River Valley conference dual meet against Weiser.

Last Wednesday: Fruitland 75, Homedale 10 — The Trojans’ unbeaten dual meet string came to a decisive end on the road.

Fruitland piled up forfeits and first-period pinfalls in a 3A SRV triumph.

The McFarlane twins scored Homedale’s only points.

Trell pinned Colbey Quinn in 3 minutes, 30 seconds of their 106-pound bout.

At 126, Trey posted a 12-4 major decision against Kolton Farrow.

Homedale Trojans

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Boys’ basketball
Mason Strong, sr., G
Averaged 11 pts., 3.5 re-bounds



Girls’ basketball
Jacy Parker, sr., F
Leads 3 upperclassmen into final days of prep careers



Wrestling
Caden Layne, so., 220
6th place at Weiser Invitational

This week’s Sports Schedule

Girls’ basketball
Varsity
3A District III Tournament
If won Tuesday: Thursday, Feb. 9, third-place game, home vs. Payette or at McCall-Donnelly, 7 p.m.
If lost Tuesday: Season complete (7-15 record)
If win Tuesday and Thursday: Saturday, Feb. 11 at 3A state play-in game vs. Dist. V-VI runner-up, Burley H.S., 3 p.m.

Wrestling
Coed
Wednesday, Feb. 8, home for 3A Snake River Valley conference dual vs. Weiser (Senior Night), 5:30 p.m.

Cheer
State competition
Friday, Feb. 10 at Ford Idaho Center, Nampa, 11 a.m., to 2 p.m.

Boys’ basketball
Varsity
Wednesday, Feb. 8 at Parma, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 11, home vs. Weiser (Senior Night), 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Wednesday, Feb. 8 at Parma, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 11, home vs. Weiser, 6 p.m.
Frosh-soph
Wednesday, Feb. 8 at Parma, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 11, home vs. Weiser, 4:30 p.m.

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Sports

Marsing boys split 2A WIC games

Soph's record-setting performance leads team vs. Compass

Marsing High School's close encounter with The Ambrose School dissolved under a long-range barrage Friday.

The visitors fired in nine of their 12 three-point goals in the second half, widening a four-point intermission lead to a 75-52 2A Western Idaho Conference boys' basketball victory.

The Huskies (7-12 overall, 3-10 in 2A WIC) lost to North Star Charter in Eagle, 50-45, on Monday in their second-to-last regular-season game.

The regular-season finale is Senior Night against conference leader Melba today.

The best Marsing can do is earn a No. 6 seed for the upcoming eight-team, double-elimination 2A District III Tournament.

If the Huskies hang on to sixth place in the conference standings, they'll open the tournament at the No. 3 seed at 7 p.m., on Monday.

Cole Valley Christian and New Plymouth were tied for that berth before the Chargers' 41-34 triumph over the Pilgrims on Monday.

A win next Monday puts the Huskies in the district

semifinals next Wednesday at Middleton High School, while a first-round loss drops Marsing into the losers' bracket for an elimination game at 7 p.m., next Wednesday either on the road against the No. 2 seed or home against the No. 7 seed.

Against Ambrose, Marsing was within four points at halftime as the Huskies came within a free throw of posting three double-digit scorers.

Teagan Kinney led the way with 13 points as he knocked down two of the Huskies' eight three-pointers and converted five of eight field-goal attempts.

Juan Diego Ponce contributed 12 points.

Junior Braden Ankeny just missed a double-double. The 6-foot, 4-inch center grabbed eight of his 11 rebounds on defense and scored nine points.

Kinney added six rebounds, and Eli Ankeny notched six points, five assists and four defensive boards.

Ambrose got just four offensive rebounds, but Marsing committed 22 turnovers.

Last Wednesday: Marsing 55, Compass Charter

39 — Eli Ankeny drained four three-pointers as part of a season-high 20 points.

Jace Chadez wrote his name in the Marsing record book for the third time this season.

The sophomore guard sparked the offense with 10 assists to shatter the single-game mark previously held by Enrique Quebrado (eight). Chadez also came up with eight steals, tying Dwight Sevy's single-game record.

Earlier this season, Chadez matched the single-game record for taking charges (three) previously accomplished by Sevy and Landry Villa.

With Chadez leading the way, the Huskies registered 18 steals overall, and the Aviators committed 31 turnovers.

Eli's cousin, Braden, delivered eight points and six rebounds in the 2A WIC home victory.

Marsing's defense rose up in the first half, limiting the Aviators to just three field goals. The Huskies built a 30-8 halftime lead.

Ponce logged a season-high total of minutes and scored 12 points with a pair of treys.

Ponce, Braden Ankeny and Nacho Margarito grabbed six rebounds apiece, and the team held an 18-4 advantage on Compass Charter's boards.



Marsing seniors close out hoops careers

Senior wing Mila Astorquia lines up a free-throw attempt during sixth-seeded Marsing High School's 2A District III Tournament loser-out game Saturday against No. 4 Nampa Christian. The host Trojans prevailed, 45-38. The Huskies (6-16) beat No. 7 North Star Charter, 43-24, on Jan. 30 to qualify for the double-elimination district tournament, but coach Michael Swanson's squad lost its opening-round game the next night, 55-34, to No. 3 The Ambrose School in Meridian. Astorquia and four other upperclassmen — guards Mikalia Gonzalez and Emily Vanosdall, and posts Llee Loucks and Anna Gluch — suited up for their final prep contest Saturday. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

MARSING HUSKIES

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

This week's schedule



Boys' basketball
Jace Chadez, so., G
Wrote name in record book again



Girls' basketball
Emily Vanosdall, sr., G
Wrapped up career with Huskies



Wrestling
Jantzen Davis, sr., 145
Prep career winding down

Girls' basketball
Season complete: 7-16 record

Boys' basketball
Varsity
2A Western Idaho Conference
Wednesday, Feb. 8, home vs. Melba (Senior Night), 7:30 p.m.
2A District III Tournament
Monday, Feb. 13 at opponent TBD, 7 p.m.
If lose Monday: Wednesday, Feb. 15, opponent and site TBD, 7 p.m.
If win Monday: Wednesday, Feb. 15, semifinal vs. TBD, Middleton H.S., 7:45 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Wednesday, Feb. 8, home vs. Melba, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Wednesday, Feb. 8, home vs. Melba, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Saturday, Feb 11, home for Marsing Pod Tournament, old gymnasium, 9:30 a.m.
Note — Senior recognition at noon

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Sports

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✓Trojans: Homedale seals top seed with a road win vs. Parma tonight

quarter for a narrow 62-58 homecourt win over Fruitland on Friday to secure the tie-breaker with McCall-Donnelly for the regular-season championship and the No. 1 seed in the District III Tournament.

“I think it is a blessing at the end of the day,” HHS coach Cam Long said of the low-scoring setback against McCall. “Hopefully it makes us hungry again, and a loss like that can help propel us towards the end to execute better.”

Homedale (11-7 overall, 7-1 in conference) did come out with much sharper shooting against the Grizzlies.

With two games left in the conference season, Fruitland (10-9, 5-3) finds itself one game behind second-place McCall (11-4, 6-2) and two games in back of pack leader Homedale.

The Vandals own the tie-breaker for the No. 2 seed over Fruitland by virtue of their win last week against Homedale. The Trojans own the tiebreaker for the top seed over McCall after beating the Grizzlies last week.

Homedale visits Parma today and ends the conference season at home Saturday for Senior Night against Weiser.

Friday: Homedale 62, Fruitland 58 — The Trojans shored up their shooting woes, but still had to hold off their archrivals.

Drilling seven three-point goals in the first half, Fruitland erupted for 26 points in the second quarter to surge to a 37-31 halftime lead.

After shooting 48.3 percent (14-for-29) from the floor in the opening half — including 7-for-12 from downtown — the Grizzlies cooled off to 37.5 percent and missed all eight of their long-range attempts after the intermission.

Meanwhile, Homedale fell off its red-hot 58.8 percent field-goal shooting (10-for-17) in the first half only slightly when the teams returned to the floor. The Trojans took two more shots but hit just as many buckets for a 52.6 percent suc-



Homedale High School senior Trenton Fisher rises up for a shot against Theo Jackson on Friday on the Trojans’ home floor. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

cess rate.

Bolstered by a lopsided opportunity advantage at the free-throw line, the Trojans also survived Fruitland’s opportunistic transition offense, which poured in 17 points off 18 takeaways.

The Grizzlies were perfect in five trips to the foul line, while Homedale shot 69 percent with an equal rationing of free throws in each half (18-for-26 overall, 69.2 percent).

Senior Jaxon Dines continued his push for conference player of the year, knocking down six of his seven foul

shots and a team-best three three-point goals. He led all scorers with 25 points.

Mason Strong drained a trey and was 3-for-4 from inside the three-point line and 2-for-3 at the free-throw line to score 11 points. He also had four defensive rebounds.

Alijah Joyner grabbed five boards on Fruitland’s end of the floor, one-third of Homedale’s total on the defensive glass, while scoring 10 points on 4-for-6 shooting and 2-for-4 at the line.

Trenton Fisher collected three of his four rebounds on

HHS Senior Bake Sale returns Saturday

High school graduation is less than four months away, so it’s time for the annual Homedale High School Senior Bake Sale.

The sale will take place at its traditional time — during the boys’ basketball team’s Senior Night contest.

The Trojans play host to Weiser for the Senior Night game at 7:30 p.m., on Saturday.

Money for the senior class all-night graduation and other year-end festivities will be raised — in part — through the live auction and silent auction planned this weekend.

The live auction will take place during halftime of the basketball game, while folks can scribble their bids in the silent auction until the end of the third quarter.

The HHS Class of 2023 advisors are Kristie Dorsey, Randy Lyons, and Rachel Rheuby.

defense despite missing time because of foul trouble, and Sigmund Goode led the team with four of his six rebounds on offense.

Eddie Rodriguez carried the field-goal shooting for Fruitland, going 8-for-11 with two three-pointers and 4-for-4 at the free-throw line for 22 points.

Luke Barinaga knocked down a three on the way to 12 points, and Brody Watson had two treys for the bulk of his 10 points.

Theo Jackson hit a pair of treys for all his scoring, and he led the Grizzlies with seven rebounds.

Jan. 31: McCall-Donnelly 37, Homedale 32 — The Trojans got to within one point in the second half after trailing by eight at the break.

“We couldn’t get over the hump,” Long said. “Poor shooting and too many turnovers doomed us.”

Even with a less-than-stellar shooting clip of 36.8 percent (7-for-19) in the first half, the Vandals took advantage of Homedale’s cold start to open a 16-8 lead at halftime.

After shooting just 20 percent in the first half (4-for-20), the Trojans found a little luck on the outside in the second half and cut deep into the McCall lead. A 14-7 run over the first eight minutes after inter-

mission put Homedale within just one point, 23-22.

Homedale had the only second-chance basket of the night, but the Vandals owned the Trojans’ backboards to stifle any opportunities. Tate Ova and Luke Scott snagged four defensive rebounds each as McCall dominated by a 22-6 clip.

The Vandals also kept the edge at the free-throw line, connecting on 12 of 17 chances (including Ova’s 4-for-5 for half of his co-team-high eight points). Rylan Pate went 2-for-3 from the line and scored eight points.

Homedale had fewer chances and less luck at the stripe. Mason Strong hit his only free throw of the night as part of his game-high 11 points, but two other Trojans missed the team’s only other four foul shots.

Strong nailed two three-pointers, but Homedale’s perimeter shooters struggled.

Dines, who scored eight points by hitting half of his eight shots from within the three-point line, missed on five shots from outside the line. So did Goode, who was 0-for-9 overall.

Fisher connected for Homedale’s other three-pointer and scored seven points before fouling out. He played less than a half in game time.

✓Futures: Trojans in middle of basketball will play other sports in college

incorrectly reported last week that she was going to play basketball at Evergreen State.

Strong is heading to The College of

Idaho to play football — just like his grandfather, legendary Caldwell High School coach Moke Strong, did.

The youngest Strong is no stranger

to the C of I program. His father Matt, now an HHS assistant, was on the inaugural coaching staff when the Yotes program was reinstated a decade ago.

— Read the Feb. 15 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche to learn more about both athletes’ journey to this signing and what their futures may hold.

Sports

Buzzer-beater clinches top seed for Rimrock JV boys

A buzzer-beater last week handed Rimrock High School the top seed in the upcoming 1A Western Idaho Conference junior varsity boys' basketball tournament.

Junior Loyd Boren scored on a layup off a set play as time ran out Jan. 31 as the Raiders nipped Victory Charter, 39-37.

"Every league game we have played this season has been close," Rimrock coach Wylee Aquiso said, adding winning the tournament is a team goal this season.

"To meet our team goal, we will need to take care of the ball, defend and rebound."

The Raiders will play host to the conference tournament Saturday. Game times and matchups hadn't been determined by press time.

Freshman Morgan Field's offensive putback helped the Raiders close the gap.

With the game tied, 37-37, Rimrock created a set play with 18 seconds remaining. Boren's driving reverse layup for the game-winner executed

that strategy.

The Vipers from Nampa owned a 21-14 halftime lead and clung to a 33-28 advantage after three quarters.

The Raiders' defense responded in the fourth quarter, holding Victory Charter to four points in the final eight minutes and opening the door to the comeback.

Junior Wylee Rinner scored four points in the final period, and Rocky Aquiso drilled a three-pointer to help the surge.

Sophomore Carson Raymond knocked down a three-pointer as part of his seven-point outburst as Rimrock began to claw back in the third quarter.

The Raiders led, 9-5, after the first quarter as Boren opened his night with four points.

Final regular-season games for Rimcok include at 4:30 p.m., tipoff today against non-conference visitor Richfield before wrapping up the 1A WIC schedule at 4:30 p.m., on Friday on the road versus Greenleaf Friends Academy.



Carson Raymond glides to the hoop. Photo by Jana McCarthy

Owyheean can't finish title run for Melba

Two Mustangs reach Pine Eagle title bouts

The wrestling season is winding down, and Melba High School got a dose of the highs and lows that one of the most emotionally draining sports can have Saturday in Halfway, Ore.

Owyhee County wrestler McKoy Richardson reached his division's championship bout at the Pine Eagle Invitational, but was unable to complete the mission.

But the senior 152-pounder had to bow out with a medical forfeit against an equally tough Class 2A Idaho wrestler.

In what could be a preview of the District III championship final, JC Henry of Tri-Valley walked away with gold after Richardson's medical forfeit.

Senior Grant Svedin also received a shock in the 145-pound title bout in Halfway. The 40-match winner fell to Union, Ore.'s Sam Platz (18-10) in a 10-5 decision.

At 113, sophomore Tyler

Forsgren's day also ended with a final-bout defeat as he took sixth place. Vale, Ore.'s Benito Gonzalez ended their fifth-place match four seconds into the second period.

Richardson rolled into his title bout, pinning Union's Larry McKraig in 1:33 in the quarterfinals and routing Enterprise, Ore.'s Tegan Evans (38-13), 11-1, for a major decision in the semifinals.

Svedin's closest match came in the semis when he edged Skyview's Tim Hebdon, 9-6.

His tournament also included pins in the quarterfinals (1:49 against Joseph, Ore.'s Zander Flores-Walker) and opening round (1:14 against Heppner, Ore.'s Hayden McMahon).

Other Melba wrestlers posting victories Saturday:

- **Dylan Fahey, 152** — He pinned Skyview's Kyle Wyma in 4:41 before eventual champion Henry sent Fahey into the consolation bracket with a 47-second quarterfinals pin.
- **Kolt Clemens, 106** — He dismantled Tri-Valley's Logan May with a 20-3 technical fall midway through the second period.

COLLEGE CATCH-UP

FOOTBALL
Scott Matlock, sr., DT
Boise State University

Thursday — The Homedale High School graduate came into the 98th East-West Shrine Bowl in the second half and posted a solo tackle and an assist both on first-down plays. Matlock's West squad won a defensive struggle, 12-3, at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas.

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

Saturday: Montana Western 63, Carroll College 57 — Playing at home inside Straugh Gymnasium in Dillon, Mont., the Marsing High School graduate was on the floor for 18 minutes for the second consecutive game (his largest workload of the season). He connected on all three of his field-goal attempts for six points and grabbed three rebounds.

Thursday: No. 12 Montana Tech 86, Montana Western 61 — Ankeny scored a season-high 12 points on 5-for-6 shooting. He connected on his only three-point shot on the

night and led the team with seven rebounds while coming up with two blocked shots.

This season — In 24 games (three starts), 68.9 percent shooting (31-for-45), averaging 11.3 minutes, 2.9 points and 2.4 rebounds per game. Second on team with 11 blocks.

What's next — The Bulldogs (9-16 overall, 4-8 in Frontier Conference) are on the road against the University of Providence in Great Falls, Mont., at 7 p.m., on Thursday, and back home in Dillon, Mont., at 4 p.m., on Saturday to face Montana State-Northern.

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

Saturday: Lew Thome Invitational at home — Adrian High School graduate took second in the 60-meter hurdles final and broke her own EOU record. Ran an 8.96-second final behind Lewis-Clark State College's Madigan Kelly (8.83). Ran the opening leg of the Mountaineers' victorious 4x400 relay team (4 minutes, 21.44 seconds).

Leon, Baxter get Marsing mat wins

A couple of pins in the higher weight classes were all the points Marsing High School wrestlers could muster last Wednesday.

Host New Plymouth rolled to a 66-12 2A Western Idaho Conference dual decision.

The Huskies' only victories came when junior 195-pounder Jonathan Leon pinned Maxx Vian in 3 minutes, 14 seconds and freshman Ryan

Baxter (220) stopped Adam Quezada in 2:49.

Forfeits fueled the Pilgrims' home-mat victory. Ten of New Plymouth's 11 wins came when Marsing didn't have an opponent to match up.

Mossy Waite pinned Marsing's Braeden Davis in 4 minutes, 8 seconds for the Pilgrims' only on-mat triumph.

✓ Mustangs: Kaden Dayley registers 17

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to get a late edge for the No. 2 seed and a bye into the district semifinals.

The Mustangs have crossed the 70-point threshold in four consecutive games. The walkover against the Aviators gave coach Spencer Trappett's reigning Class 2A state champions their widest margin of victory since an 81-31 rout of South Fremont in December.

Tucker Lowber added 13 points, and Cache Beus

chipped in 11 points.

Volkers had three rebounds and three assists, while Lowber led the defense with five steals while grabbing three boards.

Beus had four rebounds and three steals.

Compass (4-12, 1-11) got eight points each from Micah Foreman and Mason Bennett.

Last Wednesday: Melba 71, New Plymouth 54 — Owyhee County's Kaden Dayley poured in 17 points to lead three Mustangs in double figures in

another 2A WIC win.

Dayley also grabbed eight rebounds and triggered the defense with five steals inside Potter Gymnasium.

Tucker Lowber added 14 points and three boards, while Cutter Beus notched 11 points and six rebounds along with three assists.

The Pilgrims' Heath Jarboe led all players with 21 points and received help from teammates Tracen Tripple (14) and Landon Christensen (10).

✓ State: Dayley scores 18

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Real Dairy Shootout state tournament.

Melba and Cole Valley will return to State this season after winning their district semifinals Thursday in Nampa.

Owyhee County junior Brooklyn Dayley scored 18 points and came up with eight steals in the Mustangs' 67-26 semifinal walkover against Nampa Christian at Ridgevue.

Cole Valley (18-4 before

Tuesday's district final) downed No. 3 The Ambrose School, 60-36, on Thursday.

Melba won its 22nd consecutive game as Kendall Clark logged 10 points and eight rebounds.

Keylee Wilson had eight points, six rebounds and four steals.

Dayley also dished three assists.

Olivia Groen scored seven points for Nampa Christian (6-15).

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

February 11, 1998



Smorgasbord '98...

The 37th annual International Smorgasbord brought over 2,700 people to Homedale Elementary on February 7 to experience food from various cultures, including food from the Oriental booth (shown). Organizers say \$15,509 was raised. The money will benefit Homedale Schools.



Grand View council members sworn in...

Grand View Mayor Rick Rector, left, affirms city council incumbents Jerry Meyers and Twila Melton last month at Grand View City Hall. Meyers and Melton, who were appointed to their previous terms, were elected last November and will serve four-year terms.

Marsing's auction raises over \$34,500

The 37th annual Marsing Disaster Auction Sale held on February 7 experienced record-breaking ticket sales and raised over \$34,500 for disaster relief, organizers said.

More than 200 merchants contributed items, with donations coming from as far away as El Paso, Texas, and over 100 private donations were made to this year's event.

"A record number of businesses, every church, and every club was represented this year," said co-organizer Donna Churruca. "There was almost 100% participation, everyone pitched in and did a wonderful job."

A seven-member board distributes the money raised by the auction and sale each year. The members are Bob Larsen, Jay Hall, Boyd Peterson, Clair Case, Bill Gibbens, Chuck Vincent, and Terry Watson. The chairman of the 1998 Disaster Auction is Herb Churruca.

HHS boys rack up wins over McCall, Parma

Homedale earned a 65-42 conference victory over McCall on February 4.

Kenny Thomas and Darren Uranga both grabbed 15 points for Homedale, and Zeb Ross added 11, including two three-pointers.

The Trojans (11-1 in conference) grabbed their second win of the week after a 60-44 conference victory over Parma on Feb. 6.

Uranga helped his team to the win with 23 points, and Thomas added 14.

50 years ago

February 8, 1973

SEN. FRANK CHURCH, who will visit Owyhee County today, now has 16 years seniority in the Senate. With the beginning of the 93rd Congress, Senator Frank Church becomes 23rd in overall Senate seniority. He is shown here with his Senate license tags from the 85th Congress in 1957, when he first came to the Senate, and the new 93rd Congress. In 1957, Church ranked 96th — or last in Senate seniority (there were only 96 Senators then). Now, he ranks in the top fourth.



To visit Owyhee

Sen. Frank Church will be in Owyhee County today (Thursday) to meet with county residents.

The Senator will be on hand at the courthouse in Murphy for his Citizen Conferences, which he holds throughout Idaho in order to offer personal service to the people of Idaho.

Church is also slated to address an assembly at the Homedale High School at 11 a.m., and the Marsing Chamber of Commerce shortly after noon in the multipurpose room of the Marsing grade school.

He will host a non-partisan open house this evening at the Washington school in Homedale.

The Citizen Conferences are held on a first-come, first-served basis.

"There will be no speech-making," Church said. "The conferences are private and treated on a strictly confidential basis."

Dog-gone dog problem confronts city council

Present at the regular city council meeting Monday evening were Mayor George T. Murray and Councilmen Kenneth Metzger, Jay Jackson, and Allen Blessing. Councilman Norman Tolmie was absent.

Others present were Police Chief Larry Ryel, Owyhee County Sheriff Tim Nettleton, City Superintendent Paul Simon, City Clerk Vivian Lillie, and Eddy Davis, Russ Cornwell, W. A. Butts, Elmo Pegram, Bob Troxel, Dave Elkins, and Del Macey.

The agenda included:

—Stray Dogs. — Mr. Butts, Mr. Troxel, and Mr. Pegram said they felt more emphasis should be put on enforcing the leash law. Mayor Murray assured them we would make more effort to get the problem under control. Larry Ryel to see if he can find anyone who would be interested in the job as dog catcher.

—Dispatcher. — Sheriff Tim Nettleton spoke to the Council of the possibilities of having a county dispatcher. Direct line would be to the Courthouse in Murphy going through a Marsing exchange. There would be someone on call at all times. They are hoping that perhaps Marsing and Homedale could help with finances of around \$57 a month between the two towns. Council felt idea of having County Dispatcher a good idea.

—Renting airport. — Del Macey would like to rent some ground at the Homedale airport to set up loading facilities for aerial spraying. Jackson to contact Eismann concerning renting airport to additional parties.

155 years ago

February 8, 1868

JOSH BILLINGS ON WHISKY.—Whisky, the great American beverage, is the grand daddy of all likker, and everything that has a good reliable drink in it is at least a cozzen to it or old rye, and in my honest opinion is second only to original sin; it is the mill-stun hung upon the neck of poor, degraded human natur, and if the devil was allowed a leave of absence for six months, tew visit the earth, the first thing he'd do would be to lobby our Legislature for a repeal of the excise laws, and then invest his pile in gin mills.

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THE prevailing fine weather has brought out the Spring fights earlier than usual. Last Sunday, two fellows who had imbibed an average quantity of tangle-leg, concluded that they must decide who was the better man. They foamed at the mouth, pulled each other's hair, split a small quantity of claret, and were separated by the crowd, who to the number of a hundred soon gathered round.

A couple days afterwards an altercation took place a short distance out of town, between a teamster, armed with a Pike County revolver, and a harmless Fenian, armed with a knife. The latter got rather the best of the encounter, and was making an effort to carve up the teamster, who, not wishing to be dissected, took to his heels and made 2-40 time to town, escaping with no other injury than a slight cut on one of his thumbs and a few slits in his coat.

We also notice occasionally an *hombre* engaged in the less belligerent diversion of smashing windows, &c. Lively times, you bet!

MR. ROBERT DAVIDSON brought into our office the other day several stems of a plant in some respects resembling hemp, which grows in the vicinity of Sinker and Catharine Creeks, but with a fiber much finer and possessing a greater degree of tension than either hemp or flax. The stem is enveloped in a thick covering of this fibrous material, is nearly half an inch in diameter at the bottom, grows to a height of four or five feet and is surmounted with pods two or three inches in length, inclosing small oblong red seeds which are winged like those of the dandelion or thistle, and, when the pod bursts, are scattered broadcast by the wind. It is called silk-weed by some. If some one, possessing leisure and opportunity to experiment in such things, would take the matter in hand, without a doubt its cultivation would be rendered profitable; for we see no reason why a superior article of cordage and cloth of fine texture and durability could not be manufactured from it.

NATE DIXON, who piloted the Humboldt Stage in and out of town for over a year, has just returned from a visit to California; says there will be a big rush here in the Spring; reports roads in splendid condition; passengers are carried on sleds the entire distance from this place to Oreana. Glad to see you back, Nate.

Commentary

County RV ordinance
Proposal punishes
lower-income folks

by Dave Reche

We are concerned about the proposed rules on RV living on private property. If implemented, the new rules could have a major negative impact on the already economically depressed Owyhee County. With the new developments and large expensive homes being built in the county, it would appear to help the economy. The opposite has occurred. Property taxes have increased, new



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Letter
to the editor

County already has remedy
for proposed RV ordinance

In the well-attended Jan. 25 Murphy meeting concerning the RV ordinance, Commissioner Kelly [Aberasturi] twice stated that it was the “trash pits” around RVs that were the cause of concern. When questioned, he reversed from calling them “trash pits,” and couldn’t provide legitimate data on RV sites being the main contributor to sanitary issues, instead saying the hazards at the sites were already remedied using existing laws in place.

Kelly, why do you and the commissioners feel the need to nanny our neighbors into cleaning their property, using more regulations, when you already have laws in place to do so? Where do you draw the line? If unsanitary neighbors are the concern, there are already laws set in place. This should have nothing to do with regulating RVs.

One can take a drive in the county and see trash piles are a problem around permanent dwellings and RVs alike. Do we now also make it illegal to live in permanent dwellings? I don’t believe anyone enjoys looking at trash, but it’s not my place to force my neighbor to clean what I deem a trash pile, just so my eyes aren’t offended, under the guise of sanitation. There are better ways to inspire people to live in a clean environment; governmental regulation is not the way to do that.

Commissioner [Aberasturi] stated they held the meeting “to hear what the citizens want” and to “let us know what you as citizens would like to see as an ordinance.” By a very large margin, the majority of the people present were opposed to more regulation and wanted the Owyhee County RV ordinance done away with entirely. Are you going to listen to the will of the people, commissioners? Or will you turn a deaf ear to them and instead push your agenda?

Phillip Smith
Oreana

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.

From Washington
White House must negotiate on debt ceiling

“Throughout our nation’s history, Americans have found the courage to do right by our children’s future. Deep down, every American knows we face a moment of truth once again. We cannot play games or put off hard choices any longer. Without regard to party, we have a patriotic duty to keep the promise of America to give our children and grandchildren a better life. “Our challenge is clear and inescapable: America cannot be great if we go broke. Our businesses will not be able to grow and create jobs, and our workers will not be able to compete successfully for the jobs of the future without a plan to get this crushing debt burden off our backs.”

— Excerpts from the preamble to the report of the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform

More than a dozen years ago, members of Congress from both sides of the aisle signed our names to this preamble. We knew then, as we know now, that our national debt is one of the biggest threats our nation faces. The difference now is the President of the United States has so far refused to even begin the difficult discussions merited by the situation.

Last week, the United States hit its staggering spending cap of \$31.4 trillion. Economists say the U.S. is likely to reach the drop-dead date to pay its bills later this summer. The clock is ticking, and it is time for the White House to engage in serious, bipartisan conversations.

Over just the past two years, an additional \$5 trillion in massive spending sprees has passed in the name of a pandemic that was already waning. In fiscal year 2022, the federal government paid \$475 billion in net interest expense. This sum marked an almost 35 percent increase from previous years. As interest rates rise to slow the multi-decade-high inflation unleashed by the Biden Administration, the cost in dollars of servicing that debt will also rise.

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Now is the time for spending reform proposals to be put forward and debated. We must address our growing deficits in order to put the United States’ finances on a sustainable path. Leaving our growing debt unchecked makes us a weaker nation because it makes us less able to address future crises. Having to spend more money to pay for past borrowing means we will have fewer resources to preserve our national defense, maintain our social safety net and invest in future economic growth.

Many ideas have been put forward to address our

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Commentary

Financial management

Written monthly budget will help achieve emergency fund



Dear Dave,
I’m single, and I make \$35,000 a year. Next year, my salary and bonuses should be around \$50,000. I have a little over \$30,000 in debt right now, including student loans, and I’m not sure how I’ll be able to keep up with bills and everything else right now if I have to save \$1,000 for a starter emergency fund like you recommend. Can I get by with a starter emergency fund of \$500?

— Jonas

Dear Jonas,
I really think you’re making this whole thing sound a lot harder than it really is. The key is making and living on a budget, and that’s not rocket science. It’s a simple, written planning process where you give a name and a job to every dollar you make before the month begins. Food, shelter, clothing, transportation and utilities are necessities, so they come first. After that, make sure you’re current on your debts. Once all that is out of the way, put every spare dollar you can into your

emergency fund. If you do this with a sense of urgency, and limit spending to necessities, you’ll be surprised by how fast it will happen. And you’ll love the newfound sense of security. The truth is you really need a starter emergency fund of \$1,000 if you’re at a point in life where student loans and other debts are in the picture. That may seem like an impossible goal right now, but it should be your first priority. And a written, monthly budget will go a long way toward helping you achieve that goal.

You can do this, Jonas!
— 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.

✓ Proposal: Ignores lack of RV space, property rights infringement

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residents drive to the larger cities to spend their money, and no new industrial or commercial jobs are available to improve incomes. The attitude in Owyhee County has been live and let live. If you worked on a farm, small commercial business or had a small business of your own, you would do what you could to get by. Most families could not afford to build a home because of the low wages in Idaho. They would buy or rent a small piece of property to park an RV until they could afford something better. That was a way of life. With the influx of new people with money moving into Owyhee County, they want changes made. Some of them have high-paying jobs that they can work from home. They seem to have a lot of spare time and want changes made to suit their way of life. If

the people living in an RV must move into an RV park, it changes their way of life and freedom. This could impact their budgets enough to cause a burden on their well-being and cramp them into a 12- to 30-foot front yard, no back yard or place for a garden in an RV park. There are very few RV spots empty at this time in the Marsing-Homedale area. Where will all the people move to? This ordinance opens a golden opportunity for developers and their money. Are they behind this ordinance? There are already applications for new RV parks in Owyhee County. This new ordinance could infringe on our property rights as landowners. It would limit the number of days and frequency a friend or relative could visit and the time you can stay in your RV while building or remodeling your own home. The county

commissioners would be our HOA [homeowners association]. The enforcer, watchman and record keeping will be the part of what department? Will the county have to hire more staff? Will it be handed to the sheriff’s office? Will there be a tax increase to hire a staff to count the days you or someone stays on your property in an RV? Has the county completed an impact study to determine the economic impact this ordinance would have and the available RV spots for families to move to? RV parks in Owyhee County charge \$400 to \$800 a month with extra for more than one vehicle and/or pets. Some RV parks in Owyhee also have a limit on the age of the RV.
— Dave Reche is a Marsing resident.

✓ Debt: Negotiating isn’t the demand of extremists, it’s proper governing

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debt situation, including some that have been explored, and in some cases agreed to, in past negotiations. We should not draw lines in the sand or dismiss any option out of hand, but instead seriously discuss the tradeoffs of proposals. That is governing. Asking the White House to come to the table and negotiate is not an extremist demand, and refusal to

even discuss how our federal government could live within its means is irresponsible. Both parties have a responsibility to do their part, in good faith, to find a bipartisan solution. While we need to pay our old bills, this is the time to set a path forward to ensure new bills do not continue to pile up. America’s long-term fiscal gap is unsustainable. We have a responsibility to our children

and grandchildren to leave them a government and an economy that are on sound financial footing.
— 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.

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Sports

Marsing football fundraiser seeks hoopsters

The second annual Marsing Madness 5-on-5 basketball tournament arrives next month.

The Marsing High School football program fundraiser will be held on Friday and Saturday, March 3-4, inside the new high school gymnasium.

Men’s and Coed divisions are planned. Teams can register through Tuesday, Feb. 28, but there are a

limited number of slots in each tournament.

The entry fee is \$250 per team. Individuals without a team can pay \$30, and they’ll be assigned a team.

Email marsingfb@gmail.com to register.

The tournament will be played under high school rules, and each team is guaranteed two games.

Each tournament player will receive

a T-shirt.

In addition to the games, there will be a three-pointer contest on Saturday, March 4.

In addition to team registration fees, standalone donations also will be accepted to help coach Shea McClellin continue the football program rebuild at his alma mater.

The program has a Facebook page [@marsinghuskiesfootball](https://www.facebook.com/marsinghuskiesfootball).

Adrian’s Andrade aces at Pine Eagle

Chase Andrade’s final prep wrestling season gets brighter with each outing.

The Adrian High School senior 182-pounder won the Pine Eagle Invitational championship Saturday in Halfway, Ore.

Andrade sewed up the gold medal with a 9-0 major decision over Elgin’s Sean Peden, another senior flirting with the 30-win plateau.

Public notices

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

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
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 will be dismissed and 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.
- McCall Community Center, 701 1st Street, McCall, ID, 83638
2/28/2023 at 03:00- 4:30 p.m.
- Mountain Home Senior Center, 1000 N 3rd E St, Mountain Home, ID 83647
3/1/2023 at 10:00 -11:30 a.m.

Please check our website for any meeting updates.

<https://www.a3ssa.com/administration/documents/request-for-proposals/>

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.

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

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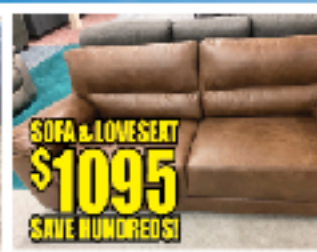
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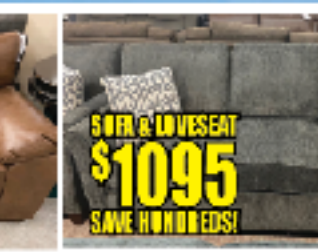
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