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HISTORIC DAY IN MURPHY



First look at new board

The new Board of County Commissioners was seated Jan. 13 in Murphy prior to Dist. 3 Commissioner Cindy Bachman (right) being appointed the first female chair of the body in the 162-year history of Owyhee County. Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi (left) continues his four-year term, while Walt Holton took the oath of office to become the District 1 commissioner. Submitted photos



Cindy Bachman takes the oath of office to begin her own four-year term as District 3 commissioner. County Clerk Angie Barkell administered the oaths.



Dist. 1 Commissioner Walt Holton affirmed he would uphold the Idaho and U.S. Constitutions.



Sheriff Larry Kendrick started a four-year term after serving in an appointed role.



Prosecuting Attorney Chris Topmiller, who moved into the county last year, has started his own four-year term. At right are Cindy Bachman's son, Lynn, and her mother, Marian Secrist.

Hearing slated on ag land protection

State-mandated ordinance may not be necessary

A public hearing is scheduled Monday for a state-mandated ordinance that research suggests isn't necessary in Owyhee County.

The Board of County Commissioners will take input on a proposed Agricultural

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Owyhee landowner to join Trump's USDA

Idaho — and Owyhee County — will have a seat at the table in the Trump Administration.

Michael Boren, an Idaho businessman with ties to Owyhee County, has been tabbed as President Donald Trump's U.S. Department of Agriculture under secretary for natural resources and environment.

Boren is a co-founder of Clearwater Analytics, a Boise-based investment accounting software company with locations around the globe.

He owns property in Owyhee County and is the brother of Steve Boren, an Oreana rancher and former Owyhee Cattlemen's Association board member who currently

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Homedale Fire commissioners seek architect

The Homedale Rural Fire District board of commissioners is looking to the future.

The commissioners unanimously agreed at their Jan. 14 meeting to seek architectural services for a new fire hall.

Requests for proposals are due back to the fire district by 5 p.m., on Wednesday, Feb. 5.

Fire district board secretary Mike Parker said the architectural firm chosen will help the district figure out its future needs.

That could be remodeling the existing John Matteson Memorial Fire Hall on West Colorado Avenue or building another station elsewhere, Parker said.

"We do not have a new site purchased yet and are unsure if our current site will be adequate," he said.

There hasn't been much scouting for a new location, but Parker said the district board is open to suggestions.

"There's lots of information to accumu-

late, such as access points and rights-of-way," he said.

A new location would have to be on a parcel of between two and three acres, Parker said.

Fire commissioners will judge architectural bids based on a weighted scale:

- Up to 30 points for the applicant's experience and past performance on

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Man gets probation for buying beer for minor

One of the individuals scooped up in an Owyhee County Sheriff's Office undercover operation is on probation.

Homedale resident Luis Armando Antonio Eleuterio was arrested on Dec. 14 when OCSO deputies and confidential informants teamed up to see if citizens and businesses would provide alcoholic beverages to minors.

Eleuterio entered a guilty plea to a misdemeanor count of dispensing alcoholic beverage to a minor during his Jan. 7 arraignment before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington.

The same day, Darrington sentenced Eleuterio to probation and ordered him to pay \$500 in fines and \$187.50 in court costs. On Jan. 7, Eleuterio paid \$407.50 of his penalty.

Eleuterio served two days in jail after his Dec. 14 arrest. Darrington ordered him to serve three additional days, and suspended 85 days of the sentence.

Eleuterio, 27, was arrested at 9 p.m., on Dec. 14 after a deputy observed him accept money from an 18-year-old informant and walk into a Marsing convenience store to buy an 18-pack of beer.

The man was taken into custody after the deputy pulled over a Nissan Pathfinder on Edison Road.

The deputy identified Eleuterio through a Mexican consular identification card, according to a probable cause affidavit.



From the old photo album ...

Shiny emergency response vehicles are parked in front of the Homedale Fire Department building on East Colorado Avenue in either 1960 or 1961. John Matteson was fire chief during this era. The Owyhee Avalanche subscriber Janie Burke provided this photograph from her family's collection. Her father, Jack, was a volunteer fireman at the time.



The John Matteson Memorial Fire Hall today on East Colorado Avenue. Fire commissioners are weighing options for the future of the volunteer firefighters' headquarters.

✓ Architect: Board election upcoming

similar projects

- Up to 20 points each for project manager and key staff experience, education and training; and project approach and schedule
- Up to 15 points each for the description of the firm, including location and time in business, and quality control procedures.

The fire commissioners meet at noon on the second Tuesday of each month at the Bowling Alley restaurant.

All three commissioners serve four-year terms.

The Subdistrict 2 position currently held by Ric Uria is up for election on May 20. Subdistrict 1 commissioner is Mick Woodburn, and Jared Asumendi fills the Subdistrict 3 position.

✓ USDA: Appointee has family in county

serves on the Bruneau-Grand View School District board of trustees.

Michael Boren owns a ranch and farm outside Grand View and also has property holdings in the Bachman Grade area.

He has served on the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation board and also owns a ranch in Custer County.

"Finally, an Idaho voice will be at the table when it comes to forest management," U.S. Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho) wrote on the social media platform X.

Idaho Gov. Brad Little was just as optimistic about Boren's appointment.

"This appointment is a win for all western states, especially Idaho," the second-term governor said in a statement. "As a resident of Idaho's Sawtooth Valley, Mike understands rural America. He will work hand-in-hand with President Trump to fundamentally transform how lands and fires are managed here in the West."

Boren is unable to provide comment because of a no-comment period for all Trump appointees facing Senate confirmation. No date has been set for Boren's confirmation hearing in Washington D.C.

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Rimrock Honor Society, donors make Good Grades Pay

by Lexington B. DeForest
Rimrock Journalism

Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School uses quarter grades to produce an honor roll of students earning a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher.

The school’s National Honor Society chapter wants to recognize the academically exceptional students through the “Good Grades Pay” program.

Every quarter, the honor society draws two names of honor students — one from the high school and one from the junior high school — and “pays” them for having good grades with a \$25 Visa gift card.

The first-quarter “Good Grades Pay” recipients were sophomore Ruby Lisle and seventh-grader Wade Carothers.

The second-quarter winners were senior Flavio Ronquillo and eighth-grader Emilio Meza.

A family in the community sponsors the program each year.

Second quarter honor roll
Seniors — Alia Aquiso;



Eighth-grader Emilio Meza (left) and senior Flavio Ronquillo (right) receive the Good Grades Pay gift cards for the second quarter from National Honor Society president Alexa Hurtado. Submitted photo

Rocky Aquiso; Trevor Carothers; Ronaldo Gomez; Alexa Hurtado; Madison Magers; Olivia Mejia; Molly Mulberry; Carson Raymond; and Flavio Ronquillo

Juniors — Maybelline Anderson; Carlos Escobedo; Olivia Farfan; Steven Field; Tyler Lisle; and Paisley Prow

Sophomores — Gael

Gallardo; Ruby Lisle; Dylan McNeley; Bryllie Mendoza; Crew Merrick; Laine Raymond; and Mia Varela

Freshmen — William Aquiso; Ily Bailey; Jessica Escobedo; Kenzley Fowers; Lukas Fredlund; Isabela Hurtado; Leif Pearson; Mackley Prow; Aleaha Ramirez; and Jeannie Trader



Seventh-grader Wade Carothers (left) and sophomore Ruby Lisle (right) accept gift cards from Rimrock Jr.-Sr. National Honor Society chapter vice-president Tyler Lisle. The students were the first-quarter Good Grades Pay recipients. Submitted photo

Eighth-graders — Zoey Carothers; Emilio Meza; Ashlin Raymond; Merary Rodriguez-Hernandez; and Emmet Shaum

Seventh-graders — Wade Carothers; Brylee Folkman; Mercedes Mendoza; Dominic Ontiveros-Lobo; and Ryan Tunkel

Sixth-graders — Hattie

Bachman; Revada Cowdell; Fallon Grieb; Kathryn Huling; Daniel Hurtado; Lydia Owens; Dillon Schkade; and Tyler Thiel-Miller

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South Board irrigation directors reschedule meetings for today

The first series of South Board of Control irrigation meetings in the new year will be held this afternoon. The three boards of directors will meet inside the boardroom at the SBOC shop, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., in Homedale. The Ridgeview Irrigation District board will start the proceedings with its 1 p.m., meeting. The Gem Irrigation District will convene at 1:15 p.m. The South Board of Control directors, including all Gem directors and the Ridgeview chair, will meet at 1:30 p.m. The boards usually meet on the second Wednesday of each month, but this month’s meetings were rescheduled because a key official was unable to attend on the regularly scheduled day.

Jury convicts man who stole cellphone

A Marsing man has been sentenced after a jury convicted him in a misdemeanor case. Rafael C. Espinosa was found guilty of petit theft after a Jan. 3 trial. Jury trials in Owyhee County are rare. Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington sentenced Espinosa immediately after the verdict. One day before his 68th birthday, Espinosa was placed on one year of supervised probation and ordered to pay \$157.50 in court costs. Darrington also sent the man to jail for nine days. Espinosa was in jail for one day after his arrest. The balance of a six-month jail term (170 days) was suspended. The man entered a guilty plea during a June 18 court hearing. An Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy originally arrested Espinosa on May 20 on a charge of felony grand theft. The apprehension came a week after an active burglary call at Marsing High School, according to a probable cause affidavit. A volunteer hanging banners at the high school reported the man allegedly stole a cellphone from belongings on the sidewalk near the banners. According to the statement, Espinosa returned the phone when a deputy confronted the man at his residence. Espinosa was arrested after the victim changed her mind and decided to press charges two days after the incident, according to the affidavit.

Homedale city selling dog licenses for 2025

Homedale City Hall continues to sell dogs tags for 2025. City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram reported Thursday afternoon that the city had sold 85 dog licenses for the new year. Fifteen were purchased in the

seven days prior to Pegram’s update. Tags are required for all dogs in the city limits. The cost is \$10 for spayed or neutered animals and \$15 for unaltered dogs. For more information, call City Hall at (208) 337-4641.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center
Served at noon. Milk and roll available each day
Jan. 22: Hot dog with bun, baked potato, corn
Jan. 23: Sloppy Joe, roasted potatoes, peas and carrots
Jan. 28: Cheesy bacon chicken with rice, broccoli
Jan. 29: Tuna salad on roll, fries, Brussels sprouts
Jan. 30: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, beets

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing
Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside Marsing City Hall
Milk available each day
Suggested donation: \$5 (60 and older), \$8 (59 and younger)
\$8 (take-out meal, any age)
Jan. 22: Chicken mushroom casserole, broccoli, green salad, whole wheat roll, chunky applesauce
Jan. 24: Salisbury steak with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, chateau vegetables, whole wheat roll, pineapple
Jan. 27: Cranberry meatballs over rice, green beans, cauliflower, Baci roll, fruit cup
Jan. 29: Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, beets, green salad, 9 grain bread
Jan. 31: Sicilian chicken, buttered pasta, Italian vegetables, French bread, pears

Rimrock Senior Center
Served at noon. All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
Call (208) 834-2922 as early as possible to place order to go
Jan. 23: Taco bar, taco fixings, green salad, cottage cheese, pears
Jan. 28: Spaghetti, green beans, garlic cheesy bread, pudding, Jello
Jan. 30: Hamburger patty sandwiches, green salad, potato salad, yogurt, fruit

Melba Valley Senior Center
Meals served at noon (Salad bar at 11:30 a.m.)
Phone ahead (208) 495-2168 same day for complete menu
Payment by donation. All ages welcome
Jan. 23: Biscuit and gravy bake
Jan. 28: Baked chicken
Jan. 30: Spaghetti

Correction

The location of the Board of County Commissioners meeting was incorrect in the Jan. 15 article about new oaths of office for elected officials. The BOCC meets on the first four Mondays of every month (excluding holidays) inside Courtroom 2 at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

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Market swine weigh-in date changed

One date has changed for initial animal project weigh-ins for the Owyhee County Fair. The Owyhee County Junior Livestock Sale committee made a change to the market swine weigh-in date during a Jan. 10 meeting. Because of a scheduling conflict with the Idaho FFA state convention, the initial weigh-in for market swine has been moved to Monday, April 7. University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office 4-H program coordinator Synovia Bates told The Owyhee Avalanche of the change in an email last Wednesday. The weigh-in originally was scheduled for Friday, April 4. The other initial weigh-in dates remain the same:

- **Market beef** — Friday, Feb. 28
- **Market sheep and market goat** — Friday, May 9

Grand View Days set, planning begins

The annual Grand View Days event has been scheduled. The Grand View Community Club will kick off the celebration at 10 a.m., on Saturday, June 21. The event will include food, a parade, bounce houses and fireworks. Local band Runnin’ for Cover will provide live music for the street dance. Anyone who wants to help plan the event or needs more information can contact Victoria Collett at (208) 484-8009.

Dean’s List Utah Tech

Melba High School graduate Journey Catlett earned a spot on the fall 2024 semester Dean’s List. She was one of more than 1,200 students at the St. George, Utah, college to attain a grade-point average of 3.5 to 3.89 while completing at least 15 credits.

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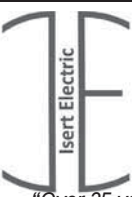
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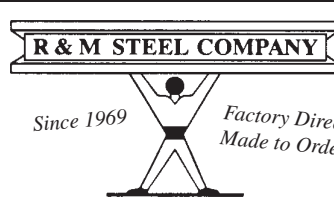
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Don't let landscape care thoughts lie dormant during winter months

As days get longer, ambient temperature rises, Earth tilts towards the sun and snow melts in the mountains. This gets many of us thinking about our home landscape and/or our garden needs, perhaps even our landscape or garden goals for this next year.



Brad Stokes

Many of us might even get too far ahead of ourselves and sow seeds or plant too quickly, so be patient with temperature and frost/freezing guidelines and estimates. I'd also like to remind everybody that weather is unpredictable at the local level.

Around our area and southern Idaho, our average last spring frost (freeze) date is April 29 with a 50 percent probability, give or take a few days either direction given the probability can differ year by year. Also keep in mind that this is the probability of the last spring frost date. It's not a hard-fast rule, but rather guidance, as it has been known to frost even later into May.

If you are getting antsy about spring and getting things going, why not do some maintenance work on some of your landscape or garden equipment? Instead of planting tomatoes and cucumbers too early, having them die and blaming your neighbor, try sharpening your pruning shears, shovels or, for some, the lawnmower blades. As we all know you haven't done that since you've purchased the mower in the first place.

When was the last time you looked at your landscape or garden from a planning perspective? Mapping out your property and coming up with a SMART (Set a goal, Make it specific, make it Achievable, make it Relevant, and make it Time-bound — thanks Suriñe Greenway!) landscape/garden plan is the perfect activity for early spring (February/March/April). Perhaps you might even get your spouse or significant other to buy-in on some mutual goals.

Checking sprinkler lines and/or installing new drip systems could be a great activity as the weather warms up. Many of the landscapes and Home Owners Associations in and around our area also run on irrigation water provided by districts. Make sure to pay those bills as well as check with your irrigation district on the dates water may be coming your direction.

Your plants need food! During the winter months, grass and other plants still use some amount of nutrition. Remember, when the sun is up, photosynthesis is happening, even at minute amounts.

As you think about feeding your plants, selecting the right fertilizer and applying at the correct rates are crucial to maintaining a healthy lawn, with trees/shrubs and/or your garden. Plants generally use up the major nutrients (nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium) in a 3:1:2 ratio, meaning nitrogen (N, the first number) is most important (and almost always the most limiting).

As far as recommending a single "silver bullet" or product, I would rather advise that a product has percentage ranges of the following: Nitrogen (18-24, recommend ammonnia and urea as the primary sources of nitrogen, do not recommend nitrates or water-soluble nitrogen), phosphorus (4-10) and potassium (12-16). A spring fertilization for the lawn — 1½ to 2 pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet — is a great start in late March or early April to keep grass healthy and green.

As always, raise those blades up. Keeping your lawn high is one of the best management practices for a lush, green and healthy lawn.

Trees and shrubs typically do quite well nutritionally, as their roots are feeding below the area of lawn grass. For gardens, remember what those plants are doing and taking from the soil. An average garden (depending upon crop) might take five to seven pounds N per 1,000 square feet to grow, flower and produce fruits/vegetables for consumption. Depending upon soil conditions (and many other factors), a good fertilization start for a garden might be three to four pounds (or more) N per 1,000 square feet. It could also be much less, especially if you have left organic matter to decompose over the winter and early spring.

As always, we do recommend soil tests every five to seven years for your landscape, as these can give us a more specific insight into what nutrients are found in abundance (or not at all) and other factors for optimum soil health.

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

Calendar

Today

Ladies coffee group

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

Food distribution

9 a.m. to 10 a.m., for school families only; 10 a.m., to 1 p.m., for general Marsing community. The HUB food pantry, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411

Field Trip

10 a.m., to 3 p.m., TBD, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168

Bingo

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

Labor Dept. employment services

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

Ridgeview Irrigation District

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

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

South Board of Control

1:30 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

Thursday

Fit and Fall exercise class field trip

9:30 a.m. (pick-up), 10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. (class), Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (Class held at Wilder Fire Station, 601 Patriot Way, Wilder)

Bingo

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 class

10:30 a.m., free, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168

Early Childhood Learning class

10:30 a.m., to 11:30 a.m., ages 0 through 5 (parents must attend with children), Eastern Owyhee County Library meeting room, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Prime Time Swingers perform

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

Food bank drop off

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

Card games

1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View.

Young Mom's Bible study

4 p.m., The Rock, 310 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. Information: Kathy Deal, (208) 794-1048

After school Bible club

4 p.m., to 5 p.m., ages 5-11, Eastern Owyhee Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand

View. Information: Cyndi Fullmer, (208) 599-2790 or Amber Good, (208) 585-7694

Teens and Tweens

5 p.m., to 6 p.m., 'Motorized LEGOs with CWI' The Gathering Place, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Friday

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Saturday

Card games

Noon to 4 p.m., free, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168

Sunday

Awana youth Bible club

5 p.m., to 6:30 p.m., 'Pizza Party,' ages kindergarten through high school, Valley Christian Fellowship, 37866 Hwy 78, Grand View. Information: Amber Good, (208) 585-7694

Monday

County commissioners meeting

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

Opal Nash Story Time

10 a.m., 'Grandpa's Tractor by Michael Garland,' Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

After School Program

4:30 p.m., 'BSU visit — STEM snap circuits,' elementary and middle school-aged children, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Tuesday

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Rusty and Country Jammers perform

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

Card games

1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Wednesday

Ladies coffee group

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

Food distribution

9 a.m. to 10 a.m., for school families only; 10 a.m., to 1 p.m., for general Marsing community. The HUB food pantry, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411

Death notices

Marijuana, school flag bills move in House

GEORGE LAWRENCE ESSON, 80, of Bruneau, died on Monday, Jan. 13, 2025. A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m., on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025 at the Bruneau American Legion Post 83 Hall, 32548 Belle Ave.

BRENDASUE STUART, 59, of Homedale, died on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2025. Arrangements: All Valley Cremation, 1538 11th Ave. N., Nampa. (208) 899-9361

STEM lessons at library

Motorized LEGOs will help Teens and Tweens participants learn about STEM on Thursday.

The weekly program presented by the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library features the College of Western Idaho ONRAMP team.

The event begins at 5 p.m., inside The Gathering Place, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., and is open to boys and girls ages 10-17.

Owyhee Conservation District representatives will visit the Opal Nash Story Time for preschoolers at 10 a.m., on Monday.

OCD board of supervisors chair Andrea McRae will read “Grandpa’s Tractor” by Michael Garland.

The program takes place at the library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

At 4:30 p.m., on Monday, Boise State University students will visit the After School Program and lead students in a STEM activity with microelectronic circuits.

The After School Program is open to elementary school- and middle school-aged children.

The Teens and Tweens group will gather at 5 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 30 to celebrate National Crescent Roll Day by learning how to make taco crescent roll rings.

Call (208) 337-4228 for more information on the library and its programs.

The library opens at 10 a.m., Monday through Saturday. It closes at 6 p.m., every day but Saturday (3 p.m.). The library is closed on Sunday.

*by Michael Paz
UI McClure Center
for Public Policy intern*

Bills dealing with minimum fines for marijuana possession and appropriate flags on school grounds moved out of committees during the second week of the Idaho Legislature.

House Bill 7, which would impose a minimum fine of \$300 for pot possession, narrowly avoided being shelved in the Idaho House Judiciary Committee last Wednesday.

Testimony from 15 people — ranging from veterans to policy groups to ordinary citizens — provided a variety of views on both sides of the issue.

HB 7 supporters argued marijuana was a dangerous drug and a message needs to be sent, a view shared through several police officers including Caldwell Chief of Police Rex Ingram.

Veterans Joseph Evans and Jeremy Kitzhader opposed the bill, citing usage of marijuana as a painkiller for combat-related injuries and as an alternative to harsher opioids.

Public defender Monica Gray said that a minimum

penalty established a different kind of precedent; no other misdemeanor in Idaho has a minimum penalty. Other misdemeanors she said such as battery or a first-time drunk driving offense, which could result in physical harm, only have penalty maximums.

“We do not want a cookie cutter court,” Dist 2A Rep. Heather Scott (R-Blanchard), who voted against advancing the bill to the House floor. She said HB 7 would impede the ability of judges to make decisions based on defendants’ individual circumstances.

The committee voted on two motions — shelving the bill, which lost 6-8, or sending the bill to the floor, which prevailed, 10-4. The committee attached a do-pass recommendation.

- HB 10, introduced in the Education Committee by freshman Dist. 14A Rep. Ted Hill (R-Eagle), would allow only certain flags to fly above public schools, including the U.S. flag, state flags, city and county flags, and the flags of recognized foreign countries, military branches, Native American tribes, official school flags, and

achievement banners. The bill would ban flags referencing political views, race, sexual orientation, or gender.

Many scenarios that might fall under the bill were discussed in debate, including personal pins and students carrying designs of outlawed flags. Hill said students’ personal expressions wouldn’t be affected.

In a 12-2 vote, the bill moved to the House floor with a do-pass recommendation.

Both bills were filed for third readings during Friday’s business.

House Concurrent Resolution 2 passed the House (68-8 with one absent) and is now being considered by the Senate.

The resolution praises the Boise State University volleyball team for standing up for the integrity of women’s sports as one of many college teams that refused to play San Jose State because of a transgender athlete on the Spartans’ roster.

— *Michael Paz is an undergraduate student from Moscow and a journalism intern for the first session of the 68th Idaho Legislature.*

School menus

Homedale Elementary

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

Jan. 22: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, syrup cup, Yami yogurt, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Spaghetti, seasoned green beans

Jan. 23: **Breakfast:** Maple bar, Yami yogurt, apple **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, curly fries

Jan. 27: **Breakfast:** French toast bites, syrup cup, string cheese, applesauce **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs, buttered carrots, chocolate chunk cookie

Jan. 28: **Breakfast:** Sausage patty, whole grain toast, Yami yogurt, sliced pears **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans, carrot sticks

Jan. 29: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Orange chicken rice bowl, mixed vegetables

Jan. 30: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, blueberry muffin, dried cranberries **Lunch:** Chicken Crispito, buttered corn

Homedale Middle

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

Jan. 22: **Breakfast:** Cheesy scrambled eggs, blueberry muffin, diced pears **Lunch:** Mac-n-cheese, garlic toast

Jan. 23: **Breakfast:** Maple bar, Yami yogurt, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, Tater Tots

Jan. 27: **Breakfast:** French toast bites, syrup cup, string cheese, applesauce **Lunch:** Mozzarella bread sticks, marinara sauce cup, buttered corn, snickerdoodle cookie

Jan. 28: **Breakfast:** Pop Tarts, Yami yogurt, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans, carrot sticks

Jan. 29: **Breakfast:** Sausage breakfast pizza, sliced pears **Lunch:** Orange chicken rice bowl, spring roll,

seasoned green beans, fortune cookie

Jan. 30: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese, dried cherries **Lunch:** Crisпитos, buttered corn

Homedale High

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

Jan. 22: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, string cheese **Lunch:** Chicken or spicy chicken sandwich, curly fries *Grab ‘n’ go:* Chicken bacon wrap

Jan. 23: **Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito, string cheese **Lunch:** Crisпитos, curly fries *Grab ‘n’ go:* Buffalo chicken wrap

Jan. 27: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, syrup cup, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Home style chicken trips, crinkle fries, whole grain breadstick *Grab ‘n’ go:* Chicken bacon salad

Jan. 28: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, sausage patty, whole grain toast, iced coffee **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, curly fries *Grab ‘n’ go:* Chicken Caesar salad

Jan. 29: **Breakfast:** Sausage breakfast pizza, Yami yogurt **Lunch:** Spicy chicken sandwich, Tater Tots *Grab ‘n’ go:* BBQ chicken salad

Jan. 30: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich, iced coffee **Lunch:** Mini pepperoni pizza, garden salad *Grab ‘n’ go:* Club sub sandwich

Marsing

Meals include choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables

Elementary each day: Breakfast: Cereal option **Middle/High School each day: PB&J option**

Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sand., salad

Hot Grab-n-go line (varies): Cheeseburger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sandwich; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)

Jan. 22: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, string

cheese, mixed fruit cup **Lunch:** Jan. 23: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, Yami yogurt, grapes **Lunch:** French toast sticks, sausage patty, hash browns, strawberry cup **Cold Grab-n-go:** Chef’s salad

Jan. 23: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, Yami yogurt, banana **Lunch:** Burrito-enchilada style, refried beans **Hot Grab-n-go:** Cheeseburger, crinkle fries

Jan. 27: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, string cheese, peaches **Lunch:** Cheesy mac with nuggets, steamed carrots, garlic toast **Cold Grab-n-go:** Turkey bacon sub

Jan. 28: **Breakfast:** Sausage patty, biscuit, country gravy, diced pears **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans **Hot Grab-n-go:** Cheesy chicken quesadilla

Jan. 29: **Breakfast:** Waffles, banana **Lunch:** Chicken drumstick, steamed rice, green beans, roll **Hot Grab-n-go:** Pepperoni pizza stuffwich, curly fries

Jan. 30: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, string cheese, muffin, mixed fruit cup **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, curly fries **Cold Grab-n-go:** Chicken bacon salad

Bruneau-Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit juice/fruit offered daily

Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily

Jan. 22: **Breakfast:** Apple frudel **Lunch:** Pizza, romaine salad, corn

Jan. 23: **Breakfast:** Waffles **Lunch:** Chili dogs, garden spinach, broccoli, Rice Krispie treat

Jan. 27: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** BBQ pulled pork with bun, coleslaw, peas

Jan. 28: **Breakfast:** Bagels with cream cheese **Lunch:** Lil Smokies with roll, scalloped potatoes, green beans

Jan. 29: **Breakfast:** Eggs and hash browns **Lunch:** Nachos with tortilla chips, refried beans, cauliflower

Jan. 30: **Breakfast:** Biscuit, sausage patty **Lunch:** Grilled chicken wrap with tortilla, romaine salad, baby carrots

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Homedale girls
looking to rebound

Avalanche Sports

At www.owyhee.com
Adrian wrestlers
2nd in duals tourney

Trojans limit Wolverines' chances

Boys capture
fourth straight
in Payette

Fans packed into the Homedale High School gymnasium to watch a boys' basketball barnburner. The Trojans and Weiser didn't disappoint in the 4A Snake River Valley conference contest.

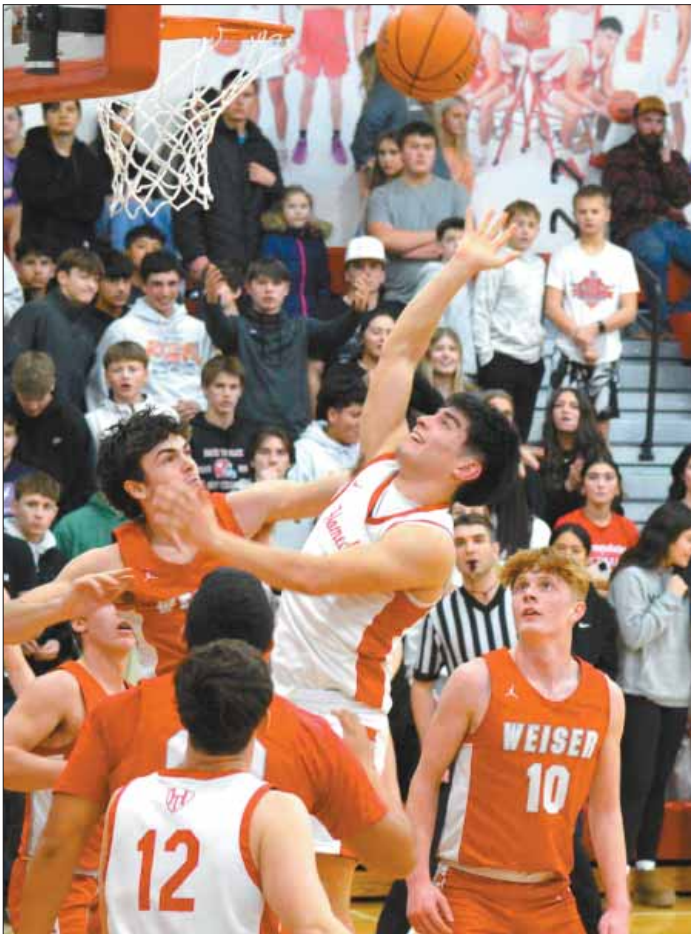
The Wolverines played catch-up over the game's final 28½ minutes, and Homedale won its conference opener, 51-43.

Homedale (7-5 overall, 2-0 in 4A SRV before Tuesday's showdown with McCall-Donnelly) battered conference host Payette, 63-33, on Saturday for its fourth consecutive victory.

Lukas Hall scored four of his co-game-high 13 points in back-to-back fashion to spark a 12-2 run against Weiser, and the Trojans owned a 17-10 lead when Elijah Alexander nailed his only shot of the night for a three-pointer 25 seconds into the second quarter.

Homedale connected on 50 percent of its shots after halftime to maintain a lead.

Weiser (8-3, 0-2 at week's end) struggled from the floor, shooting 26 percent (13-for-50) overall and getting even colder in the second half (6-for-26, 23.1 percent).



Angel Contreras (center) battles a Weiser defender for a rebound in Homedale's home-court victory Thursday.

Owen Funke and Josh Mizar scored 13 points each for the Wolverines. The team connected on 15 of 16 free throws, but couldn't corral its missed shots. Homedale held a 19-11 edge on Weiser's glass with senior Luke Henry getting all four of his rebounds on defense during a scrappy outing.

Henry scored 10 points, knocking down both his shots inside the three-point line and putting down a pair

of treys. He also dished six assists, stole four balls and deflected two passes.

Alex Sotelo scored eight points and grabbed his team-leading five rebounds on Weiser's backboards.

McCoy Swallow had six points and four rebounds, while Keaton Sorenson was 3-for-3 from two-point range for most of his seven points.

Angel Contreras also snagged four defensive rebounds.

Locals win a pair of Magic Valley medals

Melba wrestler
reaches title bout

Ryan Baxter brought home the only Marsing High School medal from the weekend's Magic Valley Classic.

The only bout of the week that went into the second period didn't go the junior's way as Gooding's Jackson

Rippee won the 285-pound fifth-place medal with a pinfall at the 3-minute, 24-second mark.

Baxter pinned another Gooding wrestler, Tobias Morgan, in 1:05 in the second championship round before losing in the quarterfinals.

He rallied with an 80-second

— See *Locals*, page 9

Mustangs teams lose traction in 3A WIC

Girls drop
tiebreaker for
3A WIC lead

Melba High School lost a battle for position in the 3A Western Idaho Conference boys' basketball standings Friday.

New Plymouth gained a tiebreaker against the Mustangs with a 59-47 home-court victory.

Carsten Volkers was one of three players with double-digit scoring for Melba (3-10 overall, 2-4 in conference), putting in 12 points.

Rylan Frank and Isaiah Shoemaker both scored 10 points as the Mustangs lost their fourth consecutive game.

The Pilgrims (9-6, 2-4) gained

an edge in the standings, staying a game behind Marsing.

Last Wednesday: Nampa Christian 56, Melba 47 (OT)

— Three Mustangs reached double figures, but the home team couldn't find its footing in the overtime period at Potter Gymnasium.

Owen Hansen scored 12 points and dished six assists. He also grabbed four rebounds.

Carsten Volkers notched 11 points, five rebounds and five assists.

Rylan Frank contributed 10 points.

The Trojans' Micah Evenhouse led all players with 14 points.

Girls

Melba prevailed in a defensive

— See *Mustangs*, page 10

Frosh girls score medals at Nyssa wrestling tourney

Two Homedale High School girls claimed runner-up finishes in Saturday's Nyssa Pods.

Four Trojans collected medals in Oregon.

Mikaiala Aberasturi was one of two HHS freshmen to win medals in the 110-115 weight division.

Kylee Montenegro (11-11) took third in the bracket with a 3-minute, 38-second pinfall over hometown wrestler Reyna Miranda.

Aberasturi pinned her teammate in 5:21 to reach the championship bout. Vallivue's Rihanna Mora prevailed in the title match with a 47-second pin.

Aberasturi (18-13) pinned

Payette's Lilliann DeCaney (1:03) and Parma's Jaylee Rowland (3:08) before Mora pinned her in the third round-robin session in 3:06.

Montenegro pinned Miranda in 1:58 to reach the semifinals. She also pinned Parma's Anna Engle (3:49).

Another ninth-grader, Matti Bidiman (22-7), took second place at 125 pounds. Bidiman won her first three bouts in the round robin format before a 9-5 loss to Nyssa senior Abigail Murdock in her final match.

She pinned Vallivue's Elisa Tartini (1:19) for the second



Homedale freshman Mikaiala Aberasturi looks for a hold against Vallivue's Rihanna Mora during the Nyssa Pods Tournament. Photo by John Braese / EasternOregonSports.com

— See *Nyssa*, page 9

Sports

Homedale girls search for rejuvenating victory

Homedale High School coach Benji Sorenson hopes to right the ship Thursday after a tough stretch of 4A Snake River Valley conference girls' basketball games.

The Trojans (6-10 overall, 1-5 4A SRV) bring a four-game losing streak into a 4A SRV contest against visiting Payette (4-12, 0-6).

Homedale took it on the chin last week against two of the three teams who ended the week tied for the conference lead, and the current tough stretch started Jan. 11 with a lopsided loss (64-34) to the third front-runner, Fruitland (8-7, 5-1).

"The legs started to fail us late in this one," Sorenson said after the loss.

The Trojans stayed within 10 points of the Grizzlies for most of the game until Fruitland's 9-0 run in the third quarter.

"I do trust these girls will bounce back," Sorenson said after the team's loss to Fruitland. "They have shown they can do that, and we are excited for the stretch run of the season."

The stretch run began Friday in Washington County against tri-leader Weiser. The Wolverines (12-2, 5-1) pulled off a 59-34 win.

Conference newcomer Cole Valley Christian (2-4, 7-10), a powerhouse in the old 2A Western Idaho Conference, posted a 47-20 win over Homedale on Jan. 14 in Meridian.

— JPB



Benji Sorenson

Huskies boys miss shot at upset

The conference leaders barely escaped a boys' basketball upset Friday.

Marsing High School found a second wind in the fourth quarter, but host Nampa Christian held on for 51-49 win to stay atop the 3A Western Idaho Conference standings.

The Trojans (6-8 overall, 5-1 in conference) ended the week with a half-game lead over The Ambrose School and Parma.

The Huskies (7-5, 3-3 before Tuesday's game in New Plymouth) held a 25-19 halftime lead vs. Nampa Christian.

The Trojans went on a 19-8 run in the third quarter to take a 38-33 lead.

Teagan Kinney posted a double-double for Marsing with 14 points and 13 rebounds. He collected 10 boards on defense.

Jace Chadez grabbed seven of his eight rebounds on the Trojans' glass and scored 10 points.

Juan Ponce scored a team-high 15 points. He also led the Huskies with three pass break-ups and six steals.

Marsing girls stumble vs. top teams

Marsing High School dropped two games to 3A Western Idaho Conference girls' basketball front-runners.

New Plymouth held on to a piece of second place Thursday with a 53-31 home-court victory.

The Huskies (7-9 overall, 1-5 in conference) are a half-game behind fourth-place The Ambrose School (6-8, 1-4) heading into today's home game against the Archers.

Marsing has lost four of its past five games.

The Pilgrims (13-4, 5-2) led, 28-12, at halftime.

Jan. 14: Parma 57, Marsing 15 — The 3A WIC-leading Panthers ran away for a win in enemy territory.

The Huskies struggled with their shots, going 6-for-33 (18.2 percent). Marsing also committed 45 turnovers against Parma (15-2, 7-0).

Adyson Chadez scored a team-high five points and snagged four defensive rebounds.

Lily Thoene tossed in four points and grabbed six rebounds. Raylynn Vanosdall led the way with seven rebounds, six on defense.

✓ Nyssa: Bidiman triumphs all-girls dual meet on road

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Kadhim from Boise.

Last Wednesday: Vallivue 48, Homedale 6 — Bidiman pinned Tartini in the 126-pound bout for the Trojans' only victory in Caldwell.

The host Falcons scored 42 points with seven forfeits.

time in four days and stopped Emmett's Roslyn Nelson in 45 seconds before beating Vallivue's Ashlee Yung, 10-7.

Elizabeth Harper (120) took fifth place with a 10-second pin of fellow freshman Shahad

✓ Locals: Svetich takes 2nd at 175 pounds

From Page 8

pin over Melba's Jess Fuquay in the consolation bracket.

Freshman Damian Leon (120) won a pair of bouts with an 18-2 technical fall over Challis' Lukas Arneson at the 4:39 mark and a 15-7 major decision over New Plymouth's Gabe Howard.

German Martinez rallied at 138 with back-to-back consolation-bracket wins — an 18-13 decision over Melba's Parker Beauvais and a 12-3 major decision against North Gem's Jaxyn Welker.

Ray Arriaga (150) pinned Raft River's Eric Felthausen at 4:49 in a consolation match.

Peyton Showalter (175) won his first bout of the tournament Friday with a pin in 1:06 over West Jefferson's Jose Vargas.

Melba

Senior runner-up Brendan Svetich lost the championship match at 175 when Beau Ringel of Firth pulled off an 8-3 decision.

MARSING HUSKIES

Athletes of the Week

Boys' basketball
Levi Aristizabal, sr., C
6 points, 5 rebounds vs.
Nampa Christian

Girls' basketball
Adyson Chadez, jr., G
5 points, 4 rebounds vs.
Parma

Wrestling
Ryan Baxter, jr., 285
6th place at Magic Valley
Classic

THIS WEEK'S SPORTS SCHEDULE

Girls' basketball	Boys' basketball
Varsity	Varsity
Wednesday, Jan. 22, home vs. The Ambrose School, 7:30 p.m.	Thursday, Jan. 23 at The Ambrose School, Meridian, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 24, home vs. Melba, 7:30 p.m.	Tuesday, Jan. 28, home vs. Parma, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A	Junior varsity A
Wednesday, Jan. 22, home vs. The Ambrose School, 6 p.m.	Thursday, Jan. 23 at The Ambrose School, Meridian, 6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 24, home vs. Melba, 6 p.m.	Tuesday, Jan. 28, home vs. Parma, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B	Junior varsity B
Friday, Jan. 24, home vs. Melba, 4:30 p.m.	Thursday, Jan. 23 at The Ambrose School, Meridian, 4:30 p.m.
	Tuesday, Jan. 28, home vs. Parma, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Boys

Wednesday, Feb. 5 at tri-meet vs. Melba and Caldwell, Melba, TBA

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Sports

HHS boys get four victories during week of dual meets

Homedale High School’s wrestling team beat three of five opponents at Saturday’s Skyview Duals.

Six Trojans went through the day in Nampa without a loss.

Homedale’s two dual meet losses were by a total of three points.

- Khyler Maxwell (150 pounds) edged Gunner Poppleton, 6-5, in his only action of the event as Homedale routed Owyhee of Meridian, 70-10, in the team’s opening dual meet.
- Trevor Paynter (113) had four wins including a 16-1 technical fall over Cooper Wing in a 58-28 win over Timberline of Boise. Paynter also had a 9-4 win over Dezmond Burch in the Trojans’ 50-27 victory over Centennial of Boise.
- Braelyn Arredondo (126) scored two pins, a 14-0 major decision over Owyhee’s Gunner Sanchez, and a 19-2 technical fall against Paul Valentine of

Timberline.

- Jakobe Valle (98) saw action in four duals, coming away with three first-period pinfalls.
- Grady Walgamott (215) went 4-0 on the mat and was credited with a forfeit in a fifth dual. He had three pins and a 10-4 decision over Tagen Lowe in Homedale’s tiebreaker loss to Meridian 1. The Warriors won eight of 15 matches to settle a 39-39 deadlock.
- Porter Swan (106) had two victories on the mat and picked up three forfeits. He pinned Jose Jiminez in 2:18, but Nyssa, Ore., edged Homedale, 45-42.
- Wylee Bidiman (138) lost once in four matches.
- Nathan Marston (157) was 3-2, and Jaimison Valle (144) picked up two wins in five bouts
- Gibson Rice (120), Lane Zehr (132), and Caden Layne (190) each went 2-2.

Last Wednesday: Homedale 59,

Ridgevue 27 — There was nearly a full slate of action in the Trojans’ non-conference loss to the Warhawks at Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

Rice pinned Tanner Farrell in 5 minutes, 18 seconds at 120 pounds to highlight Homedale’s dominance in the lighter weights.

Jakobe Valle (98) pinned Connor Jellison in 1:11, Swan (106) dispatched Jaxson White in 41 seconds, Paynter (113) pinned Brennen Gray in 71 seconds, and Arredondo (126) routed Nephtali Garcia with a 17-1 technical fall at the 3:13 mark.

Other Homedale wins came from Zehr (132), who pinned Kaidan Roberts in 1:29; Jaimison Valle (138), who pinned Baker Self in 5:33; and Marston (150), who pinned Oliver Cass in 5:34.

Layne captured the 190-pound bout with a pinfall of Ridgevue’s Gabriel Martinez in 4:58.

Last Wednesday: Vallivue 48, Homedale 42 — A dual meet filled with pinfalls came down to the final bout. The Trojans suffered a rare loss when Elakki Romero pinned Peyton McCarney in 3:53 at 175 pounds.

The Falcons used a late surge in the triumph, winning the final three bouts and six of the last nine.

Homedale owned a 30-18 lead after Zehr pinned Anthony Martinez at 1:53.

Swan and Paynter had first-round pins to spark three straight victories. Swan (106) stopped Seth Rodriguez in 44 seconds, and Paynter (113) got Joseph Vasquez in 1:57.

Other Trojans victories included Walgamott (215) pinning Dominique Aguirre in 1:56; Arredondo (126) dispatching Decklyn Reece in 1:16; and Marston (150) pinning Michael Ulloa in 3:39.

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✓ Mustangs: Girls play for second place at home today

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struggle against Nampa Christian, but couldn’t keep pace with conference-leading Parma later in the week.

First-year coach Dennis Lenz’s squad held the Trojans to a season-low point total in a 23-18 victory Jan. 14 inside Potter Gymnasium.

Melba (12-4, 5-2) kept last-place Nampa Christian winless in six conference outings.

On Thursday, second-place Melba lost ground to 3A WIC leader Parma in a narrow 49-42 setback on the road.

The Panthers (15-2, 7-0) beat the Mustangs for the second time this season to secure the tiebreaker for the top seed into the District III tournament, but Melba improved drastically in the scoring performance of the 47-15 home loss on Dec. 12.

Melba ended the week tied for second place with New Plymouth (13-4, 5-2). The Mustangs have a chance to nail down the tiebreaker against the Pilgrims today inside Potter Gymnasium.

Homedale Trojans

Athletes of the Week



Boys' basketball
Keaton Sorenson, sr., W
7 pts. (3-for-3 on 2 pt. FG) vs. Weiser
Inspired Portraits by Kyla



Girls' basketball
Stella Heck, jr., PG
8 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals vs. Fruitland (Jan. 11)
Inspired Portraits by Kyla



Wrestling
Mikaiala Aberasturi, fr.
Nyssa Pods 110-115 runner-up



SPORTS SCHEDULE

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 23, home vs. Payette, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 25 at McCall-Donnelly, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 28 at Fruitland, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 23, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 25 at McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 28 at Fruitland, 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Friday, Jan. 24 at Fruitland, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Friday, Jan. 24 at Fruitland, 6 p.m.
Frosh-soph
Friday, Jan. 24 at Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Coed
Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 4A Snake River Valley conference dual vs. McCall-Donnelly, 5:30 p.m.



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Boise Cascade

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

January 26, 2000



Sundance monument

Students from the Canyon/Owyhee School Service Agency, COSSA, weld the final touches to a fence the class made for the monument at Sundance Park last week. The class also built the wrought-iron fence now on display at Homedale City Hall.

Salove to run for Dist. 1 county commission seat

Marsing farmer and Owyhee County native Chris Salove announced Friday he is a candidate for the District 1 county commissioner seat being vacated by longtime commissioner Dick Bass.

Salove, a Republican, has been politically active for many years. He has served on the board of directors of the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association, and has just finished a three-year stint on the Idaho Cattle Association board. He’s been a precinct committeeman for four years, and is currently a vice chair.

County socio-economic study results released

The results of the Owyhee County Social and Economic Assessment, a study conducted by the University of Idaho, were presented to the board of county commissioners Monday.

The overall conclusions weren’t terribly surprising, but are nonetheless compelling: the county’s economy is heavily reliant on agriculture; it is losing money to nearby counties as many people who live here work and spend elsewhere, and social cohesion continues as population grows, but is higher in the ranch-dependent areas.

Aaron Harp and Neil Rimbey of the UI Department of Agricultural Economics & Rural Sociology gave a presentation as a dress rehearsal to a series of three meetings to be held throughout the county.

Church celebrates ‘350’ years with four members

The Homedale Christian Church recently celebrated “350” years of birthday with four members.

Opal Nash, George Johnstone, Troy Lane, and John Matteson celebrated birthdays in January.

Nash turned 90 and Johnstone turned 84 on Jan. 14. Both are members of the church and have been celebrating their birthdays together for several years. Opal was honored with a potluck dinner.

Lane turned 92 on Jan. 17 and Matteson turned 84 on Jan. 16. All were honored with special services.

40 years ago

January 23, 1985



Members of the Homedale High School Rodeo Club are seated, from left: Gaylene Kennedy, President Launie Mashburn, Secretary-Treasurer Christy Schlegel and Robin Mashburn. Standing from left, J.B. Salutregui, Michelle Frank, Rex Mashburn and Vice President Dennis Taggart.

HS Rodeo to be held in Homedale

The 25th annual District II High School Rodeo Finals will be held again in Homedale according to Fred Stephens, the adult president of the Association. The finals and four points rodeos were held in Homedale last spring.

The dates set for the District finals this year are May 9-10-11 at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds Arena. To run in conjunction with the event is the Archway Carnival out of Notus offering about ten rides and expected to add interest and boost spectatorship.

Featured attractions will again include professional women’s bareback exhibition rides, with the new event of businessmen’s goat tying. Stephens said that they hope to get more locals involved with this spectacle, because the district participation covers such a broad area. “We’re anticipating entries to be close to a hundred kids for this year’s finals,” Stephens said. Clubs represented will be Borah, Rimrock, Garden Valley, Kuna, Melba, Meridian, Mountain Home, Nampa, Payette County (including Payette, New Plymouth and Fruitland), and Weiser. Three new clubs this year will represent Homedale, Notus and Vallivue.

County newspapers win in INA contest

Two awards each were won by the Owyhee Nugget and Owyhee Chronicle during 1984, and were announced at the annual awards banquet of the Idaho Newspaper Association in Boise Saturday night.

The Nugget won two third-place awards for weekly newspapers with circulation under 2,000. They were for best feature story, by Dan Gallagher, and best spot news story, by Mick Hodges.

The Chronicle won a first-place plaque for best feature story, by Dani Aman, and third place for best special edition (the agricultural edition).

Meeting set to resolve A3-A4 dilemma

A meeting between the Marsing School Board and the Idaho High School Activities Association on Jan. 30 may help solve the problem caused by moving Marsing from A-4 competition to A-3.

Parents met in December to oppose the earlier IHSAA decision that would move Marsing up into athletic competition with the likes of Homedale and Fruitland. A count of the Marsing school population was taken in September to determine Marsing’s league status. A number of migrant students were present in the school, but have since left and dropped the number to 141. The district and parents asked that the school be left at the A-4 status and that the cutoff mark for the leagues be changed from 149 to 175.

150 years ago

January 23, 1875

DANCING CLUB.—The Silver City Quadrille Band propose to give a series of social dances in Jones’ Hall, commencing to-morrow evening. The arrangement is to dance from 8 o’clock till midnight, once a week for ten consecutive weeks, and the fee charged to subscribers will be one dollar per night, which is certainly very reasonable. The affair is to be known as the “Silver City Dancing Club.” It will afford our young folks, and old folks, too, an opportunity to while away the time in social enjoyment, and dispel, in a measure, the monotony of our long dreary winter.

TELEGRAPH DEMORALIZED.—There is a break in the telegraph wire somewhere between here and Winnemucca to-day. The Nevada and Northern Telegraph has kept up better than any of them thus far this winter, and this is the first break in it that we have had to record for more than a month. The telegraphic news published to-day was received last evening.

Transcribing the Records.

By reference to a certified copy of an Act published in this evening’s AVALANCHE it will be seen that the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners are required, at their next regular meeting to wit: On the first Monday in April, to cause their Clerk to advertise for bids to transcribe and index books 1, 2, and 3 of the Quartz Records of this county. The act then provided that, at their next regular meeting thereafter, to wit: On the first Monday in July, the Board will receive proposals for transcribing and indexing of said Records. We have deemed this explanation necessary, because some of our readers seem to be under the impression that our Commissioners will, at their adjourned meeting next Monday, order the advertising bids and let the contract at their regular meeting in April. The Act did not become a law till the 12th Inst., consequently the next regular meeting first referred to therein, will be on the first Monday in April, and the contract cannot be let till the first Monday in July.

BIG COAL CONTRACT.—Our old friend J.R. Slack, of Fairview, has taken a contract to burn some half a million bushels of charcoal for the South Mountain Consolidated Mining Company, and will be assisted in the undertaking by his brother, George. The Slack Brothers are live, energetic men, and understand the coal business to perfection. They left for South Mountain to-day.

THE NIGHT SCHOOL.—Don’t forget Prof. Butler’s Night School to commence next Monday evening — 25 cts. a lesson, or one dollar for five nights, and study anything you choose. This is a good chance for those whose early education has been neglected or who desire to brighten up half-forgotten acquirements.

ENJOYING THEMSELVES.—A jolly party of Silver City folks left for Wagontown this evening. It was quite a big crowd — young ladies and their beaux, and married women with their husbands — and nearly all the teams in town were brought into requisition for the occasion. We noticed some musicians in the make-up, and they will undoubtedly make it very lively for Mr. and Mrs. Walls to-night. We hope they may all have a pleasant time, and not break any ribs or limbs, should they happen to capsize at “Major Hunt’s cut-off.”

Commentary

Letters to the editor

Read the newspaper, pay attention for development

I write to your newspaper a few times a year. Mostly, I get positive feedback. But sometimes I get comments like, “I never read that newspaper, and I don’t pay any attention. Or, “There is never anything in that newspaper that is useful.” Sometimes, they will tell me these things after several frequent visits to the local bars where like-minded and “wildly successful” people help encourage this narrative. Trust me, they think they are the smartest people in the room. If you don’t believe them, just ask them because they will tell you.

However, when things change in this county to their dislike, and things will change real soon, those anti readers will be the first to whine and cry.

Here is something to think about: Owyhee County only re-writes a growth plan every 20 years. It’s starting to be written right now in 2025. In the near future, you may wake up to a view of an ill-planned housing development or a huge power station in your back yard. Further, zoning changes could allow hindering of agricultural practices or reduce the value of your property. It could require water costs to rise due to new regulations or higher demands.

Developers are counting on the non-readers of the newspaper to slip planning changes through and get their plats approved before the non-reader realizes. Many times I’ve seen this happen and written about it.

All planning committee meetings are published, yeah ... in the local newspaper for anyone and everyone to read.

You might want to pay attention.

Jennifer Stevenson
Homedale

From Washington

Abandoned mines cleanup a boon for Idaho environment

The beauty of Idaho goes hand-in-hand with our abundant supply of natural resources. Idaho’s vast natural and mineral resources provide high-paying, quality jobs and help foster a more secure supply chain as America strives for increased energy and technology independence.

As I continue to work in Congress to assist domestic production in mineral-rich states like Idaho, removing bureaucratic red tape around the reclamation process helps preserve, protect and enhance our natural environment. The recent enactment of the Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act will help clean up and improve water quality in and around abandoned hardrock mines.

Fellow U.S. senator for Idaho Jim Risch and I co-sponsored the bipartisan Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act. President Joe

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JP Doodles



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

Center on Representative Govt. Carter was our “best ex-president”

Jimmy Carter spent four years as president of the United States and 44 years as ex-president. It’s his extraordinary career as our former president that we are most likely to celebrate.

Prior to Carter, former presidents were likely to go off to a comfortable retirement. Carter, who died last month at 100, changed the pattern. He gave us a new model for a vigorous and productive post-presidential life, one that former presidents are now expected to emulate.

Together with his wife, Rosalynn, who deserves a great deal of credit, Carter traveled the world and worked tirelessly to resolve conflicts, eradicate disease and alleviate suffering — work that earned him the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002. As President Joe Biden said, “Jimmy Carter stands up as a model of what it means to live a life of meaning and purpose, a life of principle, faith and humility.”

It’s surprising, in some ways, that this is the case. When he left office, after losing a landslide 1980 election to Ronald Reagan, he was widely regarded as an ineffectual leader.

Running for office, Jimmy Carter was a marvelous, down-to-earth campaigner. He was a Georgia peanut farmer with an aw-shucks simplicity that appealed to the average voter. In fact, he was smart and sophisticated, a Navy officer and a nuclear engineer with widespread interests. Many people underestimated his sharp analytical intelligence.

Carter had a real ability to connect with audiences. I remember watching him speak and hearing the crowd erupt with shouts of “Sock it to ’em, Jimmy.” Well before Donald Trump, he ran against Washington and appealed to Americans’ distrust of the establishment.

His political career embodied the distinction between campaigning and governing. When he

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shifted from the politics of attacking government to the politics of running the country, something didn’t click. Although his Democratic Party controlled the House and Senate, he couldn’t translate his campaign skills into getting things done. He remained a Washington outsider and never mastered the language to communicate well with those of us who were in Congress.

It didn’t help that the economy was in a slump. In 1980, inflation hit 10 percent and interest rates 18 percent. Carter’s calls for patience and austerity didn’t land well. The Iran hostage crisis was a serious blow, and a hostage rescue attempt that Carter approved ended in tragedy.

On the positive side, Carter’s presidency brought lasting gains in energy conservation and environmental protection. Two cabinet departments, Education and

— See *Carter*, Page 13

Commentary

Financial management Approach job interview follow-up like a sales call

Dear Dave,

I had an interview for a sales management position during the first week of January. Since then, I've sent two follow-up emails.

One was to thank the human resources representative for their time and for considering me for the job.

In the second, I reiterated my interest in the position and desire to work for the company.

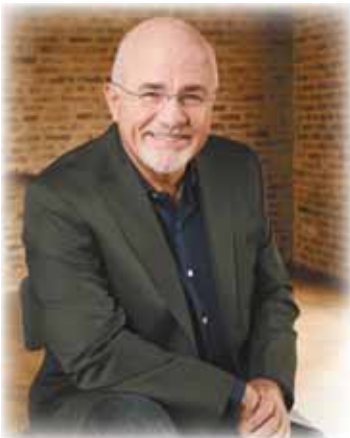
Was this a proper and professional approach? If not, how would you suggest handling things after a first interview?

— Tiffany

Dear Tiffany,

In this situation, I would recommend sending another email. You want to walk right up to that fine line that separates bold and confident from pushy, because that's one of the things a good sales manager should be able to do. Thank them again for their time, and respectfully tell them you understand any hiring decision can be a lengthy process, but you'd like to know when you can expect an answer.

I'm talking about using your experience and the idea that you're a great salesperson who has transformed herself into a great sales manager. In other words, treat it almost



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like a professional sales call. And don't be afraid to have a little fun with it. If you're still under consideration, that

means they like you and you have a shot at the position. You might even hint at the fact they don't want to hire a sales manager who doesn't know how to follow up.

You obviously have sales skills if you worked your way up to a manager's position. So, put those skills to work. If you're on a sales call, and the customer needs to perform some due diligence before deciding, a smart salesperson will request to schedule a follow-up.

In your email, ask if checking back on a certain day in the next couple of weeks will work. You don't want to be obnoxious, but you're looking for an appointment of sorts —

a time frame — so you'll know when to follow up without seeming pushy or desperate.

I hope this helps, Tiffany. Good luck!

— 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.

✓ Mines: Good Samaritan groups can receive money to fund cleanup

From Page 12

Biden signed the legislation into law on Dec. 17 after the U.S. Senate's passage of the legislation in July, and the U.S. House of Representative's passage in December.

The U.S. has hundreds of thousands of abandoned hardrock mine features, of which at least 33,000 pose environmental hazards according to the U.S. Government Accountability Office. Organizations that have no legal or financial responsibility to an abandoned mine — true Good Samaritans — want to volunteer to remediate some of these sites. Unfortunately, liability rules would leave these Good Samaritans legally responsible for all the pre-existing pollution from a mine, even though they were not involved with the mine prior to cleaning it up.

The Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act will make it easier for "Good Samaritans" such as state agencies, local governments and nonprofits to clean up and improve water quality in and around abandoned hardrock mines. The law creates a pilot permitting program to enable not-for-profit cleanup efforts to move forward, while ensuring Good Samaritans have the skills and resources to comply with federal oversight.

This pilot program is designed for lower-risk projects that will improve water and soil quality or otherwise protect human health. The bill also outlines

requirements for reviewing Good Samaritan permits under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

We have a responsibility to ourselves and future generations to preserve, protect and enhance our natural environment. In an archived 2016 report, the non-partisan Congressional Research Service noted, "Policymakers and stakeholders have been discussing Good Samaritan legislative and administrative proposals for more than 15 years [now more than 20 years] in hopes of finding mechanisms to encourage cleanup and remediation of inactive and abandoned mine sites that harm or could harm the environment."

The bipartisan Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act makes the long sought-after responsible cleaning up of abandoned mines easier. Good Samaritans are upholding a duty to the natural environment as stewards of the land, and we must continue our work to ensure they have the support they need to work unencumbered by burdensome regulations and undue liability risks.

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

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Letters to the editor

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

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

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

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

✓ Carter: Hard work built enduring legacy

From Page 12

Energy, were created. In foreign policy, he signed the Panama Canal Treaty, normalized relations with China and prioritized human rights.

The Camp David Accords of 1978 were his major foreign policy success. Over two weeks at the presidential retreat in Maryland, he worked with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin to hammer out an agreement. His attitude was, "You're going to sit there until you get something done." The parties knew he meant business.

Obviously, the agreement didn't bring permanent peace and stability to the Middle East, but it showed that the parties could talk and make progress. Psychologically, as well as substantively, it was a noteworthy effort in the history of our diplomacy.

Subsequently, the Carter Center in Atlanta, which Carter founded after leaving office, has monitored elections in 40 countries, strengthened human rights standards and facilitated peace talks. It established village-based health systems in Africa and led a coalition that effectively eradicated Guinea worm disease. Carter led these efforts while living modestly in Plains, Ga.; teaching Sunday School at a local Baptist church; and, with Rosalynn, volunteering each year to build houses with Habitat for Humanity.

When Carter was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, a member of the prize committee remarked that he may not have been America's most effective president, but he was "certainly the best ex-president the country ever had." That was 22 years ago, and it remains true today.

Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

On January 27, 2025 at 10:00 am in courtroom 2 of the Owyhee County Courthouse at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Id., the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners will hold a public comment meeting regarding a proposed Agricultural Protection Area ordinance in conformance with Idaho Code 67-9701. The purpose of the proposed ordinance is to provide for a voluntary process through which agricultural and timber producers of Owyhee County may make application to commit lands actively devoted to agriculture for future agricultural use. An APA designation aims to protect productive farmland, rangeland, and forest land; encourage best farming practices; support the local agricultural economy; and provide for long-term planning stability. This ordinance sets out the process for creation of Agriculture Protection Areas.

A complete copy of the proposed ordinance is available for review on the county web site at www.owyheecounty.net or at the Community Planning office located at 17069 Basey Street in Murphy, Idaho. You may request an electronic copy via email from mhuff@co.owyhee.id.us

For further information on the proposed ordinance please call the Community Planning office at 495-2095 ext. 2.

01/15,22/2025

NOTICE OF LETTING

Leading Idaho Local Bridge Program project for Owyhee County, proposal number 28299-47. This proposal will remove and replace the existing bridge on Salmon Creek Road over Reynolds Creek.

Sealed proposals will be received either electronically through QuestCDN (www.QuestCDN.com) or at the office of the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council, 3330 W Grace St, Boise, ID 83703 until 2:30 p.m. MST on January 30, 2025. LHTAC’s QuestCDN Number is 8010870.

01/15,22/2025

LIEN SALE

Vehicle listed will be sold at 328 Highway 95, Homedale, ID at 10 a.m., February 3, 2025.

2001 Honda Acura, VIN #19UUA56872A011262

01/22,29/2025

NOTICES OF CLAIMS TO A WATER RIGHT

The following Notices of Claims and Motions for Determination of Deferred De Minimis Domestic or Stock Water Use to a water right have been filed in the Snake River Basin Adjudication. Note that the place of use is in Owyhee County. For information specific to each individual claim search here: <https://idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRAJSearch/WRADJSearch.aspx>

Water Right: 55-14052
NAME & ADDRESS: INDIAN MEADOWS RANCH LLC
2700 TROUT CREEK RD
SOUTH MOUNTAIN ID 97910
SOURCE: SOUTH BOULDER CREEK TRIBUTARY: BIG BOULDER CREEK
PRIORITY DATE: 11/06/1882
POINT OF DIVERSION: T07S R04W SEC 29 SESW (BEGINNING)

NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUANCE OF TAX DEED GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT P.O. Box 67 Homedale, ID 83628 Owyhee County, Idaho

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Title 43, Chapter 7, of the Idaho State Code, on February 11, 2025, the period of redemption for delinquent entries, shall expire. Idaho law authorizes the Board to take back the water from the land so that it is no longer appurtenant to your property. The Board decided at its October board meeting to take back the water rights appurtenant to the property described below and leave you with title to the property without any water rights I.C. §43-716. The property described below may be redeemed on or before February 11, 2025, by paying to the Gem Irrigation District at its office in the City of Homedale, County of Owyhee, the delinquent assessments for which the delinquent entries were made, plus a penalty of two percent (2%) thereon, interest on the total at the rate of one percent (1%) per month from the day said delinquent entries were made until the day of redemption, and recording and publication costs. Direct any inquiries to Gem Irrigation at the above address.

Person Assessed	Property Description	Delinquent Year Assessed	Delinquent Assessment
Forest & Sharon Abbott	Part NESE, 3N5W Sec. 7,	2021-2024	\$ 861.46
German Martinez	Pt.SWSW, Sec. 4-2N-4W	2016-2024	\$2,602.73
Chasm I LLC	Sec 15 T3N R5W PT. NW¼ NE¼	2021-2024	\$3,651.27
Ignacio & Martha Castillo	Pt. W1/2 NWNE, Sec. 15-3N-5W	2019-2024	\$6,593.93

Dated this 3rd day of January 2025

GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Sherry Maxwell, Treasurer

01/08,15,22,29/2025

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

The Homedale Rural Fire District in Homedale, Idaho, is requesting proposals from qualified and experienced respondents (“Individuals” or “firms”) to submit Statement of Qualifications (“SOQs”) to provide architectural and associated services related to the District’s Fire Hall Project. This solicitation is governed by 67-2320, Idaho Code, and 67-2805 (2), Idaho Code, and shall be administered by those provisions.

A copy of the RFP may be obtained from the District at the following address:

Homedale Rural Fire District
PO Box 905
19 East Wyoming Ave
Homedale, ID 83628

Proposals will be evaluated and ranked on the following criteria. The maximum point value of each criterion is shown in parentheses:

Description of the Firm, including Location & Longevity (15 pts)
Experience and Past Performance on Similar Projects (30 pts)
Project Manager & Key Staff Experience, Education & Training (20 pts)

Project Approach and Schedule (20 pts)
Quality Control Procedures (15 pts)

Proposals are due in the District office at the following address:

Homedale Rural Fire District
PO Box 905
19 East Wyoming Ave
Homedale, ID 83628

Proposals are due by 5:00 p.m. local time on February 5th, 2025.

The Homedale Rural Fire District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

/s:/Mikeal D Parker, Secretary/Treasurer

01/22,29/2025

T07S R04W SEC 32 NENW (ENDING)
P U R P O S E O F U S E : STOCKWATER
PLACE OF USE: T07S R04W SEC 29 SESW
T07S R04W SEC 32 NENW

Water Right: 55-14053

NAME & ADDRESS: INDIAN MEADOWS RANCH LLC
2700 TROUT CREEK RD
SOUTH MOUNTAIN ID 97910
SOURCE: SPRING TRIBUTARY: SINKS
PRIORITY DATE: 11/06/1882
POINT OF DIVERSION: T07S R04W SEC 29 SWNW
P U R P O S E O F U S E : STOCKWATER
PLACE OF USE: T07S R04W SEC 29 SWNW

Water Right: 55-14054

NAME & ADDRESS: INDIAN MEADOWS RANCH LLC
2700 TROUT CREEK RD
SOUTH MOUNTAIN ID 97910
SOURCE: SPRING TRIBUTARY: COYOTE CREEK
PRIORITY DATE: 11/06/1882
POINT OF DIVERSION: T07S R04W SEC 30 NENE (BEGINNING)
T07S R04W SEC 30 NENE (ENDING)
P U R P O S E O F U S E : STOCKWATER
PLACE OF USE: T07S R04W SEC 30 NENE

Water Right: 55-14055

NAME & ADDRESS: INDIAN

MEADOWS RANCH LLC
2700 TROUT CREEK RD
SOUTH MOUNTAIN ID 97910
SOURCE: UNNAMED POND, SPRINGS
TRIBUTARY: SINKS, SINKS
PRIORITY DATE: 11/06/1882
POINT OF DIVERSION: T07S R04W SEC 30 NESE
T07S R04W SEC 30 SESE
P U R P O S E O F U S E : STOCKWATER
PLACE OF USE: T07S R04W SEC 30 NESE

Water Right: 55-14056

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POINT OF DIVERSION: T07S R04W SEC 31 NESE
P U R P O S E O F U S E : STOCKWATER
PLACE OF USE: T07S R04W SEC 31 NESE

Water Right: 55-14057

NAME & ADDRESS: INDIAN MEADOWS RANCH LLC
2700 TROUT CREEK RD
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PRIORITY DATE: 11/06/1882
POINT OF DIVERSION: T07S R04W SEC 32 SWSW
P U R P O S E O F U S E : STOCKWATER
PLACE OF USE: T07S R04W

SEC 32 SWSW

Any objection against these proposed claim must be filed with the Clerk of the District Court, Snake River Basin Adjudication, 253 3rd Avenue North, PO Box 2707, Twin Falls, ID 83303-2707 on or before March 3, 2025

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LEGAL NOTICE

The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho:

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Point of Diversion L2 (NENW)
S27 T04S R02E OWYHEE County
Source SNAKE RIVER Tributary SNAKE RIVER AQUIFER
Use: STOCKWATER
01/01 to 12/31; 0.25 CFS
Total Diversion: 0.25 CFS
Date Filed: 08-24-2024
P l a c e O f U s e : STOCKWATER

T04S R02E S27 NENW, NWNW, SWNW, SENW, NESW, NWSW, SWSW, SESW, SWSE
T04S R02E S28 NENE, SENE, NESE, SESE
T04S R02E S34 NENE, NWNE, SWNE, SENE, NENW, NWNW, SENW

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact the Western Region office at (208)334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s), please see <https://idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRAApplicationResults/>. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 W AIRPORT WAY, BOISE ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 2/3/2025. The protestant must

also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

M A T H E W W E A V E R ,
Director

01/15,22/2025

PUBLIC NOTICE MALHEUR COUNTY LOCAL WORK GROUP MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The public is invited to the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service Malheur County Local Work Group Meeting from 1 p.m., to 4 p.m., on Feb. 12, 2025 at the Malheur Education Service District, 363 A Street West, Vale, OR.

A ZoomGov Meeting is also available online at <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1605416536>. Meeting ID: 160 541 6536

The meeting is being held to gather input from farmers, ranchers, state and federal agencies, agriculture and conservation organizations regarding natural resource conservation priorities and opportunities to invest collaboratively in Malheur County.

For more information, contact Lynn Larsen, District Conservationist - Malheur County; USDA-NRCS, 2925 SW 6th Avenue, Ste. 2, Ontario, OR 97914, (541) 823-5156, or lynn.larsen@or.usda.gov

A request for accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to: Lynn Larsen, 541-823-5156.

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✓ **Ag land:** Few counties have adopted ordinance ordered by new state law

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Protection Area (APA) ordinance during a 10 a.m., hearing inside Courtroom 2 at the county courthouse in Murphy.

The proposed ordinance is necessary to comply with Idaho Code Title 67, Chapter 97, which went into effect on July 1 after Gov. Brad Little signed House Bill 608 into law during the 2024 legislative session.

If adopted, the county ordinance would empower county commissioners to create a three-person advisory panel that would vet applications from Owyhee County farmers and ranchers to protect their agricultural property from development for a period of 20 years. There is language in the state law to withdraw lands before the 20-year mark in the event of hardship.

County planning director Mary Huff reiterated that the ordinance didn't originate from her office. The Idaho Association of Counties provided the state's counties a template for the code language during its summer meeting, she said.

Huff also said the agricultural protection area advisory committee would be a volunteer group serving directly under the BOCC with no connection to the planning department. The APA commission would review applications and refer them to the BOCC for a public hearing. If county commissioners don't set a hearing, the APA board's decision becomes final.

Each county was required to establish an APA advisory committee by Jan. 1, but few counties have met the deadline.

Canyon County established its ordinance on Dec. 18.

The law would allow ag producers to protect their property for 20 years, and that would be renewable after the two decades ended. However, signing on would also prevent producers from doing anything other than agricultural production for the length of the protection cycle.

Protected ag ground wouldn't prevent a producer's neighbor from seeking residential development next door. The county already has a conditional use process for building homes on ag ground.

The enrolled ag land would be exempt from eminent domain, too, with the exception of needed right-of-way for highway expansion.

The law was passed with the intent of slowing down urban sprawl into vital agricultural areas, but there may not be a need for the protection in Owyhee County.

Huff said she anticipates "zero applications here."

"I think it's a non-issue for Owyhee County because we've done a good job of protecting agricultural zones," she said.

The public survey connected to the recent sweeping land use re-examination backs up Huff's hunch.

Ninety-three percent of Homedale-area residents who responded said development should be contained closer to the city limits and existing services. Countywide, 85 percent of respondents were of the same opinion.

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