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COMMUNITY MEMBERS REMEMBERED



Marsing Disaster Auction memorial items raise thousands

Four auction lots dedicated to the memory of recently passed community members brought nearly \$3,000 during Saturday's Marsing Disaster Auction. **Above:** Tonia White (far left) speaks about Wanita Churruca Miyamura as a bouquet of flowers in Wanita's memory is auctioned. Wanita was a longtime auction supporter and the daughter of founding member Nita and Julio Churruca. **Below:** Marsing FFA auction runners hold metal artwork donated in memory of Craig Dines. For more photos from Saturday's auction, see **Page 8**



Some changes made at our operation

Because of the recent death of Mark Aman, we are forced to make substantial changes here at Owyhee Publishing and The Owyhee Avalanche.

First and foremost, we are forced to cease operations of the web printing business. Mark was the operator of the web press. We will, however, continue servicing our commercial printing customers, both present and potential. (This includes forms, envelopes, posters, mailers — about anything except newspapers.)

The Avalanche will continue as usual. The Idaho Press in Nampa has graciously stepped up to accommodate the printing of the Avalanche and our web printing customers.

Some services are temporarily unavailable. Call or email our office at (208) 337-4681 or office@owyhee.com for current online issues of the Avalanche. We'll ask you to provide your subscription address, the name on the account, and an email to which to send the digital copy.

The PayPal option to pay for subscriptions has been suspended temporarily. Subscribers who use PayPal to pay their annual subscriptions should cancel recurring payments through the service. Call the Avalanche office to renew subscriptions that may be coming due.

We appreciate the outpouring of support during this difficult time.

— Margie, Jon, Rob, and Joe

Ridgeview Irrigation Board nears decision on new director

**SBOC chief:
Reservoir is
filling fast lately**

The February series of meetings will start at 1 p.m., on Tuesday in the SBOC boardroom, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., in Homedale.

Appointing an interim director for the Ridgeview Irrigation Board is at the top of the agenda when the men who govern the South Board of Control gather.

South Board manager Carl Seiders, who is celebrating his 18th year with the group this month, said that Ridgeview directors Bret Nielson and

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Sheriff: St. Clair murder investigation re-opened

**Illegal immigrants
drop-off rumor quelled
in Facebook chat**

In a first-time Facebook Live chat,

Owyhee County Sheriff Larry Kendrick answered some burning questions and shed light on a Marsing-area murder investigation that has been reopened.

Kendrick spent two hours answering questions posed in the live chat. He also introduced Chief Deputy Steven

Crawford as well as a patrol deputy, dispatcher and jailer and let them talk a little about their jobs.

Kendrick said the Facebook Live session, which was held on Jan. 30, could be repeated on a quarterly basis.

As many as 90 people logged in to the chat, including Carol St. Clair, whose husband Rod died on Nov. 15, 2019 at his Marsing residence after being attacked by a member of an Owyhee

— See **Sheriff**, page 18



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Annual HHS senior bake sale tonight

The annual senior class bake sale takes place at halftime of tonight's high school boys' basketball game between Homedale and Payette.

The Homedale senior night tradition will feature a live auction during the intermission and a silent auction open for bidding until the end of the third quarter of the varsity game.

The bake sale features cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, cupcakes and other pastry dishes.

Proceeds benefit the Class of 2024 safe graduation party, which will take place after the commencement ceremony on May 23 inside the school's new auxiliary gymnasium.

Rimrock center serving Valentine dinner again

Four days before the big day, the Rimrock Senior Center will present its annual Valentine Dinner.

The cost is \$10 per person, and tickets are available through the senior center kitchen, from Minnie or Michele, or at Grand View Gas.

The roast beef meal will be held from 6 p.m., to 8 p.m., on Saturday at the senior center, 525 Main St., in Grand View.

For more information on the dinner and the senior center in general, call (208) 834-2292.

Eastern Owyhee library welcomes students back

Another month of activities has begun at the Eastern Owyhee County Library.

The Library is closed on Friday and Saturday each week. The one exception is this Saturday when the Winter Book Club meets at 12:30 p.m.

The program is held from 4 p.m., to 5:30 p.m., each Tuesday.

The library district board meets at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, Feb. 20, and that gathering is followed by the Friends of the Library meeting at 6 p.m.

The theme for next week's program is "O'Sullivan Stew," followed by "Sharing the Light" on Feb. 20, and "But-
ton Soup" on Feb. 27.

A Bible club meets at the library at 3 p.m., on Thursdays.

The library is open from 10 a.m., to 6 p.m., on Monday through Thursday.

For more information on the library, call (208) 834-2785.

Find out
What's happening
Read Calendar each week
in the Avalanche

CATTLEMEN GATHER IN OREANA



Former OCA president wins silver bit

He joked that it took him 60 years of attending meetings, but former Owyhee Cattlemen's Association president Brian Collett (right) finally won the membership bit drawing Saturday. Current OCA president Rex Hoagland made the presentation.



Local rancher now ICA president

Left: Jordan Valley and Wilder resident Jerry Wroten recently was elected Idaho Cattle Association president. He delivered updates on behalf of ICA executive director Cameron Mulroney.



Guffey resident running for office

District 23B Idaho House of Representatives candidate Shawn Dygert addressed the meeting in one of his first public speaking engagements since declaring his candidacy.

Stock water legal fees

Right: Rancher Tim Lowry thanked his colleagues for a resolution supporting Dist. 23B Rep. Tina Lambert's proposed bill to reimburse Lowry and Paul Nettleton for their stock water rights legal fight.





• 50/50 pot & Raffle
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Marsling
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presents

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Auctions on horizon in GV, Bruneau

February means community benefit auctions in Owyhee County.

With the Marsing Disaster Auction kicking things off, folks in Grand View and Bruneau are getting ready for their chance to enter bids in their communities.

The annual Grand View Lions Club Community Auction, which is exclusively online, opens on Friday and will have a soft closure at 2:30 p.m., on Friday, Feb. 16.

Bid at <https://bakerauction.com/calendar.php> by clicking on “Grand View Lions Club Auction”.

All proceeds benefit the communities of Bruneau, Grand View, and Oreana.

View items in person from 5 p.m., to 7 p.m., on Thursday, Feb. 15 at the American Legion Post 134 Hall, 410 Roosevelt Ave., in Grand View.

Once the auction closes, successful bidders will pick up their items between 9 a.m., and 2 p.m., on Thursday, Feb. 15.

The Lions Club fundraiser also features a drawing for a Ruger American 7mm PRC rifle with a burnt bronze Cerakote finish. Raffle tickets cost \$1 each or \$5 for six tickets, and can be purchased now at Grand View Gas or on Feb. 15 and Feb. 17 at the Legion Hall. Tickets also can be purchased through Venmo by sending funding to @GrandView-LionsClub.

Call Doug Thurman at (208) 599-1014 with questions or to get more information.

• The Bruneau Booster Club Community Auction is set for Saturday, Feb. 24 at the American Legion Post 83 Hall in Bruneau.

The event begins with a free dinner at 5:30 p.m., and live auction starts at 6:30 p.m.

There is a raffle, and homemade pie will be sold for \$2 per slice.

For information, call Katie Colyer at (208) 599-2962.

Marsing gets money for wastewater study

The City of Marsing has received money to start a wastewater planning study.

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on Friday announced that the city will receive \$40,000 to help pay for evaluation of the current wastewater system to identify needed improvements.

Marsing will provide the second half of the funds for the \$80,000 study.

The money was part of \$267,500 DEQ awarded last week as part of Gov. Brad Little’s Leading Idaho initiative.

Four projects received money, but Marsing was the only municipality to get funding for a wastewater study.

The other three grants — to Nampa, Horseshoe Bend and Tetonía — were for drinking water facility studies.

MRW chili cook-off making a return

Contest coincides with OCHS bazaar

Entries are now being accepted for the 12th annual Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire and EMS chili cook-off.

The contest will be held on Saturday, March 30 in conjunction with the Owyhee County Historical Society spring bazaar in Murphy.

The chili cook-off, which is sponsored by Marv’s Tire Service in Nampa, will be held on the museum complex lawn.

Chili artists can enter one recipe for \$10, and it’ll cost \$10 each for additional entries.

Email info@mrwfire.org or call (208) 495-2154 for entry forms, rules and information.

Call the museum at (208) 495-2319 for more information on the bazaar or to inquire about vendor space.

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SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature (measured in Fahrenheit)		
		(measured in inches)		Max	Min	Avg
Mud Flat						
01/30	5.8	18	8.9	49.1	28.8	37.2
01/31	5.8	18	8.9	45.7	29.8	37.8
02/01	5.8	17	8.9	42.1	31.1	36.1
02/02	5.9	17	9.2	37.8	24.6	31.3
02/03	5.9	17	9.2	32.5	22.5	27.3
02/04	5.9	17	9.2	31.6	10.4	23.5
02/05	6.0	19	9.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
01/30	9.5	19	9.6	49.5	34.5	40.3
01/31	9.4	19	9.6	45.1	32.9	39.6
02/01	8.8	18	9.6	42.4	33.1	37.0
02/02	8.4	17	9.7	36.9	29.8	33.3
02/03	8.3	17	9.8	30.0	26.4	27.5
02/04	8.3	18	9.9	30.7	23.5	27.5
02/05	8.1	17	9.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
01/30	11.6	36	18.3	52.3	42.3	46.9
01/31	11.6	36	18.3	46.0	39.7	42.8
02/01	11.6	34	18.3	40.6	30.4	34.2
02/02	11.6	34	18.3	31.6	24.6	28.4
02/03	11.9	35	18.5	27.0	21.0	23.4
02/04	12.0	35	18.6	29.1	16.9	24.1
02/05	12.3	35	18.8	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 63 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 2,971 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 24 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 453,776 acre-feet of water on Monday.

— Information compiled from the
National Weather Service, Bureau of
Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Helena Chemical in
Homedale

More SNOTEL

Fawn Creek, Nev.

As of Monday

Snow equiv.	Snow depth	YTD precip.
15.7	55	16.9

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✓ Irrigation: Reservoir filled past 450,000 acre-feet

Sterling Johnston, who is the chair, will vote on a successor for the late Mark Aman when the Oregon-side board convenes its meeting at 1 p.m.

Aman, who died on Jan. 19, served 12 years on the board. He recently started a new term and was elected vice-chair for 2024.

Work continues to find a successor on the Gem Irrigation board for Div. 1 director Rick Smith, who retired during the January series of meetings.

The Gem Irrigation board of directors will meet at 1:15 p.m., on Tuesday.

The South Board of Control, which is comprised of the entirety of the Gem board and one man from the Ridgeview Board, convenes at 1:30 p.m.

Seiders, who was hired to succeed the late John Eells in December, began his South Board career as part of the maintenance crew before becoming a ditch rider. He most recently worked as a foreman before being selected from a pool of six applicants as the new manager.

Seiders said that the snowpack created by recent wet weather is already melting in the watershed.

“We’re collecting water,” he said, adding that the Owyhee River was running at 2,000 cubic feet per second at Rome, Ore., which is the location of the gauge that measures water coming into the Owyhee Reservoir.

The reservoir gained nearly 20,000 acre-feet of water last week, and held more than 450,000 acre-feet on Monday.

Relaying information that he received from Owyhee Irrigation District manager Clancy Flynn, the federal Bureau of Reclamation has recommended officials open the Owyhee Dam spillway and discharge at 200 cfs to lessen the risk of flooding.

But Flynn apparently is taking the approach that irrigation water is too precious for local producers preparing for the growing season.

“Clancy’s not spilling,” Seiders said. “We’re not going to spill ’til we have to.”

— JPB

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Brad Stokes

Patchy lawns can be caused by a number of factors. Whether it's poor soil, nutrient deficiencies, pathogens, pet "spots", over-use of ice melt or general damage from a shovel or plow — it can be fixed.

In southern Idaho, the grass species most commonly used is Kentucky bluegrass. This is a great cool-season grass species and grows quite well in the area. It can be purchased as seed and/or sod in the local area readily. Other types of more drought-resistant (consider the high summer temperatures) cool-season grass types would include a multitude of ryegrasses or fescues. These typically have a thinner leaf blade, and when planted correctly the difference is nearly negligible in the average yard.

For fixing patches in the lawn, it will also depend upon the size of the patch. Is it small or large? What was the cause of this "patchy" or dead spot (diagnosis)?

Small patches, about the size of a baseball, can typically be fixed by proper fertilization and irrigation in the spring. As grass will naturally "fill in" these areas nearby with optimal temperatures and nutrition.

For larger patches, it would be recommended to remove the dead grass leaves at the soil surface and work up the soil with a sturdy metal rake. When the soil is worked up and there is a good bed for seeding, it would be recommended to put grass seed down on the soil surface at a rate of three to

seven pounds per 1,000 square feet (depending upon species of grass). Make sure the coverage is adequate, and sowing in two directions is a good idea for overall uniformity. For entire lawns, this method can work quite well — with adequate fertilization and irrigation (or timing with spring rains, given irrigation is not available right now in most areas).

Grass germination should also be timed with ambient air temperatures, all of the cool-season grasses germinate best at around 50°F to 55°F (just like the wonderful temperatures we had last week). Adding a shallow layer of compost can also retain moisture, provide nutrients as well as promote grass seed germination.

Purchasing sod is also a great way to establish a good, uniform lawn. Keep in mind the soil needs to be prepped adequately for sod as well. You can't just put it down and expect great results.

Several other turf repair products are available at local hardware stores as well. These are typically sold as a patch and/or turf repair "kit" in a bag or container. These products often contain compost/mulch/seed/fertilizer in some combination. They can and do work, but it might be financially more advisable to purchase cool-season grass seed, as it would be much cheaper if the area is large, the soil is worked up properly and you time the sowing properly (now?).

After implementing a "repair," consider keeping youth, pets, lawn mowers and other equipment off the area for a few weeks or until the grass has established itself (grass blade length of three inches or more). You could also rope off the area until you are satisfied with the results.

— Brad Stokes is a University of Idaho Extension Educator in the Canyon County office in Caldwell. He specializes in horticulture and entomology and is also part of the Master Gardener program. If you have questions, he can be reached at (208) 459-6003 or bstokes@uidaho.edu.

Calendar

Today

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

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. bilingual employment services

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

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

Thursday

Therapy Dog visit

9:30 a.m., to 11 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

Fit and Fall class

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

Fit and Fall Proof exercise class

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

Fit and Fall exercise

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

The Senior Jammers perform

11 a.m., to 2 p.m., Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd., Melba

Owyhee Gardeners Meeting

1 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 250-0943. Information: info@OwyheeGardeners.org

Spark! Places of Innovation Exhibit

4 p.m., to 7 p.m., free, Marsing School District, HUB Building, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. Information: www.CaldwellFineArts.org

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

Teens and Tweens

5 p.m., to 6 p.m., 'Jon Brown, Owyhee Avalanche visit,' Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Friday

Community Food Pantry

4 p.m., Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd., Melba.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Saturday

Catholic Mass

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

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Winter Book Club

12:30 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. 208-834-2785

Valentine dinner

6 p.m., to 8 p.m., \$10 per person, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. Tickets: Minnie or Michele, Tuesday or Thursday, senior center kitchen; or Grand View Gas, 110 Hwy. 78, Grand View.

Marsing Lions bingo

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

Sunday

Marsing Gun Club

11 a.m., Marsing Gun Club, 7598 Trap Shoot Rd. (off Hwy 95), Marsing.

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Opal Nash Story Time

10 a.m., 'Valentine's Day,' Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Homedale district library board meeting

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Homedale Fire commissioners meeting

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

Region III assistance assessments

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

Ridgeview Irrigation District meeting

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

Gem Irrigation District meeting

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

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Gem Highway District meeting

6 p.m., 1016 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4581

Obituary

Rebecca Quirk

Homedale, Idaho
March 14, 1964
– January 30, 2024

Rebecca Quirk was a force of nature, not unlike the mighty Mississippi she grew up alongside in Muscatine, Iowa, from age 10. In the same way the river imperceptibly changes the land it courses through, Rebecca made a profound and lasting impact on the innumerable lives she touched in her 59 years.

It was easy to get caught up in Rebecca’s current. She fiercely loved those closest to her and regularly showed it — celebrating their successes, cheering them on through challenges, and randomly sending photos, newspaper clippings, handmade jewelry, and other mementos ... simply because she was thinking of them. Even with people she’d just met, she would listen attentively and ask questions and would remember details that she’d then ask about when they met again. Whether Rebecca was talking with someone she’d known for 30 years or for 30 minutes, she’d make them feel they mattered.

And she inspired people. Not in a flashy, over-the-top, “look at me” kind of way, but by rolling up her sleeves, jumping in with both feet and doing whatever needed to be done — powered by her sardonic wit and wry smile, unrelenting drive, and infectious positivity, all while keeping it real. Even when she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in February 2021, she openly talked about

her diagnoses and possible treatments, her determination to try whatever options were available, the medications she was on, and the toll the chemo was taking on her body (and her spirit). And nearly every time she would end with some version of “The good news is ...”

Rebecca (or Quirk, as she was known to many) was a connector, and building bridges came naturally to her. She led quietly and by example, starting with her role as Muscatine High School ’82 class president. Then at Grinnell College, she took on various leadership roles, including as president of the Thursday night Hill Street Blues Club at the campus pub and as chair of both the Relays and the Senior Week/Commencement committees. For all her responsibilities and commitments, Rebecca never forgot how to play. She loved to have a good time, and her passion for music was legendary — everything from reggae and Willie Nelson to the Stones, Springsteen and Bowie to alternative ’80s music.

Even after graduation, she remained active as a volunteer for the college on the Alumni Council, as class agent and in bringing together Grinnellians in so many ways through reunion planning, starting or serving as administrator on at least 10 Grinnell Facebook affinity groups, starting a local alumni chapter in Idaho and mentoring local alums, and envisioning and establishing the GRÆY movement (Grin-



nell Reunion Any/Every Year). While the college recognized Rebecca’s exceptional volunteer service with an Alumni Award in 2022, a friend encapsulated Rebecca’s enormous impact in this simple haiku:

the squirrels are not
more iconic to Grinnell
than Rebecca Quirk

After graduating from Grinnell in 1986, Rebecca found herself in Washington, D.C., landing a job on Capitol Hill — seemingly a good place for someone with a political science degree who had interned in the U.S. House of Representatives. She soon figured out that the job, and Cap Hill in general, wasn’t a good fit. Her job search led her to WETA-TV, the primary PBS television station in D.C., where she worked in five different jobs in four different departments throughout her 20-year

tenure, including eight years in production management.

That’s also where she met the love of her life, Mike Mayes. They married on April 15, 2000. Five years later, they sold their home in Virginia and moved from the bustle of the big city to their new home, sight unseen, on 41 acres in Homedale, Idaho, where they would be closer to Mike’s family. Even in the wide-open spaces of their rural surroundings, life didn’t slow down for Rebecca. She dug in and organized the rebuilding of the house from the ground up to make it the warm, open home it is today. And she had plenty to keep her busy on the tree farm, including one of her favorite weekly activities: donning her signature visor and headphones (no doubt listening to Queen’s “Don’t Stop Me Now” on an endless loop — a fitting anthem) and hopping on the lawn tractor to cut the grass around their many poplars.

She also loved gardening, cooking, caring for their two dogs (Ginger and Rex) and two cats (Seven and Blue), and, on cold winter nights, curling up with Mike and their fur kids in the den by a crackling fire in the woodstove. She poured her passion for helping others into mentoring local youth, animal rescue, and speaking out against injustice.

As much as she enjoyed life on the farm, Rebecca regularly sought out new adventures. She traveled throughout the U.S. and to London, Hong Kong, Mexico and Belize,

among other places, and especially loved the ocean — both scuba diving and lounging on the beach. Rebecca was also a rabid sports fan and closely followed her favorite teams — the Chicago Cubs and the Iowa Hawkeyes — which meant more than one trip to Arizona for the Cubs’ spring training.

She was immensely creative, expressing her artistic side via her jewelry design business *Quirk style*, unique beaded art pieces displayed throughout their home, and hundreds of beautifully hand-painted rocks that dot the landscape around the house — the backdrop for Rebecca’s last days. She ran out of treatment options in early December and entered home hospice. She took her last breath on January 30, 2024, surrounded by her family. Rebecca is survived by her beloved husband, Mike; her stepsons, Sam, Joe and Jacob; her sister, Rachel Quirk; and a vast family of dear friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Georgia and John Quirk.

Rebecca has been cremated and didn’t want a memorial service. The family invites those who wish to honor Rebecca to donate in her name to one or more of the organizations she cared deeply about (ASPCA, a local food bank, Grinnell College, WETA-TV) and, in the same way the Mississippi feeds hundreds of tributaries, to channel Rebecca’s kindness, generosity, and indomitable spirit into touching countless other lives.



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School menus

Homedale Elementary

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Feb. 7: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken fried fingers, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn

Feb. 8: **Breakfast:** Waffle sandwich, Yami yogurt, pineapple tidbits **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, garden salad, pineapple tidbits, Jello

Feb. 12: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, applesauce **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken, steamed buttered carrots, whole grain roll

Feb. 13: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, orange slices **Lunch:** French toast sticks, sausage patty, hash brown patty

Feb. 14: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, syrup cup, Yami yogurt, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Spaghetti, seasoned green beans

Homedale Middle

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese
Cereal option and PB&J and string cheese offered daily
Vegetable and Fruit choices offered daily

Feb. 7: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, string cheese, sliced pears **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn, whole grain roll

Feb. 8: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich, Yami yogurt, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, seasoned green beans, pineapple tidbits, Jello

Feb. 12: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, string cheese, applesauce **Lunch:** Italian pull-a-part, marinara sauce cup, buttered corn

Feb. 13: **Breakfast:** Maple bar, Yami yogurt, mixed fruit **Lunch:** French toast sticks, sausage patty, hash brown patty

Feb. 14: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, blueberry muffin, diced pears **Lunch:** Chicken Alfredo, mixed vegetables, garlic toast

Homedale High

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

Feb. 7: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, garden salad **Grab ‘n’ go:** Ham and cheese sub

Feb. 8: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, Yami yogurt, iced coffee **Lunch:** Corn dog, curly fries, fruited Jello **Grab ‘n’ go:** BBQ chicken wrap

Feb. 12: **Breakfast:** Sausage and cheese biscuit, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Mozzarella bread sticks, marinara sauce cup, crinkle fries **Grab ‘n’ go:** Turkey bacon sub

Feb. 13: **Breakfast:** French toast bites, sausage patty, iced coffee **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken salad, curly fries **Grab ‘n’ go:** Berry chicken salad

Feb. 14: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, Tater Tots **Grab ‘n’ go:** Chicken bacon salad

Marsing

Each meal includes choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables
Elementary School each day: Breakfast: Cereal option
Middle/High School each day: PB&J sandwich option
Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sandwich, salad
Hot Grab-n-go line (varies): Cheeseburger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sandwich; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)

Feb. 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

Feb. 8: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, Craisins **Lunch:** Mozzarella breadstick, marinara sauce cup, mixed vegetables, chocolate chunk cookie **Cold Grab-n-go:** Italian sub

Feb. 12: **Breakfast:** Fruit and yogurt parfait, banana bread slice **Lunch:** Chicken Alfredo, steamed carrots, garlic toast **Hot Grab-n-go:** Mini pepperoni pizza, crinkle fries

Feb. 13: **Breakfast:** Texas toast, string cheese **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans **Cold Grab-n-go:** Asian chicken salad

Feb. 14: **Breakfast:** Chocolate donut, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Chicken drumstick, buttered corn, steamed rice, roll **Cold Grab-n-go:** Taco salad

Bruneau/Grand View

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

Feb. 7: **Breakfast:** Waffle **Lunch:** Nachos with whole wheat chips, refried beans/salsa

Feb. 8: **Breakfast:** Bagels and cream cheese **Lunch:** BBQ pulled pork on a bun, fries, broccoli

Feb. 12: **Breakfast:** Cereal bar **Lunch:** Macaroni and cheese, tossed romaine salad, corn

Feb. 13: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy **Lunch:** Chili, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll

Feb. 14: **Breakfast:** Muffins **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets with whole wheat roll, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli

MARSING DISASTER AUCTION



An auction spotter raises his hand to acknowledge a bid as does auctioneer JB Salutregui from the dais as other event volunteers look on.



Above: Harley Dolence, 8-year-old daughter of Marsing residents Jessica and Gavin Dolence, displays her jams, bread and eggs as bidding begins. **Left:** Marsing FFA member Tyler Thompson carries a U.S. flag and flagpole donated in memory of one-time American Legion Post 128 Cmdr. Darrell Brown. A subscription to The Owyhee Avalanche donated in memory of Mark and Luke Aman also was sold.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Served at noon
Milk available each day
Roll/bread available each day except. Feb. 14

Feb. 7: Cheeseburger on a bun, fries, coleslaw

Feb. 8: Sausage and chicken jambalaya with rice, Cajun roasted vegetables

Feb. 13: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, beets

Feb. 14: Beef , bean and cheese burrito, southwest potatoes, broccoli, chips and salsa

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing

Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside Marsing City Hall
Milk available each day
Suggested donation: \$5 (60 and older), \$8 (59 and younger). \$8 (take-out meal, any age)

Feb. 7: Tater Tot breakfast casserole

Feb. 9: Beef pepper casserole, broccoli, peas and onions, whole wheat roll, banana

Feb. 12: Sherry mushroom chicken over rice pilaf, peas and carrots, beets, 9-grain bread, applesauce

Feb. 14: Chicken spinach pasta, dill carrots, snap peas, French bread, fruit cup

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served at noon with milk & fruit juice
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Feb. 8: Beef barley soup, green salad, corn bread, pudding

Feb. 10: *Valentine dinner – Buy tickets from the kitchen:* Roast beef, green beans, roll, fruit salad

Feb. 13: Teriyaki chicken, mixed vegetables, rice, bananas

Feb. 15: Club sandwich/potato soup, mixed vegetables, yogurt, bananas

Melba Valley Sr. Center

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

Feb. 8: Chili

Feb. 13: Baked chicken

Feb. 15: Baked pork

Lions Club bingo back after hiatus

For the first time in two months, community members will be able to play bingo in Marsing.

The Marsing Lions Club will hold its fundraiser bingo game Saturday inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

The doors open at 6 p.m., and the early bird game starts at 6:45 p.m. The 12-game regular series gets rolling at 7 p.m.

This is the first bingo since November. The club typically takes off December because of the busy holiday season, and January’s return date was cancelled because of treacherous winter driving conditions.

The bingo night helps raise funds for the Lions Club’s community service projects. Additionally, half the money collected in a 50/50 raffle will benefit the Marsing Beautification Project.

The early bird game costs \$1 per sheet, and there’s a \$1 entry fee for the Hot Number contest. The Hot Number is always the first ball selected to kick off the regular series. If a player gets bingo on the Hot Number, a separate jackpot will be awarded.

The first card in the regular series costs \$18, and folks can buy an additional regular series card for \$5.

Food and drinks are always available for purchase, and the Lions Club pops fresh popcorn to serve for free.

Bell’s Catering is scheduled to sell pulled pork sandwiches and coleslaw for \$7. Treats will also be available.

Lions Club spokesman Herb Churruca said that a second bingo night has been added to the March schedule to make up for the loss of January’s event.

Bingo nights will be held on consecutive Saturdays, March 9 and March 16. Money will be raised for the city’s Third of July fireworks and the Marsing High School Class of 2024 senior parents to help fund the annual safe graduation party.

Homedale Boosters set crab feed date

Details have been announced for the 11th annual Homedale Boosters steak and crab feed.

The fundraiser for Homedale school sports will be held on Saturday, March 16 at the Owyhee County Community Center at the fairgrounds.

The doors open at 6 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m., and a live auction starting at 8 p.m.

Tickets will cost \$55 per person, and a table for eight can be purchased for \$500 by reaching out to Homedale High School athletic director Casey Grove at (208) 340-4611.

Organizers are seeking donations for the live and silent auctions. Organizers include Tarah Uranga, Camille Henry, Camille Heck, Lora Ingram, Theresa Dines, Amber Fouts, Chris Marston, Grove and Donnae and Matt Holtry.

The dinner includes all-you-can-eat crab and steak with baked potato, salad, rolls and dessert.

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Homedale library trustees consider new rental rates

Security deposit could be enacted for remodeled community center

The Homedale Community Center has a new look, and soon could have new rental rates.

But Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library director Sharla Jensen is worried about raising the rates to use the 1980 library

building too much.

“I don’t want to overprice it because this is for the community,” she told library trustees during a Jan. 8 regular meeting. “I do think we need to think about a deposit.”

Although fees of \$50 for

half a day and \$100 for a full day were discussed, the board made no formal progress. The current fee is \$35 for four hours and \$70 for more than four hours, both prices that carried over from when the city operated the library complex.

Any fee increase over three percent will be subject to a public hearing. The board could set a proposed fee schedule and set a hearing date when they next gather on Monday.

“I don’t think this is something we can rush into,” library trustee Pam Gibbens said.

Meetings take place at noon on the second Monday of each month at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

During the meeting earlier this month, Jensen also told the trustees of more plans at the community center, which recently underwent a remodel.

A water bottle filler will

replace the industrial-looking sink that greets patrons when they come through the front door.

The commercial stove that had been in the kitchen area has been put up for auction, and other surplus items from the community center were recently sold.

The library board is considering banning Scotch tape and other adhesives from use in the community center because previous party decorations have left ripped and broken ceiling tiles as well as sticky situations on window frames inside the room.

Jensen said that part of the property tax revenue the district will receive this month could be used to replace ceiling tiles.

Jensen said she spent about 14 hours scraping residue from the community center area to prepare it for painting during the recent remodel.

“You’re getting all of this

done, and it makes me a little crazy that you don’t ask for more help,” board member Pam Gibbens told Jensen during the board meeting.

“Your vision is spot-on. You make it look so easy.”

Jensen said American Electric has rewired portions of the community center as part of its \$1,800 contract. Lights have been replaced, and outdoor floodlights have been repaired.

Lighting also was installed inside and outside on the new storage shed.

The lighting work has made the library district eligible for Idaho Power rebates, Jensen said.

Two leaks in the old library roof have been fixed. Jensen believes the leaks were caused when solar panels were anchored on the roof years ago without proper grommets to prevent rainwater seepage.

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Valentine’s Day themes at library

Two youth programs will have activities to honor Valentine’s Day this week at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library in Homedale.

- Youth services coordinator

Emily Lincoln will read a story to kick off the Opal Nash Story Time for preschoolers at 10 a.m., on Monday.

Parents are encouraged to bring Valentine’s Day treats to share. The children will make valentines.

- Organizers will guide Teens and Tweens participants through the creation of homemade bath bombs during the program that starts at 5 p.m., on Thursday inside the Homedale Community Center.
- The After School Program for elementary and middle

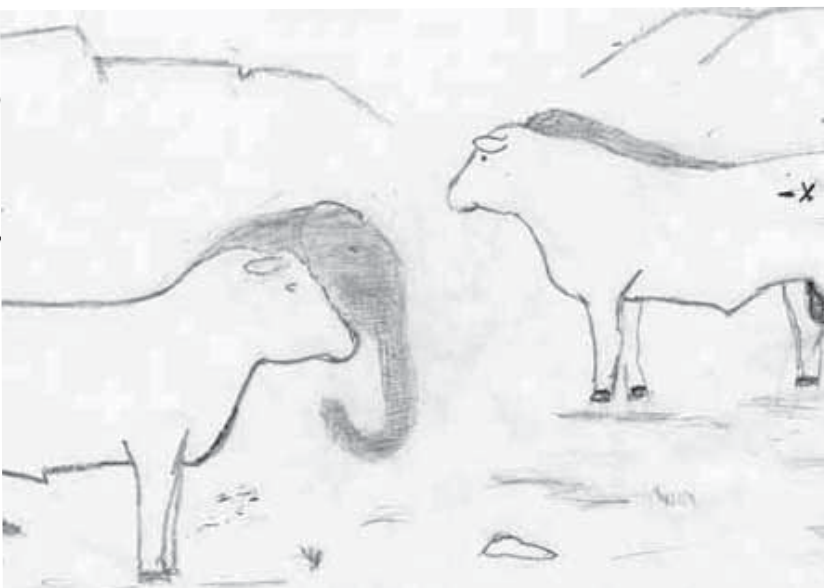
school students at 4:30 p.m., on Monday will feature a visit from the Reuseum for another round of battle bots. Boys and girls ages 10-17 will learn how to make their own battle bots from recycled electronics.

- From noon to 4 p.m., each Wednesday a representative from the Idaho Department of Labor will help folks with job searches, creating resumes, filing for unemployment, applying for job training and other work-related endeavors.

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duals at WIC meet

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Marsing girls' season
draws to a close

Avalanche Sports

Raiders, Patriots renew District III title rivalry

1A, Div. I crown on line tonight in Marsing

All is right again in 1A, Div. I District III girls' basketball. For the first time since 2021, but the

fourth time in the past seven seasons, Rimrock High School will play Liberty Charter for the district championship. Rimrock (13-7 overall) and the top-seeded Patriots (12-4) tip off for the district title at 7:30 p.m., today at Marsing High School.

The second-seeded Raiders earned a spot in the title game by beating No. 3 Notus, 48-20, on Thursday in Bruneau. The victory also guaranteed coach Kyla Jewett's squad another trip to the 1A, Div. I Real Dairy Shootout state

tournament, which begins Thursday, Feb. 15 at Columbia High School in Nampa. The Raiders have beaten the Patriots in the past four showdowns for the title.

— See *Rivalry*, page 14



Local seniors make their college choices known

Above: Flanked by his dad Josh and mom Monica, Homedale High School senior Brodie White signs his letter of intent to play football while attending The College of Idaho in Caldwell last Wednesday inside the HHS gymnasium foyer.

Below: Marsing High School senior Kaydence Martinez (center) signs a letter of intent to attend Rocky Mountain College on Thursday inside the school's library. The daughter of Tiffany (right) and Chris Wright, Kaydence will be part of the Battlin' Bears' Cheer program while majoring in Health and Human Performance. Submitted photo

For more on the signings and the students, read the Feb. 14 edition of the *Avalanche*.



Homedale boys stake claim to No. 2 seed for District III tourney

Trojans could play for 3A SRV lead Friday

“Not our best offensive game, but the kids played really hard on the defensive end in the second half to pull it out,” HHS coach Cam Long said.

Homedale High School kept its sights on a possible showdown for first place Friday.

Junior Luke Henry hit a layup off a turnover to erase a one-point deficit with less than 13 seconds left as the Trojans came from behind to edge Weiser, 46-45.

The win locked up the No. 2 seed in the upcoming 3A District III boys' basketball tournament. With a bye in the first round of the district tournament, the Trojans stand one postseason win away from a return to the 3A Real Dairy

— See *Boys*, page 14

Trojans frosh wins another gold medal

Five HHS wrestlers reach stand in Weiser

Five Homedale High School wrestlers earned medals at Saturday's 35th annual Weiser Invitational.

Freshman Trevor Paynter brought home another championship, routing Burns, Ore., senior Kempton Richardson with a 12-3 major decision.

Sophomore Trey McFarlane beat Fruitland's Max Wescott, 5-2, for third at 132 pounds.

Ryker Layne grabbed fifth place at 98 pounds with an 11-1 decision against Gooding's



Trevor Paynter shows off the award he received for winning a championship at the Weiser Invitational. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

— See *Trojans*, page 14

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Sports

Trojans sweep Senior Night duals vs. Parma, Vale, Ore.

Two of Homedale's state-ranked wrestlers made later appearances, but Brodie White saw plenty of action in the spotlight to end the home portion of his high school career.

The Trojans wiped out once-powerful Parma, 66-18, in a 3A Snake River Valley conference dual meet last Wednesday.

Ranked fourth among the state's 220-pound Class 3A wrestlers, White pinned Ayden Taylor in 43 seconds in — fittingly — the final bout of the Trojans' first dual meet on Senior Night.

Freshman Trevor Paynter, the state's top 3A wrestler at 106 pounds, and No. 6 Trey McFarlane, a sophomore wrestling at 132 pounds, each received forfeits against the Panthers, but they later wrestled in a non-conference dual meet against Vale, Ore.

Homedale earned 30 points when Parma forfeited five weight classes. Parma's only points came on three forfeits at 170, 182, and 195.

Other matches:**120** — Jamison Valle stopped Nate Murdock at 1 minutes, 13 seconds.

126 — Ty Roland pinned Bill Murdock at 2:46

152 — Joshua Ford escaped from the down position to start the third period, rushed Parma's Diego Gentry and drove him into the mat. The bout was over 15 seconds after the period started with Ford getting an aggressive pinfall.

160 — One of three HHS seniors honored before the action, Andrew Marston pinned Lincoln Rudkin in the second period (3:58).

Robert Johnson was the other senior recognized.

Exhibition, 126 — Homedale's Lane Zehr owned a 6-0 lead after the first period and he pinned Will Murdock at 2:44.

Homedale 51, Vale, Ore., 30 — The Trojans trailed 30-27 when Grady Walgamott came through with a pin of Anthony Morales to turn the tide in the 220-pound bout.

The Vikings staked Homedale to a 24-0 lead with three forfeits in the first four bouts. McFarlane pinned John Kamenicky at 132 pounds.

Marston posted a 7-5 victory over Wyatt Cox at 160.

Vale surged into the lead with three consecutive forfeits before Walgamott's clutch performance.

Wrestling at heavyweight (285 pounds), White pinned Luis Castilla.

Paynter pinned Omar Vega to end the dual.

Ryker Layne pinned Ira Hackler in an exhibition bout.

HHS cools off in district opener

A strong start gave Homedale High School a fighting chance in the opening round of the 3A District III girls' basketball tournament.

But fourth-seeded Weiser was able to erase a 16-point halftime deficit in a 58-53 victory Thursday on its home floor.

"We shot the lights out and played so well in the first half, taking a 38-22 lead into the break," Trojans coach Benji Sorenson said. "But we couldn't keep the momentum going."

The Wolverines (16-7) lost, 50-45, in Saturday's semifinals against top-seeded Fruitland.

The fifth-seeded Trojans played Tuesday on the road against No. 2 McCall-Donnelly, which lost to No. 3 Parma, 42-36, in a semifinal.

Sophomores Kierstley Roseborough and Tiana Sorenson had the best shooting hands for the Trojans (5-16 before Tuesday's loser-out game).

Sorenson connected on 60 percent of her field goals (6-for-10) and led the way with 15 points. Roseborough (4-for-7, 57.1 percent) added 11 points.

Roseborough was 3-for-4 from the foul line and shared the team rebounding lead (five) with fellow 10th-grader Belen Asumendi.

Weiser began to chip away at Homedale's lead with a 20-9 start to the second half.

Marsing girls' season ends

Marsing High School's girls' basketball season ended Saturday with a 60-35 loss to fourth-seeded Nampa Christian.

The 2A District III Tournament loser-out game was played in Nampa.

The Huskies' final record in their first year under Aidrie Voile was 7-14.

Jan. 30: No. 3 New Plymouth 55, No. 6 Marsing 25 — Playing for the second time in as many nights, the Huskies began the road game cold and fell into the district tournament losers' bracket.

The Pilgrims led, 14-6, after eight minutes. Adyson Chadez was the only Marsing shooter to score in the first quarter.

Chadez and Lily Thoene led the Huskies with eight points each.

Zavier Lake sealed the victory for New Plymouth, scoring 10 of her 18 points in the fourth quarter.

Jan. 29: No. 6 Marsing 59, No. 7 North Star Charter 20 — Taking advantage of early turnovers, Marsing used the fast break to build a 14-point lead with less than a minute to play in the first quarter.

Adyson Chadez drained a pair of first-half three-point goals to lead the home squad with 18 points.

Josie Showalter chipped in 12 points.

Homedale Trojans

THIS WEEK'S SPORTS

Athletes of the Week

Girls' basketball
Kierstley Roseborough, so., G
11 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists
vs. Weiser

Boys' basketball
Luke Henry, jr., G
Game-winning shot vs. Weiser

Wrestling
Trey McFarlane, so., 132
3rd place at Weiser Invitational

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Sports

Huskies halve hometown WIC duals

Melba handles Garden Valley in Marsing

Small-school wrestlers got a chance to represent their schools and tune up for the 1A/2A District III Tournament last week in Marsing.

The Huskies dusted off the old Marsing High School gymnasium to play host to the Western Idaho Conference Duals on Jan. 30.

Local wrestlers from Melba and Marsing faced off in one of the duals with the Mustangs using four forfeits to fuel a 42-29 victory.

The Mustangs and Huskies split the six bouts decided on the mat during the dual meet between schools that sit at opposites ends of a stretch of Idaho highway 78.

Melba picked up four forfeits, and Marsing won two weight classes uncontested for the bulk of the 13-point spread.

Huskies heavyweight Jarrek Crandall's fast work on Jess Fuquay, a 17-1 technical fall in 2 minutes, 11 seconds, was the only decision that wasn't a pinfall. Crandall piled up scoring and stopped the match 11 seconds into the second period.

The rest of the matches were six-point affairs:

- **138 pounds** — Noah Shelton (Marsing) pinned Tyler Forsgren
- **160** — Peyton Showalter (Marsing)

pinned Bradyn Albers

- **170** — Rooster Overall (Melba) pinned Kail Wyman
- **195** — Dylan Fahey (Melba) pinned Tristan Izzard
- **220** — Trevor Rhoades (Melba) pinned Jonathan Leon. Rhoades was wrestling up a weight class from the 195 division in which he is ranked No. 5 among the state's Class 2A athletes.

Other Marsing results

Marsing 36, Nampa Christian 36 — Crandall got the Huskies' only points on the mat as the Huskies forged a draw with five forfeits after trailing 18-0 after the first three bouts.

Everett Young (145) and Showalter (160) lost by pinfall as the Trojans swept the first three matches.

Crandall pinned Quade Hartley to cap a run of 24 unanswered points that gave the Huskies a six-point advantage.

Tri-Valley 42, Marsing 24 — In another relatively close dual, the Titans racked up 24 points on four forfeits.

Tristan Izzard pinned Tri-Valley's Bridger Miller at 195 pounds for the Huskies only victory on the mat.

New Plymouth 66, Marsing 18 — Crandall picked up a huge win in the 285-pound match, stopping Class 2A No. 3-ranked wrestler Nathan Willoughby for one of the Huskies three wins.

Izzard pinned Eric Valero at 195,

and Young put Colton Newman on the mat at 145.

Other Melba results

Melba 42, Garden Valley 24 — Most of the Mustangs strolled to the center of the mat and the referee raised their arms in victory without seeing an opponent against the Wolverines.

Albers pinned Garden Valley's Zack Huddleston at 160 pounds for the only points Melba earned on the mat.

Melba's Walker Hansen, a 106-pounder, posted a 10-0 major decision over Lane Felly in an extra match.

Tri-Valley 38, Melba 27 — Two of the Mustangs' three on-the-mat victories came by pinfall against the Titans.

Melba's Ravi Manzer edged Dusty Longtin, 6-4, at 132 pounds.

Luke Clark at 182 against Blake Barton and Rhoades over Ben Binder at 195 picked up back-to-back pinfalls.

Nampa Christian 42, Melba 30 — The Mustangs' only points against the Trojans came on forfeits accepted by Kolt Clemens (113), Forsgren (138), Overall (170), Jack Emery (182), and Rhoades (195).

New Plymouth 78, Melba 6 — Fahey pinned Valero in the 195-pound match for the Mustangs' only victory

Melba's Evan Michaelson, the third-ranked wrestler at 220 pounds, skipped the WIC duals.

Marsing boys continue to reel on road

by John Bruyninckx
For The Owyhee Avalanche

Trailing by 20 points heading into the fourth quarter of an eventual 62-47 2A Western Idaho Conference loss to Nampa Christian, the Marsing High School's boys' basketball team could have just phoned in the final quarter.

Instead, the Huskies outscored the Trojans, 16-11, last Wednesday.

"This was a difficult road game for us against a physical Nampa Christian team," coach Tim Little said. "Their defense took us out of what we were trying to do offensively."

Nampa Christian's (11-6 overall, 7-5 in conference) large lead in the third quarter made it difficult for the Huskies (7-13, 2-11) to get out of the hole.

Jace Chadez set the program's single-game record for charges taken in a game with five, but he fouled out in the fourth quarter.

Eli Ankeny led the Huskies with 16 points, Landon Mills had 25 for the Trojans.

Friday: New Plymouth 66, Marsing 43 — The Huskies' losing streak ran to three straight games with a conference setback.

A larger and more efficient New Plymouth team (15-4, 8-4) ran away with a 22-point victory in Payette County.

Chadez chimed in with 15 points, and Ankeny added 12 points and had three steals.

MARSING HUSKIES

Athletes of the Week

Girls' basketball
Adyson Chadez, so., G
Averaged 13 points in Huskies first two district games

Boys' basketball
Nacho Margarito, sr., F
Averaged 7 points, 4.5 rebounds in 3 games

Wrestling
Peyton Showalter, fr., 160
Picked up 12th win of season in WIC Duals

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Season complete
Final record: 7-14

Wrestling
Girls
Tuesday-Wednesday, Feb. 13-14 at District III Tournament, Expo Idaho, Garden City, 10 a.m.
Coed
Saturday, Feb. 10, home for Marsing Tournament, 9:30 a.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Wednesday, Feb. 7 at Compass Charter, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 12, 2A District III Tournament begins, opponent, site TBA, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Wednesday, Jan. 31 at Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.
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Looking back...

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

25 years ago

February 10, 1999



International dinner...
Steve Zatica and Mike Matteson receive help from Randy and Kevin Miyasako preparing chicken for last weekend’s International Smorgasbord in Homedale. Chairmen Ric and Terri Uria estimated 2,500 people attended the activities.



Going once, going twice, sold...
Auctioneers Rick Brown, Bob Hopkins, and Elis Albright opened Saturday’s Marsing Disaster Auction sale with bidding on a donated extension cord. The auction brought in an estimated 600 people throughout the day.

DeLamar employees eligible for assistance
The 150 employees of the Kinross DeLamar mine east of Jordan Valley, Ore., are eligible for assistance under the Trade Act of 1974, the U.S. Department of Labor announced.

The law provides extra benefits to workers who lost their jobs because the open-pit mine and refinery closed in January. Benefits may include job search assistance, cash benefits and relocation allowances.

Declining gold prices caused by weakened demand and a market flooded with excess gold spurred the Toronto, Canada-based Kinross Gold Corporation’s decision to suspend operations and lay off indefinitely most of the mine’s employees. A few will stay on to maintain the mine.

About one-third of the company’s miners live in Jordan Valley; most of the rest live in Marsing and Homedale. Layoffs began in January.

Trojans return to district tourney
Number one seeded Homedale Trojans advanced to the WIC A-3 District 3 Championship basketball tournament with a 53-41 victory over the Marsing Huskies in Ontario last week.

The Trojans took a 9-5 lead after the first quarter and led 19-15 at the half. The Trojans held the Huskies in the fourth quarter to 12 points. Tess Zatica led the Trojans with 15 points and seven rebounds. Cory Williams-Nelson added 11 points including one three-point basket.

Liliana Carreon added up 19 points for the Huskies and eight rebounds. Tara Bush contributed eight points with teammate Brandi Chadez taking 10 rebounds.

50 years ago

February 7, 1974



THREE HOMEDALE MEN were presented awards at the second annual Jaycee Week banquet Jan. 26. Winners and their wives (from left) are Rick Russell, outstanding young educator of the year, Mrs. Russell; Tom Morris, Sr., boss of the year; Mrs. Morris; Mrs. Gary Hastriter and Hastriter, outstanding service award. Photo by Bette Uda

FHA loans to Homedale for seniors’ quarters
The Farmers Home Administration has approved a loan of \$250,700 to the Owyhee Housing Development Corporation in Homedale to construct 16 one-bedroom rural rental housing units for the elderly, Sen. Frank Church announced this week.

Church, who is chairman of the special committee on aging, said the corporation — a community non-profit organization — will construct each unit based on the essential needs of the elderly with modern facilities. The apartments will be priced within the means of persons living on modest retirement income. The loan is repayable in 50 years at an interest rate of 8¼ per cent.

The facility will be constructed on 12 lots on Owyhee Avenue between 2nd Street West and the Scotch Maid Laundry. The old Wood Hotel once stood on part of the land.

The structures will rent for a minimum of \$91 per month, which will include heat, lights, water, and garbage disposal.

Owyhee County merges bulk of law enforcement
MURPHY — Owyhee County law enforcement soon will be directed by the sheriff’s office for all except the city of Homedale.

The Board of County Commissioners has approved budget requests of Sheriff Tim Nettleton which will finance the nearly countywide operation. The total department budget is \$76,848. Expenditures for 1973 were approximately \$40,000.

The cooperative agreement being worked out between the county and the communities will provide protection, enforcement and investigation for Grand View, Bruneau, Murphy and Marsing as well as the outlying area.

Marsing has two police officers, who work a 24-hour rotation basis. Each man is on call for 24 hours, and then has 24 hours off duty.

Boise-Cascade develops rural housing project
A new housing project, Cascade Subdivision, with an initial unit of five large lots, is being developed by Boise-Cascade Service Center of Homedale, according to Marion Vance, manager.

The project is located ½ mile south and ¼ mile west of Homedale, just west of the Homedale Labor Camp.

Houses to be built in the subdivision will range in price from \$23,000 to \$24,200, and will be financed by Farmers Home Administration. Three of the units have already been spoken for, Vance said.

153 years ago

February 4, 1871

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THE OLD-FASHIONED MOTHER.—Thank God, some of us have had an old-fashioned mother. Not a woman of the period, enameled and painted, with her great chignon, her curls and bustles, whose white, jeweled hands never felt the clasp of baby fingers; but a dear, old-fashioned, sweet-voiced mother, with eyes in whose clear depths the love-light shone, and brown hair, just threaded with silver, lying smooth upon her faded cheek. Those dear hands, worn with toil, gently guided over our tottering steps in childhood, and smoothed our pillow in sickness; even reaching out to us in yearning tenderness, when her sweet spirit was baptized in the pearly spray of the river. Blessed is the memory of an old-fashioned mother. It floats to us now, like the beautiful perfume from some woodland blossoms. The music of other voices may be lost, but the entrancing memory of hers will echo in our souls forever. Other faces may fade away and be forgotten, but hers will shine on until the light from heaven’s portals will glorify our own. When in the fitful pauses of busy life our feet wonder back to the old homestead, and crossing the well-worn threshold, stand once more in the low, quaint room, so hallowed by her presence, how the feeling of childish innocence and dependence comes over us, and we kneel down in the molten sunshine, streaming in the western window just where long years ago we knelt by our mother’s knee, lisping “Our Father.” How many times, when the tempter lures us on, has the memory of those sacred hours, that mother’s words, her faith and prayers, saved us from plunging into the deep abyss of sin. Years have filled great drifts between her and us, but they have not hidden from our sight the glory of her pure, unselfish love.

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Commentary

Morgan Ballis, president
Idaho Association of SROs



Guns on campus

Better ways to secure schools than HB 415

Idaho House Bill 415 would remove local control from elected school boards to determine which, if any, staff would be allowed to carry firearms on campus. The legislation would allow school staff members who have an enhanced concealed weapons permit to legally carry on school grounds.

There is no doubt in my mind Dist. 14A Rep. Edward “Ted” Hill (R-Eagle) and those who support this bill care deeply about the safety of our students and staff. However, this legislation is a drastic mis-prioritization of statewide school safety initiatives with a focus on response over prevention.

Using the FBI’s definition of an active shooter and the agency’s data on K-12 active shooter events, we know nearly 95 percent of K-12 active shooters are current or former students of the targeted school. This means we have the potential to prevent 95 percent of these attacks by proactively identifying students on the pathway to violence and providing early interventions. This is further supported by reports from the Secret Service indicating juvenile offenders who target a school leak their ideations and plans at a higher rate than other offenders.

Idaho has no mandate for publicly funded schools to establish behavioral threat assessment teams nor does it require standards for how those teams conduct threat assessments. Utah recently passed legislation mandating school threat assessment teams and requiring schools use the Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guide (CSTAG). CSTAG is an evidence-based threat assessment model that is used by more K-12 schools in the U.S. than any other system. HB 415 prioritizes responding to an event once students have already been murdered over proactively establishing protocols to prevent an attack from taking place. This bill misses the mark by 95 percent.

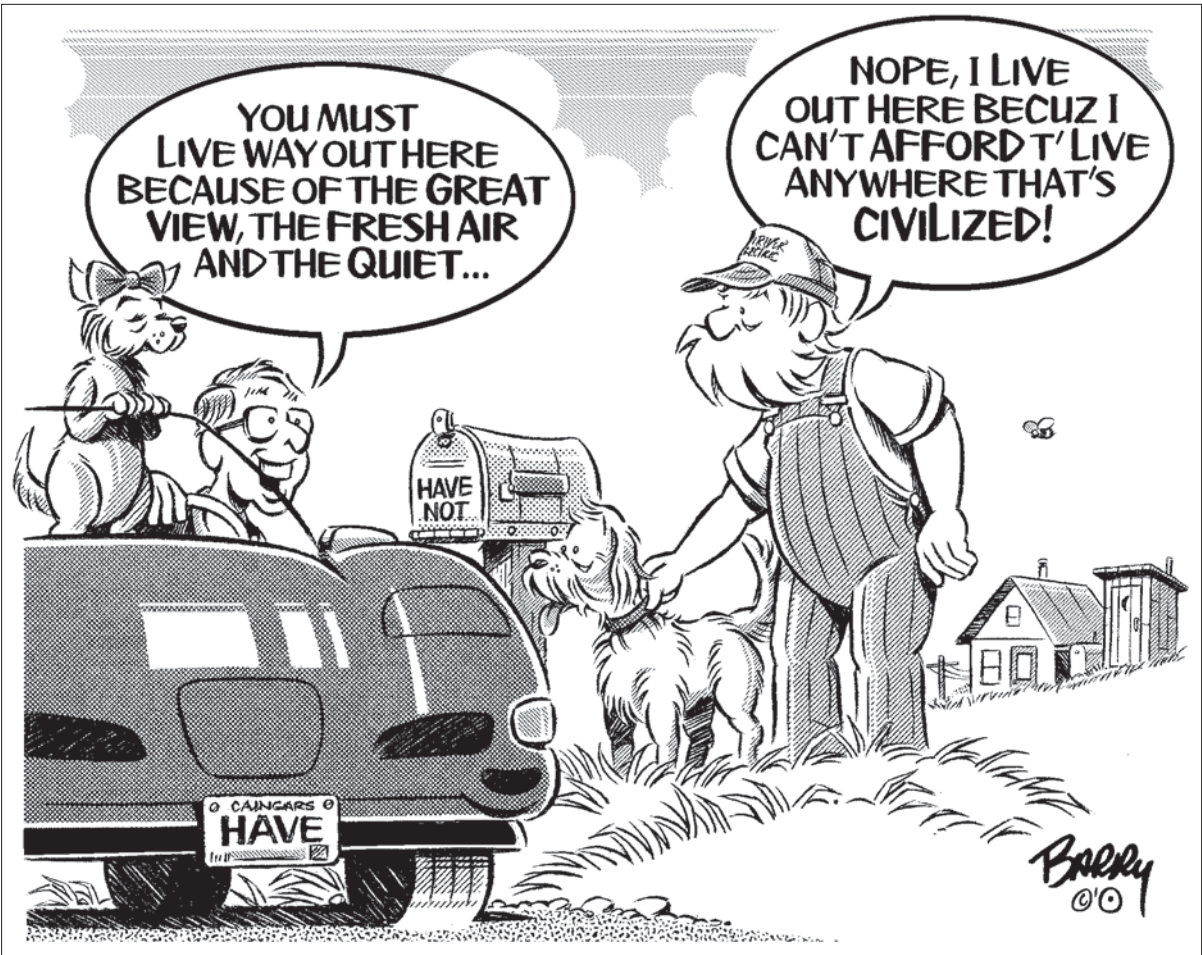
In 2013, the U.S. Department of Education stated lockdown-only response protocols were not enough, recommending options-based protocols as best practice. According to recent data from the Idaho School Safety and Security Program, the majority of Idaho K-12 schools are still using a lockdown-only approach.

The state should mandate schools adopt an options-based response protocol and prohibit them from using the word lockdown in emergency announcements. The state should create standards for trauma-informed drills and drill documentation. This bill misses the mark by demonstrating a deliberate indifference in aligning our state to emergent research and best-practice recommendations in active shooter response.

While having a School Resource Officer (SRO) in every school may not be financially feasible, establishing a standard for SROs is. Idaho has yet to define an SRO. Without defining an SRO, we cannot establish training standards for those whose No. 1 responsibility is student safety. Legislators who care so deeply about our children should demand nothing but the highest standards for officers and deputies

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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 Serving Idahoans as lead Republican on the Senate Finance Committee

I have the honor of serving as Ranking Republican Member of the Senate Finance Committee, which has extensive jurisdiction and oversees federal tax policy, federal health care programs, and implementation of trade agreements. As we enter a new year, it is a good time to update Idahoans on the important work being done on the Senate Finance Committee.

In 2023, I remained focused on policies that addressed the needs of Idaho’s working families and industries, while conducting aggressive oversight of the agencies within the committee’s jurisdiction. Encouragingly, the committee found bipartisan agreement on many issues, including on health care and reasserting congressional authority over trade policy.

Reducing drug costs and expanding mental health care — The Finance Committee advanced meaningful solutions to lower costs for patients and strengthen transparency in health care pricing with strong bipartisan support. The committee passed the Modernizing and Ensuring PBM Accountability Act that will bring more transparency, accountability and competition to pharmacy benefit manager practices in the drug supply chain, helping to lower out-of-pocket costs for Idahoans.

The committee also passed the Better Mental Health Care, Lower-Cost Drugs and Extenders Act to expand mental health care and substance use disorder services under Medicaid and Medicare; reduce prescription drug costs for seniors at the pharmacy counter; and increase Medicare payments to support physicians and other providers.

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specialty crop producers by introducing bipartisan legislation that responds to continued high tariffs, burdensome labeling requirements and other barriers that threaten our rural communities and agricultural

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Commentary

Financial management

Be disciplined even with debit card designed to curb spending

Dear Dave,

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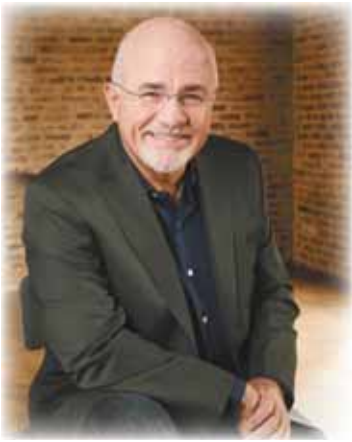
— Debbie

two at a time enough to take action.

Try looking at your life as a whole, not a moment at a time. All the moments you're living right now will have either a positive or negative effect on your future. I decided I wanted the greater, long-term good, so I gave up on the short-term stuff.

Debit cards are great tools. You can't spend money you don't have with them like you can with a credit card. But you've still got to budget very carefully for each month, and give a name and a job to every single penny of your income. Otherwise, you can still overspend.

— Dave



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or even more, of expenses set aside?

— Jodie

Dear Jodie,

I don't do extended warranties, because they're not a good deal. In my mind, you're better off to self-insure against damage or things breaking down. That way, you can put what would have been profit and marketing dollars for the extended warranty company in your own pocket. I mean, think about it. If you buy something, but can't afford to fix it if something goes wrong, it's not really a smart move to buy it in the first place, is it?

I always recommend an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses to cover the unexpected things that life will throw at you. In most cases, this amount of cash — sitting in a good money market account with check writing privileges — will allow you easy access in the event of unexpected expenses or a financial emergency.

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives.

✓ Finance: Committee's work to protect U.S. citizens' interests goes on

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producers from accessing global markets.

I also introduced much-needed double-taxation relief of cross-border investments between the U.S. and Taiwan, one of Idaho's largest trading partners, further opening doors for American businesses and strengthening our economic ties. Congress also enacted into law my legislation to approve a trade agreement with Taiwan, reasserting Congress's constitutional authority over trade and giving Idahoans a strong voice in how trade deals are crafted.

I also successfully pushed the Administration to prioritize the removal of Mexico's unjustified "safety" restrictions on U.S. potatoes. These restrictions had been in place for more than 25 years and lacked any scientific justification. Now that they have been lifted, U.S. potato exports increased by more than 48 percent, or more than 17,300 metric tons from the previous year.

Conducting essential oversight — Oversight efforts are an essential committee responsibility, and I continued to press Biden Administration officials on issues within the committee's jurisdiction. These efforts included protecting taxpayers from a heavy-handed Internal Revenue Service (IRS); shedding light and requesting information on the potentially harmful effects of the Administration's drug pricing scheme; and looking into the causes and potential solutions to vast amounts of unemployment insurance fraud in pandemic programs.

Addressing an ever-encroaching IRS has been central to my oversight efforts. I have continually pressed the agency for more details on its funding plan for its massive new enforcement budget, and have re-introduced legislation to protect low- and middle-income taxpayers from the coming wave of IRS examinations. I have also questioned the agency on its mishandling of private taxpayer information, from callously destroying tens of millions of taxpayer documents to a contractor releasing private citizens' data. The IRS has committed to make much-needed improvements, and I continue to press for these commitments to be fulfilled.

I also pushed for the enactment of legislation to help recoup the more than \$100 billion dollars in fraud in pandemic-era unemployment insurance (UI) programs. Additionally, I have continually raised concerns with Democrats' drug price-setting scheme, which will lead to higher prices for new drugs coming to market, stifle the development of new cures and undermine seniors' health. These oversight efforts are ongoing.

While I expect 2024 to bring its own policy challenges for Congress, I remain committed to working across the aisle to deliver fiscally responsible solutions to grow our economy, protect taxpayers and provide Americans with better, more affordable health care. I am honored to lead Republicans on the Finance Committee and provide Idahoans a strong voice on these important issues.

— 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.

✓ HB 415

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assigned to these roles. This bill misses the mark by lowering the standard to protect our students to an enhanced CCW class rather than raising the bar for sworn peace officers.

Rep. Hill and those who support this legislation have demonstrated their resolve to protect our students and educators. I thank you for that commitment. However, these efforts are focused in the wrong areas. Equip schools with the resources to identify and support at-risk students. Empower stakeholders to be prepared by having multiple response options. Invest in School Resource Officers who have dedicated themselves to protecting our educational facilities.

On behalf of the Board of the Idaho Association of School Resource Officers and its 200 Idaho SRO members, we oppose House Bill 415. We ask our elected representatives to represent our voice, and the voices of our communities, by voting against HB 415 and to prioritize evidence-based school safety measures.

— Morgan Ballis, M.S. EM, is president of the Idaho Association of School Resource Officers.

Letter to the editor

Txoko Ona center: Homedale's diamond in the rough

Homedale has a best-kept secret. That is the hard work of the folks at the Txoko Ona Basque Center.

Following my dad's funeral a couple of weeks ago (Eddie Chadez), and my mom's (Helen, in 2021), they produced a wonderful "homemade" spread. As a family member grieving the loss of a loved one, it was heartening to have the meal provided.

It is a wonderful setting to reminisce about lives well lived. Thank you again to all those who make Txoko Ona a well-oiled operation.

Louise Chadez
Spokane, Wash.
Homedale native

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✓ Sheriff: Efforts ongoing to stop drug traffickers passing through on 95

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County motorcycle gang.

St. Clair’s widow has sought answers to her husband’s death, insisting there is more to the case.

Mark Warner, 50, was sentenced to life in prison for aggravated assault and aggravated battery. He’s eligible for parole in November.

St. Clair died from an accidental gunshot wound fired by his stepdaughter, authorities say.

Carol St. Clair wants answers about who was behind the attack and if there are conspirators.

The case was closed after

Warner’s sentencing, but last week Kendrick said the case has been reopened and turned over to Idaho State Police investigators.

“I can’t comment on an open case, but it’s not a closed case,” Kendrick said when Carol posed a question in the chat.

Kendrick also addressed the rumors that swirled after two buses from the SDTJ Passport transportation company arrived in Marsing recently. Some thought the people who got off the westbound buses on Main Street were illegal aliens. The SDTJ Passport company operates shuttle service between San Diego

and Tijuana, Mexico.

Kendrick said his office investigated the presence of the bus passengers.

“Nobody was dropped off,” he said. “They ate at Alejandra’s (Mexican Restaurant) and loaded up and moved on,” the sheriff said. “They all got back on the bus and left the county.”

Kendrick said the bus company regularly drops off H-2A temporary agricultural workers.

Kendrick also addressed the dangers of fentanyl and drug trafficking along the U.S. Highway 95 corridor.

He said that 10 pounds of

methamphetamine was seized in the county on U.S. 95 about a month ago during an operation in conjunction with ISP.

“You’ve got to figure if you seize one load of drugs, 50 got through,” he said. “You target as much as possible your highway corridors like Highway 95.”

Kendrick said his office is working with other regional agencies to create a Highway 95 drug task force.

Drug interdictions also have been conducted on Idaho highway 51, he said.

“A lot of problems with interdictions is there are 15 or 20 minutes between cars,”

Kendrick said. “We have two deputies out there in Grand View, and they’re hitting it hard and heavy.”

Kendrick also said he supported House Bill 415, which passed the Idaho House of Representatives last week. If the Senate passes the bill and Gov. Brad Little signs it, public school staffers who have an enhanced concealed carry permit will be able to possess weapons on campus.

“I do support, wholeheartedly, HB 415 for teachers to carry guns in schools, and I support parents to carry guns in schools,” the sheriff said.

— JPB

Public notices

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

On February 28, 2024 the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St., Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below.

Beginning at 9:30 am, the Commission will hear a previously tabled application Z24-03 a request for a conditional use permit filed by **Vertical Bridge** seeking approval of a conditional use permit to construct a 199’ tall 5G lattice cell tower in a 50’ x 50 fenced area with associated equipment areas at 17120 Tumbleweed Lane in Murphy Idaho. The subject parcel RP02S02W277290, is 2.4 acres located in a multiuse zone in a portion of the SE¼ of the SE¼ of Section 27, Township 2 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 10:30 am, the Commission will hear application Z24-11 filed by **Bryan and Melissa Cunningham** seeking approval to establish a second dwelling on an approximately 1.5 acre parcel. The subject parcel, RP008500010060, is located in a residential zone in a portion of the SW¼ SW¼ of Section 23, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 11:30 am, the Commission will hear a time extension request filed by **Kiley Clemens** for previously approved application Z24-10 to establish a second single-family dwelling for employee housing on a 162-acre parcel owned by Junayo Ranch located at 12280 Hootenany Road in the Reynolds Creek area. The subject parcel, RP02S03W183600, is located in an agricultural zone in the SW¼ of the NW¼, and a portion of the SW¼ of Section 18, Township 2 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee

County, Idaho.

Beginning at 1:00 pm, the Commission will hear application Z24-08 filed by **Owyhee Gold Trust** seeking approval of a third four-year time extension on previously approved conditional use permit to establish industrial mining at the South Mountain Mine. The original approval was granted in 2013 with time extensions granted in 2015, and 2019. The subject property, RP98S05W03001A, is approximately 326 acres and is located in an agricultural zone including the South Mountain Mine and mining claims in Sections 3, 4, 9, and 10 of Township 8 South, Range 5 West, and Section 33 of Township 7 South, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 1:30 pm, the Commission will hear application Z24-09 filed by **Owyhee Gold Trust** seeking approval of a third four-year time extension on a previously approved conditional use permit to establish an industrial milling operation on approximately 360 acres of land located in an agricultural zone.. The original approval was granted in 2013 with time extensions granted in 2015, and 2019. The subject parcels, RP07S05W230001, R P 0 7 S 0 5 W 2 3 1 2 0 1 , RP07S05W141201, are located in the NE¼ of Section 23, the SW¼ of the NE¼, and the SE¼ of Section 14 Township 7 South, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho

Beginning at 2:30 pm, the Commission will hear application Z24-12 filed by **Miguel Meraz** seeking approval to establish a second single family dwelling on an approximately 4.5-acre parcel. The subject parcel RP01N04W128250, is located in an agricultural zone in a portion of the NW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

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

information please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2.
02/07/2024

LIEN SALE

Unit # L-27, Taylor Kennedy, 3751 Pioneer Park Lane, Homedale, ID 83628 — Unit contains a refrigerator, smoker, portable A/C unit, and misc. household items

Units # J-21 and J-23, Linda Septien, 410 S. Main St #11, Homedale, ID 83628 — Units contain furniture and misc. household items

Silent auction will be held at Highway 95 Self Storage located at 3685 Highway 95 in Homedale. Bidding will close at 1pm on Saturday, February 17th, 2024.
02/07,14/2024

NOTICE

The annual meeting for the Hot Springs Ditch Company will be held at the Bruneau EMT Building on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

Chris Alzola
Secretary
(208) 587-2789
02/07/2024

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the South Side Bruneau Canal Company will be held at the Idaho Power Jacks Creek Office in Bruneau, Idaho on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 1:30 pm.

Chris Alzola
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02/07/2024

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

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
Trustee’s Sale No. PLTS103784

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Pioneer Title Company of Ada County dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 5/28/2024, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, at Owyhee County Courthouse, In The Lobby, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the “Property”), situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, to-wit;

See Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 12532 Cinnabar Way, Murphy, ID 83650, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Tish Powell, a married woman as her sole and separate property, as Grantor, to Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Josephy E. Stewart and Paul J. Stewart, as Beneficiary, dated 7/14/2017, recorded 7/31/2017, under Instrument No. 293396, Mortgage

records of Owyhee County, ID, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by Joseph E. Stewart and Paula L. Stewart.

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

The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 7/14/2017, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 10/1/2023 AND SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH.

All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$151,149.59, together with interest thereon at 6% per annum from 9/5/2023, until paid.

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

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

DATED: January 25, 2024.

Pioneer Title Company of Ada County dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services
Trustee
By:/s/ Deb Duncan
Deborrah Duncan, Assistant Secretary
Pioneer Lender Trustee Services
8151 W. Rifleman Street
Boise, ID 83704

EXHIBIT A

Lot 4, Block 1, Eagle View Estates, according to the official plat thereof recorded as Instrument No. 215482, records of Owyhee County, Idaho, and as amendd by amendment to the plat of Eagle View Estates recorded June 18, 1997 as Instrument NO. 222082, Owyhee County records.
02/07,14,21,28/2024

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