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Annexation approved as Homedale searches for answers

The City of Homedale continues to battle growing pains even as council members decided to expand the city limits south to allow a proposed mixed-use development.

Citing concerns that the city doesn't have a plan in place for responsible

growth, Councilman Aaron Tines voted against both the annexation and rezoning of a 25-acre parcel at the southeast corner of Pioneer Road and U.S. Highway 95.

Tines' other council colleagues — Mike Aebischer, Steve Atkins and

Kim Murray — voted to approve the annexation agreement with POW WOW LLC and rezone the current agricultural acreage as 10 acres of commercial and 25 acres of residential.

The decision came after a lengthy discussion with developers Chad Pack-

er and Todd Ostrom in which the draft annexation agreement was amended to a minimum lot size of 7,500 square feet. Originally, the minimum lot size was penciled in at 7,000 square feet,

— See *Annexation*, page 10



Cars line up down West Washington Avenue as a volunteer chats with one of several people who pulled into the First Presbyterian Church parking lot for Friday's mobile pantry.

Volunteer force meets need at mobile pantry

Monthly Presbyterian food bank stop switches to Friday

Word got out about the change, so there was no drop-off in participants for the Homedale First Presbyterian Church mobile food pantry.

In an effort to bring more food to the families that need it in the Homedale community, church pantry organizers moved the day of the monthly mobile pantry.

Coordinator Becky Forth said that with the pantry moving to the third Friday of the month, the Idaho Foodbank semi-trailer brings a dedicated load of canned food, fruit, vegetables and dry goods for

— See *Pantry*, page 8



Volunteers Rob and Shelley Townsend of Homedale move boxes of chicken during preparation for the monthly food distribution.

Deputies seize enough fentanyl for 50K doses

Man makes bail after GV raid

Acting on a break in an investigation, Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies found more than 100 grams of illicit drugs when they raided a Grand View home earlier this month.

The Grand View man under investigation, 40-year-old Luis Rodriguez-Villaseñor, wasn't at the house in the 400 block of Riverside Avenue when authorities executed the search

warrant on Feb. 9.

But, Sheriff Larry Kendrick said, Elmore County deputies arrested the man in Mountain Home on Feb. 10, and he was eventually transported to the Owyhee County Jail in Murphy.



Rodriguez-Villaseñor

— See *Fentanyl*, page 8

Gem Irrigation dilemma impetus for law change

Bill introduced to grow pool of would-be directors

Rick Smith's retirement from the Gem Irrigation board of directors was short-lived.

But legislation is in the works to make sure that Smith may be able to retire and not return to the South Board of Control board room.

Smith stepped away from the Gem and SBOC boards at the January meeting, and his colleagues appointed fellow Marsing resident Jason Miller to succeed him.

Afterward, it was discovered Miller didn't live in Division 1 and he was ineligible to succeed Smith as an irrigation

director.

In light of the oversight, the Gem board reinstated Smith as the Division 1 director during its Feb. 13 meeting in Homedale.

Smith is supposed to serve until Dec. 31, but — according to SBOC board secretary Sherry Maxwell — he may have the chance to leave the post sooner if the Idaho Legislature passes and Gov. Brad Little signs Senate Bill 1338.

The proposed legislation, which received a hearing in

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Jacksons buys former Homedale beet dump

Amalgamated Sugar Co.’s history in Homedale officially closed earlier this month when Jacksons Food Stores closed on its purchase of the 30-acre sugar beet receiving station property on U.S. Highway 95.

No actual sale price was disclosed in the filing The Owyhee Avalanche obtained from the Owyhee County Recorder’s Office.

The property includes the 15 acres between East Idaho Avenue and Industrial Road where sugar beets were stored and another 15 acres south of Industrial Road on which the company dumped dirt and debris from cleanup when beets were finally hauled to the Nampa processing plant.

Jackson Food Stores also owns property on Main Street

in Marsing near the old railroad right-of-way.

Amalgamated Sugar Co., put the 30-acre Homedale property on the market after a consolidated receiving station was built about a half-mile east of the Upper Pleasant Ridge Road-U.S. 95 intersection in Canyon County. That location between Wilder and Homedale consolidated beet dumps in those two towns.

Amalgamated Sugar Co., still operates Owyhee County receiving stations in Marsing and Grand View.

Jacksons Food Stores is owned by Homedale native John Jackson, whose name is on the town’s high school baseball field. His mother, Gypsy Jackson, is the namesake for the district library, too.

— JPB



About eight months after a crew removed the familiar sugar beet piling equipment from the corner acreage near U.S. Highway 95, the Amalgamated Sugar Co., has closed on the sale of its receiving station property.

Elderly Mexican nationals arrested in Owyhee sentenced

Couple caught trafficking meth along U.S. 95

An elderly married couple arrested last year on an Owyhee County highway has been sentenced on federal drug charges.

Efren Avilez-Lopez, 81, and Maria Medina-Zeveda, 70, identified as Mexican nationals

illegally living in Ontario, Ore., were sentenced in separate hearings before Chief U.S. District Judge David C. Nye last week in a Boise federal courtroom.

According to U.S. Attorney Josh Hurwit, the couple was sentenced for trafficking large amounts of methamphetamine. An earlier article about the couple’s indictments published by the Malheur Enterprise connected the man and woman and dozens of other people to the Jalisco New Generation cartel.

During a Feb. 13 sentencing hearing, Medina-Zeveda received 37 months in federal prison for her felony conviction on charges of possession with

intent to distribute meth.

Avilez-Lopez received a nine-year prison sentence for the same federal charge during his hearing a day earlier.

The couple must serve three years of supervised release, and they both will be deported after completion of their sentences.

“These defendants were a driving force behind a significant drug trafficking organization that, thanks to law enforcement, has been dismantled,” said U.S. Attorney Hurwit. “While it is not common for us to find drug traffickers at this stage of life, make no mistake: these defendants earned their sentences. We will continue to do our part to ensure that justice is applied fairly and equitably to all, regardless of age or background.”

The couple was arrested in May while returning from

Los Angeles with a large load of meth, according to the U.S. District of Idaho Attorney’s Office press release.

Law enforcement made a traffic stop in Owyhee County and discovered the couple was transporting four family members, including a minor child. A drug detection dog alerted on the odor of illicit drugs in the vehicle, and authorities located 21 pounds of meth in the floorboards.

A month earlier, the couple had sold a total of 25 pounds of meth to undercover officers in a Nampa store parking lots in two different incidents.

According to the press release, the Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office was among the agencies involved in the case, along with the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Nampa Police Department, the

Malheur County Sheriff’s Office, Idaho State Probation and Parole, the Canyon County Sheriff’s Office, the Caldwell Police Department, the City-County Narcotics Unit, the Idaho State Police, the Oregon State Police, the Ontario Police Department, and the High Desert Drug Task Force in Oregon.

“The drug threat can come from anywhere and is not restricted to any age or demographic, as this case dramatically illustrates,” said David F. Reames, Special Agent in Charge, DEA Seattle Field Division.

“Whether these criminals are old or young, the Drug Enforcement Administration and our partners will relentlessly pursue those who poison our communities with methamphetamine or other dangerous drugs.”

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Cherry Meyers keeps delivering donuts for Bruneau

Free dinner precedes Saturday’s annual Booster Auction

by Brandi Lisle
For The Owyhee Avalanche

As the Bruneau Boosters gear up for their annual auction on Saturday, club members are thrilled to highlight Cherry Meyers, a longtime member of both the Bruneau and Grand View communities.

Cherry was born in Elko, Nev., to Paul and Mattie Black, and moved to the ranch on Shoofly Creek when she was about 10 years old.

Growing up, she lived the cowboy lifestyle, as well as learning all the tricks of the farming trade from her husband, Ray, who she claims is to blame for “Most of this!”

Cherry and Ray raised six children, and Cherry is still integrally involved in the lives of her 21 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Cherry’s donuts have been a staple of the Bruneau-Grand View community for more than 50 years. Those donuts



Cherry Meyers says her late husband, Ray, was the biggest influence on the impact she and her family have had on the Bruneau-Grand View community. Submitted photo

have graced tables, school events, and community fundraisers alike for what can safely be called generations now.

Cherry claims she learned to make donuts, “because I love donuts, and I couldn’t afford to buy them!”

She got the recipe she continues to use to this day from a book owned by Margaret Bachman Harris. Once she learned to make the donuts, Cherry and many friends, including Vicki Chandler, Ellen Jess, and Marlene Ridley, made donuts for the senior citizens center, school events at the grade school and high school, FFA fundraisers at home and at the Owyhee County Fair in Homedale, FHA events, basketball teams, and they filled donut orders for countless grandkids’ events.

When making donuts for Grand View Days, baking would often start at 3 a.m., and they would make more than 300 donuts to fill the demand.

Cherry has also donated her craft to both the Bruneau Boosters and Grand View Lions auctions for years with granddaughter Sammie Lindquist helping her. Cherry’s late daughter, Julie Lindquist, was an important of the donut-making process when it all started, too.

The creations are always a tremendous hit, bringing in hundreds of dollars to the community funds.

“I have loved living in the two communities, and the friendships I have

made in both places are gold to me,” Cherry said.

This year, in addition to Cherry’s donuts and the other homemade baked goods, there are many amazing items to bid on Saturday.

- To name just a few:
- Rawhide bosals and reins
 - Headstalls
 - A Brazzen dog kennel
 - Assorted gift baskets and gift certificates
 - A custom saddle and bridle rack welded by Jason Tindall with the Rimrock High School welding classes
 - Two guided tours to CS Beef Packers in Kuna

Donations of auction lots are being taken by any Booster member and can be dropped off at the American Legion Post 83 Hall on Friday afternoon, after 10 a.m., on Saturday or right before the start of Saturday’s free dinner.

The event begins with the free dinner at 5:30 p.m., and the auction will start at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend and bid on items.

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

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Courthouse report

A list of felony and misdemeanor dispositions recently completed at courtrooms in Murphy and Homedale. Infractions are not included:

Feb. 13
Delano Shane Whitefeather, Owyhee, Nev. — Misdemeanor inattentive or careless driving (plea deal; amended from misdemeanor driving under the influence): 30 days in jail (1 day served, 29 days suspended), 1 year unsupervised probation, \$100 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

Feb. 8
Anthony Michael Ford, Mountain Home — Misdemeanor Fish and Game violation, fishing without a license (not salmon steelhead, sturgeon or bull trout): \$26 in fines, \$168 in court costs
Elliot Cuaj Leng Lee, Fresno, Calif. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading, or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs
John Claude Lovelady, Apache Junction, Ariz. —

Misdemeanor motor carrier vehicle overhang or extension of load violations: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

Feb. 7
Kolby Stephen Fisher, Marsing — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$250 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor marijuana possession

Nathan Alan Phelps, Ontario, Ore. — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$500 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor marijuana possession

Eustacia Ann Smittle, Marsing — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$260 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor failure to appear citation

Tyler Anthony Winter, Pleasanton, Calif. — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$250 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor marijuana possession

Kathleen Mary Young, Homedale — Misdemeanor disturbing the peace (plea deal; amended from misdemeanor battery): \$350 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor injury to child

third offense: \$442.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Coltin Joseph Thesing, Caldwell — Misdemeanor driver consuming or possessing an open alcoholic container: \$312.50 in fines, \$187.50 in court costs

Dec. 28
Saul Uriarte, Moreno Valley, Calif. — Misdemeanor commercial, noncommercial and farm vehicle annual registration: \$276 in fines, \$3 in court costs

Dec. 27
Karissa Jo Johnston, Homedale — Misdemeanor DUI (plea deal; original charge: Misdemeanor excessive DUI): 180 days in jail (32 days served, 158 days suspended), 2 years supervised probation, 90-day driver's license suspension, \$1,000 in fines (\$702.50 suspended), \$392.50 in court costs

Brenden E. Shaw, Layton, Utah — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession: \$100 in fines, \$347.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by court:** Misdemeanor DUI

Johnathon L. Johnson, Homedale — Misdemeanor failure to appear (plea deal): 180 days in jail (suspended), 2 years unsupervised probation



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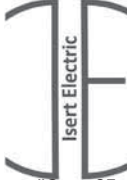
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Staying warm, healthy as we wait for spring

While we are still in winter for another few weeks, I am already starting to hope and plan for some warm weather and all the fun things that spring can bring. That being said, I am still trying to stay warm and enjoy ways to find comfort during cold-weather days.



Suriñe Greenway

If you are starting to get into a slump, you should consider trying a Roasted Winter Vegetable Soup. Using vegetables can create a hearty and nutritious meal that might make you enjoy winter as you can use local, seasonal ingredients in this dish.

By roasting readily available vegetables like butternut squash, carrots, and parsnips, the depth of flavor can be increased, taking your soup to the next level. To ensure that protein is a part of your meal, you can easily add your protein of choice to this soup. Our family finds that beef, seasoned ground pork and chicken all pair nicely in this “throw it in the pot” seasonal soup.

If you want to balance your soup with some fresh ingredients that have a crunch, consider making a side salad with citrus. This can be done by using deep-green-colored leafy greens to balance out the acidic taste of citrus in your salad, and even provide a variety of nutrients to your diet. I love to combine grapefruit and oranges in my salad containing kale,

arugula or other mixed greens that I come across. I even like to incorporate juice from the citrus into the dressing that can even be made with honey and oil for a quick vinaigrette.

Both these dishes go great with a crusty piece of bread.

With the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s 2023 Obesity Prevalence map identifying Idaho at just over 33 percent prevalence (equating to about 1 in 3 adults having obesity), it is important that we consider ways to ensure we are managing our food intake and physical activity.

To try to make the best choices, consider trying out a soup-and-salad combination for dinner, while skipping the dessert.

To round out your physical activity you can take a 30-minute post-meal stroll to check out the Owyhee County views from where you live. This may help show that with a great meal and a great view, winter can still be enjoyed until spring arrives.

— Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2023 September 21). Obesity Prevalence. <https://www.cdc.gov/obesity/data/prevalence-maps.html#overall>

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Homedale Sr. Center bazaar set Saturday

The Homedale Senior Center’s annual spring bazaar takes place Saturday.

The sale will run from 9 a.m., to 3 p.m., at the senior center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Vendor tables are available for \$12 each.

In addition to the craft sales, the senior center will have a table of raffle prizes set up, too.

Call the center at (208) 337-3020 between 8 a.m., and 1

p.m., today or Thursday for more information.

The center is also looking for an additional Fit and Fall Proof leader to conduct the classes. Classes are held at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday and Thursday, prior to the congregate luncheon.

Fit and Fall instructors must complete a training class on March 19, so anyone interested in becoming part of the senior center’s exercise program should call the center.

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

CWI GED Class

11 a.m., to 2 p.m., 8 week course, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

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.

Teen Book Club

4 p.m., to 5 p.m., details TBA, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

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

Food bank drop off

12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., (weather permitting; holidays could change date), Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206 or (541) 586-2562

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, Marsing School District, HUB Building, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. Information: www.CaldwellFineArts.org

Teens and Tweens

5 p.m., to 6 p.m., ‘Madi Anderson, U of I visit,’ Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Friday

Food bank distribution

8 a.m., to 10 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 473-9331

Food bank distribution

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

Lincoln Day luncheon

11 a.m., to 1 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing. (208) 590-4203

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Saturday

Spring Bazaar

9 a.m., to 3 p.m., raffle, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. Vendor

information: 208-337-3020

Spark! Places of Innovation Exhibit

10 a.m., to 2 p.m., free, Marsing School District, HUB Building, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. Information: www.CaldwellFineArts.org

Bruneau Booster Club community auction

5:30 p.m. dinner; 6:30 p.m. auction. Bruneau American Legion Post 83 Hall, 32536 Belle Ave., Bruneau. Information: Katie Colyer, (208) 599-2962

Gem Highway District meeting

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

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., 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, Marsing School District, HUB Building, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. Information: www.CaldwellFineArts.org

After School program

4:30 p.m., to 5:30 p.m., ‘Reuseum Visit - Doodle Bots,’ 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

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

Region III assistance assessments

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

After school time

4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., ‘Thunder & Lightning,’ Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. 208-834-2785

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Wednesday

Massage

8 a.m., to 1 p.m., \$15 for 15 minutes, appointments necessary. Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. Appointments: Jo (208) 337-3020

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

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Death notice

MILDRED MARIE VILLINES, 92, of Homedale, died Saturday, Jan. 28, 2024. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapels, 624 Cleveland Blvd., Caldwell.

Service notice

IRIS PAULINE INECK, 67, of Marsing, died on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2024. Services will be held at 11 a.m., on Friday, Feb. 23, 2024 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. Burial service will follow at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Served at noon
Milk and roll/bread available each day
Feb. 21: Sloppy Joes, potato salad, Brussels sprouts
Feb. 22: Malibu chicken patty, baby potatoes and carrots
Feb. 27: Baked fish, scalloped potatoes, country trio vegetables
Feb. 28: Spinach and bacon quiche, hash brown patty, sautéed cabbage
Feb. 29: Chicken Alfred fettuccine, California blend vegetables

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. 21: Sweet and sour chicken over rice, stir fry vegetables, cauliflower, 9-grain bread, banana
Feb. 23: Vegetarian penne, Catalina vegetables, green salad, French bread, peaches
Feb. 26: Herb salmon over wild rice, spring vegetables, carrots, whole wheat roll, fresh fruit
Feb. 28: Beef stew, Brussels sprouts, Capri vegetables, corn bread

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served at noon with milk & fruit juice
Curbside pickup from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or delivery only.
Call (208) 834-2922 as early as possible to place order
Feb. 22: Chicken enchiladas, corn, coleslaw, roll, fruit salad
Feb. 27: Chili dogs, fries, green salad, peaches, pudding
Feb. 29: Chicken fried steak, potato/gravy, 3-bean salad, roll, mixed fruit

Melba Valley Senior Center

Meals served at noon (Salad bar at 11:30 a.m.)
Phone ahead (208) 495-2168 same day for complete menu
Payment by donation. All ages welcome
Feb. 22: Hamburger gravy
Feb. 27: Teriyaki chicken
Feb. 29: Haystacks

Lincoln Day luncheon scheduled for Friday

Contact phone number incorrect last week

Owyhee County’s Republicans will hold their biennial Lincoln Day luncheon from 11 a.m., to 1 p.m., on Friday inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

The luncheon is a chance for

citizens to hear from Republican office-holders and candidates who plan to run for office in the May 21 primary election.

A silent auction and live auction will be held, and lunch will be served.

The luncheon cost is \$30 per plate, \$240 to sponsor a table for eight or \$500 for an event sponsorship.

Call Payne at (208) 590-4203 for more information. The number published last week was incorrect.

Obituaries

Shirley Kushlan

Shirley Kushlan, 96, passed away February 18, 2024 surrounded by her family.

She was born in Boise in 1927 to Cecil and Helen Richards. She had one older brother, Allen Richards.

When she was a young girl, the family moved to a farm in Homedale. She attended Homedale schools, graduating in 1945.

Shirley met John Kushlan in Homedale and they were married September 16, 1946. Together they raised four daughters: Karen, Sherry, Debbie and Lynne. Shirley and John loved to travel, especially to the Oregon Coast and Jackpot. John passed away in 2009 after 63 years of marriage.

Shirley was very active in the community, joining bridge clubs, bowling leagues, sorority and much more. The whole family were sports fans, following Homedale’s teams for years.

Shirley was a homemaker



until she started working as a medical transcriptionist. After several years, she left her job to focus on her family and her increasing interest in golf.

And increase it did! She joined a league at Purple Sage Golf Club and played as often as she could, making many friends along the way. She also worked at River Bend Golf Club for several years. She continued to golf into her late 80s and was forced to quit after slipping on ice and breaking her shoulder during Snowmageddon in

2017. Recently she joined her great-granddaughter Leah at the driving range and was still able to hit the ball decently. And three days before her death, her hospice team treated her to a special day at TopGolf, where she was still able to hit the ball fairly decently.

Preceded in death by her husband John, her parents, her brother Allen and sister-in-law Lois, her grandson Michael Solis, great-granddaughter Avery Tiddens and son-in-law Lane Bettencourt

She is survived by her daughters, Karen Solis; Sherry (Dan) Parrill; Debbie Kushlan Bettencourt, and Lynne (Gene) Johnson; seven grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren and nieces Marcia Hoshaw and Janis Thompson.

Special thanks to the wonderful people at The Cottages-Meridian and White Oak Hospice, who made Mom’s journey and ours so much easier.

Betty Jean Burdine Wilson

Betty Jean Burdine Wilson, 93, of Homedale, Idaho went peacefully to join her Lord and Savior on Sunday, December 31, 2023.

Betty was born on November 29, 1930 in Melrose, New Mexico and was the first of four children to bless Ernie and Maybelle Burdine. Betty’s younger years were spent in New Mexico and Texas. Her family later moved to Homedale, Idaho where Betty met and married the father of her children.

Betty and Daniel’s 59-year marriage began in 1964 when along with Betty’s 3 sons they moved to the Orovada, Nevada area. For the next 20 years or so, Betty raised her sons, kept the family home running, worked on the farms, in the local grocery and post office, and spent time doing activities



with her family.

Betty and Daniel moved back to Homedale sometime in the 1980s to care for Betty’s aging parents. Betty enjoyed being with her family, attending Sunday services and going to local singings with her sisters Martha Berrichoa and Ernestine Blessing.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband Daniel, her parents Ernie and Maybelle, her son Bradley, her brother Tommy and both of her sisters.

Betty is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Michael and Kim Williams, son and daughter-in-law Jason and Suzanne Baker, daughter-in-law Janet Baker, grandsons Orin, Tyrell and Joshua Baker, granddaughters Michelle, Melissa, and Monica Williams, stepdaughters Marilyn Caress and Diana Davis, stepson Danny Wilson, and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Graveside services under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell, Idaho, will be held at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery on March 5, 2024 at 1:00 pm.

Property tax reduction help available

The Owyhee County Assessor’s Office will start its annual property tax reduction assistance sessions Tuesday.

Staff can help with property tax reduction applications for the so-called Circuit Breaker program as well as the property tax benefit for military veterans with 100 percent service-connected disability.

Help will be available at:
Homedale Senior Center,

224 W. Idaho Ave. — 9:30 a.m., to noon on Tuesday and March 12.

Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing — 1 p.m., to 3 p.m., on Thursday, Feb. 29, and Tuesday, March 5

Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View — 9:30 a.m., to 11 a.m., on Thursday, March 7

Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St. — 9:30 a.m., to

11 a.m., on Thursday, April 4
Taxpayers who believe they are eligible for the programs can also apply online at tax.idaho.gov by clicking on “TAP” and then on “Property Tax (Circuit Breaker).”

The website shows the application process and gives information on who qualifies. An email address is needed. Applicants will get a confirmation number and code to retain.

✓ Pantry: Volunteers from several towns and three states help sort food

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the Homedale community.

When the church’s mobile food pantry shared its delivery day with the Calvary Food Pantry and Resource Center in Wilder, fewer items were available for the Homedale drive-through pantry.

Truck driver Alex Kotsyuba off-loaded about 12,000 pounds of fresh produce, chicken, frozen food items, flour, and pastries on Friday.

Kotsyuba said that the Idaho Foodbank receives donations from the community as well as Sysco and Charlie’s Produce. A list of the food pantries and mobile food pantries the Foodbank helps stock is listed on its website, www.idahofoodbank.org.

Several vehicles lined West

Washington Avenue stretching east for a couple blocks as people waited to make the drive through the church parking lot.

“There are no questions asked here,” Forth said. “We just ask what town they’re from and how many people and seniors they have.”

The church always sets aside a pallet of items for its Thursday backpack program to send food home with elementary school students.

Volunteers showed up before 7:30 a.m., to unpack items and get ready to load food into the cars that streamed through the parking lot.

Volunteer Rob Townsend said the drive-through set-up initiated during the COVID-19 epidemic runs much more

efficiently than the previous incarnation that saw folks get out of their cars and build food boxes.

Each month, volunteers also go through the fresh produce and glean out any poor-quality items before the line of vehicles pushes forward.

Forth said the mobile pantry begins at 7:30 a.m., on the third Friday each month and runs until 10 a.m. But Forth urges people to get in line early because food tends to run out fast.

The Homedale Senior Center receives donated food items if anything remains after the mobile food pantry closes.

Next month’s mobile pantry will be held on Friday, March 15.

The switch from a Thursday

date not only provides more food for Homedale families, but it also avoids the holiday reschedules that occur each Thanksgiving and occasionally at Christmas.

In addition to picking up for themselves, some in line each month collect care packages for people who may not be able to wait in line themselves because of work or other obligations or limitations.

Forth said the mobile pantry reaches about 165 families each month. She figures that amounts to 550 to 600 people.

In addition to recipients delivering to other families, several of the volunteers who sort food take items to their vehicles to distribute to their own network of people in

need.

Steve Belknap, for example, has a delivery route of 12 families that he travels after the mobile food pantry shuts down, Forth said.

Forth delivers to eight families.

Friday’s army of volunteers included folks from Homedale, Marsing, McCall, and Boise working to get food ready for distribution.

Homedale-based Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints missionaries Elder Landon Roeth of Las Vegas, Nev., and Elder Caleb Gurr of Snowflake, Ariz., also pitched in.

“That’s the nice thing about this community,” Forth said. “They help each other out.”

— JPB

✓ Fentanyl: Evidence at scene suggests suspect may have been using, too

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Rodriguez-Villaseñor was free after posting \$50,000 bail late Thursday, Kendrick said.

“We’ve been looking at him for a while, but we got a break this last weekend and literally within hours we were able to get a search warrant,” Kendrick said Thursday.

In the raid, OCSO seized 99 grams of fentanyl and 25 grams of methamphetamine as well as what Kendrick called crude counterfeit \$100 bills.

Aluminum foil and a pipe were also found.

Rodriguez-Villaseñor faces

felony charges of trafficking of controlled substances, possession of controlled substances, possession of counterfeit currency, and a misdemeanor count of drug paraphernalia possession with intent to use.

Stating in a Facebook-posted press release that a lethal dose of fentanyl can be as little as 2 milligrams, the sheriff’s office said the amount of deadly drug seized could have produced 50,000 doses.

Kendrick told The Owyhee Avalanche on Thursday that deputies also found recreational vehicle holding tank

conditioner chemical, with which it appeared Rodriguez-Villaseñor was cutting his drugs. Kendrick said the RV tank conditioner is toxic, and it appeared that the suspect had been smoking the drugs, too.

— JPB

✓ Irrigation: Ridgeview directorship vacancy persists

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the Senate Resources and Environment Committee on Monday after press time, would amend Idaho Code 43-109 to allow for the modification of irrigation division boundaries.

The statement of purpose written by Idaho Water Users Association director Paul Arrington plainly stated

the reason modification is needed:

“In recent years it has become increasingly difficult for irrigation districts to find qualified individuals to serve on their boards.”

Because of a lack of willing participants in some irrigation districts, SB 1338 was devised to allow irrigation boards to petition county

commissioners to redraw division boundaries.

After a public hearing, the county commissioners would make a decision on the proposed line amendments.

If passed by the Idaho Legislature and signed by the governor, SB 1338 would go into effect July 1, giving the Gem Irrigation District the opportunity to recruit a

successor for Smith, who received a plaque in recognition of his service during a January presentation with new SBOC manager Carl Seiders.

Meanwhile, Maxwell said no appointment was made to fill the Ridgeview Irrigation District board vacancy left by the passing of Mark Aman.

— JPB

Marsing gets grant for lift stations

The City of Marsing has received a grant to replace its wastewater lift stations.

During city engineer’s report last Wednesday, Kirby Cook said the \$93,500 Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant has been received. All the city has to do is file permit paperwork.

In other business last week, the council:

- Scheduled a marathon workshop to hash out the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 budget. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m., on Saturday, May 18 inside the council chambers (Sandbar Community Room). The public meeting will last until 3 p.m., but could end sooner if officials complete their work.
- Agreed to let the Chamber of Commerce take over maintenance and updating of the sign that lists the town’s businesses. Currently anchored to the City Hall exterior wall facing Sandbar Avenue, the sign will be moved to another location in town.

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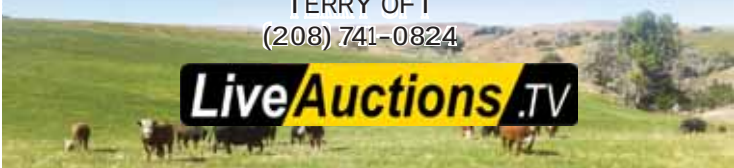
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Senior project aims to pay back Homedale’s teachers

School supplies accepted at two locations through Friday

Karaline Stimmel is looking out for the teachers who have helped her arrive at the cusp of graduation from Homedale High School.

The 18-year-old daughter of Tyson and Michelle Stimmel has extensive familial ties to the Homedale community even though she has only lived here for seven years.

Stimmel’s senior project

is underway, and her school supply drive ends on Friday.

“I chose to do a school supply drive because there are a lot of teachers that use their own money to buy supplies for kids,” Stimmel said.

Collection boxes have been set up at the Homedale School District office, 116 E. Owyhee Ave., and at Parker Advisors, 19 E. Wyoming Ave.

Stimmel is trying to collect items to help the school district’s teachers by amassing a trove of supplies, such as:

- Pens/pencils
- Markers
- Dry erase markers
- Lined paper
- Copier paper
- Construction paper
- Folders
- Composition books
- Rulers
- Scissors
- Tape
- Sticky notes

- Flash cards
- Fidgets, which help students diagnosed with Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) focus on school tasks

“I will take the donation boxes to school, and I will split the supplies with all the teachers that need/want supplies for the children,” Stimmel said.

Stimmel wants to become a floral designer. She may attend Boise State University, but she said she’s still weighing her options.

“I want to study plants and flowers, so I can be a floral designer,” she said.

The senior project fits her career plan by helping her understand how to get the word out about a business or event by using flyers and reaching out to media outlets, she said.

For more information on the school supplies drive, reach out to Stimmel at stim3927@homedaleschools.org

— JPB

School menus

Homedale Elementary

*Choice of milk and juice
PB&J sandwich, and vegetable
and fruit choices daily*

Feb. 21: **Breakfast:** Sausage patty, whole grain toast, Yami yogurt, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Orange chicken bowl, mixed vegetables

Feb. 22: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, blueberry muffin, sliced pears **Lunch:** Chicken Crispito, buttered corn

Feb. 26: **Breakfast:** Raised donut, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken sandwich, crinkle fries

Feb. 27: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk biscuit, sausage patty, country gravy, sliced pears **Lunch:** Mac-n-cheese, seasoned green beans, whole grain roll

Feb. 28: **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 daily*

Feb. 21: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Orange chicken bowl, egg roll, seasoned green beans

Feb. 22: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, orange slices **Lunch:** Crisпитos, buttered corn

Feb. 26: **Breakfast:** Raised donut, string cheese, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, curly fries

Feb. 27: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk biscuits, country gravy, orange slices **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs, mixed vegetables, chocolate chunk cookie

Feb. 28: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, string cheese, sliced pears **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn, whole grain roll

sub, crinkle fries **Grab ‘n’ go:** Chicken Caesar wrap

Feb. 27: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk biscuits, sausage patty, country gravy, iced coffee **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, Tater Tots, chocolate chunk cookie **Grab ‘n’ go:** Asian chicken salad

Feb. 28: **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 each day: Breakfast: Cereal option **Middle/High School each day: PB&J option**

Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sand., 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. 21: **Breakfast:** Sausage waffle sandwich, string cheese **Lunch:** French toast sticks, pork sausage patty, hash browns, strawberry cup **Cold Grab-n-go:** Asian chicken krunch wrap

Feb. 22: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, string cheese, Craisins **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, curly fries **Cold Grab-n-go:** Mini pepperoni pizza, curly fries

Feb. 26: **Breakfast:** Maple bar, Yami yogurt **Lunch: Hot Grab-n-go:** Chicken bacon ranch wrap **Cold Grab-n-go:** BBQ pulled pork sandwich, coleslaw, Tater Tots

Feb. 27: **Breakfast:** Ham and cheese croissant, string cheese **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn, roll **Hot Grab-n-go:** Meatball sub

Feb. 28: **Breakfast:** Frudel or mini bagel, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Orange chicken, spring roll, steamed rice, green beans, fortune cookie **Cold Grab-n-go:** BBQ chicken wrap

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily

Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily

Feb. 21: **Breakfast:** PB&J sandwich **Lunch:** Chicken taco, tossed romaine salad, broccoli

Feb. 22: **Breakfast:** Waffles **Lunch:** Corn dog, potato wedges, baby carrots

Feb. 26: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Orange chicken, Oriental rice, stir-fry vegetables

Feb. 27: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garden spinach salad, peas, breadstick

Feb. 28: **Breakfast:** Pancakes and egg patty **Lunch:** Chicken patty on a bun, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli

Rimrock CTE teachers finally get spotlight

Already rescheduled once, the next Bruneau-Grand View School District “School Talks” community forum is actually a make-up date from a snow day in January.

The district’s career technical education (CTE) instructors will lead the next School Talks beginning at 6 p.m., next Wednesday.

The forum, which is open to the public, will originate inside Room 102 at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, 39678 Hwy. 78, in Bruneau.

Rimrock graduate Jason Tindall and longtime Owyhee County resident Zack Dygert, both of whom are Ag teachers, will serve as co-hosts for the event along with Business teacher Josh Rishell.

Dygert is also the school’s woodshop teacher.

After a brief presentation, the district’s three CTE teachers will take visitors on a tour of their rooms.

The tour will give community members a first-hand glimpse of the tools, equipment and technology their children are using in the Rimrock labs.

The tour also will show how the Bruneau-Grand View curriculum helps students prepare for careers in Technology and Agriculture.

Participants will be encouraged to ask questions and see what opportunities students have when they take a CTE course at Rimrock.

“We are excited to showcase our Career and Technical Education programs and open our facility up for parents and patrons to visit with the instructors,” the district wrote in a release about the forum.

Although this event is focused on the CTE programs, patrons are welcome to bring up any topic or question during the one-hour meeting.

The CTE programs are part of the school district’s mission to provide its students with a high-quality education, preparing them for the future and enabling them through that process to become positive contributors to society.

Other School Talks are tentatively scheduled on March 20 and April 24.

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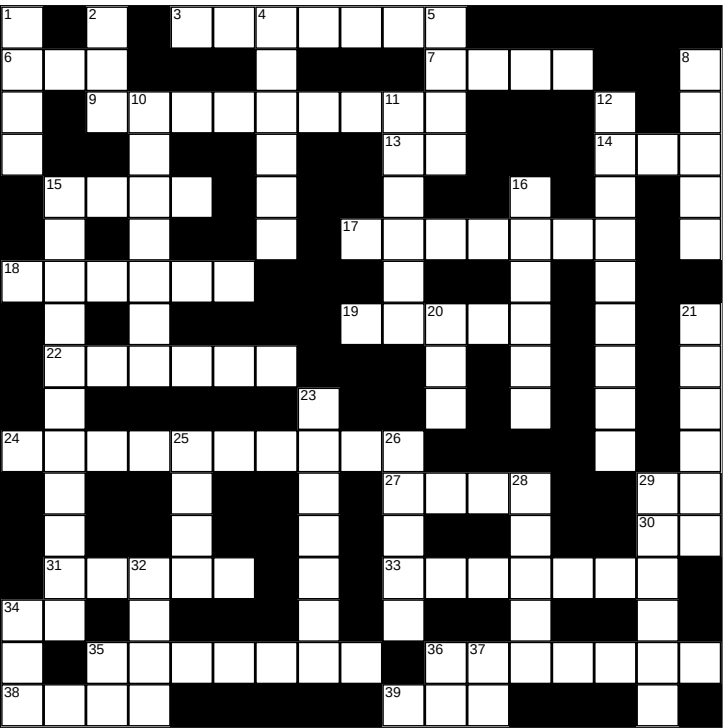
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Owyhee County

Crossword

Ferry boats

Owyhee County Historical Museum staff has developed Owyhee-themed crossword puzzles as a new feature in The Owyhee Avalanche. Reference materials used for this month’s crossword puzzle include “Snake River Ferry Boats from Castle Butte to Homedale” by James W. McGill, and “Ferry Boats in Idaho” by James L. Huntley.



- Across
- Down
- 3 A ferry near Castle Butte and east of Castle Creek

6 Heightened fuss

7 A sign of something to come

9 This ferry was one of the few that ran off electricity

13 Exists

14 A long period of history

15 A type of barn

17 This ferry is known for its historical barn. At the time of operation (1882-1921), it hosted a hotel and great food

18 This ferry site is also known for its hot springs “_____ Hot Springs Ferry”

19 The butte next to Guffey Butte

22 A privately owned ferry 15 miles above Hagerman

24 The name of this prior to Henderson Ferry

27 In the thick of

29 Abbreviation for Colorado

30 A prefix used with words beginning with a vowel

31 A wire rope used to pull ferries from one side of the river to the other

33 A butte seen from the Henderson/Nampa Ferry site

34 Canadians say it a lot

35 The site of this ferry is just south of chalk bluffs in the Sunny Slope region. The ferry ran until the Marsing bridge was built in 1921

36 This ferry was located in Homedale and the postmistress also ran the mail close to the ferry

38 Used in electric signs

39 The name of the highway that connects Idaho to two other states
- 1 The ferry boats used this to load their livestock and goods

2 Symbol for distress

4 This ferry site still has a walking bridge and the famous finger rock. The first Monahan’s Ferry started here.

5 “_____ and turn”; rough night

8 Served ranchers and farmers in Owyhee and Elmore County. Its name was derived from the large birds that wintered there. “_____ Falls Ferry”

10 This ferry was the most direct route from the Boise Basin to the Owyhee mining camps

11 This ferry was also known as “Lower Ferry”

12 This ferry moved down river and would later be known as the Nampa or McKenzie Ferry

15 This ferry is on the south bank of the Snake River in the canyon below Swan Falls

16 Also known as Givens Hot Springs Ferry

20 A county that borders Owyhee County

21 A private ferry that has the same name as the island located below the Homedale bridge

23 This ferry operated below the mouth of Rabbit Creek

25 Used as a fuel to generate electricity

26 Formerly known as Henderson Ferry

28 Embankment to prevent flooding

29 A butte and a creek on the east end of Owyhee County

32 Farm animals’ house

34 A very long time

35 Abbreviation for Field Officer

36 Missouri abbreviation

37 7-UP the “_ _ cola”

✓ Annexation: West-side townhomes plan dies for a lack of a second — again

From Page 1

which is the minimum required by the city’s subdivision ordinance.

“On average, we’ll be lucky if we get 3½ lots per acre,” Ostrom said.

“I’d be shocked if the vast majority of lots aren’t considerably bigger, somewhere between 8,000 square feet to 10,000.”

Ostrom’s calculation would mean about 50 homes could be built, but he said it all depends on how the street layouts and other infrastructure works out. He also said that the 10 acre/15 acre ratio of commercial to residential could move slightly.

But because the council was considering an annexation agreement, city attorney Paul J. Fitzer made clear that variances to the subdivision ordinance would be allowed.

“This is the only time you have that level of discretion as far as annexation is concerned and zoning,” he said.

Ostrom said that because of “ground considerations” — including a South Board of Control drainage ditch easement — the lot sizes will vary.

More negotiating will take place when the developers come to the city with a preliminary plat and a development agreement, but for all intents and purposes, the green light lit for the 15 acres of single-family homes to the east of a planned 10-acre self-storage business on the highway frontage.

Councilperson Kim Murray said the annexation agreement felt like a good compromise between the developers’ needs and neighbors’ complaints about growth.

“I think it would be more palatable to the people in the area. And it would have probably less of an impact on our resources if we had less houses out there, even if they are a little bigger houses,” she said in supporting larger lot sizes.

Fitzer urged the council members to think long and hard about the impacts that the annexation would have on city resources, the school district, and whether the business community could support more customers.

“I personally, as a business owner in town, think that it will benefit,” Murray, the owner of Murray’s Treats, said. “More people bring more business as a general rule.”

She did have a request of the developers, though, as the issue was decided.

“Don’t let us down,” she said.

Tines’ primary concern centered on getting the city prepared for responsible growth.

“I think, not to discourage anyone who is interested in building in Homedale, I think we’ve had some good growth over the last couple of years. I think everybody has appreciated that,” the veteran councilman said.

“These are big steps for the city to take to annex property. And after our last meeting and even this meeting there is a lot of just throwing stuff out there, not a lot of firm guidance, not a lot of firm stuff to rely on. And I think one of the hardest things with this is even before the annexation discussion started to happen we should have addressed this stuff long before it happened.

“It is going to be a constant cycle of trying to sit up here and make things happen.”

Ostrom presented what could be considered an ominous warning.

“The moral of the story is you’re going to get annexed into growth no matter what. You’re going to get annexed. You’re going to get residential. That bomb is coming, guys, one way or another,” he said.

“We’re people who are trying to set a precedence that stays with the city. That’s our goal, too. We live here, that’s our intention. Our goal is to push this forward so it doesn’t close doors on the first 35 homes built. You’ve got thousands coming.

“That’s the reality. Marsing is pushing the envelope beyond. Your residential growth is going towards Marsing. It’s not going south. It’s not going to the river.”

Although he approved the annexation agreement and rezoning, Atkins agreed that more formal action is needed before more growth is allowed.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen again mentioned a moratorium on development until firm guidelines can be codified.

“I’ll be honest with you,” Atkins said. “When we get past these two deals, I would like to see this absolutely stop until this is straightened out. Because it has to be fixed to where it’s equal opportunity to everybody.”

After the POW WOW LLC annexation and rezoning was approved, the council denied for the second time since December a special use permit application from Ideal Homes contractor Burke Deal to construct townhomes on lots that would have to be reconfigured at 507 W. California Ave., and 415 N. 5th St. W.

The issue was tabled January as Deal’s group devised a new layout and lot split application. The original SUP sought seven townhomes in the space.

Councilmembers, who mentioned they hadn’t heard much from the public on the proposal, voiced concern over traffic and pedestrian safety on the narrow West California Avenue. The new plan called for three off-street parking spaces per residence.

“Obviously what you have planned here is better than what’s sitting there now, which is a dump,” Murray said.

“If are going to go forward, I think the city is going to have to require some widening of the streets because it is very, very narrow. There are a lot of kids who walk down the street to school. And that’s the primary concern, is the safety of the kids.”

Christoffersen said he had heard from citizens on the proposal.

“The council makes the decision, but the people that have contacted me think it’s too many (homes) for the area,” the mayor said. “It’s too much for the small area they’re trying to put it in. They’re worried about not only the traffic but the impact to the area.”

The application died for lack of a second of Atkins’ motion to approve last week.

“We were not ready for this,” Murray said of the explosive growth in town. “We saw it coming, but we have so many years past that nobody’s done anything with the Planning and Zoning that now we’re up against a brick wall.”

— JPB

Weather

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Feb. 13	50	30	.00
Feb. 14	50	24	.00
Feb. 15	44	24	.08
Feb. 16	51	33	.17
Feb. 17	46	34	.00
Feb. 18	42	25	.00
Feb. 19	43	32	.07

Don’t peek!

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HHS boys look sharp heading into district final, 3A State

Homedale High School was caught short-handed Saturday night in the 3A District III semifinal.

But with McCoy Swallow's inside-outside presence absent, senior Danny Lomeli and sophomore Lukas Hall stepped up to send the Trojans back to the 3A Real Dairy Shootout boys' basketball tournament.

Lomeli led all players with 16 points and kept the Wolverines off-balance with four steals as Homedale qualified for the district tournament final with a 60-45 triumph.

Second-seeded Homedale returns to Valley County to play top-seeded McCall-Donnelly for the championship trophy at 7 p.m., on Thursday. The Vandals advanced to the district final and earned a spot in the state tournament with their 67-43 blowout of No. 4 Fruitland on Saturday.

The Vandals (18-1) crushed Homedale (9-12), 62-26, in the teams' 3A Snake River Valley conference finale on Feb. 9.

Homedale won for the fifth time in its past six games Saturday when Hall posted 12 points and led a team rebounding effort with six boards.

Five of his rebounds were on Weiser's glass as Homedale held a 24-11 edge to off-set the Wolverines 21-3 domination on the Trojans' backboards.

Homedale never trailed and built a lead as large as 20 points against No. 3 seed Weiser.

Junior Luke Henry scored 11 points and collected five defensive rebounds for Homedale. He also shared the team lead for blocked shots with Hall. The boys swatted two shots apiece.

— See **HHS boys**, page 18

REAL DAIRY SHOOTOUT: GIRLS Raiders travel tough road

Entering the state tournament as a low seed despite a district championship, Rimrock High School had a tough draw in the 1A, Div. I Real Dairy Shootout.

The Raiders' stay in the girls' basketball state tournament ended Friday when fourth-seeded Murtaugh shot out of the gates and never looked back in a 50-30 victory at Columbia High School in Nampa.

Rimrock (14-9), which was seeded eighth — and lower than the Liberty Charter team the Raiders had beaten for the District III championship — played from behind throughout Friday's loser-out game.

The Red Devils owned a 12-point halftime lead then blanked the Raiders in the first eight minutes after the intermission.

Ashten Moore finished her prep career with 17 rebounds, leading all players. The Rimrock starter had 11 defensive rebounds and scored 13 points.

Kloey Borgen put together a co-team-high 13 points with three three-point goals. She also grabbed seven rebounds.

Murtaugh's Ashlee Stanger led all scorers with 14 points.

Thursday: No. 1 Grace 60, No. 8 Rimrock 17 —

— See **Raiders**, page 18



Rimrock's Ashten Moore (right) tries to block a shot by a Murtaugh player during Friday's consolation bracket game in the state tournament in Nampa. Photo by Jeni Moore

A Trevor and a Trey take titles for Trojans

Ten state qualifiers emerge from district meet

Two champions highlighted a Saturday in which 14 Homedale High School wrestlers were in position to advance to the 3A state tournament.

When the dust settled at Weiser High School, freshman Trevor Paynter (106 pounds) and sophomore Trey McFarlane (132) had produced 3A District III Tournament titles.

Ten of the 14 Trojans who

— See **Trojans**, page 14

Crandall, Leon carry Huskies banner in 2A

Melba's Rhoades, Michaelson win District III titles

Wrestlers in the 2A District III Tournament had a narrow margin for error Thursday.

Only the top two athletes in each weight class were guaranteed to advance to the state tournament, while third-place wrestlers would be at the mercy of seeding.

Jarrek Crandall is the only Marsing High School wrestler to qualify for the state tournament, which is set for Friday and Saturday at the ICCU Dome (formerly Holt Arena) at Idaho State University in Pocatello.

He'll start his tournament against Kellogg junior Russell Fields (19-23).

While Crandall was runner-up at 285 pounds, fellow senior

Jonathon Leon left New Plymouth High School not knowing his fate.

Leon (16-9) wound up getting an at-large berth into the 220-pound state bracket. He'll wrestle junior Caleb Grow (24-17) from Priest River on Friday.

Crandall (15-6) lost the district championship bout to hometown senior Nathan Willoughby (37-6) with a pinfall at 1 minute, 39 seconds.

Leon (16-9) captured the bronze medal in his weight class with a 54-second pin of Tri-Valley's Heath Fortin.

Melba seniors Trevor Rhoades and Evan Michaelson are making returns to the state tournament as district champions.

A 195-pounder, Rhoades (31-6) pinned Ben Binder of Tri-Valley (35-14) with five

— See **2A**, page 14

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Sports

Marsing's Stimmel just misses girls' State

Three locals wrestle at district

Trinity Stimmel finished her high school career on the cusp of the 2A state tournament.

The Marsing 165-pounder lost the District III fifth-place bout last Wednesday to another senior.

Columbia's Alysen Palomar (31-11) pulled off a technical fall, posting an 18-0 win at the 3-minute, 28-second mark to grab the final State berth.

The state tournament will be held Friday and Saturday in the Idaho Central Credit Union (ICCU) Dome (formerly Holt Arena) on the Idaho State University campus in Pocatello.

The top five wrestlers in each weight class at the District III championship tournament earned passage to the state tournament. The district tournament, which featured girls from all enrollment classifications, was held Feb. 13 and last Wednesday at Idaho Central Credit Union Arena in Boise.

Marsing junior Erika Frazier

(15-8) finished seventh at 114 pounds after pinning fellow Western Idaho Conference wrestler Audry Winkles of Tri-Valley (25-14) in 1:20.

Stimmel (11-9) wrestled through the consolation bracket after losing her first match.

First-period pinfalls against Boise's Marisa Patterson (49 seconds) and Vallivue's Aubree Anderson (50 seconds) landed Stimmel in the consolation semifinals. Emma Minton of Emmett sent Stimmel into the fifth-place match with a pinfall (1:25).

Frazier started her tournament in the quarterfinals where Rocky Mountain's Talea Nichols advanced with a 55-second pinfall.

Frazier pinned Vallivue's Nya Zuber three seconds into the second period then fell into the seventh-place match with a pinfall loss (3:53) to Timberline's Kyra Cobb.

Homedale sent 138-pounder Kira Manley to the district tournament. She won her opening match with a narrow 6-5 decision over Emmett's Emily Beutler.

Comeback cements consolation

A 14-2 run that spanned half-time Saturday pushed Melba High School to the consolation championship in the 2A Real Dairy Shootout girls' basketball state tournament.

The fifth-seeded Mustangs were down by 10 points in the second quarter when they mounted the charge that would set up a 50-45 victory over old State nemesis Soda Springs.

Ellie Johnson fired in five three-point goals and led coach Dave Lenz's squad with 17 points. Tariah Carter added 14 points and six defensive rebounds, and Owyhee County resident Brooklyn Dayley chipped in 11 points with a pair of treys.

Dayley snagged five of her six rebounds on Soda Springs' end of the floor as Melba held a 28-11 edge on the No. 6 seed Cardinals' glass to offset their opponents' 14-0 dominance on scoring off turnovers.

Darby Lowber split her 10 rebounds evenly on each end to lead Melba (18-7).

The Mustangs had a 14-6 edge on second-chance points, but Soda Springs' reserves out-scored Melba's subs, 12-0.

Abby Goodin nailed three treys to lead Soda Springs

(14-15) with 15 points. Team-mate Macee Simmons added 10 points, and Jinettie Garbett led the way with nine rebounds while scoring nine points.

Friday: Melba 72, Kellogg 41 — Carter's double-double highlighted a big scoring night for the Mustangs in the consolation semifinals.

Carter drilled nine of 14 shots and went 4-for-7 at the foul line for a game-high 23 points. She also pulled down 10 rebounds (five on each end).

Dayley chimed in with 22 points and six assists. The senior point guard split her eight field goals evenly from either side of the three-point line, connecting on eight of 14 attempts overall.

The Mustangs roared to the front, converting 18 of 32 shots (56.3 percent) in the first 16 minutes and forging a 46-12 halftime lead after posting 27 points in the second period.

Melba held a huge edge in second-chance points, scoring 21 while keeping the Wildcats off their own backboard. The Mustangs held a 24-11 edge on Kellogg's glass.

Macy Jerome scored 20 points for the Wildcats, and she also led her team with six

rebounds.

Eliza Svedin scored 10 points. Owyhee County resident Maialen Jaca came off the bench to score a basket and record a pair of rebounds.

Thursday: North Fremont 64, Melba 48 — The 2022-23 champions' lead evaporated under the pressure of the Huskies' torrid second-half shooting.

Melba maintained a comparable shooting average to its first-half clip, but North Fremont improved its shooting drastically after halftime.

The Huskies hit 58.6 percent of their second-half shots (17-for-29) after shooting just 33.3 percent (7-for-21).

North Fremont used an 18-3 run to take control, and the Huskies led by as many as 17 points, 57-40, in the fourth.

Dayley led all scorers with 21 points for the Mustangs, but she was limited to three defensive rebounds. She also dished four assists and connected for four three-pointers.

Lowber led the Mustangs' rebounding with eight boards, while Johnson scored 15 points on five three-point goals and Carter put in 11.

Four scorers reached double digits for North Fremont.

Homedale Trojans

Athletes of the Week



Boys' basketball
Danny Lomeli, sr., G
16 points, 5 assists, 4 steals vs. Weiser



Wrestling
Trevor Paynter, fr., 106
Won district championship: Saturday



Wrestling
Trey McFarlane, so., 132
Won district championship: Saturday

THIS WEEK'S SPORTS

Boys' basketball
Varsity
3A District III Tournament
Thursday, Feb. 22 championship game at McCall-Donnelly, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity
3A Snake River Valley conference tournament runners-up
Frosh soph
3A SRV conference tournament champions

Wrestling
Boys
Friday-Saturday, Feb. 23-24 at 3A state tournament, ICCU Dome, Idaho State University, Pocatello

Cheer
Saturday, Feb. 24 at state championships, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa





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Sports

Heavy workload burdens Marsing boys' final week

Ponce puts up 30 points vs. Melba

by John Bruyninckx
For The Owyhee Avalanche

The boys' basketball season ended in a flurry of games last week for Marsing High School.

But not before the Huskies had put together one of its best offensive performances of the season in a 71-68 loss to No. 3 seed Melba in the opening round of the 2A District III Tournament on Feb. 12.

The sixth-seeded Huskies (9-15 overall) were eliminated Saturday when top seed Cole Valley Christian posted a 66-38 victory in Meridian.

Feb. 12: No. 3 Melba 71, No. 6 Marsing 68 — Each basket was hotly contested as the Huskies posted their highest point total of the season only to see the Mustangs limp off with the win after an intense physical battle inside

Potter Gymnasium. The teams attempted a total of 42 free throws.

"We got off to a quick start," Huskies coach Tim Little said, "but we found ourselves down by one at the half.

"Melba's transition game — and their ability to go inside when needed to a great player who doesn't miss many shots — left us short at the end of the 32 minutes."

That great player is, of course, the Mustangs' 6-foot, 8-inch senior power forward Cutter Beus, who scored 42 points and grabbed 17 rebounds.

Marsing's Juan Diego Ponce scored half of his team-high 30 points on three-point shots, and with four assists he had a hand in more than half of the Huskies' points.

Jace Chadez and Eli Ankeny put in 12 points apiece. Chadez led the team with six assists and four steals, and he managed five rebounds. Each

of Ankeny's seven rebounds came on defense.

Teagan Kinney was perfect on four foul shots en rout to six points, and he had five of his six rebounds on offense.

Diego Margarito was perfect on three field-goal attempts, carding six points and three rebounds.

Beus is in the midst of a record-setting campaign, having set the Mustangs' single-game scoring mark in a late-season 2A Western Idaho Conference game when he dropped 50 points on North Star Charter. He also had 22 rebounds in the game they won handily by a score of 72-35.

Earlier this season, Beus also broke a 47-year-old school record when he hauled in 37 rebounds against The Ambrose School. For the season, he is averaging close to 27 points per game and more than 17 rebounds per contest.

Saturday: No. 1 Cole Valley Christian 66, No. 6 Mars-

ing 38 — The Huskies bowed out after another encounter with the state's top Class 2A team.

Cole Valley Christian had been knocked into the losers' bracket when No. 5 Nampa Christian pulled off a stunning 51-40 semifinals upset last Wednesday at Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

The Chargers (21-2) righted the ship with their third victory over Marsing this season.

Cole Valley must beat Melba today back at Vallivue to finish third in the tournament and earn a spot in a 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament play-in game set for 1 p.m. MST on Saturday in Cascade against the District I-II runner-up.

Marsing (9-15) had held the Chargers mostly in check during a 56-45 loss 12 days before Saturday's loser-out game.

No statistics were provided.

Last Wednesday: Mars-

ing 41, Compass Charter 38 — Plagued by fatigue and sickness among the Huskies' players, Marsing still manage to pull out the victory behind 21 points from Ponce.

"We were down to a rotation of seven (players), in which officiating did not go in our favor, and by the third quarter, we had four players with four fouls," Little said.

"We ended up rotating well enough to prevent anyone from fouling out and keeping the lead."

Clutch stretch-run free throws from Ponce (5-for-8), Chadez (2-for-3) and Ankeny (4-for-4) helped preserve the win.

Ankeny led the Huskies with 17 points and corralled eight rebounds. Kinney scored 11 points and snared a team-best 12 rebounds.

Chadez had six assists and three steals, and Diego Margarito posted nine points and four offensive rebounds.

Rimrock runs past Idaho City in district

Ronaldo Gomez scored 21 of his game-high 25 points after halftime to keep Rimrock High School afloat in the postseason.

Gomez's big third quarter

helped the Raiders snap a deadlock at the intermission and roar to a 59-42 win over Idaho City in the 1A, Div. I District III Tournament.

The teams were tied, 23-23,

at halftime of the loser-out game Thursday in Bruneau when Gomez went to work for sixth-seeded Rimrock (8-13 at week's end).

He nailed a three-point goal

and scored 11 of the Raiders' 19 points in the first eight minutes of the second half.

Wylee Rinner also did most of his damage in the second half, scoring seven of his eight points for Rimrock. He also hit a trey.

Morgan Field and Carson Raymond scored six points each, while Loyd Boren checked in with five points.

Seventh-seeded Idaho City saw its season end. Logan Watson led the way with 22 points.

MARSING HUSKIES

Athletes of the Week

Boys' basketball
Juan Diego Ponce, so., G
25.5 scoring average in first two district games

Wrestling
Jarrek Crandall, sr., 285
2A state tournament qualifier

Wrestling
Jonathan Leon, sr., 220
2A state tournament qualifier

This week's schedule

Boys' basketball

Varsity

Season over

Record: 9-15

Wrestling

Boys

Friday-Saturday, Feb. 23-24 at

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Sports

Homedale middle-schoolers picked for all-star football game

Three Homedale Middle School students have been chosen for an all-star football game set for summer. The inaugural Idaho Bowl will be played in Boise on June 29. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit Ronald McDonald House of Idaho. Homedale eighth-grader Zander Gonzalez, who made his mark as a running back, linebacker and defensive back, is the only Trojans middle school player who was selected for the all-star event. Two HMS sixth-graders — defensive end Lane Phelps and running back/linebacker Emmitt Bridgewater — have been selected. The boys have yet to play a down of middle school football because there are only seventh- and eighth-grade scholastic teams.

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✓ Trojans: Brodie White, Andrew Marston land state berths as seniors

entered the medal round were successful in qualifying for the 3A state tournament, which will be held Friday and Saturday at the ICCU Dome (former Holt Arena) on the Idaho State University campus in Pocatello.

Paynter raised his record to 36-3 with a 13-0 major decision over Fruitland’s Wyatt Griffith in the 106-pound title bout. He has been installed as the top seed in the state bracket and will open his tournament Friday against American Falls junior Francisco Burrola (34-17).

McFarlane (42-8) pinned fellow 10th-grader Cole Ingle of Weiser in 5 minutes, 19 seconds to capture the 132-pound crown. He takes on Sugar-Salem junior Jason Fleming (31-9) in his Friday opener.

The two underclassmen were the only Trojans to wrestle for championships Saturday.

But several other teammates were in position for medals in nearly every other weight class.

98 pounds — Sophomore Ryker Layne (15-20) lost the only match he wrestled, but still finished third in his weight class behind three byes, including one in the third-place match of the sparsely populated bracket.

Layne will meet Sugar-Salem freshman Francisco Palacios (25-9) in Friday’s opening round at the state meet.

120 — Sophomore Trell McFarlane (7-4) will compete at State after finishing fourth. Kobie Baxter of Fruitland got a pin at 49 seconds of their bronze medal match.

Snake River junior Jace Leavitt (43-6) awaits McFarlane at State.

McFarlane pinned teammate Jaimison Valle in the quarterfinals. A freshman, Valle (12-23) missed out on a state berth when Parma’s Wylee Allender collected a pin in the fifth-place match.

126 — Two Trojans 10th-graders will compete in the state tournament in this weight class after Wylee Bidiman and Ty Roland pulled down district medals.

Bidiman (16-7) finished fourth, losing the third-place match when Fruitland senior Ty Webster got a pin at 2:13.

Roland (17-11) pinned Payette’s Daniel Moinze in 36 seconds for fifth place.

Bidiman reached the third-place match with a narrow 7-5 decision over Roland in a consolation semifinal.

At State, Bidiman takes on Buhl freshman Raidyn Pugsley (48-5), and Roland meets junior Brian Bensen (38-9) of Snake River.

138 — In another weight class featuring two HHS athletes, junior Wyatt Stewart qualified for State as the fourth-place wrestler, while sophomore Gerardo Vargas missed out after losing the fifth-place match to McCall-Donnelly’s Cam Coburn (2:38 pinfall).

Stewart (15-31) bowed out quickly in the medal match behind Payette junior Michael Martinez’s 28-second pin. He’ll wrestle second-seeded Mason Aiken (49-5), a junior from American Falls, to start the state meet.

The path to the medal round for Stewart and Vargas diverged in the consolation semifinal when Stewart pinned his teammate three seconds into the second period.

160 — Andrew Marston will end his prep career in the state tournament after a 21-second pin of Parma’s Cole Hurd in the fifth-place match. Marston has drawn fellow senior Raiden Whitmore (17-6) of South Fremont for his opening match.

182 — Senior Robert Johnson (8-11) missed his shot at ending his career in the state tournament when Weiser’s Austin Ashley pulled out a pin at the 1:50 mark of the fifth-place match.

220 — Brodie White (37-11) pinned McCall-Donnelly’s Van Critchfield, another senior, in 2:49 to take third place. White meets American Falls junior Salvador Ortiz (24-28) in his opening bout.

Sophomore Grady Walgamott (16-10) missed his shot at a state berth when Fruitland’s Alex Arredondo got a pin at 2:46 of the fifth-place match.

Homedale’s senior needed just 35 seconds to pin sophomore teammate Walgamott in the consolation semifinal to reach the third-place match.

Paynter and McFarlane dominated their two preliminary opponents in their respective brackets.

Paynter pinned Payette’s Isael Martinez in 55 seconds during the quarterfinals and dispatched teammate Dash Schlotterbeck, a sophomore, with a 15-0 technical fall at the 4:12 mark of their semifinal.

Schlotterbeck (8-9) lost the third-place match to Payette’s Jesus Chito-Rodriguez by a pin in 2:18.

McFarlane put Homedale teammate Jonathan Vargas on the mat in 39 seconds of their quarterfinal then dominated Fruitland’s Dawson Clevenger with a 17-1 technical fall (2:48 stoppage) in the semifinal.

✓ 2A: Three Melba wrestlers reach state tournament, including Svetich

seconds left in the first round of their title match.

The Melba wrestler also pinned Marsing’s Tristan Izzard (20-15) late in the opening period (1:58) to advance out of the semifinals.

Rhoades finished sixth in last year’s state tournament.

A fourth-place state medalist in 2023, Michaelson (34-2) was hardly challenged as he blitzed to the 220-pound district crown, ending the quest with a pin of New Plymouth’s Nolan Darrough in 1:19.

Michaelson’s started his tournament in the semifinals, pinning Fortin in 47 seconds.

Like Michaelson, Crandall began his district tournament in the semifinals, putting Garden Valley’s Tyler Easterday on his back at 4:37.

Leon rallied from a semifinal pin against New Plymouth’s Nolan Darrough (3:21), qualifying for the medal round by stopping Nampa Christian’s Quade Hartley three seconds into the second round of their consolation semifinal.

Only one of the Mustangs’ three third-place finishers earned an at-large invitation.

Junior 182-pounder Brendan Svetich (25-9) will face St. Maries freshman Kris Bruseau (21-21) on Friday.

Svetich edged New Plymouth sophomore Trevin Mullanix (18-11) in a 4-2 decision for third place in Saturday’s district medal round. He reached the semifinals with a 30-second pin against Tri-Valley’s Blake Barton, and he pinned teammate Luke Clark in 1:43 in the consolation semifinals.

Two other Mustangs bronze medalists didn’t get the call from the state tournament seeding committee.

Walken Hansen (9-21) placed third at 106 with a bye through the consolation semifinal and medal round. He lost his only bout by a 47-second pinfall against Nampa Christian’s Thomas Dean in the semifinals.

At 113, sophomore Kolt Clemens (11-17) took bronze after a forfeit. He went directly from a 31-second pinfall loss in the semifinals to New Plymouth’s Blane Ethington into the medal round.

Marsing sophomore 145-pounder Tyson Holloway finished fourth after Nampa Christian junior Tanner Cagle posted a pin in 1:16.

Two Huskies underclassmen — junior Everett (EJ) Young and sophomore Tristan Izzard — collected fifth-place medals.

Young (24-15) was fifth at 220 pounds after beating New Plymouth’s Kent Esplin, 4-0, in the medal round.

Young fell into the fifth-place match when teammate Holloway pulled off a pin in 1:40 in the consolation semis.

Izzard (20-15) pinned Melba’s Dylan Fahey in 18 seconds of their fifth-place bout at 195 pounds.

Izzard reached the semifinals with a pin in 1:51 against New Plymouth’s Eric Valero.

Five Melba wrestlers finished fourth in their respective weight classes:

- Sophomore Razi Manzer (15-24) lost the bronze medal match at 126 to New Plymouth’s Ty Sutton, 11-6.
- Junior Tyler Forsgren (9-34) lost the third-place match at 138 when New Plymouth’s Drake Davis pulled off a pin in 17 seconds.
- Joel Helm (31-11), a 160-pound 11th-grader, lost to New Plymouth’s Christopher Newling in the third-place match.
- Sophomore Rooster Overall (14-12) settled for fourth at 170 when New Plymouth’s Wade Bell came up with a pin at 1:44.

- Jess Fuquay (8-24) lost the 285-pound third-place match in a 55-second pin by Easterday.

After losing to teammate Svetich, Clark took fifth place at 182 because Borton was forced to forfeit for medical reasons.

Junior John Hunter finished sixth after an exhilarating overtime loss to New Plymouth sophomore Maxx Vian. Vian posted a 5-3 sudden victory.

Hunter rebounded from a loss in the quarterfinals by pinning Marsing’s Peyton Showalter (15-23) in 1:42.

Ethan Emery, a Melba junior wrestling at 220 pounds, lost the fifth-place match at 220 pounds when Nampa Christian’s Quade Hartley posted a pin in 4:25.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

February 24, 1999



Wrestling District champions...

The Homedale Trojans wrestling team took first place at the WIC A-3 District wrestling tournament last week. This is the first district title for the Trojan team in 25 years. Pictured: Coach Toby Johnson, Ben Miller, Robert Ayala, Josh Bopp, Brian Cuddeback, Tyson Stimmel, Jim Nauman, Sam McDowell, Chris Beavers, Anthony Pearson, Steve Simmons, Adam Duryee, Kale Hartwig, Kyle Shanley, Scott Neil, Will Black, Jake Hyer, Travis Hyer, Wade Black, Isaac Almaraz and assistant coach Ryan Nash.

Homedale matmen take district title in style

The Homedale Trojan wrestling team topped the mats last Saturday with their first district title victory in 25 years. The Trojans slipped by Parma with a comfortable 242.5 points to seal the A-3 District 3 Title in New Plymouth.

The Trojans had six district champions of 13 weight classes and will send 13 wrestlers to the state tournament in Pocatello. The team has made a new school record in players sent to state.

“We wrestled very well. Our boys always do a great job of pinning,” coach Toby Johnson said. “We had 22 pins in the tournament and that is a lot of extra points. I wasn’t sure if we would get past Parma’s numbers, but we knew we had the potential. It was nice to see all of our hard work pay off.”

Championship wrestlers began with Chris Beavers, who defeated Rosendo Contreras of Marsing at 103 by a technical fall.

Sophomore Wade Black made a decision win over Ben Barch from Parma in the 130-pound class.

Second place medals went to 125-pound Sam McDowell and Steve Simmons at 135.

Neighbors oppose Poison Creek development

Water, increased traffic main concerns

Citizens living near the site of a proposed residential development at the old Poison Creek Station west of Marsing expressed their opposition to the project at a public hearing last week.

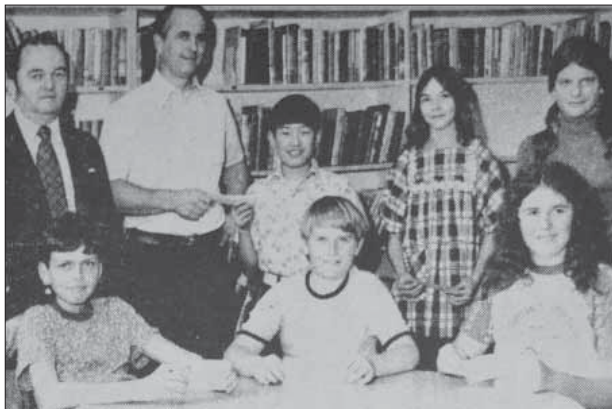
Ted Carner, of Pendleton, Ore., who is seeking a conditional use permit for the project, told the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission Thursday night that development of the proposed 400-acre, 139-parcel subdivision would proceed in stages over a number of years, and that there would be three lots per well.

Several residents living near the property testified to the lack of water and expressed concerns that the development would overcrowd the school district and worsen an existing traffic problem. No one other than Carner testified in support of the project.

Joe Usabel, a member of the Marsing School District Board of Trustees, said that such a large development would cause problems for the school district, which passed a bond last year to finance improvements to its facilities.

50 years ago

February 21, 1974



ROBERT YAMASHITA (standing third from left) is presented a \$20 cash prize for winning first place honors in the ticket sales conducted by the three sixth grade rooms at Homedale Elementary School. The tickets were for the recent 13th annual “International Smorgasbord.” Standing left to right: Herb Fritzley, principal of Homedale Elementary School; Hal Tolmie, president of the Parent-Teachers Association; Robert Yamashita, first place winner with ticket sales amounting to \$455.50 which is the most money brought in by any single individual for the past 12 smorgasbords; Susan Huter, second with \$218 in ticket sales receiving \$15; Andrea Jackson, third place winner with \$154 in sales and receiving a cash prize of \$5. Seated left to right: Fourth place winner was Jimmie Liddell who sold \$110.50 worth of tickets and received \$5; Monte Warwick, fifth with \$100.50 and received \$5 and Christy Martinat who received \$5 for placing sixth for selling \$96.50.

Drug committee organizes for info programs

Thirty-nine concerned citizens of the Homedale, Adrian, Marsing, and Wilder communities met Feb. 14, at the Jr. High Library to organize public meetings to present informative programs directed to educate the youth and parents on drug abuse.

Names submitted by a nominating committee were Bob Paxton, Gail Tuttle, Sam Fujishin, and Joan Thompson. Motion was made and carried to elect Bob Paxton as chairman. A motion was then carried to elect those submitted as a nucleus for a Board of Directors to serve with a representative from the student body of each community school. Motion was also made to elect Marilyn Jackson secretary.

Deward Bell gave a brief resume of the first meeting held in January.

The group discussed drug availability, lack of education for parents and youth alike, and problems in enforcing drug laws.

Russ Cornwell of the Homedale Police Department exhibited an artificial marijuana plant together with a Narcotics and Dangerous Drug Identification kit showing various forms of drugs, where they come from, their street names and medical terms as well as user’s tools.

GOP women meet to name officers at GV

The Grand View Women’s Republican Club met at the home of Alma Meyers, Friday, Feb. 1. Ificers were elected: Gladys Cox, president; Lillian Manning, vice president; Berniece Palmer, secretary-treasurer.

The Lincoln Day Luncheon to be held at the Rodeway Inn in Boise, Feb. 12 at 12 noon was discussed. The theme is “First Ladies on Parade,” a showing of the Seeley-Deer Collection of 22 gowns, authentic replicas of the Nation’s First Ladies’ Inaugural gowns, from Martha Washington to Pat Nixon.

153 years ago

February 18, 1871

Territorial Matters.

On the 4th instant the House took under consideration the reports of the Committee on Territories.

Cullom reported a bill providing that the first section of the Acts of Congress of the 2d of March, 1867, applicable to the Territory of Idaho, shall apply to and be in force in the Territories of Wyoming and Utah, the object being to take the power of redistricting from the Legislatures, and to give it to the United States Judges. The bill was opposed by Cavanaugh, of Montana, Hooper of Utah, and Nuckolls of Wyoming, but passed.

Cullom reported the bill providing for a temporary civil organization of the Territory of Alaska. It declares Alaska a county, with the county seat at Sitka, and attaches it to the Territory of Washington for executive, legislative and judicial purposes, and extends all public laws of Washington Territory to Alaska county, which is to have one Councilman and two members in the House. Passed.

Cope Items.

Samuel Hendy is prosecuting work on the Pride of the West energetically, and is taking out a fine quality of ore.

The President of the Mackerel Club is “Weeping sad and lonely,” since his true love departed to the city called Silver.

The El Dorado ledge, which has remained idle since its discovery, about a year ago, is now being worked by W. Hays & Co., and promises to be first class.

The population of Mountain City is increasing. We had one arrival yesterday, who was immediately introduced into society by Dr. Reese.

The Agrents Hotel will be re-opened this week, under the management of Messrs. Capen & Mellus.

Many of our citizens have been suffering from severe colds during the past week; it seems to be an epidemic.

Allen Fisher received a valentine which, as a work of art, will be hard to surpass. It represents Cupid astraddle of Pegasus, and guiding the poetic charger toward Mount Helicon.

A Mite Society has been formed here for the benefit of the Sabbath School.

CHINESE NEW YEAR.—Last evening our celestial fellow citizens were all dressed in their Sunday-going-to-meeting costumes and inaugurated the festivities of their New Year by partaking of a sumptuous feast at headquarters on Jordan street. To-morrow the Temple or Joss House will be decked in the paraphernalia of the Orient, and will be a sight worth looking at by “outside barbarians.”

Golden Chariot bullion to the amount of \$24,000 was shipped to San Francisco this week. Total shipments during January amounted to \$136,491. A dividend of \$6 per share was declared, payable February 10th.

Local Hints and Happenings.

H.B. Eastman, of the Idaho Hotel has got back from Elko. He didn’t bring that Yankee girl — failed to connect.

Commentary

From Washington Proposed rules threaten public lands multiple use

Idahoans who live and work on and near the land are best equipped to drive local land management decisions. The proposed rule change that would have enabled natural asset companies (NACs) to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and thereby acquire “ecological performance” rights on public resources threatened local decision-making and multiple uses of public lands in Idaho. While the proposal was withdrawn, we must remain watchful for similar efforts that jeopardize multiple use and benefits of our public lands and natural resources.

On Sept. 27, the NYSE filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) a proposed rule change to amend the NYSE Listed Company Manual to adopt a listing standard “to introduce a new type of public company called a NAC.” The proposal defined a NAC as “a corporation whose primary purpose is to actively manage, maintain, restore, and grow the value of natural assets and their production of ecosystem services.” This vague definition is open to interpretation in ways that would be detrimental to Idahoans’ ability to manage and recreate on our public land, and the document clearly states that existing production activities would not be allowed:

“The NAC will be prohibited from engaging directly or indirectly in unsustainable activities. These are defined as activities that cause any material adverse impact on the condition of the natural assets under its control, and that extract resources without replenishing them (including, but not limited to, traditional **fossil fuel development, mining, unsustainable logging, or perpetuating industrial agriculture**). The NAC will be prohibited from using its funds to finance such unsustainable activities.”

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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.

Mtn. States Policy Center Good policy for the win: Court says Legislature final rulemaking authority

According to the Idaho Supreme Court, legislative approval of agency rulemaking is constitutional, even when it temporarily leaves an agency without rules.

The Idaho Supreme Court recently unanimously found that rulemaking authority in Idaho is delegated to agencies by the Legislature, regardless of whether that agency falls under the executive or legislative government organization chart.

“Because rulemaking authority is derived from the legislative delegation of authority, the Legislature is free to modify the process by which administrative rules are enacted, i.e., the Legislature is free to condition its delegation of rulemaking authority by requiring agencies to follow the processes outlined in the [Idaho Administrative Procedure Act],” the court wrote.

Here is the background of the controversy.

The State Athletic Commission sued the Office of Administrative Rules Coordinator because a new law passed in 2023 (HB 206) made its rules unenforceable after the House State Affairs Committee ran out of time to set a hearing for the commission’s proposed rules.

Without legislative pre-approval as required by the law, the Office of Administrative Rules Coordinator could not publish them. The State Athletic Commission argued that the situation left them with no legally enforceable rules, even though the law provides a process for the agency to adopt “temporary rules” through the governor until the Legislature can approve them.

In fact, as the Supreme Court ruling points out, Gov. Brad Little has authorized such temporary rules in 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 after the Legislature failed to approve final rules contained in the Idaho

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About Mountain States Policy Center

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Homedale resident Oscar Evans is on the board of directors.

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Administrative Code.

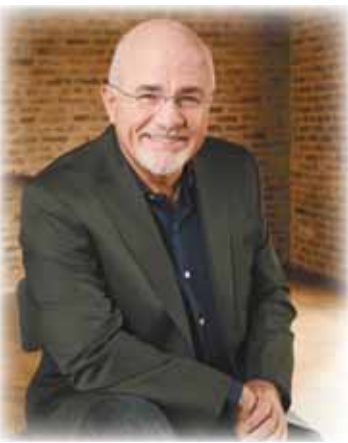
Instead of requesting that the governor authorize temporary rules, the Athletic Commission filed a lawsuit to bring the constitutional question before the court.

Although the Idaho Legislature was not a party to the lawsuit, it was granted leave to intervene because the complaint claimed that the Legislature exceeded its authority by breaching the constitutional separation

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Commentary

Financial management Stay out of son's financial impasse with his wife



DAVE Says
by Dave Ramsey • www.davesays.org

Dear Dave,

Our son has been married for about three years, and he and his wife are having financial problems. He wants to live on a budget and save money, while she hates the idea of budgeting, and always wants to buy expensive things. They make enough to get by, but they're not rich. How should we handle it when he asks us for advice?

Dear Stan,

If he can't get her to realize these habits are hurting them and their financial future, and if it's an issue they're going to continually butt heads over, it would be smart for them to sit down with a good marriage counselor or pastor. Something like this needs to come from a neutral and objective third party.

Do you get what I'm saying here? The last thing he needs to do is go back to his wife spouting stuff like, "Well, my

parents said ..." Remember when you were first married, Stan? You didn't want your in-laws always hovering around putting in their two cents worth, either, right?

I know you folks are concerned. It's only natural, because you love them and care about them. But if your daughter-in-law feels like her in-laws and her husband are ganging up on her, it could do way more harm than good!

— 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. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

— Stan

— Dave

✓ Policy: State's high court backs up Legislature's power to regulate

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of powers between the legislative and executive branches. The Court would have been deprived of true adversarial argument had the Legislature remained uninvolved.

Among other things, the commission raised the narrow question of whether Idaho's Constitution permits the Legislature to review both final and pending agency rules, citing several states where legislative preapproval of administrative rules is unconstitutional. Unlike Idaho, in many states administrative rulemaking is considered an executive function.

Although the Idaho Court sympathized with the Athletic Commission's predicament, it held that such "out-of-state cases Petitioners rely on are based on jurisprudence that is directly at odds with the constitutional principles" already propounded by the Court. In summary, "the plain language of Article III, section 29 is unambiguous and permits the Legislature to review both final and pending rules."

Citizens and businesses are subject to severe civil and sometimes criminal penalties for agency administrative rule violations. Agencies have the authority to discipline, fine, and even revoke business and professional licenses based on the rules they write. In some cases, the rules are so cumbersome and the consequences of violation so high, the agencies themselves will not assist citizens and businesses with interpreting their own rules because such assistance would be considered legal advice.

Complicated rulemaking generates confusion. Agencies will often refuse to help the people they are tasked with regulating to comply with their own rules, instead directing them to hire legal counsel — a tacit admission of what's at stake in proper compliance.

Unlike legislators, which are subject to regular elections and accountable directly to voters for the laws they pass, agency employees have no such accountability, although the rules they pass often carry the same force of law. In addition, agencies are often adversarial to the industries they are tasked with regulating.

Seeking to rectify this problem, the Idaho Legislature proactively adopted HB 206 in 2023, requiring legislative pre-approval of administrative rules prior to their publication and enforceability. This process ensures that agencies stay within the bounds of their delegated authority and provides oversight to ensure onerous rules that would not pass the legislative process are excluded.

The Idaho Legislature is to be credited for its effort to ensure state agencies explain and justify their rules to the people who are accountable to voters. State agencies should not be permitted to behave like "mini-legislatures," generating hundreds of bureaucratic, industry-specific rules that carry the force of law with no supervision.

Legislative oversight of rules may be a burr in the saddle of state agencies, but it's a necessary and commendable protective mechanism for Idaho citizens.

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✓ Public lands: Idaho congressional delegation fights for multiple use

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Soon after the rule change was proposed, I joined Sens. Jim Risch (R-Idaho) and Pete Ricketts (R-Nebraska) in sending a letter to the SEC outlining concerns with the proposal. We wrote:

"We are concerned that corporate involvement in the stewardship and control of our federal lands would create unintended consequences. The proposed rule could lead to a preservationist-only approach to federal land management instead of an 'all-of-the-above' working lands approach as intended by the creation of our federal land programs."

Then, on Jan. 17, I joined Idaho Gov. Brad Little, my fellow members of Idaho's Congressional Delegation (Sen. Risch and Reps. Mike Simpson and Russ Fulcher) and Idaho state constitutional officers in calling on the SEC again to halt the proposed listing of NACs on the NYSE. We wrote:

"Idahoans enjoy and depend upon public lands and the natural resources contained therein for a multitude of benefits, including natural resource-based industries such as forest products and mining, agricultural interests, and hunting, fishing and other recreational pursuits. Federal law mandates multiple use on national forests and rangelands, and Idahoans support multiple use to balance the diverse set of activities and interests that occur on these lands for the benefit of all."

Our letter was followed closely by the NYSE withdrawing its NACs proposal. However, this proposal remains an ongoing concern, as at least one news outlet has since reported that backers of NACs are still committed to the effort. I will continue to push back on related efforts.

This includes continuing to work with Sen. Risch and others to block the Biden Administration's proposed Public Lands Rule that would upend the nearly 50-year public land policy by adding a restrictive definition of conservation as a multiple use. The proposed rule would create obstructive "conservation leases" to take productive land completely out of production for 10 or more years. This rule threatens Idaho's grazing, ranching, timber, mining and outdoor recreation industries, putting unnecessary stress on Idaho families relying on those industries for income.

Conservation and sustainable resources are a result of balanced management of public lands uses.

I will continue to work to enact land management policies that protect our environment in a manner that ensures the vitality of our forests and rangelands and protects the rights of property owners while maintaining public access and resilient, self-sustaining economies for our rural communities.

— 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 he has served 31 years in the U.S. Congress. Prior to that, he served eight years in the Idaho State Senate.

Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer's address and daytime phone number.

The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in these ways:

- E-mailed to jon@owyhee.com
- Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
- Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale

For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

✓ HHS boys: Vandals await in district final

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Weiser’s shooters struggled from the perimeter in the first half, missing all 11 three-point attempts. The Wolverines shot 26.9 percent (7-for-26) overall in the first 16 minutes.

Conversely, Homedale was 21-for-46 (45.6 percent) in the game, closing the proceedings

on a 47.4 percent clip (9-for-19) in the second half.

Lomeli hit half of his field goals from outside the three-point line (3-for-4), and Hall also knocked in a pair of treys. Keaton Sorenson (three points) and Alex Sotelo (nine) also struck from long range as the Trojans converted 42.1

percent of their attempted three-pointers (9-for-19).

Kolin Cook cored 15 points (with half of Weiser’s four treys), and teammate Jack Shirts chimed in with 13 points and nine rebounds.

The Wolverines’ Josh Mizar led all players with 12 rebounds.

2A WIC names scholar-athletes

The top scholar-athletes from the 2A Western Idaho Conference winter sports have been announced.

Each athlete was honored for carrying at least a 3.75 grade-point average while competing in their respective varsity sport.

Marsing’s Eli Ankeny (boys’ basketball) and Erika Frazier (wrestling) made the grade as did the Huskies girls’ basketball players Adyson Chadez, Bailey Daugherty, Ashlyn Porter, Josie Showalter,

and Lily Thoene.

Melba’s scholar-athletes included

Boys’ basketball — Korey Magdaleno, Kasen Post, and Isaiah Shoemaker

Girls’ basketball — Kali Jo Adams, Elle Crimbchin, Brooklyn Dayley, Brinley Gunstream, Ellie Johnson, Mallory Lincoln, Kayli Parkinson, and Eliza Svedin

Wrestling — Tyler Forsgren, Walker Hansen, Joel Helm, John Hunter, and Brendan Svetich

Public notices

REQUEST FOR QUOTES WESTERN IDAHO YOUTH SUPPORT CENTER GENERAL CONTRACTOR

Southwest District Health is seeking a qualified and certified General Contractor to facilitate and implement the remodel on approximately 7,800 square feet of 308 E. Hawaii Avenue in Nampa, Idaho. The Request for Quote opportunity will be posted at <https://swdh.id.gov/contract-opportunities/> on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 and submissions will be accepted until Friday, April 12, 2024. The Request for Quote (RFQ) lead is Brian Butkus, Grants and Contracts Officer, Southwest District Health, brian.butkus@swdh.id.gov; (208) 455-5302. Sealed Proposals should be received no later than Friday, April 12, 2024 5:00 PM Mountain Time by email submission to the RFQ lead or by mail to 13307 Miami Lane, Caldwell, Idaho 83607.

02/21,28/2024

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 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
Deborah 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 amended 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

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT TRANSFER NO. 87409

CHESTER W SELLMAN and CATHERINE R SELLMAN, 31267 STATE HWY 51, BRUNEAU, ID 83604-5075 has filed Application No. 87409 for changes to the following water rights within OWYHEE County(s): Right No(s). 51-2143, 51-4025, 51-4026, 51-4051, 51-7146; to see a full description of these rights and the proposed transfer, please see <https://research.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/waterrights/querynewtransfers>. The purpose of the transfer is to change a portion of the above rights as follows: add points of diversion, change points of diversion, and create a combined place of use. Proposed points of diversion for ground water rights 51-2143 and 51-4051 are in NESE Sec 7, T07S, R05E (new well to be completed in cold water aquifer) and NWNE Sec 18, T07S, 05E (existing well). The combined irrigation place of use is 173.2 acres in the NE1/4 and SE1/4 Sec 7 and NWNE Sec 18, T07S, R05E.

For additional information concerning the property location, contact Eastern Region office at (208)525-7161. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code Sec. 42-222. Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with the Department of Water Resources, Eastern Region, 900 N SKYLINE DR STE A, IDAHO FALLS ID 83402-1718 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 3/11/2024. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

MATHEW WEAVER, Director
02/21,28/2024

✓ Raiders: Turnovers doom squad in opener vs. Grace

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The Grizzlies sewed up an opening-round victory with a shutout in the third quarter, outscoring the Raiders, 17-0, to take a 36-point lead.

Grace’s largest lead of the contest came early in the fourth quarter, 55-11, when the Grizzlies started the final period on a 9-1 run.

Grace scored 25 points off Rimrock’s 24 turnovers and took advantage of the Raiders’ cold shooting.

Rimrock converted just five of 50 shots (10 percent) and connected for only two field goals over the final 16 minutes.

Borgen led the Raiders with seven points, hitting a pair of three-point goals and knocking in one of her two free-throw chances.

Lainee Raymond came off the bench for four points, while

Josie Lisle scored three points. Ruby Lisle scored a field goal, and Ashten Moore was 1-for-2 from the foul line.

Ruby Lisle led all players with eight rebounds. Moore collected seven rebounds before fouling out.

Sydnee Smith dropped in seven of eight free throws to pace Grace with 21 points. Teammate Tessica Jorgenson came off the bench to hit six of seven foul shots for the bulk of her eight points.

Lydia Andersen led the Grizzlies with seven rebounds, while teammates Jorgenson, Melodie Straatman and Tayler Yost corralled six boards apiece.

Grace beat the Raiders in the state tournament play-in game last season and ended the Raiders’ state tournament in 2019.

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