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THE SHOW GOES ON



Homedale actors return to their home stage

Princess Prince (Sienna Stairs, left) laments that she doesn't know what love feels like to her attendant Alphasia (Samantha Rodriguez) during the Homedale High School Drama Club's Feb. 19 performance of "The Clumsy Custard Horror Show" inside the new fine arts auditorium. For more on the grand opening and a glimpse inside the auditorium, see **Page 3**.

BOCC will see change

Marsing-area man launches GOP candidacy at Lincoln Day

No matter what happens in the May primary election, Owyhee County appears to be on the verge of gaining a new county commissioner.

Marsing-area home builder and businessman Walt Holton announced he will seek the District 1 position on the Board of County Commissioners.

Holton made his announcement at Friday's Owyhee County Lincoln Day luncheon just feet from incumbent Jerry Hoagland (R-Wilson), who apparently will not seek re-election.

The biennial luncheon is traditionally the first time Republican candidates stump for the elected offices they seek. Hoagland wasn't among the candidates who approached the dais.

Holton said his construction background could bring a new perspective to the BOCC when it comes time to review work bids and contracts.

Appointed District 3 Commissioner Cindy Bachman (R-Bruneau) will seek her own term in office. She also spoke at Friday's luncheon inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center.

Chris Topmiller, another office appointee,

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Owyhee County Justice Center taking its final shape

Windows, roofing among final pieces for downtown spot

The days are few until elements of the Owyhee County justice system can begin moving into its new downtown Homedale digs.

Dist. 2 County Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi (R-Homedale) said the estimated substantial completion date is Tuesday.

There still could be some work done after that, though. The building's 13 windows will be replaced once the magistrate court and county proba-

tion office returns.

Aberasturi said during Monday's Board of County Commissioners meeting that the planned roofing upgrade project was to start Tuesday with the removal of the asphalt shingles.

A metal roof will be installed atop the old Terry Reilly Health Services dental clinic in the first block of North 2nd Street West.

"They found a soft spot by one of the skylights," Aberas-

turi said in a Feb. 20 BOCC meeting. "They'll have to replace some of the roofing."

The total construction cost is coming in at about \$641,000 after change orders for roofing and new windows. Succor Creek Construction of Homedale is the general contractor.

The county paid \$292,336.82 for the building after the BOCC approved the transaction with

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Dusty Darbin (left) cuts trim for the courtroom as Aaron Marts holds the straight edge last Wednesday.



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Marsing students set Cause Month causes

Marsing High School’s Student Council is launching its annual March Cause Month.

The school’s students will donate money or items to various causes throughout Treasure Valley.

Each week, Student Council members will collect donations for three separate causes.

Community members who would like to donate can do so through boxes that will be set up to accept items and money at the school’s main office on 8th Avenue West.

Students voted on the charities that would be helped:

- **Cause No. 1, Monday through March 7** — Money raised for the Treasure Valley Down Syndrome Association
- **Cause No. 2, March 11-14** — Money raised for the Alzheimer’s Association Greater Idaho Chapter
- **Cause No. 3, March 18-21** — Items donated for the Lake Lowell Animal Shelter, including:
 - Any brand of canned or dry cat and kitten food or dog and puppy food
 - Puppy pads for housebreaking purposes
 - Kitten formula
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- chewers (black Kong toys or Nylabones)
- Cat litter: Wood-pellet style sold as horse bedding pellets at stores like D&B Supply and Tractor Supply, non-clumping style for young kittens, or clumping style for adult cats
- Gift cards for D&B Supply, Tractor Supply and Zamzows to buy items such as cat litter, which is heavy and can be hard to store during donation drives
- Cat toys
- Bleach wipes and bleach
- Large contractor trash bags (Brute brand recommended)
- Regular trash bags, such as Hefty Force Flex
- Liquid laundry detergent for high-efficiency machines
- Lysol laundry sanitizer
- Dryer sheets
- Dish soap and dishwasher detergent (tabs or liquid)
- Rabbit food
- Chicken food
- Beds, blankets, or towels people no longer need
- Foster homes are also needed for dogs, kittens and cats.



Dusty Darbin (left) and Aaron Marts work to apply dark trim facade to the bench in the new magistrate courtroom in Homedale.

✓ Center: Building opening set for March

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TRHS in July 2021.

Adrian resident Aaron Marts and employee Dusty Darbin of Caldwell were carrying out finish work on the courtroom last Wednesday for subcontractor Aaron Marts Construction.

The building has new lighting fixtures, and some rooms have energy-efficient automatic lighting that comes on and shuts off as people enter and leave the space.

Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington’s chambers will be moved to the new building, and the Wednesday court dates will shift from the old courtroom inside Homedale City Hall eventually.

The Owyhee County Probation Office occupied the north

end of the building previously, and chief probation officer Ivy Smith and her staff will return from their hiatus in the Marsing substation once the Homedale building is furnished and ready to go.

Among the change orders included in the total construction cost is about \$15,000 to replace 13 windows. That change order was approved during the Feb. 6 BOCC meeting.

Aberasturi said the windows will be delivered soon. Other work finishing up includes drywall, flooring and the final installation of electrical and lighting fixtures.

The county will spend another \$74,343.10 for the installation of security cameras and a secure lock badging system.

That estimate from M2 was approved in October.

Part of the Succor Creek Construction tab was nearly \$86,000 in architecture work.

Another \$74,605.01 was approved in October for the courtroom audio/visual system.

Also in October, commissioners approved a \$12,503.68 change order for more durable metal roofing.

On Monday, county Clerk Angie Barkell said installation of the phone system hasn’t happened yet.

There was also discussion of magistrate court clerk Aeisha Zenor also handling west county building department business in the Homedale building.

— JPB

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Curtain goes up on new HHS fine arts auditorium

Community takes in remodel, “Clumsy Custard” show

The Homedale High School Drama Club unveiled its revamped home to the community last week.

Now, DeAnn Thatcher’s charges are ready to bring their love of acting to the town’s children.

The debut of an extended stage came Feb. 19 and Feb. 20 with the club’s fall performance of the “Clumsy Custard Horror Show”.

Thatcher received the go-ahead to proceed just days before the performances.

“There were a lot of nerves and excitement backstage,” Thatcher said.

Thatcher directed the production of William Gleason’s play, which was presented by special arrangement with Dramatic Publishing Co., of Woodstock, Ill.

She also was the first thespian to face the audience as the play began with a dicey exchange “Usher 1,” played by Eliza Deason, who hurls insults at the “director” of the play while trying to find the MIA lead actor “Arnis,” played by Kahlila Mark.

There was a lot of action that bubbled from the audience and on to the stage inside the revamped old HHS auditorium.

“The extended platform at the front of the stage is amazing,” Thatcher said.

“This play has a lot of characters and action on stage in many scenes. I’m wondering how we ever did it without the extra feet out front.”

The two performances were framed by the old burgundy curtain crowned with the golden cascading letters “HHS” above the stage.

But that curtain is going away, Thatcher told the audience as she recounted some of the advancements the program has made during her 17 years at the helm.

“There is promise of a brand new curtain, and rumor has it that it won’t be operated by ropes anymore,” Thatcher told The Owyhee Avalanche. “This project might take a couple of months.

“We have great hope for upgrades in sound and lighting, also.”

Last week’s performances were the first glimpse most folks got of the remodeled gymnasium interior. Frosted windows were installed a few months ago in the location of the original south-facing panes.

But inside, the room is com-



Restored windows and acoustic tiles are the first things patrons see when they climb a flight of new steps to enter the auditorium from the new entrance on the north side of Homedale High School’s main building.

pletely transformed.

There is a new entryway from the north exterior doors of the main building. Patrons walked through an area that used to be the school’s office and principal Matt Holtry’s office to pass through double doors and up a short set of stairs onto the old gym floor, which was retained.

Once inside, audience members noticed the player benches on the south side of the basketball court were gone.

Gone are the steep, rickety bleachers that hovered over the old gym entrance on the north side. Instead, the new north wall is flush with the original bottom wall and acoustic pan-

els dot the new wall where the bleachers used to be.

Thatcher said she was brought in on the construction plans prior to the project.

“The construction team had a walk-through of the stage area before beginning,” she said. “I was invited to that, and we had some good discussion about it.”

Even with all the new features, there still are some parts of Thatcher’s dream that have yet to materialize.

“I also learned that a proper sound and light box at the back of the room would cost around \$200,000,” she said. “With our creativity and ingenuity, we hope to improve our sound and lighting for a much less amount.”

Now that the nerves of opening night for the new stage have dissipated, the actors will rehearse for a whole different type of experience.

“Our spring plans involve taking a show to the library Story Time in April,” Thatcher said. “We are leaning toward a puppet show this time. We have had fun with that in the past.”

— JPB

The Clumsy Custard Horror Show cast and crew

Arnis — Kahlila Mark	Sir Prize — Wayne Stewart
Swashbuck — Todd Thatcher	Sir Vival — Corey Romriell
Worfle — Grant Waltman	Usher 1 — Eliza Deason
Princess Prince — Sienna Stairs	Usher 2 — Vanessa Canterberry
King Dumb — Hailey Evans	Director — DeAnn Thatcher
Dacron — Mikevin Rountree	Clumsy Custard — Hailey Evans/Pastelle Woodward
Alphasia — Samantha Rodriguez	Turkey Spider — Pastelle Woodward
Malforce — Quade Christensen	Stage crew — Adam Francis, Gavyn Turner-Bowns, and Pastelle Woodward
Polly — Lorelia Goettling	
Ester — Paige Van Vliet	
Head — Kira Manley	

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Sheriff’s office tries to fill 911 coordinator vacancy

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office is looking for a new 911 coordinator. Sheriff Larry Kendrick said the position is vacant after former 911 coordinator Colleen Studor was terminated after an investigation conducted by an outside agency. Because the decision is ultimately a personnel matter, Kendrick wouldn’t comment on the nature of the investigation or any allegations or behavior that may have led to the probe.

During their Feb. 20 meeting, county commissioners unanimously approved Kendrick’s request to move part-time dispatcher Angela Patterson into a full-time role to help cover duties in the OCSO dispatch pod.

Effective the day of the meeting, Patterson was given a pay raise to \$20.29 per hour.

A part-time employee has been moved to full-time to help in the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office dispatch pod.

Kendrick said Studor is the second OCSO employee to be let go after an investigation in his time as the appointed sheriff.

Patrol Deputy Andrew Neff was terminated after an internal investigation shortly after Kendrick was appointed to the post in April.

Kendrick wouldn’t discuss the nature of the investigation.

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Feb. 29: Chicken Alfred fettuccine, California blend vegetables
March 5: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, spinach
March 6: Chicken cobbler (chicken, vegetables, topped with biscuit), sweet potatoes

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing
Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside City Hall
Milk available each day
Suggested donation: \$5 (60 and older), \$8 (59 and younger)
\$8 (take-out meal, any age)
Feb. 28: Beef stew, Brussels sprouts, Capri vegetables, corn bread
March 1: Tuna casserole, stewed tomatoes, baby carrots, 9 grain bread, fresh fruit
March 4: Polish sausage with sauerkraut, baked beans, peas and carrots, whole wheat bun, tropical fruit

Rimrock Senior Center
Served at noon with milk & fruit juice
Curbside pickup from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or delivery only.
Call (208) 834-2922 as early as possible to place order
Feb. 29: Chicken fried steak, potato/gravy, 3-bean salad, roll, mixed fruit
March 5: Ham, hash browns, oranges/ grapes

Melba Valley Senior Center
Meals served at noon (Salad bar at 11:30 a.m.)
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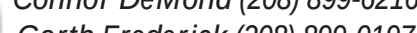
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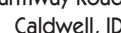
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Owyhee County 4-H enrollment deadline is just days away

Youth and adult volunteers have until Friday (March 1) to enroll in Owyhee County 4-H for the 2023-24 4-H year. Enrollments are submitted online via ZSuite, <https://4h.zsuite.org/>.

All youth intending to participate in 4-H and exhibit at the 2024 Owyhee County Fair must complete their enrollment, declare their projects, and pay dues by Friday’s deadline. FFA members intending to exhibit at the Owyhee County Fair do not need to complete a 4-H enrollment.

- Dues are as follows:
- \$16 for Cloverbuds ages 5-7
 - \$25 for youth ages 8-18 in all projects except Horse
 - \$28 for youth ages 8-18 in the Horse project area.

There is a family cap on enrollment fees of \$50 (for families with three or more children participating). If a member is in more than one club, they only need to pay dues to their primary club.

Returning Owyhee County 4-H members will use their previously created ZSuite accounts to enroll. Double-check that all enrollment information (address, email, phone numbers, etc.) is accurate and up to date, as all communication

and contact lists for the upcoming year will be developed via ZSuite enrollment data.

Parents, you do not need to complete the adult enrollment unless you intend to volunteer or lead a club for the upcoming year. If you would like to become a volunteer this year, reach out to the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office to learn more about the new leader application process.

If you are new to Owyhee County 4-H, fill out our new member interest survey: <https://bit.ly/4HYouth>. Upon receiving your survey results, we will reach out to you with more information about our program, project areas and club placement.

We are also looking for new leaders and volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a leader or volunteer for Owyhee County 4-H, complete the following survey: <https://bit.ly/VolunteerOC4H>.

For more information about enrollment, joining 4-H for the first time, or volunteering, contact the UI Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or email madisona@uidaho.edu.

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



Madi Anderson

UI Extension fires up spring break day camps

The University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension has finalized its spring break plans.

In late March, Extension Office staff will lead a Spring Break Day Camp Series at The HUB, 205 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

Lego robotics, programming and computer science are among the primary topics, but more is sure to be covered.

The educational camp series is open to boys and girls ages

10-14, and there is a \$25 one-time registration fee.

The camp fee includes a snack and lunch each day. The camp will be held from 10 a.m., to 2 p.m., between March 25 and March 27.

The registration deadline is 5 p.m., today.

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

Calendar

Today

Massage

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

Ladies coffee group

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

Food distribution

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

Bingo

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

Story Time

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

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.

School Talks

6 p.m., to 7 p.m., subject TBA, Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, 39678 ID-77, Bruneau. Information: <https://www.sd365.us/>

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

Prime Time Swingers perform

11 a.m., to noon, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

After School Bible Club

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

Spark! Places of Innovation Exhibit

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

Teens and Tweens

5 p.m., to 6 p.m., ‘Reuseum visit - Doodle Bots,’ Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Opaline Irrigation District meeting

7 p.m., 7300 Opaline Rd., Melba.

Friday

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

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Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Opal Nash Story Time

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

After School program

4:30 p.m., to 5:30 p.m., ‘Terry Reilly visit and games’, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

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Rusty and the Country Jammers perform

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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

Family storytelling night

5 p.m., to 7 p.m., ‘Special Guest Patrick Mitchell, founder of ‘Down to Earth Dad’,’ Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

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Obit

Valerie Jo “Morrison” Wilson

Valerie Jo “Morrison” Wilson 72 years old of Wilder, Idaho, passed away of natural causes with family by her side on February 18, 2024. She was born in Caldwell, Idaho in 1951 to Harry and Lovetta Morrison.

Valerie attended school at Kellogg, Idaho and also Wilder, where she graduated. She received her training for Medical Transcribing at Kaylee Medical of Caldwell from 1981-82.

She and her husband, Leonard, spent warm winters in Arizona and summers in Idaho. She enjoyed a lot of camping and fishing for Blue Catfish and Rainbow Trout. She and Len often traveled much of the West. She collected many kinds of antiques and loved foxes of all sorts. Watching old movies was a favorite pastime of hers.

She loved her family consisting of over 32 aunts and uncles, plus their spouses, and over 100 FIRST cousins. Family reunions were a joy and a must to her. Valerie loved being a grandmother and spent countless hours making precious memories with her grandchildren. She was the very best Grammy, and they will miss her terribly.

Preceded in death: mother and father and husband Leonard and stepson Seth.

Survived by: sons, Kevin and Jay, Stepchildren Nathan, Heather and Lindsey, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, 4 sisters, 1 brother and MANY cherished friends.

Most of all, she wanted to give glory to GOD throughout her life. She spent much time in prayer so, if she knew you, or even of you, you were covered in prayer.

For over a decade Val completely read the Bible in a year but not the same Bible. She bought a new one to start January 1st and finished it December 31st, put it aside to give away, and started another.

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School menus

Homedale Elementary
Choice of milk and juice
PB&J sandwich, and vegetable and fruit choices daily
Feb. 28: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken fried fingers, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn
Feb. 29: **Breakfast:** Waffle sandwich, Yami yogurt, dried cranberries **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, garden salad, pineapple tidbits, Jello
March 4: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, applesauce **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken, steamed buttered carrots, whole grain roll
March 5: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, orange slices **Lunch:** French toast sticks, sausage patty, hash brown patty
March 6: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, syrup cup, Yami yogurt, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Spaghetti, seasoned green beans

Homedale Middle
Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese
Cereal option and PB&J and string cheese daily
Vegetable and fruit choices daily
Feb. 28: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, string cheese, sliced pears **Lunch:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, buttered corn, whole grain roll
Feb. 29: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich, Yami yogurt, apple **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, seasoned green beans, pineapple tidbits, Jello
March 4: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, string cheese, applesauce **Lunch:** Italian pull-a-part, marinara sauce cup, buttered corn
March 5: **Breakfast:** Maple bar, Yami yogurt, mixed fruit **Lunch:** French toast sticks, sausage patty, hash brown patty
March 6: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, blueberry muffin, diced pears **Lunch:** Chicken Alfredo, mixed vegetables, garlic toast

Homedale High
Choice of milk and juice, yogurt, string cheese or hard-boiled egg
Vegetable and fruit choices offered daily
Cereal option, Grab ‘n’ go items each day
Feb. 28: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, garden salad **Grab ‘n’ go:** Ham and cheese sub
Feb. 29: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, Yami yogurt, iced coffee **Lunch:** Corn dog, curly fries, fruited Jello **Grab ‘n’ go:** BBQ chicken wrap
March 4: **Breakfast:** Sausage and cheese biscuit, string cheese, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Mozzarella bread sticks, marinara sauce cup, crinkle fries **Grab ‘n’ go:** Turkey bacon sub
March 5: **Breakfast:** French toast bites, sausage patty, iced coffee **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, curly fries

Grab ‘n’ go: Berry chicken salad
March 6: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, Tater Tots **Grab ‘n’ go:** Club sub sandwich

Marsing
Each meal includes choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables
Elementary School: Breakfast: Cereal option
Middle/High School: PB&J sandwich option
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Hot Grab-n-go line (varies): Cheeseburger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sandwich; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)
Feb. 28: **Breakfast:** Frudel or mini bagel, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Orange chicken, spring roll, steamed rice, green beans, fortune cookie **Cold Grab-n-go:** BBQ chicken wrap
Feb. 29: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese **Lunch:** Mozzarella breadsticks, mixed vegetables, sliced peaches, chocolate chunk cookie **Hot Grab-n-go:** Garlic French bread pizza, marinara sauce cup, curly fries
March 4: **Breakfast:** Glazed donut, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Chicken Alfredo, steamed carrots, garlic toast **Cold Grab-n-go:** Turkey bacon sub
March 5: **Breakfast:** Pork sausage patty, biscuit, country gravy, sliced pears **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans **Hot Grab-n-go:** Malibu chicken sandwich, Tater Tots
March 6: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, Yami yogurt, sliced apples **Lunch:** Chicken drumstick, green beans, steamed rice, roll **Cold Grab-n-go:** Taco salad

Bruneau/Grand View
All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily
Feb. 28: **Breakfast:** Pancakes and egg patty **Lunch:** Chicken patty on a bun, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli
Feb. 29: **Breakfast:** Breakfast wrap **Lunch:** Beef and bean burrito, potato wedges, baby carrots, brownies
March 4: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Macaroni and cheese, tossed romaine salad, baby carrots
March 5: **Breakfast:** Apple frudel **Lunch:** Chili, coleslaw, cinnamon roll
March 6: **Breakfast:** Waffle **Lunch:** Nachos with whole wheat chips, refried beans/salsa, broccoli

Death notice

LINDA STEINER GUEST, 73, of Cascade, who grew up on a cattle ranch near Oreana and went to school on Castle Creek and in Grand View, died on Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024 at home.

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MARSING CHAPTER MARKS FFA WEEK



Marsing FFA chapter members sit on farm equipment some of them used for transportation during Thursday’s Drive Your Tractor to School activity.



Two Marsing FFA members serve up sausage prior to folks arriving for Friday’s community appreciation brunch inside the high school Ag shop.



Hair and straw flew during the hay bale toss station when the chapter’s three Ag Olympics competed during Thursday’s lunch period.

National FFA Week just part of Marsing chapter’s busy agenda

Alumni auction scheduled next month

by Wyatt Barber
Chapter reporter

As they worked their way through National FFA Week, members of Marsing’s FFA chapter also reflected on a busy winter.

We held our donkey basketball fundraiser, which only occurs every two years, and it is a blast for everyone. Our chapter split into two teams, and the juniors and sophomores beat the seniors and freshmen.

A team of FFA alumni played the juniors and sophomores next. The students couldn’t pull out the second win because of a lack of cooperation on the donkeys’ part and fatigue from the previous game.

Shortly after our donkey basketball adventures, we did our chapter friendsgiving and food drive. Each November, Marsing FFA holds a food drive in the school to bring in canned food, turkeys, and hams for the food pantry at The Marsing HUB to give to families for Thanksgiving. We ended the drive on the night of our chapter friendsgiving where all the chapter members came to our Ag shop with a food dish to share with their colleagues. Our advisor, Hannah Mamer, cooks her special ham every year, and we all gather, enjoy a good meal together, and make even more memories as a chapter.



Above: The donkeys proved their stubbornness during Marsing FFA’s biennial basketball fundraiser. **Below:** Chapter members prepare for their tour of the Statehouse during the leadership conference. Submitted photos



And last but not least our most recent Leadership Conference in Boise. In the chapter adventure was the Gem State last few days of January, 14 chapter

members attended the five leadership workshops at the conference with a couple members attending the luncheon with state senators. On the first day of the conference, our chapter went on a tour of the Lucky Peak Nursery in Boise where we learned about how they operate and what they do for the community.

After our tour, we went to the Statehouse to explore and take the state FFA picture with Idaho Gov. Brad Little. Once we were done at the Statehouse, we headed back to the hotel to go to the first two workshops of the conference and cap the day off with the social held by the state officers. On the second day of the conference, we attended the final three workshops and headed back home.

The chapter’s adventures continue as spring approaches, proving there is never a dull moment for Marsing FFA members.

Last week for National FFA Week, we held our Community Appreciation Brunch on Friday. The community’s FFA supporters and school staff enjoyed a meal prepared by the local chapter members.

The Marsing FFA Alumni Auction will take place on Friday, March 8 in the Marsing School District cafeteria. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the live auction starts at 7 p.m.

The chapter also has more Treasure Valley District contests and April’s State Leadership Conference in Twin Falls.

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Owyhee County Republicans Observe Lincoln Day



Tim Riha, the Republican primary challenger for Owyhee County sheriff (left), looks on as appointed Sheriff Larry Kendrick addresses the Lincoln Day luncheon crowd.



Former Trump senior advisor Theo Wold gets animated while sharing a humorous story about U.S. Sen. William Borah's public speaking history Friday.



Idaho Attorney General Raúl Labrador (left) speaks as Dist. 1 County Commissioner Jerry Hoagland (second from right) listens Friday.



District 1 county commissioner candidate Walt Holton.



District 3 commissioner candidate Cindy Bachman.



District 23 state Senate incumbent Todd Lakey.



Dist. 23B Rep. Tina Lambert.



Lambert's challenger and Guffey resident Shawn Dygert.

✓ Lincoln Day: State chair emphasizes Saturday's presidential caucus

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said he will seek a four-year term as county prosecuting attorney. He also addressed a big question:

“There’s one slight wrinkle,” Topmiller said. “I don’t live in the county yet. I’m working on it. I’m working on it hard.”

Topmiller was appointed after Jeffrey Phillips resigned amid pressure because — although elected to serve Owyhee County — his primary residence remained in Caldwell.

Topmiller lives just north of Homedale over the Snake River.

In their first official face-to-face meeting, appointed Sheriff Larry Kendrick and his primary election opponent, Tim Riha, showcased the differences between the candidates from which voters will choose on May 21.

“I believe in our shared values and what is right,” Kendrick said.

“When we head to the polls this May, don’t vote for promises, but vote for proven leadership, faithful service and dedication.”

Riha, a veteran of the Nampa Police Department and Idaho State Police, most recently served as Owyhee County’s waterways sergeant under Sheriff Perry Grant. He resigned when Kendrick was sworn in after Grant’s resignation.

Riha said he’s running on his résumé built in Nampa and with the state

agency.

“Those are very professional agencies,” he said. “That’s what I was brought up in, and that’s what I’ll bring to Owyhee County.”

Legislative incumbents Sen. Todd Lakey (R-Nampa) and Dist. 23B Rep. Tina Lambert (R-Caldwell) also addressed the partisan crowd.

Lakey spoke of his efforts to reform criminal code in regards to fentanyl and human trafficking and said that the Idaho Legislature is focusing on tax relief again this session.

During her allotted one minute, Lambert, who sits on the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee (JFAC) as a freshman legislator, said she is working against government overreach.

“My votes in the House chamber are to get the government off your back,” she said.

Guffey resident Shawn Dygert made some of his first public comments since declaring his candidacy for Lambert’s seat in the Idaho House of Representatives. He is a 33-year resident of Owyhee County and is winding down a 35-year career as an Ag educator.

“Owyhee County needs someone who is going to advocate for Owyhee County and District 23,” he said.

Dist. 23A Rep. Melissa Durrant (R-Kuna) wasn’t in attendance.

Only Attorney General Raúl Labrador was on hand to represent the state’s constitutional officers. None of Idaho’s congressional delegation were on hand, although Rep. Russ Fulcher aide Dirk Mendive was in attendance.

Former District 23 legislator Bert Brackett from Three Creek hosted a table full of military veterans.

Idaho GOP state chair Dorothy Moon spoke out against the media and ranked choice voting and also extolled the virtues of the state’s Republican presidential caucus, which is coming up Saturday.

In an informal, “show me your hands” poll, Moon revealed that the room full of Republicans was firmly behind Donald Trump in the upcoming caucus. Not one hand went up for Nikki Haley or Ryan Binkley.

Six national presidential candidates paid \$50,000 each to be included in the caucus. That brought \$300,000 into the state GOP coffers to run the election process. And the three candidates who have suspended their campaigns — Ron DeSantis, Chris Christie and Vivek Ramaswamy — have lost their non-refundable fees.

Moon urged anyone in the room who had signed Reclaim Idaho’s petition to get a ranked choice voting initiative on the ballot to contact their county clerks and get their names removed before signatures are counted.

“You can have signature remorse,” Moon said, citing an Idaho law that allows folks to change their mind about endorsing initiative ideas.

Former Idaho solicitor general and Trump senior advisor Theo Wold provided the keynote, citing the gains made during the Trump administration and also the changes that have occurred in the 20th century to alter parts of U.S. history.

George Washington’s Birthday, for example, has been changed to Presidents Day, he said. The holiday itself also was moved to a later date in February.

He also said that President Abraham Lincoln foretold the future during an 1838 address when he urged his listeners to not forget the recent Revolutionary War history of the young nation.

“Political memory is essential to be a free people,” Wold said.

“Our inheritance is the fundamental laws in the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. How we pass that to our children is remembering the honorable lives and people like Washington and Lincoln.”

Wold enraptured attentive officials at the head tables and encouraged attendees to “remember our achievements and heritage to set a course of where we must take our country next.

“We are a great people, and we can be a great people again.” — JPB

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Owyheean shares
2A WIC player award

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Rimrock coaches
sweep awards

Avalanche Sports

Freshman wrestling champ leads four HHS medalists

Six of nine qualifiers
pick up state meet
victories at ISU

Trevor Paynter became Homedale High School’s first freshman state wrestling champion since 2003 on Saturday in Pocatello.

2A state wrestling

Marsing’s
Crandall
concludes
on great run

Two seniors win
medals at ISU

Marsing High School enjoyed two wrestlers on the 2A state tournament medal podium for the first time since 2018.

Senior Jarrek Crandall knocked off two seeded wrestlers to post the best finish

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Mustangs
senior exacts
revenge, title
Melba collects
three medals

Melba’s Evan Michaelson finished his high school wrestling career at the top of the heap Saturday.

The senior 220-pounder saved one of his most dramatic matches for his final one.

And he got a little revenge when he beat 50-match winner Orrin Miller in overtime for a gold medal at the 2A state meet in Pocatello.

Michaelson (38-2) nipped the North Fremont junior (50-4) with a 3-1 sudden victory inside the ICCU Dome on the Idaho State University campus.

Miller pinned Michaelson for third place at 195 in last year’s state tournament.

Fellow Mustangs senior Trevor Rhoades (34-8) ended

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The 106-pounder turned the tournament’s top seed into a Class 3A title with an exciting championship bout victory over Timberlake’s Wyatt Carey inside the ICCU Dome on the Idaho State University campus.

Paynter was one of four Trojans to secure medals in the two-day event, and he is the first HHS state champion since Joseph Egusquiza won the 120-pound

title as a sophomore in 2019.

Eventual four-time champion Jeremy Ensley was the last ninth-grader to bring a state championship home.

Paynter (40-3) and the third-seeded Carey (45-9) tangled throughout their championship final until the Homedale wrestler took charge with just eight seconds left in the six-minute bout.

Sophomore Trey McFarlane, who

had the No. 3 seed at 132 pounds, kept the family in the state medal business with a third-place showing.

McFarlane (46-9) edged fourth-seeded Max Atchley of Teton (19-5) with an 8-6 decision in the bronze medal match. His brother, Trell, was the fourth-place wrestler at 106 pounds

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Homedale squad wins school’s first cheer state trophies

Homedale High School’s cheer squad placed in two disciplines during Friday’s Class 3A state competition at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa. The tem was third in Coed Show and fourth in Sideline. Photos by Chardee VanDerhoff / CV Photography (including Athlete Spotlight photo on Page 11)

Trojans’ title chances vanish in 4th quarter

Homedale boys return
to State on Thursday

The Homedale High School district championship hopes ended on a chilly Thursday night in Valley County.

The Trojans have a chance to heat up again when the 3A Real Dairy Shootout boys’ basketball state tournament starts Thursday at Meridian High School.

Eighth-seeded Homedale (9-13) draws No. 1 Snake River of Blackfoot (21-2) in a 2 p.m., state tournament game.

Last week, 3A District III No. 1 seed McCall-Donnelly denied cold-handed Homedale few second chances in a 51-35 home-court victory in the tournament championship game.

The Vandals (19-1) dominated the second-seeded Trojans in rebounding, collecting 23 defensive boards to

Homedale’s eight offensive rebounds.

The Trojans connected on just 26.1 percent of their second-half shots (6-for-23; 1-for-10 from three-point range).

McCall-Donnelly doubled the Trojans’ shooting success rate in the second half (9-for-17, 52.9 percent) and drained half of its three-point attempts in the game (6-for-12).

Eleven points off only nine Homedale turnovers and a 16-4 finishing kick helped the Vandals pull away.

Alex Sotelo led the Trojans with 11 points (3-for-4 shooting on two-point field goals, 2-for-3 from the foul line) and a co-team-high four rebounds. While sharing the rebounding lead with Lukas Hall, Sotelo also shared the team lead in steals, matching Keaton Sorenson’s three thefts.

Sotelo hit one of the Trojans’ four three-point goals, and his free throws accounted for 66 percent of the team’s success at the line.

Jace Clover was the only other HHS player to get to the free-throw line, converted one of his two chances.

While Homedale only attempted three free throws in the second half, the Vandals were sent to the line seven times, making six shots.

Overall, McCall-Donnelly took twice as many foul shots as the visitors.

The Vandals’ Sam Penny was 7-for-10 from the charity stripe, and he was 3-for-4 from long range for half of his team’s successful three-pointers. He led all players with 24 points and 11 rebounds. Nine of his boards came on defense.

Teammate Michael Foster scored 11 points with nine rebounds.

Sorenson and Angel Contreras scored six points apiece for Homedale, which hung with McCall for three quarters. The Vandals clung to a 35-31 lead heading into the fourth quarter.



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Sports

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✓ Crandall: Senior heavyweight knocks off seeded foe in quarterfinals

among the Huskies duo on Saturday inside the ICCU Dome in Pocatello.

Crandall (19-7) upset No. 2 seed heavyweight Will Carter of Challis (33-10) for third place. Crandall pinned Carter in 26 seconds for the bronze medal in the 285-pound bracket.

Fellow senior Jonathan Leon finished sixth at 220 pounds on the Idaho State University campus.

Leon (19-12) collected a state medal for the second time in as many years.

Leon rallied into the fifth-place bout in his weight class, but Priest River junior Caleb Grow (28-19) got the win with a pin nine seconds before the end of the opening period.

The Huskies can boast at least one state medalist every year but one (2022) since 2009.

Leon is the first Marsing wrestler to win more than one state medal in his career since 2021. Isai Arteaga was a 182-pound champion in 2021, finished third in 2020, and took fifth in 2019.

Crandall reached the semifinals during the weekend at Idaho State University, slipping into the consolation bracket when eventual state champion and top-seeded Nathan Willoughby of New Plymouth (41-6) pulled off a pin in 17 seconds.

Crandall reached the semifinals with two pins — in 1 minute, 45 seconds in the opening round against Kellogg junior Russell Fields (19-25), and in 5:10 against No. 4 seed Ben Jensen of West Side (43-14).

He bounced back in the consolation semifinals with a 45-second pin of Firth’s Kendale Jones (19-15).

Leon faced Grow twice in the tournament.

On Friday, the Priest River wrestler caught Leon four seconds before the end of the opening period of their opening-round match.

Leon then pinned two consolation bracket opponents — Julian Urias of Valley (1:19) and New Plymouth freshman Nolan Darrough (4:18) — to reach the semifinals.

He fell into the fifth-place bout when Porter Whipple of Kamiah (44-5) pulled off a pin in 35 seconds.

✓ Mustangs: Top two seeded wrestlers face off for 220-pound crown

his prep career Saturday with a fourth-place medal after St. Maries senior Trey Gibson (49-5) pulled off a pin in 20 seconds during their bronze medal match at 195 pounds.

Melba junior Brendan Svetich (29-10) edged Declo’s Kenyon Adams (31-16), another junior, with a 5-2 decision for third place at 182 pounds.

Miller was the top-seeded wrestler heading into this year’s action at 220 pounds, while Michaelson started on the other end of the bracket as the No. 2 seed.

The Melba upperclassman set up the inevitable rematch with a narrow 4-3 win over Kamiah’s Porter Whipple in the semifinals. Michaelson got to the bracket’s final four with pins against Aberdeen’s Daniel Potts (1:21), and Caleb Mathews of Malad, whom Michaelson stopped with one second left in the opening period of their quarterfinal bout.

Rhoades was the No. 3 seed at 195 and pinned his way into the semifinals.

He got Firth’s Jeffrey Edwards in 1:35 and put North Fremont’s Jace Marsden on his back at the 5-minute, 1-second mark of their quarterfinal.

After second-seeded Elijah Dillworth of Soda Springs used a 14-7 decision to drop Rhoades into the consolation bracket, he pinned Wendell’s Abraham Orozco in 2:30 of their consolation semifinal to reach the third-place bout.

Svetich was the fourth seed in his weight class and rolled into the semifinals with an 8-1 win over Wendell’s Lucas McRoberts. Svetich started his tournament with a pin in 2:47 against Kris Brusseau of St. Maries.

The Melba wrestler slipped into the consolation bracket after eventual state champion Gabriel Cox, the top-seeded 182-pounder from New Plymouth, got a pin in 80 seconds in the semifinals.

Svetich marched into the third-place match with a 6-2 consolation semifinals decision over Challis sophomore Rigin Dixon.

MARSING HUSKIES

Athletes of the Week



Wrestling
2A state medalist
285 bronze medalist — Jarrek Crandall, sr.



Wrestling
2A state medalist
220 sixth place — Jonathan Leon, sr.

This week's schedule

Wrestling Boys 2A state medalists 285 bronze medalist — Jarrek Crandall, sr. 220 sixth place — Jonathan Leon, sr.	Baseball Varsity Jamboree Saturday, March 2 at John Jackson Field, Homedale (3 innings or 1 hour) 11 a.m. — vs. Homedale 12:15 p.m. — vs. Caldwell Season opener Tuesday, March 6 at Parma, 6 p.m. Junior varsity Saturday, March 2 at John Jackson Field, Homedale (3 innings or 1 hour) 2:45 p.m. — vs. Caldwell 5:15 p.m. — vs. Homedale Season opener Tuesday, March 6 at Parma, 4 p.m.
Softball Varsity Wednesday, March 7 at Parma, 5 p.m. Junior varsity Wednesday, March 7 at Parma, 3:30 p.m.	



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Sports

Rimrock alums, now coaches, sweep 1A WIC honors



Jackie Thurman coaches up one of her JV players. Submitted photo

Raiders sophomore on 1A, Div. I State all-tourney team

Jackie Thurman continues to bat 1.000 with her 1A Western Idaho Conference coaching colleagues. And, although Kyla Jewett’s squad finished second to Liberty Charter in the conference’s girls’ basketball standings, she also got top reviews from her fellow coaches. The Rimrock High School graduates — Jewett for varsity and Thurman for junior varsity — swept the conference coach of the year awards. This is the third time in three years leading the younger Raiders that Thurman has won the top award. Almost instantaneous with receiving the conference cham-

pionship plaque, Thurman was anointed coach of the year. The only formality was the unwritten rule that all all-conference details are held close to the vest until after the conclusion of the 1A, Div. I Real Dairy Shootout. Thurman is no stranger to being on top of the conference accolades roll call. The 2010 Rimrock High School graduate is a former 1A WIC Player of the Year. Three varsity Raiders were named to the All-1A WIC team, including first-teamer Kloe Borger. The sophomore also earned a spot on the all-tournament team at State. The state tournament standouts were selected by former Homedale

High School coach and teacher Clay Hatfield and his IdahoSports.com broadcasting partner, Jesse Richens. Senior Ashten Moore also made it on to the All-1A WIC first team. She and all-conference honorable mention Kailee Martinez will represent their conference against Long Pin Conference seniors in the 1A District III All-Star Game. The doubleheader (girl at 6 p.m., boys at 7:30 p.m.) will be played on Monday, March 11 at Payette High School.

— The Rimrock Journalism class provided some information for this article.



Kyla Jewett relays instructions to her defense during the district title game.

Owyheean shares top 2A WIC player honor

Chadez is lone Marsing pick

Owyhee County resident Brooklyn Dayley shared the 2A Western Idaho Conference girls’ basketball player of the year award. The Melba High School standout split the award with fellow senior Hadley Fraas from Cole Valley Christian. Marsing sophomore Adyson Chadez was a second-teamer. Dayley averaged 18.3 points, 7.6 assists, 7.7 steals, and 3.5 rebounds per game. Dayley will play in Tuesday’s

2A-3A District III Senior All-Star Game. Melba’s other All-2A WIC honorees included: **First team** — Tariah Carter, jr., averaging 13.8 points and 9.9 rebounds each night **Second team** — Ellie Johnson, so., averaging 11.1 points and 3.5 rebounds **Honorable mention** — Darby Lowber, so., averaging 5.3 points and 6.5 rebounds Carter and Dayley were selected to the first-team Class 2A all-state tournament team, and Johnson was an honorable selection by IdahoSports.com broadcasters.

Resilient Raiders can’t rattle Riverstone

Boys battle into third-place game

The Rimrock High School boys’ basketball season ended short of a shot at the state tournament Thursday. The No. 6-seeded Raiders fell, 65-41, to No. 3 Riverstone International in the third-place game of the 1A, Div. I District III Tournament. The Otters (16-7) lost to District I champion Lakeside, 92-46, in Saturday’s battle for a berth in the 1A, Div. I Real Dairy Shootout state tournament. Riverstone International played District I champion Lakeside in Grangeville for one of eight berths in the state tourney, which

starts Thursday at Vallivue High School in Caldwell. Rimrock (9-14) saw its season end. **Last Wednesday: No. 6 Rimrock 60, No. 5 Vision Charter 45** — Ronaldo (Roni) Gomez erupted for 13 points in the fourth quarter, and the Raiders’ defense stifled the Golden Eagles to run away in a district tournament loser-out game in Caldwell. Gomez led all players with 23 points, but his explosion over the game’s final eight minutes helped Rimrock wrest momentum from their hosts. Ethan Ingram drained a pair of three-point goals and scored seven of his 11 points to start the second half as the

Golden Eagles chiseled away Rimrock’s 28-24 halftime lead to trail by a point, 41-40, heading into the final period. Rimrock shackled 6-foot, 2-inch Kamden Stoker after his prolific first half to stem the tide. The junior started hot with eight of his team’s first 14 points, but managed just six of his 18 points after halftime. Grady Walo, a senior post, added 10 points for Vision. Gomez hit a three-pointer, and Wylee Rinner scored half of his eight points when the Raiders scored 17 points in the second quarter. Loyd Boren chipped in seven points, while Rimrock teammates Rocky Aquiso and Morgan Field added six each.

Homedale frosh boys win 3A SRV conference crown

For the second year in a row, a Homedale High School subvarsity boys’ basketball team has brought home a conference tournament title. The frosh-soph team coached by Angel Cardenas knocked off No. 4 Fruitland, 43-22, on Feb. 14 inside the HHS gymnasium. The Trojans reached the championship game with a 43-22 win over third-seeded McCall-Donnelly in Homedale on Feb. 12. The Grizzlies upset top-seeded Weiser in the semifinals of the single-elimination tournament, which gave Homedale the opportunity to play host to the tournament final. **Junior varsity: McCall-Donnelly 51, Homedale 33** —

The Trojans lost its conference tournament championship game Feb. 14 on the Vandals’ home floor in Valley County. With a third-quarter surge, coach Clint Thomas’ team got as close as 32-22. The JV squad reached the title game with a 49-42 win over Fruitland on Feb. 12 in the semifinals. This is the second year in a row that Homedale played for the championship. The Trojans won the 2022-23 3A SRV tournament championship. The JV roster included juniors Kenny Clover, Mario Garcia, and Elijah Alexander; sophomores Xavier Uranga, Carson Fine, Chance Martell, Chase Roy, and Javid Blewett; and freshmen Tyce Fisher and Alec Campos.



The 3A Snake River Valley conference champion Homedale High School frosh-soph team was comprised of all freshmen. **From left:** Tyler Stebly, Sawyer Nicoletti, Taylor Alexander, Omar Barbosa, Colt Nelson, Aron Sotelo, Boston Garrett, Cyrus Wetherell, Cole Fossette, and coach Angel Cardenas. Submitted photo

Commentary

Dorothy Moon,
Idaho GOP chairwoman



Lincoln Days

Celebrating state’s GOP tradition and commitment to faith, family, and freedom

It’s Lincoln Day season all across the state of Idaho. Owyhee County held its annual luncheon Friday in Marsing, and Washington, Gem, Idaho, Kootenai, Canyon, Ada, Jerome, Twin Falls, and Elmore counties have already held their annual dinners. The rest of the counties will follow over the next two months.

The Lincoln Day Dinner is a wonderful Idaho tradition where you can meet your neighbors, lawmakers, and candidates while supporting your local Republican Party. We are not a top-down organization. Rather we serve the hundreds of volunteers and thousands of voters throughout the state who believe in faith, family, and freedom. The precinct committeemen and volunteers you meet at your local Lincoln Day Dinner are the grassroots of the GOP.

Lincoln Days honor the legacy of our 16th president, a man who faced the greatest crisis in our nation’s history. Abraham Lincoln was not a career politician, nor was he considered one of the great men of the age prior to his election. He was born in a simple log cabin and grew up in poverty, teaching himself grammar, history, and the law. His time in Congress was short, and his race for the Senate a failure. Yet it was this man who was chosen by the Republican Party to lead in 1860, with our nation teetering on a knife’s edge.

The election of 1860 was not easy. Lincoln did not even appear on the ballot in the southern states. Yet he won a majority of electoral votes against three different Democrats and immediately inherited a broken nation.

You know the rest of the story. Through sheer grit and determination, along with a wisdom that came not from high society but from time-honored tradition and the timeless books he was always reading, Abraham Lincoln preserved the union and ended slavery, which the first Republican platform called a “relic of barbarism.”

The Republican Party formed in the 1850s because the existing parties had no answers to questions of slavery and secession. Our first platform declared the party’s support for the principles laid out in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution — life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. While today’s platform deals with new social problems, those principles remain the same, and the Idaho Republican Party is proud to fight for them every day.

The upcoming Lincoln Days schedule includes the Payette County event on March 16, and you can find the list of events on our website, www.idgop.org.

No matter where you live, there is a Republican Party near you, and you are more than welcome to join them to help build a stronger party that will continue the fight for faith, family, and freedom.

JP Doodles



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

From the Statehouse Republican supermajority faces unprecedented pressure to toe the line

by Rep. Lauren Necochea

For democracy to work, elected leaders must have the freedom to act in the best interest of their constituents. This bedrock principle is now being severely undermined by Idaho’s House Republican leadership. We’re seeing historic levels of strong-arming around votes behind closed doors and harsh punishment for dissent. With the Idaho House looking more like the dysfunctional U.S. House of Representatives, there are harmful repercussions for Idahoans.

At the heart of the conflict is our Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee. The committee’s recent departure from our decades-old budget-setting process consolidates power in the hands of a few people. The committee co-chairs are ramming through skeletal budgets they constructed without study and input from other committee members. Skeletal budgets leave out critical investments like raises earned by educators through Idaho’s teacher career ladder, the LAUNCH scholarships propelling young Idahoans to in-demand careers, and certain transportation funds. While the co-chairs claim they will go back and plug budget holes, services are now at risk.

The first House vote on a skeletal budget was a test case. The bill passed 38-31 (with all 11 Democrats opposed), showing many Republicans objected to the new budget-setting scheme.

That’s when the hammer came down.

The next day saw an unprecedented vote on the House Floor in support of Speaker Mike Moyle. The motion “to retain the speaker” received unanimous “yes” votes because no one was willing to fall into the trap of expressing disloyalty publicly. The Legislative

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Services Office couldn’t find any other instances of such a motion in state history.

Immediately after, in a private caucus, House Republicans ousted the first female majority leader (Dist. 9B Rep. Megan Blanksma of Hammett who started her legislative career representing Owyhee County as part of District 23) because she was among those opposing the new budgeting scheme.

Research turned up only one other instance of a leadership change in the middle of a session, which occurred when a Senate leader was battling cancer.

By making a historic example of the majority leader, the speaker sent a chilling message about the consequences of dissent. Skeletal budgets for different agencies are now zooming across the House

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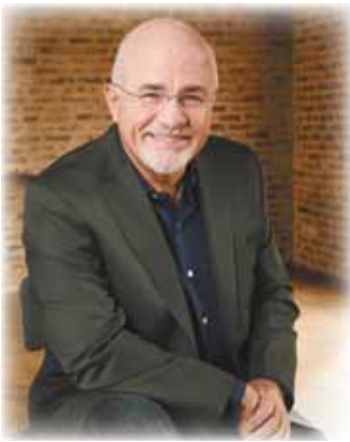
Commentary

Financial management Stalled business affecting ability to maintain mortgage

Dear Dave,
I'm a single mom, and I opened my own small business last year. The business isn't growing at all, and my mom and dad are helping me with the bills. On top of all this, I don't receive any child support payments from my ex-husband. But my biggest concern is our home. I bought it four years ago, and when I opened my business, I did it with a home equity loan. Do you have any advice?
— **Tammy**

Dear Tammy,
You need to close up your business, at least temporarily,

and go find some money-making work. I'm sorry to be so blunt, but you've got a really big mess on your hands.
Long story short, the money you make at another full-time job is likely to decide whether you can stay in your home. If you've got a mortgage, home equity loan and business debts hanging over your head, the chances of this are slim. You probably need to consider the idea moving into a small, affordable apartment for a while, too. If you do this, get your debts paid off and your finances back in order — which includes living on a budget and saving — you



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might be able to buy a house again in a few years.
I know the idea of giving

up your home and business is hurtful, but sometimes when you have a serious illness, extensive surgery is needed to fix the problem. And right now, you've got a very serious financial illness.
I want you to understand how I'm looking at this, Tammy. The house alone is not the problem. You borrowed money to open a business, and that was your first mistake. You also have no savings, which is another mistake, and now your business isn't making a profit. See how all of it combined adds up into one big mess?
I love your spirit, and the fact that you want to be an

entrepreneur. But you've got to get control of your money first. If you don't, this thing will eat you alive.
— **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.*

From Washington Protecting access to post offices throughout Idaho

The first Post Office in Idaho was established in 1862 in Lewiston. In a 2012 Lewiston Tribune article titled, "Lewiston celebrates its postal past," historian Steven Branting shared: "People had a hunger for information from the outside world, but they were isolated. There was no phone, no Internet and no tweeting. People were looking to post offices to link them up. Early residents generated a petition — which was sent to Washington, D.C. — asking for a post office to be established in Lewiston and a postmaster to be sent here." Idahoans have played an important role in communicating their needs for this service over the U.S. Postal Service's (USPS) history in our great state and deserve to help drive local priorities while the USPS addresses ongoing challenges.
As the USPS is under strain because of a lack of carriers and supply shortages, Idaho communities have reported struggles in conveying their needs to the USPS. The City of Meridian is requesting USPS establish a new post office in the city, but USPS could not delineate the process for requesting a new post office. Likewise, Idaho communities in Deary and Viola were notified of local post office closures without community input, creating difficulties and inconveniences for residents and businesses traveling long distances to obtain mail, some including needed medications. Additionally, constituents in Hailey have been unable to receive consistent deliveries or even pick up their mail from the post office and the City of Ketchum has been asking the Postal Service to consider initiating home deliveries or waiving post office box fees consistent with agency regulations.

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To address these concerns, I have and continue to reach out to the Postal Service to resolve these issues. Further, fellow members of Idaho's Congressional Delegation, Sen. Jim Risch and Reps. Russ Fulcher and Mike Simpson (all Republicans), and I introduced legislation in both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives to improve access to local USPS

post offices. The legislation would require more community input before relocating a post office as well as encourage recommendations from municipalities to request additional post offices.
S. 3515/H.R. 6788, the Mandating Advisable and Informed Locations and Solutions (MAILS) Act, would:
• Require the USPS to establish a formal process for local government officials to request a new post office within their localities; and
• Require USPS to solicit and consider community input, as well as formally notify elected officials of pending relocation of local post offices and provide updates as necessary. Any long-term relocation would require USPS to submit a report to relevant committees and legislators from affected localities.
Over the years since my father was postmaster in Idaho Falls, shipping and receiving packages and forms of communication have grown considerably. However, post offices remain a valued part of our communities and respected means of sending goods and messages. The communities, especially rural towns across Idaho, that rely on local post offices must continue to have access to prompt, reliable and efficient service responsive to their needs. I will continue to work with Idahoans to protect access to local post offices.
— *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.*

✓ Republican: Budget scheme puts too much power in too few hands

From Page 14
Floor. Almost all pass on party-line votes, signaling Republicans are under immense pressure to toe the line.
This budget scheme has given Speaker Moyle the singular power to block second-round funding bills that plug budget holes. It won't matter what the Legislature as a whole wants because he can prevent

votes from even taking place. And the speaker is on the record opposing LAUNCH scholarships, Medicaid services, and other crucial investments that make life better for Idahoans.
The stakes are high, and the need for a government that faithfully represents the people is more crucial than ever. Idaho Democrats will continue to vote our conscience and defend a strong, transparent

democracy.
— *Idaho House of Representatives Assistant Minority Leader Lauren Necochea (D-Boise) is in her second term as District 19, Seat A representative. She serves on the Commerce & Human Resources; Environment, Energy & Technology; Revenue & Taxation; and Ways & Means committees.*

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

March 3, 1999

C.O.S.S.A. scoreboard poles...

The C.O.S.S.A. welding class stands with one of four of the poles the group built for the scoreboards at Sundance Park. The class donated their time to build the poles. Pictured: Chris Bricker, Tom Bricker, D e w a y n e Carrell, Justin Fort, Dustin Gram, Miguel Martinez, Craig Dolence, Adrian Albor, Nolan Vanosdall and teacher Mark Bauer.



Gov. names Homedale native to corrections board

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne last week appointed Gen. Ralph Townsend to a position on the Board of Corrections. Townsend replaces John Hayden of Boise, whose term has expired.

Townsend is a Homedale native and a graduate of Homedale High School. He attended the University of Idaho and Boise State before military service interrupted his college career. He spent 11 years on active duty in the Air Force as a fighter pilot, before earning his degree in political and military sciences from the State University of New York.

He entered the Idaho Air National Guard in 1970. He retired as Assistant Adjutant General, and holds the rank of Brigadier General in the Air Force.

J.R. Steiner wins Grand View Geography Bee

J.R. Steiner, a sixth grade student at Grand View Elementary School, won the school level competition of the National Geography Bee on December 4. Steiner won the opportunity to compete for a \$25,000 college scholarship at the National Championship Bee in Washington D.C.

Bruneau cattleman elected to Cattle-Fax board

Bruneau cattleman Eric Davis has been elected Northwest Regional director of Cattle-Fax, a Denver-based market information and analysis service.

Davis was elected to the board, representing Northwest Region producers and feeders, during Cattle-Fax's recent annual membership meeting, which took place during the National Cattlemen's Beef Association's 1999 convention in Charlotte.

Davis is president of Bruneau Cattle Co., a family business that includes cow-calf and feedlot operations.

Homedale wrestlers place

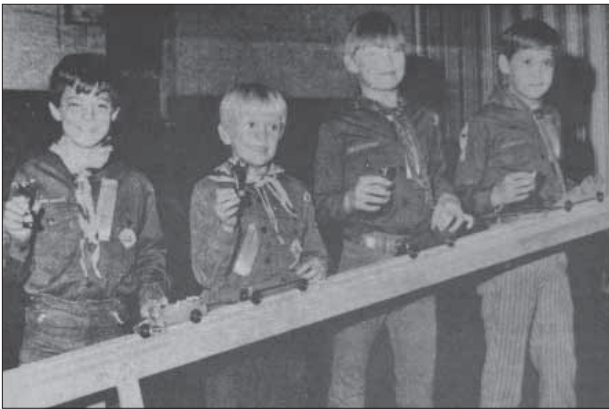
The Homedale Trojans wrestling took third place in the A-3 State Wrestling Tournament last week. Homedale had not won a state trophy in 11 years.

Will Black at 145 and Kale Hartwig were Homedale's top placers finishing in second place. Hartwig set a A-3 state pin record with a nine-second win.

Chris Beavers placed fourth in the 103 pound weight class, Sam McDowell finished in sixth place at 125, Adam Duryee finished in third place also at 125, Wade Black won third place at 130, Kyle Shanley finished fifth at 140.

50 years ago

February 28, 1974



WINNERS OF THE ANNUAL Cub Scout Pinewood Derby in Homedale are, from left, John Wood, first place; Mark Thatcher, second place winner; Kyle Knight, third; and Brent Taggart, fourth. Wood also received a medal for "best effort" for his derby model. Other scouts from Troop 409 winning medals were Brent Taggart, best designed model; Tim Quintana, originality; and Kevin Ensley, best paint job. Prior to the derby race, Nolan Taggart presented merit badges to the following scouts: Brent Taggart, engineering; Kenny Olsen, engineering; Richard Hobbs, engineering, citizenship, sportsmanship, naturalist, showman and scientist; Peter Faust, aquanaut, engineering, outdoorsmanship, showman and traveler. Den mothers for the group are Linda Budge and Doris Pryor. Walter Taggart is Webelo leader.

Senior Citizens break ground Friday for building

Groundbreaking for the Owyhee County Senior Citizens Center will be held at 12 noon Friday, at the corner of Idaho Avenue and 3rd St. West in Homedale, on lots recently purchased by the Homedale group from Virgil Kindred.

Kay Pell, head of Idaho Office on Aging, will represent Gov. Cecil Andrus.

Mayor George Murray, City Councilmen and County Commissioners have been invited. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend.

Building contracts were let at a meeting of the building committee Monday night: Plumbing, Bryce Peterson; masonry, Harold Johnson; electrical, Gary Hastriter; carpentry, Clint Smith, all of Homedale.

The Senior Citizens are soliciting additional funds to finish the building. They would like to thank those who have already donated. If anyone would like to donate, they may do so by sending a check to Senior Citizens, Inc., P.O. Box 488, Homedale, or may stop at the center next to the Post Office.

Owyhee County 4-H leaders honored at dinner

Owyhee County 4-H leaders were honored Monday night when 40 people enjoyed a steak dinner in tribute to 29 leaders of Owyhee County 4-H clubs. The dinner was jointly sponsored by the Idaho First National Banks of Marsing and Homedale, and the Idaho State Bank of Grand View.

These leaders in the past year have put into their clubs the equivalent of 20 8-hour working days, equipment and other services, preserving through the 4-H way those values that have made this nation the greatest in the history of free men.

Receiving five-year service pins were Pauline Keller, Grand View; Lita Hoagland, Melba; and P. T. Rathbone, Marsing. Receiving first-year certificates were Carol Rudd, Irene Walker, Gary Deshazer, Sharon Taggart, all of Homedale, and Fordyce Hills, Jordan Valley.

153 years ago

February 25, 1871

WAR EAGLE HOTEL,
Washington Street, Silver City, I.T.

The Proprietor of this
Large and Commodious House
..... has
Refitted and Refurnished the Establishment
IN SUPERIOR STYLE, MAKING IT
Second to none in the Territory

Being situated in the business portion of the city it affords unusual facilities to the
Traveling Public Generally.
Rooms fitted up especially for the
Accommodation of Families.

☞ Thankful for past patronage, everything will be done, that can be done, to merit a continuance of the same.
V. BLACKINGER,
Proprietor

The Anniversary Ball.

The ball given by Cyrus Chapter No. 2 of Royal Arch Masons at Masonic Hall last Wednesday evening was an elegant affair, and the assemblage large, taking into consideration the stormy weather and the bad condition of the roads. The Hall was brilliantly lighted, and the music, by the Silver City Quadrille Band, was all that could be desired. Much credit is due the gentlemen of the various committees, especially the committee of arrangements and floor managers, for the exceedingly pleasant and satisfactory manner in which the affair was conducted. Splendid suppers were served at the Idaho and War Eagle hotels. In the variety and taste exhibited by the ladies, it would be difficult to decide whether the magnificent toilets or the personal beauty of the lovely wearers were most to be admired. The idea of attempting an elaborate description of the *personnel* and apparel in a paper the size of the AVALANCHE would be preposterous. You have but to read a volume or two of Harper's Bazaar, or Madame Demorest's illustrated art of manufacturing angels out of fair femininity, heave a sledge hammer into a toilet case of Lubin's perfumes, give your ideas an electric shock to set them whirling, and have a string band serenade you with "Love among the Roses," and you have a description *a la* Jenkins of the gay assemblage at the Anniversary Ball. With mirth, music and the dance, the hours flitted quickly away, and the happy throng dispersed not till Aurora had tinged with grey the neighboring mountain tops.

TELEGRAPH AGENT.—Our worthy townsman, Jos. A. Rupert, has been appointed agent for the Western Union Telegraph Company in Silver City, and will transmit and receive dispatches to and from every portion of the civilized world. He informs us that he has received information from the President of the company, in San Francisco, to the effect that strenuous efforts will be put forth to construct a telegraph line from the railroad to this place and Boise City next summer. We hope so, as it would infuse additional life and energy into our camp. In such as event Mr. Rupert will probably have charge of the office here, as he is an experienced and skillful operator.

Public notices

NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Declaration of Candidacy forms must be filed with the Owyhee County Clerk’s Office, whose address is 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, 83650, between March 4, 2024 and March 15, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. (I.C. §34-704 & §34-708), for the offices of

Owyhee County Commissioner, District 1, two (2) years; Owyhee County Commissioner, District 3, four (4) years; Owyhee County Prosecutor; Owyhee County Sheriff; Magistrate Court Justice; and Owyhee County Precinct Committeeman, 2 (two) years. Such declarations are available at the Owyhee County Clerk’s office or at www.owyheecounty.net under the Clerk’s / Elections tab.

All Political Subdivision Declaration of Candidacy forms must be submitted to the Political Subdivision Clerk or Secretary between March 4, 2024 and March 15, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. (I.C. §34-1404).

Individuals who run as write-in candidates for Political Subdivisions must file a Declaration of Intent with the Political Subdivision Clerk or Secretary between March 4, 2024 and March 22, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. (I.C. §34-1407).

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

On March 20, 2024 beginning at 9:30 am, the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St., Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below.

Beginning at 9:30 am, the Commission will hear application Z24-17 a request for a conditional use permit filed by **Bailey Bachman** seeking approval of a conditional use permit to establish a second single family dwelling on an 80 acre parcel located at 31195 Hot Springs Road in Bruneau, Idaho. The subject parcel RP07S06E160600, is located in an agricultural zone in a portion of the N½ of the N½ of Section 16, Township 7 South, Range 6 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 10:30 am, the Commission will hear application Z24-18 filed by **Owyhee County** seeking approval of a conditional use permit to construct sewage treatment lagoons on a portion of 42 acres of land that the County owns. The subject parcels RP02S02W262431, and RP02S02W264303 are located in a multiuse zone in a portion of the E½ of the NW¼ of Section 26, Township 2 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 1:00 pm, the Commission will hear application Z24-13 filed by **David Chris Unruh** seeking approval of a conditional use permit to construct 3 dual-axis solar trackers on an approximately 295 acre parcel. The subject parcel, RP06S03E144810, is located in an agricultural zone in a portion of the S½ of Section 14, Township 6 South, Range 3 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 1:30 pm the Commission will hear application Z24-14 filed by **David Chris**

Unruh seeking approval to install 3 dual-axis solar trackers on an approximately 119 acre parcel. The subject parcel, RP00440002001A, is located partially in a multiuse zone and partially in an agricultural zone in a portion of the E½ of the E½ of Section 36, Township 4 South, Range 1 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 2:00 pm, the Commission will hear application Z24-15 filed by **David Chris Unruh** seeking approval of a conditional use permit to install 3 dual-axis solar trackers on an approximately 215 acre parcel. The subject parcel, RP05S04E313760, is located in an agricultural zone in a portion of the SW¼ of Section 31, Township 5 South, Range 4 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 2:30 pm, the Commission will hear application Z24-16 filed by **Kenton S Unruh** seeking approval of a conditional use permit to install 3 dual-axis solar trackers on a 17 acre parcel. The subject parcel, RP04S02E287200, is located in an agricultural zone in a portion of the NE¼ of the SE¼ of Section 28, Township 4 South, Range 2 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Additional information about this meeting is available at owyheecounty.net under Public Hearing Documents on the Community Planning page. The proposed projects are available for review in the Community Planning office or on the webpage listed above. For additional information please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2.

02/28/2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Grand View City Council will hold a public hearing on March 13, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at Grand View City Hall, 425 Boise Ave, Grand View, Idaho to present the Technically Approved Wastewater Facility Plan and to hear verbal and written comments regarding the alternatives under consideration in the Wastewater Facility Plan. The City of Grand View has prepared a facility planning document detailing potential wastewater system improvements that may be required to accommodate regulatory requirements and future community growth. Discussion will be held during the regular City Council meeting following the Public Hearing on March 13, 2024 and a decision will be made at that same meeting.

The City of Grand View invites the residents of Grand View and its surrounding area to review and comment on the Wastewater Facility Plan document that will be available at Grand View City Hall from February 28, 2024, thru March 13, 2024, from 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Interested parties can contact City Clerk, Kathy Brown at (208) 834-2700, or by email at cityofgrandview@speedyquick.net to schedule a time to view the document.

The public is invited to attend and comment upon the proposed Wastewater Facility Plan. Anyone who wishes to comment, but is unable to attend the hearing may submit written comments to the City of Grand View City Clerk at P.O. Box 69, Grand View, ID 83624 or email cityofgrandview@speedyquick.net. City Hall and the council chambers are accessible for persons with disabilities.

Any persons needing special accommodations to participate in the meeting should contact City Clerk Kathy Brown at (208) 834-2700 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Written public comments should be submitted prior to the start of the Public Hearing on March 13, 2024, in order for the City of Grand View to complete and submit the final Wastewater Facility Plan documents to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

El Consejo Municipal de Grand View llevará a cabo una audiencia pública el 13 de marzo de 2024, a las 5:00 p.m., en el Ayuntamiento de Grand View, ubicado en 425 Boise Ave, Grand View, Idaho, para presentar el Plan de Instalaciones de Aguas Residuales Técnicamente Aprobado y para escuchar comentarios verbales y escritos sobre las alternativas consideradas en el Plan de Instalaciones de Aguas Residuales. La Ciudad de Grand View ha preparado un documento de planificación de instalaciones que detalla posibles mejoras en el sistema de aguas residuales que podrían ser necesarios para cumplir con los requisitos regulatorios y el crecimiento futuro de la comunidad. La discusión se llevará a cabo durante la reunión regular del Consejo Municipal posterior a la Audiencia Pública el 13 de marzo de 2024, y se tomará una decisión en esa misma reunión.

La Ciudad de Grand View invita a los residentes de Grand View y sus alrededores a revisar y comentar sobre el documento del Plan de Instalaciones de Aguas Residuales que estará disponible en el Ayuntamiento de Grand View desde el 28 de febrero de 2024 hasta el 13 de marzo de 2024, de lunes a jueves de 7:30 a.m. a 3:30 p.m. Las partes interesadas pueden comunicarse con la Secretaria Municipal, Kathy Brown, al (208) 834-2700, o por correo electrónico a cityofgrandview@speedyquick.net para programar un horario para ver el documento.

Se invita al público a asistir y comentar sobre el propuesto Plan de Instalaciones de Aguas Residuales. Cualquier persona que desea hacer comentarios, pero no pueda asistir a la audiencia, puede enviar comentarios escritos al Secretaria Municipal de la Ciudad de Grand View en P.O. Box 69, Grand View, ID 83624 o por correo electrónico a cityofgrandview@speedyquick.net. El Ayuntamiento y las cámaras del consejo son accesibles para personas con discapacidades. Cualquier persona que necesite adaptaciones especiales para participar en la reunión debe comunicarse con la Secretaria Municipal, Kathy Brown, al (208) 834-2700 al menos 24 horas antes de la reunión. Los comentarios públicos por escrito deben ser enviados antes del inicio de la Audiencia Pública el 13 de marzo de 2024, para que la Ciudad de Grand View pueda completar y enviar los documentos finales del Plan de Instalaciones de Aguas Residuales al Departamento de Calidad Ambiental de Idaho.

02/28/2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE

NOTICE that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale

Library District Trustees on the 11th day of March, 2024 at 12:15 p.m. at 121 W. Owyhee, Homedale, Idaho. The subject matter of the public hearing is rates for public rental of the Homedale Community Room. The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Sharla Jensen
Director
Homedale Library District
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REQUEST FOR QUOTES WESTERN IDAHO YOUTH SUPPORT CENTER GENERAL CONTRACTOR

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

02/21,28/2024

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE 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
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By:/s/ Deb Duncan
Deborah Duncan, Assistant Secretary
Pioneer Lender Trustee Services
8151 W. Rifleman Street
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EXHIBIT A

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

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OCSO volunteers to search from sky

Skypark residents band together

A dozen volunteer pilots now comprise the Owyhee County Sheriff's Air Search and Rescue team.

Sheriff Larry Kendrick told the Board of County Commissioners about the new group during the Feb. 20 meeting in Murphy.

"These guys are just doing this out of the goodness of their heart, and it's awesome," Kendrick said. "It's wonderful."

Kendrick said the corps of volunteers will team with Posse members or on-duty deputies to form search teams. The Posse members and deputies will undergo a spotter class soon, the sheriff said, to train them on how to observe from the air.

"A deputy will be on board, and he'll communicate with dispatch and ground units," Kendrick said. "If he sees something, he'll give coordinates."

The plane will then circle and the deputy will tell those on the ground how close they can get to the rescue site, Kendrick said.

The pilots all hail from the Sunrise Skypark in Givens.

The sheriff said the group will be able to help with aerial search and rescue as well as searching for suspects or overdue vehicles from the air.

"It should plug a hole and give us a resource that's very much needed," Kendrick said.

The volunteers haven't asked for compensation,

Kendrick said. He told the commissioners that the county could use Idaho Code to collect money for fuel usage.

State law allows counties to seek reimbursement for searches if it is proven that a lost person disobeyed a road or trail closure sign to access where they became stuck. An example would be anyone who needs rescued after ignoring the winter closure sign on Silver City Road.

There could be limitations on the pilots' search capabilities, though.

"They can go pretty far in the desert," Kendrick said. "But they can't go high in the mountains because it's dangerous. Certain times, they'll say no (to an operation)."

Kendrick said Clerk Angie Barkell, the county's risk management officer, said as long as the pilots are acting for the sheriff's office, Owyhee County's Idaho Counties Risk Management Program insurance covers them.

A post on the OCSO Facebook page said the search and rescue unit "will serve as our eyes in the sky, enhancing our ability to respond swiftly and effectively to emergencies across our vast county."

The pilots will use single-engine aircraft, including those designed for short takeoff and landing, which the OCSO post said is "ideal for navigating our rugged backcountry terrain."

The volunteers include Tom Driscoll, Don Gordon, Brian Isert, Jim Huber, Ray Bernard, Doug Gilson, Gregg Miley, Kevin Koontz, Ed Dickman, and Randy Shatz.

Dickman has a long history of flying volunteer missions for the sheriff's office. — JPB

Rimrock teachers can brag about welding grant at forum

When Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School's career technical education staffers lead tonight's "School Talks" forum, they'll have some good news to share with patrons and parents.

The Bruneau-Grand View School District has received nearly \$47,000 to make welding shop improvements at the high school.

The Idaho Career Ready Students Council awarded a \$46,979 grant when it met Feb. 16 to divvy up nearly \$7.5 million between public and charter schools around the state.

Rimrock's application is one of 58 proposals and applications to receive \$43 million in grants since the program's inception last year after the passage of House Bill 267.

The district's CTE instructors

— Rimrock graduate Jason Tindall, who is the FFA advisor and welding instructor; longtime Owyhee County resident Zack Dygert, who like Tindall is an Ag teacher and handles woodshop; and Business teacher Josh Rishell are co-hosts for today's community forum. The "School Talks" installment begins at 6 p.m., inside Room 102 at the high school, 39678 Hwy. 78, in Bruneau.

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

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

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



Madi Anderson (left) presents Sharla Jensen with the Owyhee County 4-H Distinguished Service Award. Submitted photo

4-H distinguished service award given

As the 4-H registration deadline for 2024 draws near, organizers recapped last year with a prestigious award.

Barnyard Brigade leader Sharla Jensen has been presented with the Owyhee County 4-H Distinguished Service Award.

University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension 4-H coordinator Madi Anderson made the presentation at the annual leader/advisormeeeting. News of the award was first posted on the Owyhee County 4-H Youth Development Facebook page last Wednesday.

According to the post, Jensen has served as a 4-H leader for 23 years in both Owyhee and Canyon counties.

"Sharla has established a quality foundation for this long-standing club that regularly

goes above and beyond to create opportunities and support for her club members to learn and grow while completing 4-H projects and expanding their knowledge," the Facebook post said.

The Distinguished Service Award is the highest honor a 4-H volunteer can receive. The recipient exemplifies what a positive role model in 4-H Youth Development is, Owyhee County 4-H officials stated.

Deidre Erwin received the 2022 award.

Beef weigh-ins slated

Livestock projects like those in Jensen's club are underway months before the Owyhee County Fair in August.

Initial beef weigh-ins will be held Saturday in Homedale, Oreana, and Jordan Valley.

Public notices

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT TRANSFER NO. 87409

CHESTER W SELLMAN and CATHERINE R SELLMAN, 31267 STATE HWY 51, BRUNEAU, ID 83604-5075 has filed Application No. 87409 for changes to the following water rights within OWYHEE County(s): Right No(s). 51-2143, 51-4025, 51-4026, 51-4051, 51-7146; to see a full description of these rights and the proposed transfer, please see <https://research.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/waterrights/querynewtransfers>.

The purpose of the transfer is to change a portion of the above rights as follows: add points of diversion, change points of diversion, and create a combined place of use. Proposed points of diversion for ground water rights 51-2143 and 51-4051 are in NESE Sec 7, T07S, R05E (new well to be completed in cold water aquifer) and NWNE Sec 18, T07S, 05E (existing well). The combined irrigation place of use is 173.2 acres in the NE1/4 and SE1/4 Sec 7 and NWNE Sec 18, T07S, R05E.

For additional information concerning the property location,

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

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Pioneering Rimrock students endure first chess test

by Haden Griggs
Rimrock chess team advisor
I’ve never been much of one for field trips. The idea of being responsible for students outside of the high school isn’t particularly relaxing under the best of circumstances. And yet, by 9 a.m. on Jan. 25, there I was, behind the wheel of a bus, taking a team to our school’s first foray into competitive chess.

I listened absentmindedly to the conversation of the three students who had committed to spending their Saturday staring at a board and calculating moves in a stifling hotel event room. Three students was half the number I had expected a month ago and three more than I would have bet on three years ago. Owyhee County isn’t often the first place that comes to mind when considering chess, but that’s the beauty of the game. As Judit Polgar has observed: Chess is a game that can be cross-generational, linguistic, and social class divides.

I had seen that first-hand as our informal chess club had met at the end of the school day, studied opening theory, learned notation, and analyzed finished games. I had never expected the game to take off in our small school, but dozens of students had come in, learned the basics, and



Rimrock’s Chess team, clockwise from bottom left: Seventh-grader Zoey Carothers, freshman Bryllie Mendoza, sophomore Morgan Field, and advisor Haden Griggs. Submitted photos

come to appreciate — if not love — the game. But none of these students had ever played in a real over-the-board tournament, and we didn’t know what to expect as we headed toward the Riverside Hotel in Boise. It was a shock to arrive and find scores of kids speaking a variety of languages, all ready to play in

the Western Open. The only other scholastic competition in Idaho is the state tournament. Competitive chess can be brutal. Stanford’s Robert Sapolsky calculated that a grandmaster can burn more than 6,000 calories a day at a tournament just thinking and dealing with the stress. I don’t know that I believe that number, but I knew first-hand that competitive chess can be both exhausting and demoralizing. Much like track and field or golf, your mistakes are yours and yours alone, and you don’t know what you are made of until it is you against another player, with a timer reminding you how little time you have left. Whoever you are, whatever



Bryllie Mendoza smiles as her opponent makes a move.



Zoey Carothers studies the board during the competition. She was the only Rimrock team member to pull out a draw.

the event, the first round is a learning experience. All three students sheepishly joined me with their first loss in a matter of minutes after playing too quickly. Losing with 20 or more minutes on your clock suggests you didn’t take the time you needed to consider what was happening on the board. Now, however, they knew what the game was like, and their nerves were gone. Gone were the threats of puking from nerves on the one hand, as well as the casual confidence of easy wins. They knew they could do this, but it wouldn’t come easy. Spectators were not allowed,



Morgan Field marks his move during a match.

as to not unnerve the players, so I sat, round after round, waiting for Morgan Field (10th grade), Bryllie Mendoza (ninth grade), and Zoey Carothers (seventh grade) to come and report their results as elementary-age competitors raced down the halls between matches and tartan-clad men and women prepared for a Burns Supper celebration with bagpipes and (presumably) haggis below. What impressed me after each round was the grit that our team exhibited. By the end of the night, after five long rounds, we had chalked up one draw (Zoey) and zero wins among our entire team, but I watched each student resolve to go back in for another grueling match, sneaking in what homework or rest they could before it was back to the overcrowded and under-ventilated arena.

There’s an old Russian saying that the first pancake always turns out lumpy, and I think my team would agree that the results were certainly that. But as we left that night (far later than any of us expected), I couldn’t have been prouder of Morgan, Zoey, and Bryllie for daring to pioneer Rimrock’s chess team.

I hope they don’t choose to stop their journey after one tournament. After all, in the words of Irving Chernev, “Every chess master was once a beginner.”

— Rimrock chess team advisor Haden Griggs is in his fourth year teaching history, the humanities, government, economics and personal finance. He has played chess since a young age, but returned to chess in a more intense manner about three years ago.



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