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GOOD TYINGS



Homedale students make, donate blankets to community

Homedale High School students split up into teams Thursday to tie 100 blankets that were distributed to El-Ada Community Action Partnership, the senior center, Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation, and Homedale Community School. **Above:** Salvador Monreal, Jenn Breshears and Charles Tracy prepare to fold their blanket. **Below:** Conner McCarney, Corey Romriell, Carson Bingham, Kaden Ashliman and Brock Johnson put the finishing touches on.



Residential growth in front of Homedale council again tonight

Trash day moves to Thursdays in March

Homedale officials could approve an annexation agreement at tonight's city council meeting.

POW WOW LLC, a development company headed up by Chad Packer and Todd Ostrom, wants to build homes and a self-storage facility on 25 acres of farm ground on the southeast corner of Pioneer

Road and U.S. Highway 95.

The parcel is in the city's area of impact, but the development group wants annexation into the city limits.

Shortly before their January meeting, council members received the request annexation agreement after city attorney Paul J. Fitzer's review. The council had requested an agreement, which would be a road map to the development, after Ostrom's presentation in December.

— See *Homedale*, page 18

Owyhee GOP's Lincoln Day luncheon date set

County, state candidacy filing period opens March 4

Owyhee County's Republicans will hold their biennial Lincoln Day luncheon next week.

The luncheon will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Friday, Feb. 23 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 as well as those people who

plan to run for office in the upcoming May 21 primary election.

Owyhee County GOP central committee chair Tammy Payne announced last week that Theo Wold would be the keynote speaker. Wold is a former Idaho solicitor general who served as a senior advisor to President Donald Trump.

A silent auction will be held as will a live auction

— See *Lincoln Day*, page 18

Community unites for Marsing youth's well-being

Grant to fund mental health awareness, substance abuse prevention

Community members gathered Thursday to get information about a recent survey of Marsing's youth and make a plan to improve wellbeing.

The 90-minute community meeting inside the Marsing School District cafeteria was part of Southwest Idaho Communities for Youth (C4Y), and Marsing will fund the program with a \$30,000 grant from Southwest District Health.

The grant is part of a larger five-year, \$375,000 grant that SWDH received from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the Sub-

stance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration Center for Substance Abuse Prevention.

The grant helps SWDH support locally led initiatives to prevent youth alcohol, marijuana, and stimulant use by providing direct funding, technical assistance, and resources to community partners.

Marsing School District and the Marsing community are partnering

with SWDH to implement C4Y, which is funded by the grant.

C4Y works to empower Idaho communities by connecting parents, schools, and kids with the capacity to recognize and address youth mental health and youth wellbeing so that all may thrive.

At Thursday's community meeting,

— See *Marsing*, page 18

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Emergency services impact fees on Marsing council agenda

Officials to visit
The HUB exhibit
before meeting

Marsing city councilmembers will visit the Spark! Places of Innovation Smithsonian exhibit prior to tonight’s meeting. The exhibit inside the Marsing HUB on 8th Avenue

West is open from 3:30 p.m., to 5 p.m., on Mondays, from 4 p.m., to 7 p.m., on Thursdays, and from 10 a.m., to 2 p.m., on Saturdays through March 2. After visiting The HUB, the council will meet for its regular meeting at 7 p.m., inside the Sandbar Community Room/ council chambers at City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave. The city council will hear about fire and ambulance

impact fees during city attorney Stephanie Bonney’s report. Town resident Marlene Moore will make a presentation about the Marsing Emergency Network Plan. City engineer Kirby Cook will seek the council’s approval for the design of the Old Bruneau Highway rehabilitation project. The road work is funded with a Local Strategic Initiative Grant.

He’ll provide several updates, too, including:

- The wastewater facility planning grant the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality awarded recently
- A \$93,500 grant to help the city replace lift station pumps
- The Child Pedestrian Safety grant awarded for the enhanced crosswalk on 8th Avenue West near the high school

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New Homedale restaurant celebrates grand opening

Homedale city officials and Chamber of Commerce members joined the owners of The Breakfast Café, 6 N. Main St., to celebrate their ribbon cutting last Wednesday morning. The café is owned by the children of Gabriella Villanueva and Tony Rebolledo as a way to raise money for their college educations. The restaurant is open from 6 a.m., to 3:30 p.m., seven days per week. Breakfast offerings range from “Basic” (two eggs with choice of hash browns and toast or “2 Dollar Pancakes”) for \$9.99 to chicken fried steak with two eggs, hash browns and an English muffin for \$19.99. There are breakfast combos available for \$13, lunch items ranging from a cheeseburger (\$9.95) to chicken, steak or a quesadilla for \$19.99. **From left:** Chamber member Stacy Woods, Homedale Fire Chief Dennis Uria, Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller, Homedale residents Tim Riha and Paul Russell, City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram, Villanueva, Diego Rebolledo, Monica Rebolledo, Mayor Gheen Christoffersen, Ximena Rebolledo, Tony Rebolledo, Assembly of God pastor Ivar Moore, deputy city clerk Rachael Percifield, Dana Griffith, and Chamber president Leslie Griffith. **Not pictured:** Co-owner Paulina Rebolledo

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Chairman of the boards

Former Rimrock teacher, coach donates his craft to Bruneau auction each year

by Brandi Lisle
For The Owyhee Avalanche
February always brings the Bruneau Booster Club's annual community auction. Many local artists and businesses support the auction with donations of their craft or products.

Gary Jones is one local artist and business owner who has donated every year he has been in Bruneau.

Jones was raised in the suburbs of Chicago, and went to college in Flagstaff, Ariz., at Northern Arizona University. He got two degrees, one in Industrial Arts with an emphasis in Woodworking, and one in Art Education.

Moving to Bruneau after his first teaching job, Jones has given years of his life to so many aspects of the community and schools. Jones taught woodshop for 30 years, and during those years, coached every sport offered at Rimrock except volleyball. He even coached little league for 35 years. His coaching expertise over those years blessed the boys' and girls' programs, as Coach Jones dedicated so much to school and athletes. His family vacations were even coordinated to occur in conjunction with a basketball camp, or traveling sports opportunity.

"Dress sharp, play sharp!" has been his mantra for years, and replays in the minds of those who heard him repeat it throughout his coaching career. Most recently, in the past 10 years, Jones has kept involved by being on the school board.

Beyond school and sports, Jones' other passion has been woodworking.

Jones' woodworking abilities didn't start in college, however. He started working wood on practical construction projects

with his father in Chicago, and then during college Jones worked at a cabinet shop, where he learned many of the fine points of cabinet making.

When Jones grew close to retirement from teaching in 2011, he built a personal shop where he could start his own woodworking business from his garage. From that shop, he has created armoires, bed sets with drawers and nightstands, tables, vanities, and countless cabinets and islands. His work has been installed in many custom homes in our local areas, and as far away as Whidbey Island off the coast of Washington state, and Chiloquin, Ore. Jones continues to build and install his custom cabinets, and locals are blessed by his incredible craftsmanship.

Over the years, Jones has donated to the Boosters auction several different projects, including an oval mirror on a stand, and a hope chest. But his go-to donation is a beautiful laminated walnut and maple cutting board. His cutting board is distinctive in appearance, with a couple of extra touches to make it unique in function as well. The board is a standard size, so it will fit into an ordinary cabinet, which is a practical touch from Jones' extensive knowledge of cabinet making, and he does a wood wrap held in place by white wooden dowels, which add visual appeal and help with stability of the design. Jones also routers a meat moat to keep juices from running off the board during juicy cutting jobs. This donation is truly a work of art, and has graced walls as art, as well as kitchens to be used as a tool.

Every year, the Bruneau

Boosters donate to an organization, provide local scholarships, and support local causes. For a few years now, the Boosters have been saving up to do a park update, including building a shelter over the serving bar, and upgrading the landscaping and building a creative set of local history storyboards to incorporate into the landscaping and fences. Purchases on these upgrades have started, and will continue through this year's auction. The Bruneau Boosters want the park to continue to be a beautiful amenity our community and others can utilize for gatherings.

This year's auction is Saturday, Feb. 24, and will feature a free dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by the live auction at 6:30 p.m. The silent auction will be returning as it has been in the past, as well as live bidding on donations of every kind.

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



The woodworking skills of former teacher, coach and school board member Gary Jones are still very much in demand and popular auction attraction. Submitted photo

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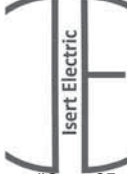
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In John 5:24, Jesus said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.” Hearing and believing what Jesus did for us and what he taught us is the most important thing we will ever do; it determines our eternity.

The Bible clarifies that the only way to heaven is through Jesus.

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

— **John 14:6**

Only those washed of all their sins by “the precious blood of Christ” (1 Peter 1:19) will enter into Paradise.

Jesus tells us that our primary focus should be spending eternity with Him.

He said, “Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”

— **Luke 10:19-20**

Religious Expression

“Religious Expression” is a way for Owyhee County pastors to deliver a message to our readers.

We encourage religious leaders to email their writings, of no more than 500 words, and a photo plus personal information and information about their church and its services. The hope is to have a regular column rotating among the area’s pastors, published occasionally in conjunction with the Avalanche’s Owyhee County Church Directory.

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For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

— **Romans 8:38-39**

Jesus promised, “If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”

— **John 14:3**

“What divine simplicity and depth are in these words! They carry us up into the unseen world, and beyond time; and yet a little child can lay hold on them, and mourning hearts and dying men find peace and sweetness in them.”

— **MacLaren Expositions**

Do you know Jesus? To know Jesus is to understand all his perfect attributes; He is God, man, prophet, mediator, priest, and king. To know Jesus is to recognize that we are sinners, and we must yield our entire soul to Him, believing that He is our Saviour and our souls are safe in His hands.

Lord, please assure us that our names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life. Please grant us true faith and repentance so we might believe in You and be saved. Bless us with the understanding of who You are and keep us from our sins. Give us new hearts and let our lives glorify You.

Dean’s List

University of Idaho

To qualify for the Fall 2023 semester Dean’s List, students must maintain a 3.5 grade-point average on a minimum of 12 graded credits during the semester. Honor students are listed with college they attend, degree they seek, and subject they’re studying:			
Homedale			
Alex L. Blalock, College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences, Bachelor’s of Science in English			
Entenecia S. Cardenas-Ritzert, College of Art & Architecture, Bachelor’s of Fine Arts, Art & Design			
Ainslee A. Evans, College of Business & Economics, B.S. in Business, Business			
Makayla G.Kelly, College of Natural Resources, B.S. in Forestry, Forest, Rangeland & Fire Science			
John M. Lejardi, College of Agricultural & Life Sciences (CALS), B.S. in Plant Sciences, Plant Sciences			
Rylan J. Love, Rylan, Letters Arts & Social Sciences, B.F.A. in Theatre Arts			
Bailey R. Purdom, Letters Arts & Social Sciences, Bachelor’s of Music, Music			
Gage C. Purdom, Letters Arts & Social Sciences, Bachelor’s of Music, Music			
Esmeralda Santana, Letters Arts & Social Sciences, B.S., Culture, Society & Justice			
Spencer D. Fisher, CALS, B.S. in Agricultural Economics, Ag Econ & Rural Sociology			
Trenton A. Fisher, Business and Economics, B.S. in Business, Accounting and Management Information Systems			
William G. Haun, CALS, B.S. in Agricultural Economics, Ag Econ & Rural Sociology			
Anna E. Pawlak, CALS, B.S. in Plant Sciences, Plant Sciences			
Marsing			
Amelia M. Green, Natural Resources, B.S. in Environmental Science, Environmental Science			
Abbey Henry, Business and Economics, B.S. in Business, Accounting and Management Information Systems			
Grand View			
Elizabeth E. Bearden, CALS, B.S. in Ag Education, Agricultural Education, Leadership and Communications			
Max J. Bearden, Letters Arts & Social Sciences, B.S., Culture, Society & Justice			
Melba			
Cinthia G. Acosta, Business & Economics, B.S. in Business, Business			
Natalia R. Maes, Letters Arts & Social Sciences, B.A., Culture, Society & Justice and History			
Hannah M. Moos, CALS, B.S. in Animal and Veterinarian Sciences, Animal, Vet & Food Sciences			
Trey M.Wilson, Business & Economics, B.S. in Business, Business			

School menus

Homedale Elementary
<i>Choice of milk and juice</i>
<i>PB&J sandwich, and vegetable and fruit choices daily</i>
Feb. 14: Breakfast: Buttermilk pancakes, syrup cup, Yami yogurt, sliced peaches Lunch: Spaghetti, seasoned green beans
Feb. 15: Breakfast: Maple bar, Yami yogurt, mixed fruit Lunch: Cheeseburger, curly fries
Feb. 19: No school – Presidents Day
Feb. 20: Breakfast: French toast bites, string cheese, applesauce Lunch: Super nachos, refried beans, carrot sticks
Feb. 21: Breakfast: Sausage patty, whole grain toast, Yami yogurt, sliced peaches Lunch: Orange chicken bowl, mixed vegetables

Homedale Middle
<i>Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese</i>
<i>Cereal option and PB&J and string cheese daily</i>
<i>Vegetable and Fruit choices offered daily</i>
Feb. 14: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, blueberry muffin, diced pears Lunch: Chicken Alfredo, mixed vegetables, garlic toast
Feb. 15: Breakfast: Frudel, Yami yogurt, grapes Lunch: Cheeseburger, Tater Tots
Feb. 19: No school – Presidents Day
Feb. 20: Breakfast: French toast bites, syrup cup, string cheese, applesauce Lunch: Super nachos, refried beans, carrot sticks
Feb. 21: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, string cheese, mixed fruit Lunch: Orange chicken bowl, egg roll, seasoned green beans

Homedale High
<i>Choice of milk and juice, yogurt, string cheese or hard-boiled egg</i>
<i>Vegetable and Fruit choices offered daily</i>
<i>Cereal option, Grab ‘n’ go items each day</i>
Feb. 14: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, fruit smoothie Lunch: Cheeseburger, Tater Tots Grab ‘n’ go: Chicken bacon salad
Feb. 15: Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, Yami yogurt, iced coffee Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, curly fries Grab ‘n’ go: Buffalo chicken wrap
Feb. 19: No school – Presidents Day
Feb. 20: Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, sausage patty, iced coffee Lunch: Popcorn chicken,

crinkle fries, breadstick Grab ‘n’ go: Italian sub meal
Feb. 21: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, Yami yogurt, fruit smoothie Lunch: Cheeseburger, curly fries Grab ‘n’ go: Malibu chicken wrap

Marsing
<i>Each meal includes choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables</i>
Elementary School each day: Breakfast: <i>Cereal option</i>
Middle/High School each day: PB&J sandwich 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. 14: Breakfast: Chocolate donut, Yami yogurt Lunch: Chicken drumstick, buttered corn, steamed rice, roll Cold Grab-n-go: Taco salad
Feb. 15: Breakfast: Waffle bites, string cheese Lunch: Pepperoni pizza ripper, tossed salad, pineapple tidbits, Jello Cold Grab-n-go: Chicken Caesar salad
Feb. 19: No school – Presidents Day
Feb. 20: Breakfast: Frudel or mini bagel, Yami yogurt Lunch: Popcorn chicken, green beans, breadstick Hot Grab-n-go: Garlic French bread pizza, Tater Tots
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

Bruneau/Grand View
<i>All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily</i>
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily
Feb. 14: Breakfast: Muffins Lunch: Chicken nuggets with whole wheat roll, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli
Feb. 15: Breakfast: Mini Cinnabon Lunch: Hamburger on a bun, Tater Tots, baby carrots
Feb. 19: Breakfast: French toast Lunch: Little Smokies, scalloped potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll
Feb. 20: Breakfast: Biscuits and jelly Lunch: Taco salad, whole wheat tortilla chips, refried beans/salsa
Feb. 21: Breakfast: PB&J sandwich Lunch: Chicken taco, tossed romaine salad, broccoli

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center
<i>Served at noon</i>
<i>Milk available each day</i>
<i>Roll/bread available each day except. Feb. 14</i>
Feb. 14: Beef , bean and cheese burrito, southwest potatoes, broccoli, chips and salsa
Feb. 15: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots
Feb. 20: Pork roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables
Feb. 21: Sloppy Joes, potato salad, Brussels sprouts

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing
<i>Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside Marsing City Hall</i>
<i>Milk available each day</i>
<i>Suggested donation: \$5 (60 and older), \$8 (59 and younger) \$8 (take-out meal, any age)</i>
Feb. 14: Chicken spinach pasta, dill carrots, snap peas, French bread, fruit cup
Feb. 16: Lemon herb fish over rice, stewed tomatoes, broccoli, whole wheat roll, fresh fruit
Feb. 19: Closed — President’s Day
Feb. 21: Sweet and sour chicken over rice, stir fry vegetables, cauliflower, 9-grain bread, banana

Rimrock Senior Center
<i>All meals are served at noon with milk & fruit juice</i>
<i>Curbside pickup from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or delivery only.</i>
<i>Call (208) 834-2922 as early as possible to place order</i>
Feb. 15: Club sandwich/potato soup, mixed vegetables, yogurt, bananas
Feb. 20: Ham, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, roll, pineapple
Feb. 22: Chicken enchiladas, corn, coleslaw, roll, fruit salad

Melba Valley Senior Center
<i>Meals served at noon (Salad bar at 11:30 a.m.)</i>
<i>Phone ahead (208) 495-2168 same day for complete menu</i>
<i>Payment by donation. All ages welcome</i>
Feb. 15: Baked pork
Feb. 20: Breakfast for lunch
Feb. 22: Hamburger gravy

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Bill changing “fetus” to “child” in law in holding pattern

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Weeks after a contentious debate, House Bill 400 remains stalled in the Idaho Legislature.

The bill, which would replace the term “fetus” or “fetus and embryo” with the term “preborn child” or “child” throughout state statute, stirred up emotions during a Jan. 22 debate in the House State Affairs Committee.

The bill ultimately was held in committee after several representatives met with bill co-sponsor Dist. 31B Rep. Julianne Young (R-Blackfoot) privately outside the hearing room.

Young and Dist. 4 state Sen. Ben Toews (R-Coeur d’Alene) co-sponsor HB 400.

“We just have used these terms in a way that’s not clear and consistent, and every time that we do this it’s from fertilization to birth,” Young said. “The term ‘preborn child’ clearly captures that full span

and is more accurate, and I believe also more clearly expresses the respect and value that the State of Idaho places on the lives of these preborn children.”

Approximately two hours of public testimony followed Young’s remarks.

After testimony, committee chair Brent Crane (Dist. 13A, R-Nampa) recessed the meeting and met privately outside the hearing room with Young. Reps. Joe Palmer (Dist. 20A, R-Meridian), James Holtzclaw (Dist. 20B, R-Meridian), and Bruce Skaug (Dist. 12A, R-Nampa) followed the pair to the backroom.

When the group returned to the hearing room, the committee voted to hold the bill subject to the call of the chairman.

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Senior project brings St. Al’s mammography bus to Adrian

An Adrian High School senior project will look out for women’s health next month.

Ashlee Dudley has arranged for the Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center’s mobile mammography unit to visit the school district.

Appointments on Friday, Feb. 23 are available for ages 35 and older, and everyone must bring an insurance card and a photo ID.

Call the school district at (541) 372-2335 to reserve a spot.

Women should verify that St. Al’s is in their health insurance’s network.

Income-based grants are available for qualifying uninsured patients. There is also a self-pay discount for those without insurance coverage who don’t qualify for the grant. Those patients will be billed later.

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Measures on fentanyl penalty, arming school staff sent to Senate

Bill to allow funding for church-run schools held in committee

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Lively debates occurred in the Idaho House of Representatives, both on the floor and in committee, last week as multiple bills stirred up emotions.

On Jan. 29, the House debated for House Bill 406, sponsored by Dist. 14A Rep. Ted Hill (R-Eagle) and Dist. 11B Rep. Chris Allgood (R-Caldwell). The proposed legislation would add fentanyl to the category of drugs that carry a mandatory minimum sentence as well as establishing a life sentence and a \$25,000 fine for those found guilty of drug-induced homicide.

House Minority Leader Ilana Rubel (Dist. 18, D-Boise) debated against the bill.

“We have very tough judges who are very tough on crime. They are very capable of knowing a bad guy and handing out a really serious sentence,” she said. “The only thing that this bill does is force that judge to lock up a person that they don’t think should be locked up.”

Dist. 13B Rep. Kenny Wroten (R-Nampa) spoke in support of the bill.

“I stated if I have a bad kid, I’d rather get collect calls for five years from the penitentiary than if I have a good kid and I get one call from the coroner,” he said.

“This kills users and it kills people indiscriminately. You don’t have to be a user for this thing to kill you. We need to stop it. We need to give our law enforcement the tools to stop it.”

After a failed motion to send it to the amending order from Dist. 2A Rep. Heather Scott (R-Blanchard), the House sent HB 406 to the Senate with a 55-13 vote. Minority Caucus chair Ned Burns (Dist. 26A, D-Bellevue) and Dist. 18B Brooke Green (D-Boise) were absent for the vote.

Dist. 23 Reps. Melissa Durrant (Seat A, R-Kuna) and Tina Lambert (Seat B,

R-Caldwell) voted to advance the bill to the Senate.

HB 415 sent to Senate

Debates for HB 415, sponsored by Hill and Dist. 23 Sen. Todd Lakey (R-Nampa), were heard on the House floor on Jan. 31. The bill would allow public K-12 school employees who possess an enhanced license to carry concealed weapons on school grounds and would mandate removal of “Gun Free Zone” signs from public school property.

Dist. 14B Rep. Josh Tanner (R-Eagle) debated in favor of the bill.

“That is our constitutional right, and yet we’ve somehow segmented an area where we’ve got vulnerable kids and expected these teachers to deal with a situation — a potential massive situation — without anything to (protect) themselves or the kids,” he said.

Dist. 11A Rep. Julie Yamamoto (R-Caldwell) opposed the bill, sharing her experience as a schoolteacher and administrator.

“I think that this body may be underestimating the people that we have in the classroom now and the districts who have already availed themselves of the law that allows for them to do exactly what the good gentleman (Hill) intends,” Yamamoto said.

“Good intention. Not the right answer.”

After debate closed, legislators passed HB 415 to the Senate in a 53-16 vote. Former District 23 legislator Matt Bundy (R-Mtn. Home), who is now in the Dist. 8A seat, was absent.

Durrant and Lambert voted to send the legislation to the Senate.

Legislation on hold

A hearing was held Jan. 30 in the House State Affairs Committee for House Joint Resolution 1, which proposes to give voters the choice to repeal the Blaine Amendment from the Idaho State Constitution.

Named for 19th century congressman James G. Blaine, who represented Maine and was once Speaker of the House, the amendments prohibit direct government funding to education institutions with religious affiliations.

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Although, Blaine’s attempt to amend the U.S. Constitution failed, Idaho and several other states included the prohibition in their constitutions.

“This amendment is rooted in bigotry and discrimination,” bill co-sponsor Dist. 4B Rep. Elaine Price (R-Coeur d’Alene) said. “This has been turned into a separation of church and state. Idaho addresses the real form of church and state in its state constitution.

“This resolution is just trying to get this (discriminatory) language out of our constitution.”

Testimony from Satanic Idaho’s Rowan Astra supported the repeal, too.

“I’m excited about the ability to truly represent religious plurality, which is a value that’s upheld in Idaho and the United States of America,” Astra said. “So, I look forward to the opportunity to be able to start a Satanic K-12 performing arts school and being able to have access to the same funds that any other religious school would have.”

Dr. Jean Henscheid, standing on behalf of Kathy Dawes of Moscow and herself, testified in opposition of HJR 1.

“Idaho’s Blaine Amendment is alive and well and must remain so because it serves the purpose it has always provided: to assure the separation of church and state, which our nation’s founders defended,” Henscheid said.

Later, she added: “If this resolution passes, the state will undoubtedly be subject to an expensive tax-payer-funded lawsuit.”

After testimony ended, Dist. 20A Rep. Joe Palmer (R-Meridian) made a motion to hold HJR 1 subject to the call of the chair. He said he supports the legislation and thinks it can advance, but added there are a couple of technical questions to address before moving forward.

The committee voted unanimously in favor of holding the bill.

• In an 8-5 vote on Feb. 2, the House Health and Welfare Committee voted to hold HB 419, the bill “to require certain federal waivers for continued Medicaid Expansion eligibility,” in committee.

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Obituaries

Darrell Wayne Brown

Darrell Wayne Brown, 75, of Marsing, ID passed away peacefully at home Saturday January 27th with his wife by his side.

There will be a celebration of life for Darrell February 19th at the American Legion Hall/Community Center Marsing, ID, 128 Old Bruneau Hwy, Marsing ID. Service at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided after the service.

Darrell was born in Nampa ID February 19, 1948, to Ralph and Louise (Wilkins) Brown. Darrell was raised in Marsing, graduated from Marsing High School in 1966. He enlisted in the Air Force his senior year of high school and was off to boot camp in July 1966. He was stationed at Castle Air Force Base in California until

July 2nd, 1969. July 3rd, 1969, he was sent to Vietnam for the last year of his enlistment. He returned to the United States on July 2nd, 1970. Later he was Honorably discharged from the Air Force in 1970. He was a member of the Marsing American Legion Post 128 and held several different offices in the Marsing post. He managed and maintained the American Legion/Marsing Community Hall from 2002 to 2019.

Darrell married Connie Muston in October 1968 just before going to Vietnam. From that Marriage two children were born daughter Cassandra October 1971 and son Travis September 1974. Darrell and Connie later divorced.

In 1981, Darrell met the love of his life Pamela Stevens.



They were married Sept 18th, 1982, in Marsing ID. In 1989, they bought a house a few miles outside of Marsing close to the river. Darrell spent nearly every day walking or riding his 4-wheeler to the

river with his gun and dogs by his side. He really enjoyed goose and duck hunting.

Darrell went to work for the Idaho Department of Transportation in 1971. He worked at various maintenance sheds throughout the valley. Darrell transferred to the Marsing shed in 1981. He retired from the Idaho Department of Transportation in June 2004 with 33 years of service.

April 2018, Darrell was diagnosed with End Stage Renal Failure. He started dialysis immediately. March 2019, he had open heart surgery in Seattle at the VA hospital. One month later, he had to fly back to Seattle for a second surgery. Darrell never fully recovered from the heart

surgery due to complications.

Darrell was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Louise Brown, his brother David Brown, and Father-In-Law Jack Stevens.

Darrell is survived by his wife Pam of 41 yrs., his daughter Cassie (John) Thomas, son Travis (Sarah) Brown, 5 Grandchildren, Charlotte Thomas, Kenzie Brown, Madie Brown, Marlie Brown, and JD Thomas. His Mother-In-Law Rosemary Stevens, Sisters-In-Law Sondra (Joe) Cline and Lesa (Keith) Hinkley and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Marsing Fire and Ambulance or your favorite charity in Darrell's name.

Peggy (Feil) Wilson

Peggy (Feil) Wilson, 81, of Whitehall, Montana, passed away on February 6, 2024. Peggy was born on June 21, 1942, to John and Frieda Feil in North Dakota; she was the youngest of three children. She spent her childhood on a farm, attending a one-room schoolhouse, and going to community dances where her father would perform with his band. Peg would tell stories of falling asleep on piles of jackets as a young girl while her father entertained the dancers with his accordion. After graduating from high school, she took off on her own for Minnesota to learn how to be a ticket writer for the airlines.

While in Minnesota, Peggy met Jim Wilson, who was studying to be an air traffic controller; they soon started dating. She later moved to New York for work, and Jim joined the Air Force. His first assignment was at Fairbanks, Alaska. Once Jim was settled there, Peg flew to Fairbanks, and they were married in the Christian Reformed Church surrounded by new friends. A year later, they welcomed their daughter, Karrie, and two years after that, their son, Jay, completed the family.

Peg and Jim enjoyed traveling and were stationed all over the United States and even did a stretch in Okinawa, Japan. Every time they moved to a new base, they would find a church to attend, and Peg would inevitably become the new organist. She learned to play the organ from her father and loved playing the old hymns.

After Jim retired, Peg answered an advertisement in an outdoor magazine for a ranch manager position in Montana. After being interviewed, they were both offered a job. Jim took care of the outside responsibilities, and Peggy took care of the books and made sure the owners' home was cared for. When they decided that they wanted to fully retire, they settled in Whitehall, MT. Once again, Peg played the organ for their church; she loved being able to serve her church family through music. In addition to playing the organ, she also worked part time at a real estate office, and did all of the finish work on Jim's log furniture. They had a steady business for a number of years, making beds, nightstands, dressers, and custom creations. Peg would pencil out a plan, Jim would make it a reality, and then she would lovingly stain and oil the wood. They both got so much enjoyment from delivering a piece of furniture and seeing the joy that it brought.

As age slowed Peggy down, she spent a lot of time writing letters and calling family and friends to check up on them. In particular, she cherished daily conversations with her sister, Shirley and check-ins with their brother, Vernon. Peggy was the best gift-giver and card-sender. She wrote sweet

notes of encouragement, and Jim would add a little tease by writing a funny poem.

Peggy is survived by her husband of almost 63 years and her daughter, Karrie (Jeff) of Twin Falls, Idaho, her daughter-in-law, Akie of Chiba, Japan, her three grandchildren, Ryan (Katie) of Edmond, Oklahoma, Nathan (Sari) of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Lynlea (Rex) of Bozeman, Montana, and nine great-grandchildren: Ella, Iris, Tommy, Rocky, Madelynn, Bridger, Jay, Max, and Zuri.

Peggy was so proud of each of her children and grandchildren and loved supporting them and hearing about all they had going on. They were the light of her life and brought her so much joy. Peggy and Jim lost their son Jay in 2012 to brain cancer.

The family will have a memorial service to celebrate Peggy's life. The date is to be determined. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Camp Hodia at 1701 N. 12th St., Boise, ID 83702, or a charity of your choice.



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Obituary

Iris Pauline Ineck

Iris Pauline Ineck earned her angel wings on January 17th, 2024, after a battle with cancer.

Iris was born May 29th, 1956 in Caldwell, Idaho to Paul and Claudia (Young) Boatman. She was the oldest of five children and took the role of caring for her siblings and cousins very seriously. A favorite memory — When living in Caldwell on Saturdays she would walk a whole group to the movie theater.

After the family had made several moves throughout her school years, Marsing became their permanent home. This is where Iris caught the eye of Gerald, and the start of a

great love story began. Iris and Gerald were married on July 20th, 1974, and honeymooned to the World’s Fair in Spokane, Washington in their stunning blue Ford Pinto.

Iris and Gerald’s house was always a welcoming spot for family and friends to gather. Whether it was to play cards or have dinner after a long day hunting. That led to friends who became family, and Mom treated everyone like family.

Softball was a passion of Iris’. In her 20s, she played on many different city leagues and made many friends along the way. She went on to coach summer girls’ softball teams



and eventually became director of Marsing Summer Recreation.

Iris had a few different jobs, but the one that meant the most was the daycare she ran out of her home for over 30 years. Many, many children were welcomed into our home, and each and every one of them took a place in mom’s heart. It brought pure joy to Mom’s heart when the children she had looked after would visit when they became adults.

Anyone who knew her would smile big at the memories when they heard Iris’ name.

Iris is survived by her husband of nearly 50 years Gerald. Children: Michelle (Steve) Uriguen, Kimberly (Aaron)

Bennion and Benjamin (Brenna) Ineck. Grandchildren: Gage Ramirez, Michael (Isabel) Bennion, Seth Ramirez, Quinton Bennion, Chloe Ramirez, Teagan Bennion, Hallie Elordi, Winnie Uriguen, Kira Manley, Klara Uriguen, Marcus Ineck and Noah Ineck. Great-grandchildren: Kailasa Ramirez-Silipa and Layne Bennion.

Services will be held Friday, February 23rd, 2024 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell (www.flahifffuneralchapel.com) at 11 am.

Burial Service will follow at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

House debates budget reform, birth control policy

Republicans strip Blanksma of leadership role

by **Sophie Spanbauer**
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House Bill 457, the budget for the Judicial Branch for the fiscal year 2025, was before the Idaho House of Representatives on Feb. 7. It was the first of 10 maintenance budgets passed by the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (JFAC) to come before the House.

The new budgeting process was put in place this year to increase transparency and accountability for growth in spending and government, according to floor sponsor and JFAC co-chair Rep. Wendy Horman (Dist. 32B, R-Idaho Falls).

During the House floor debate, three JFAC members spoke in opposition of the bill, which was sent to the state Senate by a narrow 38-31 vote. Dist. 23 Reps. Melissa Durrant (R-Kuna) and Tina Lambert (R-Caldwell) voted in favor of the bill.

“This omnibus approach removes that transparency and that clarity about what’s going into our budget process.” Dist. 34B Rep. Britt Raybould (R-Rexburg) said.

“I would argue that even as we attempt to manage the growth of our state budget, we have an obligation to hold on to that one-agency, one-budget approach. There is nothing that says that we can’t accomplish that objective and still address the concerns about adding new programs and services to our budgeting process.”

Besides Horman, Dist. 14B Rep. Josh Tanner (R-Eagle) was the only other JFAC representative supporting the proposed budget.

“With some of the agencies, they might demand that some of these replacement items are 100 percent necessary. Some of them may not. It is



Megan Blanksma (R-Hammett), who originally represented Owyhee County as part of the District 23 legislative delegation, addressed the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association winter meeting in Oreana on Feb. 3. Five days later, the Idaho House of Representatives Republican Caucus removed her as Majority Leader.

not up to them to make that decision. It is up to JFAC and this body to make that decision as what we deem necessary, and that process is not necessarily changing. It just is giving a lot more clarity to that process,” Tanner said.

- On Thursday, fourth-term Dist. 8B Rep. Megan Blanksma (R-Hammett), who began her legislative career representing Owyhee County from District 23, was removed as Majority Leader.

After House members voted unanimously to retain Dist. 10A Rep. Mike Moyle (R-Star) as Speaker of the House, the Republican Majority Caucus ousted Blanksma during a leadership retention vote. The lawmakers voted to retain Assistant Majority Leader Rep. Sage Dixon, (Dist. 1B, R-Ponderay) and Majority Caucus Chair Dustin

Manwaring (Dist. 29A, R-Pocatello).

Manwaring announced Monday that Dist. 22B Rep. Jason Monks had been elected to replace Blanksma for the remainder of the Second Session of the 67th Idaho Legislature. Monks was Assistant Majority Leader during the 66th legislature.

- On Thursday, the Senate sent Senate Bill 1234 to the House by a narrow 19-16 vote. The legislation, if passed by the Senate and signed by Gov. Brad Little, would allow medical plan “enrollees to receive up to a six-month supply of prescribed contraceptives.” The proposal has been before the Legislature five separate times.

Dist. 23 Sen. Todd Lakey (R-Nampa) voted against the legislation.

Sponsored by Senate Minority Leader Melissa Wintrow (Dist. 19, D-Boise), SB 1234 was heard in the Senate

Commerce and Human Resources Committee a week earlier.

Dr. Abby Davids, who practices family medicine in Boise, spoke on behalf of the Idaho Academy of Family Physicians (IAFP) and as a member of the IAFP’s Reproductive Health Committee.

“We know that particularly women in rural areas, which is most of our state, face a lot of geographic barriers to care ... and so longer-duration prescriptions help reduce that disparity that they’re already facing just because of where they live,” Davids said.

“This is a cost-saving measure. Facilitating affordable access to contraception not only improves health but also reduces healthcare cost.”

Dist. 6 Sen. Dan Foreman (R-Viola) questioned whether the government should control a private-sector business decision.

“Insurance companies and insurers can speak for themselves. They can iron these problems out on their own. It’s not the proper role of government to intercede and jump between a business and a customer and say, ‘Here’s how things are going to go,’ ” Foreman said.

“Again, I understand the intent, and I applaud the intent, but this is not the proper role of government.”

The Commerce and Human Resources Committee voted, 5-3, to send SB 1234 to the floor where it was passed a week later.

- House Bill 521 was introduced to the House Revenue & Taxation Committee on Thursday. The legislation “provides the largest state investment in school facilities through three main avenues.”

Rep. Moyle told the committee the bill is about tax relief, accountability, and funding for school buildings.

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

Calendar

Today

Foot clinic
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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.

Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting
12:30 p.m., location TBA

Homedale City Council meeting
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641

Jordan Valley Ambulance meeting
6 p.m., ambulance hall, 706 Main St.

Marsing City Council meeting
7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 896-4122

Homedale Highway District meeting
7 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale.

Marsing School Board meeting
7 p.m., school district office boardroom, The HUB, 301 8th Ave W. (208) 649-5411

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

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

Teens and Tweens
5 p.m., to 6 p.m., ‘Bath Bomb making’, Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Friday

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

Saturday

Breakfast fundraiser
8 a.m., to 11 a.m., \$10 per person/\$30 per family, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd., Melba.

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

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

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., ‘Steve Belknap reading’ 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. Info: www.CaldwellFineArts.org

After School program
4:30 p.m., to 5:30 p.m., ‘Cooking class - Microwave Pizza in a Mug’, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

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

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

E. Owyhee County Library board meeting
4 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. 208-834-2785

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

Friends of the Library meeting
6 p.m., 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.

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Preventing scours during calving season

Calving season is well underway for many producers. Unfortunately, calving season is often accompanied by an unwelcome visitor. Calf scours can seemingly ride in out of nowhere and wreak havoc on young calves. This can be especially true with the very wet conditions that we currently have. Good management practices can help significantly reduce or even eliminate problems with scours in your herd.



Scott Jensen

Calf scours can be caused by different bacteria and viruses that are present in the corral or pasture. As the calving season progresses, the concentration of scours-causing bacteria and viruses increases significantly. This means that calves born after the first few weeks of the calving season are often exposed to a high dose of pathogens. Additionally, calves are generally more prone to developing scours at 2 to 3 weeks of age. This timing really sets them up to have problems as the timing when they are most susceptible coincides with the timing of high pathogen concentration.

The Sandhills calving system was developed to combat this problem. In the Sandhills system, all cows are placed in one pasture at the beginning of the calving season. After about seven to 10 days, cows that have not calved are moved to a fresh pasture. This process is then repeated, leaving behind the pairs born in that pasture until all the cows have calved. Once the youngest calf in each group is about

4 weeks of age, the calves can be co-mingled with other groups. This pattern of movement will minimize exposure of young calves to scours pathogens.

Years ago while I was in college, I did a calving internship at a ranch in Elberta, Utah. We had major issues with scours in our herd. All cows were calved in the same pasture and then pairs were moved out about every week while the pregnant cows were left behind. Little did I know at the time that what we thought were good management practices were actually contributing to the problem.

If you do have a calf with scours, fluid therapy can be vitally important to survival. Research has shown that prompt and dedicated oral rehydration therapy is 95 percent successful in treating scours. Additionally the research showed that feeding milk plus electrolyte solution did not prolong or worsen the diarrhea. The most important thing is early intervention when treating a calf with scours. Retired University of Idaho Extension Veterinarian Dr. Jim England recommends alternating fluid therapy of two quarts of milk and two quarts of electrolytes every four hours, through an esophageal feeder if necessary. As the calf improves, the treatments can be cut back.

— Marsing resident Scott Jensen is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension educator. He welcomes questions on livestock care. The U of I Owyhee County Extension office is located at 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing and can be reached at (208) 896-4104. Contact him at scottj@uidaho.edu.

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Homedale military veteran receives Quilt of Valor

The ladies from Quilts of Valor have honored another Homedale military veteran.

Gary Rasmussen accepted a quilt inside his Homedale home on Jan. 11.

Making the presentation were Debbie Steiner, who lives in Owyhee County, Sunny Slope area resident Sue Laird, and Canyon County resident Bonnie Hamlett. The Canyon County chapter of Quilts of Valor presented Rasmussen's quilt because he was unable to attend a recent ceremony at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center.

The group is always on the lookout for donations so more quilt-making material can be purchased.

The next quilt that will be raffled to raise money should be completed in time for June's Cherry Festival in Emmett.

Steiner said the Quilt of Valor chapter will return to the Owyhee County Fair in August to continue outreach and ticket



Above: Homedale resident Gary Rasmussen receives his Quilt of Valor from Canyon County chapter members, some of whom live in the Owyhee County vicinity. **Right:** Rasmussen put the quilt to use immediately. Submitted photos



sales. Chapter members conduct outreach to find more veterans to receive quilts. — JPB

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SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature (measured in Fahrenheit)		
		(measured in inches)		Max	Min	Avg
Mud Flat						
02/06	6.0	18	9.4	36.9	23.9	30.4
02/07	6.1	20	9.7	32.2	23.4	27.9
02/08	6.1	20	9.7	30.6	16.9	24.4
02/09	6.1	18	9.7	28.6	5.7	21.6
02/10	6.1	20	9.7	25.0	-1.8	12.2
02/11	6.1	18	9.7	29.1	4.8	16.9
02/12	6.2	21	9.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
02/06	8.3	17	9.9	36.9	30.2	32.7
02/07	7.9	18	10.0	31.6	26.2	28.9
02/08	7.9	19	10.2	27.9	23.7	25.9
02/09	7.9	19	10.2	26.4	19.6	23.5
02/10	7.9	22	10.4	27.5	15.1	22.8
02/11	7.8	21	10.4	37.9	21.2	30.2
02/12	7.6	20	10.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
02/06	12.7	34	19.0	33.4	26.2	30.0
02/07	13.0	39	19.3	27.0	22.3	24.4
02/08	13.2	41	19.5	26.6	18.7	21.7
02/09	13.2	41	19.5	21.7	16.9	19.6
02/10	13.5	43	19.7	23.9	12.9	18.0
02/11	13.6	42	19.8	34.5	17.6	25.9
02/12	13.7	42	19.9	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 67 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 1,182 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 26 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 479,116 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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

More SNOTEL

Fawn Creek, Nev.
As of Monday

Snow equiv.	Snow depth	YTD precip.
17.0	56	17.9

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The 2024 Homedale Senior Center board of directors includes, **Back row, from left:** Linda Mayes, treasurer; Helene Welch, president; Robert Kratzberg, and Arlene “Jo” Cantrell, vice-president. **Front row, from left:** Pam Kelley, Nancy Carver, secretary; Elsie Kushlan, and Rose Alambra. Submitted photo

Kindness keeps senior center going

The community assistance after the 10 inches of snow fell on Homedale last month extended to the senior center.

Coordinator Melissa Sorlien was effusive in her gratitude for the owner of Universal Home Concepts and other men who banded together on Jan. 15 to ensure that the path to the senior center was safe for its patrons.

“A huge shout-out to the owner of (Universal Home Concepts/Tub Cut) Elder Markham, Elder Gurr as well as Billy McDaniel for making sure our sidewalks were clear for the seniors to come to the center,” Sorlien said.

McDaniel is a former City of Homedale public works employee who oversees operation of the city-owned recreational vehicle park at Riverside Park.

Another individual cleared the senior center’s parking lot, too.

“A great big thank you to Sam McEvoy for clearing the parking lot as well as the

parking spots in front of the building with his equipment so my seniors can get in here,” Sorlien said.

Family and friends of the late Cindy Cegnar made memorial contributions to the senior center in the name of the longtime member, too.

Sorlien expressed thanks for the support from Cegnar’s friends and relatives.

The senior center remains open from 8 a.m., to 1 p.m., on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays during the winter to continue its regular schedule of activities.

- The spring bazaar will be held from 9 a.m., to 3 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 24, and there are still vendor spots available. Call the senior center at (208) 337-3020 for more information.
- Fit and Fall exercise classes are held from 10:30 a.m., to 11:30 a.m., each Tuesday and Thursday.

Sorlien said last week that the senior center is on the lookout for a Fit and Fall Proof

training leader. Call the center for more information. Anyone who wants to get involved as a leader must complete a class on March 19 to be certified, Sorlien said.

- The coffee ladies meet at 9 a.m., each Wednesday.
- Bingo is held from 10:30 a.m., until noon each Wednesday.
- The foot clinic is held twice each month with appointments beginning at 8:30 a.m. Foot examinations cost \$25, and ear cleanings are available for \$30. Call the center at (208) 337-3020 for details or to make an appointment.

This month’s dates are today and Tuesday.

- Once a month, 15-minute massages are offered, too. The cost is \$15. Call the senior center for more information or to make an appointment. The next opportunity comes Wednesday, Feb. 28.
- The Prime Time Swingers will be on hand from 11 a.m., to noon on Thursday, Feb. 29 prior to lunch.





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Melba senior center plans fundraiser breakfast

Although it’s located across the Snake River, the Melba Valley Senior Center welcomes Owyhee County residents living along the Idaho highway 78 corridor.

The center at 115 Base Line Road is open from 7 a.m., to 11 a.m., on Tuesdays, and from 8 a.m., to 3 p.m., on Thursdays.

The center plans a fundraiser breakfast from 8 a.m., to 11 a.m., on Saturday.

The cost is \$10 per person or \$30 for a family.

Breakfast will consist of pancakes, eggs, hash browns, and sausage. Coffee, juice and hot chocolate will be available to drink.



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Thurman leads
Rimrock to JV title

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Beus sets Melba
scoring record

1A, Div. I District III GIRLS' TOURNAMENT



Rimrock High School's players celebrate their 1A, Div. I District III championship in Marsing last Wednesday. **Back row, from left:** Paisley Prow, Ruby Lisle, Kloey Borgen, Kayloni Hall, Ashten Moore, Kailee Martinez, Josie Lisle, Jade Reisinger, and Juana Lemus. **Front row, from left:** Lainee Raymond, Alia Aquiso, Olivia Farfan, Bryllie Mendoza. Submitted photo

Raiders stifle Patriots' shooters down the stretch, win district crown in overtime

State tournament
starts Thursday
vs. Grace

This time, there would be no blowout.

The Rimrock High School girls' basketball players needed overtime last Wednesday, but they avenged a big regular-season loss when it counted the most.

And, as the old adage goes, defense won the Raiders' 1A, Div. I District III championship.

The Raiders held Liberty Charter to just one field goal over the game's final 12 minutes in a 33-30 overtime victory in the tournament final last Wednesday at Marsing High School.

"Liberty beat us by 22 points in a mid-January conference game," Rimrock coach Kyla Jewett said. "These girls knew we had a lot of work to get done for districts, so they put their heads down and got to work."

"We are so proud of this group of girls. Thank you to all of our supportive crowds this season."

The Raiders have won six consecutive games since the 42-20 loss to Liberty Charter

in Nampa on Jan. 19.

The Rimrock faithful made the 68-mile trek from Bruneau — Patriots fans drove about 16 miles along Lakeshore Drive to Marsing — to witness a not-too-unexpected hard-scrabble game between the 1A Western Idaho Conference's top two teams.

Nineteen days after Liberty Charter's lopsided victory over Rimrock, sophomore Kloey Borgen nailed a three-point goal and scored six points down the stretch to seal the Raiders' revenge.

Borgen finished with 10 points, while senior teammate Ashten Moore drained six of eight free throws on the way to a team-high 14 points.

Liberty Charter took a two-point lead (23-21) into the fourth quarter after the teams played to a 14-14 halftime tie.

Junior Jennabelle Reece had the Patriots' only field goal in the fourth quarter and OT and led all scorers with 15 points.

Rimrock (14-7), which stopped Liberty Charter's six-game winning streak, will open the state tournament at Columbia High School against District V champion Grace (19-3) at 2 p.m., on Thursday in Nampa.



Rimrock sophomore Kloey Borgen (left) puts a shoulder into Liberty Charter freshman Addie McCain while driving to the basket in the first half of last Wednesday's district tournament final in Marsing.

HHS cheer reaches State in two disciplines

Homedale High School cheer squad is heading to the state championships.

The Trojans troupe won District III championships in the coed sideline and show competitions Saturday at Ridgevue High School in Nampa.

Coach Heidi Lawler's squad will compete at State on Saturday, Feb. 24 at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

The team members are:

Girls — Abby Hall, Gabby Young, Angel Zaragoza, Rivkah Leach, Hannah Thornton, and Jenessa Montes

Boys — Michael Rose, Noah Bowen, Keegan McKay, and Terrance Ferris

Homedale boys are in State with win

Trojans settle for No. 2 district seed after loss to MD

Homedale High School closed the regular season with an end to a four-game winning streak that vaulted the Trojans into a first-round bye in the district tournament.

In what could be a precursor to the 3A District III boys' basketball championship final, McCall-Donnelly dominated visiting Homedale, 62-26, in the 3A Snake River Valley conference season finale for both squads on Friday.

The Trojans (8-12 overall, 7-3 in conference) saw their shooting woes return. Homedale converted just 10 of 44 shots (22.7 percent), knocking down only five field goals in each half.

Keaton Sorenson had three of those field goals — all from three-point range — for a team-high nine points.

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Sports

✓ Homedale: Three senior players honored as Trojans trounce Payette

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Homedale’s long-range shooters went 5-for-26 from behind the line (19.2 percent), and the team only connected on five of 18 shots within the perimeter.

McCall (17-1, 10-0), which is the top seed in the district tournament and owns a 16-game winning streak, took advantage of a lopsided amount of foul calls.

The Vandals were whistled just eight times in 32 minutes, while the Trojans committed 15.

McCall players shot 18 free throws, knocking down 10, while Homedale only managed three — going 1-for-3 in the second half.

The Vandals also started the game on a hot streak from the field. McCall went 6-for-11 from behind the three-point line (54.5 percent) to fuel and overall field-goal percentage of 60 percent (15-for-25) in the first 16 minutes.

The Vandals built a 41-14 halftime lead and never trailed and never looked back.

Homedale lost the rebounding battle as well with the Vandals scoring 10 second-chance points while

shutting out the Trojans. McCall’s leading scorer (12 points) and rebounder, Sam Penny, corralled seven of his eight rebounds on Homedale’s glass as his team enjoyed a 27-3 edge on the Trojans’ boards.

Luke Hauder scored 11 points for McCall, and Michael Foster added 10.

McCoy Swallow was Homedale’s second-leading scoring with four points, but he played only a little more than 16 minutes while struggling with foul trouble. He eventually fouled out.

Alex Sotelo and Luke Henry scored three points each for the Trojans.

Homedale remains the No. 2 seed for the district tournament and awaits the winner of Tuesday’s first-round game between No. 3 Weiser and No. 6 Payette, which was played after press time.

A win in the semifinals sends the Trojans not only into the district championship game on Thursday, Feb. 22 but also punches a ticket to the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament for coach Cam Long’s squad. The teams that reached the

district championship game automatically qualify for State.

Last Wednesday: Homedale 59, Payette 24 — Every player that stepped on the floor scored on Senior Night as the Trojans trounced their conference visitors.

Homedale held a 30-point halftime lead, 40-10, and never trailed in the final regular-season home games for Fabian Contreras (five points, one three-point goal, an assist, four rebounds, and two steals), Danny Lomeli (six points, an assist, an four steals), and Andres Garcia (three points, six rebounds, and three steals).

Alex Sotelo paced the offense with 14 points. He also had three rebounds and two steals as Homedale forced the Pirates into 24 turnovers (the Trojans had 17 steals, including Lomeli’s team-high total).

Sorenson nailed a pair of three-pointers and finished with 10 points.

Jace Clover led the Trojans with six rebounds.

Dusk Brooks scored six points as Payette’s leading scorer.



Dressed in his traditional Senior Night red-and-white attire last Wednesday, Homedale High School coach Cam Long embraces Danny Lomeli during pregame recognition for the seniors. Long, who grew emotional afterward, would share moments with Andres Garcia and Fabian Contreras, too.

Homedale Trojans

Athletes of the Week

Girls' basketball
Belen Asumendi, so., G
Completed her first varsity season with loss to McCall

Boys' basketball
Fabian Contreras, sr., W
5 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals vs. Payette on Senior Night

Wrestling
Dash Schlotterbeck, so., 106
Picked up exhibition win vs. Fruitland

THIS WEEK'S SPORTS

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Season over, record 6-16

Boys' basketball
Varsity
3A District III Tournament
Saturday, Feb. 17, home vs. Weiser or Payette, 7 p.m.
If lose Saturday: Tuesday, Feb. 20 loser-out vs. TBA, site TBA, 7 p.m.
If win Saturday: Thursday, Feb. 22 championship game vs. TBA, site TBA, 7 p.m.

Junior varsity
3A Snake River Valley conference tournament
If won Monday: Wednesday, Feb. 14, championship vs. Weiser or McCall-Donnelly, site TBA, 6 p.m.
Frosh soph
3A Snake River Valley conference tournament
If won Monday: Wednesday, Feb. 14, championship vs. Weiser or Fruitland, site TBA, 6 p.m.

Wrestling
Girls
Wednesday, Feb. 14 at District III Tournament, Day 2, Idaho Central Arena, Boise, noon
Boys
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Sports

Champion Leon leads Marsing medal winners at home

Several Marsing High School wrestlers picked up medals on their home turf Saturday.

The Huskies played host to 13 schools — including Homedale — in their annual pod tournament.

Senior Jonathan Leon, competing on his home mat for the final time, captured the Pod A championship at 220 pounds.

The Huskies veteran pinned his way to the top spot against Columbia’s Kaden Hanan (1 minute, 28 seconds), and Thomas Tobin (1:02) and Josh Torres (2:49), both of Ridgevue.

Three Marsing wrestlers were runners-up in their respective pods:

Tristan Izzard, 195 A — He pinned his first three opponents in the round robin format — Buster Church of Columbia (1:28), Nathan Burnz of Ridgevue (51 seconds), and Eric Valero of New Plymouth (25 seconds) — before losing to pod champion Jalen Marquez of Caldwell by pinfall (1:37) in the final round of bouts.

Jarrek Crandall, 285 A — He pinned Oliver Byrns of Capital in 60 seconds in his first match then lost to eventual champion Nathan Willoughby of New Plymouth by pin (3:27) in the second go-round. Crandall also pinned Diego Martinez of Ridgevue in 41 seconds.

Everett (EJ) Young, 145 B — Young won three matches before losing to eventual champion Peter Hilty of Nampa Christian by pinfall (2:29). The first-year Marsing wrestler pinned Caldwell wrestlers Adin Burke (1:56), Bryant Vargas (2:39), Kevin Benavides (43 seconds), and Logan Schmidt (1:12) in his other bouts.

Trinity Stimmel, 160 girls — The senior split her two bouts against Ridgevue wrestlers, losing to pod champion Lila Fairchild of Ridgevue by pinfall (2:46) and pinning Lydia Kindall (3:40).

Two local wrestlers finished third.

Shane Buzzard was pinned by his Marsing teammate with only 43 seconds left in their third-place bout in the 106 Pod A.

Trell McFarlane came away with Homedale’s only medal when he pinned Ridgevue’s Wyatt Bailey in 3:28 of their third-place match in the 126 A Pod.

Marsing’s Tyson Holloway was fourth at 145 A when Payette’s Oscar Nunez pulled out a thrilling 4-3 decision in the third-place bout.

The Huskies’ other female competitor, Erika Frazier, took fifth at 120 A with a forfeit over Nampa Christian’s Finnley Olson.

Marsing wrestler Kail Wyman was fifth at 182 A when Preston Hinds of Capital forfeited their medal match.

McFarlanes post points for HHS wrestlers vs. Fruitland

Trell McFarlane made a successful return from a season-long injury last Wednesday.

The Homedale High School 120-pounder teamed up with his brother and fellow sophomore, Trey, to capture the only points the Trojans could muster in 77-9 3A Snake River Valley conference loss to Fruitland.

Trell pinned Kobie Baxter at 120 pounds.

Trey put up three points by edging Ty Webster, 10-7, at 132 pounds.

H o m e d a l e ’ s D a s h Schlotterbeck beat Mason Butler, 11-6, to win a 106-pound exhibition match.

CV topples Melba for district title

Mustangs start defense of state crown Thursday

A familiar battle for the 2A District III girls’ basketball championship continued last week.

This time, Melba High School found itself on the wrong end of 50-47 decision against Cole Valley Christian.

Owyhee County resident Brooklyn Dayley scored 26 points for the top-seeded Mustangs (16-6), who saw a nine-game winning streak end against the No. 2 seed Chargers (17-6).

Tariah Carter scored 15 points for Melba, while Dayley dished five assists and made three steals.

Both teams had already qualified for the 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament, which begins Thursday at Kuna High School.

Melba is the reigning 2A state champion after a perfect 26-0 run through the 2022-23 season.

The Mustangs and Chargers split their 2A Western Idaho Conference matchups this season, and they’ve split the past eight district championships

Melba and Cole Valley have played for the district title every year since 2017.

Cole Valley has won four of the past five district finals.

Melba beat the Chargers, 54-44, last season to snap a three-year losing streak.

Melba beat Cole Valley in three consecutive district championship games from 2017 to 2019.

The Chargers have appeared in the past 11 district finals, winning five times.

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MARSING HUSKIES

Athletes of the Week



Boys' basketball
Dusty Engle, sr., G/F
2 rebounds in final 2A WIC games of career



Wrestling
Tyson Holloway, so., 145
Finished 4th in home tournament Saturday

This week's schedule

Boys' basketball
Varsity
If won Monday: Wednesday, Feb. 14, semifinal vs. The Ambrose School or Compass Charter, Vallivue H.S., Caldwell, 7:45 p.m.
If lost Monday: Wednesday, Feb. 14, loser-out game vs. The Ambrose School or Compass Charter, Marsing or Meridian, 6 p.m.
If won Monday and win Wednesday: Wednesday, Feb. 21, championship game vs. TBA, Vallivue H.S., Caldwell, 7:45 p.m.
If won Monday and lose Wednesday: Saturday, Feb. 17, loser out game, opponent and site TBA, 7 p.m.

Wrestling
Girls
Wednesday, Feb. 14 at District III Tournament, Day 2, Idaho Central Arena, Boise, noon
Boys
Thursday, Feb. 15 at 2A District III Tournament, New Plymouth





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Sports

Huskies snap six-game skid ahead of district tourney

Marsing High School beat Compass Charter last Wednesday for a morale boost at the end of the boys’ basketball regular season.

The Huskies closed out the 2A Western Idaho conference campaign with a 60-51 victory on the Aviators’ floor in Meridian last Wednesday to snap a six-game losing streak.

Marsing ended the regular season as the No. 6 seed in the 2A District III Tournament.

The Huskies (8-13 overall, 3-11 in conference) took on No. 3 seed Melba (13-8, 9-5) on Monday night after press time.

Marsing never trailed against Compass Charter (6-14, 2-12), but needed to maintain intensity the entire game to be able to go home with the win.

“We had to play hard on the road to finish out the regular season,” Huskies coach Tim Little said. “In doing so, we got some redemption from when we lost to them at home when they hit a last-second tip-in to win by one point (55-54 on Jan. 16).”

The Huskies saw more challenges in the rematch.

“Due to some sickness and injuries, we were down to a rotation of just seven, and the officiating did not go in our favor,” Little said.

By the end of the third quarter last Wednesday, the Huskies had four players with four fouls apiece.

“We ended up rotating well enough to prevent anyone from fouling out,” Marsing’s coach said. “We kept the lead by hitting some clutch free throws down the stretch.”

Juan Diego Ponce led Marsing with a big 21-point night. Eli Ankeny chipped in 10 points.

Ponce, Ankeny and Jace Chadez contributed clutch free throws in the latter stages of the game.

Sophomore Grayson Skimmyhorn led Compass with 15 points. Junior Mason Bennett added 14.

Feb. 5: Cole Valley Christian 56, Marsing 45 —

The Huskies couldn’t parlay good effort and concentration into good shooting against the powerhouse Chargers (19-1, 14-0), who took the top seed in the district tournament.

“Our seniors left everything they had on the floor, to the No. 1 school in the state,” Little said.

Ponce led the Huskies with 17 points, and Nacho Margarito added 10.

Cole Valley was led by Isaiah Holsinger’s 15 points and Eli Kingery’s 13.

Unbeaten Raiders JV clinch girls’ title

by Laine Raymond
Rimrock Journalism

While playing half a game last week, Rimrock High School’s junior varsity girls’ basketball players unwittingly captured the 1A Western Idaho Conference championship.

The Raiders played an injury-depleted Idaho City squad, picking up a 28-18 victory in a game halted after two quarters.

The Rimrock girls didn’t know they had already won the conference title before the game.

Third-year coach Jackie Thurman knew her players would have what it takes to go all the way early on in the 2023-24 season would be special even as the Raiders struggled through a tough season opener against Oakley.

Thanks to late University of Tennessee women’s basketball coach Pat Summitt, Thurman had the winning formula, which she preached to the players in the locker room often:

“Offense sells tickets, defense wins games, and rebounds win championships.”

Rimrock shared 13 players between the junior varsity and coach Kyla Jewett’s varsity squad.

That meant Thurman had to



Rimrock JV girls’ basketball players celebrate their championship with coach Jackie Thurman. Submitted photo

carefully manage how many quarters each girl played in a given game.

“The only thing I required each girl to contribute to every game was their energy, because that was something they have control over the entire game and what makes the biggest impact on the court,” the coach said.

“Some nights, you have an off-night, but you can make it up and still contribute by having energy for your team.”

The Raiders (10-4 overall, 6-0 in conference) played their toughest game of the season in a 37-30 win over Liberty Charter. Thurman said the Rimrock girls battled every minute in spite of having low numbers.

The coach said the girls wound up with the victory by playing their game and playing smart with strong energy and intensity.

“(They) kept their heads and kept an even better attitude ...

these girls had the best attitude with themselves and their teammates the entire season,” Thurman said.

“I couldn’t be prouder of them and their success this year.”

The coach said the players competed as a unit as they worked to complete an undefeated conference championship season.

“No matter the score in any game, they were all in, never giving up, and never getting mad at each other,” Thurman said. “They all worked together as a team every game. No one player tried to take over. They all played together as one unit, and they continued to do that game after game throughout the season. ...

“Attitude can manifest a lot of things, and these girls had the best attitude with themselves and their teammates the entire season. I couldn’t be prouder of them and their success this year.”

Melba big man buries foe with record scoring

Cutter Beus went off for a Melba High School single-game scoring record as the Mustangs cruised.

Beus scored 50 points and ripped down 22 rebounds as Melba dominated its 2A Western Idaho Conference opponent North Star Charter.

Sylvan Spence added 12 points in the Mustangs’ 86-39 rout of the Huskies.

Blake Hansen led North Star with 21 points.

A 6-foot, 8-inch shooting guard/power forward, Beus also blocked five shots and dished six assists, while Spence collected seven rebounds.

The Mustangs’ senior captain now owns the single-game school records for scoring and rebounds. He pulled down 37 rebounds on Jan. 24 to break a 47-year-old record.

Nick Fitts held the previous

all-time single-game scoring record with 48 points in a 2016 contest.

Melba (13-8 overall, 9-5 2A WIC) started the 2A District III Tournament Monday after deadline as the No. 3 seed and played host to No. 6 Marsing.

Last Wednesday: Melba 67, New Plymouth 51 — Beus posted a double-double in the 20s to lead three Mustangs in double figures in the two teams’ conference finale on the Pilgrims’ floor.

Beus scored 21 points and swept up 20 rebounds to go with four assists.

Frank added 15 points with seven boards and five assists. Spence put in 13 points.

Derick Walker led the Pilgrims (16-5, 9-5) with 13 points, and teammates Heath Jarboe and Ashton Robinson scored 10 apiece.

F&G investigating elk wasting near Grasmere

A cow elk was left to waste last month in southern Owyhee County, and authorities are looking for information on the case.

Idaho Fish and Game conservation officers are investigating the illegal killing of a cow elk that was left to waste off the Blackstone Grasmere Road near Monument Butte.

Monument Butte is east

of Idaho highway 51 and northeast of Grasmere.

The animal was shot on Sunday, Jan. 21, according to an Idaho Department of Fish and Game press release.

A witness said two men in camouflage clothing driving a black, two-door RZR shot at the elk herd then drove off without retrieving the animal.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Citizens

Against Poaching (CAP) hotline at (800) 632-5999, the IDFG Southwest Idaho regional office in Nampa at (208) 465-8465, or Conservation Officer Lauren Howart at (208) 616-4333.

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From page 1

✓ Homedale: HHS graduate to head up Public Works

The issue was tabled last month for lack of time for council members to review the document.

The agreement and possible zoning of the parcel is the first order of business when the council convenes at 6 p.m., today inside the magistrate courtroom/council chambers in City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Councilman Mike Aebischer in December said he was in favor of the annexation because he suspected Owyhee County would approve the development if Ostrom went to Murphy for approval.

However, county Community Development director Mary Huff told The Owyhee Avalanche that a residential subdivision with the density that POW WOW was seeking wouldn't pass muster with Southwest District Health as a rural project because of the proximity of water wells and septic systems required to build a subdivision of 60 to 70 homes.

The annexation agreement is the biggest of several development proposals the council has received in the past few months.

Two of three residential development proposals from Homedale-area home builder Burke Deal have been approved in recent meetings.

After the zoning change for 312 E. Owyhee Ave., was approved in December, Deal received a special use permit and a lot split last month so townhomes can be built.

The company's plan for up to seven townhomes on parcels at 507 W. California Ave., and 415 N. 5th St. W., was stalled last month when Deal asked the issue to be tabled until this month's meeting. However, no agenda item for

tonight's meeting addresses that proposed development.

After a new design and a lengthy discussion last month, Deal's plan for two single-family homes at 432 W. Oregon Ave., was denied for a second consecutive meeting.

Deal wants to remodel an existing home and build a second home on the lot.

A lot split that would put the parcels in contradiction with the city's subdivision ordinance would be required for the plan.

During January's meeting, Mayor Gheen Christoffersen mentioned that city officials have been discussing a 60- to 90-day moratorium on development to give council members time to analyze the city's current subdivision ordinance and what changes would be needed to modernize the document to deal with off-street parking and other issues that have been discussed in recent application hearings.

Even if the council decides to change the subdivision ordinance, any active application filed prior to the amendment would follow the ordinance in place at the time of the filing.

The council is also scheduled to review the city's comprehensive plan at tonight's meeting.

- City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram announced last week that Jacob Hyer is the city's new public works supervisor. Hyer grew up in Homedale and is a Homedale High School graduate.
- Republic Services Inc., also announced that the trash pick-up day in Homedale will change from Tuesday to Thursday beginning in the first week of March.

— JPB

✓ Lincoln Day: Many county races possible

conducted by Homedale-based Rod Fivecoat Auctions.

Marsing-based Cowgirls Catering will serve lunch.

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

Call Payne at (208) 590-4205 for more information.

Payne expects Owyhee County's elected officials and several 2024 primary candidates to be in attendance along with Idaho Attorney General Raúl Labrador and Idaho GOP chairwoman Dorothy Moon.

"We are also hoping Congressman (Russ) Fulcher will be joining us," Payne said. "His RSVP was contingent on his congressional obligations."

Typically, at least one member from Idaho's congressional delegation attends as do some of the state's constitutional officers.

The luncheon also serves as a prime time for election hopefuls to announce their candidacy for various offices that will appear on the primary ballots.

County offices up for election this year, with the incumbent or appointee, include:

- **District 1 commissioner** — Jerry Hoagland (R-Wilson), two-year term
- **District 3 commissioner** — Cindy Bachman (R-Bruneau), four-year term
Bachman was appointed last year after Joe Merrick died in office.
- **Prosecuting attorney** — Chris Topmiller, four-year term.
A Canyon County resident, Topmiller was contracted by the Board of County Commissioners after Jeffrey Phillips resigned in May 2022.
According to Idaho Code, if elected Topmiller has up to a year to move into Owyhee County to remain eligible to serve as an elected official.
- **Sheriff** — Larry Kendrick (R-Murphy), four-year term
Like Topmiller, the BOCC appointed Kendrick the county's top lawman in April after Perry Grant resigned in the midst of his third term in office.
Kendrick and former Owyhee County Sheriff's Sgt. Tim Riha both announced in August that they would seek office.
- **GOP precinct committee members**
All three District 23 state legislative seats will be on the primary ballot, including (with incumbent and challenger, if declared):
- **State senate** — Todd Lakey (R-Nampa)
- **House Seat A** — Melissa Durrant (R-Kuna)
- **House Seat B** — Tina Lambert (R-Caldwell).

Guffey's Shawn Dygert has announced his intention to run for the District 23B seat in the GOP primary.

The Democratic primary election for the same offices will be held on May 21, too.

Declaration of candidacy forms are available at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, in Murphy. Forms can also be downloaded through the "Elections" link at www.owyheecounty.net.

The filing period will run March 4 through March 15. The write-in candidacy deadline is March 22.

The last day to change your political affiliation or drop affiliation is March 15.

April 26 is the last day for prospective voters to register for the May 17 primary. Election Day registration is available at the polls.

April 6 is the final day voters may request mail-in absentee ballots.

March 15 is also the candidacy filing deadline for the Nov. 5 board of supervisors elections for the Owyhee Conservation District and the Bruneau River Soil and Water Conservation District.

✓ Marsing: Grant will help reach goals

the C4Y team shared summaries of key findings from a recent survey of the town's youth. All youth who took the survey received parental consent via an opt-in participation form.

"While the results are important, the community's choice of focus areas will be the most important," SWDH program planning and development specialist Tara Woodward said.

The surveys were administered electronically and only after parents gave consent. Woodward said about 60 percent of the district's sixth- to 12th-graders participated in the survey.

"Surveys were administered electronically on a secure platform in a supervised classroom," Woodward said.

During last week's meeting, community members learned about Marsing youth wellbeing and rallied around solutions to address the youth wellbeing activities and outcomes they want to prioritize.

In collaboration with SWDH and C4Y, the Marsing community will develop a plan, focused on upstream prevention, to address Marsing's priority youth wellbeing areas, intended to support youth mental well-being and prevent youth substance use.

Marsing schools superintendent Norm Stewart has been working with C4Y and SWDH to prepare for this collaborative effort.

"We always want what's best for our youth, and that means not being afraid to jump in and learn about what's most impacting them," Stewart said.

"Our school district is excited to be partnering with SWDH and C4Y because we know they're the right folks to help us to do upstream prevention work to support healthy youth and our community."

The \$30,000 grant will help the Marsing community develop projects to help raise awareness about how the whole community plays a role in making

the town the best place for youth to thrive, according to a SWDH press release.

"We're thrilled that the Marsing community is all-in, and we're ready to partner with them," Woodward said. "In a nutshell, upstream prevention means focusing on addressing risk and protective factors to prevent substance use, poor mental health or mental health crisis, and other unwanted health outcomes from occurring."

"If we can create safer environments, teach kids and teens skills that help them deal with challenges, and foster strong relationships throughout a community, we can have healthier, happier, kids, families, and communities."

School districts or communities interested in their own Southwest Idaho Communities for Youth initiative should call SWDH at (208) 455-5300 and speak with Woodward.

— JPB

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

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February 17, 1999



Trojans District A-3 champions...
Pictured from left to right, Stephanie George, Annie Roeser, Cory Willians-Nelson, Jessica Zatica, Erin McGowan, Roxanne Lopez, Deitra Haylett, Mindy Brown and Linnea Schwartz show their third consecutive district championship plaque after a victory against the Parma Panthers last Tuesday night in Ontario. The team will begin the state playoffs in Middleton on Thursday.

Trojan girls win third district championship
The Homedale Trojan girls captured their third consecutive A-3 District III girls basketball championship last night at the Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario. The Trojans defeated the Parma Panthers 39-33 to seal their spot as the No. 1 A-3 team in the State playoffs this week.

Homedale, 18-4 overall, took an early 8-0 lead over the Panthers. Panther Lauren White, struggling back against the Trojans defense, hit a jump shot with 4:55 left in the second quarter and tied the game at 13 points. The Trojans took a 24-19 lead at the half.
The Trojan defense focused most of its pressure on Panther junior guard Tricia Haddock. Three Trojans matched the duties of covering Haddock, and while the attention left Parma's Lauren White open (she finished with a game-high 16 points) not enough shots fell to lift the pressure.

Marsing student wins visit from Globetrotter
Tyson Heller, a first-grade student at Marsing Elementary and the son of Don and Wendy Heller of Marsing, received a special visitor at the grade school last week. He received a visit from a Harlem Globetrotter.

Eathan O'Bryan arrived by limousine at the Marsing gym at 10 a.m. last Thursday morning to meet Heller and his schoolmates. Heller won the opportunity to visit with the professional basketball player, from a promotional drawing held by the KOOL 104 radio station.
Judy Holmquist, Heller's grandmother entered her grandson's name in the contest last month. Heller was chosen from 1,000 entries from the Treasure Valley.

Fair board selects new secretary
The Owyhee County Fair board has selected Christy McIntyre from Marsing, for the position of secretary. The position became vacant after former secretary/manager Marlene Sibert resigned last year. McIntyre has spent the last 10 years working for the fair board, filling in as a part-time secretary and in other various positions.

McIntyre has lived in the Marsing area most of her life. She and her husband Larry have three children, Rachael, Cody and Amelia. Christy has worked three years, part-time for the Marsing School District as an Education Assistant.

50 years ago

February 14, 1974



HOMEDALE TEACHERS have been going to school, too, and at a recent open house at Washington grade school, they displayed handiwork constructed during a continuing education course held at the high school. From left, John Wood, sixth grade teacher, displays a book holder; Mrs. Hilda Kjonaas, fifth grade teacher, holds the decorative bulletin board she made; and Mrs. Nancy Ash, also a sixth grade teacher, shows off a memory box which was one of her projects. The classes were taught by Lee Carter, supervisor of industrial arts in the Homedale schools, and the various projects included counting aids, easels, leather crafts, sand candles, blackboards, and terrariums.

Commissioners OK \$1,085,864 budget for 1974
MURPHY — The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners adopted a \$1,085,864 budget for the county in 1974 without protest Monday after a public hearing in the Courthouse.
Only one couple, newcomers to the county from Gooding County, attended the hearings, Mrs. Barbara Jayo, county clerk, reported Tuesday. They were not protesting the budget, but wanted to meet the commissioners and familiarize themselves with government in this county, she said.

The 1973 budget was \$864,443.10. The commissioners approved a wage increase of \$600 per year for every county employee.
The largest sum will be \$104,000 for road oiling, only a portion of the total \$275,000 budgeted for oiling. The total budget of the road and bridge department is \$427,150.80.
The county-owned community water system in Murphy, an unincorporated community and county seat, will be renovated this year. The county will pay \$9,666.67 from Revenue Sharing money, expected to be two-thirds of the total \$14,500 cost, and property owners of the community will pay the other one-third.

Trojan matmen win Class B district title
Two Trojan matmen, Jack Watson at 135 pounds, and Steve George at 170 pounds, both seniors, won individual championships as Homedale scored 86 points to capture the 3rd District Class B wrestling crown at Middleton last week end.

Homedale C of C decries damage by beet trucks
Chamber of Commerce members, during their regular general luncheon meeting held recently at the Owyhee Lanes banquet room, voiced strong opposition to trucks hauling sugar beets from the Homedale pile grounds to the factory for processing, noting the county roads are "badly torn up" from the weight.
The secretary was instructed to write a letter to the State Highway Department concerning the road conditions. It was also noted that the beets were now being loaded back in the open train cars.

153 years ago

February 11, 1871

SIXTH SESSION LAWS.

Under this caption we shall from time to time make brief mention of such laws, passed at the late session of the Idaho Legislature, as are of general application, and will interest or benefit our readers.

No saloon keeper or retail liquor dealer can obtain judgment for greater amount than \$10, for the sale at retail, or by the drink, of any spirituous or malt liquors, wine or cider, together with costs. Liquor venders now have a good excuse for refusing credit.

The additional jurisdiction conferred upon the Probate Courts of this Territory is a heavy blow upon Justices of the Peace, as, in addition to their Probate jurisdiction, they are empowered to hear and determine civil cases wherein the damage or debt claimed does not exceed \$500, besides having concurrent jurisdiction in all cases with Justices of the Peace.

The County Commissioners of Owyhee County shall hereafter be paid an annual salary of \$200, out of the Expense Fund, and mileage the same as the Sheriff. If any member of the Board fails to attend the regular or special meetings, six dollars, for each day of absence, shall be deducted from his salary.

Proprietors of Faro, Monte, Roulette, Shuffle Board, or any other banking game, at cards, dice, or other device, shall pay for each game so kept a license fee of \$50 per quarter. No license can be obtained for French Monte, or the Thimble game, popularly known as the "little joker."

Any person who shall, in the presence of two or more persons, draw or exhibit a knife, pistol or other deadly weapon in a rude or angry manner, not necessary in self defense, shall, upon conviction, pay a fine not exceeding \$100, or be imprisoned not exceeding six months, or be subject to both fine and imprisonment, together with costs.

THE NATIONAL DEBT.—The debt statement for February 1st shows a reduction during January of \$4,010,986.75 cash in the Treasury, \$123,894,289; total debt less cash on hand, \$2,328,026,807.

THE PHILOSOPHERS have decided that the earth is cooling off, and will eventually be so cold that the human race cannot live on it. As it is cooling at the rate of fifteen degrees in 9,000,000 years, you fellows that haven't ordered thick overcoats had better be getting around.

Mining Items.

The Chariot mine is now yielding 100 tons of ore per day. They are now down about 50 feet on the seventh level, making the entire depth of the shaft 550 feet. It is intended to sink 40 or 50 feet more and then stope out the seventh level. The January account foots up to \$106,482.21, and \$44,500 worth of Chariot bullion was shipped to San Francisco this week. The stock is active at advanced rates, selling on last Saturday at \$81½.
There will undoubtedly be a handsome dividend declared this month.

Commentary

Rep. Brent Crane
(R-Nampa), District 13A



From the Statehouse

Mandatory minimum sentences key to halt fentanyl trafficking

Today, Idaho is embattled in an urgent war against fentanyl trafficking. The devastation that this poisonous drug is leaving in its wake is unprecedented, unnecessary, and avoidable. Because with fentanyl, it isn't a matter of *if* a one-time, recreational, or habitual user will encounter a deadly dose, but *when*.

Idaho must cut off the flow of fentanyl at the knees. That is why I vehemently support House Bill 406 and its stringent ramifications for those found guilty of trafficking fentanyl.

I must address the discussion regarding the effects House Bill 406. Opponents have twisted and distorted this legislation to try to make it seem as though it aims to punish the individual user. This is incorrect. The purpose of this legislation is to be their saving grace, by preventing an individual's hands from even touching fentanyl in the first place by putting the drug peddler behind bars.

Over the past several months, I have had many talks with our law enforcement, met with members of my district, and discussed with my fellow colleagues in the House of Representatives about the fentanyl public health crisis. In 2022, Idaho reported 188 deaths related directly to a fentanyl overdose. The 2023 numbers are not yet available, but we can only assume that, unfortunately, that number will be higher. I have also learned that seven out of every 10 pills on the streets contains a fatal dose of fentanyl, largely because it only takes 2 milligrams of fentanyl to kill the average American.

As a husband, father, and elected member of the House of Representatives, I cannot stand back any longer and not address this fentanyl issue head-on. I have heard enough about the damaging effects that are ruining Idahoans lives — and that is why I voted to support HB406.

I understand this legislation isn't the solution that will stop drugs from ever coming into our state, but this is a first step in creating a powerful deterrent to send a strong message against fentanyl traffickers. By establishing a tough stance against those who exploit the vulnerability of adolescents and individuals struggling with addiction, we can halt the influx of this lethal substance into Idaho. By supporting House

— See *Fentanyl*, Page 21

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.

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.

Congressional internships offer invaluable experiences to start careers

I interned on Capitol Hill for then-Rep. Orval Hansen of Idaho's Second Congressional District. That eye-opening experience helped spur my interest in the political process and public service. Interns gain real-world skills in the legislative process, communications and public service at the federal level. As such, my Idaho and Washington, D.C., offices offer internship opportunities.

The March 1 deadline to apply for Summer and Fall 2024 internships in my offices is approaching. I welcome applications.

Former interns in my office now work in public relations, news organizations, city planning offices in Idaho, public service and many other fields. For example:

- **Amy Agenbroad, Nampa, summer 2018** — Graduated, University of Idaho, degrees in finance and international studies. She has worked in lobbying and consulting, and is currently a public information officer for the Idaho State Police. She is also a former National Football League cheerleader for the now-Washington Commanders.

"I discovered the true essence of public service under [Senator Crapo's] leadership, fostering unwavering dedication to constituents, coupled with a friendly environment," Agenbroad said.

- **Hunter Funk, American Falls, summer 2017** — Graduated, University of Idaho, degree in broadcast digital media, political science and public relations, and a minor in Spanish. An Emmy-nominated journalist, Funk now resides in Greensboro, N.C., and is an anchor for WFMY News 2. Her coverage has included First Lady Jill Biden, sports stars and corporate owners and presidents. Funk has always had a passion for politics and news, and says her internship in the Washington, D.C., office allowed her to experience both.

"It is a leading reason behind the success I gained

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo
Republican (term expires 2028)

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over the last several years," she said. "It was a positive environment with great people."

- **Hootie Langseth, Arco, spring 2017** — Graduated, Idaho State University (ISU), degrees in political science and sociology. Langseth was elected Butte County Commissioner in 2020, and is currently in his second term. When first elected, Langseth was 24, and may be the youngest county commissioner in Idaho history.

— See *Internships*, Page 21

Commentary

Financial management

College-age son’s credit card debt is a learning moment

Dear Dave,

Our 21-year-old son is in college, and we’ve always warned him to stay away from credit cards. Despite our warnings, we recently learned he got a store-branded credit card. The good news is he has stayed under the credit limit. The bad news is he has never made any payments on the purchases he made, and now he owes about \$3,800.

He’s a good student, and my husband and I want to look at this as a young person’s one-time mistake. Do you think we should pay off the card for him just this once?

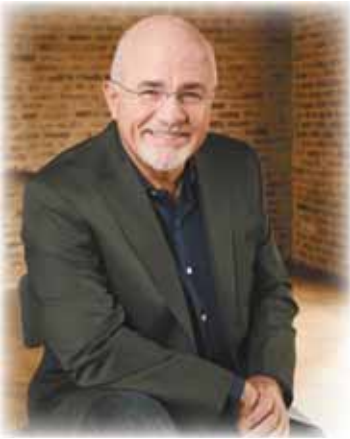
— Melinda

Dear Melinda,

Believe me, I understand you wanting to help him out. It means you’ve got a good heart, and you love him. No parent likes seeing their child in a bad situation.

There’s a reality here, though, I hope you won’t overlook. It’s his debt, not yours. He knew what he was doing when he signed up for that credit card. He knew what it meant, what was expected, and he’s the one who should make good on the repayment. There’s nothing unfair about that.

Now, you’re right. This is a typical young person’s mistake. And like a lot of mistakes our



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kids make, it’s one that’s bad and wonderful at the same time. It’s bad because if he had just

listened to you and his dad, he would’ve avoided the whole mess. It’s wonderful, though, because it gives you two the opportunity to provide him with a real-world, teachable moment.

At this point, my advice is for both of you to give him a great big hug, and lovingly explain where he went wrong and why it was a bad idea. If you want, you can even go a step further, and help him find a part-time job if he doesn’t have one right now, so he can pay off his debt and get out of this mess. It’ll take some planning and discipline on his part, but leave the payments to him. Hopefully, by the time

he finishes working his tail off — and scrimping and saving to pay this debt — he will have learned a lesson he’ll remember for the rest of his life.

— Dave

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

✓ Internships: Former interns credit time in Congress for their successes

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“Not a single day, while I was an intern, was the same. I never knew who I would get to meet or run into in the Capitol,” Langseth said.

Langseth attended and experienced many historic events during his internship, including the inauguration of President Donald Trump and the confirmation process of Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch.

• **Luci Willits, Grant, summer 1994 (U.S. House)** — Graduated, ISU, degree in American studies and marketing. Willits lives in Boise, where she serves on the Boise City Council and as Vice President of Policy at Age of Learning. After interning in the D.C. office, she also interned for then-Sen. Larry Craig (R-Idaho) and the Heritage Foundation before serving as Rep. Mike Simpson’s (R-Idaho) first press

secretary.

“Going to Washington, D.C., and working on Capitol Hill was a formative experience for me. It changed the course of my life,” she said. “I’d never visited that far from Idaho or lived outside of the state. It felt intimidating. But Rep. Crapo’s office was mini-Idaho. People were friendly, kind, and looking for ways to help Idahoans.

“Rep. Crapo treated his staff as a team. The experience fueled my desire to be a more active participant in our democracy. Even if a person has no desire to have a career in public service, it’s an experience that will make you appreciate what we have and why we need people of integrity running for office and winning.”

To read about the experiences of some interns in

my offices this past year, please visit the 2023 Intern Spotlight page on my official website at: <https://www.crapo.senate.gov/intern-spotlights-2023>.

An internship is an excellent way to explore possible career options while gaining valuable life experience. Interested students can find more information about the application process, internship expectations and deadlines for applying on my official website at: <https://www.crapo.senate.gov/services-for-students/internships>.

— 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.

✓ Fentanyl: State Senate must follow suit and send bill to Gov. Little

From Page 20

Bill 406, we will show anyone looking to harm those within our community by distributing or selling fentanyl that we will catch you and lock you up.

Our neighboring states to the west have tried the social experiment of being sympathetic to dealers and traffickers, and we are seeing in real-time that it does not work. Just last week, Oregon issued a 90-day state of emergency in efforts to combat fentanyl. Just days after, it is reported that King County, Washington has recorded more than 1,100 overdoses and of those, 1,073 were attributed to fentanyl. Now, Seattle says it has no room for bodies at the morgue. Idaho has

never followed in the footsteps of Washington and Oregon, and these recent reports are a good reason why we should not start now. We must continue to put the best interests of our state and citizens first. HB406 continues our efforts.

We should not wait until Idaho is making headlines to decide we need to take action against fentanyl traffickers. We must use the tools here in front of us to combat the heavily skilled and powerful criminal organizations who deal fentanyl for profit.

I applaud my fellow members in the Idaho House for overwhelmingly voting for HB406. Now, I urge my colleagues across the Rotunda to do the same.

This issue has been debated; our law enforcement supports it and so do 86 percent of Idahoans. I ask our Idaho senators to take this first step with us in doing what is right for our citizens and send HB 406 to the governor’s office.

— Dist. 13A Rep. Brent Crane (R-Nampa) is in his eighth term in the Idaho House of Representatives. He chairs the House State Affairs Committee and sits on House committees for Business and Ethics and House Policy. He can be reached at the Statehouse at (208) 332-1058 or via email at bcrane@house.idaho.gov.

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1st FISCAL QUARTER, FY 2023/2024

FUND	BUDGET AMOUNT	Expended to Date	% of Budget Expended	Revenue to Date	% of Budget Revenue
01 General	\$ 801,998.00	\$ 101,873.00	12.70%	\$ 118,608.00	14.79%
Law Enforcement	\$ 88,000.00	\$ 33,702.00	38.30%	\$ -	0.00%
02 Roads & Streets	\$ 661,000.00	\$ 54,187.00	8.20%	\$ 92,936.00	14.06%
03 Parks	\$ 222,950.00	\$ 23,739.00	10.65%	\$ 26,246.00	11.77%
05 Planning & Zoning	\$ 169,150.00	\$ 49,518.00	29.27%	\$ 25,934.00	15.33%
Sub-Total	\$ 1,943,098.00	\$ 263,019.00	13.54%	\$ 263,724.00	13.57%
25 Water	\$ 886,950.00	\$ 192,956.00	21.76%	\$ 177,256.00	19.98%
29 Irrigation	\$ 180,800.00	\$ 51,620.00	28.55%	\$ 2,867.00	1.59%
30 Sanitation	\$ 163,000.00	\$ 44,088.00	27.05%	\$ 46,188.00	28.34%
35 Sewer	\$ 762,419.00	\$ 73,980.00	9.70%	\$ 200,893.00	26.35%
Sub-Total	\$ 1,993,169.00	\$ 362,644.00	18.19%	\$ 427,204.00	21.43%
TOTAL (all funds)	\$ 3,936,267.00	\$ 625,663.00	15.89%	\$ 690,928.00	17.55%

The General Public is invited to inspect all supporting documents for the above Financial Statement at City Hall during regular business hours
Financial figures may include fund transfers, service charges, refunds, reimbursements and other accountig procedures

January 31, 2024

Jolyn E. Thompson
City Clerk-Treasurer
02/14/2024

BOARD OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
January 2024 Synopsis
January 2
-Approved the claims report as presented: Current Expenses-\$33,531; R&B-\$721; Dist. Court-\$329; Probation-\$732; I&C-\$1,288; Solid Waste-\$8,752; Waterways-\$256; Off Hwy Vehicles-\$12; Capital Projects/ARPA-\$10,000.
-Approved the minutes from the December 26, 2023 meeting.
-Approved County Resolution 2024-01: Establish Voter Precincts.
-Approved County Resolution 2024-02: Destruction of Temporary Documents for County Commissioners and Elections.
-At 9:23 a.m. went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (c) interest in real property. Open session was resumed at 9:29 a.m. No action was taken.

January 8
-Reorganization of the Board: approved Commissioner Hoagland as Chairman of the Board and kept the Board organization as set on September 5, 2023: Commissioner Hoagland – Dist. III Magistrate Commissioner Rep. and R&B #1 Supervisor; Commissioner Aberasturi - SW Dist. Health Dept, Treasure Valley Partnership, Weed Dept., Probation Dept., Solid Waste, Probation Dept.; and Commissioner Bachman - R&B #3 and County P&Z Dept.
• Set the County Burial fee at \$750.00;
• Declare The Owyhee Avalanche as the official newspaper of Owyhee County
• Declare Owyhee County as Noxious Weed Extermination Area
• Set the County mileage fee at the same rate as the State of Idaho, adjusting accordingly.
-Approved the claims report as presented: Current Expenses-\$27,970;R&B-\$3,894;Dist. Court-\$500;Fair, Grounds and Buildings-\$171;Probation-\$1,272;Historical Society & Museum-\$239;I&C-\$5,642;Revaluation-\$1,058;Solid Waste-\$8,337;Waterways-\$302;Capital Projects/ARPA-\$1,125.
-Approved the minutes from the

January 2, 2024 meeting.
-Approved Owyhee County Resolution 2024-03 – Securing Real Property in the amount of \$550,000.
-Approved County Resolution 2024-04: Destruction of Temporary Records for County Treasurer.
-Approved the Southwest Idaho Resource Conservation & Development Council 2024 Membership in the amount of \$500.
-Approved the West Valley Technical Services 2024 Scope of Work.
-At 9:47 a.m. went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (a) personnel. Motion was carried. Open session was resumed at 10:00 a.m. No action was taken.
-Approved to accept and send the BLM Comment Re: National Conservation Area South Travel Management Plan and Environmental Assessment prepared by attorneys for the County.
-Approved sending a supplemental letter to the BLM Re: National Conservation Area South Travel Management Plan and Environmental Assessment with the Chairman’s signature for the Board.
-At 12:31 p.m. went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (f) possible litigation. Open session was resumed at 1:20 p.m. No action was taken.

January 16
-Approved the claims report as presented: Current Expenses-\$32,603; R & B -\$7,760; Probation-\$126; Health Dist.-\$9,316; Historical Society & Museum-\$1,743; I&C-\$27,607; Junior College Tuition-\$600; Revaluation-\$65; Solid Waste-\$868; Veterans Memorial-\$600; Weed-\$547; 911-\$90; Waterways-\$530; Capital Projects/ARPA-\$689,958.
-Approved the minutes from the January 8, 2024 meeting.
-Approved the minutes from the January 12, 2024 meeting.
-Approved the Bruneau Water & Sewer Dist. re Region IV Development, CDBG Drawdown #11 for the amount of \$1,158.00 with the Chairman’s signature for

the Board.
-Approved the Road & Bridge #1 new hire of Jonathan Hoewing for full-time equipment operator & mechanic, at the pay rate of \$21.00, effective January 16, 2024.
-Approved the Sheriff’s new hire of Elijah Castle for full-time Detention Deputy, at the pay rate of \$20.89, effective January 18, 2024.
-Approved the Sheriff’s pay raise of Angel Juarez, increasing from \$20.89 to \$21.00 per hour, effective January 15, 2024.
-Approved the Sheriff’s Request for Retention of FY2023 County Vessel Funds for Waterways & Law Enforcement Patrol in the amount of \$124,126.
-Approved the certificates of residency 24-02, 03, 04, & 05 to the College of Western Idaho.

January 22
-Approved the claims report, with corrections to items purchased for the County Jail – a washer and dryer instead of two (2) washers: Current Expenses-\$15,946; R&B-\$605; Probation-\$72; Historical Society & Museum-\$4,043; I&C-\$523; Revaluation-\$477 ;Solid Waste-\$370; 911-\$11,743; Election Fund, Taxing Dist.-\$70; Snowmobile Fund-\$6,399; SCAPP Program/Aliens-\$2,962.
-Approved the minutes from the January 16, 2024 meeting.
-Approved the catering permit for The Pour House, catering for Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association on February 3, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
-Approved the Road & Bridge-Jordan Valley new hire of Nathan Easterday, at the pay rate of \$21.00 per hour, effect February 5, 2024.
-Approved the certificates of residency 24-01 to the College of Southern Idaho.
-At 9:31 a.m. went into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (f) possible litigation. Open session was resumed at 10:20 a.m.
-Approved to reschedule the Monday, February 5, 2024 Board of County Commissioner meeting to Tuesday, February 6, 2024 to allow the Board members to attending a court hearing in Boise.
-At 10:22 a.m. went into

executive session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206 (f) possible litigation. Open session was resumed at 10:35 a.m. No action was taken.
-Approved County Resolution 2024-06 – Close Mud Flat Road, starting at the junction with the Oreana Cut Off Road, and from a point 29 miles beyond the Pleasant Valley School Due to Winter Weather Hazardous Road Conditions.
02/14/2024

LIEN SALE
Unit # L-27, Taylor Kennedy, 3751 Pioneer Park Lane, Homedale, ID 83628 — Unit contains a refrigerator, smoker, portable A/C unit, and misc. household items
Units # J-21 and J-23, Linda Septien, 410 S. Main St #11, Homedale, ID 83628 — Units contain furniture and misc. household items
Silent auction will be held at Highway 95 Self Storage located at 3685 Highway 95 in Homedale. Bidding will close at 1pm on Saturday, February 17th, 2024.
02/07,14/2024

NOTICE 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 Joseph E. Stewart and Paul J. Stewart, as Beneficiary, dated 7/14/2017, recorded 7/31/2017, under Instrument No. 293396, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, ID, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by Joseph E. Stewart and Paula L. Stewart.
THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

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

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

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.
Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same.
DATED: January 25, 2024.
Pioneer Title Company of Ada County dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services
Trustee
By:/s/ Deb Duncan
Deborrah Duncan, Assistant Secretary
Pioneer Lender Trustee Services
8151 W. Rifleman Street
Boise, ID 83704

EXHIBIT A
Lot 4, Block 1, Eagle View Estates, according to the official plat thereof recorded as Instrument No. 215482, records of Owyhee County, Idaho, and as amendd by amendment to the plat of Eagle View Estates recorded June 18, 1997 as Instrument NO. 222082, Owyhee County records.
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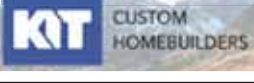
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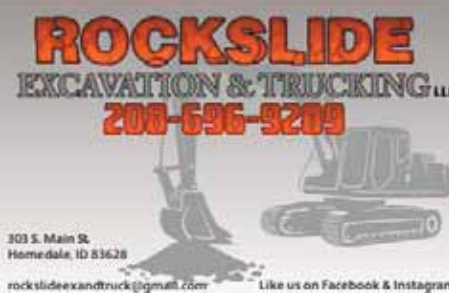
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