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BRUNEAU GETS ITS CLOSEUP

Auction staple shows love for community, kids

Annual Booster Club benefit, free dinner arrives Saturday

by Brandi Lisle

For The Owyhee Avalanche

As the Bruneau Boosters gear up for their annual auction coming up Saturday, they always choose one supporter, community member, or key piece of the puzzle to spotlight ahead of the event.

Bruneau community auction staple Rose King grew up in Caldwell, and married her lifelong love, Gordon, in 1955. They had dated in high school, and their marriage started a King dynasty of sorts. After ranching in Oregon, Nevada, and one winter in California, Rose and Gordon moved “home” to Oreana and bought the King ranch in 1973. Since then, raising their four children and ranching, their family has grown to 12 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.

Rose has an incredible business sense, and

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Rose King. Photo by Nicole Poyo



Gov. Brad Little hands the Bruneau: Capital for a Day proclamation to local resident Bill McBride after signing the document inside the American Legion Post 83 Hall. McBride is holding a history of the Bruneau American Legion, which he presented to the governor. Katie Colyer (background) also presented a book on the history of Bruneau on behalf of the Bruneau Boosters. More photos, *Page 3*

Governor backs paying ranchers’ legal bills at Capital for a Day

Stock water legal fees among topics broached in Bruneau

Most of the crowd of 60-plus had exited after lunch when Gov. Brad Little gave an answer that Owyhee County folks are hungry for.

Speaking during Friday’s Capital for a Day inside the American Legion Post 83 Hall in Bruneau, the second-term governor reiterated his support for the state paying the legal fees county ranchers

Paul Nettleton and Tim Lowry incurred during their stock water rights victory over the federal government.

“I think I’m on record to say, ‘Yes. We have to do it,’ ” Little said of using the Idaho Constitutional Defense Fund to reimburse the men.

Owyhee County Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi had

asked the governor about the issue in light of changes in the makeup of the Constitutional Defense Council with the departure of former Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, Senate Pro Tempore Brent Hill, and Speaker of the House Scott Bedke.

“They’ve done everything for the State of Idaho, but the State of Idaho has done nothing for them,” Aberasturi said of the two ranchers who were denied legal fees

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HMS educator recommended for national award

Retiring COSSA psychologist on list, too

A veteran teacher in the Homedale School District is among two locals in education nominated for the National LifeChanger of

the Year award.

Margo Phariss, who is the middle school’s Title I teacher and teaching coach, and Canyon School Service Agency (COSSA) school psychologist Joetta Fulgenzi are among five Idahoans involved in education nominated for the award sponsored by the National Life Group Foundation.

The award recognizes the best kindergarten through 12th-grade educators and school district employees in the nation who make “a difference in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence, and leadership.”

Phariss and Fulgenzi, who is retiring at the end of the 2022-23 school year, were nominated for

the award by colleagues.

Each nominee has a page online at <http://lifechangeroftheyear.com/showspirit/> where folks can leave a comment, get updates on their individual nominations or show support.

HMS counselor Kimberly Morin

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Margo Phariss



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✓ Award: Middle school counselor nominates veteran Homedale teacher

nominated Phariss.

“Margo has a heart for students as well as educators. She is constantly taking classes to find new ways of helping her teachers ease their burdens while becoming better teachers,” Morin said.

“I watch her tirelessly and sacrificially mentor teachers as well as students. She gives her own time and money to tutor students and meet with teachers on weekends and evenings. I genuinely have not seen anyone as dedicated as she is.”

Phariss started her life in education as a second- and third-grade teacher before leaving the elementary school to take the Title I teacher and teaching coach roles at HMS.

According to Morin’s nomination, Phariss left the classroom because she saw a need to help teachers and students.

“Teachers are fighting an uphill battle and burning out faster than they can keep up,” Morin

wrote. “Mrs. Phariss has come along to help stop that cycle. She is an encourager and source of strength for her district.”

Phariss mentors first-year teachers, helping them with classroom management, new teaching techniques, and implementation of the district’s Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports program.

She also has personally undertaken the Check-in/Check-out program, part of PBIS.

“Margo loves our students and staff, so she strives to bring out the best in people and helps them want to raise their bars higher,” Morin said.

“Without Margo, I cannot imagine what our school and district would be like. Margo is



Joetta Fulgenzi

LifeChanger of the Year award

- Grand prize** — Overall winner receives \$10,000.
- Grand prize finalists** — Four finalists receive \$5,000.
- LifeChanger** — 10 winners will receive \$3,000.
- Spirit Award** — Given to the nominee whose community demonstrates the most support for their nomination. Prize of \$5,000 shared by the teacher and the school or district.
- Capstone Award** — \$3,000 shared with school or district to nominee retiring at the end of 2022-23 school year.
- Spotlight Award** — A \$5,000 award to be shared with school or district to a nominee in a specific discipline.
- Criteria**
- K-12 teachers or school district employees
 - Make a positive impact in the lives of students
 - Enhance atmosphere, culture and pride
 - Demonstrate exemplary leadership
 - Possess a proven record of professional excellence
 - Show commitment to building a nurturing environment that supports learning
 - Adhere to the highest moral and ethical standards

a LifeChanger. She has changed my life, that’s for sure.”

Fulgenzi was nominated by Amanda Harris.

“Joetta is a LifeChanger,” Harris said. “She has an im-

pact on every life she touches. Joetta works for five different schools within the consortium and can reach many students. She is knowledgeable and advocates for the rights and

understanding that all students of any background or ability level deserve.

“Joetta never gives up on the students and includes the entire team, students, staff, teachers, and families.”

The nomination continues: “As a school psychologist, Fulgenzi works with qualifying students for education plans, and she ensures their needs are met. She makes connections with those students. When sharing the information with families, she is respectful, kind, and compassionate. She makes sure the whole story is told and maintains positivity as she makes sure all parties are informed of her findings. Her integrity in all of her years has never wavered.”

“Idaho has been blessed to have such an impactful educator work with so many families and students over the years,” Harris said. “She will be tremendously missed and irreplaceable.”

— JPB

✓ Auction: After free dinner, sale will include horse items, baskets, more

out of necessity, she started her personal business. In the beginning, Rose got creative and started ordering Cow Town boots six pair at a time for Gordon and herself — at a significant discount. Through time, Rose started a thriving hat business, selling Resistol and more. She branched out and started buying bits and spurs, jewelry, décor, clothing, and in general “anything people could need.” This included getting a

rope dealership, because her primary goal was to supply what her family needed for their ranching lifestyle. Out of this goal, King Kattle Korral was born.

Rose ran her merchant business out of her silver Featherlite trailer, and could be seen at the Jordan Valley Big Loop Rodeo, Bruneau Roundup, many rodeos in Oregon, horse sales including Hermiston, Bruneau Cowboy

Christmas, Murphy Christmas and Pioneer days, and many others. She knew everyone, and people knew to visit Rose for a smile and her variety of western necessities. Rose even held open houses at home — meaning show up, and she opened her house and her trailer so people could get what they needed.

It would be a disservice to Rose’ generous spirit to not mention her love of people, all people, but especially the children.

Today, “children” from 40 years old down to barely speaking, can be seen visiting Rose at her trailer at the Bruneau Rodeo, or at Bruneau Cowboy Christmas. More than one or two can be heard referring to her as “Grandma” Rose, and walk away from

her feeling like kings of the world for the gift of a short visit (Rose never forgets a thing about anyone) and the treasures Grandma “sold” them, usually for pennies of what they were worth.

Rose has always given. Given to the community, given to her family, but especially to the children. She taught cooking and sewing, Sunday school and vacation Bible school in Jordan Valley when she and Gordon lived there. For 30 or more years, Rose has donated the sheep riding prizes for the Bruneau rodeo. These prizes go to every 6 and younger sheep rider that touches a sheep. Backpacks, hats, suckers, little belt buckles are some of the items that the little mutton busters walk away with as a prize for riding the

wild woolies.

Additionally, for more than 30 years, Rose has supported the Bruneau Booster Auction. Donations of vests, purses, lamps, and most recently children’s ropes have been on the list.

Because of Rose’s love for children, the start of the “children’s auction” was right up her alley last year. This year, Rose has a set of children’s ropes ready to donate to go with a roping dummy welded by the Rimrock High School shop class. For Rose, it has always been about her family, the community, and her children.

On Saturday, in addition to Rose’s ropes and the roping dummy, there are many amazing items to bid on:

- Rawhide bosals and reins
 - Headstalls
 - A Brazen dog kennel
 - Assorted gift baskets and gift certificates
 - A day-long sturgeon fishing trip on the Snake River
- Donations are currently being taken by any booster club member. Drop them off at American Legion Post 83 Hall on Belle Avenue after 10 a.m., on Saturday, or right after the free dinner, which starts at 5:30 p.m.
- The auction will start at 6:30 p.m.
- For information, contact Katie Colyer at (208) 599-2962.

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BRUNEAU: CAPITAL FOR A DAY



Members of Rimrock High School's student government lead the Pledge of Allegiance to start Bruneau's Capital for a Day event Friday.



Brody Johnson (left), the 12-year-old son of Amy and Ryan Johnson, hands Gov. Brad Little a hat and T-shirt emblazoned with the family's Ryan Johnson Farms logo. Brody is a sixth-grader, and he is home-schooled. During the lunch break, the family took a photo with the governor, too.



Above: Bruneau Water and Sewer District board president and volunteer fireman Justin Howard makes a point during his discussion with state officials Friday. **Below:** Gov. Brad Little chats with fellow ranchers (from left) Eric Davis, Sherry Colyer and Guy Colyer prior to starting the event.



Sherry Colyer (left) introduces some of the community's volunteer leaders, including Bill McBride, Mary Tindall, Justin Howard, and Katie Colyer as state officials listen. The state government representatives are (from left): Commission on Hispanic Affairs community resource development specialist J.J. Saldaña, Idaho State Police Lt. Col. Sheldon Kelley, Division of Veterans Services service officer Frank Fabbi, Idaho Transportation Department director Scott Stokes, and Department of Commerce business retention and expansion specialist Kim Glineski.

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Volunteer firefighters work to put out flames consuming trailers on the Snake Pit bar property off Idaho 45. Submitted photos





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Multiple house trailers burn, closing a portion of Idaho 45

MRW, Marsing volunteers battle flames

Quick response and mutual aid helped minimize damage and spread when fire struck just a few hundred yards from the Snake River near Walter's Ferry on Friday.

Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire Chief Chuck Cooley was the first on scene at around 2:30 p.m. Four travel trailers on the property known as the Snake Pit bar were ablaze, threatening two other structures, according to agency spokesman Louis Monson.

Cooley called in mutual

aid from Marsing, Melba, and Nampa. Those agencies responded with personnel and equipment.

An MRW engine responded first and established a defensive position to protect the threatened structures.

Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies provided traffic control, closing part of Idaho highway 45 near the Idaho 78 interchange because the trailers were just feet away from the roadway.

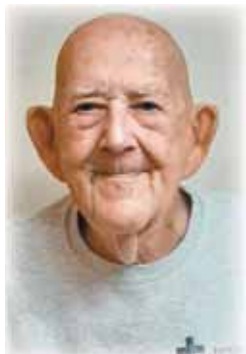
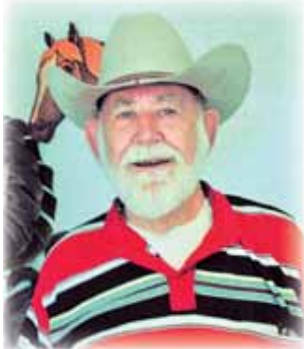
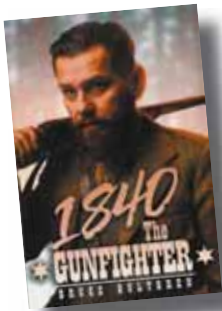
Marsing Ambulance personnel responded to provide medical support, if needed.

Emergency personnel was on scene for about two hours.

Monson said there is no estimate on the costs of the loss.

"No residents were on scene at the time of the fire, and no one was injured although there may have been some pets lost," Monson said. "MRW Fire would like all the agencies that responded for their support."

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.



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Choice of milk and juice
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Feb. 22: **Breakfast:** Sausage patty, buttermilk biscuits, country gravy, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Chicken fried fingers, country gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, whole grain roll
Feb. 23: **Breakfast:** Belgian waffle sticks, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, pineapple tidbits, green salad, Jello
Feb. 27: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, whole grain roll, steamed buttered carrots
Feb. 28: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Spaghetti, seasoned green beans

Homedale Middle

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese
Cereal option and PB&J and string cheese offered daily
Vegetable and fruit choices offered daily
Feb. 22: **Breakfast:** Belgian waffle sticks, syrup cup, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, country gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered corn
Feb. 23: **Breakfast:** Sausage on Hawaiian bun, Yami yogurt, sliced pears **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, pineapple tidbits, garden salad, Jello
Feb. 27: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, steamed buttered carrots, whole grain roll
Feb. 28: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, string cheese, whole grain toast, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Spaghetti, seasoned green beans, garlic toast

Homedale High

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt, string cheese or hard-boiled egg
Vegetable and fruit choices offered daily
Cereal option, grab ‘n’ go items each day
Feb. 22: **Breakfast:** Sausage patty, buttermilk biscuits, country gravy, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, garden salad **Grab ‘n’ go:** Ham and cheese sub
Feb. 23: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Corn dog, seasoned potato wedges, fruited Jello **Grab ‘n’ go:** Taco salad
Feb. 27: **Breakfast:** Sausage and cheese biscuit **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, French fries **Grab ‘n’ go:** Turkey bacon sub
Feb. 28: **Breakfast:** Sausage patty, buttermilk biscuits, country gravy **Lunch:** Mozzarella bread sticks, Tater tots **Grab ‘n’ go:** Southwest chicken wrap

Marsing

Meals include choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables
Elementary School each day: Breakfast: Cereal option
Middle/High School each day: PB&J sandwich option
Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sandwich, salad
Hot Grab-n-go line (varies): Cheeseburger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sandwich; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)
Feb. 22: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll or pork sausage patty, biscuit, banana **Lunch:** Soft tacos, Spanish rice, refried beans, carrot sticks **Cold Grab-n-go:** Turkey and cheese sub
Feb. 23: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, muffin or French toast sticks, syrup cup, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper, pineapple tidbits, tossed salad, carrot sticks, Jello **Hot Grab-n-go:** Popcorn chicken, roll, French fries
Feb. 27: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, syrup cup, applesauce, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, steamed carrots, roll, snickerdoodle cookie **Hot Grab-n-go:** Mozzarella breadsticks, tots
Feb. 28: **Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito or pork sausage patty, biscuit, country gravy, apple **Lunch:** Orange chicken rice bowl, egg roll, green beans **Cold Grab-n-go:** Malibu chicken wrap

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily
Feb. 22: **Breakfast:** PB&J sandwich **Lunch:** Chicken taco, tossed romaine salad, broccoli
Feb. 23: **Breakfast:** Waffles **Lunch:** Corn dog, potato wedges, baby carrots
Feb. 27: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Orange chick, oriental rice, stir-fry vegetables
Feb. 28: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy **Lunch:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden spinach salad, peas, breadstick



Early FFA Week at HHS

High school teacher Charlie Shepherd gets on his (stick)horse during a barrel race as part of Homedale’s National FFA Week Ag Olympics assembly Thursday. See more photos in the gallery at www.owyheeavalanche.com

Marsing chapter attends Gem State Leadership, prepares for FFA Week

Appreciation brunch set Friday

by Taylor Callison
Marsing FFA reporter

It’s that time of year again. Marsing FFA is starting to get busy with chapter-, Treasure Valley District-, and state-level activities. This week, Marsing FFA is focused on National FFA Week, which began Tuesday after deadline and runs through Saturday. The chapter will present its National FFA Week Appreciation Brunch between 10 a.m., and noon inside the high school ag shop. This year’s meal will be an in-person event; last year, the students boxed up lunches and delivered them to school district staff and community members who placed orders. There also are a few Treasure Valley District contests coming up on Wednesday, March 8 at Middleton High School:

- Parliamentary Procedure

career development experience (CDE)

- Conduct of Chapter Meetings CDE
- Ag Sales CDE
- District officer sifting

The annual Marsing FFA Alumni Auction will be held at 6 p.m., on Friday, March 10 inside the school district cafeteria on 8th Avenue West. Other upcoming events will be promoted around Marsing and on the FFA chapter’s social media pages. Last month, chapter members took part in the first state FFA event of 2023. The Gem State Leadership Conference took place on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 23-24 in Boise. Eighteen Marsing students attended the first day, and 19 were on hand the second day. The event is focused on teaching students about leadership and how they can use their leadership skills in FFA. The first day was the busiest day, starting with a career success tour in the morning. Marsing FFA students had a

choice to tour Dynamite Feed Mill or Western States CAT heavy equipment dealership, both of which are in Meridian. The students had a great time at each of the tours. After the tours and changing into their official dress, the members ate lunch and attended the careers success trade show at the Boise Riverside Hotel and Conference Center. After the trade show, the students headed to the Idaho Statehouse (capitol) to complete a scavenger hunt that taught them about the Statehouse. Returning to the Riverside conference center, the chapter members spent the remainder of the day in leadership workshops. For the second day of the conference, students got up bright and early and loaded into vans to head back to Boise. After attending three workshops, the group stopped for lunch and headed back to Marsing.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Curbside pickup only between noon and 1 p.m.
Phone ahead (208) 337-3020 to order
Dessert is included in curbside lunch
Milk and roll/bread available each day
Feb. 22: Sausage Alfredo, California blend vegetables
Feb. 23: Beef and gravy over mashed potatoes, cabbage
Feb. 28: Baked fish, broccoli, mac and cheese

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing

Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside Marsing City Hall
Milk available each day
Suggested donation: \$4 (60 and older), \$6 (59 and younger)
Feb. 22: Honey garlic salmon over rice pilaf, Capri blend vegetables, coleslaw, spiced apples, whole wheat roll
Feb. 24: Vegetarian lasagna, peas, green salad, peaches, French bread
Feb. 27: Breaded chicken with country gravy,

mashed potatoes, Monterey blend vegetables, fresh fruit, whole wheat roll

Rimrock Senior Center, Grand View

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
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as early as possible to place order
Feb. 23: grilled cheese, tomato soup, ham/cheese sandwich, green salad, pasta vegetable salad, yogurt, cottage cheese, pears
Feb. 28: Enchilada beef casserole, Spanish rice, coleslaw, cantaloupe, pudding

Melba Valley Senior Center

Meals served at noon (Salad bar at 11:30 a.m.)
Phone ahead (208) 495-2168 same day for complete menu
Payment by donation. All ages welcome
Feb. 23: Parmesan pork chops
Feb. 28: Spaghetti

Play, policy at Homedale library

Homedale District Library trustees approved internet policy for the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library on Feb. 13. The Internet Access and Safety Policy was finalized after a public hearing. Director Sharla Jensen said no public input was received.

The policy, which meets the provisions of Idaho Code and the Children’s Internet Protection Act, prohibits access to or transmission of inappropriate material and other unauthorized uses of email and websites.

Trustees will review the policy every three years.

According to the policy, library district staff is responsible to monitor proper usage of the library’s online computer network.

The policy is available for review at the library.

The board of trustees will hold another public hearing regarding the setting of fees and fines and non-resident memberships. The hearing, which was incorrectly reported as to have been held on Feb. 13 because of an incorrect date on the original legal publication sent to The Owyhee Avalanche, will take place at 10 a.m., on Friday, March 10 at the library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., in Homedale.

- Fees already in place are:
- **Fines for tardy book returns** — 15 cents per day per book up to a maximum of \$2 per book
 - **Costs for copies** — 15 cents per page for black-and-white copies and 25 cents per page for color copies

Youth programs ongoing

- **Teens and Tweens, 5 p.m., Thursday** — The Homedale High School Robotics Club will demonstrate its machine for boys and girls ages 10-17 inside the Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

- **Opal Nash Story Time, 10:15 a.m., Monday** — Preschoolers should prepare for a late breakfast as volunteer Laura Aebischer reads for the “Breakfast Foods” program: “Dozens of Doughnuts” by Carrie Finison

“Lady Pancake and Sir French Toast” by Josh Funk

The children will make pancakes after the reading.

- **After-school, 4:30 p.m., Tuesday** — Boys and girls in elementary school and middle school will celebrate Dr. Seuss.

Obituary

David John Austin

David John Austin was born in Eugene, OR on August 20th, 1961 to Tommie F. Austin and Nina A. Austin. The second oldest of five brothers, David grew up in Marsing, ID and attended school in Marsing. David was a good worker and traveled where his work took him, to Alaska, to Colorado, to Oregon and to South Carolina where he lived until his oldest son Justin died at age of 18. David then moved back to the Treasure Valley area to be with his other two children Tonia and Kevin. David left this Earth for a Heavenly Home on Friday, February 17th, 2023.

David’s greatest joy was in trying to make people happy and laugh. He was the most polite, nicest guy a person ever met. David loved his music, gospel, rock and country and knew all the words to nearly every song in those genres -- truly amazing. His greatest pride was his grandchildren and being a part of their lives. David survived many accidents, broken bones, and mishaps throughout his sixty-one years, but always seemed to be able to smile with little to no complaints.

David was preceded in death by his younger brother Steven Floyd Austin in 1978, his Dad Tommie Floyd Austin in 1984, and his son Justin Mitchell Austin in 2002.



He is survived by mother Nina Austin Hayes of Marsing, ID, three brothers Richard (Connie) Austin of Scottsdale, Arizona; Michael Austin of Homedale, ID; Samuel (Dawn) Austin of Spring Hill, Florida; his two children Tonia (Nathaniel) Marmon and Kevin (Tiffany) Austin with a total of six grandchildren all of Caldwell, ID; a brother-in-law Tom (Sandie) Rasch of Oregon City, OR; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and five aunts Nettie, Rosalee, Kaye and Sharon, all residing in Idaho, and Evelyn living in Washington.

David has numerous friends and adopted family scattered throughout the country where his smile, laugh, humor and stories will be greatly missed especially by his three brothers and brother-in-law.

Graveside services were held at Peaceful Valley Cemetery across the Snake River in Canyon County on Monday, February 20th, 2023.

Death notices

ANGELITA “ANGIE” BAUTISTA, 88, of Caldwell, a former Homedale resident, died on Monday, Feb. 13, 2023. A viewing was held and a rosary celebrated on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, 624 Cleveland Blvd., Caldwell. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m., on Friday, Feb. 17, at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, 1122 W. Linden St., Caldwell.

DEBORAH EUGENIA “DEBBIE” (ORR) BERRETT, 67, of Melba, died on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023. A celebration of life is scheduled for early April in Melba. Arrangements: Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel, 415 12th Ave. S., Nampa. (208) 442-8171

JOSEPH “JOE” DEAN MEADE, 75, of Marsing, died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023. Arrangements: Dakan Funeral Chapel, 504 S. Kimball Ave., Caldwell. (208) 459-3629

DILLON MICHAEL MORRIS, 30, of Marsing, died on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023. A funeral service was held on Friday, Feb. 16, 2023 at Peaceful Valley Cemetery, Marsing Road and River Road, Caldwell. Arrangements: Dakan Funeral Chapel

MARY ELLEN REYNOLDS, 95, of Bruneau, died on Monday, Feb. 20, 2023 at home. Arrangements: Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, 500 N. 18th E., Mountain Home. (208) 214-4348

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Religious Expression

Progress pushes us further away from God

God is perfect. God makes no mistakes.

“Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me. I, even I, am the Lord, And besides Me there is no savior.”

— **Isaiah 43:10-11**

“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

— **Genesis 1:27**

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”

— **Genesis 2:24**

In Daily Thoughts for Disciples, Oswald Chambers writes: “The curious thing about civilization is that it tends to take people away from the soil and makes them develop an artificial existence away from the elements. Civilization has become an elaborate way of doing without God.”

Globalism must be in place for Satan and his superman, Antichrist, to implement the final great deception. In order to achieve such, the entire globe needs to be indoctrinated. Satan is masterfully using the latest trends for this very purpose.

One of the most successful theories being spread around the world is global warming, environmentalism, “save the earth.” That is the most powerful philosophy to envelope the planet today.

We can appreciate technology’s many advantages, including better merchandise, high-quality food, not to mention the com-

fort of transportation. Indeed, there are benefits to the furtherance of the Gospel, the internet being a prime example. But we must not overlook Satan’s diabolical plan to use the technological modern world to unite all nations into a true globalist society.

In the end, it will and must come to the point where **Revelation 17:13** will be fulfilled: “These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.”

If you belong to Jesus Christ — regardless of who you are — your destination is indescribably glorious!

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



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This three-day series of hands-on, engaging, science activities will feature subjects including gardening, ocean exploration, and aerospace.

Spring Break Day Camp Series participants will engage with the following curriculums:

- **Junior Master Gardener** will combine elements of garden science, physical activity, and nutrient-dense food experiences to share with participants the importance of health and wellness. Participants will learn about plants and their needs, take home a potted plant, explore new foods, and engage in physical activities.
- **Exploring the Deep** is designed to help youth develop observation and critical-thinking skills while exploring the interconnections between the ocean and humans. This curriculum, developed by oceanographers from Rutgers University, focuses on the

mysteries and adventures of ocean exploration, with ocean robots.

• **Aerospace Exploration** will explore the science of flight, including the four forces of flight, how weather affects light, and fun with rockets.

Youth ages 8-13 can join this fun, educational camp for a one-time \$15 registration fee, which also covers a snack and lunch each day of camp.

The Spring Break Day Camp Series will be held from 9 a.m., to 3 p.m., each day from March 27 to March 29 at The HUB, 205 8th Ave. W., in Marsing. Space is limited to 15 participants, so do not hesitate to complete your registration. Registration ends at 5 p.m., on Friday, March 24.

Register at <https://bit.ly/OwyheeSpringBreak>

Payment can be made in-person, over the phone, or online at <https://owyheecountyextension.square.site/>. Please note that, if paying online, you are still required to complete this registration.

For more information or to pay for your registration, contact the Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104, or owyhee@uidaho.edu.

— Madi Anderson is the 4-H program coordinator at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office. Contact her for more information on 4-H at (208) 896-4104 or madisona@uidaho.edu.

Felon convicted for drugs among illegal aliens detained

A Mexican citizen convicted of felony drug possession in Owyhee County two years ago faces deportation.

Juan Sanchez Diaz, 61, was arrested in Owyhee County on Jan. 24 by federal Enforcement and Removal Operations officers out of Salt Lake City.

According to an Immigration and Customs Enforcement press release, the arrest was part of the apprehension of six illegal aliens who had been convicted of drug trafficking or possession involving methamphetamine, fentanyl and heroin.

Sanchez Diaz was among the non-citizens with final orders for removal from the country who

were picked up between Jan. 23 and Feb. 6 in a nationwide ERO enforcement operation.

Sanchez Diaz was convicted of felony methamphetamine possession in Third District Court and sentenced on Jan. 11, 2021. The man received a suspended state prison term of 1½ years to six years and was placed on three years of felony probation, which was to last through Jan. 8, 2024.

Sanchez Diaz paid \$1,246.50 in fines and court costs over the 21 months after his sentencing.

Jeffrey Phillips prosecuted the case for the Owyhee County, and Judge Andrea Courtney presided.

Calendar

Today

Food distribution

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

Labor Dept. bilingual employment services

Noon to 4 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 364-7781 or canyoncountymail@labor.idaho.gov for appointment or information.

Christian Life Club

4 p.m., to 5:15 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. Kindergarten to fourth grade. (208) 880-7070 or (208) 337-3464

Thursday

Fit and Fall class

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

Fit and Fall Proof exercise class

10 a.m., to 11 a.m., free, old Marsing High School gymnasium, 800 Main St., Marsing. (208) 296-0847

Food bank drop off

1 p.m., to 3 p.m., (weather permitting; holidays could change date), Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206 or (541) 586-2562

Teens and Tweens

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

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

Friday

National FFA Week appreciation lunch

Noon, Marsing High School Ag Shop, 8th Avenue West, Marsing.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Saturday

Free lunch

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

Bruneau Boosters auction

5:30 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. auction. Public welcome. American Legion Post 83 Hall, 32536 Belle Ave., Bruneau. Katie Colyer (208) 599-2962

Sunday

Snake River Concert series

3 p.m., free, Lynn Tredeau. Special guest each month. Location provided upon registration. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com>, search Snake River Concert Series. For information: Allen Tredeau, allen@lynntredeau.com or (208) 258-9836.

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Opal Nash Story Time

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

Depression and Anxiety Recovery

6 p.m., \$185 for 8 sessions. Garnet Seventh-

Day Adventist Church, 16613 Garnet Rd, Wilder. Registration (208) 649-4511

Tuesday

Circuit Breaker tax relief workshop

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

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

Homedale Chamber meeting

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

Region III assistance assessments

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

After school time

4 p.m., to 5 p.m., ‘Dr. Seuss Activity’, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View.

Children’s After School Program

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Wednesday

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Teens and Tweens

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

Arock school board meeting

7 p.m., W. W. Jones Schoolhouse, 3513 Arock Rd., Arock. (541) 586-2325

Thursday, March 2

Fit and Fall class

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

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10 a.m., to 11 a.m., free, old Marsing High School gymnasium, 800 Main St., Marsing. (208) 296-0847

Circuit Breaker tax relief workshop

Noon to 3 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690 for appointment.

Friends of the Homedale Library meeting

4 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

Teens and Tweens

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Assessor brings Circuit Breaker help to county citizens

Assessor’s office staff will soon fan out across Owyhee County to help eligible citizens with property tax reduction/Circuit Breaker applications.

Applications are due April 18.

Workshops are planned for four locations throughout the county:

- **Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.** — 9:30 a.m., to 1 p.m., on Tuesday and Thursday, March 9
- **Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing** — Noon to 3 p.m., on Thursday, March 2, and Tuesday, March 7
- **Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View** — 9:30 a.m., to 1 p.m., on Tuesday, March 14
- **Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau** — 9:30 a.m., to 1 p.m., on Thursday, March 16

Assessor’s office staff will also help with the property tax benefit for veterans with 100 percent service-connected disability.

According to the State Tax Commission’s website, to qualify for the Circuit Breaker tax reduction program, a property owner must meet ALL of the following criteria:

- Total 2022 income, after deducting medical expenses, of \$33,870 or less.
- 65 or older, blind, widowed, disabled, a former prisoner of war or hostage, or a motherless or fatherless child younger than 18 years old.
- Owned and lived in a home in Idaho as a primary residence before April 15.
- Property must have a current homeowner’s exemption.

The home can be a mobile home.

People can qualify if they live in a care facility or nursing home this year or lived in one last year.

All applicants must submit documents verifying eligibility status, including (if applicable):

- Driver’s license and Social Security card
- Death certificate for deceased spouse
- Current letter from Veterans’ Administration for service-connected disability

To apply online go to the State Tax Commission website (tax.idaho.gov) and click on TAP, and then click on Property Tax (Circuit Breaker). There is a step-by-step application process as well as more information on who can qualify.

An email address is required to apply online, and the completed application also has a confirmation number and confirmation code that the taxpayer must retain.

Call the assessor’s office at (208) 495-2817 to get more information or to get questions answered.

From page 1

✓ Capital: Locals focus on education, sewer project, first-responder issues

after the Idaho State Supreme Court ruled in their favor in 2007 after a decade of legal wrangling.

Little is the only CDF hold-over after the latest election. New additions are Attorney General Raúl Labrador, Senate Pro Tempore Chuck Winder (Dist. 20, R-Boise), and Speaker of the House Mike Moyle (Dist. 10, R-Star).

The governor lifted the veil on one of the possible reasons it has been so difficult to get movement. He said that the “hurdle” is setting a precedent that would enable every attorney that files litigation to seek reimbursement from the fund.

“This case is so important that I think it’s an exception, but I don’t want to make it the rule,” Little said.

“But I think we will act on it.”

Even after the Idaho Legislature passed a resolution urging the council to take action, Wasden stood firm in his opposition to using the fund that purportedly was set up to protect the state’s sovereignty.

The issue was never brought before the CDF council.

Little’s response to Aberasturi was most likely just the type of answer folks who crammed into the old wood-frame hall on Belle Avenue came to hear.

It was an example of government being responsive in rural Idaho — which is the whole point of Capital for a Day. The program was started by Gov. Cecil Andrus, Little pointed out, but his immediate predecessor, Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter, put the concept “on steroids” and made the outreach visits with cabinet members and state agency reps a monthly occurrence.

Friday’s gathering in the small village nestled along C.J. Strike Reservoir marked Little’s first Capital for a Day foray into Owyhee County after four years and a few months in office.

It was a chance for Bruneau’s residents to welcome the state government and also salute some of the community’s important contributors.

Sherry Colyer of Colyer Cattle Co., presented Rimrock High School’s student council members to recite the Pledge of Allegiance then introduced community leaders such as Bill McBride from American Legion Post 83, Bruneau Quick Response Unit administrator Mary Tindall, volunteer fireman and Bruneau Water and Sewer District president Justin Howard, and Katie Colyer from the Bruneau Boosters.

Judy McBride and the Boosters prepared lunch for the day, too.

For Little, putting Bruneau on display had an educational objective, too.

“The rest of the state could learn a lot about government from Bruneau,” he said.

The day was as close to a homecoming that Idaho Department of Labor director Jani Revier may have. She was born and raised in Three Creek.

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation director Susan Buxton said one of her first big cases as a young attorney was fighting the Endangered Species listing of the Bruneau Hot Springsnail. Buxton was one of the lawyers for the plaintiffs in the 1990s case *Idaho Farm Bureau Federation v. Babbitt* when the agriculture advocacy group sued then-Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt.

The topics addressed by community members — and a couple out-of-towners — in their questions to the governor and administration heads were varied.

- Howard took the opportunity to lobby for help from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality in the water and sewer district’s ongoing wastewater treatment plant construction project.

The request for bids was issued earlier this year, but Howard stressed that crossing the T’s and dotting the I’s on the project is difficult for a volunteer board that doesn’t have all the answers.

When DEQ director Jess Byrne asked Howard to reach out to his agency for help, Howard put the concept of Friday’s visit in sharp perspective.

“I say reach out to us ... You’re the ones telling us we have to do it, but you’re not telling us how to do it,” Howard said.

Howard summed up the frustration and the stress board members are feeling in an effective yet graphic metaphor:

“I feel like it’s run downhill, and it’s sewer, and it’s landed on the bottom guy, and he’s a volunteer.”

Byrne told Howard that there are engineers and staff in the DEQ office, and “We’ll reach out.”

Howard took a similar approach when discussing the need for equipment for the rural fire department and the loosening of protocols for volunteers responding in state agency vehicles to emergency situations.

He works for the Idaho Transportation Department, and he told ITD director Scott Stokes of an instance where valuable time was lost when Howard had to park his ITD rig, go to the Bruneau Fire station, and respond to a vehicle accident requiring extrication in a non-state vehicle.

“There has to be a way to streamline that so you don’t have to put on and take off so many hats,” Stokes said.

- In another emergency services-related exchange, Tindall pointed out that the local QRU pays to train its EMTs. Department of Health director Dave Jeppesen acknowledged a state study found shortcomings in Idaho’s emergency services system, including the fact that the EMTs are not on the state’s list of essential services.

Other topics included:

- Improvements to the Bruneau-Grand View School District’s hot lunch program
- Geothermal heat as part of the state’s clean energy portfolio along with wind and solar
- Rimrock English teacher Brandi Lisle expressed concern that the state’s school funding formula was returning to Average Daily Attendance instead of actual enrollment numbers that have been used since the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I’m worried about the unintended consequences of getting kids enrolled that rarely darken the schoolhouse door,” Little said, referencing one unnamed district that gave away free hamburgers one day just to get its enrollment numbers up for the sake of increasing state funding.

The governor took the opportunity to hype his budget proposal for \$50 million in discretionary funding increases and \$90 million to boost the salaries of classified employees.

He also plans to seek \$120 million in property tax relief during the 2023 Idaho Legislature.

Idaho State Board of Education member Cally Roach from Fairfield made the trip for Capital for a Day.

“We at the State Board of Education are so proud of the Bruneau-Grand View School District,” she said. “Your district is one of the districts we look at for best practices.

“You’re being looked at across the state as a model for other rural schools.”

Little also pointed out that teacher pay is important if the state is going to retain home-grown talent in its educational ranks.

“I’ve gotta be more competitive in teacher pay if I want one of my Rimrock graduates to go to college and come back and teach in Idaho,” Little said.

Saying some students don’t go on to college because of transportation limitations, Lisle also asked about possibly issuing provisional driver’s licenses to those whose status makes them ineligible.

- Grand View resident Tammy Payne asked about the re-emergence of the Waters of the United States issue with the federal Environmental Protection Agency, and she also brought up the governor’s Launch program to enhance post-secondary career technical education opportunities through individual scholarships of up to \$8,500.
- Funding for in-home care programs for adults with developmental disabilities — broached by an Idaho Falls man who apparently also brought up the topic for Department of Health and Welfare director Dave Jeppesen during last month’s Capital for a Day in Weiser.

It's Homedale-Fruitland for district title again

Trojans beat Payette, gain 3A State berth

All is right in the universe again: Homedale and Fruitland are playing for the 3A District III high school boys' basketball championship.

The top-seeded Trojans (14-7) and No. 3 Grizzlies (14-9) earned spots in the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament when they won their semifinals Saturday night.

Now, the squads with a storied all-sports rivalry stretching back decades will tip off for the district title at 7 p.m., on Thursday inside the HHS gym.

Cam Long, Homedale's fourth-year coach, understands there's little more than bragging rights on the line in the district title game because both teams already have reached the state tourney. But seeding in the final eight could make the game pivotal just the same.

To be frank, this probably wasn't the matchup fans expected.

Homedale beat No. 4 Payette, 37-30, on Saturday in a close game with an anticipated outcome.

But No. 3 seed Fruitland threw a

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Seniors Kendall Clark (3) and Hallie Arnold (2) raise the championship trophy and celebrate with their Melba High School teammates Saturday inside the Ford Idaho Center. Photo by Shea McClellin

Melba lines up 2A state title

Dayley, Clark spark massive free-throw edge

Kendall Clark ended her high-scoring high school career with a double-double,

and Melba won another state championship.

The Mustangs exacted revenge from a 2019 state final loss, beating Soda Springs, 56-45, on Saturday in the 2A Real Dairy Shootout girls' basketball state championship game.

Melba won its 26th consecutive game and second state title in three seasons.

Clark's teammate, Brooklyn Dayley, who lives in Owyhee County, scored 10 points with 4-for-5 free-throw

— See *Melba*, page 13

District runner-up Mustangs send 7 to state wrestling meet

Marsing duo earn bronze medals in Nampa

The 2A District III wrestling championships were moved up in the week, and seven Melba High School athletes moved on.

A handful of other local wrestlers, including

Marsing's Ryan Baxter and Jonathan Leon, walked away with third-place medals from Thursday's meet at Nampa Christian High School on the bubble of qualifying for the state championship meet.

By Monday, the Marsing athletes had learned

— See *Wrestling*, page 13

District wrestling tournaments

Newcomers among HHS' State qualifiers

Rose, McFarlane twins win district championships

Michael Rose will be the tour guide this week for nine Homedale High School wrestling teammates at the 3A state tournament.

The 285-pound junior is the only one among the local athletes who has experienced the final tournament of the

season.

The other HHS wrestlers who punched their tickets during Saturday's 3A District III Tournament are evidence that coach Jake Levinski's vision quest is on track.

This year's 285-pound district champion, Rose can be considered the elder statesman for Homedale's 11 athletes heading to the Ford Idaho Center beginning Thursday.

— See *HHS*, page 18

Homedale's Kiser reaches girls' tourney

At least one local athlete will compete this weekend in the girls' wrestling state tournament in Nampa.

Mariah Kiser finished fifth in her weight class to pick up the final automatic berth into the Class 3A state tournament during the all-divisions District III tournament at Expo Idaho last Wednesday.

The Homedale High School freshman pulled off four consecutive consolation pinfalls, including stopping Middleton's Reese Habel in 3 minutes, 39 seconds of their fifth-place bout at 145 pounds.

Kiser (19-17) will open competition in the state tournament at 1 p.m., on Thursday at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

The top five wrestlers from each classification in District III earn a spot in the state tournament. The next highest seed receives an at-large bid.

It remains to be seen if Kiser's teammate, Myra Jean Koon, will earn a spot in the 185-pound field.

A sophomore, Koon (6-17) lost the District III fifth-place match a week ago when Val-livue's Phoebe McAuliffe (4-6) ended their bout in 56 seconds.

Marsing 107-pounder Erika Frazier (18-13) pulled off an upset of Boise's Abigail Rehm (25-14). Frazier edged her fellow sophomore, 6-5, to win the seventh-place medal.

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Sports

HHS cheer wins state title for grades

A Homedale High School program once again is among the academic state champions. The Trojans cheer squad is the Class 3A state champion for academics, according to the Idaho High School Activities Association.

The HHS cheer squad posted a cumulative grade-point average of 3.658.

Heidi Lawler is the cheer advisor for the team, which includes:

- Irene Acosta-Romero, jr., mother: Blanca Romero Flores
- Claudia Cortes, fr., parents: Joel Cortes and Marbella Vega
- Abagale Hall, jr., parents: Jared and Aimee Hall. She's squad captain.
- Rivkah Leach, so., home-schooled. Parents: Jefferson and Bethany Leach
- Neidy Rameriz, so, par-



Back row, from left: Abagale Hall, Neidy Rameriz, Claudia Cortes, and Rivkah Leach. **Middle row:** Hannah Thornton (left) and Gabby Young. **Front row:** Irene Acosta-Romero (left) and Angel Zaragoza. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

ents: Jose Ramirez and Min-erva Gaytan

• Hannah Thornton, fr., par-ents: Amy and William Thorn-ton

• Gabrielle Young, jr.,

parents: Alvin and Desirae Young

• Angel Zaragoza, so., moth-er: Nancy Zaragoza

Alan Lawler serves as as-sistant coach.

Reigning 2A champs back in state tourney

Melba High School's winning continued last week, and now the boys' basketball team has a chance to extend its success in the 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament.

The No. 1 seed Mustangs played No. 2 Cole Valley Christian after deadline Tuesday at Middleton High School for the 2A District III title.

The reigning state champion and Idaho Class 2A No. 1 won its 37th consecutive game in last Wednesday's district semifinal in Middleton.

Melba (22-0) scorers came within a free throw of posting three double-doubles to pound No. 4 The Ambrose School, 63-39, to clinch the State berth and another matchup with the Chargers.

Cousins Cache Beus and

Cutter Beus delivered double-double performances. Cache scored 20 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, and Cutter posted 16 points and 12 rebounds.

Tucker Lowber added 11 points with five boards, while Braden Volkers had 10 rebounds to go with nine points.

Ambrose's Tyson Hughes scored 20 points.

Feb. 13: No. 1 Melba 80, No. 8 Compass Charter 43 — Four players topped double figures as the Mustangs cruised in their district opener inside Potter Gymnasium.

Braden Volkers led all players with 21 points. Cutter Beus added 16 points, and Cache Beus put in 11 points and grabbed six rebounds.

Micah Foreman scored 13 for the Aviators.

✓ Girls: Two Marsing wrestlers, another Trojan compete at Expo Idaho

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Trinity Stimmel, wrestling at 165 pounds for Marsing, lost both her district tournament bouts, including a 7-2 decision to Payette's Sydney Scott in the consolation bracket.

Kiser's march through the consolation bracket began after she lost her first match of the district tournament, a fall at 2:50 against Columbia's Maria Sifuentes in the quarterfinals.

Kiser pinned Boise's Lou

Vapaile (1 minute, 39 seconds) and Timberline's Kaia Strang (1:40) to reach the consolation bracket semifinal. She lost the semi by pinfall (4:00) to Meridian's Kiara Dixon.

Koon fell into the consola-

tion tournament after a quarter-final loss at 185 pounds.

Frazier's journey for Marsing began with an 83-second pin of Fruitland's Jayda Keffer in the 107 quarterfinals.

Emmett's Dahlia Yerby

pinned Frazier at 1:55 in their quarterfinal match.

After another pinfall loss late in the first round against Caldwell's Toni Avelino (1:58), Frazier beat Rehm for seventh place.

Homedale Trojans

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Boys' basketball
Trenton Fisher, sr., W
7 points, 5 steals in district
win vs. Payette

Wrestling
Girls
Mariah Kiser, fr., 145
Reached State with 5th-place
District III finish

Wrestling
Boys
Michael Rose, jr., 285
Won district title; 2nd straight
State trip

This week's Sports Schedule

Boys' basketball
Varsity
3A District Tournament
Thursday, Feb. 23, home for championship vs. Fruitland, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity
3A Snake River Valley conference tournament champ
Frosh-soph
Season complete

Wrestling
Boys and girls
Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 23-25 at 3A state championships, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa, 9 a.m.

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Sports

Huskies find offensive touch, but can't stop Archers

Marsing survives North Star, bows out vs. Ambrose

The Marsing High School's boys' basketball players showed show their knack for hanging tough Saturday, but couldn't hang on to their season.

The Huskies clawed back from a 19-point deficit, but couldn't complete the comeback in a 79-67 loss to The Ambrose School in a 2A District III Tournament loser-out game in Meridian.

Sixth-seeded Marsing (8-15 overall) brought a roster riddled with sickness into the game, which was the team's sixth outing in 14 days.

Still, coach Tim Little's squad trailed by one point after eight minutes and then pared back its double-digit deficit in the second half to eight points midway through the fourth quarter.

"We clawed our way back into the game to make it

interesting," Little said.

The Archers employed the three-point shot frequently, knocking in eight in the first quarter and 11 before halftime.

Ambrose was held to three treys after the intermission.

"We tried to make some adjustments, but ended up sending them to the line in the second half," Little said.

The Archers connected 20 of 26 free throws, while Marsing dropped in 20 of 29.

Juan Diego Ponce converted five of eight foul shots and hit three three-pointers, leading Marsing with 22 points. Dusty Engle added 11 points, and Braden Ankeny corralled a team-high nine rebounds. His cousin, Eli, had nine points.

Ambrose sophomore Lincoln Mathis led all players with 26 points. He drained six three-pointers.

Last Wednesday: No. 6 Marsing 61, No. 8 North Star Charter 59 — Ponce fired at will, knocking down 10 of 15 field-goal attempts (4-for-7 from three-point land) and pouring in a career-high 26 points as the Huskies held on to their season.

"We could not get over the hump," Little said. "We were up seven (points) multiple

times, then North Star would come right back and make a run on us."

Max Wheeler led all players with 31 points for North Star (5-17), which saw its season end.

Braden Ankeny started early and established his dominance on the backboards. He had three rebounds in the first quarter and finished with nine boards. Four of those came on the defensive glass.

Nacho Margarito scored a season-high 18 points on 7-for-10 shooting inside the three-point line. He also dropped in four of five free-throw attempts.

Teagan Kinney scored five points and snagged four boards.

Eli Ankeny didn't score, but dished five assists. Jace Chadez had four assists and scored five points.

Feb. 13: No. 3 New Plymouth 57, No. 6 Marsing 42 — Playing at home, the Pilgrims connected on 15 of 20 free throws in the fourth quarter to earn a spot in the district semifinals.

Little said the Huskies struggled on match-up defense against New Plymouth's 6-foot, 5-inch post player Heath Jarboe, who scored

25 points.

"We attempted to front him and get some backside help when they threw the lob, but New Plymouth extended us out with their shooters and we were unable to get to the ball quick enough before they dumped it down in low," the coach said.

Marsing pulled to within six points, 37-31, at the end of the third quarter, but couldn't extend the rally further.

The Huskies put up a season-high 22 three-point shots, including several quick possessions down the stretch.

One of three Huskies to connect on a pair of three-pointers, Chadez led the visitors with 10 points, six rebounds and five assists.

Braden Ankeny hit both of his field-goal attempts for four points and collected four defensive rebounds.

Ponce, who also had a pair of treys as part of his eight points, snagged three boards on the Pilgrims' end of the floor.

Senior Clayton Shofner knocked in a pair of three-pointers for all his scoring.

Kinney had four points and five rebounds.

Margarito was 3-for-4 from the charity stripe for part of his five points.



Marsing forward Nacho Margarito puts up a shot against the defense of North Star's Connor O'Brien during last Wednesday's tournament home game.

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MARSING HUSKIES

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

This week's schedule



Boys' basketball
Juan Diego Ponce, fr., G
Career-high 26 points vs.
North Star



Wrestling- Girls
Erika Frazier, so., 107
Finished 7th in
district tourney



Wrestling-Boys
Jonathon Leon, jr., 195
Finished 3rd in
district tourney

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Season complete: 8-15

Wrestling
Boys
(If qualified)
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Sports

✓ Melba: 2 trophies earned

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shooting to give a glimpse of where the game was won.

The high school trophy case on Stokes Avenue is now stuffed with six pieces of girls' basketball state hardware collected since 2017. The Mustangs also added this year's sportsmanship award.

"This season was obviously one to remember," Melba coach Dave Lenz said. "I think what sticks out to me the most was how this group became a team. How each player accepted their role and did their best to excel in it.

"Each player was very selfless and wanted what was best for the team, and I truly felt like they wanted what was best for their teammates."

Saturday's game inside the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa marked the third time since 2019 that the Mustangs had played for all the marbles. The team beat Soda Springs in the first round during a 2021 march to the championship.

"We were obviously a very talented and athletic team, but these girls were also very hard workers who are very competitive and don't like to lose," Lenz said. "On top of all that, they are great kids off the court and they are kids who you are excited to get to the gym to coach every day."

On Saturday, Soda Springs (22-4) mounted a 17-1 run in the third quarter after falling behind early, but Melba stuck it out and seized control again to secure the title.

"While Soda was going on their run in the third, I felt like we quit attacking the basket and we turned the ball over way too many times," Lenz said. "There was a good stretch there where we didn't even get a shot."

Melba clawed back and cashed in on steals triggered by its press defense, tying the score, 33-33, heading into the fourth quarter.

"In between the third and fourth quarters, the girls were very confident in the huddle," Lenz said. "We knew we were the better team and had been for the majority of the game, and we just had to play one more solid quarter, which we did."

Hallie Arnold hit a big three-pointer, and Kendall Clark connected on eight of nine free throws in the fourth quarter. Arnold scored 11 points.

"Our defense got back on track that quarter, and the girls finished the game out the way we needed to," Lenz said. "It

was nice to see them face that type of adversity in the biggest game of the season and not back down from it."

The Mustangs had their own 14-2 spurt, and they led, 12-5 after the first eight minutes.

Clark, who crossed the 1,000-point career scoring threshold earlier this season, ended her prep career with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Both numbers paced all players on the big stage Saturday, and seven of her rebounds came on defense and helped stifle the Cardinals' second chances.

Melba piled up points during a busy day at the foul line, knocking down 70.3 percent of their attempts (26-for-37), including 17-for-23 (73.9 percent) in the second half.

Clark was 12-for-18 from the line, and Keylee Wilson dropped in six of eight chances for most of her eight points.

Wilson also collected five defensive rebounds.

"When you have players like Keylee Wilson, who is a three-time first-team all-conference and second-team All-State player, take pride in playing defense, rebounding, getting on the floor for loose balls and not be focused on how many points she scores, you go from being a good team to a great team," Lenz said.

Taylor Billman scored 16 points for Soda Springs.

Friday: Melba 53, West Side 31 — Clark poured in 19 points and had five of her eight rebounds on defense.

Dayley contributed eight points and five assists.

The Mustangs' Ellie Johnson knocked down a pair of three-point goals.

West Side's Natalie Lemmon carded a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Melba led, 31-18, at half.

Thursday: Melba 58, Declo 31 — The Mustangs scored 16 points off turnovers, running away from the Hornets after trailing by two points at the end of the first quarter.

Melba wrestled control of the game with an 18-0 run and held down Declo by forcing 24 turnovers.

Clark scored 19 points and grabbed nine rebounds.

Arnold (12 points) had three of the Mustangs' five treys.

Dayley chipped in 14 points with six rebounds and five assists.

Two Declo players reached double digits: Brynn Silcock with 12 and Aspen Peterson with 10.

✓ Wrestling: Huskies miss 2A state berths

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they didn't make the cut for the state tournament, which takes place Thursday through Saturday at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

The Mustangs finished runners-up to district champion New Plymouth on Thursday.

Wrestlers qualifying for their respective weight class district championship bout earned automatic berths into the state tournament. Bronze medalists must hope to match up favorably on paper with fellow wrestlers around the state for a shot at the final meet.

Marsing was fifth out of six teams.

Melba senior Grant Svedin (47-2) quickly disposed of Tri-Valley's Gabe Sutton (1 minute, 11 seconds) to win the 145-pound championship by pinfall.

Junior Evan Michaelson collected a title against another Tri-Valley wrestler at 195 pounds.

Michaelson (39-6) pinned senior Alyas Walker in 1:53.

Junior 182-pounder Trevor Rhoades (33-11) notched Melba's other gold medal when Nampa Christian senior Christian Langdon (23-16) couldn't compete because of an injury.

Melba's other state tournament qualifiers lost in championship bouts Thursday:

- **152 pounds** — Owyhee County senior McKoy Richardson (35-5) lost by pinfall (3:41) to Tri-Valley senior JC Henry (41-6).
- **113** — Junior Raivio Manzer (27-20) lost the championship bout in overtime when New Plymouth sophomore Jacob Hartle (14-14) picked up a 10-8 sudden victory.
- **220** — New Plymouth's unbeaten Hunter Williams (17-0) pinned fellow senior Brenton Overall (29-12) in 3:18.
- **285** — Senior Cody Dickard (31-4) lost to Pilgrims senior Nathan Willoughby (36-7) in a 49-second pinfall.

Third-place wrestlers included:

- **195** — A junior, Leon (11-8) pinned New Plymouth's Maxx Vian (9-26) for the second time in five days, stopping the freshman in 1:48 of their medal match.
- **220** — Baxter (6-10) pinned fellow freshman Tyler Magdaleno from Melba (10-10) in 2:57.
- **170** — Melba sophomore Brendan Svetich (16-16) racked up a 9-1 major decision over New Plymouth freshman

Trevin Mullanix (9-11).

- **285** — Melba Connor Alder (25-9) edged another senior, New Plymouth's Dylan Reynolds (9-7), 2-0.
- **106** — Mustangs ninth-grader Kolt Clemens (8-6) claimed a medal with a bye.
- **120** — Another Melba freshman, Razi Manzer (9-30) also medaled with a bye.

Mustangs sophomore Tyler Forsgren (15-26) lost the third-place match at 113 to New Plymouth's Charles Esplin (pin, 54 seconds).

Another New Plymouth wrestler, Parker Boring, claimed the third-place medal win a pin (1:27) of Melba sophomore Joel Helm.

Sophomore John Hunter (14-28) collected fifth place at 152 for Melba when he had a bye in the medal round.

Melba freshman Rooster Overall (5-23) lost the fifth-place match at 160 when Tri-Valley's Blake Damon (15-17) recorded a pin in 2:39.

Mustangs ninth-grader Luke Clark (11-24) lost the 170-pound fifth-place match by the narrowest of margins, 1-0, to Nampa Christian senior Sean Barton (16-18).

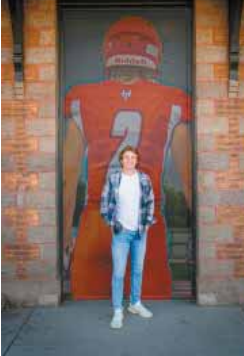
Marsing freshman 182-pounder Tristan Izzard got a fifth-place medal after a bye in the final round of bouts.



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Commentary

Letter to the editor

We must end our economic dependence on Chinese

I do not believe China really wants to have an armed conflict with the United States. In 2020, we had a \$283.6 billion trade deficit with them. A war would disrupt all of that trade. I know China is trying to take over the world. We just took a trip all around Africa, and they have their hooks in everywhere.

What I think the United States should do immediately is send every Chinese national student in our colleges and universities home. They are spies, every one of them. We need to buy back all of the land they own in the U.S. and forbid them as well as all our enemies from owning an acre of American soil. We need to find a way to wean American industry from having their products manufactured there. The sooner we start the better off we will be. If you have to have cheap labor, there are many countries that would love your business. The idea that we import 90 percent of our solar panels makes my blood run cold. They run all this industry with coal-fired plants. We think if we shut our coal plants we can save the world, baloney!

America, it is time to wake up before it is too late. While I am at it, fill the Rio Grande with alligators. That would stop in its tracks our takeover from the South.

P. T. Rathbone
Marsing

Center on Representative Government

U.S.’s version of democracy requires inclusive elections

by Lee H. Hamilton

We Americans live in a representative democracy. That’s a fundamental feature of public life in the United States, a part of who we are as a people. We elect leaders to make decisions on our behalf.

It’s not a pure democracy, in which the people vote on every important issue and the majority gets its way. Sometimes we do vote on questions of public interest: amendments to the national and state constitutions, for example, and referendums on whether to raise taxes or adopt new laws.

But, for the most part, we govern by representative democracy. We entrust elected representatives, from the president down to township officials and the local school board, to look out for our interests and carry out our wishes. Our elected officials debate the issues and vote.

This was the approach that our nation’s founders established more than 200 years ago, and it’s one that we have chosen to embrace and renew, generation after generation. There’s nothing inevitable or

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JP Doodles



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

From Washington

Some tax policy priorities that will fuel a healthier Idaho economy

I am honored to continue to serve Idahoans as Ranking Member of the U.S. Senate Finance Committee in the 118th Congress. The Finance Committee has the largest jurisdiction of any congressional committee, overseeing all tax policy and giving Idaho a pivotal role in affecting policy shaping our nation’s economy. As this Congress gets underway, the following are my tax policy priorities to fuel a healthy economy:

- **Promoting Idahoans’ access to high-paying careers:** With American workers and businesses continuing to face crippling inflation and supply-chain challenges, our tax system must promote careers, manufacturing and higher wages for hard-working families. I remain committed to preserving and building on Republicans’ pro-growth tax policies to create a competitive environment for U.S. businesses and ensure Americans have access to high-paying careers.
- **Preserving pro-growth tax reforms:** In 2017, Congress enacted comprehensive, pro-growth tax reform for the first time in more than 30 years. After two years of Democratic control, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) remains intact, and with good reason. TCJA led to one of the strongest economies in generations: unemployment dropped to a 50-year low, economic gains flowed to all demographic groups and income levels, and American businesses reported record investment in research and development. Lowering the corporate tax rate while significantly broadening the base resulted in record-high corporate tax revenues.

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- **Holding the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) accountable:** Finance Committee Republicans will be exercising strong accountability of the U.S. Department of the Treasury and IRS. Partisan legislation enacted

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Commentary

Financial management Long-forgotten savings better as IRA than cash



Dear Dave,
The other day, my wife and I discovered a Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) we’d forgotten about for more than 10 years from my time in the Army. There’s a little more than \$3,200 in there. We’re both in our 30s, and we’re trying to save up our starter emergency fund in Baby Step 1 of your plan. We were wondering if we should withdraw the money and use it toward Baby Steps 1 and 2, or just leave it in there.
— Todd

Dear Todd,
The best thing to do is roll the money over into an IRA. Otherwise you’re going to be hit with a 10 percent penalty — plus your tax rate — and end up paying 30 percent to 40 percent of it to the government. That’s kind of like asking, “Would it be a good idea to borrow \$3,200 at 30 percent interest to pay off debt?” Of course not! That would be a really dumb idea. And in a sense, that’s what you’d be doing by just taking the money out of the TSP.

It’s not a ton of money, but conceptually, I hate the idea of giving the government 30 percent to 40 percent of my money just to get my money out. So yeah, do some research, find a good investment professional near you — one with the heart of a teacher — and roll it into an IRA.
Congratulations to you and your wife for deciding to take control of your money. And thank you for your service to our country, Todd. I hope this helped.
— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of “The Ramsey Show,” heard by more than 18 million listeners. He has appeared on “Good Morning America,” “CBS This Morning,” “Today,” 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 of Ramsey Solutions.

✓ Priorities: Republicans on Finance Committee work for solutions

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in 2022 gave the IRS an unprecedented stream of multi-year supplemental funding, totaling almost \$80 billion. Given its taxpayer-focused mission, the IRS must wisely steward all funding it receives and ensure taxpayers continually see vast improvements in customer service — areas the IRS has unfortunately underperformed during the past three-plus years, despite receiving billions of additional funding during the period. Finance Committee Republicans have introduced a bill to give Congress a direct say in how these new IRS funds are used, providing real accountability to taxpayers.
• **Protecting hard-working taxpayers:** The IRS has a long and troubling history of overly expansive, poorly targeted and heavy-handed enforcement. New funding should not be a springboard to new unneeded (and unwanted) taxpayer burdens. With the bulk of

new IRS funding earmarked for enforcement, more audits — at every income level — are sure to follow. I reintroduced legislation to prevent the IRS from using its funding windfall to increase audits on hard-working families. I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting this important bill.
• **Pressing for meaningful and measurable solutions:** Taxpayers and tax practitioners continue to await crucial year-end guidance regarding scores of complex tax law changes. While some have gotten surprising reprieves, such as those who would have been subject to increased third-party settlement network reporting, others simply do not have the guidance they need, such as those subject to the so-called “book” minimum tax or those seeking energy tax benefits. I am pressing the IRS and Treasury Department to speed up the delivery of these rules, while taking careful consideration of the comments they are receiving,

including from my colleagues and me.
With a challenging past two years mired by trillions of dollars in new spending and programs, strong accountability of federal agencies within the committee’s jurisdiction will be key. Hard-working Idaho taxpayers deserve a responsive, transparent and accountable federal government. I am listening carefully to Idahoans as I work to deliver meaningful tax policy results for the American people that will drive a healthier 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.

✓ Democracy: Like it or not, compromise is a vital component of system

From Page 14
preordained about this. Other nations have adopted different systems, and we could, too. Some have moved far to the right, instituting fascist rule. Some have moved to the left, adopting socialism. We’ve also seen authoritarian regimes that combine features of the right and left.
But in the United States, representative democracy has served us well, and it has expanded over the years. At America’s founding, only white men who owned property were routinely permitted to vote. Black Americans were given the right after the Civil War; in practice, many were kept from voting for 100 years by poll taxes, literacy tests and intimidation. The 19th Amendment, ensuring suffrage for women, wasn’t ratified until 1920.
As the franchise expanded, government grew more representative of America. Today, women hold a record 153 of the 540 voting and nonvoting seats in the House of Representatives and the Senate. Some 133 senators and representatives identify as Black, Hispanic, Asian American, American Indian or Alaska Native, according to an analysis by the Pew Research Center.
This is important, but it’s not enough. If our representatives are going to represent our interests,

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Hamilton is a senior advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government; a Distinguished Scholar of the IU Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies; and a Professor of Practice, IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He was a Democratic member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years. More information on the Indiana University Center on Representative Government can be found at <https://corg.indiana.edu> or on Facebook.
they must cultivate political skills: the ability to communicate, speak persuasively and listen with discernment, to focus on real problems and bring people together to solve them. These skills are often underappreciated, but they are essential for translating the will of the people to effective government. Our representatives need to be willing to compromise, and it’s troubling that our politics have grown so polarized



that compromise can seem like a dirty word.
The authors of the Declaration of Independence wrote that we rely on government to secure our rights to “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” As Americans, we particularly value liberty: our freedom to live as we please. But we also must recognize that our freedom shouldn’t curtail the rights of others. Government should look out for everyone, not just the powerful or politically connected.
Finally, living in a representative democracy puts a premium on elections and voting. We need to have confidence that our elections are free and fair. Former President Donald Trump’s false claim that the 2020 election was stolen did serious damage, leading to the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol and to divisions and distrust that persist today.
We also need to encourage voting and make it easier. It’s common for politicians to impose restrictions on registration and voting in the name of election security. This may help them win elections in the short run; but, in the long run, it undermines our system of government.
The ballot is the foundation of our democracy and the best way to gauge the public’s will. Fair elections that engage the voters are essential to making our representative government truly representative.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

February 25, 1998



Girls state championship game...

Homedale’s Jessica Zatica led the Trojans with 17 points, 12 of them in the second half against Lapwai Saturday at the A-3 girls state final.

Lapwai defeats Lady Trojans for A-3 state title

After a 22-1 season and tournament wins over Prairie and West Jefferson, the Homedale Trojan girls basketball team couldn’t overcome Lapwai at the A-3 state championship game, losing by a score of 63-49 Saturday at the Idaho Center.

Sophomore Jessica Zatica led the Trojans with 17 points.

Homedale boys’ team beats Fruitland in 2OT

The Homedale High School boys’ basketball team defeated Fruitland 72-67 in double overtime in the second game of district play Thursday night at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario.

Homedale led 38-29 by halftime, but when the Trojans shot two for nine in the third quarter and three for 12 in the fourth, Fruitland was able to pull out a 51-51 tie.

At one point in the first OT, Homedale fell nine points behind, but Darren Uranga pulled out the 64-64 tie by making 3 three-pointers and shooting four-for-four at the line.

Scoring was scarce for both teams in the second overtime.

Homedale was kept alive when Scott Roesberry made three of four free throws.

Zeb Ross led the Trojans with 23 points. Uranga came in close second with 20 points.

Homedale native among “Most Influential”

Homedale native Roy Lewis Eiguren was recently named one of the “100 Influential Idahoans of 1998” by the Ridenbaugh Press of Boise as a result of a statewide survey conducted in late 1997. He was ranked number 12 out of 100 key Idahoans on the basis of overall influence on the state’s business and government. Eiguren is a partner in the Boise law firm of Givens Pursley and Huntley.

50 years ago

February 22, 1973



ALLEN GEORGE, left, receives an award for quality milk production from the Dairymen’s Creamery Association, presented by Grant B. Eldredge, Caldwell, field supervisor, during the 5th Annual Meeting of Dairymen’s Creamery Producer members. The day long meeting was attended by 750 members and wives. Alvin Benson, Wilson, was re-elected president of the board of directors.

Legislative roundup features mixture of proposals

The Idaho Senate last week passed and sent to the House of Representatives measures which would allow the advertising of contraceptives, provide additional penalties for convicted criminals if they had firearms in their possession at the time, and require training of police officers throughout the state.

As of Friday night, those three bills had probably stirred the most extended debate of the week on the west side of the rotunda. The House, meanwhile, concerned itself with the Equal Rights Amendment, which it refused to rescind. That issue touched off heightened security measures on both sides of the capitol.

Another controversial item passed narrowly by the Senate last week would allow school districts to decide for themselves whether they would institute a state-supported kindergarten program. Some proponents fear for its fate in the House.

Sen. Art Murphy (D-Mullan) introduced a measure last week which would have the Legislative Council conduct a study of the feasibility of conducting elections in Idaho by mail. Murphy contended the plan could save the State considerable money.

Conflicting testimony from newsmen and others stalled action on a newsmen’s shield law in a hearing last Wednesday night before the Senate State Affairs Committee. The law, which would protect newsmen from being required to reveal their news sources, met opposition from some who contended that it would lead to government licensing and regulation of newsmen.

Marsing upsets cage standings, trips Adrian

MARSING — Marsing threw the Treasure Valley League basketball title up for grabs between the winner of tonight’s Adrian-Wilder game as the Huskies shocked the Adrian Antelopes 55-48 Friday night behind the 17-point scoring of Jim Kent.

Homedale Mayor gets El-Ada post

George Murray, mayor of Homedale, has been elected chairman of the El-Ada Community Action Agency Board of Directors.

The new chairman has been a member of the El-Ada Inc., Board of Directors for the past two years. He is a pharmacist and owner of Homedale Drug.

155 years ago

February 22, 1868

SUSPENDED.—Last Tuesday work was stopped on the Oro Fino mine and all the hands discharged, except enough to continue the shaft in the north works. The principal cause of this suspension is the great disadvantage under which the Company have labored in not having steam hoisting works. Recently, thirty men were employed at the various windlasses in keeping the mine clear of water, &c., when only sixteen were at work taking out ore. A mine needs to be fabulously rich to hold up under such circumstances. It was indeed a very sensible conclusion arrived at by the Company, to suspend operations so suicidal in the extreme and the only wonder is that they could not “see it” long before they did. However, it is expected that work will be going on as lively as ever again on the mine in a couple of months. On Thursday last, the Co.’s Secretary, Mr. H. Gove, started for Virginia City, Nevada, for the purpose of procuring an engine and other necessary machinery, which it is estimated will arrive here in thirty-five or forty days at most. At the same time material will be brought up for repairing the Morning Star mill which is considerably out of order. Hurry up, Mr. Gove, we are anxious to see the Oro Fino turning out bricks again.

POLITICAL.—Already there is a commotion in the political sky of Idaho. Several Democratic candidates are spoken of as delegates to Congress, one of the most prominent of which, at least in Owyhee County, is Hill Beachey who has signified a willingness to become a candidate. Mr. Beachey is a good man and no doubt would ably and faithfully represent the best interests of Idaho, but whether he will be able to run Conventions as successfully as stage lines remains yet to be seen. Among the others mentioned as candidates are Frank Gauniel, Dick Miller, Judge Roseborough and J. A. McQuaid. Mr. Holbrook, our present delegate, will probably again be a candidate. The Republicans are keeping very quiet about the matter, and no aspirants are yet mentioned on their side of the house.

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.

STRANGE faces begin to appear in town. Sports as well as working men are beginning to congregate, and two or three new monte games have been recently started — excellent facilities for fighting the tiger. Go at him, boys, you’ll know when he scratches you. Oh, no! the hurdies don’t get shook up, nor nothing, since the boys have learned to dance. The proprietors of the hurdy house should pay the dancing master a bonus for every new customer they obtain. Well, the boys can’t be blamed so much after all; most all of them have not known the invigorating influence of female society for a long time, and when they encircle the slender waist of a dancing girl, in a public saloon, they probably imagine that they are pressing their never-forgotten Betsy Janes or Jemima Anns to their manly bosoms and feel good for the time being.

Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

On March 15, 2023 the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St., Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below.

Beginning at 9:30 am, the Commission will hear application Z23-07 filed by **Jens Schkade** seeking approval of a conditional use permit to establish a single-family residence on a 5-acre parcel located immediately adjacent to 28640 River Road, Grand View Idaho. The subject parcel RP05S04E310178 is located in an agricultural zone in a portion of the NENE ¼ of Section 31, Township 5 South, Range 4 East, Boise meridian, Owyhee County.

Beginning at 10:30 am, the Commission will hear application Z23-08 filed by **Showalter Construction Company LLC** seeking approval of a conditional use permit to establish a commercial gravel pit on approximately 25 acres of a 340-acre parcel owned by Owyhee County. The subject parcel RP02N04W204800, is located in an agricultural zone. The proposed gravel pit site is located in a portion of the south half of Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County.

Beginning at 1:00 pm, the Commission will hear application Z23-09 filed by **Connie Jerome** seeking approval of a conditional use permit to place a second single family dwelling on their property. The subject parcel is approximately 4.2 acres, and is located at 4782 Titus Lane in Marsing. The subject parcel, RP0N05W241820, is located in a residential zone in a portion of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 2:00 pm, the Commission will hear application Z23-10 filed by **Robert Dirks** seeking approval of a conditional use permit to establish a single-family dwelling on an approximately 1.4-acre parcel of land. The subject parcel is located on Mud Flat Road approximately three miles south of Grand View. The subject parcel, RP06S03E023005, is located in an agricultural zone in a portion of the NWSE ¼ of Section 2, Township 6 South, Range 3 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 3:00 pm, the Commission will hear application Z23-05 filed by **Timothy Sevy** seeking approval of a short plat on a previously approved two-lot subdivision on an approximately 8-acre parcel. The subject parcel, RP01N04W020611, is located at 9032 Clark Rd. Melba, Idaho in an agricultural zone in a portion of the SW¼ of the NE¼ of Section 2, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Additional information about this meeting is available at owyheecounty.net under Public Hearing Documents on the Community Planning page. The proposed projects are available for review in the Community Planning office or on the webpage listed above. For additional

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR CITY ENGINEERING SERVICES

The City of Grand View, Idaho, (City) is requesting Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) from qualified professional engineering firms for City engineering services. Projects may include, but are not limited to, infrastructure planning, park planning and design, design and analysis for sanitary sewer projects, municipal water projects, transportation improvement projects, other projects as determined by the City of Grand View.

The City may be awarded state and/or federal assistance to fund projects.

A copy of the RFQ may be obtained from the City of Grand View by contacting City Clerk, Kathy Brown, at (208) 834-2700 during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday.

Respondents will be evaluated and ranked on the following criteria. The maximum point value of each criterion is shown in the parentheses:

- 1) Firm Qualifications, Understanding and Approach (25)
- 2) Qualifications of City Engineer Manager and Key Staff (25)
- 3) Relevant Experience and References (25)
- 4) Experience and Familiarity with the City of Grand View (25)

Proposals may be submitted electronically or in hard copy. Electronic submittals should be submitted to cityofgrandview@speedyquick.net, please provide 1 PDF (maximum file size of 5 megabytes). If hard copies are provided, please submit three (3) hard bound copies and a digital copy to the following address:

City of Grand View
425 Boise Avenue
PO Box 69
Grand View, ID 83624

Proposals must be received by 2:00 p.m. on March 8, 2023. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. Questions may be directed to Grand View City Hall at (208) 834-2700.

/s/: Jon Pennington, Mayor
02/22/2023;03/01/2023

information please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2.
02/22/2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale City Council on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 6:00 pm at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming Ave. Homedale, Idaho.

The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for Special Use Permit filed by Ethan Eells requesting that he be allowed to build a duplex at 226 ½ W Oregon Ave.; Lot 11, Block 37, Homedale, Idaho.

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Alice E. Pegram
City Clerk
City of Homedale
02/22,03/01/2023

ORDINANCE NO. A - 229

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO, WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO, AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP AND ZONING MAP TO COMMERCIAL; REPEALER; EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED By the Mayor and City Council of the City of Marsing, Idaho:

Section 1. That the following described real property within the limits of the City of Marsing, and located in the County of Owyhee, Idaho, addressed as 425 W. Main Street, Marsing, Idaho and being a parcel situated in a portion of the W2 OF LOT 3, LOT 4 BLOCK 2 ERVIN ADDITION 3 2N 4W of the Boise Meridian, City of Marsing, Idaho hereby rezoned to Commercial.

Section 2. The comprehensive plan map is hereby amended to reflect the above-described real property as Commercial.

Section 3. The zoning map is hereby amended to reflect the above-described real property as Commercial.

Section 4. Any portions of any

existing ordinances, which are in direct conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the conflict exists.

Section 5. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval and publication.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of Marsing, Idaho, this 8th day of February, 2023.

CITY OF MARSING
Owyhee County, Idaho
/s/: Hayzen Corder
Mayor
ATTEST:
/s/: Jolyn Thompson
City Clerk
02/22/2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT MARSING HOUSING AUTHORITY/AG LABOR CITY OF MARSING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at the hour of 7:00 o'clock p.m., at 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing, Idaho, the City of Marsing will hold a public hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments regarding the proposed Conditional Use Permit and possible rezone application for Marsing Housing Authority/ Ag Labor, legal description is below. Requested Conditional Use Permit is to relocate the office of the organization to a new building and a new location on the facility's campus. This time and place are when and where the City Council will consider and hear all comments thereto which may also be made in writing and filed with the City Clerk on or before said time.

A parcel of land located in the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 3, T2N, R4W, B.M., Owyhee County, Idaho more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the W ¼ corner of said Section 3 from which the N 1/16 corner of said Section 3 bears North 01°06'36" West, 1283.00 feet;

thence, along the West boundary line of said Section 3 North

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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

01°06'36" West, 50.47 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; thence, continuing along said West boundary line North 01°06'36" West, 120.00 feet; thence, leaving said West boundary line North 89°42'48" East, 146.00 feet; thence, South 01°06'36" East, 120.00 feet; thence South 89°42'48" West, 146.00 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING

The application for Conditional Use Permit is on file at the Marsing City Hall where it may be reviewed during regular business hours. The file will contain materials relevant to the request, the contents of which may change prior to the date of the hearing.

All persons desiring to be heard should appear at this hearing. Written testimony may be sent to Marsing City Hall, PO BOX 125, Marsing, Idaho, 83639. Written testimony must be received no later than March 3, 2023 by 5:00 pm.

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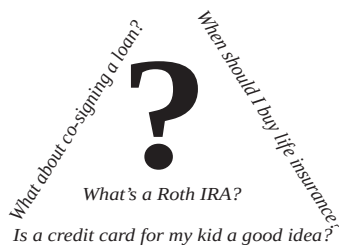
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that public hearing will be held before the Homedale Library Trustees on the 10th day of March, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121

W. Owyhee, Homedale, Idaho. The subject matter of the public hearing is setting of fines, fees and non-resident memberships. The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Sharla Jensen
Director
Homedale Library District
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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.

A D D I T I O N A L 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.

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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/>

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 field with the Clerk of the Court.

Dated this 31st day of January, 2023.

/s/:BRIAN JAY DOWNS
Personal Representative f 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 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.

OF OWYHEE MAGISTRATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF:
LEON C. HAHLBECK AND BERTHA J. HAHLBECK, DECEASED PERSONS.
CASE NO. CV37-23-00043

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

DATED this 13th day of February, 2023.

/s/:Clifford Leon Hahlbeck
Personal Representative
/s/:Donald Eugene Hahlbeck
Personal Representative
02/22;03/01,08/2023

Sports

✓ HHS: No upperclassmen in this year's state championship meet crowd

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Rose (24-5) pinned McCall-Donnelly senior Jake Carr (19-4) in 1 minute, 29 seconds to claim the heavyweight title. He was third at 195 pounds in last year's district meet.

Freshmen twins Trell and Trey McFarlane, who also won district championships Saturday in Payette, lead the contingent of youngsters that will join Rose.



Homedale heavyweight Michael Rose tries to turn Weiser's Tristan McMahaill during a 6-0 semifinal victory. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

Trell (18-8) pinned another ninth-grader, Fruitland's Colbey Quinn (18-15), in 2:32 to take the 106-pound crown.

Trey (20-8) posted an 8-3 decision against another Fruitland wrestler, sophomore Nathaniel Martinez (27-15), to nail down the title at 126.

The top five wrestlers in each weight division from Saturday's action received automatic berths into the state tournament.

Of Homedale's other 10 state meet qualifiers, Noah Bowen

(11-8) and Shawn Lee (10-19) are the only other wrestlers who aren't a freshman or a sophomore.

Bowen's 21-9 major decision against fellow 11th-grader Lucas Goff of Weiser (15-17) gave him third place at 182.

After finishing sixth for the second consecutive season, Lee received an at-large bid into the state tournament, HHS

athletic director Casey Grove announced Monday.

Five of the Trojans' remaining state qualifiers are freshmen:

- **98** — Dash Schlotterbeck (20-7) out-pointed fellow ninth-grader Jesus Chito-Rodriguez (6-12) from Payette. Schlotterbeck posted a 13-11 decision for the bronze medal. Ryker Layne (7-13) picked

up the final automatic berth in the lightest weight division, pinning fellow Isael Martinez of Payette in 4:43 for fifth place.

- **120** — Ty Roland (12-9) finished third, pinning Fruitland sophomore Ricky Cisneros (22-10) in 2:45.
- **132** — Nathan Marston (14-14) settled for fourth when Fruitland junior Ty Webster (26-10) ended their third-place bout two seconds before the end of the opening period.
- **160** — Kade Hall (11-17) pinned Fruitland junior Dylan Stowe (15-21) late in the first period (1:53) to take fifth place.

In the fifth-place bout at 220, Caden Layne (13-15) dispatched fellow sophomore Jakob See of McCall-Donnelly (10-8) 13 seconds into the second period.

Only one of the two Trojans who left Saturday's tournament needing help received an at-large bid into the state

tournament:

- **138** — Lee (10-19) finished sixth in the district tournament for the second consecutive season, losing the fifth-place match at the 35-second mark when Payette sophomore Michael Martinez (3-8) caught him on the mat.
- **132** — Sophomore Kinley Balkovetz (10-17) didn't receive an at-large berth. He finished sixth after Payette junior Brian Mendoza (11-6) posted a pin at 2:15.

Homedale's champions only wrestled twice each Saturday, starting their tournaments in their respective weight division's semifinals after quarterfinal byes.

Rose blanked Weiser's Tristan McMahaill, 6-0.

Trell McFarlane stopped McCall's Gavon Keegan in 2:39.

Trey McFarlane routed Fruitland's Max Wescott with a 12-1 major decision.

✓ Title: Even when bringing defense, Trojans figure out how to score

From Page 10

wrench in the Trojans' plans for a rematch with No. 3 McCall-Donnelly, bouncing the host Vandals, 59-51.

McCall beat visiting Homedale for the district crown a year ago. The Trojans went on to win the state tournament consolation championship.

The Vandals were the only team to beat Homedale in 3A Snake River Valley conference play this season, standing victorious the last time the Trojans tasted defeat.

Homedale brings a four-game

winning streak into Thursday's title game. The Trojans have won 11 of their past 12 outings.

Fruitland has a four-game winning streak since a narrow 62-58 loss to Homedale on the Trojans' floor on Feb. 3. The Grizzlies have won six of their past seven games.

Homedale has won the past four games in the series, but only by an average margin of 6.75 points. Fruitland's last victory in the series came on Jan. 27, 2022 in a 65-53 overtime victory.

Saturday: Homedale 37, Payette 30 — After a regular season in which the offense grabbed headlines, the Trojans have shifted gears in recent games.

Homedale scored 16 points off turnovers in the district semifinal to offset a rebounding deficit.

Trenton Fisher came up with a team-high five steals to fuel the Pirates' 20 turnovers. The Trojans, meanwhile, had just eight giveaways.

Payette's Jaydin Morin-Bishop led all scorers with 19 points, but HHS limited his teammates to 11 points. Only five

Pirates took field-goal attempts.

Fisher also connected on three of four free throws and scored seven points to highlight Homedale's advantage from the foul line. The Trojans went 7-for-12 from the charity stripe and were called for only eight fouls.

The Pirates (7-18) took 14 fouls and the were just 3-for-5 from the line.

Senior Jaxon Dines led Homedale's balanced attack with 10 points, while Mason Strong scored nine. Sigmund Goode and Luke Henry popped three-pointers for the home squad.



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