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Marsing freshman with gun in class faces expulsion

Officials opt against lockdown to avoid risky isolation

An alert student spoke up, giving Marsing school officials a chance to diffuse a potentially dangerous

situation last week.

District officials erred on the side of caution Feb. 7 when a high school freshman was reported to have a loaded gun in a backpack.

With assistance from an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy, the 15-year-old boy was removed from his class.

District superintendent Norm Stewart

said officials don't believe the student had a sinister motive in mind.

"We have no indication that there was any planned intent to use the weapon other than that he brought it to school to possibly show other students," Stewart said.

The boy faces discipline, although Stewart said how the board of trustees

responds will remain confidential.

According to school district policy, the student would have been suspended immediately. The policy also calls for school expulsion for up to a year although trustees may consider modifying the penalty.

— See *Expulsion*, back page



Marsing School District superintendent Norm Stewart (right) makes his presentation to the city council as city engineer Kirby Cook studies the handout last Wednesday.

City gets behind Marsing schools athletic complex

District raising money for track, football field flip

Hayzen Corder's first meeting as Marsing's interim mayor had a little bit of everything, and it was quick.

In about an hour, the city council breezed through a pair of public hearings, began monitoring a possible building abatement situation and threw support behind the school district's dream of a modern athletic complex.

Marsing schools superintendent Norm Stewart presented two options the district is studying to ring the high school football field with a new all-weather athletic track.

"We are looking for grants to put in a new track that will not only benefit the school district but also the community because people



Marsing interim mayor Hayzen Corder (left) listens as city attorney Stephanie J. Bonney looks on and council president Chris Even studies his packet.

are walking on our dirt track now," Stewart said, referring to the practice track adjacent to a softball diamond that the track team uses and on the infield of which the football team has held preseason workouts.

— See *Marsing*, page 2

Capital for a Day in Bruneau; Little's first Owyhee outreach

Governor, cabinet members visit Legion Hall on Friday

Brad Little is traveling to the region's smallest burg for his first Owyhee County Capital for a Day foray.

Little and members of his cabinet will visit Bruneau on Friday.

The monthly visit to a rural Idaho town enables residents to address issues directly to the

governor and members of his administration.

Citizens are encouraged to ask questions, share opinions and seek answers from various state agencies.

The governor and other members of his administration will meet with the public

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Gov. Brad Little

Homedale Boosters: Many folks helped break event record

Friday's 10th annual Homedale Boosters Steak and Crab Feed was a milestone event for more than one reason.

Booster club co-chair Camille Heck confirmed a record revenue for the event with ticket sales and auction items bringing more than \$80,000. She added that an exact number will be known after "a few pledged amounts" are received.

The dinner also honored

Homedale High School graduates who went on to give back and support the community for decades.

Patti Zatica and Stan Zatica, who were high school sweethearts, received lifetime passes to Homedale High School sporting events.

The Zaticas and LeAnda and Danny Uranga, who were also high school sweethearts, provided pages from the 1970

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Marsing School District officials have narrowed their choices to two. **Left, Option 1 pros:** Eliminating cost of re-locating existing softball field. Good fit within existing site. **Cons:** Main use far from concessions/restrooms. Orientation of football field not optimal for sun angles. **Right, Option 4 considerations:** Limited space for walkway circulation. Limited space for placement of concessions and restroom building.

✓ Marsing: Council revamps beer and wine fees, rezones old City Hall

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Stewart said a new track would benefit the business community because the district would be able to host meets bringing spectators into Marsing to shop at the stores and dine at the restaurants.

The district has earmarked \$500,000 in federal COVID-19 assistance — called Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief or ESSER funds — for a new concession stand.

Stewart said the lowest bid to build an athletic track is \$798,000, half of which would be moving dirt.

He said Marsing’s Showalter Construction may donate part of the excavation, which could save the district hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Considering the high estimated cost of the project, Stewart said trustees will revisit the idea at tonight’s monthly board meeting. The meeting, which starts at 7 p.m., inside the boardroom at The HUB, was

rescheduled from last Wednesday because it conflicted with the boys’ basketball varsity team’s Senior Night game.

“We’ll be looking at ways to reformat the athletic complex, flip the football stands and incorporate the track,” he said.

The district has raised about \$31,000, which includes money secured by a volunteer grant writer, Stewart said.

Most of the money — \$25,000 — must be spent by April.

The overall project timeline isn’t a quick one: Five to 10 years, Stewart said.

Part of the funding came from former Dist. 23A Rep. Matthew Bundy (R-Mtn. Home), who pledged the \$1,000 he earned in a legislators walking challenge to the school district for fitness initiatives.

There’s also a grant available for causes with ties to current and former NFL players.

“We just happen to have that,” Stewart said, alluding to Huskies football coach Shea

McClellin who won a Super Bowl ring with the New England Patriots and was a Chicago Bears first-round draft pick.

Some grants the district can only go after with an affiliation with the city government.

“So we’re requesting the city’s partnership and support of our project,” Stewart said.

The council unanimously agreed to be a fiscal agent — a pass-through agency — when the district needs that mechanism for certain grants.

One such grant is the Idaho Community Development Block Grant from the state Department of Commerce.

“There are a lot of grants out there, but they have to be well-written,” City Clerk and Treasurer Jolyn Thompson said. “There’s a lot of competition.”

Other council business

No one spoke up at two public hearings. The council adopted both changes unanimously.

The zoning at the old City Hall

at 425 Boise Ave., was switched from public to commercial at the behest of property owners Melissa and Lamont Loucks.

Prior to the vote on the proposed change to the Ordinance A-229, city attorney Stephanie J. Bonney gave Corder a crash course on the expeditious passage of an ordinance by waving the reading of the ordinance three times and reading the ordinance in title only.

The vote after the second hearing brought uniformity to annual fees charged to sell beer and wine. All permits will now cost \$100 each. The council ratified Resolution R-161 after the hearing.

- The council discussed a business suite at 212½ Main St. that shares a common wall with the Marsing Post Office. The daycare in that suite was damaged by a nearby house fire nearly three years ago.

Since then, it was revealed in the meeting, little refurbishment has been carried out

and post office officials are concerned the common wall could be compromised by unseen damage. There have been unsuccessful attempts to reach the daycare owner.

Bonney suggested if the city condemned the structure it would start the clock on the owner’s responsibility to either rebuild, secure the premises to prevent rodent infestation and to make it safe for the community, or demolish the home.

If the property owner fails to comply, the city could declare the building a nuisance and demolish it. The demolition cost would then be placed on the property as a lien.

The city has done this at least two other times, eventually taking control of the property and conducting a lien sale to recoup expenses.

The council decided to give the property owner until the March 8 meeting (essentially 30 days) to decide what to do.

— JPB

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Connie Hayward
Front Desk/Office Manager

Connie is an Idaho native born in Eagle Idaho. She grew up in Star and Eagle and graduated from Meridian High School in 1985. Married her high school sweetheart and traveled the United States while he served 26 years in the United States Army as an Infantryman, and then Green Beret.

Always knowing she would return to Idaho they’ve been back home for the last 4 years, and call Wilder their home. You may know Connie from her time at The Homedale Bowling Alley where she spent the last 3 years serving up smiles and hugs.

Connie’s area of business ability includes 30-plus years of office management, bookkeeping, and years of customer service. Before returning to Idaho, she spent the last 19 years as a manager of a large law firm in North Carolina. Her goal is to make people happy and achieve quality care. When not working Connie enjoys yard work, fishing, and camping with family and friends. She has been married to her husband Luke for 38 years and has two children, Elizabeth and Chance.



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Probation for California pair caught hauling pounds of pot on U.S. 95

Two people arrested on drug charges during a traffic stop have been sentenced.

Placerville, Calif., residents Shea Mairead Shanahan and Christopher Spear were arrested on an original charge of felony marijuana trafficking after a June 10 traffic stop on U.S. Highway 95.

Each felony was later amended to pot possession.

On Jan. 27, Third District Judge Randall S. Grove sentenced both defendants to felony probation and dismissed a string of associated misdemeanor counts.

According to an Idaho State Police probable cause affidavit, a trooper stopped the gray Jeep Cherokee Shanahan was driving after observing traffic violations and reportedly seeing the driver toss an object from the vehicle.

Upon searching the vehicle, troopers found four vacuum-sealed bags with green buds that tested positive for marijuana. A total 2.441 pounds of pot was found in the vehicle.

Shanahan and Spear, both

46, each received three years probation. Shanahan must pay \$288.50 in court costs, and Spear has been ordered to pay \$485.50 in costs.

Grove withheld judgment in Shanahan's case, meaning she can petition to have her record expunged if she makes it through probation cleanly.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Christopher Topmiller dismissed misdemeanor counts of marijuana possession and drug paraphernalia possession against Shanahan.

A misdemeanor charge of attempting to conceal or destroy evidence levied against Shanahan was also dismissed. The ISP report said that troopers saw Shanahan toss something from the Jeep when she pulled off the highway seven miles from the Oregon line.

Shanahan failed to signal when she exited the roadway and again when she came back onto the pavement, creating probable cause for the traffic stop, according to the ISP affidavit.



Above: LeAnda and Danny Uranga brought a 1970 Homedale High School annual and a Valentine's sweetheart theme to the dinner. **Right:** Fellow 1970 HHS grads and sweethearts Patti and Stan Zatica were honored with lifetime sporting event passes. Photos by Theresa Dines



✓ Boosters: Athletes help out, build baskets

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HHS yearbook as a Valentine's week spotlight at the event.

The dinner was sold out with more than 400 people fed, and 1,000 pounds of crab and nearly 200 pounds of tri-tip were served.

Student-athletes sold tickets, which totaled 405, and they also set up the Txoko Ona Basque Center dining hall, scrubbed and wrapped baked potatoes, and more.

Zack Zumstein served as auctioneer with Jace Salutregui roaming the audience as ringman.

"It took hundreds of people from many sources to make this event successful once again: the business community, private donors, buyers, audience members, student athletes and parents, district staff members, etc.," the booster club board wrote in a statement.

"The burden of putting on such a successful, large-scale event was shared by many."

Each sports team created an auction basket, and funds from the sale of those items went back to the teams that created them.

Other proceeds help fund uniforms, camps, travel, safety equipment, gear, state tournament costs and more.

The Homedale Boosters said in its statement that it's "proud that the steak and crab feed has had a role to play in the tremendous growth of community and sport programs."

Heck and Camille Henry are Booster Club board co-chairs. Other board members include Ami Packer, Chris Marston, Annie Parker, Tarah Uranga, and Amber Fouts. Theresa Dines served as steak and crab feed donations chair.

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BLM sets prescribed burn near Bruneau

Commissioners meeting moves to Tuesday because of holiday

The window opened Thursday on plans for a prescribed burn outside Bruneau.

The controlled fire could be ignited between now and the end of March depending on weather and vegetation conditions.

The project is a joint effort between the Bureau of Land Management and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

The objective of the 93-acre burn at the CJ Strike Bruneau Duck Ponds is to enhance wetland habitat and improve recreation opportunities.

The burn is expected to last one to two days, followed by up to seven days of mop-up and

patrol, with smoke potentially visible during these times.

During operations, closure signs will be posted at the ponds' entrances and smoke alert signs placed along nearby roadways, though local traffic is not expected to be impacted.

The goal of the burn is to recreate periodic disturbance that has historically maintained healthy native wetland vegetation. Other efforts have included cutting, piling and burning invasive Russian Olive trees.

For more information, contact the BLM Boise District Fire Information Line at (208) 384-3378.

Last week Owyhee County commissioners didn't meet because it was the fifth Monday of the month. Next week, the board convenes on Tuesday because of the Presidents' Day holiday.

The Board of County Commissioners meeting will start at 9 a.m., on Tuesday inside Courtroom 2 at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

The rest of the courthouse offices — assessor, treasurer, clerk, recorder and the courts — are also closed Monday.

Division of Motor Vehicles offices in Marsing and Murphy are closed, and the Grand View branch is always closed on Mondays.

First-responders—including dispatchers, sheriff's deputies, Homedale Police officers, and ambulance, emergency medical and volunteer fire services — will be available on Monday.

City Halls in Homedale, Marsing, Grand View, Adrian and Jordan Valley are closed. Classes are in session in

the Bruneau-Grand View School District and Adrian, but school is closed in Homedale, Marsing, Jordan Valley, and Melba.

Adrian students are out of school on Friday.

Post offices in Homedale, Marsing, Murphy, Grand View and Bruneau are closed.

US Bank in Homedale is closed.

Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library in Homedale is open and will hold another Opal Nash Story Time for preschoolers.

Lizard Butte Library in Marsing also is open Monday.

Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View is closed for the holiday, and Bruneau Valley Library is always closed on Monday.

Senior centers in Homedale and Grand View (Rimrock) are always closed on Mondays.

The congregate meal at the Sandbar Community Room

inside Marsing City Hall won't be served because the building is closed.

Republic Services garbage pickup in Homedale and Marsing and other areas of the county the company serves will remain on its normal schedule.

All stores — Matteson's, Homedale Drug, and Albertsons in Homedale and M&W Market in Marsing — are open. The same goes for the Sav-On Pharmacy inside Albertsons and the pharmacy at Homedale Drug.

The liquor stores at Homedale Drug and M&W Market also are open.

The Owyhee Avalanche office in open its normal hours (8 a.m., to noon and 1 p.m., to 5 p.m.). All deadlines for the Feb. 15 edition remain the same — noon Friday for legal notices and display advertising and non-breaking news; and noon on Monday for classified advertising.

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Bruneau QRU charter EMT embodies club’s community spirit

Annual booster auction
scheduled for Feb. 25

by Brandi Lisle
For The Owyhee Avalanche

The Bruneau Booster Club is gearing up for its annual community auction later this month. Countless artists and businesses support the auction from near and far.

Mary Tindall was born and raised in Bruneau, and now, 75 years later, continues to support her community in countless ways.

Mary married Gene Tindall and raised two sons, Jason and Justin. Through the years of early marriage and raising her children, Mary and Gene taught school in Owyhee, helped their children take animals to the fair for 4-H, and most importantly, FFA. Mary states, “FFA is near and dear to my heart.”

But, looking at Mary’s history, perhaps one of her biggest accomplishments has been her role for the Bruneau emergency medical technicians (EMTs).

In 1980, Mary became a certified EMT under the tutelage of Marilyn Black, who started the Quick Response Unit in the area. Mary loved being an EMT because she could, “Jump and run and nobody cared if my hair was combed or my face was washed. I just had to show up ...”

Just show up. That is Mary.

Getting things done, even calling herself a “nag” in fun. But she gets things done for her community.

Ten years ago, Mary and a group of seven committee members along with the Bruneau Fire District commissioners started work on a massive cooperative community project.

The idea for the Bruneau QRU building was born from a donation from local storeowner Boyd Campbell and the community church.

For two years, plans were made, significant funds were raised, and along with a \$30,000 donation from the Bruneau Boosters Club, the QRU building was built.

Annually, the Bruneau Fire district collects taxes to support the EMTs and the building, which is a monument to the Bruneau community.

Today, the QRU building is a meeting place for many local groups and organizations. It was used 62 times in just the last year. It provides a safe, secure, and heated place for the QRU van and two fire trucks, office space for the Bruneau River Soil Conservation District, employment for a local cleaning service and storage for the donations to the food drive.

It has been a wonderful asset to a community that comes together and whose members help each other.

Every year, using proceeds from an annual auction, the Bruneau Boosters donate to an organization, or help a project like the Bruneau QRU building along with providing local scholarships and supporting local causes.

The Boosters’ current project includes improving the Bruneau park by building a shelter over the serving bar and upgrading the landscaping. Additionally, the project includes a set of history storyboards about the Bruneau area. The Bruneau Boosters want the park to continue as an attractive place where families come to hold weddings, picnics and parties.

This year’s boosters auction will be held on Saturday, Feb. 25. It will feature a free dinner at 5:30 p.m., and the live auction follows at 7 p.m.

The silent auction is back as is the successful “Children’s auction” that occurred during June’s fundraiser sale.

Everyone is welcome, and anyone willing to donate or help, can contact Katie Colyer at (208) 599-2962.

✓ Capital: Rural town gets its spotlight

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from 10 a.m., to 3 p.m., at the American Legion Post 83 Hall, 32536 Belle Ave., in Bruneau.

“It is an honor to bring my next Capital for a Day to Bruneau,” Little said.

“This event will give the good people of Owyhee County a chance to discuss what’s on their minds when it comes to good government and how we can better serve them.”

Idaho officials scheduled to join Little include:

- Commission on Hispanic Affairs Community resource development specialist J.J. Saldaña
- Dept. of Commerce business retention and expansion specialist Kim Glineski
- Dept. of Environmental Quality director Jess Byrne
- Dept. of Financial Management administrator Alex Adams
- Dept. of Health and Welfare director Dave Jeppesen
- Newly appointed Dept. of Fish and Game director Jim Fredericks
- Dept. of Labor director Jani Revier
- Dept. of Lands director Dustin Miller
- Dept. of Parks & Recreation director Susan Buxton
- Dept. of Water Resources compliance bureau chief Tim Luke
- Division of Veterans Services service officer Frank Fabbi
- Dept. of Agriculture director Chanel Tewalt, who recently succeeded former Owyheean Celia Gould in the position.

Tewalt was on hand Feb. 4 in Oreana for the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association winter meeting.

- State Police Lt. Col. Sheldon Kelley
- Idaho Transportation Department director Scott Stokes

A representative from the State Board of Education and local officials also will be on hand.

The first Capital for a Day of Little’s second term was held Jan. 27 in Weiser.

As he begins his second, four-year term in office, Little is making his first Capital for a Day visit to Owyhee County.

Little’s predecessor, Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter, created the periodical outreach events.

Otter and executive branch leaders visited Owyhee County twice — in September 2008 at the then-15-month-old Txoko Ona Basque Center in Homedale and in 2012 at McKeeth Hall inside the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy.

The Capital for a Day events are more than just photo ops, though. At least one Owyhee County visit seemingly had a direct effect on the safety of the citizens in the area.

Otter’s trek to Homedale along a narrow and treacherous stretch U.S. Highway 95 is believed to be the impetus for roadwork that widened and smoothed the roadway between Marsing and Homedale.

ON THE WATER



Sgt. Tim Riha



If a storm’s a-brewin’, get your boat ashore

I grew up fishing Idaho lakes and reservoirs. As far back as I can remember, my father had a boat and we went fishing often. I learned to drive a boat way before I ever drove a vehicle.

One thing that I learned at a young age is to watch the weather while boating. Pay attention to the weather before you go and while you are out boating. The old saying in Idaho is, “If you don’t like the weather, wait 20 minutes.” So, the point of this article is, please, pay attention to the weather when you decide to go boating.

Many of the calls for service to the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office Marine Patrol Division are to respond to rescue folks in distress after being caught on the water during a storm. I’m hoping to educate boaters about these types of calls because if it is dangerous for you to be on the water during a storm, it is also dangerous for us.

Storms in Idaho can come up very quickly, but there are usually warning signs.

Watch for the clouds. If they are dark and moving towards where you are boating, get off the water as quickly as you can. You can put your boat on the trailer and wait out the storm safely. Your boat on the trailer — and you on shore — is the best place to be during a storm.

If you do find yourself caught on the water in a storm, here are some safety tips:

- If possible, move to shore, secure your boat and wait out the storm. If you cannot do that, take on the waves at a 45-degree angle while moving towards the boat ramp or dock area and have passengers sit on the floor and in the middle of the boat.
- It should already be on, but if not, put on your personal flotation device and make sure all passengers put them on as well.
- If you decide to drop anchor and wait out the storm, put out lots of extra anchor line to allow the boat to ride out the storm and not get swamped by the waves.
- Turn on your navigation lights if visibility is reduced during the storm.

Many of our local reservoirs are fairly shallow. This makes being on the water during high winds and storms very dangerous because the shallow water combined with the wind creates very large waves.

So, if you see foul weather approaching, it is safest to just get off the water.

I get it. If the fish are biting, who wants to leave? It is better to get to safety and be able to go fishing another day.

I’d like to emphasize putting on your personal flotation device or life jacket. It is very difficult to put one on when you are in the water.

Watch the weather and as always, boat safely.

— Owyhee County Sheriff’s Sgt. Tim Riha plans a regular column on boating safety, and the feature debuts today in The Owyhee Avalanche. If you have any questions you’d like answered about boating safety or boating in general, email him at triha@co.owyhee.id.us

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U & I Together courses teach practical skills

University of Idaho Extension in Owyhee County has a variety of program offerings in the areas of 4-H Youth Development, Agriculture and Family & Consumer Sciences.

Some of the upcoming Family & Consumer Sciences classes are listed below. If you aren't familiar with the educational opportunities coming up, you should definitely follow our page: www.facebook.com/UniversityOfIdahoOwyheeCountyExtension



Suriñe Greenway

- “U & I Together: An activity series where all ages can learn!” is a free virtual series that began Tuesday and will run from 4 p.m., to 4:30 p.m., each Tuesday through April 4.

The series hosts a variety of topics and presenters from across the state. The classes take place each Tuesday on Zoom and youth and adults are encouraged to attend to learn more through a presentation and demonstration.

If you are interested in checking out one, some or all of these lessons, register here: bit.ly/ui2023

- Another upcoming program — “Dehydration Basics” — is a free online class hosted via zoom. From noon to 1 p.m., on Thursday, the one-hour class will show participants how fun and easy it can be to dehydrate garden goodies to eat or use in cooking all year long.

Register at: bit.ly/dehydra

UI parenting class in Marsing

Seemingly dovetailing into the recent community meeting bringing parents together, University of Idaho Extension has set up a free parenting class in Marsing.

The series is designed for parents of families with children ages 5-11 and will provide personalized parenting techniques to match each family.

There are eight lessons over 10 weeks in the free series, which will be held from 5:30 p.m., to 6:30 p.m., on Mondays at the Marsing School District HUB, 205 8th Ave. W.

RSVP by Friday, Feb. 24 to reserve a spot: owyhee@uidaho.edu or (208) 896-4104.

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- “Pressure Canning Basics” is an in-person and hands-on workshop from 10 a.m., to 1 p.m., on Saturday at the UI, Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing.

During this workshop, participants will learn the basics on how to safely use a pressure canner to process shelf-stable foods.

In addition to canning in the class, participants will take home a jar of product they made in the class. There will be samples and a light lunch.

The workshop cost is \$25 per participant or \$40 for two people. Call the UI Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 to register.

Space is limited, and pre-registration is required.

- From noon to 1 p.m., on Thursday, March 16, another free virtual class — “Boiling Water Canning Basics” — will be hosted via Zoom.

The one-hour class will provide more about the basic principles related to high-acid canning in the home.

Participants can register at bit.ly/boiling23

We hope you find a program that fits your needs, and we hope to see you soon.

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— Suriñe Greenway is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educator. The U of I Owyhee County Extension Office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

The series lesson plan is:

- **Feb. 27** — Intro to parenting styles
- **March 6** — Child development
- **March 13** — Routines and rituals
- **March 20** — Goals and objectives
- **April 4 (Tuesday)** — ABC and consequences
- **April 17** — Responsibilities and settings
- **April 24** — Problem solving
- **May 8** — Optional: Problem solving
- **May 15** — Celebration

There are no classes scheduled for March 27, April 10 or May 1.

Calendar

Today

Indoor yard sale

8 a.m., to 1 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

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

Thursday

Indoor yard sale

8 a.m., to 1 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

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

Teens and Tweens

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

Movie night

7 p.m., to 9 p.m., teens and adults, ‘The Princess Bride.’ Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View.

Community movie night

7 p.m., free, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing.

Alcoholics Anonymous

7 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Friday

Capital For a Day

10 a.m., to 3 p.m., American Legion Post 83 Hall, 32536 Belle Ave., Bruneau

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Saturday

Food bank distribution

9 a.m., to 10 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho St., Grand View.

Free lunch

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

Monday

Opal Nash Story Time

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

Creative writing group

5 p.m., Lizard Butte Library community room, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing.

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

Tuesday

Foot clinic

8:30 a.m., appointments necessary, foot exams, \$20; ear cleanings, \$30, Homedale

Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

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Region III assistance assessments

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

After school time

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

Children’s After School Program

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

Friends of the Library meeting

6 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

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ION Heritage Museum board meeting

6 p.m., Jordan Valley Elementary School library, 604 Oregon Ave., Jordan Valley. (541) 586-2100

Alcoholics Anonymous

7 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Friday, Feb. 24

National FFA Week appreciation lunch

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Alcoholics Anonymous

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College honors

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Melba-area students on the fall 2022 semester honors list at Utah Tech University in St. George are:

- **Emmary Astle** — President's List (grade-point average of 3.9 or higher, completing a minimum of 15 credits)
- **Hannah Beus** — Dean's List (3.5 to 3.89 GPA on at least 15 completed credits)
- **Mazie Hansen** — Dean's List
- **Lynae Richardson** — Dean's List

Obituary

Alvin (Lee) Liddell

Alvin (Lee) Liddell is now with the love of his life Anita. They are running in the grass and breathing deeply together for the 1st time in 22 years. He left us on February 4, 2023 at his home in Nampa.

He was born in El Paso, Texas on July 18, 1957. His father was in the Army and they lived all over United States and Germany. When his father retired from the Army, the family moved to Homedale, ID where Alvin graduated from High School in 1975.

He met Anita Wass in 1976, and it was love at first sight. They married on July 17, 1980. Alvin loved fast cars, motorcycles and Anita.

He drove trucks for SMX for over 28 years, and he felt that everyone who was there was family.

He was preceded in death by his parents Elizabeth and Harold, brother Jim, and wife Anita.

He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law Becky & Larry Bauer, sister Vicky O'Conner, and brother Rick Liddell. He has many family members who love and will miss him and his sarcastic sense of humor.

Graveside services will be held at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery on March 25, 2023 at 10:30 a.m., where Alvin will be resting peacefully beside Anita.

Death notices

GUADALUPE (LUPE) G. EGUIA, 81, of Homedale, died on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023, of natural causes. Rosary and viewing was held on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Caldwell. Mass was held on Friday, Feb. 10, 2023 at Our Lady of the Valley Church in Caldwell. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapels, 624 Cleveland Blvd., Caldwell. (208) 779-1673

LOIS MAE SANTO, 95, of Homedale, died on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023. Arrangements: All Valley Cremation, 1538 11th Ave. N., Nampa. (208) 899-9361

JONATHAN LAVON "SCOTTY" SCOTT, 92, of McCall, a 1948 Homedale High School graduate and former Albertsons CEO, died on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023, in a Rancho Mirage, Calif., hospital. A private funeral service was held at Morris Hill Cemetery in Boise. Arrangements: Summers Funeral Home, Ustick Chapel, 3629 E. Ustick Rd., Meridian.



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Alex L. Blalock, Homedale — College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences, Bachelor's of Arts. Major: English

Paige Carter, Caldwell (Homedale High School) — College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences, Bachelor's of Science. Major: Journalism & Mass Media

Destiny D. Castellanos, Wilder (HHS) — College of Business & Economics, BS in Business. Major: Business

Ismael G. Cortez, Wilder — College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences, BA. Major: Psychology & Communication

Wayne W. Ebenroth, Melba — College of Business & Economics, BS in Business. Major: Accounting & Management Info Systems

Joseph D. Egusquiza, Homedale — College of Business & Economics, BS. Major: Business

Addie A. Evans, Homedale — College of Education, Health & Human Sciences, BS in Education. Major: Curriculum & Instruction

Ainslee A. Evans, Homedale — College of Business & Economics, BS. Major: Business

Dawson M. Fox, Caldwell (HHS) — College of Engineering, Bachelor's of Science in Electrical Engineering. Major: Electrical & Computer Engineering

Omar A. Garcia, Marsing — CALS, BS in Agricultural & Life Sciences. Major: Agricultural Education, Leadership and Communications

Daniel Guevara, Melba — College of Business & Economics, BS in Business Accounting & Management Info Systems. Major: Business

Abbey Henry, Marsing (HHS) — CALS, Bachelor's of Science. Major: Family and Consumer Sciences

Faith M. Heuck, Melba — College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences, BA in English. Major: English

Marco A. Jimenez Delgado, Wilder — College of Business & Economics, BS in Business. Major: Accounting & Management Info Systems

John M. Lejardi, Homedale — CALS, BS. Major: Plant Sciences

Natalia R. Maes, Melba — College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences, BA. Major: Culture, Society & Justice. Second major: History

Elizabeth Mejia, Wilder — College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences, BA. Major: Modern Languages & Cultures

Yuliza Mejia, Wilder — College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences, BS. Major: Politics & Philosophy

Kiera M. Packer, Melba — CALS, BS. Major: Agricultural Education, Leadership and Communications

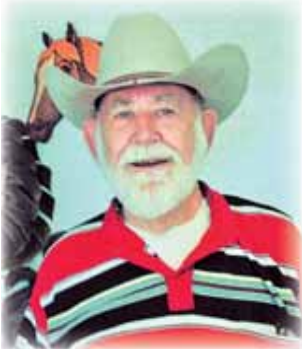
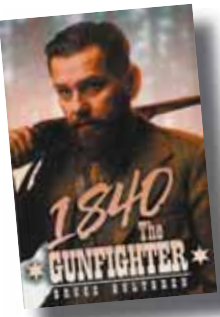
Gage C. Purdom, Homedale — College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences, Bachelor's of Music. Major: Music

Kort M. Skinner, Jordan Valley — CALS, BS in Ag. Economics. Major: Ag. Economics and Rural Sociology

Logan R. Stansell, Marsing — CALS, Bachelor's of Science. Major: Soil and Water Systems

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Tyler Worwood, Wilder — College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences, BA. Major: English



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The Homedale FFA chapter officer team took part in their early-spring retreat on Feb. 3-4 in McCall. **From left:** Catherine Decker, student advisor; Anna Pawlak, historian; Morgan Fuhriman, reporter; Heather Reynolds, secretary; Rylan Love, president; Dani Sitts, vice-president; Trinity Nesser, treasurer; Brandon Reynolds, sentinel; Ashley Stebly, student advisor; and Keegan McKay, parliamentarian. Submitted photos

Homedale chapter gets a jump on FFA Week

Homedale’s FFA chapter started its observance of National FFA Week early this week, but the group has a lot to celebrate.

National FFA Week begins Saturday and runs through next Saturday, Feb. 25, but the Homedale chapter will wrap up observance Thursday with a teacher appreciation lunch in the high school ag shop and an FFA Week assembly.

There are dress-up days. Today is Favorite teacher day, and Thursday is Summer Days. The week started with Blue & Gold, commemorating the FFA colors, on Monday and Ag Professions on Tuesday.

On Monday, chapter members had lunch in the Ag shop and held their monthly meeting in the evening.

Members tackle competitions

Last Wednesday, Katie De-



The Homedale FFA Livestock team, from left, is Scottie Beaver, Morgan Fuhriman, Tyce Fisher, Jabe Maxwell, and Cameron Breshears.

Vice and Kennedy Kildow captured Treasure Valley District speaking championships.

Katie won the Extemporaneous Speaking title, and Kennedy was first in Prepared

Speaking at Ridgevue High School in Nampa.

High-point individual Scottie Beaver led the Livestock team to third place at the Gem State Classic, which was held Satur-

day in the Twin Falls area.

Preparation continues for the Northern Utah Invitational, a series of competitions that will be held next Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 23.



Homedale chapter president Rylan Love congratulates Katie DeVice (above) and Kennedy Kildow (below) on their recent district public speaking wins.



Marsing FFA plans appreciation lunch Friday

Marsing’s FFA chapter will provide an appreciation luncheon on Friday to mark National FFA Week.

The event will be held at noon inside the high school Ag shop on 8th Avenue West.

Chapter members will take part in the Treasure Valley District floral competition in Kuna next Wednesday afternoon.

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Grant brings dozens of books to Homedale library

Candle class set; youth programs ongoing

Homedale Library District officials continue to take steps to solidify its new identity in the community. Director Sharla Jensen and a couple board members attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting on Feb. 7, and the trustees on Monday held a public hearing to discuss fines and fees.

Jensen also announced late last week that the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library bookshelves now have 71 youth-appropriate books.

The hardbound children's books and juvenile books were purchased with an \$8000 Pilcrow Grant bolstered by \$400 in matching funds from the Friends of the Homedale Library.

The library also received other books from the Pilcrow Foundation at no additional cost with help from sponsors:

- "R is for Rosie" with a Delta Kappa Gamma grant
- Four books from South Mouse Press
- 23 math and science books from Hal Berenson and Laura Ackerman of Colorado.
- 18 health- and wellness-related books donated by Drs. Bill Strawbridge and Meg Wallhagen of California.

Formalizing fines, fees

The library board of trustees held a public hearing Tuesday morning after The Owyhee Avalanche deadline to set fines, fees and the price of non-



Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library high school employee Raquel Rich (left) and assistant librarian Kelsey Tooke check out the many new hardbound children's and youth books obtained through a grant and donations. Submitted photos

resident memberships. Before the hearing, Jensen said the library already had established fines for tardy book returns — 15 cents per day per book up to a maximum of \$2 per book.

The cost of copies was set previously at 15 cents per page for black-and-white copies and 25 cents per page for color copies.

Love of books promoted in February

The library is encouraging patrons to go on a "blind date" with a book throughout February.

People can check out a wrapped book, take it home, and unwrap it to discover it.

"Snuggle up on the couch and get to know each other!"

the promotional announcement on Facebook reads. "If you find your perfect match, introduce it to your friends! If you don't hit it off, or if the date is awkward, you can always try another."

Candle-making class scheduled for Friday

There are only 10 spots available for the library's candle-making class, which will take place at 1 p.m., on Friday at the library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

A candle will be given away at the end of the class.

The class is free, and space is limited, so pre-registration is required.

Call the library at (208) 337-4228 or drop by for more information.

Youth programs continue

• **Teens and Tweens, 5 p.m., Thursday** — Game night is set for boys and girls ages 10-17.

The Teens and Tweens meet inside the Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

• **Opal Nash Story Time, 10:15 a.m., Monday** — Preschoolers and their parents are invited to take part in the "Caring"-themed event, which is held at the library.

Retired schoolteacher and Friends of the Homedale Library member Steve Belknap will read "If Not For You" by legendary musician Bob Dylan and "Love You Hoo" by Rachel Bright.

• **Children's after-school program, 4:30 p.m., Tuesday**



The Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library staff is asking patrons to take a chance on their love of reading and go on a blind date with a new book this month.

— Assistant librarian Kelsey Tooke will lead elementary school and middle school students in building motorized STEM kits.

The activity takes place inside the library.

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

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

The library is closed on Sunday.

GV DMV open Tuesday next week

The Grand View Division of Motor Vehicles office is still open just one day each week, but that day will change — just for next week.

Owyhee County Assessor Tiffany Nettleton announced that the branch inside the county government satellite office, 420 Boise Ave., will be open from 9:30 a.m., to 3 p.m., on Tuesday.

The office will be closed next Wednesday and then the regular schedule returns on March 1.

Written exams are only available between 9:30 a.m., and 2 p.m.

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Cattlemen hold tight to Silver City tradition

Meeting move, bylaw changes will be on summer agenda

Tradition and relevance and participation and attendance are the main topics in the debate now swirling in the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association.

The county’s ranchers have begun the process of possibly rewriting the board of directors makeup and hashing out whether the summer membership meeting should be moved from Silver City after several decades.

The discussion on both topics hit the floor Feb. 4 during the winter meeting inside Oreana Community Hall.

Even though the idea of leaving the Silver City Schoolhouse riled ranchers during an afternoon discussion, the board of directors found something to unite and engage members.

And, the overarching conclusion of the discussion was exactly that — attendance at general meetings and ranchers’ association participation in general is down because there is nothing offered to engage the membership.

Looking at the number of ranchers inside the Oreana Community Hall for the discussion of moving the summer meeting, Dennis Stanford quipped: “I think we should put this on for every meeting.”

Past president Oscar Evans brought up the removal of the summer meeting from the historic mining town where the OCA formed 145 years ago. He said he developed the discussion item after talking to members and reflecting on a low turnout at last year’s summer meeting.

“When you take out all the directors and all the guests, you had about 20 members there that, ‘didn’t need to be there,’” Evans said. “Although (the low numbers) could have been because of the heat.”

Evans suggested bringing the summer meeting to the Owyhee County Community Center in Homedale, where the confab was held one year during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Some members, including past director Brenda Richards and past presidents like Scott Bunderson and Paul Nettleton, said the Silver City weekend is about more than industry issues; it’s a social gathering that forges relationships and has helped bond the ranchers and their families for years.

Nettleton, who said he attended his 74th annual meeting in Silver City last summer, lamented that the OCA’s relevance has slipped over the past several years.

“Let’s face it, guys,” the owner of the 158-year-old Joyce Ranch said. “The OCA has lost a lot of the prestige it used to have. We had senators and governors and national directors of some organizations. We got a lot of speakers at one time because we were active.

“It’s not the location, Oscar. It’s the organization itself.”



Idaho State Veterinarian Dr. Scott Liebsle answers a question from one of the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association directors during the Feb. 4 winter meeting in Oreana.



Former OCA president Chad Nettleton (right) won the membership bit drawing. Current board president Rex Hoagland made the presentation.

Another member said that meeting attendance could be bolstered if the board developed interesting topics rather than repeating routine information that producers probably picked up elsewhere in their industry engagement.

• Dan Mori, who operates Little Valley Land feedlot outside Bruneau, was pleased to get some clarity about the federal government’s traceability rule, which is part of a plan to transition from metal ear identification tags to radio frequency (RF) ID tags to track cattle’s movement and health history.

State Veterinarian Dr. Scott Liebsle briefed ranchers on the progress of the RF ID conversion, which was a conversation he started during July’s summer meeting in Silver City.

Addressing Mori’s concern about impeding the flow of commerce, Liebsle told the gathering inside the Oreana Community Hall that the new rule won’t require the tags of all cattle being transferred on a given shipping operation be picked up by RF scanners.

“One hundred percent is good, but it’s not expected,” Liebsle said, quelling concerns that producers or feedlot owners would have to stop and restart the stressful process of loading cattle if one animal doesn’t scan.

The comment period on the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s plan runs through March 20. Liebsle urged the OCA to join other industry groups and submit letters to help finalize the rule.

He expects the rule to be finalized in later summer.

There were some issues briefly addressed that probably will see more discussion at future meetings, including the Biden Administration’s proposal to revive the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) Clean Water Act-inspired rule.

• Dirk Mendive, who attends OCA membership meetings to give updates from his boss U.S. Rep. Russ Fulcher (R-Idaho), said that the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Army Corps of Engineers are moving forward with plans to finalize a WOTUS rule. Mendive said that “in large part” the EPA and Army Corps are looking at a document similar to the Obama-era proposal.

Mendive said the Biden administration decided to move forward despite opponents’ pleas to wait until the U.S. Supreme Court had completed its ruling in the *Sackett v. EPA* case, which is expected in June. *Sackett*, which was argued before the Supreme Court when the current session started in October, seeks a determination on whether

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- The Owyhee Avalanche
- Owyhee County Farm Bureau Insurance
- Wayne Hungate
- Snake River Lumber
- Agri-Lines
- Scott Bunderson and Debbie Bennett
- Hoagland Meats

wetlands are considered Waters of the United States. The Obama-era proposal was broad and, in some interpretations, would put even puddles or run-off under EPA jurisdiction through the Clean Water Act.

Sackett originates with a Priest Lake couple who began building a home on a vacant lot in North Idaho more than 15 years ago but were ordered by the EPA to halt construction so wetlands on the property could be studied to see if they were navigable waters.

Mendive said he hoped that the Supreme Court’s “current makeup” would entail a ruling favorable to ranchers and other stakeholders who could be harmed by further federal control of resources.

Answering OCA director Caleb Showalter, Mendive said that the Biden Administration hasn’t provided clarity on how the 30-by-30 land conservation policy will be implemented. Cattlemen fear that the plan to conserve more public lands could further reduce available grazing lands.

• Members were asked to give some thought to the proposal to change the bylaws to reduce the number of directors, eliminate the past president position, and double the president and vice-president service committee.

Bunderson said the reducing the number of directors was brought forward as an equitable solution for current board members with time on their terms.

The proposed bylaws change, which must be approved by two-thirds of the members present for the vote, will be brought back for the summer meeting on Saturday, July 29.

— JPB

Two-car crash claims former Marsing volleyball coach

Former longtime Marsing High School volleyball coach Loma Bittick died after a two-vehicle accident south of Greenleaf on Thursday.

Bittick, 65, was riding in a pickup with her husband Jim on Friends Road

when a 2009 Volkswagen Jetta driven by a 27-year-old Meridian man failed to yield at a stop sign while traveling westbound on Lower Pleasant Ridge Road.

Loma Bittick and her 64-year-old

husband were both ejected from the 2014 Ford F150 pickup during the accident, which occurred shortly after 5 p.m.

Jim Bittick was airlifted to a local hospital, while Loma Bittick and the

Volkswagen's driver were transported via ground ambulance.

Loma Bittick later died at a hospital.

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Homedale High School junior heavyweight Michael Rose wraps up Diego Martinez from Ridgevue during a 30-second pinfall to start his march to second place.

Baker's dozen of locals third or better at Marsing POD

The McFarlane twins just missed identical results in the Marsing POD Tournament.

The Homedale High School sophomores were among 13 local wrestlers to

finish in the top three of their respective weight classes inside the old high school gymnasium Saturday.

Trell McFarlane won the 106-pound championship, winning two bouts by pinfall.

His 1-minute, 34-second pin of Vallivue's Mason Palmer was the deciding factor in the round robin. McFarlane also stopped Nampa Christian's

— See *Marsing*, page 17

Mustangs take down Chargers for 2A District III title — again

Melba opens 2A girls' state tourney Thursday night

Cole Valley Christian's Big Three came through, but Melba High School pulled out its second district championship in as many seasons.

Kendall Clark scored 20 points as the Mustangs prevailed in a tough battle in the 2A Dis-

trict III Tournament final Feb. 7 in Nampa.

Coach Dave Lenz's squad beat the Chargers, 55-44, for its 23rd consecutive victory. In seven years under Lenz, the Mustangs have won five district championships.

Melba (23-0) snapped Cole Valley's five-game winning streak, which had started after a 46-33 loss to Melba in a 2A Western Idaho

— See *Mustangs*, page 18

Trojans turn on defense prior to district tourney

HHS boys one win away from State berth

They have two more home games if all goes according to Hoyle, but this set of upperclassmen played Saturday's Senior Night like it was the last time they'd step on the Homedale High School hardwood.

Each player taking a bow prior to Saturday's game scored, and the Trojans hammered Weiser, 74-45, in both teams' 3A Snake River Valley conference finale.

Afterwards, coach Cam Long took to social media to praise his seniors and the four years of memories on the basketball court and football field.

"Words can't describe how much I love these seven seniors," he said. "They are a special group, and I consider them my own children."

Four of those players scored in double figures as Homedale (13-7 overall, 9-1 in conference) cruised in the final game before the Trojans open the 3A District III Tournament with a home-court semifinal as the top-seeded club.

More importantly, the Trojans need only beat either No. 4 seed Payette (10-11, 3-7) or fifth-seeded Parma (9-12, 2-8) on Saturday at home to return to the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament for the third time in Long's four seasons at the helm. Tipoff is 7 p.m., on Saturday on the HHS floor.

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Homedale High School boys' basketball coach Cam Long (seated) brought his own panache to Saturday's Senior Night game. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

Sports

Marsing senior reserves make last splash on home floor



Marsing senior Clayton Shofner (left) rises for a jump shot against Melba’s Gabe Shaffer, also a senior, during last Wednesday’s Senior Night on the Huskies’ floor. Photo by Shea McClellin

Shofner ends on a career high

Marsing High School guard Clayton Shofner made the most of his Senior Night last Wednesday, scoring 12 points.

The Huskies fell, though, 66-40, to the 2A Western Idaho Conference’s top team, Melba, in the regular-season finale for both teams in Marsing.

“Although we put up a good fight, Melba’s offensive talent, defensive pressure and overall depth allowed them to remain unbeaten,” Marsing coach Tim Little said.

Shofner put down a career-high four three-point goals to amass his career-high point total.

“It was a great way for this total team player to go out on Senior Night,” Little said.

Another upperclassman, Gene Showalter, got a rare start and logged a season-high 15 minutes. He contributed without scoring and came up with one “popcorn,” which is Huskies program jargon for deflecting a pass.

“He played very well on the defensive end against Melba’s size advantage — even though his stat line may not show much,” Little said.

Four Melba players reached double figures in Marsing last Wednesday, including Braden Volkers, who poured in a game-high 17 points to go with three rebounds and two assists.

Cousins Cutter and Cache Beus posted double-doubles for coach Spencer Trappett.

Cutter scored 13 points and pulled down 10 rebounds to go with three steals.

Cache had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Tucker Lowber led the defense with six steals while scoring 12 points.

Jace Chadez scored nine points for the Huskies, while Juan Diego Ponce was 5-for-7 from the free-throw line for the majority of his seven points.

Teagan Kinney was 2-for-3 from the floor and



Marsing’s Juan Ponce puts defensive pressure on Melba’s Cache Beus. Photo by Shea McClellin

grabbed four defensive rebounds. Nacho Margarito also had four boards and dished three assists.

The defending state champions (21-0 overall, 14-0 in 2A WIC) notched their 36th consecutive victory Monday with an 80-43 blowout of eighth-seeded Compass Charter (4-15, 1-13) in the opening round of the 2A District III Tournament.

No. 6 Marsing (7-14, 3-11) fell, 57-42, on the road to No. 3 New Plymouth (17-5, 10-4) on Monday as Chadez scored 10 points.

The district tournament continues tonight with semifinals at Middleton High School: No. 1 Melba vs. No. 4 The Ambrose School at 6 p.m., and No. 2 Cole Valley Christian vs. New Plymouth at 7:45 p.m.

Ambrose edged Nampa Christian, 56-52, on Monday, and Cole Valley blew out North Star Charter, 67-32, on Monday.

Marsing plays host to No. 7 North Star Charter at 7 p.m., today in a loser-out game, while Compass Charter visits No. 4 Nampa Christian.

MARSING HUSKIES

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

This week’s schedule



Boys’ basketball
Gene Showalter, sr., C
Started on Senior Night



Wrestling
Braeden Davis, sr., 138
4th in home tournament

Boys' basketball - Varsity
2A District III Tournament

If won Monday: Wednesday, Feb. 15, semifinal vs. North Star Charter or Cole Valley Christian, Middleton H.S., 7:45 p.m.

If lost Monday: Wednesday, Feb. 15, loser-out game vs. North Star Charter or Cole Valley Christian, site TBD, 7 p.m.

If won Monday and lose Wednesday: Saturday, Feb. 18, loser-out game, site TBD, 7 p.m.

If won Monday and win Wednesday: Tuesday, Feb. 21, championship, Middleton H.S., 7:45 p.m.

If won Monday, lose Wednesday, win Saturday: Tuesday, Feb. 21, third-place game, Middleton H.S., 6 p.m.

Junior varsity A and B
Seasons complete

Wrestling
Girls
Wednesday, Feb. 15 at District III championship meet, Day 2, Expo Idaho, Garden City, 11 a.m.

Boys
Thursday, Feb 16 at 2A District III championship meet, Nampa Christian H.S., 4:30 p.m.

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Sports

Change of scenery, change of position

HHS volleyball standout picks picturesque college campus

Whatever a Geoduck is, Jacy Parker is now one of them.

The Homedale High School volleyball standout signed a letter of intent to attend The Evergreen State College during a Jan. 30 ceremony.

“I picked The Evergreen State College because I love the location and the campus itself,” the daughter of HHS graduates Gavin and Annie Parker said. “There is greenery everywhere and beautiful sites to see everywhere you look.”

Evergreen State is a public liberal arts and science college nestled in a forest setting in Olympia, Wash.

Parker will study Business for starters, but admits that her major may change.

The aesthetics were probably what sealed the deal, but Parker said she saw coach Alexis Garrison and the Evergreen program as the perfect fit.

“The Geoducks’ volleyball program is honestly everything I imagined and more,” Parker said. “I was very impressed with the coaches and how well the girls know each other and meshed together.

“It is a very inviting program and has developed great players and lifelong friends, so I am excited for next year with them.”

A 5-foot, 10-inch middle blocker, Parker was a four-year varsity player for the Trojans. She rebounded to put together an All-3A Snake River Valley conference career after seeing her freshman year end with an injury.

Athletes at Parker’s position in the Geoducks’ league — the Cascade Collegiate Conference — are much taller; she said she played middle blocker all her life “out of necessity” because was the tallest player around.

She’ll line up at outside hitter for Garrison and Geoducks.

“Next year, she will have me play outside hitter because I still have a very powerful arm,” Parker said.

“I am excited for the new opportunity because I have always loved to swing outside. I am going to continue to be positive and rely on being coachable to help my future success.”

Parker was still getting interest from other schools even after she signed with Evergreen.

During a club tournament in Salt Lake City, representatives from Lewis & Clark College in Portland expressed interest.

“I had to respectfully decline the offer but was very fortunate to have another opportunity,” Parker said.

She made several visits and had conversations with the coaching staffs of several schools in the Intermountain West, including programs in Montana, Oregon, Idaho and Washington state.

Most visits included campus tours and practices with the college squads.

“My biggest helpers and supporters in my college selection



Homedale High School volleyball standout Jacy Parker signs her letter of intent to attend The Evergreen State College as her mother Annie (left) and father Gavin look on.

would have to be my family,” Parker said. “My mom and dad always got me to where I needed to go and were troopers in long car rides.”

During her signing, which was attended by teammates and family members, Parker’s father mentioned it had taken a while to get to the pen-on-paper point.

“I continued to set up phone calls with other coaches to get a feel for what each program was looking for. I wanted to make sure the school fit me in all the best ways possible and — most importantly — recruiting my position,” Parker said.

“It definitely took a while because there were so many great coaches with lots to offer. But once I visited Evergreen I just knew it was the right place for me.”

There was a unique element to the Evergreen visit that wasn’t present on other trips.

“Most of the time, my dad would end up taking me to most of my college visits so my mom could stay home with my sisters, but my visit to Evergreen was different because both of them were there,” she said.

“It definitely was worth it because we all fell in love with the campus, coaches and my future teammates.”

The Evergreen State College, the mascot of which is a large saltwater clam pronounced “GOO-ee-duck,” is an NAIA school, and Parker will make trips home each season to play The College of Idaho — her dad’s alma mater — in Caldwell.

“I have lived in Homedale’s area my entire life, but I am excited for a new adventure and to meet more people that are passionate about the same things I am,” Parker said. “It definitely will be a change, but I am ready for it.”

— JPB

HHS girls’ season ends

Benji Sorensen’s first year as Homedale High School girls’ basketball coach came to a close last week.

The fifth-seeded Trojans fell, 52-26, to Fruitland in a 3A District III Tournament loser-out game played Feb. 7 on the Grizzlies’ floor.

No statistics were provided.

Homedale (7-15 overall) finished the season on a six-game losing streak and dropped nine of its final 10 games.

Non-seniors prevail on Trojans’ Senior Night

It was Senior Night, but Homedale High School’s underclassman wrestlers scored the points in a losing effort.

Four Trojans collected victories in the 3A Snake River Valley conference dual-meet finale in which visiting Weiser prevailed, 52-27.

Junior Shawn Lee went the distance at 138 pounds, beating Jahir Cervantes, 13-9.

Freshman Dash Schlotterbeck pinned Mickel Drydale in 4 minutes, 39 seconds.

Sophomore Trey McFarlane got a pin at the last possible second in the first period against 126-pound foe Cole Ingle.

Michael Rose, who as a junior is one of the elder statesmen for the Trojans, pinned fellow heavyweight Tristan McMahill in 4:24.

Freshman Ty Roland took Weiser 120-pounder Billy Nevarez to the end of their bout before losing by pin just before time ran out.

✓ Marsing: Braeden Davis highlights Huskies with bronze

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Finnley Olson in 1:25.

Brother Trey won his pool at 126 pounds, but lost the weight class title bout when Ridgevue’s Isaac Oviedo pulled off a pin in 37 seconds.

Trey pinned another Vallivue wrestler, Isaias Flores, midway through the second period to lock up the 126A pool. He needed just 21 seconds to beat Buhl’s Dryssen Loos and beat Nampa Christian’s Kaiser Henne with a 17-0 technical fall.

Hometown wrestler Erika Frazier was the second-place wrestler in the girls’ 114 division.

Marsing teammate Braeden Davis, a senior, finished second in his pool after pins against Nampa Christian’s Peter Hilty (1:44) and Vallivue’s Gavin Delaney (25 seconds).

Homedale’s Caden Layne was runner-up at 220 by virtue of his 58-second pin of Vallivue’s Zeke Rettkowski.

Junior Michael Rose won a silver medal for Homedale at 285 pounds. He needed just 30 seconds to dispatch Ridgevue’s Diego Martinez in the opening round of bouts and he put Buhl’s Garret Theurer on the mat in 2:35 of their match in Round 3.

Another young Trojans wrestler, Wyatt Stewart, finished third in the 126B pool. He posted pins against Buhl teammates Teancum Jacobsen (34 seconds) and Jaime Rodriguez (1:54).

Homedale’s Ty Roland took third at 120. He started his tournament with a 39-second pin of Buhl’s Walter Olsen.

Nathan Marston won another bronze medal for the Trojans at 132. He rallied from three straight losses to pin Nampa Christian’s Cameron Rowan in 1:19. Marston won his match in the fifth go-round after Ridgevue’s Kael Peterson retired because of an injury.

Marsing’s Braeden Davis lost the third-place match at 138 after Dacian Winmill of Buhl got the pin at 1:18.

Homedale’s Kade Hall took third in the 170A pod. He beat New Plymouth’s Jacob Church, 9-2, in the first round of bouts and pinned Vallivue’s Angel Zambrano in 41 seconds in the final round-robin match.

Only the top two wrestlers in each pod qualified for the medal round.

The Huskies’ Tristan Izzard rallied from a quick pin in the first round of matches to finish third at 182.

Izzard pinned New Plymouth’s Maxx Vian in 65 seconds and took down Vallivue’s Cameron Strothman in 2:46 in the second-to-last round of matches.

Marsing’s Jonathan Leon was the third-place wrestler at 195. He started fast with pins in his first two matches: New Plymouth’s Adam Quezada (1:30) and Vallivue’s Andre Riley (36 seconds).

Marsing senior Jantzen Davis was sixth at 145.

Adrian senior makes State

Chase Andrade’s Adrian High School wrestling career will end in the 2A/1A Oregon state meet.

The 182-pounder qualified for the Friday-Saturday meet in Portland with a runner-up showing at Saturday’s Special District 3 meet in Culver, Ore.

Andrade (20-4) fell in the district title bout after Elgin’s once-beaten Joseph Lathrop pulled out an 11-3 major decision.

Sports

Strong family ties Trojans WR extends Yotes legacy to third generation

Sure-handed Mason Strong made the easiest reception of his career when he accepted The College of Idaho challenge.

“It’s a bit of a legacy. My grandpa played, and my dad coached there,” Strong said. “So I knew what I was getting into.”

Homedale High School’s All-State wide receiver signed a letter of intent with plenty of purple and gold in tow on Feb. 1.

Strong is following in his grandfather’s cleat marks by making the jump to the Coyotes program. And ties are even closer than his granddad’s football career 60 years ago: Mason’s father, Matt, served as an assistant on Mike Moroski’s inaugural staff when football returned to the Caldwell liberal arts college a decade ago.

“We have known about Mason since the program got started with Coach Strong being on staff,” C of I offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Brian Taylor said. “Mason has known the program

since its reinstatement and has been around Yote football.

“He has had a lot of success in his high school career athletically and academically, so it was a no-brainer for us to recruit him from that perspective. However, having seen Mason around at practice and games for years has definitely helped.

“I am certain Mason will be able to mesh with our guys right away, already knowing what our culture is all about.”

Many of the previous Trojans to move from coach Matt Holtry’s program to Caldwell have had to wait to get on the Simplot Stadium turf.

Taylor said circumstances might be different for Strong.

“We don’t anticipate redshirting our incoming guys,” Taylor said. “We recruit guys like Mason to come in and compete to play right away.

“We also want our players to have the mindset that their number will be called at any time, and to always be ready.

We are looking forward to Mason competing with our guys and seeing where he stands.”

Strong also has a more recent window into the C of I mentality — and how an athlete can see playing time right away — in 2022 HHS graduate Willie White.

“Willie is my lifelong best friend. That’ll be an easy welcoming,” Strong said of the former Trojans linebacker who made a tackle on his first collegiate play in the fall.

Strong has mingled with Coyotes coaches and players since he was a fifth-grader, and he probably sat on his Grandpa Moke’s knee and listened to C of I stories from the late 1950s and early 1960s.

“I’ve just been around the program so much, and I know how the guys are and how they greet new recruits,” Strong said.

Taylor said the family ties were one thing, but Strong brings his own credentials to the Caldwell private liberal

arts college.

“We just love his energy and excitement for the game. While the family legacy at C of I is a connection, Mason’s ability on the field, in the classroom, and character off the field are what draw us the most to him,” Taylor said.

“He has earned everything he has gotten, and we are excited to have Mason join the Yote Family.”

The Coyotes play in the Frontier Conference and strive for the NAIA playoffs each fall, and that constant championship attitude won’t be too difficult to cultivate in Strong, who has played a hand in four of Homedale’s five consecutive 3A Snake River Valley conference titles.

“Obviously this is another awesome opportunity for one of our own to go on to play in college,” Holtry said to open the signing ceremony, which took place before Strong’s Trojans teammates.

“He’s worked his butt off for this opportunity.”

While Taylor said that Strong’s character and approach on the field and in the classroom were the primary selling points, one can’t help but think the athlete’s involvement with a high-octane high school offense with glimpses of Coyote explosiveness was a draw, too.

“It’s a lot like (the HHS offensive philosophy) only they like to pound the ball and then take their shots deep,” Strong said.

Even with strong family ties to C of I, Strong said his father left the decision to him.

“He honestly just told me, ‘Go where you feel comfortable, and don’t let anybody make a decision for you,’” Strong said.

Alas, there may have been some echoes from Moke and Matt just the same.

Mason is focusing on Physical Education and Health for his C of I education with an eye toward working toward a degree in education administration. — JPB

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✓ Mustangs: Last year’s runners-up have top seed for 2A state tournament

Conference game on Jan. 10 in Meridian.

Both teams continue their season beginning Thursday in the 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament at Bishop Kelly High School in Boise.

Top-seeded Melba will open the tournament against No. 8 Declo (10-12) at 7 p.m.

No. 3 Cole Valley Christian

(18-5) plays No. 6 Grangeville (15-8) at 2 p.m., on Thursday.

No. 2 seed Soda Springs (20-4) is on the same side of the bracket as Cole Valley and will start the tournament off with a noontime game against No. 7 The Ambrose School (17-9).

Owyhee County junior Brooklyn Dayley steered the Mustangs’ offense in

the district title clash with 16 points and five assists on the Ridgevue High School hardwood.

Clark led top-ranked and district No. 1 seed Melba with seven rebounds while dishing three assists and coming up with two steals.

Hallie Arnold logged eight points and four assists.

Gabby Olmstead led the No. 2 Chargers with 13 points. Trinity Holsinger added 12 points and Hadley Fraas chipped in 11.

In the Feb. 2 Class 2A statewide coaches’ poll, the Mustangs received eight of nine first-place votes. Second-ranked Soda Springs was the only team getting a vote for

the top spot.

Soda Springs, which beat the Mustangs in last year’s state championship final, is ranked No. 2, and Cole Valley Christian is third.

On Saturday in Grangeville, The Ambrose School beat District I-II runner-up Kellogg, 50-46, in a play-in game in Lewiston.

✓ Trojans: Offense, defense jell at the right time down stretch in 3A SRV

Saturday: Homedale 74, Weiser 45 — The Trojans broke from the Senior Night recognition with a fiery determination to make it a quick night.

Homedale led by 15 points after scoring 22 points in the first eight minutes against the Wolverines, and closed the night on a 26-9 tear in the fourth quarter.

The effort enabled the Trojans to put a conference season-high in points. Homedale beat The Ambrose School, 82-64, on Dec. 16 in the Pro Image Sports Holiday Classic semifinals at Owyhee High School in Meridian.

The seniors had a field day:

- Jaxon Dines drilled six three-point goals and piled up

26 points, four assists, four rebounds and five steals.

- Mason Strong knocked down a pair of treys and went 6-for-9 from the field with 15 points, four rebounds and three assists.
- Alijah Joyner ruled the paint, missing on just one of his seven shots and scoring a career-high 13 points.
- Trenton Fisher was 4-for-6 from the floor, notching 10 points, three assists, three offensive rebounds and three steals.
- Sigmund Goode played with four fouls but managed a three-pointer and four assists.
- Omar Rios contributed

three points and two boards.

- Elijah Renteria hit one of his two shot attempts and collected three rebounds and two steals.

HHS scored 23 points off 19 Weiser turnovers and gave the ball away only nine times.

Homedale started the game on a 60 percent shooting clip, dropping in 15 of 25 field-goal attempts in the first 16 minutes. After halftime, the Trojans cooled slightly — knocking in 13 of 24 shots (54.2 percent) — but converted eight of 10 foul shots.

Malakye Scott fired in four of Weiser’s seven three-point goals to lead the visitors with 16 points, but he also was responsible for a team-high eight

turnovers.

The Wolverines tried to keep pace in the first half, scoring on half of their 18 field-goal attempts, but the team rarely got to the foul line (0-for-2 before halftime).

Last Wednesday: Homedale 57, Parma 24 — All but two players managed a steal, and the Trojans’ pressure forced the host Panthers into 23 turnovers in an easy 3A SRV triumph.

“The kids played nasty on defense,” Long said. “They shut ‘em down.”

The Trojans scored nearly half of their points (28) off turnovers.

Sophomore Breken Frank swiped a co-team-high three steals while hitting a pair of

three-point goals as part of a career-high 10 points.

Homedale held the Panthers to two points in the first quarter and owned a 21-point edge (32-11) at halftime.

Goode also collected three steals while putting in half of his three-point attempts for his six points. He pulled down three rebounds, too.

Dines drained four three-point goals and three of four free throws and led all scorers with 19 points.

Joyner posted a game-high 10 rebounds with half of his boards on each end of the floor. He also scored six points.

Luke Redmond was 3-for-7 from long-distance to lead Parma with 12 points.

Looking back...

from the files of *The Owyhee Avalanche* and *Owyhee Chronicle*

25 years ago

February 18, 1998



Homedale’s Will Black wrestled up a weight to save a forfeit at the February 10 tri-meet in Marsing, against Marsing and McCall. Black won a 6-5 decision against the McCall opponent.

Marsing plans to seek \$2.56 million bond

The Marsing Ad Hoc Committee, comprised of patrons and parents of the Marsing School District, presented the Marsing School Board with their findings after a five-month study of the district’s facilities and recently proposed a bond of \$2.56 million to the Marsing School Board.

The board was presented with the ad hoc committee’s findings on February 11, Dr. Richard Bauscher, Education Planner of The Matrix Group, assisted the Ad Hoc, which is chaired by Don Denton and David VanWassenhove. Its recommendations:

- Run a 16-year General Obligation bond for \$2.56 million, which would increase taxes (above the current rate) by 68 cents/\$1,000
- Build and furnish an eight classroom addition for the elementary school
- Build and furnish an elementary/middle school multi-purpose/p.e. facility
- Build a new vo-ag building (exterior shell) allowing the inside to be completed by the shop classes, building trades and/or COSSA

Middle school construction could begin in April

If all goes according to schedule, ground could be broken at the site of the new Homedale Middle School as early as mid-April, district superintendent Bob Lisonbee said last week.

The school district board of trustees voted last week to approve final drawings submitted by the architectural firm of Gowland Johanson of Payette, designer of the new school. The drawings will now go to the state for scrutiny for about two weeks, until the end of February.

The final bid documents should be ready by the second week of March, at which time the district will advertise for bids. The bids could be opened as soon as the end of March, Lisonbee said.

“If we stay on the timeline, the bid could be awarded by April 3.” As for construction, “they claim they can break ground by the middle of April and start construction. They say they can have the building done in nine months.”

Intermountain Gas Company will supply a natural gas pipeline from the LDS Church on Highway 19, down Johnstone Road to the school site at no cost to the district. Water and sewer connections will be established from Highway 19 to the site.

50 years ago

February 15, 1973



Patrick J. Garrity has been named Homedale High School’s 1973 Home maker of Tomorrow in the first Betty Crocker Search program in which boys as well as girls were eligible to compete

Trojans head to Fruitland for final league game

The Trojans will travel to Fruitland Friday night for the final SWI league game.

New Plymouth was hot at the foul line Tuesday night, sinking 14 out of 21 free throws for a come-from-behind 56-52 victory over the Trojans.

The win gives the Pilgrims a sure second place in the tough Southwest Idaho League race with a fine 5-2 record, and they stand at 14-4 on the season.

The Trojans, on the other hand, drop to third in the SWIL with a 3-4 record and are 11-8 overall.

Homedale’s Red and White captured shooting laurels with a 24 of 68 demonstration for 35 per cent from the field. Greg Haylett paced all challengers with 19 points while Rick DeGroat hit for 11.

The Pilgrims found the distance on 20-64 for a 30 per cent shooting average. Doug White took honors with 17, while John Ziegler connected on 16.

School board offers contracts; sets dress code

All members of the Homedale school board were present at the regular meeting Monday night. Bills were paid totaling \$12,164.25.

The board authorized Marja Stone to attend high school as a married student.

The board offered contracts to elementary principal Herb Fritzley and high school principal Duane Root and contracts to the following teachers:

Elementary — 1st grade, Mrs. Kathleen Matteson, Mrs. Virginia Hennis, Frances Echeverria; 2nd June Briggs, Ruth Stoker; 3rd, Elise Brown, Madge Thompson and Margaret Blackham; 4th, Gretta Ankeny, Arlene Moore, Esther Brockmueller; 5th, Donna Clapier, Rocky Bridges, Hilda Khonaas; 6th, John Wood, Nancy Ash, Cindy Muldoon; librarian, Phyllis Van Slyke.

Junior High — Nancy Graham, Duane Ash, Harriet Kinder, Gary Moore, Mary Jo Pottenger.

High School — Bryce Jorgenson, Nolan Taggart, Ted Vance, Sarah Cornell, Dean Vance, Ardith Houck, Pat Wood, Rick Russell, Garry Matlock, Sharon Frost, Ralph Cruz, Jack Fields, Hollis Selders, Jack Daniell.

Dress code meetings and student poll regarding the code were discussed by the board. A poll in the junior and senior high school showed 306 agreed that a dress code is needed and 74 disagreed, 81 per cent favored the dress code in the secret ballot.

Tanikuni named

Intercollegiate Knights at The College of Idaho have chosen officers for the 1973-74 school year: Dennis Tanikuni, Homedale, duke; Jerry Jensen, Buhl, earl; Don Deters, Moscow, scribe; Bill Buckendorf, Buhl, chancellor; Richard Bauscher, Fairfield, executioner; and Randy Marshall, Caldwell, jester.

155 years ago

February 15, 1868

E. AYERS,
BOOT & SHOE-MAKER!
HAS REMOVED FROM RUBY TO SILVER
CITY.
on Washington St, in Long Gulch.

BOOTS MADE and REPAIRED!

PERSONS LEAVING THEIR
MEASURE CAN RELY
upon obtaining a
NEAT AND EASY FIT!

☞ See sign of the Big Boot ☞

THE IDA ELMORE.—During the past five months a vast amount of work has been performed on the Ida Elmore mine. It is now being worked to a depth of two hundred and thirty feet, where the ore is richer than ever. A drift has been run, and is just completed, connecting the discovery shaft, on what is known as the New York mine, with the main shaft on the Ida Elmore. This was done for the purpose of demonstrating that these two mines are located on one and the same ledge. The proprietors now seem confident that such is the case. We are informed, that without the use of a compass, a force of men commenced work at each shaft, about five hundred feet apart, drifted towards each other on the vein. And met about midway, the only difference being, when the connection was made, the drift from the New York shaft was found to be a few feet lower than the other. We went through the entire distance, and all along the line saw quartz, in some places wide, and in other places very narrow, much of it of a crystalline formation. Thirty hands are now employed in the mine. Considerable manual labor is saved by the little steam engine, which does all the hoisting.

NEW STRIKE!—Judge Watson has discovered a new ledge on War Eagle mountain, at the head of Web-foot gulch. It was struck about two hundred and fifty feet north of the northern limits of the Poorman, and on a direct line with that famous mine. We have been shown pieces of rock from the new discovery, and it certainly very much resembles Poorman ore. It is very probable that the Judge has stumbled on the counterpart, or rather the extension of the *richest* Poorman on record.

THE ORO FINO.—Fifty men are now at work in the Oro Fino mine. A very rich chimney has recently been struck in the South works, at a depth of about 275 feet from the surface. The ledge varies in width from four to six feet. We understand that it is the intention of the Company, next Summer to build a mill somewhere near the mine, which will save a large amount of money now paid for hauling. The Cosmos Mill is running night and day on Oro Fino ore.

WATER WORKS.—The Idaho Hotel, kept by Eastman & Co., is abundantly supplied with water from a limped spring on the side of Florida Mountain. It is conducted nearly a mile to a reservoir in the hotel, a portion of the distance in a ditch, and the remainder in pipes. It is really a splendid and valuable acquisition; the water is sweet, and in Summer time it is icy cold. Taken altogether Eastman has splendid water works.

Commentary

Mtn. States Policy Center Yes, minimum wage hike can hurt workers

by Chris Cargill

Raising the minimum wage is one of the many policy ideas peppered with tradeoffs, but one of the few that have such a direct impact on businesses and employees alike.

Lawmakers in Idaho and Montana have introduced legislation intended to raise the minimum wage. The legislation in Idaho has been introduced by Dist. 15A Rep. Steve Berch (D-Boise). House Bill 48 would repeal a prohibition on local governments setting their own minimum wage.

Meantime in Montana, House Bill 201 introduced by Democratic Rep. Kelly Kortum would hike the minimum wage to \$11.39 per hour plus tips.

The minimum wage in Montana currently sits at \$9.95 per hour, while Idaho’s minimum wage is the federal minimum of \$7.25 per hour.

Currently, there are only 54 cities or counties around the nation that have their own minimum wages, which vary from their state minimum wage. The patchwork of different wages makes it difficult in some states for small business owners to properly plan for and track employee hours, especially if employees work at multiple locations.

The broader issue, however, is the financial impact on small businesses and the workers themselves. It is true that some workers will see paychecks rise as a result of minimum wage increases, but many more end up seeing wages fall as hours are reduced. We know this from experience, and projections.

A great Congressional Budget Office tool gives users the opportunity to see the impact of raising the minimum wage. It shows some positive impacts, including a decrease in the number of people living in poverty. But it also shows negative aspects — specifically, the change in employment and the overall change in real family income. Under a scenario where

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Chris Cargill

Mountain States Policy Center, president and CEO

About Mountain States Policy Center

Founded in 2022, Mountain States Policy Center is based in Boise and Coeur d’Alene, and is an independent think tank that believes in providing research and recommendations to lawmakers, the media and the public, based on facts — not emotion. Harnessing the power of publications, conferences and video events, MSPC brings forward free market solutions to our region’s biggest challenges and will be a watchdog to improve government transparency and effectiveness. Our mission is to empower those in the Mountain States to succeed through non-partisan, quality research that promotes free enterprise, individual liberty and limited government.

Homedale resident Oscar Evans is on the board of directors.

Learn more at mountainstatespolicy.org.



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 Securing Idaho servicemembers’ employment after separation

Supporting Idaho servicemen and women during their transition from military service back to civilian life is a meaningful way to help launch these dedicated men and women into the next phase of their lives to Idaho’s great benefit. I have been a longtime advocate for more seamlessly connecting military servicemembers with Idaho employers. The recently enacted Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) takes a big step in achieving this goal by permanently authorizing the SkillBridge program, which offers servicemembers in their initial stages of separation from the military the opportunity to gain experience in a career field of their interest. In Idaho, where the issue of workforce retention and recruitment has been a topic for years, SkillBridge also gives employers an opportunity to recruit from a gifted and committed pool of our citizenry.

SkillBridge connects servicemembers with industry partners through real-world job experience during their last 180 days of service. As described on the SkillBridge website (skillbridge.osd.mil), “SkillBridge matches civilian opportunities to your job training and work experience at the end of your military duty.” And the SkillBridge program enables employers to “tap into the expertise” of former servicemembers.

The SkillBridge program has grown exponentially over the past three years. In 2019, the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) had approximately 150 SkillBridge partner employers, and that number grew to more than 2,500 in 2022. Mountain Home Air Force Base has accelerated use of SkillBridge, especially as opportunities for local use of the program increase.

Maj. Matthew Martinez, a weapons system officer on the F-15Es at Mountain Home AFB, recently

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wrapped up a more than 20-year military career and set up the SkillBridge program with Silverhawk Aviation Academy that he has been utilizing to help ease the transition into the civilian workforce. Maj. Martinez wrote, “SkillBridge allows servicemembers to train and work with civilian companies to learn

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Commentary

Financial management

Helping parents a no-brainer — if you’re financially healthy

Dear Dave,
My parents are both in their 70s. They have been healthy and active all their lives, but in spite of them both having good jobs they neglected to plan and save for retirement. Is it my responsibility now to provide them with financial help in their old age?
— **Reagan**

is the burden?
Let me ask you a few things. Do you have the money to help? Now, can you provide this help without your own family suffering or going without? If both answers are yes, I think your question may be a little more about your own aggravation with your folks than any ethical or moral obligation.



DAVE Says
by Dave Ramsey • www.davesays.org

Dear Reagan,
It sounds like you might be a little irritated that your parents haven’t been responsible with their money. The way you described the circumstances, it’s understandable — to a point. But in my mind, there’s a bigger question when it comes to helping your folks. How big

A few years ago, I spoke with a guy who was in really good shape financially. He made over \$1 million a year, and he had plenty set aside in savings and retirement accounts. His father was in poor health and had never handled his money wisely. The son asked me if he should help out his dad by giving him some

money every month.
In my mind, there’s no question the right answer was yes. And that’s what I told him. If you’re making millions, but

don’t want to help out your sick dad, there’s something wrong with you. There’s something missing inside you that money just won’t fix. However, if you and your family are barely getting by — let’s say you bring home \$3,000 a month — you’re not morally required to help a parent who was irresponsible with money their entire life.
I’m not sure what your situation is, Reagan, but I hope you’ll look at things with a little grace and reason. It’s a tough situation to be in, because it sounds like your heart is being pulled in different directions. My advice, above all else, is to pray about it. And, if you have a spouse, talk to them about everything, and make sure the two of you are in agreement on what should be done before moving forward.
God bless you, friend.
— **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. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.*

✓ Wage: Studies show hikes cost jobs and individual income gains

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the minimum wage would increase to \$15 per hour, both see dramatic declines.
Research from the Harvard Business Review had similar findings. It concluded “for every \$1 increase in the minimum wage, we found that the total number of workers scheduled to work each week increased by 27.7 percent, while the average number of hours each worker worked per week decrease by 20.8 percent. For an average store in California, these changes translated into four extra workers per week and five fewer hours per worker per week — which meant that the total wage compensation of an average minimum-wage worker in a California

store actually fell by 13.6 percent. This decrease in the average number of hours worked not only reduced total wages, but also impacted eligibility for benefits.”
The University of Washington conducted a review of Seattle’s increase of the minimum wage to \$15, phased in over several years. Researchers wrote “those earning less than \$19 an hour saw wages rise by 3.4 percent once the city’s minimum wage was \$13, while experiencing a 7 percent decrease in hours worked.”
In other words, the hike was costing jobs. In fact, the research showed there would be 5,000 more jobs in Seattle if the hike had not been adopted.

While some businesses might be able to afford the hit of a minimum wage hike, others will not.
Restaurants, retail and hospitality, for example, run on very low profit margins. The impact there is likely to be much more severe.
In the end, some workers will benefit from a hike in the minimum wage, but others will see fewer hours and lower earnings.
It’s a tradeoff — not necessarily the rosy picture some activists and lawmakers project.

— *Chris Cargill is the president & CEO of Mountain States Policy Center. Online at mountainstatespolicy.org.*

✓ Employment: Defense funding includes provisions for Idaho locales

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new skills/trades while still receiving all their normal military benefits. For myself, the peace of mind this has provided is invaluable. I can focus on learning a new job without worrying about how the bills are going to get paid at the end of each month. Moreover, at the end of the program, I have a job already set up that I can seamlessly transition into while continuing to earn income. As for Silverhawk Aviation Academy (or any SkillBridge business for that matter), they get access to a new source of highly trained, reliable veteran employees. I strongly encourage any military member who is thinking about leaving, and who isn’t quite sure what they’re going to do when they get out, to look into companies that have SkillBridge programs set up.”
In addition to permanent authorization for the DOD SkillBridge program, the FY 2023 NDAA:

- Provides troops with a needed pay raise;
- Ensures the Idaho Air National Guard maintains its flying mission while allowing the Air Force to divest a certain number of A-10s;
- Aids the development of digital night vision technology, in which Idaho industry plays a key role;
- Repeals the DOD vaccine mandate on active military personnel; and
- Includes funds for the Range Craft Berthing Facility at the Navy’s Acoustic Research Detachment in Bayview and \$379 million for the Idaho National Laboratory.

Working with fellow U.S. senator for Idaho Jim Risch and others to successfully enact these and other provisions that support servicemembers and their families was a needed part of fulfilling

Congress’s constitutional duty to “provide for the common defense.” Idaho is made even greater by the more than 116,000 veterans, the 4,063 active-duty servicemembers and the 8,367 National Guard and Reserve members who live here.
Permanency of the SkillBridge program can make it easier for them to live and thrive here in Idaho. I look forward to the future growth of this partnership program for the benefit of Idaho servicemembers, military families, employers and Idaho’s economy.

— *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.*

Contacting municipal officials

Homedale City Hall
31 W. Wyoming Ave., (208) 337-4641
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Meetings — 6 p.m., on second Wednesday

Marsing City Hall
18 Sandbar Ave., (208) 896-4122
Mayor — Vacant
City council — Chris Even (president), Marie Herman, Elizabeth Wahl and Brandy Johnson
Meetings — 7 p.m., on second Wednesday

Grand View City Hall
425 Boise Ave., (208) 834-2700
Open noon to 4:30 p.m., Mon.-Thurs.
Mayor — Jon Pennington (interim)
City council — Terry Nielson (president), Andrea Owens, Tom Payne, and Mike Smith
Meetings — 6 p.m., on second Wednesday

Public notices

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION ON COMPLAINT FOR JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE AND DECLARATORY RELIEF
Case No. CV37-23-00042**

AMERICAN ADVISORS GROUP, Plaintiff,
V.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF HOLLY R. WADE; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AND DOES 1 THROUGH 20, et al.,
Defendants.

TO: DEFENDANTS THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF HOLLY R. WADE and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive, including all parties with an interest in and/or residing in real property commonly known as 9446 WRIGHT RD., MELBA, ID 83641:
You have been sued by American Advisors Group, the Plaintiff, in the District Court in and for the County of Owyhee, Idaho, Case No. CV37-23-00042.

The nature of the claim against you is an action for declaratory relief and judicial foreclosure of the real property currently known as 9446 WRIGHT RD., MELBA, ID 83641 and legally described as LOT 6 OF JAKUBOWSKI SUBDIVISION IN GOVERNMENT LOTS 4 AND 5, SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY RECORDER AS INSTRUMENT NO. 181411.

Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case Number and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at P.O. Box 128, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, (208) 495-2806, and serve a copy of your response on the Plaintiff’s attorney, SYDNEY K. LEAVITT, at ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 3597 E. Monarch Sky Ln., Ste. 240 Meridian, ID 83646.

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

Dated: 2/7/2023
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: ___/s/ Cheylah Volkers
DEPUTY
02/15,22;03/01,08/2023

NOTICE OF LETTING
Idaho Federal Aid Project No. A022(228), in Owyhee County, Key No. 22228; for the work of restore pavement surface with a Mill and Inlay, except MP 3.23 to 3.28 and MP 3.72 to MP 3.81 will be fully reconstructed to address swelling clay issues. Upgrade metal guardrail. The prior Elephant Butte project area (MP 16.66 to MP 17.848) is excluded.

Sealed proposals will be received only at the office of the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, 11331 WEST CHINDEN BLVD. BLDG #8, BOISE, IDAHO 83714 or PO Box 40, BOISE, IDAHO 83707-0040, ATTN: ADVERTISEMENT AND AWARD. Bids may also be submitted electronically through Bid Express (www.bidx.com). All bids must be received by two o’clock p.m., on March 14, 2023.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: RESIDENTENGINEERSTYLES SELAK at (208) 459-7429 for any design related questions.
Digital copies of the Plans, Proposals, and Specifications

must be downloaded for a fee of \$22.00. Bidders must appear on the plan holders list for their proposal to be accepted by the Department. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdninfo.com for assistance in downloading and working with this digital project information.

General Bidding information and Specifications may be obtained from the Idaho Transportation Department website at <http://itd.idaho.gov/business/>

In an effort to achieve ITD’s DBE Annual Participation Goal (APG) of 10.0% utilization, ITD requires responder to utilize certified subcontractors and suppliers listed on its DBE Directory located at: <https://itd.dbesystem.com/>. For this project, it has been determined that there is a DBE availability of 5% or more. For more information regarding ITD’s DBE Program please go to <https://itd.idaho.gov/civilrights/>

This contract requires full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,

which protects persons from being denied the benefits of or excluded from participation in programs or activities; or subjected to discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, Limited English Proficiency or economic status. The Contractor is encouraged to utilize the goods and services of disadvantaged firms in accomplishing the tasks or providing the services of this agreement, and to provide equal opportunity to all sub-bidders and suppliers.
02/15,22/2023

NOTICE
The annual meeting of the Hot Springs Ditch Company will be held at the Highway 78 Bruneau Idaho Power Office on Friday, February 17, 2023 at 1:00 pm..
Chris Alzola, Secretary
208-587-2789
02/15/2023

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 TO CREDITORS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT STATE OF IDAHO, COUNTY OF OWYHEE IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: STEVE RAY ANDERSON, DECEASED. CASE NO. CV37-23-00038
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed as Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased 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 presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.
Dated this 31st day of January, 2023.
/s/:BRIAN JAY DOWNS
Personal Representative of the Estate of STEVEN RAY ANDERSON
CLAIMS TO:
Brian Jay Downs, 13681

Crisholm, Caldwell, ID 83607. (208) 880-8851
02/15,22;03/01/2023

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
To be sold for cash at a Trustee’s Sale on May 25, 2023, 09:00AM 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: Q3I032812 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
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THANK YOU

THE FAMILY OF Dolores Birmingham express gratitude to everyone who provided food, flowers, cards, prayers and memorials to our family. We appreciated all your kindness. Thank you ~ The Jack and Dan Birmingham and Gary Aman families.

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HELP WANTED

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Breakfast benefits building fund

Above: Samuel C. Phillips Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11065 Cmdr. Luke Hayward (center) and his wife Connie serve up breakfast Saturday in Wilder. Proceeds went to the building fund for a new roof. **Right:** National Guard veteran Andrew Tuttle let sisters Adelle (seated) and Ellie Mueller sit in his Legends racecar.



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“We as a school district want to reinforce to both students and parents that we are taking every precaution to ensure that the individual involved in this incident is not on the school campus and that we are doing everything we can to ensure the safety of all students and staff,” Stewart said.

The high school never went into lockdown, and one parent took to social media to question why that step wasn’t taken.

Last Wednesday, Stewart penned a letter to parents to explain the reasoning.

He said officials decided against a lockdown out of fear of isolating the student who allegedly had the gun and escalating the situation.

A lockdown would have trapped students and the teacher in a classroom with the boy.

“After the report was made to the high school principal (Sean Porter), a decision was made to contact the Owyhee Co. Sheriff’s [Office] and immediately go to the classroom and secure the student and his backpack,” Stewart wrote in the letter. “The intent was to calmly secure the student without

alarming him or forcing him into a situation where he felt he needed to access the potential weapon.

“The fear of going into a full lockdown was the student with the alleged weapon would be forced into a locked room with other students and staff. Although some may feel the district should have gone into lockdown, this decision was made to protect all students and staff without creating a high-pressure situation of a district-wide lockdown.”

The incident occurred just days after the school district held a community meeting to address students’ mental health, bullying and safety concerns.

“We are still debriefing the incident, and we will be developing a plan on how we can best serve our students and provide support to those that need it,” Stewart said.

“We are also extremely proud of the student that came forward and reported what he saw. This is a perfect example of ‘If you see something, say something.’ This student’s efforts potentially stopped something terrible from occurring and kept students and staff safe from harm.”

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