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Chamber nominates new leaders

Church plans snack shack for students

It's a mere formality at this point, but the Homedale Chamber of Commerce will have its first new president in nearly two decades next month.

Realtor Leslie Griffith, who works for Silvercreek Realty Group out of Meridian, was nominated to succeed Gavin Parker during the Jan. 23 meeting at The Bowling Alley.

Parker is stepping down after 17 years leading the town's business group.

Nominations for president and vice-president were sought during Parker's final meeting at the head table last week.

Shelly Lee of Movement Mortgage, also out of Meridian, was nominated to serve as the Chamber's first vice-president since Luke Ankeny resigned several years ago. In fact, Lee is the first vice-president nominee up for election in 10 years.

Sheila Matteson, who had been *de facto* vice-president while serving as secretary, will continue as secretary/treasurer after receiving the only nomination.

"I'm here to continue with the Chamber and help out and keep the Chamber going with Gavin's retirement,"

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Gavin Parker (left) ended his 17-year tenure as Homedale Chamber of Commerce president last week, and the organization's secretary, Sheila Matteson, presented him with a plaque marking his years of service.

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62nd Marsing auction on tap

Community fundraiser rolls out Saturday

Community members always turn out in droves for the Marsing Disaster Auction, but bidding on items is just one way folks can help out.

The 62nd annual auction will begin at 10:13 a.m., on Saturday inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center.

Throughout the day, baked goodies will be available purchase to fuel the purchasing power of the generous bidders.

In addition to cash donations to the disaster fund and donations in the form of winning auction bids, the auction committee also accepts pies, cakes and cookies for the food booths. To guarantee freshness, the sweets can be dropped off the day of the auction.

Raffle tickets are still available for both the \$10 pool of prizes and the \$1 group.

The \$10 raffle tickets are available through local merchants or by contacting any auction board members.

Folks buying the large-item tickets must

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Industry issues permeate OCA agenda

Owyheean to talk about Statehouse bid

In keeping with president Rex Hoagland's vision of informed ranchers, the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association winter meeting agenda is chock full of issues facing the

ranching industry.

The meeting gets under way at 1 p.m., on Saturday inside the Oreana Community Hall on Oreana Loop Road south of Murphy off Idaho highway 78.

Presentations on rangeland health and herd health begin at 2 p.m.:

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BOCC seeks to shore up fair management, protocol

Thousands spent to improve community center; rodeo board; fair board contract looms

A document outlining who's in charge of what at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds is under review.

The memorandum of understanding will be between the Board of County Commissioners and the fair board, Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said.

"The MOU is so the fair board knows its responsibility," Aberasturi said. "We have some great people, and they have great intentions. The intentions were always good."

The fair board and Owyhee County Rodeo Board will develop their own contract, the Homedale-area resident said.

A pact between the two boards might avoid the friction that boiled over into commissioners meetings earlier this year, months after rodeo board members revamped the fairgrounds arena in preparation for their first PRCA rodeo.

Both fair board chair Lath Callaway and then-board secretary and fair manager Ginger Loucks lamented a lack of communication between

the rodeo board and the fair board during face-to-face conversations with county commissioners.

Aberasturi said fair directors were also upset because the rodeo board approached the BOCC directly for funding on the new bucking chutes instead of going through the fair board.

The county commissioner took blame for the flap on behalf of his BOCC colleagues.

"That was also our fault because we didn't get (the fair directors) up to speed on what's going on," he said. "It was a both-way thing. They should have been notified."

To improve communication, Aberasturi said the MOU seeks the re-establishment of a rodeo board liaison to attend fair board meetings in an at-large, non-voting capacity. Homedale resident Kent Curtis served as the rodeo liaison before his retirement from the rodeo board after last year's rodeo.

The contract between the rodeo board and fair board will be based on an older contract

that fair board member April Binford found.

"We'll send it to (county Prosecuting Attorney Chris Topmiller), and he'll look it over and maybe tweak what we need to tweak," Aberasturi said.

"We may do the same with the Extension Office."

The rodeo-fair pact is an attempt to cut down on the friction of last year, Aberasturi said.

"Hopefully everybody gets on the same page, and when the rodeo board needs to do any actual work on the arena, they need to work hand-in-hand with the fair board, which they thought they were last year and the fair board didn't think they were," he said.

Aberasturi said the fair board-rodeo board relationship would benefit from joint quarterly meetings or get-togethers when issues need to be discussed.

The MOU and contract talks are part of several new developments related to the fairgrounds in Homedale.

Sonya Shipp has been hired to succeed Loucks as fair board secretary and fair manager. Shipp handles booking events in the rodeo arena and other areas of the fairgrounds.

Besides August's fair and rodeo, the fairgrounds is a favorite venue for bull riding, working dog competitions, youth and high school rodeos, motorcycle rodeos, University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension events, and the annual Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby.

Shipp will work 16 to 17 hours per week, and she is on the job now. The county fair is less than seven months away.

Another Homedale resident, Binford has assumed the role of Owyhee County Community Center manager.

Aberasturi said Binford is stepping in to take some of the workload off the secretary.

"There was too much pressure on the fair board secretary," Aberasturi said. "The secretary is a county employee. She's supposed to take meeting notes and minutes. The secretary is not supposed to take care of everything."

Binford is in charge of scheduling events at the community center, which is booked through the end of this year now, she said.

In light of damages that forced the county to spend \$4,000 to repaint the center, commissioners recently increased the security deposit from \$1,500 to \$2,000 for cleaning and incidentals.

Country Cowgirl Cleaning LLC has been retained to clean the building on an as-needed basis. The county will pay \$35 per hour for the service.

Parts have been ordered to repair the floor machine that is kept in house to clean, too.

"One upcoming expense: The commissioners have approved to get the floors deep cleaned, buffed, and waxed

with a high-traffic sealant," Binford said.

The commissioners also authorized \$2,500 for A-Gem in Caldwell to install security cameras.

"We're hoping to deter shenanigans during events when representatives are not present in the building," Binford said.

The community center plays host to weddings, quinceañeras, school dances, banquets, homeowners association meetings, gun shows, Extension Office conventions, ag producers meetings, and funerals.

Binford said there is limited availability remaining for this year, and the 2025 schedule is now open for bookings.

Call the fair office at (208) 337-3888 or (208) 494-2333 to confirm hall reservations.

The building has 32 tables and 250 chairs, and the kitchen has all commercial requirements to obtain food permits and licensing through Southwest District Health. Binford said the kitchen does not have a stove/oven or ventilation, however.

Groups can rent the community center for \$1,200 plus the deposit.

"It seems more than half of the renters are outside of the community," Binford said, "but many locals take advantage of the opportunity to use the hall when needed."

— JPB



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Lakey seeks stiffer fentanyl penalties, conceal carry for school officials

by **Sophie Spanbauer**
JAMM-McClure Center
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Bills co-sponsored by Dist. 23 state Sen. Todd Lakey were sent to the floor of Idaho House of Representatives after extensive committee debate during the third week of the Idaho legislative session.

The Nampa Republican co-sponsors House Bill 406 and HB 415 with Dist. 14A Rep. Edward “Ted” Hill (R-Eagle). House committees debated both proposals recently.

HB 406 would add fentanyl to the category of drugs with mandatory minimum sentencing.

When sending HB 415 to the House floor, the State Affairs Committee tied a do-pass recommendation to legislation that would allow public school employees in kindergarten through 12th-grade institutions to carry firearms.

The Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee sent HB 406 to the floor with no recommendation on action. The full House sent the bill to the state Senate on Monday.

Lakey briefly discussed HB 406 during his visit with the Homedale City Council in December.

On Jan. 23, HB 406 went to the House floor on 16-2 vote.

The first part of the legislation focuses on fentanyl trafficking and says that anyone who knowingly produces, distributes, or transports the deadly drug into Idaho is subject to a minimum sentence as well as a hefty fine. The larger the drug haul into the state, the higher the penalty could be.

The second part of the bill adds a new section to Idaho Code that mandates a life sentence and a \$25,000 fine for those found guilty of drug-induced homicide.

Testimony was heard in a packed hearing room Jan. 19.

Meridian Police Chief Tracy Basterrechea supported the proposed legislation on behalf of the Idaho Chiefs of Police Association.

“We cannot ignore the fact that we are losing somebody every day in this country and in this state to the overdose of fentanyl,” the police chief said. “And our way to stop this is to protect our borders.

“The only border that we can protect is our Idaho borders, and we can do that by implementing mandatory minimums and keeping drug traffickers out of our state.”

During the Homedale Chamber of Commerce meeting on Jan. 23, both Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller and Owyhee County Sheriff

Larry Kendrick discussed the fentanyl epidemic south of the Snake River.

Idaho State Police and sheriff’s office personnel recently stopped a “major” shipment of fentanyl and methamphetamine, Kendrick said.

He also said that there have been five fentanyl overdoses in Owyhee County since the first of the year.

“Two to three truckloads of illicit drugs pass by on (U.S. Highway) 95 every day,” Eidemiller said.

Even with joint interdiction efforts between OCSO, HPD and ISP, Kendrick said stopping transportation of il-

legal drugs into Idaho through Owyhee County is difficult because each traffic stop must be predicated on probable cause.

“We’ll never use a checkpoint because that’s an invasion of rights,” the sheriff said.

Not everyone favors stiffer penalties for fentanyl trafficking.

Family medicine and addiction expert Dr. Cate Heil, who practices in Boise and Nampa, testified against HB 406.

“The difficulty with this bill is it doesn’t necessarily differentiate between folks who are using low-level amounts and then those who are using big amounts of fentanyl,” she

said.

Heil worries that the proposed penalties — if adopted — would prevent judges from making decisions based on the person’s intent.

“About 65 percent of folks who are imprisoned do meet criteria for a substance use disorder, and up to about 19 percent report regular use of opioids while they’re in prison,” she said.

Rehabilitation efforts could suffer with the passage of HB 406, Heil said.

“If this bill does pass, how are we going to improve treatment for these folks if they do get into prison?” she asked.

HB 415 to the floor

On a party-line vote, the House State Affairs Committee sent HB 415 to the House floor after debate last Wednesday.

The Hill-Lakey proposal would allow public K-12 employees with enhanced permits to carry concealed weapons on school grounds.

The bill would require “Gun-free Zone” signs removed from public school property.

— Sophie Spanbauer is a senior pursuing her Bachelor of Science degree in public relations with minors in political science and history at the University of Idaho.



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 - **3. Gun/Security Safe**
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 - **4. Savage .243 Rifle with Scope**
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✓ Chamber: Credit union plans 2024 build

Matteson said.

Elections will take place during the Chamber’s next meeting, scheduled for noon on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W.

At the close of the meeting, Matteson presented Parker with a plaque to recognize his 17 years as Chamber president. Parker said that while he is stepping down from the executive committee to concentrate on the expanding Parker Advisors business, he will continue to attend the monthly luncheons and help out as much as he can.

He will be available to help Griffiths with the transition.

“I appreciate everything he’s done,” Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said in congratulating Parker on his run.

“Gavin and Sheila have always been big friends of the police department and the city.”

The rest of the meeting featured updates from the business leaders who were in attendance:

- Homedale Assembly of God pastor Ivar Moore announced his church’s intention to join the Chamber while also announcing a new outreach program.

“We really want to take care of the community and be a community church,” Moore said. “That’s why we’re here today to join you at the Chamber.”

Fueled by a building donation from the Shed Center and donated materials from Owyhee Sand and Gravel and Rockslide Landscaping, church members are working on establishing a snack shack on the church grounds at 15 W. Montana Ave.

“We’ll have a free (food) item for the kids once a week,” he said.

The plan is to provide free sack lunches during the school year because U.S. Department of Agriculture feeding programs only cover the summer

months, he said.

“This is part of our outreach in the community and our effort to take care of the kids we have in the community,” Moore said.

The Assembly of God church will announce when the snack shack is ready to serve the community.

He also announced that the church’s 10th annual classic car and bike show will take place at Bette Uda City Park on Saturday, Oct. 5.

- Liz Hall of Clarity Credit Union said that the financial institution’s plans to build a brick-and-mortar branch in Homedale are moving forward. Construction will start sometime this year.

The Homedale branch will be the home base for “Moby,” the credit union’s innovative mobile branch.

Hall said Moby will feature a loan officer, a teller, and a built-in ATM. The converted recreational vehicle will allow the credit union to reach clients in Marsing and other rural areas, she said.

The mobile unit would be stationed at a location for about week — Hall said the company is looking at a five-day plan — and folks will be able to do everything they can do at a regular bank branch, including obtaining loans and opening accounts.

The secure garage where Moby would be parked each night will be located at the Homedale branch, Hall said.

— JP

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Homedale Senior Center
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Jan. 31: Hot dog on bun, chili, baked potato, sautéed cabbage
Feb. 1: Baked ham, sweet potato, green beans
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Feb. 7: Cheeseburger on a bun, fries, coleslaw

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

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

Bingo
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Story Time
10:30 a.m., to 11:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Public Library, 111 S. 3rd St. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Labor Dept. 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.

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

Fit and Fall exercise
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

After School Bible Club
4 p.m., to 5 p.m., ages 5-11, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 585-7694 or (208) 599-2790

Spark! Places of Innovation Exhibit
4 p.m., to 7 p.m., free, The Marsing HUB, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. Information: www.CaldwellFineArts.org

Teens and Tweens
5 p.m., to 6 p.m., ‘Idaho Public TV visit’, Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

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

Saturday
Spark! Places of Innovation Exhibit
10 a.m., to 2 p.m., free, The Marsing HUB, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. Information: www.CaldwellFineArts.org

Marsing Disaster Auction and Sale
10:13 a.m., Marsing Community Center, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. Donate or volunteer: Sheila Carter (208) 337-2100, Bobo Carter (208) 880-8770, James Ferdinand (208) 794-7270. Information: www.marsingdisasterauction.org

OCA winter meeting
1 p.m., Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Rd., Oreana.

OCA winter dance
9 p.m., to 1 a.m., \$5 donation, ‘Runnin’ for Cover’ plays, Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Rd., Oreana.

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

Opal Nash Story Time
10 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Spark! Places of Innovation Exhibit
3:30 p.m., to 6 p.m., free, The Marsing HUB, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. Information: www.CaldwellFineArts.org

After School program
4:30 p.m., to 5:30 p.m., ‘Bath Bombs’, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

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

Winter weed seminar
10 a.m., Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 501 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. RSVP: (541) 586-3000 or jvcwma@qwestoffice.net

Fit and Fall Proof exercise class
10 a.m., to 11 a.m., free, old Marsing High School gymnasium, 800 Main St., Marsing. (208) 296-0847

Fit and Fall exercise
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Rusty and the Country Jammers
11 a.m. to noon, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

Alcoholics Anonymous
7 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Wednesday
Ladies coffee group
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

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Labor Dept. employment services
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Valentine Mandala Dotting class
5 p.m., to 7 p.m., ages 10 and over, \$5, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. Registration: (208) 337-4228

School menus

Homedale Elementary
*Choice of milk and juice
PB&J sandwich, and vegetable
and fruit choices offered daily*
Jan. 31: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Orange chicken bowl, mixed vegetables
Feb. 1: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, blueberry muffin, apple **Lunch:** Chicken Crispito, buttered corn
Feb. 5: **Breakfast:** Raised donut, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken sandwich, crinkle fries
Feb. 6: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk biscuit, sausage patty, country gravy, sliced pears **Lunch:** Mac-n-cheese, seasoned green beans, whole grain roll
Feb. 7: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken fried fingers, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn

Homedale Middle
*Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or
string cheese
Cereal option and PB&J and
string cheese daily
Vegetable and fruit choices
offered daily*
Jan. 31: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Orange chicken bowl, seasoned green beans, spring roll, fortune cookie
Feb. 1: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, orange slices **Lunch:** Crisпитos, buttered corn
Feb. 5: **Breakfast:** Raised donut, string cheese, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, curly fries
Feb. 6: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk biscuits, country gravy, orange slices **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs, mixed vegetables, chocolate chunk cookie
Feb. 7: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, string cheese, sliced pears **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn, whole grain roll

Homedale High
*Choice of milk and juice, yogurt,
string cheese or hard-boiled egg
Vegetable and fruit choices
offered daily
Cereal option, Grab ‘n’go items
each day*
Jan. 31: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, Yami yogurt, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, Tater Tots **Grab ‘n’go:** BBQ chicken salad
Feb. 1: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich, Yami yogurt, iced coffee **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, garden salad **Grab ‘n’go:** Club sub sandwich
Feb. 5: **Breakfast:** Bagel and cream cheese or raised donut, Yami yogurt, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Meatball sub, crinkle fries **Grab**

‘n’go: Chicken Caesar salad
Feb. 6: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk biscuits, sausage patty, country gravy, iced coffee **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, Tater Tots, chocolate chunk cookie **Grab ‘n’go:** Asian chicken salad
Feb. 7: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, garden salad **Grab ‘n’go:** **Ham and cheese sub**

Marsing
*Each meal includes choice of
milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit &
vegetables
Elementary School each day:
Breakfast: Cereal option
Middle/High School each day:
PB&J sandwich option
Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub
sandwich, salad
Hot Grab-n-go line (varies):
Cheeseburger, chicken dish (reg./
spicy sandwich; nuggets; bites),
Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl,
potatoes (varies), bread (varies)*
Jan. 31: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, Yami yogurt, banana **Lunch:** French toast sticks, pork sausage patty, hash browns, strawberry cup **Cold Grab-n-go:** Chicken bacon salad
Feb. 1: **Breakfast:** Sausage waffle sandwich, string cheese **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, curly fries **Cold Grab-n-go:** Italian salad
Feb. 5: **Breakfast:** Maple bar, Yami yogurt, string cheese **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, Tater Tots **Hot Grab-n-go:** BBQ pulled pork sandwich, coleslaw, Tater Tots
Feb. 6: **Breakfast:** Ham and cheese croissant, string cheese **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn, roll **Cold Grab-n-go:** Very berry chicken salad
Feb. 7: **Breakfast:** Frudel or mini bagel, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Orange chicken, spring roll, steamed rice, green beans, fortune cookie **Hot Grab-n-go:** Ranchero pizza, Tater Tots

Bruneau/Grand View
*All meals: Milk and fruit offered
daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza
offered daily*
Jan. 31: **Breakfast:** Pancakes **Lunch:** Nachos with whole wheat chips, refried beans/salsa, corn
Feb. 1: **Breakfast:** Cherry frudel **Lunch:** Ham and cheese on a bun, fries, baby carrots
Feb. 5: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Pizza, romaine tossed salad, corn
Feb. 6: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and jelly **Lunch:** Glazed chicken, whole wheat roll, tossed romaine salad, steamed carrots
Feb. 7: **Breakfast:** Waffle **Lunch:** Nachos with whole wheat chips, refried beans/salsa

Obituaries

Services for Joseph Mark Aman, 57, and his son Luke Wayne Aman, 13, were held jointly last Friday in Homedale.

Joseph Mark Aman

Joseph Mark Aman was born September 27, 1966 in Caldwell, Idaho to Joe and Naomi. Their family moved to Cascade shortly thereafter. He attended schools in Cascade and Homedale, and later graduated from Idaho State University with his degree in Auto Mechanics.

He worked at Dan Wiebold Ford in Nampa for some time, finishing his career at Owyhee Publishing alongside his dad and brother. As president and co-owner of Owyhee Publishing, he was the backbone of the operation. He was the pressman, the maintenance man, the purchase manager, and the IT guy. He was a certified EMT in Homedale, and he also served on the Board of Directors for the irrigation district for 12 years.

Mark was a very talented man. Some of his accomplishments to name a few: building and flying his very own bright yellow plane, which included his own personal landing strip in his back yard, He was a great mechanic and his goal was always to make things better and faster, outpacing any guy in town, and perhaps even 3D printing his own “1st Place” trophy. He was a proficient marksman, currently in pursuit of taking Dan down and taking home a first-place medal. Just yesterday, another box of ammo arrived at the house. It looks like he thought this box of .22 long rifle was going to do the trick. He built a custom Jeep from the ground up, bright yellow, there is beginning to be a theme here! He operated a farm and raised livestock alongside his sons. He was proficient in designing computer programs for web pages, apps, laser printers, phones, drones, cameras. There wasn’t anything that Mark could not build or fix.

He was brilliant and capable. The number of hobbies and projects Mark had was immeasurable. Mark was a



helper to all of his friends, willing to lend a hand if they needed it. He made it a point to learn something new every day. He inspired everyone around him to keep busy.

At age 35, Mark met Sherri, and then her three children. Together they set out to build a home big enough for their growing family. Cy was born in September 2004, shortly before the build of their home was complete. Cy's arrival rocked Mark's world in the very best way possible. Mark's heart was consumed

with love for his little guy Cy.

Mark spent every moment he could teaching Cy everything he knew. The way Mark looked at Cy was special. Mark's family welcomed Luke on February 16, 2010, and Mark knew his family was complete.

Mark was a great Father and Provider for his family. Cy and Luke were everything to him; the absolute light of his life. Their favorite pastimes were to explore the Owyhee Mountains, especially the South Mountain area, fishing and boating on the Snake River and Lake Owyhee. Mark instilled work ethic in his boys, teaching them responsibility with their multiple pets, responsibility with money, and chores around the house. Mark loved to be involved with Cy and Luke and all of their athletics. He would play any role from Coach to Equipment Manager, to just being their biggest fan.

Mark and Luke Aman are survived by Luke's mother, Sherri McCoy, Mark's son and Luke's brother Joseph Cy Aman, and Luke's siblings Jett, Rayne, and Najahn; Mark's Father Joe Aman (Jan), Homedale; mother Naomi Aylward, Boise; Mark's sister Tanya Vanderwiell and brother Rob Aman; Jan's children, Kallie, Lori, and KC, and their numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Luke Wayne Aman

Luke Wayne Aman was born February 16, 2010 in Meridian, Idaho.

Knowing that Luke was going to be their last little baby in the house, they cherished every single moment of his life. In the beginning, Mark and Sherri did not care about how little sleep they were getting; they would stay up all hours of the night rocking him in his nursery. They wanted to hold onto him forever. As an infant, Luke was an early walker, and he had really big hands and feet, which helped him to run before he



how to outsmart the technical side of his dad, too.

Luke loved all of the holidays, especially Christmas.

Luke loved his friends.

Luke was intelligent. In fact, he had made a bet with his dad that he could get straight A's for every single report card until he got his driver's license. And the agreement was he would be rewarded with a brand-new pickup, not his dad's hand-me-down, but he would be able to pick out a brand-new truck. There is no doubt that

Luke would have been driving a brand-new pickup of his choice a couple years from now.

Luke could get his parents to do anything for him. Ultimately, they were happy to do anything for Luke. He was so easy to want to accommodate. Luke was a composite of all of the best qualities of his parents and his siblings. Always a smile on his face, he was genuinely a happy kid.

Mark and Luke are survived by their immediate family, Sherri and Cy. Luke's siblings, Najahn, Rayne, Jett and their families. Mark's father Joe Aman (Jan), Homedale; mother Naomi Aylward, Boise; Mark's siblings, Tanya Vanderwiel, Rob Aman and their families; Jan's children Kallie, Lori and KC, and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Family, friends, and this entire community will dearly miss Mark and Luke. They will forever be in our hearts.

Death notices

JERRY ROSE, 79, of Marsing, died on Friday, Jan. 12, 2024. Services will be held at 10 a.m., on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024 at the Owyhee County Community Center, 432 W. Nevada Ave., in Homedale, and a service with full military honors will follow at 1 p.m., at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery, 10100 N. Horseshoe Bend Rd., Boise.

GERALD LYNN WEBSTER, 76, of Wilder, died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2024 at home of natural causes. A visitation will be held from noon to 3 p.m., with Rosary recital beginning at 2 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Homedale.

DUANE A. WHITTED, 80, of Grand View, died on Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024 at home with his wife at his side. Arrangements: Rost Funeral Home, 500 N. 18th E., Mountain Home. In lieu of flowers, send donations to Grand View Ambulance.

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Obituary

Peggy J. Davison Larzelier Jackson

Our beloved mother, grandmother, and cherished matriarch, Peggy J. Davison Larzelier Jackson (G.G.), completed her earthly journey on January 24, 2024, at the age of 94, entering into the arms of her Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus.

Peggy was born on August 29, 1929, in Fairview, Oklahoma, to Irwin Samuel Davison and Blanche Greek Davison – making her a Depression Era baby and proud member of the greatest generation. Four years later her baby brother, Edward “Eddie,” whom she loved and adored, joined the family.

Peggy’s early years were spent growing up in Downey, California. At the age of sixteen, she rode the bus to Olive & 3rd in downtown L.A. every day after school, where she worked for the telephone company as a switchboard operator. This was the beginning of a lifetime career working in the telecommunications industry. After graduating from high school, she met the love of her life, Bill Larzelier. She and Bill married on March 28, 1948. Their union was blessed with the birth of sons Steven Rodney on February 14, 1949 and Douglas Durand on September 8, 1950.

In 1953, the Larzelier family’s journey took them to Ridgeview, Oregon, and later Homedale, Idaho, where Peggy and Bill worked side by side laying hardwood floors in homes and businesses, including the gymnasiums of Homedale and Adrian high schools. In 1956, Peggy joined the team at Owyhee Telephone Company as a switchboard operator. Hester Tuttle was her supervisor, and Hester and her husband, Gail, became the Larzeliers’ dearest friends. The other ladies in the office became her lifelong friends, as well.

It was a joyous day in August of 1962 when older sister, Patricia Larzelier, Bill’s daughter from a previous marriage, came to live with the family. In October 1963, Bill was diagnosed with brain cancer; three months later, on January 9, 1964, Peggy found herself widowed at 34 with three children to support. She and her children returned to

California for a time to care for her mother, who had been diagnosed with cancer. After her mother’s passing, they returned to Idaho. Reflecting on those years, she would say, “Sometimes in life you have to pull a blind just so you can go on.” We can only begin to imagine what life must have been like for her at that time. Peggy always credited God for carrying her through those dark days. Thankfully, one day the dark cloud lifted, and she was blessed to meet and marry J.C. Jackson who would truly become the second love of her life.

J.C. was a strong, loving father to her children, and together they reared a houseful of teenage sons — Steve, Jim, Doug, & Jerry. The eldest son, Jay Ray (J.R.) Jackson and daughter, Patricia Larzelier, were young adults at that point, embarking on their own life journeys. What began as a covenant made out of practicality and necessity for both Peggy and J.C. grew into a marriage filled with love and affection that would sustain them for almost 35 years until J.C.’s passing on January 2, 1999.

In addition to raising children, Peggy engaged in church activities, contributed to the PTA Smorgasbord, was a den mother for the Cub Scouts, participated in the Owyhee Lanes bowling league for the Owyhee Telephone Company team, and was actively involved in various other organizations and pursuits — all the things a mom of the 1950s & ’60s did. Although life was full of sports and high school activities, and she was busy running a tight ship at home, dinner for her family was top priority and always on the table at 6:30 p.m. Attendance was not optional! In addition to their already full house, J.C. and Peggy opened their home to many special foster children through the years. Yolanda Gonzalez came to live with them in 1977, becoming a daughter they loved and adored.

An innovator, visionary, and sharp businesswoman, Peggy enjoyed visiting construction sites and cherished her role in the family utility construction business. She was a meticulous



bookkeeper, and she would not rest until books were balanced and every penny was found. She especially loved heavy equipment — particularly anything yellow. Peggy’s pursuit of adventure and courageous spirit led her to start training for her pilot’s license in the late ’70s. She went so far as to complete her first solo flight and ceremoniously have her shirt tail cut off. She was truly a pioneer! After achieving what she’d set out to do, fly a plane on her own, she reevaluated her many priorities and responsibilities at home, and decided to leave the family piloting duties to Steve & J.R.

The Jackson home on Garnet Road was “the place” for family gatherings. The Larzelier and Jackson grandchildren knew her door and fridge were always open. So many memories were made at Grandpa’s and Grandma’s house — the toy drawer filled to the brim, 4th of July parties, adventures on snowmobiles, riding ’50s motorcycles, swimming in the pool, hide and seek in the barn, treasure hunting in the shop, and dressing up in her costume-filled cedar closet, to list a few.

Peggy was an incredible cook and hostess. “A place for everything and everything in its place” was a mantra she lived by. She could throw a dinner party second to none, somehow always managing to get everything done and served on a beautifully set table, hot and on time. A daring chef, she loved trying new exciting and ethnic recipes she’d clipped from magazines and newspapers, and her creations were always delicious.

She also loved flowers and gardening and had quite the green thumb. Her vision of what was possible never waned regardless of the climate and recommended planting zone. If it grew in southern California, surely she could grow it in the southwest Idaho desert. And oftentimes, she could! Her plans for her yard and garden were ever expanding — much to Doug’s chagrin — meaning the water lines were also continually changing and extending. She would tell him, it’s nothing “we” (meaning he) couldn’t easily handle. She particularly loved growing, wearing, and decorating with all things purple. Her love of gardening and cooking was something she passed down to her grandchildren, and there were many times shared with them in her kitchen testing out a new recipe or walking in the yard admiring her latest blooms.

Peggy’s fearless and adventurous nature continued throughout her life. She and J.C., and son J.R. and wife Marilyn, went on numerous trips, visiting many exotic places. Times spent with brother Eddie and sister-in-law Margie at their cabin in Cascade were among her favorite memories. Peggy loved to go and adored spending time with and supporting her family — snorkeling with Dolores Asumendi in Guam (no small feat considering Dee’s fear of water), nannying in Armenia for her granddaughter’s family, a trip or two to Disneyland in her 70s, babysitting, going on hiking trips, fishing, boating, and riding an elephant at Six Flags in her 80s, and cheering on her grands and greats at concerts, competitions, and ballgames into her 90s. As long as she was able, if there was a car going, she was in! She was also a coffee snob and passed that gene onto her family. There was never a time of day or night that wasn’t appropriate to grind some beans and share a strong cup. If pie was available (with a homemade, flaky crust, of course), all the better!

Ever the lifelong learner, she embraced technology, continually asking Alexa “Echo” any number of questions and connecting

with her family through social media. She was especially fond of having her picture taken with her family using Snapchat filters. Peggy also loved animals of all kinds. She was insistent on spoiling her Pomeranians, Teno and Keno, and her 38-pound cat, Dennis. Chewy.com will especially miss her patronage.

Peggy was a pillar of strength, fierce loyalty, and love. With joyful, yet heavy hearts, we celebrate a life well-lived, a legacy of faith, and the enduring impact of a woman who never gave up on those she loved. Her tenacity and perseverance were truly admirable. She had the knack of seeing every challenge as potential for opportunity. Until we see her again, may her memory continue to inspire, and her spirit live on in the minds and hearts of all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, Bill Larzelier and J.C. Jackson, son, Steve Larzelier, nephew, Guy Davison, and brother, Eddie Davison.

Peggy is survived by her son, Doug (Mary Jo) Larzelier, daughters, Patricia Larzelier & Yolanda Lloyd, stepsons, Jim (Becky) Jackson, Jerry (Pam) Jackson, sister-in-law, Margie Davison, and daughters-in-law, Kathy Larzelier & Marilyn Jackson, as well as her precious grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Nora Oviedo and Emilio Chavez for their loyal service and help the last few years, enabling us to keep G.G. in her home until the very end. Also, thank you to St. Luke’s Hospice for their support and Amber Woodhall for her compassionate care in G.G.’s final days.

Services by Flahiff Funeral Home will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 11 a.m. at the Wilder Cemetery followed by a dinner at Txoko Ona in Homedale.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be made to Love, Inc. Treasure Valley or Txoko Ona Basque Center, P.O. Box 1163, Homedale, ID, 83628

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Workshops, classes get you ready to grow, make or sell

Winter feels more like winter than ever this year, and it's a good time to sign up for a class or workshop, curl up with new reading material, refresh your knowledge, or meet up with like-minded individuals.



Ariel Agenbroad

University of Idaho Extension and our partners have been working hard on a number of great opportunities for our audiences. Each of the following resources is designed to help you plan for what's next on your small farm, small acreage or backyard plot. Whether you prefer in-person conferences and events, or learning at home, on your own time, there is something for everyone!

Will this be the year that you finally get a handle on your pasture management? Let us help you! The University of Idaho Extension office in Canyon County is offering a 10-week intensive pasture management course. Learn about pasture establishment and management, pasture grass varieties and grass seed, weeds and how to manage them, soil management, water rights, irrigation systems, grazing practices, fence building, animal care and feeding, and properly housing livestock on your property. Cost is \$150 for two people sharing materials (spouses, family, neighbors, or business partners) and one soil test. Class starts today at the Canyon County Extension Office,

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501 Main St., Caldwell, ID, and will be held on Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m., to 9:30 p.m. Find out if there is still room in the class by emailing canyon@uidaho.edu or calling (208) 459-6003.

If you are craving a high-quality, in-person event with fantastic speakers, panels, hands-on workshops and tons of networking, come join me at the Harvest and Hearth Conference organized by the Ada Soil and Water Conservation District. Yes, you will have to drive to Boise, but it will be worth it, I promise!

Harvest and Hearth brings together local producers for a full day of agricultural education and connection. This conservation-focused conference includes presentations on livestock, crop production, farmstead management, business, and our connection with the community and ecosystem around us. Join local and regional farmers and ranchers, scientists and agency members as they share their expertise and experiences.

This year's keynote speaker is Douglas Tallamy, author of *Nature's Best Hope*. Registration includes keynote, lunch, and all presentations and is \$150 for general admission. Registration closes Monday, so for more information visit <https://www.adaswcd.org/harvest-and-hearth>.

If you would like to hear from an astonishing diversity of speakers on everything from animals to greenhouse

production to cut flowers and marketing your products, you can attend the incredible 12th annual Utah State University Extension Urban and Small Farms Conference free and from your own home!

This virtual conference will be held from 9 a.m., to 4 p.m., each day Tuesday, Feb. 20 through Thursday, Feb. 22.

This conference is perfect for specialty crop producers engaged in direct marketing including CSAs, farmers markets, and other outlets as well as commercial growers seeking the most up-to-date research on crop production and pest management. There will also be virtual workshops for beginning farmers and those who are deciding what they want to grow and how to develop their own marketing strategy and business plan.

This event is free, but registration is required. Following registration (ticket "purchase"), you will receive a link to a conference landing page just for registered attendees to keep you up-to-date and to be certain you have ready access to the conference sessions you are most interested in. For information on this and past conference topics, speakers and daily schedules visit <https://extension.usu.edu/diverseag/urban-and-small-farms-conference/>.

I have been hearing more lately from folks interested in exploring a small-scale food or agricultural enterprise. I have

two very useful resources to share with you.

First, the Idaho State Department of Agriculture recently revised its guide on Starting a Specialty Craft Food Business in Idaho (https://assets.idahop-referred.com/uploads/2023/11/29093913/2023_IDAG-Food-BusinessGuide-web.pdf). This pocket guide takes you through all the ins and outs of researching and getting started producing food products for sale.

Then, if you are ready to take the next step in exploring your future small business, I strongly encourage you to sign up for the self-paced, online course through University of Idaho TechHelp: Introduction to Food Manufacturing for Entrepreneurs. This course is perfect for farmers market vendors, cottage foods entrepreneurs, small food manufacturing business owners or anyone interested in packaging a food product for resale. This course is also a prerequisite for anyone who would like to have access to the University of Idaho Food Technology Center's commercial kitchen and associated services.

Learn more about the Center and register at <https://www.uidaho.edu/cals/food-technology-center/classes>.

If you already have a product and are looking to boost your marketing acumen, consider registering for University of Idaho Extension's Building a Marketing Strategy for Your Small Farm online workshop series.

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Girls' squads ready
for district play

Homedale boys give coach something to shout about

Surging Trojans take over second place

Cam Long didn't have a voice last week. His Homedale High School boys' basketball players roared in unison for their coach and the cause Saturday against Fruitland.

The Trojans continued to climb up the 3A Snake River Valley conference standings, pummeling the Grizzlies,

61-42, in Saturday's matinee turned prime-time slugfest.

Tipoff inside the HHS gymnasium was switched, but Homedale's athletes showed no lag against Fruitland.

The Trojans stormed out of the locker room and built a 20-point



Cam Long

halftime advantage, 34-14, while holding the Grizzlies to a 5-for-24 (20.8 percent) showing from the field in the first 16 minutes.

While moving into second place in the standings with a third victory in the past four 3A SRV games, Homedale (5-11 overall, 4-2 in conference) continued to struggle with shooting. The team was 22-for-57 (38.6 percent) from the floor, but Fruitland's paltry clip (13-for-47, 27.7 percent for the

game) helped balance the situation. The Trojans now hold a one-game lead over Fruitland (5-11, 3-3) for second place, and they are a half-game ahead of Weiser (9-5, 3-2).

The Trojans led by as many as 22 points, and the team's bench players contributed 20 points.

Rebounding helped. Homedale held a 22-10 rebounding advantage on

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With her parents and siblings looking on with smiles, Homedale High School softball standout Olivia Asumendi signs a letter of intent to attend The College of Idaho last Wednesday in the school gymnasium's foyer.

Calm, cool, Coyotes

Trojans' Asumendi makes easy college choice

Mother Nature finally allowed Olivia Asumendi to sign her name to what seems to be a sweetheart deal.

After two snow day postponements, the Homedale High School senior signed her letter of intent to play college softball with family, coaches and teammates in attendance.

Now Asumendi will be able to play the game she loves and pursue a well-rounded and viable education at The College of Idaho.

"I'm very, very proud of her," Trojans coach Larry Corta said. "She's worked her butt off to get there."

HHS athletic director Casey Grove echoed Corta's sentiment when he kicked off

the signing ceremony inside the gymnasium foyer last Wednesday.

"Everyone here is very proud of her and all the hard work she has put in," Grove said.

The 17-year-old daughter of Jared and Diana Asumendi became the second Corta-coached Trojans softball standout to commit to play for the Coyotes. Hannah Johnson reached the C of I top 10 in a handful of statistical categories during her career a decade ago.

Asumendi made the decision in November, after just one workout with coach Al Mendiola's squad.

"I'm really comfortable with it," the Trojans' standout pitcher

and hard-hitting shortstop said. "Meeting everyone there and just kind of going through the whole process of committing was just really comfortable.

"I felt very secure in what they were telling me and with who I'll be around for the next years of my life. And I just see a lot of positivity there, and I just felt real comfortable throughout the whole process, and I'm really excited to see where I'm going to end up for the next four years."

Asumendi has made her bones in high school with her bat and her right arm, but she's also spent time on the hardwood for the Trojans, playing volleyball and returning to basketball this season.

"Softball's kind of always been my thing," the two-time Class 3A All-State player said. "I've worked really hard at it, and it's just kind of been the sport I've always enjoyed the most."

Playing the sport she loves at the next level is just the beginning for Asumendi. She'll do it at a school she has followed throughout her life — every year of which has been spent in Homedale.

Corta said C of I is the "perfect fit" for his pitching ace.

Ironically, when she was younger it was Coyotes volleyball and basketball

— See Asumendi, page 14

Mustangs can return to State with win

Melba girls win 9th straight game

Melba High School wrapped up the girls' basketball regular season with an easy victory over New Plymouth on Thursday.

The Mustangs pounded the Pilgrims, 52-38, to complete the 2A Western Idaho Conference schedule on the road.

Melba (14-5 overall, 8-1 in conference) marches into the

— See Mustangs, page 14

More firsts for Trojans cheer team

Homedale High School's cheer squad picked up more first-place plaques Saturday.

Tuning up for the District III competition, the Trojans squad finished first in three categories during the Treasure Valley Cheer Invitational at Mountain View High School in Meridian.

Coach Heidi Lawler's squad earned championships in Show Cheer, Sideline and Stunt. The team also finished second in Stunt.

Homedale's cheerleaders next compete on Saturday, Feb. 10 at Ridgevue High School in Nampa for the District III championships, which is a qualifier for the state competition.

State takes place on Saturday, Feb. 24 at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

Sports

Paynter leads three Trojans into R.D. Brown finals

Homedale wrestlers see a lot of their 3A SRV rivals

Trevor Paynter corralled another tournament championship at the R.D. Brown Memorial Invitational.

He was one of three Homedale High School wrestlers to reach their respective weight-class finals during the Saturday tournament in New Plymouth.

The 106-pounder pinned fellow freshman Adam Ostoia of Meridian in 3 minutes, 42 seconds during the Saturday tournament in New Plymouth.

Sophomore Trey McFarlane lost a struggle for the 132-pound title when Fruitland senior Max Wescott halted their championship bout 30 seconds before the final whistle.

Brodie White, who is scheduled to sign a letter of intent to play football at The College of Idaho on Thursday, squared off with 3A Snake River Valley conference rival and fellow senior Kaleb Grove again in the 220-pound final.

Grove (18-3) caught White (27-7)

at the end of the first period for a gold medal-winning pinfall.

Grove edged White, 3-0, in the pair's showdown during a conference dual meet Jan. 3 in Weiser.

Senior Andrew Marston (12-17) took Fruitland's Ryan Dickinson (29-9) to the limit in a 12-6 loss in the third-place match at 160.

Lane Zehr accepted the sixth-place medal at 126 after Meridian freshman Draken Miller pinned the sophomore in 44 seconds of their fifth-place showdown.

Paynter dominated his preliminary bouts, needing only 53 seconds of mat time to reach the semifinals. He pinned Vale, Ore.'s Ira Hackler in 23 seconds to start his march and took down New Plymouth's Gabe Howard in 31 seconds of their quarterfinal.

Paynter moved to the championship round with a 17-1 technical fall over Fruitland's Wyatt Griffith at 3:47 of their semifinal.

McFarlane started the tournament by stopping Ontario, Ore.'s Abel Garcia at the end of the first period. He rolled into the semifinals with pins of Meridian's Darius Case (3:02) and

Weiser's Cale Brassfield (32 seconds in the quarterfinals).

McFarlane beat Capital's Zander Grow, 11-5, to reach the title round.

White went the distance in the semifinals (5-0 decision over Ontario's Tommy Ishida) and the quarterfinals (13-9 over Meridian's Abdullah Joe Abdulhameed). He started his tournament with a 32-seconds pin against Ramos.

Marston had one victory Saturday, pinning Vale's Thomas Rodriguez in 3:03 in the quarterfinals at 160.

Zehr ended teammate Ty Roland's tournament on his road to the fifth-place match at 126.

Zehr won two consecutive consolation bracket bouts after falling to New Plymouth's Jeremiah Perry by major decision (12-2) in the tournament opener.

The HHS wrestler pinned Roland at 2:01 and then beat Meridian's Landen Roberts, 7-1, in the consolation semifinals.

Roland reached the quarterfinals after pinning Weiser's Austyn Drysdale in 3:37 of their opener.

Likewise, Wyatt Stewart (138) got one victory Saturday. He pinned Vale's

Landon Perry with eight seconds left in the opening period of their consolation bout.

Grady Walgamott pinned Ontario's Conner Ramos in 95 seconds during a consolation bout at 220.

Last Wednesday: Homedale 42, Payette 36 — Even garnering twice as many points by forfeit than their hosts, the Trojans needed every on-mat victory they could manage to escape The Pit with a 3A Snake River Valley conference dual meet triumph.

Homedale won four bouts by forfeit, but quick pinfalls by Roland (126 pounds) and McFarlane (132) were essential to the Trojans' success.

Roland stopped Daniel Moinze in 57 seconds, and McFarlane needed just 26 seconds to pin Elijah Durrett.

Ford pinned the Pirates' Enrique Herrera in 4 minutes, 40 seconds for Homedale's only other on-mat victory.

Trojans prevailed with pins in three of the four exhibition matches staged, including Robert Johnson over Payette 195-pounder Grady Coen in 1:38, Zehr stopping Moinze in three minutes at 126, and Wyatt Stewart beating Luke Durrett in 72 seconds at 138.

Homedale Trojans

Athletes of the Week



Girls' basketball
Tiana Sorenson, so., G/F
Averaged 8.7 points, 2.3 rebounds in 3 games



Boys' basketball
Angel Contreras, jr., W
Averaged 2.5 points, 3 assists, 3 steals, 1.5 rebounds



Wrestling
Andrew Marston, sr., 160
4th place in the R.D. Brown Invitational

Girls' basketball
Varsity
3A District III Tournament
Thursday, Feb. 1 at Weiser, 7 p.m.
If win Thursday: Saturday, Feb. 3 at Fruitland, semifinal, 7 p.m.
If lose Thursday: Tuesday, Feb. 6 vs. semifinal loser, site TBA, 7 p.m.
If win Thursday and lose Saturday: Tuesday, Feb. 6 vs. TBA, site TBA, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity and frosh
Seasons complete

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Friday, Feb. 2, home vs. Weiser, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 7, home vs. Payette (Senior Night), 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Friday, Feb. 2, home vs. Weiser, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 7, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m.
Frosh soph
Friday, Feb. 2, home vs. Weiser, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 7, home vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Coed
Wednesday, Jan. 31, home vs. Parma, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 10 at Marsing Tournament, 9:30 a.m.





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Sports

Mustangs hold back persistent Huskies

Owyheean Melba beat Marsing

Marsing High School’s athletes always seem to respond down the stretch of the boys’ basketball season.

Saturday’s home game vs. Melba was the showcase for the hard-scrabble bunch coach Tim Little refines each year.

The Huskies muted Cutter Beus’ performance for most of the 2A Western Idaho Conference contest, but the Mustangs’ senior post still carved out a double-double as Melba erased a late deficit.

Beus posted 27 points and 14 rebounds in the Mustangs’ thrilling 56-53 win.

“Melba got some second-chance baskets and went right to Cutter for the rest of the game, and his length and height was difficult to manage for us,” Little said.

Marsing (7-9 overall, 2-8 in conference) still had life in the waning seconds after Teagan Kinney drilled a three-point goal with 3.2 seconds left to get the Huskies to within a point, 54-53.

The Huskies were forced to foul to stop the clock, and Melba managed two more free throws.

“Overall, it was probably

the toughest we have played since the holiday break, and we gave ourselves opportunities,” Little said.

Marsing cut a 26-20 halftime deficit in half by the end of the third quarter, and leading scorer Eli Ankeny (21 points) popped a game-tying trey to knot the score, 41-41, about 80 seconds into the final period. Ankeny had four three-point goals.

Marsing grabbed a 44-43 lead with five minutes left. Dusty Engle’s baseline runner built the Huskies’ biggest lead of the game — three points — with 4½ minutes remaining.

Juan Diego Ponce knocked down three three-pointers and chipped in 11 points for Marsing, which finds itself battling Compass Charter for sixth place in the standings.

Melba (11-6, 7-3) is one game behind second-place The Ambrose School. Wyatt Hansen added 19 points and five rebounds for the visitors.

Jace Chadez paced Marsing’s rebounding effort with 10 boards, including seven on defense. He also had four assists.

Kinney also collected seven rebounds to go with six points.

Four players reached double figures in Melba High School’s girls’ basketball victory over Marsing.

Tariah Carter led all players with 16 points when the Mustangs beat the Huskies, 62-28, in a 2A Western Idaho Conference game played Jan. 22 in Marsing.

The game was a make-up date after the original game was postponed because of treacherous driving conditions a few days earlier.

Adyson Chadez buried Marsing’s only successful three-point shot, and she and Josie Showalter shared the team scoring lead with seven points each.

Showalter scored five of Marsing’s nine first-quarter points. Chadez hit her trey in the fourth quarter when the Huskies closed with another nine-point stanza.

Owyhee County resident Brooklyn Dayley posted a double-double with 14 points and 10 assists for Melba. She also had four steals.

Darby Lowber added 12



Melba senior Brooklyn Dayley, an Owyhee County resident, lopes in for a layup as Marsing’s Adyson Chadez trails the play. Photo by Ethan Freeman

points and three assists for the first-place Mustangs.

Melba’s Ellie Johnson connected on two of her three-pointers in the first half en route 11 points.

Another Owyheean, Maialen

Jaca notched a fourth-quarter three-pointer to close a five-point night for the Mustangs.

Melba held a 30-17 lead at halftime then held Marsing to just a pair of Chadez free throws in the third quarter.

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MARSING HUSKIES

Athletes of the Week

Girls' basketball
Lily Thoene, jr., P
Averaged 4.3 points in 3 games

Boys' basketball
Diego Margarito, sr., F/C
Averaged 2.0 rebounds with 2 points, 2 assists in 3 games

Wrestling
Tristan Izzard, so., 195
41-second pin in championship bracket of Caldwell JV tourney

Girls' basketball
Varsity
2A District III Tournament
If won Monday and Tuesday: Thursday, Feb. 1 at Cole Valley Christian, Meridian, 7 p.m.
If won Monday and lost Tuesday: Saturday, Feb. 3, loser out game, opponent, location TBA, 7 p.m.
If nec.: Tuesday, Feb. 6 at Caldwell H.S., third-place game at 6 p.m.; championship at 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Season complete

Wrestling
Coed
Saturday, Feb. 10, home for Marsing Tournament, 9:30 a.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Wednesday, Jan. 31 at Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 2 at New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 5, home vs. Cole Valley Christian (Senior Night), 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 7 at Compass Charter, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Wednesday, Jan. 31 at Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 2 at New Plymouth, 6 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 5, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 7 at Compass Charter, 5:30 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Wednesday, Jan. 31 at Nampa Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 2 at New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 5, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 4:30 p.m.

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Sports

Homedale girls pummel Payette, clinch No. 5 seed

Homedale High School’s only win the final week for the girls’ basketball regular season wrapped up the No. 5 seed in the 3A District III Tournament.

After trailing early, the Trojans dismantled Payette, 48-26, on Senior Night to claim their second 3A Snake River Valley conference of the season and the fifth seed in the postseason.

Homedale (6-14 overall, 2-8 in conference) will travel to meet No. 4 Weiser (5-15) in a 7 p.m., on Thursday in the first round of the district tournament’s double-elimination bracket.

Playing on her home court for the final time in her high school career, senior Olivia Asumendi connected on seven of 15 field goals, including a three-pointer, to lead all scorers with 15 points against the Pirates on Jan. 23.

Arlett Quezada, coach Benji Sorenson’s other upperclassman, scored two points in her home finale.

Asumendi also collected seven rebounds with two steals. Quezada had four steals and two rebounds.

Sophomore Tiana Sorenson chipped in 14 points and three rebounds.

Fellow 10th-graders Belen

Asumendi and Stella Heck scored six points apiece with Heck pulling down four defensive rebounds and posting four assists.

Another sophomore, Kierstley Roseborough, notched five points and three rebounds.

Homedale used a 22-3 run through the second quarter to erase Payette’s 8-7 lead.

Friday: McCall-Donnelly 51, Homedale 32 — The Trojans ended the regular season on the road against one of the top teams in the conference.

“Overall in a tough environment, I am pleased with our effort against one of the top two teams in our conference at their

place,” Benji Sorenson said, “and I see signs we are rounding into shape as we head into the district tournament.”

The Trojans trailed by only four points after halftime after playing the Vandals even in the second quarter.

Homedale pulled within a basket midway through the third quarter. But McCall used an 11-0 run to open up a 35-22 lead.

The Trojans rallied again. An 8-2 run moved Homedale to within seven points, 37-30, early in the fourth quarter.

The Vandals (11-6, 7-2 before a makeup game against Parma on Tuesday after press

time) iced the game from the free-throw line, converting eight of 12 shots to end the game on a 14-2 run.

Last Wednesday: Parma 53, Homedale 25 — The Trojans converted only eight of 39 field-goal attempts (20.5 percent) in a road loss to the Panthers.

Tiana Sorenson and Heck made three-point shots, and Asumendi was 3-for-4 from the foul line.

Sorenson went 2-for-2 from the foul line.

Sophomore Belen Asumendi logged two rebounds and two steals, and Roseborough led the team with five boards.

Low-scoring quarters upend Marsing girls

The fatigue and the foe may have gotten to Marsing High School in a Jan. 23 girls’ basketball game.

Second-place Cole Valley Christian allowed only eight points in the first half of a 50-23 2A Western Idaho Conference win on the Huskies’ floor.

Marsing played the conference’s top two teams — Melba and Cole Valley — on back-to-back nights early last week.

Despite the looks of a dominant team, the Chargers managed only a 10-0 lead after the first eight minutes.

Marsing’s leading scorers — Adyson Chadez and Josie Showalter — had four points each for all of the Huskies’ scoring in the second quarter.

Chadez connected on all four of her foul shots and led Marsing with 12 points.

Showalter was 4-for-6 from the charity stripe on the way to 10 points.

Raylynn Vanosdall was 1-for-2 at the line for Marsing’s other point, and the Huskies’ trio was 9-for-12 at the free-throw line.

Cole Valley spread its scoring around with Trinity Holsinger’s 19 points leading the way.

Natalie Wetzal hit a trey and wound up with seven points.

Amelia Anstrand, who knocked in a three-pointer, Autumn Burgeson, and Hadley Fraas scored six points apiece.

After Thursday’s 39-28 home loss to Nampa Christian, coach Aidrie Voile’s Marsing squad (6-12 overall, 1-9 in conference) found itself in a 2A District III Tournament play-in game Monday after press time. Sixth-seeded Marsing played

host to No. 7 North Star Charter for the right to move into the double-elimination bracket.

If Marsing won, the team would challenge No. 3 seed New Plymouth on Tuesday, also after press time. If the Huskies managed to get past both North Star and New Plymouth, they’ll play No. 2 Cole Valley Christian in a semifinal matchup on the road Thursday. A win against North Star and a loss to New Plymouth would send Marsing into a loser-out game on Saturday at 7 p.m., on the road against a semifinal loser.

Thursday: Nampa Christian 39, Marsing 28 — A slew of free-throw chances couldn’t make up for the dearth of successful field goals as the Huskies fell to the visiting Trojans in a conference game.

Marsing managed just three field goals in each half as Nampa Christian rallied from a slim first-quarter deficit.

Bailey Roadenbaugh sank seven consecutive free throws in the second half, going 7-for-8, for all her points for Marsing. Teammate Raylynn Vanosdall was 5-for-8 from the charity stripe for her points.

Lily Thoene scored the Huskies’ only field goals in the first half and led the team with nine points, a third of her points came in a 3-for-4 outing at the line.

Marsing shooters were 16-for-22 from the charity stripe.

Alexis Peak shook off an 0-for-2 start at the free throw, scoring nine of her 11 points in the Trojans’ 11-point third quarter. Her game-high point total was achieved in the final 16 minutes of the game.

✓ Mustangs: Reigning champs beat Baker

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2A District III Tournament as the top-seeded team. The Mustangs await the semifinals, which will take place Thursday in a location that is yet to be announced.

A win Thursday puts coach Dave Lenz’s squad back into the 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament. The Mustangs won it all last season with a 26-0 record.

Ellie Johnson led Melba with 19 points against New Plymouth.

Melba stretched its winning streak to nine games behind 18 points, six rebounds and three steals from Tariah Carter.

Owyhee County senior Brooklyn Dayley was held to just five points, but she came through with 14 assists and five steals.

Jan. 23: Melba 65, Baker, Ore., 28 — Dayley posted her first triple-double of the season as the Mustangs cruised past the Class 4A Bulldogs in a battle of reigning state

champions.

Dayley racked up 24 points, 10 assists and 10 steals to push Melba to another victory inside Potter Gymnasium.

Johnson added 12 points and three steals. Carter filled up the stat sheet with 11 points and three blocks while posted five rebounds, assists, and steals apiece.

Baker (9-9 before Monday’s non-league game against Vale) received 10 points from 6-foot junior Kathryn Gentry.

✓ Asumendi: Good education in back yard

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games for her family. She rarely took in a softball game.

She didn’t attend any of Mendiola’s youth camps either.

But just as she has come through for the Trojans for the past three seasons, her coach had her back when it came time to start the college process.

“Larry has been awesome. I honestly don’t think I could do any of this without him,” Asumendi said. “He is just such a great resource, and he really cares about me and what I need.

“He helped me really reach out to Al and get this whole thing going. I’m really thankful for Larry and what he’s done for me and just his ability to drop what he’s doing to kind of help me sometimes. Especially when the season’s not even going. He’s still there to help me through the whole thing.”

Corta has had several discussions with Mendiola about Asumendi’s potential.

“He was sold on her work ethic and attitude toward the game,” Corta said of the veteran Coyotes coach.

“We looked at Wenatchee Valley and another college, but no one supported her like Al did.”

Corta and Asumendi have one more spring together, and one more chance to chase a state championship.

Then, the senior will pack her bags — or not — to attend C of I. She plans to pursue either an accounting degree (her father is an accountant) or start her pre-med studies through an Idaho State University-affiliated program.

“I like that (C of I) has a good education. There are a lot of options and a lot potential for me to have a great future in that aspect,” Asumendi said. “And I really like just their coaching staff and the girls on their team, and I just was really drawn to that.

“And I like how I’ll be able to still be close to my family and friends and stuff around here.”

Where she’ll play on the field remains to be seen. During her workout with the Coyotes, Asumendi played infield and outfield.

But, just as softball is her first love, Asumendi also has

a fierce affinity for standing in the circle.

“I would actually pride myself a lot in my pitching just because throughout growing up, pitching is a really hard position and I feel like maturing into that was really hard for me to just to kind of have that mental space in my head where it’s like you have to perform in these high-intense situations,” she said.

“And I feel that in my high school years and in club I’ve been doing a pretty good job of being able to keep myself under control and push through that and still be able to have success.

“But I would pride myself in the way that I’ve worked really hard to get to where I am in the aspect of just because of how hard it is to be a pitcher. It’s not an easy thing to do. You just kinda feel like you’re by yourself.”

Last Wednesday, with her coaches, family and teammates around, Asumendi certainly wasn’t alone when she signed to play her dream sport at her dream school.

— JPB

Looking back...

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Disaster quilts...
US Bank president and disaster auction treasurer, Linda Noyce, shows two of the many hand-made quilts donated to the Marsing annual auction. The quilts can be seen in the lobby of the US Bank. These two quilts were made and donated by Peggy Korte, on left, and Ruth Clapier, on right.



Smorgasbord spuds...
Ken Tamura, left, helps Rex Mashburn, right, load 600 lbs. of Idaho potatoes for this weekend's 38th annual International Smorgasbord. Tamura donated the potatoes for the Idaho booth.

Tolmie elected commission chairman
District 2 Owyhee County Commissioner Harold Tolmie was elected commission chairman at the board's first regular meeting in January.

Tolmie was nominated to the position by new District 3 commissioner Dick Reynolds, who defeated incumbent commissioner Chester Sellman in last year's primary election. Tolmie succeeds former commission chairman Dick Bass.



Commission appoints Miller to Fair Board
The board of Owyhee County Commissioners have appointed Gwen Miller of Marsing to the Owyhee County Fair Board.

Miller replaces Charles D. Vincent Sr. of Marsing, who resigned effective Jan. 1.
Other members of the fair board are Bill Watterson of Homedale, Mike Roberts of Homedale, Mary Lootens of Marsing, Joe Merrick of Oreana, Kenny Tindall of Bruneau and Les Boian of Homedale.

50 years ago

January 31, 1974



EARLY IN JANUARY fourth graders of the Homedale schools observed Pioneer day with children portraying pioneer characters. Standing before a lesson on the blackboard in top picture are (from left) Randy Deshazer as Daniel Boone; Diana Uranga as Kay Lawrence; Teri Metzger as Anna Barkley. Standing around the desk of Mrs. Esther Brockmueller, who was Mae Mercer, early-day Homedale teacher, for the day, in the bottom picture are (from left) Becky Burman as Rebecca Bryan; Margaret Wideau as Sarah Henderson; Ronny Tibbett as Buffalo Bill. Photos by Bette Uda

Scout program features topic, 'transportation'
January pack meeting of Cub Scout Pack 474 was held last Wednesday evening in the American Legion hall.

James Mitchell presented the flag at the beginning of the evening and retired the flag at the conclusion of the program.

John Williams was master of ceremonies for the program which featured "transportation." Participating were Mike Matteson, bike safety; David Elkins, cars; Cameron Murray, traffic safety; Gary Hastriter, Jr., 4-wheel drive; Darren Krzesnik, boating safety; Bill Turnmire, Mark Twain's showboat; David Kubosumi, sail boats; Zane Walker, trains; Merl Eicker, freight trains; Joe Williams, trains; Andy Ash, airplanes; Steven Nash, helicopters; Harry Arima, riding lawn mowers.

Homedale Locals
Mikeal Parker, Homedale, is a member of the Idaho State University, Pocatello, concert band which will present its annual winter concert this evening (Thursday) at the Fine Arts building at ISU.

RC Bloodmobile garners 56 pints
Fifty-six pints of blood were given Monday at the visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile. Sincere thanks is extended to all who gave blood and all who gave assistance, Clare Willcuts, chairman for the sponsoring Kiwanis club, said Tuesday. A special thanks is due the Jaycees who helped immeasurably and the Odd Fellows for the use of their lodge hall.
Five gallon pins were presented to Ed Manning and Tom Arima. One gallon pins went to James Murray, Florence Hinton and Wilma Stansell.

153 years ago

January 28, 1871

THE INCOME TAX.—William M. Everts, one of the best-read lawyers in the United States, has written an opinion adverse to the constitutionality of the Income Tax, and Commissioner Pleasanton, in consultation with the House Committee on Ways and Means, recommends its immediate repeal, because the cost of collection exceeds the amount collected. Taking these advices together, we think there is some reason to believe that the Income Tax will receive its quietus during the present session of Congress. If the majority refuse to heed the Constitutional argument, they will not turn a deaf ear when the Commissioner of Internal Revenue informs them that the country is losing money by the collection of the tax.

WHAT THEY THINK OF "OLD HILL."—If Old Hill were alive and well his excessive modesty would not permit the following which we find in the *Idaho Democrat* of the 18th, to appear in the columns of the AVALANCHE:

Mr. W. J. Hill, editor of the AVALANCHE, arrived in this city from his mountain home on Monday night. He came down to attend the printers' ball and visit his friends in the valley. "Old Hill" has certainly been feasting with the gods of War Eagle and they have smiled upon him with favor. He is a young man still on the sunny side of life, good looking, the very embodiment of rosy health, jovial, fat and jolly; makes friends at every turn, and will do to swear by under all circumstances. Welcome, thrice welcome, "Old Hill," to the hospitalities of Boise.

AMNESTY.—Before the close of the present session of Congress, a bill will be introduced to remove the political disabilities of a great many of those who participated in the late rebellion. It will be more liberal in its terms than the bill on the same subject which was before the House prior to the adjournment for the holidays. The Senate Committee on the removal of Political Disabilities are in favor of such a measure, and will urge the passage of a bill looking to that end before the close of the present session.

REPENTED.—The inglorious wretch who stole a chair from this office some time ago, secretly returned it, accompanied with an impudent note, a few nights since. No punishment is too great for the sin-steeped villain who would steal from a country editor; but, if the chair thief will call at this office, he will be dismissed by a No. 10 boot, and no questions asked.

Local Hints and Happenings.
Hon. W. R. Van Slyke returned from the Capital last Monday.

Father Poulin has returned from Boise City and resumed his music school.

Mr. North, Bob Week's tinner, has gone to the "Sound" to locate a clam-bed.

Dr. Colmache has returned from Europe and is now at Camp Three Forks Owyhee.

Mrs. Judge Miller has, for several days, been seriously ill with inflammatory rheumatism.

Geo. H. Coe, Esq., made a flying visit to Boise City, last week, to accompany his family home.

Dancing school is a failure here this winter, but the "Club" is in full blast — every Wednesday night.

Charley Hilton has gone to Puget Sound in hopes of finding the terminus of the Northern Pacific Railroad.

Commentary

Joe Aman
publisher



About Mark Aman

The backbone of his family, our operation

What can I say about my son? Where do I start? First off, he was a great brother to Rob and Tanya. Oh, sure, they fought like cats and dogs — as most siblings do — but no one else dared mess with them or they’d have the wrath of Mark to answer to. Mark was not only my eldest son; he was my friend and co-worker. I never told him, but in many ways I felt inferior to him because of his so many talents. Mark would develop an interest in something, and pursue that interest until he totally understood it and then would undertake it with full gusto. But when he had mastered that project, he would set it aside and find another challenging interest. Here are a few examples:

- Building, flying, and racing remote-controlled airplanes with Alan Bahem;
- Building the fastest snowmobile to outrun and out-climb his buddies;
- And even built and flew his own Kitfox airplane

Drones with a video camera became an interest to him. After conquering that, he set it aside on a shelf and moved on to something else.

Cooking was a passion. You couldn’t find a better barbecued steak at Delmonico’s in New York.

One of his latest challenges was brewing beer. He told me he wanted to be a good host when his friends came over, so he built a brewery and named it “3-Fingered Brewery” (he had lost two fingers in a motorcycle accident in his youth).

At one point he decided he needed to prepare his family for any catastrophe of — who knows what. He bought a food dehydrator (the biggest and best, of course) and began drying all kinds of food. I’d guess there’s enough dried foods in his storage to feed a small army for quite some time. Then there came a freeze dryer to add to his food cache from meats to ice cream to vegetables.

At one point he planted an apple orchard. Not just a few trees, but several dozen. His dog pulled them out of the ground, bringing an end to his orchard. Gardening was another hobby. Along with many vegetables, he set a goal to raise an 800-pound pumpkin. That was one of his rare failures.

A greenhouse came into being somewhere along the line. Not your normal greenhouse, mind you. He designed and built a program to control the lighting, the temperature, and the watering from his computer at the office, or on his cellphone.

His latest challenge was researching, studying, and eventually purchasing an elaborate UV printer. There are boxes of coffee cups, golf balls, pens, pencils, tumblers, rifle magazines, ammo boxes, and more sitting around. Some he had printed on, and some were in the works.

Even with all his interests and passions, his sons were his No. 1 priority. He involved them in all his

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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

Fighting EV mandate to preserve Idahoans’ access to affordable vehicles

Idahoans deserve access to affordable, reliable vehicles fueled by American-made energy products. However, the Biden Administration’s proposed vehicle emissions and fuel economy standards would go too far — restricting affordable choices for families and pushing our country toward greater dependence on China.

The Biden Administration put forward two proposals threatening the affordability and availability of vehicle options for American families:

- 1) The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued the most aggressive tailpipe emissions proposal ever crafted
- 2) The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) proposed fuel economy standards that would require automakers to more than double average fleet-wide fuel economy in less than 10 years.

These proposals would essentially mandate the mass production of electric vehicles (EVs) and a phase-out of gas-powered cars and trucks.

But, the standards are unrealistic and likely unachievable. China currently controls a majority of the production capacity of EV batteries, as well as the processing and refining capacity of the critical minerals needed for the batteries. The EV mandates also ignore the reality that EVs are not a practical option for most Americans because of their higher sticker prices and insurance premiums, shorter average driving ranges, limited access to charging stations and other challenges. The average price of an EV remains substantially higher than that of a gas-powered vehicle, even with significant taxpayer-funded subsidies, and the average household income for an EV owner is over \$100,000, which equates to

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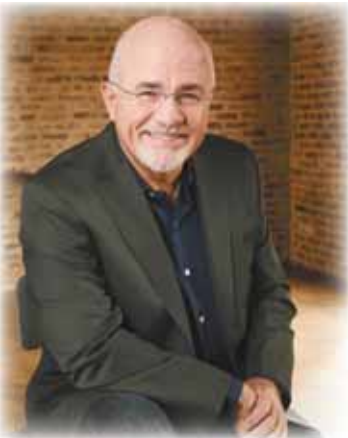
about only 31 percent of U.S. households. Further, an EV-focused approach limits access to vehicles and fuel options that would better meet consumer needs while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. EVs may not emit at the tailpipe, but they still have a carbon footprint. A realistic, technology-

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Commentary

Financial management

Sort your “wants” and “needs” when determining emergencies



DAVE Says
by Dave Ramsey • www.davesays.org

Dear Dave,
We’ve all our debts paid off, except for our home, and our fully funded emergency fund of six months of expenses is in place. In talking to people, it seems there are lots of different opinions as to what constitutes an emergency. What guidelines do you suggest when deciding whether to use our emergency fund?
— Ingrid

Dear Ingrid,
There are three things to ask yourself when you’re tempted to dip into your emergency fund.

No.1: Is it expected?
Things like Christmas, birthdays, and even certain bills come around at the same time every year. If you’re not already budgeting for these things, it’s time to start. Otherwise, you might use your emergency fund for something that’s just the result of poor planning.
No. 2: Is it absolutely necessary?
Most of us think we know the difference between needs and wants, but sometimes the line gets a little blurry. If your car goes completely kaput, and you need transportation,

use your emergency fund to buy something affordable and reliable you can pay cash for. But don’t dip into your emergency fund just to upgrade your good car for one with a million bells and whistles. That’s a want, not a need.
And No. 3: Is it urgent?
Sometimes you have to act like a grown-up. Every idea that pops into your mind isn’t unexpected, necessary, or urgent. You can live that way if you want, but the result will be a quickly depleted emergency fund. Then, what’re you going to do when a real emergency

comes along?
— 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 each week. He has appeared on *Good Morning America*, *CBS This Morning*, *Today Show*, *Fox News*, *CNN*, *Fox Business* and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth, and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

Letter to the editor

Precinct committee people are your link to political parties

Do you know who your precinct committee person is or do you just put a mark by the person on the ballot?
The precinct committee person is the true grassroots person in the party and should try to represent everyone in their precinct. You should know their contact information and let them know how you feel so they can send the message up on the line or tell you who to contact.
At the summer convention is where many of the precinct committee people meet to approve resolutions to guide the party for the coming year. If there is a vacancy in your elected officials, the precinct chairman calls the precinct committeemen together to make three choices to give to the county commissioners or the governor depending on who it is. They also raise money to help candidates running for the general election.
If you like what’s going on, thank your precinct committee person. If you want to see change, think of running yourself or back a like-minded person. Get acquainted with your precinct committee person. Go to debates that are, many times, run by the precinct committee people. Educate yourself so you can make an informed decision. It’s an election year. Make your vote count.
Paula Brackett
Three Creek (Rogerson)

✓ Backbone: Son, business partner was a passionate innovator, devoted patriarch

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interests and hobbies (except the brewery, of course). He was deeply involved in their education and their sports. He helped coach teams for both, and was known for encouraging other young athletes.
Mark loved all children. He went out of his way to bond with babies and toddlers and make friends with all kids that showed up at our gatherings.
At the business, he was our mechanic and operator of the printing equipment.

Whenever anyone had a problem, whether it be a computer, bindery equipment, webpage, subscription list program, whatever — we called on Mark.
He is missed. He is missed by his family, his many friends, his acquaintances, and his business associates.
The prayers, phone calls, texts, emails, personal visits, food, assistance, and support have been unfathomable to comprehend, and are so very much appreciated! Especially the prayers.

Contacting city officials

Homedale City Hall
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Mayor — Gheen Christoffersen
City council — Mike Aebischer (president), Kimberly Murray, Steve Atkins, and Aaron Tines
Meetings — 6 p.m., on 2nd Wednesday

Marsing City Hall
18 Sandbar Ave., (208) 896-4122
Mayor — Hayzen Corder
City council — Chris Even (president),

Lynette Enrico, Elizabeth Wahl and Brandy Johnson
Meetings — 7 p.m., on 2nd Wednesday

Grand View City Hall
425 Boise Ave., (208) 834-2700
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Mayor — Jon Pennington
City council — Terry Nielson (president), Andrea Owens, Tom Payne, and Mike Smith
Meetings — 6 p.m., on 2nd Wednesday

✓ Vehicles: Letters, legislation drafted to head off administration’s push

From Page 16
neutral approach, taking into account the full lifecycle emissions of both the vehicle and fuel, would more effectively address greenhouse gas emissions while preserving consumer choice.
In response, I am taking a number of steps to stop the Administration’s EV mandates and push for a more sensible approach:
• I introduced the Choice in Automobile Retail Sales (CARS) Act, also co-sponsored by Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho), that would prohibit the EPA from moving forward with its proposed emissions rule or any future rules that would limit availability of new motor vehicles based on that vehicle’s engine type. In December, the U.S. House of Representatives passed its version of this legislation, co-sponsored by Rep. Russ Fulcher (R-Idaho), and I am continuing to push

for Senate passage.
• I requested Senate and House Leadership include language in government funding legislation to prevent the EV mandates. One of the requests concludes, “Federal agencies should not be working together to force Americans into driving expensive and impractical electric vehicles largely dependent on China’s manufacturing base. Similarly, we should not be dependent upon energy created by our global adversaries; these autos should be powered by American energy. Americans should keep the ability to choose the vehicle that best fits their needs and that they can afford.”
• I led senators and representatives in urging the Biden Administration to immediately withdraw and reissue better standards. We wrote, “NHTSA must stop its attempt to regulate gas-powered vehicles out

of the market and force EVs onto buyers. Instead, NHTSA should put forward standards that preserve Americans’ freedom to choose a vehicle that best meets their needs.” (*The letter was released to the media last Wednesday.* — Ed.)
I support a free market approach to the production of EVs for those who choose to drive them, but an EV mandate when U.S. production, access to needed minerals and our infrastructure cannot back it is the wrong way to go. I will continue pushing for a more sensible approach for Idahoans.
— 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.

Defense dialing in, Huskies search for offensive consistency

Three scorers reached double figures, but defensive play caught Tim Little’s eye against North Star Charter.

“Defensively, we played with some physicality and intensity in the first half that continued during the second half for a much-needed win,” the Marsing High School boys’ basketball coach said.

Teagan Kinney came up with five steals and four of his six rebounds on defense in Marsing’s 57-38 victory in a 2A Western Idaho Conference game played in Eagle last Wednesday.

Juan Diego Ponce led the team in scoring with 15 points, while Kinney and Eli Ankeny added 13 points each.

Ankeny buried three of five three-point attempts, while Ponce hit a pair of treys and Kinney, Jace Chadez, and Dusty Engle delivered one apiece.

“Our shooting was still in question at times; however, we looked and felt more confident and aggressive offensively,” Little said.

Nacho Margarito added seven points, while Chadez passed out five assists.

Jan. 22: Cole Valley Christian 53, Marsing 31 — The once-beaten and unanimous No. 1 Class 2A team in the state built an early lead and cruised to another conference victory.

Little said poor shooting (11-for-33, 33.3 percent) was the primary culprit.

“We dug ourselves a hole in the first quarter, unable to match Cole Valley’s offensive efficiency and intensity,” the coach said.

Ankeny went 2-for-4 from downtown and canned both his free throws en route to 10 points.

“Eli Ankeny had another decent game on both ends of the court and has been more consistent over the last three games,” Little said.

Ankney came away with four assists, two steals, and two blocked shots.

Ponce led the team with 11 points, including three treys.

“We just now have to figure out how to continue to improve our last week and a half before the (District III) tournament,” Little said.

Public notices

GEM HIGHWAY DISTRICT NO. 3 ANNUAL ROAD AND STREET FINANCIAL REPORT Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2023 BEGINNING BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 01, 2022 \$956,783\$	
RECEIPTS:	
LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES	
Interest Income	\$43,080
All Other LOCAL Receipts or Transfers In	\$14,690
Total Local Funding	\$148,311
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Highway User Revenue	\$738,925
All Other STATE Receipts or Transfers In	\$15,833
Total State Funding	\$754,758
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$903,069
DISBURSEMENTS:	
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	
Chip Sealing or Seal Coating	\$667,238
Patching	\$4,653
Winter Maintenance	\$7,052
Other (Signs, Signals, Traffic Control)	\$73,129
Total Routine Maintenance	\$752,072
EQUIPMENT	
Lease/Purchase	\$1,087
Maintenance	\$38,094
Other	\$1,025
Total Equipment	\$40,206
ADMINISTRATIVE	
Salaries and Expenses	\$65,766
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	
Audit, Clerical, and Legal	\$6,050
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$864,094
RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	\$38,975
CLOSING BALANCE	\$995,758
FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR SPECIFIC FUTURE PROJECTS & RESERVES	\$650,000
FUNDS RETAINED FOR GENERAL FUNDS AND OPERATIONS	\$345,758
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GEM HIGHWAY DISTRICT NO. 3 Jeff Percifield, Chairman Morris Giedd Dan Birmingham 12/28/2023, 01/31/2024 01/31/2024	

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE (Adult or Emancipated Minor) CASE NO. CV37-23-00442 IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE IN RE: HAZEL ALEXY GUERRA

A petition to change the name of HAZEL ALEXY GUERRA, now residing in the City of Homedale, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to HAZEL ALEXY ALONZO. The reason for the change in name is:

to take my husband’s last name.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:30 o’clock a.m. on February 6, 2024 at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: December 27, 2023
Clerk of the District Court
/s:/Jamie Eubanks, Deputy Clerk
01/17,24,31;02/07/2024

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL

DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
Case No. CV37-23-00297
BONNEVILLE BILLING & COLLECTIONS, INC., a Utah corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ROBERT A. SHADWICK,
Defendant.
T o : R O B E R T W . SHADWICK,
You have been sued by Bonneville Billing & Collections, Inc., the Plaintiff, in the District Court of the Third Judicial District in and for Owyhee County, Idaho, Case No. CV37-23-00297.
The nature of the claim against you is collection of a debt.
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 No., CV37-23-00297 and paid any required filing fee to the Owyhee County Clerk of the Court at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, (208) 495-2806, and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiff’s attorney, Robert W. Talboy, at P.O. Box 856, Boise, ID 83701, (208) 901-8669.
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 legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.
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01/10,17,24,31/2024

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01/31/2024

Marsing woman jailed for insurance fraud

A Marsing woman is spending 30 days behind bars for insurance fraud.

Lanae Lynn Perez was remanded to Ada County Jail after a Jan. 22 sentencing hearing before Fourth District Judge Patrick Miller in Boise.

Miller suspended a state prison sentence of two to five years and ordered Perez to serve five years felony probation.

As part of a plea agreement with the Idaho Attorney General’s Office, Perez entered guilty pleas to felony counts of insurance fraud and solicitation to commit insurance fraud during a Nov. 13 court appearance.

The Idaho Department of Insurance (DOI) announced Perez’s sentencing Thursday,

and outlined the circumstances of the case.

Perez obtained an auto insurance policy about 90 minutes after the other party involved in a two-vehicle, non-injury crash on Aug. 1, 2022 in Meridian had filed a claim.

The other party filed their claim to their insurance company with a time of loss of 10:35 a.m., on Aug. 1. The DOI said Perez obtained her policy after the accident at 11:59 a.m., on Aug. 1 then made a claim to her insurance company stating the accident occurred at 2 p.m.

Perez also asked the other party to alter the time of the accident so she could have insurance coverage. Perez’s attempt was rebuffed.

✓ Boys: 3rd win in 4 games

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Fruitland’s backboards. Lukas Hall anchored the Trojans’ defense with a team-high eight rebounds (all on defense) and two blocked shots.

Danny Lomeli grabbed all his rebounds (five) on defense.

Hall led all scorers with a career-high 18 points. The big man drilled three three-point goals as the Trojans hit eight of 22 shots from beyond the perimeter.

Keaton Sorenson hit a game-high four three-pointers for the bulk of his 15 points.

Angel Contreras snagged five steals and dished six assists.

AJ Hyatt hit seven of 10 free throws to lead Fruitland with 17 points.

Thursday: McCall-Donnelly 56, Homedale 46 — The once-beaten Vandals kept the Trojans at arm’s length throughout the conference game in Homedale to remain undefeated and atop the 3A SRV standings.

Homedale couldn’t win the battle for second-chance points and saw its three-game win streak end.

The Vandals outscored the Trojans, 14-2, on second-chance points and ruled the glass on both ends of the floor.

McCall held a decided advantage in free-throw chances, cashing in on 19 of 24 foul shots. Homedale was 7-for-11 from the line.

The Vandals’ Sam Penny went 7-for-10 from the charity stripe to lead all scorers with 23 points. Teammate Luke Scott was perfect in eight trips to the line and garnered 18 points.

Junior Luke Henry drilled three three-point goals and knocked down all four of his free-throw attempts to pace Homedale with 17 points before fouling out.

McCoy Swallow posted nine points and four rebounds, while Keaton Sorenson had eight points and four boards.

Danny Lomeli scored six points to go with four rebounds for Homedale.

McCall’s Michael Foster led all players with nine rebounds. He also blocked two shots.



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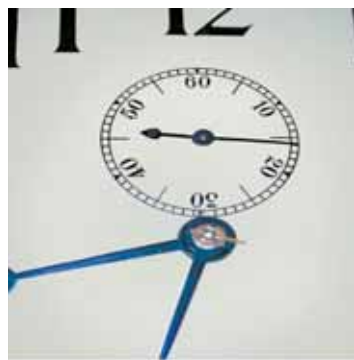
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Anyone visiting M&W Market in Marsing between now and sometime Friday will be able to catch a glimpse of some of the \$10 raffle items that will be given away at Saturday’s Marsing Disaster Auction. **Above:** The Savage .243 rifle and scope donated by Owyhee County Farm Bureau insurance agents Wayne Hungate and Dave Cereghino. **Below:** Auction donor Jake Bowers and members of the Marsing Disaster Auction committee stand near some of the other \$10 raffle items. **From left:** Bowers, James Ferdinand, Jess Ferdinand, Sheila Carter, and Audrey Lindemann.



Stanley resident Laurii Gadwa, the mother of Marsing resident Jo Callison and mother-in-law of Callison’s husband Cory, made this quilt, which will be auctioned Saturday. Submitted photo

✓ Marsing: Raffle tickets still available

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choose the prize they want to win, and the list includes:

- An 18-cubic-foot upright convertible refrigerator/freezer from Parma Furniture
- Half beef, cut and wrapped from Reynolds Creek Calf Ranch and Rod Fivecoat Auction
- A gun/security safe from White Automotive and Rhino Metals
- A Savage .243 rifle with scope from Owyhee County Farm Bureau Insurance agents Wayne Hungate and Dave Cereghino

Marsing Elementary third-, fourth-, and fifth-grade students are selling tickets for the \$1 raffle, which has the following prizes:

- A \$250 shopping spree to Marsing merchants, donated by American Legion Post 128
- A \$250 cash prize donated by Bobo and Sheila Carter and Russ Lindemann and Audrey Lindemann
- A Kitchen-Aid mixer donated by Kelly and Betty Ackerman
- A 60-inch flat-screen high-definition LCD TV donated by the Usabel Family

To donate an auction lot or food item or volunteer for the event, or to purchase tickets in the \$10 raffle, contact a board member:

- Sheila Carter, (208) 337-2100
- Bobo Carter, (208) 880-

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- James Ferdinand, (208) 794-7270
- Jess Ferdinand, (208) 401-4964
- Jason and Kelly Ineck, (208) 249-4476
- Audrey Lindemann, (208) 573-6591
- Cindy Floyd, (208) 830-5560

Some of the more popular auction items that will be up for grabs Saturday include:

- Basque chorizos from Hill’s Premium Meats and M&W Market
- A Tailgate Traeger from Marsing Hardware and Pump
- A Cordova cooler package from Idaho Central Credit Union
- A girls’ and boys’ .22 rifle from Matteson’s
- Two, one-year subscriptions to The Owyhee Avalanche

- A Traeger grill from Valleywide / Valley Ag
- A 24-gun Rhino safe from Showalter Construction
- A 6-foot-by-8-foot chicken coop from The Shed Center
- A bouquet of flowers each month for a year from Caldwell Floral
- Two crab feed tickets from the Marsing Fire Department
- A painted 6-foot crosscut saw from Jake’s Sprinkler Service

Money raised helps replenish the Marsing Community Disaster Fund to provide relief to community members for fires, funerals, hospital stays, and large medical expenses.

Volunteers are welcome to drop by the Legion hall today, Thursday and Friday to help set up the auction in time for Saturday’s big event.

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