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Rimrock rules District III



Raiders knock off Patriots, open state tourney Thursday

Fans and player celebrate at midcourt inside the Parma High School gymnasium after Rimrock High School's 26-21 girls' basketball victory over Liberty Charter of Nampa in the 1A, Div. I District III Tournament championship game Thursday. Rimrock and Homedale in Class 3A both have qualified for this week's Real Dairy Shootout state tournament. For more on both teams, see **Page 1B**

BLM unpacks several issues at OCA meeting

Leadership shuffle, fuel breaks near and far top the list

In the modern climate of permit renewal litigation, Bureau of Land Management visits to Owyhee Cattlemen's Association meetings have been light on substance beyond wild fire mitigation.

The ranchers' meeting Saturday in Oreana was a different story.

In addition to confirming that the Bruneau-Owyhee Sage-grouse Habitat (BOSH) Environmental Impact Statement was available for public comment, BLM Boise District officials had other news.

One development district manager Lara Douglas mentioned — the Silver City Travel Management Plan — will continue its public process with meetings later this month.



BLM Boise District manager Lara Douglas speaks to the OCA membership Saturday.

According to a press release issued Monday afternoon, the TMP will be released for public review today.

The release will start a six-week scoping period, and comments will be accepted until March 30.

Detailed information and

— See **BLM**, page 8A

County GOP hosts Lincoln Day

Event usually includes candidate declarations

Although some candidates have begun circulating their names, the Republican primary election season doesn't really get into high gear until after the Lincoln Day Banquet.

The Owyhee County Republican Party's

biennial get-together, which is open to anyone who wants to hear from the candidates, takes place Monday.

"It's important for people to meet candidates in person, and to listen to them in person to form opinions about which candidate they wish to support — especially in a year like this one

— See **Lincoln Day**, page 9A

Grand View teacher understands gravity of her calling

Technology peers give Lexie Malika annual award



Grand View Elementary teacher Lexie Malika (left) discusses with fifth-grader Flavio Ronquillo a feature on the Micron STEM bus. For more on the STEM bus, see **Page 14A** Submitted photo

She only has three years on the job, but Lexie Malika has a firm idea about her objectives as a teacher.

"Our job as educators isn't to teach students about specific content, ultimately. Really, it's about teaching our students to be able to succeed in a society — a society that we have no idea what it will look like," the Grand View Elementary fifth-grade teacher said.

"In order to succeed in my job, I need to be able to look

ahead and help mold a future along with my students, and a lot of that responsibility and opportunity lies in STEM."

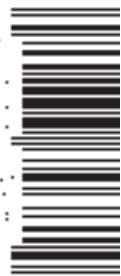
Instead of a crystal ball, Malika uses educational tools to prepare her students with the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math skills they must build for the future.

The Idaho Education Technology Association (IETA) recognized her efforts with its

— See **Teacher**, page 14A



Lexie Malika and her husband, George, live in Bruneau.



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Advisor optimistic about HMS' Future City chances

Community rallies to fully fund nationals trip

Although a tough competition is expected for the national Future City competition, Team Idaho has high expectations. Homedale Middle School's representative for the Washington, D.C., competition will be presenting its entry, known as Venus-Bona, before judges at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The national contest runs Saturday through next Wednesday.

It will be the third trip to nationals for a group of HMS students and the first since the 2012 team won the regional championship to qualify.

Advisor and science teacher Kim Portwood said they don't really know what to expect from the other 43 teams at nationals.

She is confident with what they bring to the competition, though.

"I believe our presentation is really informative and entertaining," she said. "Our solutions are well thought-out,



HMS students deliver their Future City presentation to family and friends on Monday, Feb. 5 in preparation for the national competition beginning Friday. **Left to right:** Tea Uranga, Belisia Larzelier, and Allison Whitehead, all eighth-graders, discuss the benefits of an elderly-friendly city.

so I am optimistic."

The Homedale contingent figures to be very busy during its time in D.C. The three official presenters — eighth-graders Téa Uranga, Belisia Larzelier, and Allison Whitehead — will have their hands full. On Sunday, they will be

part of a special award judging, which is mandatory for the official presenters.

The team gets free time on Friday when they arrive, as do all teams in the western states. They are going to use that free time productively.

Several parents have agreed

to take groups out sight-seeing. Some groups will be going to the Washington Monument and other sights around the National Mall. Some will go to the Holocaust Museum and the Smithsonian Museums.

Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho) has offered a guide to take the team on a U.S. Capitol tour.

On Saturday, there will be a big welcome party.

The trip to D.C. has proved to be an expensive one. To offset the costs of air fare and hotel stays, the team has employed 50/50 raffles, bake sales, cake auctions, and donation jars. They also contact-

ed businesses and community members about donating.

The winning raffle ticket for a rifle was drawn on Feb. 5 when the Future City team gave its presentation for a community gathering at HMS.

"The fundraising has gone crazy, and we will most likely have enough money to pay for all the students' plane fares, hotels, and meals," Portwood said.

The team will arrive in Washington, D.C. on Friday and will head home next Wednesday.

— TK



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Grand View community raises money, remembers friend

Saturday's Lions auction brings in \$17,000

Fellow Lions weren't the only people remembering Tommy Bates on Saturday in Grand View.

Sam Baker of Baker Auctions took some time from the block to talk about the Grand View Lions Club charter member and what he meant to his family.

Baker kicked off the auction inside the elementary school gymnasium by talking about how Tommy and his father would trade fishing stories during the auctions, arguing about who landed the biggest and the most fish.

"Two generations of Bakers and several of their devoted employees did a wonderful job selling our items," Lions



One of a handful of homemade quilts is auctioned during Saturday's Grand View Lions Auction at the elementary school. Submitted photo

treasurer Doug Thurman said. "We talked that they are the third and fourth generation to sell items for the lions.

"They had two more auctions still to do after they left us that day. What a great bunch of gentlemen."

Once Baker got down to business, the Lions raised nearly \$17,000.

A highlight was two dozen doughnuts made by Cherry Meyers selling for \$150 each. Thurman said Meyers sent several dozen doughnuts, and the rest of the batch sold for \$125 per dozen.

"With the help from many people that donated sale items to the people that showed up with their checkbooks wide

open, we owe a great, big thank you," Thurman said.

Thurman also told auction-goers of Bates' devotion to the city of Grand View and the surrounding communities.

Cathy Bates, Tommy's daughter, told the crowd about her father's love of life and Lions Club while thanking the community for their support of the auction and projects.

Tommy's wife, Ellen, and the sole surviving Grand View Lions Club charter member, Paul Spang, also were present Saturday.

Several homemade quilts sold well Saturday, too.

"Overall, it was a very fun day," Thurman said.

The Lions Club has already begun giving back. Twenty percent of the \$340 raised by fourth- and fifth-graders will be returned to their school projects in Bruneau and Grand View.

The students sold raffle tickets, and tickets were also available at the Y Bar and Grand View Gas.

Local residents took home the raffle prizes with Susan Field winning the gun, and Maggie Collett having the winning ticket for the high-definition television and sound system.

Thurman said this year's proceeds were bigger than the 2017 auction.

"We cannot thank the people that help with the auction and all the people who donate and come support us on auction day enough," Thurman said.

The Lions Club will begin scoping out projects for the proceeds at its March meeting.

"One hundred percent of the money will be spent in the three communities in our valley," Thurman said.

DUI conviction brings probation, fine

A man originally charged with felony drunk driving has been sentenced on a pair of misdemeanors.

Christopher L. Staats of Nampa was sentenced more than a year after his arrest in January 2017.

During a Feb. 5 hearing, Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober ordered Staats to serve one year of unsupervised probation for misdemeanor counts of driving under the influence and driving without privileges.

Both charges were amended. Staats was originally charged with felony DUI for a third or subsequent offense and misdemeanor resisting arrest.

Staats' driver's license is suspended for six months, and he has to pay a total of \$1,100 in fines and court fees.

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Story time at Lizard Butte Library

Miss Cat (center) helps Janee Rowley (left), 4, daughter of Maurina Rowley, and Elsie McIntyre, 5, daughter of Brad and Jill McIntyre decide on colors for their tea-party hats during the Lizard Butte Library’s Story Time in Marsing. Miss Cat read “Tea Rex,” by Molly Idle. Story Time takes place at 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday.

Ex-councilman, his replacement could swap library board spots, too

Anderson’s appointment expected tonight

A new Homedale City Council member could vote today to make his predecessor his successor on the public library board. Jerry Anderson, who lost to Mike Aebischer in the November city council election, has been recommended as the newest member of the library board of directors.

Anderson was the city council’s library board liaison through December. The city council is scheduled to discuss and vote on the recommendation during its meeting at 6 p.m. today inside City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Tonight’s gathering marks the first full meeting for Aebischer and fellow new city councilman Tim Downing. The pair was sworn in last month.

This is Aebischer’s first

term in public office. Downing served eight years previously on the city council.

In addition to possibly appointing a new library board member, the council has several other issues on tap today:

- A request from JBS Auctions to use city property adjacent to U.S. Highway 95 for next month’s Homedale consignment auction.
- News of Hayden Garrison’s plans to build a memorial bench for Homedale Police K-9 Officer Goose as a senior project.
- Departmental reports, including public works supervisor Bret Smith’s update on the East Owyhee-2nd Street East pedestrian crossing in front of Homedale High School.

Smith said that Idaho Power doubled the wattage of the light on the corner near Bette Uda City Park to 200 watts. AME Electric did similar work on the light that stands on the north side of the street in front of the school, he said.

Correction

A story about the Owyhee County elected officials meet and greet incorrectly reported which commissioners are up for re-election. The terms for Jerry Hoagland (District 1) and Joe Merrick (District 3) are set to end this year.

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School menus

Homedale Elementary

Veggie bar, fruit bar, and choice of milk available each day
Feb. 14: **Breakfast:** Fruit & grain bar, string cheese, pears, apple juice **Lunch:** Spaghetti, green beans
Feb. 15: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon pull apart, applesauce, orange juice **Lunch:** Chicken patty sandwich, coleslaw, brownie
Feb. 20: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, applesauce, orange juice, **Lunch:** Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes w/gravy
Feb. 21: **Breakfast:** Blueberry bash, mini waffles, string cheese, pears, apple juice **Lunch:** Chicken taco, corn

Homedale Middle

Fruit & salad bar, choice of milk available each day
Feb. 14: **Breakfast:** Muffin or cereal, string cheese, pears, juice **Lunch:** Spaghetti or corn dog, green beans
Feb. 15: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon breakfast roll or cereal, yogurt, peaches, juice **Lunch:** Calzone or PB&J sandwich, tossed salad, brownie
Feb. 20: **Breakfast:** Waffle sticks or cereal, yogurt, mixed fruit, juice **Lunch:** Hamburger or chicken patty, potato wedges, fruit roll up
Feb. 21: **Breakfast:** Muffin or cereal, string cheese, pears, juice **Lunch:** Beef taco or chicken taco, corn

Homedale High

Salad, fruit choice and choice of milk available each day
Feb. 14: **Breakfast:** Breakfast plate or French toast sticks or cereal, yogurt, juice **Lunch:** Chicken tender, mashed potatoes w/gravy & dinner roll or corn dog w/tater tots
Feb. 15: **Breakfast:** Donut holes or rolled taco or cereal, string cheese, juice **Lunch:** Spicy chicken sandwich or cheeseburger, potato wedges
Feb. 20: **Breakfast:** Bagel w/cream cheese, or breakfast sandwich or cereal, yogurt, juice **Lunch:** Chicken taco or pizza hot pocket, corn
Feb. 21: **Breakfast:** Breakfast casserole or mini pancakes or cereal, yogurt, juice **Lunch:** Pork chop or cheeseburger steak, roasted finger potatoes, dinner roll, goldfish crackers

Marsing Elementary

Veggie bar, fruit bar and choice of milk available each day
Feb. 14: Lasagna, garlic French bread, green beans or PB&J homemade, green beans
Feb. 15: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, whole-wheat roll, buttered corn
Feb. 19: Hot dog, baby baker potatoes or PB&J homemade, baby baker potatoes
Feb. 20: Spaghetti & meatballs, green beans, Italian breadstick or PB&J homemade, green beans
Feb. 21: Enchiladas & rice, baked sweet potatoes or PB&J homemade, baked sweet potatoes

Marsing Middle/High

Veggie bar, fruit bar and choice of milk available each day
Feb. 14: Lasagna, garlic French bread, green beans, jello w/ topping
Feb. 15: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, buttered corn, whole-wheat roll
Feb. 19: Hot dog, baby baker potatoes or meatloaf sandwich, baby baker potatoes
Feb. 20: Chicken Parmesan or spaghetti & meatballs, Italian breadstick, green beans
Feb. 21: Enchiladas & rice, baked sweet potatoes

Bruneau/Grand View

Milk and fruit offered daily
Feb. 14: **Breakfast:** Biscuits & gravy **Lunch:** Nachos, whole wheat tortilla chips, refried beans/salsa, corn
Feb. 15: **Breakfast:** Bagel & cream cheese **Lunch:** Hamburger on a bun, potato wedges, fresh broccoli, pudding
Feb. 19: **Breakfast:** French toast **Lunch:** Chicken & noodles, tossed romaine salad, steamed carrots, whole wheat roll (Rimrock)
Feb. 20: **Breakfast:** Breakfast wrap **Lunch:** Chicken patty on a bun, mashed potatoes/gravy, steamed broccoli, whole wheat roll
Feb. 21: **Breakfast:** PB&J **Lunch:** Bean & beef burrito, romaine & tomato, corn

COSSA

Milk and fruit offered daily
Feb. 14: Stuffed bread stick w/sauce, salad
Feb. 15: Soft taco, refried beans, Spanish rice, salad
Feb. 20: Chicken enchiladas, corn, salad

Calendar

Today

Ladies Coffee Group
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Story Time
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
Movie time
Noon, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785
Senior center board meeting
1 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Preschool story time
3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Christian Life Club after-school program
4 p.m., kindergarteners through sixth-graders, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024 or (208) 337-3464
Melba school board meeting
5 p.m., district office, 511 Broadway, Melba. (208) 495-1141
Homedale City Council meeting
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641
Grand View City Council meeting
6 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2700, noon to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday
Marsing City Council meeting
7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4122

Thursday

Fit and Fall exercise
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Math Night
5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4033

Friday

Story Time
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday
Faith-based support group
2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 455-3660 or songtobe@gmail.com

Teens and Tweens program
4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

Saturday

Free lunch
Noon to 12:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419
Mr. Rimrock 2018 contest
7 p.m., \$5 adults, \$3 students and senior citizens, Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School auditorium, 39678 Hwy. 78, Bruneau.

Monday

Lincoln Day luncheon
11:30 a.m., meet and greet; noon, lunch and auction, \$25, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing. shawn.dygert@gmail.com or (208) 250-9882
Faith-based support group
2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 455-3660 or songtobe@gmail.com
Candidate meet and greet
5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Michael Snyder for Congress, Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing.

Tuesday

Board of County Commissioners meeting
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
Foot clinic
8:30 a.m., \$15, first come, first served, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Crochet club
10 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
Fit and Fall exercise
10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Candidate meet and greet
Noon to 2 p.m., Michael Snyder for Congress, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View.
After-school program
2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 845-2019
Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire meeting
7 p.m., Wilson Fire Station, 10427 Johnston Lane, Wilson.

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Death notices

FRANCES LORRAINE CLINTON, 88, of Wendell, a former Homedale resident, died Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018. Arrangements: Cremation Society of Idaho.

RANDELL SCOTT REOLLE, 48, of Wilder, died on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018 at home of natural causes. Cremation is under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

RAYMOND PAUL SHAFFER, 60, of Homedale, died on Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018 at home of natural causes. Cremation is under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

Govt. offices closed for Presidents Day

Presidents Day will be observed Monday throughout Owyhee County, and this will bring about some schedule changes for government offices, some schools, and businesses.

- All government offices, including the county courthouse in Murphy, and the city halls of Homedale, Marsing, Grand View, Jordan Valley, and Adrian will be closed in observance of this federal holiday.
- All schools in Homedale, Adrian, and Jordan Valley will be closed on Monday, but schools in Marsing and the Bruneau/Grand View district will remain open.
- Homedale Public Library and Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View will be closed, but Lizard Butte Library in Marsing will remain open. The Bruneau Valley

Library is always closed on Monday.

- All U.S. Post Offices will be closed.
- The University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing will be closed.
- U.S. Bank branches in Homedale and Marsing will be closed.
- Westowns Disposal's collection schedule will not be affected by the holiday.
- Albertsons and Sav-On Pharmacy in Homedale will observe regular hours of operation.
- Homedale Drug will remain open, as will the liquor store.
- Logan's Market in Marsing will be open normal hours.
- The Owyhee Avalanche office will keep its normal hours, and all newspaper deadlines remain the same.

Pancakes, Olympics set at Homedale library

Homedale Public Library will be bringing a new theme to its weekly Story Time on Friday.

Librarian Carol McMichael will be reading the stories "Lady Pancake & Sir French Toast" and "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" at 10:15 a.m.

After the stories, there will be a "Three Billy Goats Gruff" Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) activity, and the staff

and children will be making pancakes for a snack.

At the Teens & Tweens activity at 4 p.m. on Friday, there will be a library Winter Olympics.

Boys and girls ages 10-17 are invited to come and compete in simulated ice hockey, ski jumping, bobsled, cross-country skiing, snowboarding, and more.

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Obituaries

Helen Floyd

Helen Floyd, 100, passed away February 6, 2018 at her home as the sun rose on her beloved valley and Owyhee Mountains.

There will be a viewing for Helen on Monday, February 12, 2018 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell and a memorial celebrating her life will be held at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell, at 11:00 a.m. February 13, 2018. Following burial at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery, family and friends are invited to join the family at the Marsing Community Center for lunch and memory sharing.

Helen was born on April 29, 1917, to William and Pearl Downey. Her only sibling, Dorothy, was born on her birthday six years later. As a farm girl, Helen learned early on how to milk cows and drive a team of horses. Going to Sunday school meant a trip by horse and streetcar to Nampa. She attended Lone Tree Elementary and graduated from Nampa High School in 1936. It was there that Helen met a farmer named Harold Floyd. They dated and on November 2, 1937, they married and moved to a farm south of Nampa. Their children, Gayle and Jerry, were born there before the family moved to a farm in the Riverside Community in 1943. Daughter Shirley was born there.

Helen was always involved in the community, whether it



was Riverside or Marsing. She and Harold were involved in the establishment of the Marsing Disaster Auction, a cause that was dear to their hearts and in which they worked tirelessly for many decades. Helen became known as the "Donut Lady" because of the fresh-cooked donuts that she helped to organize for the auction every year. Always ready to be a chaperone, Helen went on field trips and senior sneak trips with her kids. They were also active members of the Marsing Lions Club, often traveling with friends to meet members in other communities throughout Idaho.

But family was always most important to Helen. She loved her kids and enjoyed her grandkids immensely and treasured their visits. Her "goody drawer" was always stocked in anticipation of their visits.

Helen was preceded in death by Harold, her husband of 62 years, son Jerry, and sister

Dorothy. She is survived by daughters, Gayle Hagler (Al) and Shirley Gibbens (Dan); grandchildren, Debra Servatius (Paul), Mary DuBois, Janet Westlake, Bryan Hagler (Amber), Wendy Everett (Chuck), Cindy Floyd, Becky Bosma, Lori Anderson (Scott), Jennifer Trull (Chris) and 24 great-grandchildren and 19 great-great-grandchildren.

A special thank you to the wonderful, compassionate caregivers from Home Helpers who enabled us to keep mom in her home. Thank you, also, to hospice nurse, Abbi, from Canyon Home Care and Hospice for her amazing care.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the Marsing Disaster Auction, PO Box 493, Marsing ID 83639 or the Sandbar (formerly Marsing Senior Center) PO Box 481, Marsing ID 83639. Condolences may be given at www.FlahiffFuneralChapel.com.

Donald Lee Stutheit

Dec. 25th, 1937
– Feb. 1st, 2018

Donald Lee Stutheit, 80, of Albany, Ore., died on February 1st.

He was born in Nampa, Idaho, to Walter Stutheit and Eva Pierce. He married Karen Austin on Jan. 24th, 1965 in Portland. They moved to Albany in 1971.

Donald was a master carpenter, and he spent much of his life as a contractor, specializing in Formica work, updating kitchens and bathrooms. He and Karen owned Caredon Co., and remodeled many homes in the Albany area. He was also a talented and creative artist.

Don and Karen, along with many of their friends, spent



Quinn Stutheit; daughter, Lenya (Stutheit) Orozco; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Karen Stutheit; sisters, Peggy Stumpf, Eileen Kennedy and Veletta Gilmore.

Please join us for an informal gathering that will be held on Sunday, February 25th from 3:00 to 5:00 at Pop's.

Donald was an Army veteran, and he spent the last couple of years at the Lebanon VA Home. Our family would like to extend our sincerest thank you to the staff for their kindness and compassion. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to this wonderful organization.

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Sorting through caregiving financial options for loved ones

In a previous article (“Plan ahead to remove the stress of caring for aged loved ones,” Jan. 17), the aging dilemma was discussed in relation to handling caregiving options as the U.S. population enters later-in-life decisions.

One thing that can be an area of confusion and stress for the entire family is dealing with the financial options and demands related to caregiving. Many times, individuals are not aware of how they will financially handle the care that their aging loved one will need, especially if assets or income disqualify the aging family member from Medicaid benefits. This can be difficult when paired with the fact that caregiving costs can be much higher than originally anticipated, shocking everyone involved. The important thing to know is that even if ineligible for Medicaid benefits, there are still public and not-for-profit programs that either subsidize home care for middle-income people or offer aid in other ways.

When navigating through the financial process, start at the county level of where the aging individual lives to see if there are any options available. In Idaho, we have a functioning Commission on Aging (operating out of Ada County, in Boise), and this would be the first place to start looking at available options in the process. You can also go to eldercare.gov, a site run by

the Administration on Aging. If you find that you are not Medicaid-eligible, here are some things to do:

- Start by considering government programs available. Sometimes there is the option to participate in reasonably priced, state-funded home-care programs. Participants are responsible for an income-indexed monthly copayment.

- Another option is to take advantage of tax breaks. Depending on the structure of the situation, you may have the ability to claim your parents as a dependent. I would highly recommend contacting a tax professional first, but you might have this option to complete on your federal return. This is an option even if you do not live together, but other stipulations do apply. Medical costs can be claimed on taxes, so this is something to consider as well.

The biggest component is to take the time to look at all options available to you.

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Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

*Salad bar available with each meal:
lettuce, tomato, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing*
Milk available each day

Feb. 14: Hot dog on a bun, chili, carrots, baked potato

Feb. 15: Baked fish, baked potato, broccoli, roll

Feb. 20: Taco salad, salsa, chips, cheese, sour cream, lettuce

Feb. 21: Beef stew, roll

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice

Feb. 15: Lasagna, tossed salad, peas, canned fruit, garlic bread

Feb. 20: Pork roast, mashed potatoes/gravy, steamed spinach, applesauce, cornmeal muffin

Feb. 22: Soup & sandwich day, veggie beef soup, baked cheese sandwich, sliced tomatoes & onions, apple & orange slices

Wonderful neighbors

When I bought my place in December of 1958, I didn't realize I was receiving a special bonus — the best neighbors one could ever have. Roger Howard and Everett Larson were two that helped us move from our apartment in Homedale. They teased that they should put everything in a power box spreader, back up to the front door, turn it on and furnish the house. Mary didn't think that was too funny. Roger and I went on to be very involved in the Farm Bureau and politics.

Mary was seven months pregnant with our first child, Bob. The day after he was born, my neighbor, Julio Gaviola, came over and said for me to come down and have dinner with them. When I arrived, Julio appeared with a pistol and asked if I knew how to shoot. I said I did, and he said, “Well then, get that rooster in the barnyard.” Bang, I blew his head off. You should have seen the look on Julio's face. He took it in and his mother fixed it for us for dinner.

Speaking of pistols, before my boys were old enough to ride with me, I kept a loaded pistol on the pickup seat next to me. One morning I was waiting by the “A” canal for Skip, the ditch rider. I was pretty green, and Skip could be a bit ornery. When he showed up, I told him I needed a head of water. He said, I don't have any water today. About that time, a rabbit started across the ditch bank road, I grabbed that pistol and rolled the rabbit. Skip asked how much water I needed, and he didn't give me any crap from then on. I couldn't have done it again in a hundred tries.

The Gaviolas and I became best friends, hunting and fishing buddies. We would load up the kids and off we would go to the Owyhees on a fishing trip. When my work was caught up, I would go down to see if they wanted to go fishing. They always had a coffee pot on and also wanted to fish.

They had good homegrown help, too. When we didn't get home in time, Julie Ann would help her mother with the chores. At the time before Raymond, they had three kids. Gary was the oldest, then Julie Ann and Mike. In the winter, I would drive in their yard, and Mike would be running for the school bus. He was a



Reminiscing Owyhee memories

by
P. T.
Rathbone

cute kid with a sheepherder cap with earflaps and a heavy jacket.

When Mike got a bit older, we took him fishing. As soon as Raymond was old enough, he went, too. One time, Mike and I were fishing on Flint Creek. We thought we were on Ernie Bahem's place, but we weren't. We were on the Townsend place. Mike and I were fishing the same hole when all of a sudden Vern Kershner walked up. Mike was behind the willows. Kenny never saw Mike as I watched him pull a few nice 9- to 10-inch trout out while I got my tail royally chewed for not asking permission.

That first year, I didn't have much machinery. I needed to borrow a grain drill and I saw that my neighbor, John Salove had one. I went down to his house to see if I could borrow or rent his drill. He wasn't home, but his mother, Santa, was. I told her I was looking for John and what I needed. She told me that I was a neighbor and if I needed to use something, come down and hook on to it. She was a lovely lady and a great cook. In those days, John and I traded work. John had a Farmhand hay stacker and I had a strong back so at haying time, I would stack his hay, and he came over and helped put mine up. “You ate where you scratched”. In plain English, that meant that when I helped John, I ate dinner at his house and vice versa. Those were the Good Old Days.

Across the county road from my place was the “River Ranch” owned by Spring Valley Livestock. Manse Smith farmed the place, and he, too, was very generous loaning me equipment. He was very easy-going, thank God. One day, he loaned me his U Moline tractor with a loader to clean my corral. Somehow, I got the front end stuck so bad I

couldn't back it out. I hooked on my John Deere and gave it a pull and the U broke in half. Ouch! Manse just told me where I might find a casting. I called Callahan Equipment in Nampa, and sure enough, they had one. We had the tractor put back together before dark.

Manse's wife, Maggie, was also a very good cook. She fed the sheepherders in the winter during lambing season. Once in a while, while I was visiting with Manse, she would invite me to sit down and eat with the crew. Wow, you talk about a spread. They ate like kings.

My boys loved lambing season, and on Saturdays, they would go down and “help” the herders with the lambing. It was a great lesson about life being around those men.

My other close neighbor was Parley Larson. He was also very helpful to a starting-out farmer. His stuff wasn't in top shape and usually went home better than it came, but his generosity was greatly appreciated.

Finally, just today, my good neighbor Raymond brought his big John Deere loader up and loaded 50 feet of scrap wood manger on my truck. He is a great neighbor.

These “Good Old Days” have long since gone by the wayside. Farms are larger, and most everyone has what they need and if not they rent it. But wonderful neighbors are still to be found in Marsing!

— *P. T. Rathbone of Marsing is a longtime Owyhee County resident. Submissions to the Reminiscing feature are always welcome. If you have recollections of Owyhee country's past that you'd like to share, contact managing editor Jon P. Brown for information at jon@owyheeavalanche.com or (208) 337-4681, ext. 102.*



Former OCA chiefs win in winter
Left: Owyhee Cattlemen's Association president Lynn Bachman (left) presents former OCA board president Daniel Richards with a bridle, sponsored by Miller Livestock Solutions and CowBos, during the winter meeting in Oreana. Right: Another former OCA president, Bill White (right), won the silver bit, crafted by Delwyn Trefz and sponsored by Commercial Tire, to open Saturday's meeting.



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✓ **BLM: Personnel changes, public comment opportunities dominate talk**

maps are available at <https://go.usa.gov/xnsD2>

The Silver City TMP encompasses the far western portion of Owyhee County that is, roughly, south and west of Idaho highway 78, east of the Oregon border and north of Mud Flat Road.

According to the press release, the TMP will establish routes to access BLM-managed lands for multiple-use activities while addressing concerns about cultural resources, wildlife habitat, user conflicts, noxious weeds and invasive species.

Comments received during the scoping period will help the agency identify appropriate areas for motorized and non-motorized recreation, according to the press release.

"This TMP effort is an example of working with our partners and the public to promote multiple-use activities on public lands by ensuring access for traditional land uses, such as grazing, and for recreational activities, while being mindful of areas with resource concerns," Acting BLM Owyhee Field Manager Brian Thrift said.

Comments can submitted several ways:

- Email — oma_trans_wild@blm.gov
- Fax — (208) 896-5940
- Postal mail — BLM Owyhee Field Office, 20 First Ave West, Marsing ID, 83639

Comments also will be taken during the scoping meetings, which will run from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. both days:

- Tuesday, Feb. 27 — Nampa Civic Center, 311 Third St. S., Nampa
- Wednesday, Feb. 28 — Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy

The purpose of this public scoping period is to obtain

feedback on relevant issues that may influence the BLM's environmental analysis or range of alternatives to be analyzed. Comments are most helpful if they provide specific actions, resources, or issues to be considered and analyzed.

Those who provide comments are advised that before including their personal identifying information (address, email, phone number) they should be aware that the entire comment — including their personal identifying information — may be made publicly available at any time. While those commenting can ask in their comments to withhold this information from public review, the BLM cannot guarantee that they will be able to do so.

For more information, contact the BLM Owyhee Field Office at 208-896-5912.

In addition to talking about the impending release of the Silver City TMP, BLM officials discussed other agency developments with ranchers Saturday about, including:

Office boundaries could be realigned regionally

Former OCA president Frank Bachman asked Douglas about work to reshape BLM's administrative boundaries along watersheds.

"Nothing is final yet," Douglas said. "There should be some opportunity for internal input and maybe external input."

Bachman recently attended a meeting that broached the idea of development regional BLM offices rather than state-based areas. He said under the plan discussed, Owyhee County would be included in a Great Basin region that would take in parts of northern Nevada, Eastern Oregon and Southwest Idaho.

The boundaries would adhere to watersheds, but Reynolds Creek rancher Brenda Richards warned that some of the boundaries as they stand now may not be accurate.

"But they're trying to go in the right direction," Richards said of bureaucrats' efforts.

Richards, a former OCA board member and Public Lands Council president, urged ranchers to get involved by contacting their congressional delegation, the OCA board and the Idaho Cattle Association.

"I think we really need to get involved early on," Bachman, the father of current OCA president Lynn Bachman, said.

The effort appears to skew toward a focus on landscape-level solutions.

"What we want is more people locally on the ground," Richards said.

Owyhee office leadership to change again

Thrift has been acting Owyhee Field manager since Michelle Ryerson left for the state office, but Boise District fire management officer Lance Okeson will begin a 120-day detail as Owyhee manager Monday.

Thrift announced that grazing has resumed in 65 of 84 pastures affected by the 2015 Soda Fire. Of the remaining 19, eight were seeded in 2016 and will be rested for one more season.

Two others were seeded in the fall, leaving nine pastures still undergoing rehabilitation.

"Based on the data and evaluation, we think that with another season of rest we will be able to attain objectives," Thrift said.

Thrift commended ranchers for their patience during the recovery.

"I've come to really appreciate what a tremendous leap of faith it was for you all to enter into those agreements," he said.

Thrift also said that the agency is refocusing its attention on the Rockville and Silver City allotments, which have been part of the Battle Creek grazing permit litigation. He anticipate a public input opportunity on the Rockville allotment in "a couple months." The Silver City allotment assessment report should be finalized by fall, he said.

Former OCA president Ted Blackstock asked if the recovery since the Soda Fire would change information on Rockville allotment given that permit renewal data was gathered before the August 2015 wildfire raged.

"The data since the Soda Fire will better inform us on how to move forward and with what type of grazing management," Thrift said.

"Cattle are going to use (the resource) differently now, and that seems like it'll change the allotment quite a bit," Blackstock said.

Thrift said the agency hopes to get funding to fight invasive species such as medusahead and cheatgrass on the Idaho-Oregon border. He said a partnership with state agencies could be possible, too. The earliest work could be funded, though, is Fiscal Year 2019 unless the local BLM folks can tap into money from the burned area rehabilitation program, he said.

Fire mitigation plans ongoing

Okeson said local ranchers are tackling the Soda fuel break strategy with grazing set to begin behind Murphy and in the Rabbit Creek area.

The next phase of a three-

year targeted grazing plan will run from March to June. The focal area will stretch from Hemingway Butte to the Oregon border, Okeson said.

The objective is a 2-inch stubble for 200 feet on each side of roads in the Owyhee Front.

"We all know that manipulating fuels with grazing is good to mitigate fire," Okeson told the cattlemen.

Analysis of the Tri-State Fuels Break plan, which will look at a similar strategy in the Idaho-Oregon-Nevada region has ramped up again, Okeson said.

Aberasturi questions local input on sage-grouse

Acting Idaho BLM state director Peter Ditton attended Saturday's meeting, and weighed in on the agency's programmatic Environmental Impact Statement when Dist. 2 County Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi raised the question on how much influence Southwest Idaho would have in the Great Basin Sage-Grouse Plan.

"It'll be consistent with what we have here," Ditton said.

Aberasturi is concerned that local needs will be trampled by those of the more densely populated areas in the basin from neighboring states such as California, Utah, Oregon and Washington state.

Ditton said 10,000 miles of fuel breaks are needed across the Great Basin.

He added that the Trump administration's goal in establishing a programmatic approach is to have the EIS issued within 18 months.

He also said that fuel break construction will be tailored according to what fuels exist locally.

— JPB

Other OCA winter meeting happenings



Another donation from Owyhee Rope and Ride
Vern Kershner (right), a rancher, made the Jordan Valley Rodeo Board's regular donation to the Owyhee Cattlemen's Heritage Fund on Saturday. Kershner presented OCA president Lynn Bachman with a \$9,000. An equal amount of the proceeds from the Owyhee Rope and Ride was given to Malheur County multiple-use interests.



First Congressional District candidates Russ Fulcher (top) and Luke Malek (above) were among a handful of office-seekers to address ranchers Saturday.

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✓ Lincoln Day: Public can vet GOP candidates

where there is a wide array of candidates in so many of the elected official positions,” county GOP chair Shawn Dygert said.

Republican office-holders and hopefuls will gather for the meet and greet, lunch and fundraising auction. The event begins at 11:30 a.m. at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 N. 2nd St. W.

Lunch commences at noon with a fundraising auction afterward.

The luncheon costs \$25. More information is available by contacting Owyhee GOP chair Shawn Dygert at (208) 250-9882 or shawn.dygert@gmail.com.

The Lincoln Day event typically is the first opportunity many folks running for office have to speak about their platform and/or connect with prospective voters.

The state’s constitutional officers, Dist. 23 state legislators and congressmen have been known to attend.

Dygert said he has received word from several Republicans who plan to attend, including:

- Congressional First District candidate David Leroy
- Gubernatorial candidates Brad Little and Tommy Ahlquist
- Lieutenant governor hopefuls Marv Hagedorn, Steve Yates and Bob Nonini
- Secretary of State Lawrence Denney
- Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, who once served as Owyhee County’s prosecuting attorney
- Controller Brandon Woolf
- Treasurer candidates Tom Kealy and Vicky McIntyre
- Dist. 23 state Sen. Bert Brackett of Rogerson
- Dist. 23, Seat A candidate Oscar Evans of Homedale.
- Dist. 23, Seat B Rep. Megan Blanksma’s attendance is tentative.

County officers on the May 15 primary ballot are Dist. 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland, Dist. 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick, Clerk Angie Barkell, Treasurer Annette Dygert and Assessor Toni Gruenwald. It was incorrectly reported in The Owyhee Avalanche last week that Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi — not Hoagland — was up for re-election.

The candidacy filing period doesn’t start until Feb. 26, but Marsing Mayor James Ferdinand, who used to work in the county assessor’s office, began circulating cards stating his intention to challenge Gruenwald at the Feb. 3 Marsing Disaster Auction.

All three members of the Dist. 23 state legislative delegation — all Republicans — are up for re-election this year, including Brackett, Blanksma and Dist. 23A Rep. Christy Zito. Blanksma and Zito hail from Hammett.

Little and Ahlquist are in the running for the Republican gubernatorial nomination with U.S. Rep. Raúl Labrador.

Other declared Republican lieutenant governor candidates include state Rep. Kelley Packer, former Idaho GOP chair Steve Yates, and Janice McGeachin.

Those running for the GOP nomination in the First Congressional District currently held by Labrador are: Former state Sen. Russ Fulcher, former Lt. Gov. David Leroy, state Reps. Christy Perry and Luke Malek, and Nick Henderson and Michael Snyder.

Snyder is campaigning in Owyhee County on Monday and Tuesday. He’ll appear from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at the Lizard Butte Library in Marsing. He plans another meet-and-greet from noon to 2 p.m. on Tuesday at the Rimrock Senior Center in Grand View.

Federal-state juniper removal collaboration open for comment

Less than 30 days remain in public input period

The county’s cattlemen got some good news on resource restoration Saturday.

Bureau of Land Management Boise District manager Lara Douglas told ranchers gathered for the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association winter meeting that a collaborative proposal to remove water-robbing juniper has entered the public comment phase.

Douglas announced that the federal agency had released the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Bruneau-

Owyhee Sage-Grouse Habitat (BOSH) Project a day before the meeting convened at the Oreana Community Hall.

“That’s going to be a big deal for the district and for Owyhee County,” Boise District fire management officer Lance Okeson said during the OCA meeting.

The 30-day comment period, which began Friday, ends March 9.

Okeson said the program could be implemented by the end of the summer.

The project aims to end the encroachment of Western juniper on about 726,000 acres of sagebrush steppe habitat in Owyhee County, Douglas said.

Federal agencies such as the

BLM, the Natural Resources Conservation Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are teaming on the project with the Governor’s Office of Species Conservation (OSC) and the Idaho departments of Fish and Game and Lands.

Josh Uriarte attended Saturday’s OCA meeting on behalf of the OSC.

Juniper removal is aimed to help improve wildlife habitat and natural resources for recreationalists and ranchers.

To review the Final EIS and associated documents, go to <https://go.usa.gov/xnAKz>

For more information, contact BLM project manager Mike McGee at (208) 384-3464.

BLM plans NCA prescribed burns

A small section of public lands in Owyhee County could be part of a Bureau of Land Management prescribed burning plan.

The rest of the burning inside the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area (NCA) will take place north of the river, according to Jared Jablonski with BLM Boise District Fire Mitigation and Education.

Overall work will cover at least 16 miles of fence line and could begin this month, according to a press release. The project would last through May.

The federal agency plans to burn along some fence line north of Murphy in the Con Shea Basin.

Jablonski said the burns south of the Snake River is in the approval process. The prescribed fires in Owyhee County will be set depending on the evaluation of raptor nests in the area.

The fires will reduce unsafe fuels comprised of tumbleweed that has accumulated along fence lines and roadways that threaten grazing, recreation and other multiple-use activities on public lands.

The target area could expand beyond the 16 miles if more tumbleweeds accumulate in the spring.

Firefighters will utilize natural barriers such as green grass or snow to prevent the fire’s spread to adjacent open areas. The public should be aware of safety flaggers and short-term travel delays in the vicinity of these burns.

The timing of the work is subject to weather, fuel and ground conditions.

For more information, contact BLM Boise District Fire and Aviation at (208) 384-3210.

Grants strengthen E. Owyhee library’s STEM program

A series of grants have helped the Eastern Owyhee County Library’s plans to improve surroundings and programming.

Two grants will beef up the Grand View-based library’s Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) offerings.

US Ecology Idaho recently awarded a \$500 grant, with which the library will purchase STEM activity kits for its after-school program.

The kits will include Ozobots and Dot and Dash robots, library director Tammy Gray said.

This is the third time in four years that USEI has given the library a Helping Hands grant.

- The library has purchased a Flash Forge 3-D printer with an Idaho STEM Action Center

FabSLAM grant.

Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School’s six-person team is using the printer to produce a project for the FabSLAM Showcase Event, which is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 24 in Boise.

The team includes Logan Field, Brynn Burk, Joslynn Burk, Conley Larsen, Garrett Kunsy, and Eli Aquiso.

Team facilitators are Rimrock science teacher Mattie Wroten and library program director Penny Vance.

A \$1,500 grant has been secured to buy additional materials to support and expand the library’s 3-D design and fabrication program.

- The library continues to utilize a \$6,000 Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation grant that was received in August.

The first phase of the grant – creating a handicapped parking area in front of the library – has been completed.

A new handicapped-accessible automatic has been installed at the entrance of the library’s meeting room.



From left: Christian Sharek, Tracy Fisher, Tammy Gray (both in background), Jett Fowers, Doug Thurman, Will Field, Ray Draper (both in background) JC Fuquay, Bart Fowers, John Morrison. Submitted photo

Eagle Scout project improves library parking lot in Grand View

The Eastern Owyhee County Library has a smooth new parking lot thanks to a community service project.

Christian Sharek of Boy Scout Troop 73 organized the concrete job for his Eagle Scout project.

“I feel accomplished that it came out good without any cracks and just the right amount of concrete,” the 16-year-old son of Laura and John Morrison and Brent Sharek said.

Library director Tammy Gray said Sharek and a group of volunteers headed by scout leader Doug Thurman worked for a week in the fall.

The new slab is Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-approved for car and van parking, Gray said. The handicapped parking area was funded by part of a grant from the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation.

Parking stall painting and sign installation at the Grand View public library will take place in the spring when the weather warms up, she said.

The sidewalk also was extended farther away from the property to allow the library sign to stand on the street for better visibility for cars passing on Boise Avenue.

Volunteers also installed a special gutter system with a French drain because of the property slanting from the street to the library.

A Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School sophomore, Sharek secured donations of labor, materials and equipment from:

- The City of Grand View (backhoe)
- Jett Fowers of Little Valley (concrete)
- Jim’s Lumber of Mountain Home (materials)
- Big Sky Rentals of Mountain Home (concrete cutter)

Sharek thanked Thurman for his direction and support with the project.

“I learned to trust the people there to help and that it takes a lot more effort than I thought the project was going to take,” Sharek said.

Sharek wants his work to be a catalyst for other community projects at the library.

“I hope that other Eagle Scout projects will happen at the library,” he said. “I would like to see the whole parking lot eventually paved.”

The Owyhee Avalanche correspondent Mandi Boren contributed to this article.

— Ed.

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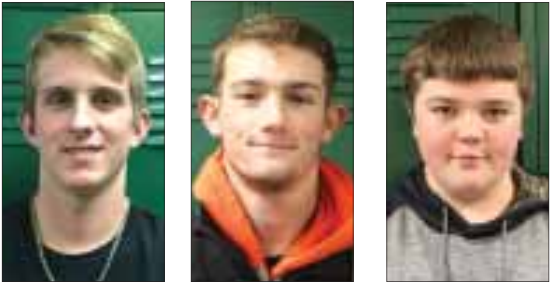


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Levi Nanney

Todd Marvin

Christian Sharek

Mr. Rimrock contest attracts sophs, juniors

The second annual Mr. Rimrock will feature a pair of contestants who were in the running for last year’s inaugural title.

Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School juniors Dalton Allison and Todd Marvin were among six boys who entered the first contest in January 2017.

This year’s contest, “A Night of Disco,” takes place at 7 p.m. on Saturday inside the Rimrock auditorium, 39678 Hwy. 78, in Bruneau.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. Proceeds will benefit the Rimrock Student Council.

The seven candidates include:

- Allison, who is 17 years old
- D-O Draper, a 15-year-old sophomore
- Anthony Herrera, a junior
- Koby Kunsky, a sophomore
- Levi Nanney, a 17-year-old junior
- Marvin, who is 16
- Christian Sharek, a 16-year-old sophomore

This year’s judges include school board trustee Scott McNeley, former Rimrock teacher Cheryl Whiteside, former girls’ basketball varsity coach Bobby-Jean Colyer, and Grand View residents Cherry Meyers and Mark Owens.

Rimrock Journalism provided information and candidate photos.

— Ed.

Actor-turned-senator topic of Bruneau talk

People who drop by for the Bruneau Valley Library’s speaker series at noon next Wednesday will learn about a man who made his living on stage in the West.

Boise resident Dr. Charles Lauterbach is the speaker for the free luncheon and talk at the library, 32073 Ruth St., in Bruneau.

Call (208) 845-2131 by Monday to RSVP and ensure there’s enough food and space.

Lauterbach and his wife Margaret co-wrote “Comedian of the Frontier: the Life of Actor/Manager Jack Langrishe, 1825-1895.”

Dr. Lauterbach spent 40 years as a theater arts professor at Boise State College and Boise State University. He drew on his theater background, and his wife’s experience in journalism to write the biography of a native of Ireland who wound up with a career in acting in the West.

The book was published in 2016.

Retiring to Idaho 10 years before his death, Langrishe went on to become an Idaho state senator.

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Community comes together for Homedale Boosters benefit dinner

The sixth annual Homedale Boosters Crab and Steak Feed attracted about 350 diners, several donations and a record-breaking \$38,000 in proceeds Saturday.

The annual dinner, which is the largest fundraiser to benefit Homedale schools athletic programs each year, was held at the Txoko Ona Basque Center.

The fundraiser helps the Homedale Boosters fulfill its mission statement: “Through the work of our parents, teachers, coaches, alumni, businesses and community we will strive to support the Homedale School Sports programs through fundraising and the tradition of Homedale Pride.”

In addition to the dinner, there also was a live and silent auction and a deck of cards raffle for a 24-gun Owyhee safe.

The live auction featured themed baskets created by athletic teams:

- Softball — Tailgate basket
- Football — Back yard BBQ
- Golf — Golf and pool party
- Boys Basketball — Festive margarita basket
- Girls Basketball — Coffee basket
- Volleyball — Trojan Pride basket
- Cross Country — Summer fun
- Wrestling — Beard Smith/ golf weekend
- Baseball — Date night basket
- Tennis — Tennis basket
- Cheer — Gift card basket

- Track — Game night basket
- Middle school sports — Pot of Gold

The Homedale Boosters thanked several individuals and businesses for their support:

- JB Salutregui from JBS Auctions conducted the live auction.
- Wayne Hungate from Owyhee County Farm Bureau Insurance donated \$700 toward the purchase of steak and crab.
- Albertsons donated all of the non-alcoholic drinks and 350 dinner rolls.
- Dist. 23B Rep. Megan Blanksma and Blanksma Farms donated baker potatoes.
- Darin Pfost and Jason Heck with Al’s Pawn Shop donated a Winchester SX4 12-gauge camo shotgun (\$900 value)

Other contributors included:

- Wilson Tire Co., Joel Wilson — Set of ATV tires
- Specialty Wood Products — Apparel and Under Armor gear
- Owyhee Tire Co., Bryan Badiola — Oil changes
- The Bowling Alley — Cheesecakes and pies
- Homedale Drug — Pendleton whiskey
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- Owyhee Crossfit — One-month memberships
- Tolmie’s Ace Hardware
- Chris Marston — Homedale Trojan apparel

- NAPA Owyhee Auto Supply/Matteson’s — Wagon of goods
- RehabAuthority — Rehab bundle
- Homedale Subway — Three \$10 gift cards
- Turner Family Farms — Day duck and goose hunt
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- Carl’s Cycle Sales — Gear and gift card
- Lansing Trade Group — One ton whole or cracked corn
- Helena — Round-Up and lawn fertilizer
- AgriLines — Date night basket
- Barry Equipment — One-day Skidster rental
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- Grizzly Sports — Motorcycle helmet
- Ridgecrest Golf Club — Free weekday rounds of golf
- HHS — Four seats for graduation; family sports pass
- HMS — Sports pass
- Mary Jo Grove — Hunting quilt
- Jamie Mertz — Cord of wood
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The Homedale Booster board members who worked on the steak and crab feed include Amy Packer, Carina Purdom, Nikki Hilton, Oscar Evans, and Matt Dorsey.

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Ainslee Evans (right) accepts the Treasure Valley District creed speaking championship plaque from Homedale FFA chapter president Krista Mayer. Submitted photo

Homedale FFA shines at district

Last Wednesday was a good day for the Homedale FFA members who have been preparing the past month for the Treasure Valley District competition.

Freshman Ainslee Evans will compete at the state level after becoming the unanimous winner in the district creed contest.

The winner of the Homedale chapter's creed-speaking competition in December, Ainslee took on six competitors at the district level. She had to recite the FFA creed, and answer a question from the judges about the creed.

Junior Ben Holt was named Star District Farmer last week.

The Star Farmer award is based upon Ben's Supervised Agriculture Experience. He has registered Hereford and Angus cattle, and shows market steers. He bred and owned the Western Idaho Fair champion steer.

He also raises Boer goats and shows wethers.

Ben will receive his Star Farmer award at the state con-



Ben Holt

ference in April when Ainslee competes in the creed contest.

Finally, six FFA members found out that their record books and test scores met the standards for the State FFA degree.

Juniors Jaeger Rose, Ben Holt, Janae Volk, Gunner Campbell, Isabella Tamura and Jenna Rupp earned and invested a minimum of \$1,000 in the SAE programs.

The FFA State Leadership Conference takes place April 4-7 at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

FFA week approaches

The Homedale chapter has theme days and activities planned for FFA Week, which runs Monday through Friday, Feb. 23.

According to a flyer posted at the school, there will be dress-up days and activities each day. The activities take place inside Sue Poland's room at the Ag shop.

Monday — Disney day, Minute to Win It

Tuesday — Blue/gold day, Jeopardy!

Next Wednesday — Cowboy vs. cowgirl, charades

Thursday — Show your school spirit, dodgeball

House panel OKs inmates in Ag bill

by Nina Rydalch
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The bill that would allow inmates to work in all areas of agriculture has been sent to the Idaho House floor with a do-pass recommendation.

The House Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee met Friday on Senate Bill 1208. The Senate passed the bill a week earlier.

While the committee ultimately voted overwhelmingly in favor of the bill, S 1208 did generate concern about the wages paid to inmate workers and their insurance coverage.

"These (people) are working a long, hard, eight-hour day... so are you going to pay them more?" Rep. Ryan Kerby (R-New Plymouth) asked.

Andrea Sprengel, the Idaho Correctional Industries financial manager who helps with the program, said they are working on it.

"We feel like this is a good time to reevaluate that wage and increase that for the inmates," Sprengel said.

Inmates in Idaho currently receive around \$2 per hour as

wages, though that does not reflect what employers pay. Sprengel said employers must pay similar costs per inmate worker as they would for a non-inmate worker.

"This is done to ensure that no discounts are given for using inmate labor, and it helps to discourage non-inmate worker displacement," she said.

Kathy Griesmeyer, the public policy strategist of the Idaho American Civil Liberties Union, also said the ACLU has concerns about insurance. She said the ACLU has not taken an official stance on S 1208.

"We certainly recognize the importance of prisoners being able to learn a trade, to get out and work, to have access to earn wages and provide for themselves and their families and make sure they're successful once they're released and return back to our community," Griesmeyer said. "But we also want to make sure that if they are injured while they're working, that they are able to still have some protections in place."

The committee considered a motion to send the bill to General Orders for

amendments, ensuring inmates would be properly protected if the legislation passed. However, another option was to have a "trailer bill" address the concerns.

Bill sponsor Sen. Patti Anne Lodge (R-Huston) said she would prefer the trailer bill so S1208 could be passed quickly.

"There's work that has to be done with correctional industries and employers, and they could be working on getting that done and we could get a trailer bill," she said.

Lodge said the bill could be ready this session, and the committee voted to send the bill forward.

Rep. Melissa Wintrow (D-Boise) spoke last on the bill, voicing her support and referencing how the bill could benefit inmates, the agriculture industry and the state.

"It feels like, from all the comments that we've already had, that there's political will and desire to make it win-win-win — maybe there's three wins here — and to protect the safety of the workers as well as helping our agriculture industry," Wintrow said. "So I feel hopeful about that."

Zito, other "liberty legislators" unveil alternative tax cut plan

House members also want to counter Marsy's Law, healthcare proposal

by Kyle Pfannenstiel
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A group of Idaho House legislators, the "liberty legislators," held a press conference Friday announcing their counter-legislation to Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter's \$200 million tax cut and the Idaho Health Care Plan.

Dist. 23A Rep. Christy Zito (R-Hammett) is part of the delegation.

Key tenets of the group's counter-proposals are a removal of the grocery tax and a five-year lifetime cap for healthy Medicaid recipients.

"The alternative plan we have proposed... would be zero cost to the taxpayers compared to the \$100 million cost (of the Idaho Health Care Plan)," Rep. Bryan Zollinger (R-Idaho Falls) said. "It would codify some of the elements of

the governor's executive order, allowing insurance companies to sell plans that are not ACA (Affordable Care Act)-compliant, allowing people that are in the gap right now to afford cheap plans if they're healthy."

The liberty legislators' announcement came two days after the House passed HB 463, Otter's tax cut bill, and after a committee sent the Idaho Health Care Plan to the House floor. It also came just one legislative day before the deadline for committee bill introduction.

The group's tax plan, which the liberty legislators project will cut taxes by \$236 million, was to be considered for introduction in committee on Monday, Rep. Ron Nate (R-Rexburg) said.

Responding to a question about why he and other liberty legislators voted for Otter's tax bill earlier in the week when they had a counter-proposal, Nate said, "At that time, it wasn't clear that there were going to be any other plans

for tax relief considered in committee."

He added Dist. 1A Rep. Heather Scott (R-Blanchard) made a motion on the floor to amend HB 463 to add a grocery tax repeal.

The group's proposals are called the Business, Income and Grocery Tax Relief Plan and an insurance reform plan called the Conservative Health Care Plan. The lawmakers are also proposing the Victim Protection Act in response to the Legislature considering adopting Marsy's Law, a bill that grants crime victims certain rights in criminal justice proceedings.

"Conservatives do have options. We have three awesome options," said Rep. Priscilla Giddings (R-White Bird).

"We want an equal hearing. We want those options to be presented instead of just telling Idahoans that there's just one thing that we can vote for."

— Kyle Pfannenstiel covers the 2018 Idaho Legislature for the University of Idaho McClure Center for Public Policy Research.

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✓Teacher: Malika still learning even as she teaches

teacher of the year award during a three-day state convention last week in Boise.

Malika, an Alaska native who lives in Bruneau with her husband Walter, received the award during a luncheon last Wednesday at the Boise Centre.

“I am incredibly humbled and honored by this award — it was not something that I was expecting,” Malika said. “I am very excited that this award can bring light to some of the amazing things that all of us here at the Bruneau-Grand View district are doing in our classrooms every day.”

A one-to-one Chromebook-to-student ratio helps the boys and girls in Malika’s classroom get more interactive with learning at their pace.

“I enjoy that the Chromebooks allow us to reach a scope much further than our community here in Bruneau-Grand View and gives me an opportunity to teach them invaluable skills that they will indefinitely need throughout their lives,” she said.

She also leans on an Amazon Echo Dot, which Malika likens to an assistant teacher. The technology can handle students’ grammar and spelling questions, and allows her time to help with “higher-order” questions.

The work in the classroom continues with several projects. Her students recently completed an ocean conservation lesson and are planning the creation of a sustainable biome.

Other exercises planned this year include a book of the students’ short stories and a mock trial based on the novel studies that the class is completing. Malika also staged a mock trial last year.

“I enjoy any moment that I am interacting directly with the students in my classroom,” she said. “For nine months out of

the year, I have the incredible opportunity to build a relationship with these wonderful people. We get to work on so much more than the content or subjects that I teach during any lesson.

“It’s amazing being able to watch them grow and develop into the kinds of people I would want to work alongside, and to be a small part of that process. The interaction and relationship piece of teaching is what makes this profession so special.”

Malika says her job description goes beyond simply teacher.

“More so than test scores, I consider it a victory if a student leaves my classroom at the end of the year feeling valued, supported, and safe,” she said.

“I want them to know that, way past their fifth-grade year, I am there to support them in any way I can. It is important to me that students know this, and come out of my room better people than when they walked in at the beginning of the year.”

Just as her students continue after they leave her classroom, Malika isn’t done with her own education. Studying at Northwest Nazarene University, she holds a Bachelor’s in Elementary Education with a emphasis on Social Studies (2015), and last year completed a Master’s in Curriculum, Instruction and Innovation.

Now, she’s pursuing an Educational Specialist degree.

“I am excited to continue learning more about becoming a great educator,” she said. “Since this is only my third year teaching, I am enjoying learning more about this profession — specifically, how to be good at what I do.

“There is always more to learn about the learning process. Long-term, I hope to continue sharing my learning in a larger scale.” — JPB



Grand View Elementary students get “elephant toothpaste” to erupt with help from one of the Micron STEM bus scientists. **From left:** Kindergartener Eduardo Sotelo, fourth-grader Ryan Cronin and fifth-grader Spencer Duty. Submitted photo

Micron bus rolls out STEM

Bruneau/GV staffers grant writing nets visit

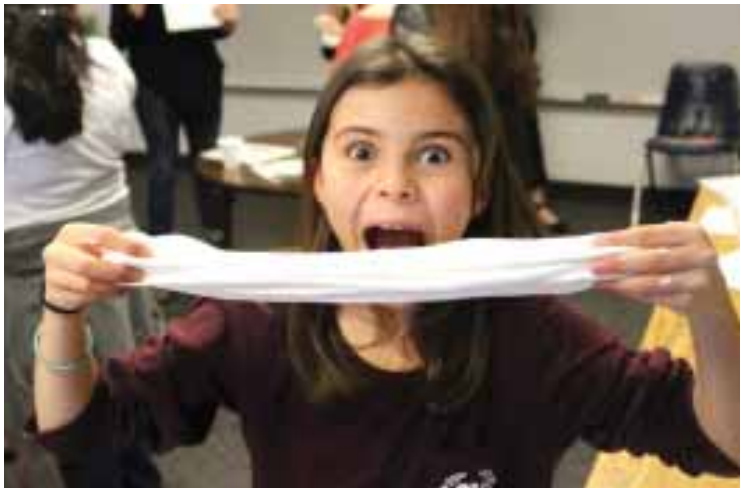
by Mandi Boren
For The Owyhee Avalanche

Enthusiasm for learning could be felt through squeals, gasps and shouts on Feb. 1 in Grand View as the Micron STEM bus performed magic with elementary students.

With the help of a grant from Micron Inc., the STEM bus mobile lab made a visit to the Bruneau/Grand View School District.

Bruneau and Grand View Elementary students participated in a variety of hands-on science experiments. A poll of multiple students suggested the 3D printer and making elephant toothpaste were two favorite activities.

According to Micron.com, executive director Dee Mooney said: “The STEM Mobile Discovery Lab is a unique, innova-



Bruneau fifth-grader Oli Prow shows her excitement after making Oobleck, a substance inspired by a Dr. Seuss book, as part of the Micron STEM Bus visit at Grand View Elementary School. Submitted photo

tive way to engineer the future by inspiring the next generation of scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians in our own backyard.”

Grand View Elementary kindergarten teacher Maya Davis said the bus “opens windows to show how STEM is used in everyday life ... and gets the kids excited about learning.”

She said manipulating and experimenting is a great way to show even the younger kids “that they can be in control of their own learning.”

A staff member heard of the grant opportunity on a radio program.

The application process was extensive and included the efforts of multiple staff members and even students.

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Marsing City Hall to open during lunch

Marsing City Hall, at 425 Main St., has more availability to its citizens now.

The city will announce the installation of a new alarm system, installed by Mountain Alarm System, at Wednesday’s city council meeting.

The new alarm will allow City Hall to remain open during lunch hour, increasing availability for the public. City

Hall is open Monday through Friday, from 8 to 5.

There will be a motion to amend the city handbook to formalize the change in City Hall’s hours of operation.

There will be many other items that will be discussed during tonight’s council meeting, including:

- City engineer Amy Woodruff and Kirby Cook will

provide updates concerning ongoing projects, including the Island Park boat ramp and boat docks, the City Park restroom changes, the Snake River bridge water line, and the sidewalk project down 8th Avenue West, in front of the schools.

- City attorney Stephanie J. Bonney will report on the new International Building Codes.

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Bill would make using cellphone while driving illegal

by Nina Rydalch
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Texting while driving is already illegal in Idaho, and a newly introduced bill would ban cellphone use altogether for drivers, with few exceptions. The stated purpose of Senate Bill 1283, introduced Thursday by the Idaho Senate Transportation Committee, is to limit distracted driving. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 3,477 people died because of distracted driving in 2015, in part because of cellphone use. Studies have also linked using mobile devices to impaired driving ability. The bill would be similar to laws in other states that legally limit use of electronics while driving. Washington, for example, expanded its limitations on electronic usage for drivers in 2017. Of surrounding states, Oregon, Washington and Nevada prohibit driving with a phone in hand. Drivers in Idaho who are younger than 21 would be most affected if the bill were to become law. While the bill

provides exceptions for most drivers, those younger than 21 would only be able to legally use mobile devices in cases of emergency, such as reporting an accident or reckless driving. Indiana is currently the only state that bans drivers younger than 21 from any use of mobile devices, though 38 states and Washington D.C. don't allow novice or teen drivers to use cellphones, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Older drivers would still be allowed to dial telephone numbers and place or receive calls, as long as they speak in hands-free mode. They would also be able to activate and deactivate apps and use a GPS device as long as they don't enter directions while driving. The fine for violating the proposed legislation would be \$100 on first offense, and \$250 for subsequent offenses. The fines for texting and driving in Idaho currently total \$81.50. Law enforcement, firefighters, paramedics and other emergency personnel would be excluded from the proposed requirements when acting in the scope of their duties.

Hunger Games conclude at MHS



The Hunger Games food drive revival pitting high school students from Marsing and Melba against one another ended last Wednesday with a food-stacking contest in Marsing. Students raced to see who could stack the most food the highest. The commodities drive was reborn as a senior project for Melba's Jayson Lizaso. He approached Marsing with his idea, which benefitted food banks in the communities. From left: Nikkie Gonzalez, Kendra Varnes, and Leslie Oliveros stacked these items outside the winning door of Mr. Thomas' class.

Non-resident rec fee proposed

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Electric bicycles and license and registration fees were the topics of the Idaho House Transportation and Defense Committee on Feb. 6.

Rep. Terry Gestrin (R-Donnelly) brought forward two draft bills dealing with registration fees for those using Idaho trails. The first would charge out-of-state off-road vehicle riders for using trails in Idaho. "Many times, we could ride in their states, our neighboring states, and not be charged, and

we'd reciprocate," he said. "Well, some of those states are starting to charge our riders, so (Idaho riders) feel like it's time to reciprocate." Gestrin said it would also allow riders to pay the fee for their vehicle every two years, rather than every year. The second bill Gestrin spoke on came from the Idaho State Snowmobile Association. The bill would allow the association to collect fees from not only snowmobilers, but most users of their groomed trails, defined as "over-the-snow travelers." The fee would apply to cross-country skiers using the trails. Rep. Steven Harris (R-Meridian) said with most other trail-user fees, the line seems to be drawn between motorized and non-motorized vehicles. All-terrain vehicles, for example, may need to pay a fee to use certain trails, while

bicyclists do not. "Is this any different, for any reason?" Harris asked. Gestrin said it is different, because the snowmobile trails must be groomed every week. A bill regarding electric bicycles, so-called e-bikes, was also brought before the committee. Rep. Phylis King (D-Boise) said her legislation would define e-bikes into three categories. The bill would enable counties and cities to more easily set speed limits on such bikes or prohibit some categories of bikes from using certain trails. Two other bills dealt with fees on certain licenses, and another pertained to the registration and titling of surplus military vehicles, which are often used in agriculture. The committee voted to introduce all bills.

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Teams play to wire for state tourney bids



Valeria Lino, Rimrock's lone senior, drives past Liberty Charter defenders during Thursday's second half in Parma.



Senior Faith Jacobson (far left) shrouds her face with her jersey as the Homedale girls' basketball team celebrates another state tournament trip.

Young Raiders frustrate Patriots

Defense does
trick in district
title game

It took five years, but Rimrock High School girls' basketball is back on top in District III.

The return to glory came

in the same town where the Raiders and a junior scoring machine named Kyla Jewett beat Liberty Charter in come-from-behind fashion for the district title in 2013.

That night, Jewett led Rimrock with 22 points in a 49-46 win.

— See *Raiders*, page 8B

HHS' Jacobson saves best for last

Senior's late surge helps down
Fruitland in district tournament

After a cold start, mirroring the struggles the team, Homedale High School senior Faith Jacobson found her shot late.

Jacobson's four free throws down the stretch made the difference in the Trojans' 32-28 victory over Fruitland in the 3A District III Tournament runner-up game at Treasure Valley Community College.

Homedale's first win in four tries this season against the

Grizzlies put the Trojans (11-12) back in the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament after a year's absence.

The tournament begins Thursday with at 3 p.m. game against Sugar-Salem (22-2) at Skyview High School in Nampa. The Diggers are the District 6 champions.

This is Homedale's fifth appearance in the state tournament in coach Joe Betancourt's six years at the helm.

Jacobson was scoreless going into the final quarter against Fruitland, starting the game 0-for-7 on field-goal tries. She made her final attempt of the game and followed with what proved to be the last points of the contest, two free throws with 3.2 seconds left.

Jacobson's six points matched the totals of junior posts Amaya Carter and Josey Hall. Junior forward Jayci Swallow led the Trojans with seven points.

Points were at a premium

— See *HHS*, page 8B

Home cooking keeps wrestlers warm for districts

Huskies hammer competition
in own pod tournament

Mason Hall looks ready to finish his high school wrestling career with a bang.

The Marsing High School senior warmed up for Saturday's 2A District III championships – the final step before what could be a fourth straight trip to the state tournament – with fast work in front of a home crowd.

The district tournament takes place in McCall this weekend, and Hall won't be alone in his quest to represent Marsing at State.



Mason Hall

"Districts will be very interesting this year," MHS coach Jon Nelson said. "We have a good chance of winning districts and qualifying most of my kids."

Nelson sees championship chances for Hall, Joseph Ineck at 152, Jaden Kinney at 182 and either Kaden Goins or Jesus Duran at 160.

The coach envisions runner-up performances from Troy Miller (98), Isaac Lee (120), Justin Ineck (126), Dawson

— See *Huskies*, page 3B

Homedale girls
place at Jaybird

Homedale High School's female wrestlers got their own moment Saturday.

Three of four Trojans competing in the Jaybird Memorial in Nampa earned medals.

Savannah Turner competed for the championship at 109 pounds at Columbia High School.

After pinning her two opponents, the freshman lost the title match Prairie's Sierra McWilliams pulled off a pin at the 3:30 mark.

— See *Girls*, page xB

Freshman's fierce day
highlights Trojans' stay

Freshman Joseph Egusquiza dominated his weight class Saturday to lead Homedale High School's sixth-place finish in the Marsing Pod Tournament.

Egusquiza notched two first-round pinfalls while capturing the 113-pound championship in the Trojans' final tournament before Saturday's 3A District III championships.

Jorge Vega was tops in the 120-pound B division, but finished second overall

among all wrestlers in the class Saturday.

There were several other runner-up wrestlers Saturday, including:

- Luis Andrade in the 152 C pod
- Ivan Cortez at 160 A

- Robert Nix at 195

Brady Trout finished third at 170 pounds.

Owen Houser with fifth at 182 pounds.

Ahsan Riaz was sixth in the 220-pound pod.

Egusquiza's longest match in his march through the

— See *Trojans*, page 3B



Joseph Egusquiza

Sports

Parma rules 2nd half, sends HHS into district play-in

Trojans can't keep pace after halftime at home

Homedale High School fell into a district tournament play-in game after a Senior Night loss to Parma.

The Panthers took control in the second half Friday, beating the Trojans, 53-41, and securing the tiebreaker for third place in the 3A Snake River Valley conference boys' basketball standings.

Parma needed to win by more than six points to overtake Homedale for the No. 3 seed in the 3A District III Tournament.

Homedale and Parma played a tight first half on the Trojans' floor with the Panthers clinging to a two-point lead for most of the second quarter.

Homedale junior Mason Kincheloe sliced in from the right wing for a layup at the buzzer to send the teams into halftime tied, 24-24.

Another Trojans' junior, Carson Brown, drove through the key for a layup with 3 minutes, 40 seconds left in the first half to tie the game, 19-



Homedale's Mason Kincheloe soars to the basket Friday against Parma.

19. He missed the subsequent three-point play that would have given Homedale the lead.

Senior post Scott Matlock handled a sharp pass from Nelson Lomeli and scored a layup with 1:10 left in the first half to pull the Trojans even again, 21-21. Lomeli had

thrown away two other interior passes earlier in the quarter.

Homedale had another chance to tie the game late in the first half when senior Tony Baltierrez was fouled while trying to put back an offensive rebound. He missed the first free throw, but hit the second and Payette maintained a 23-

22 advantage. Final statistics were not provided.

Relegated to the No. 5 seed for the district tournament, Homedale (9-13) hammered sixth-seeded Payette, 54-26, in Monday's play-in game at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore.

The Trojans advanced to Tuesday's semifinal against No. 1 Fruitland. The game was played after press time.

Parma (13-8 at the end of the regular season) took on No. 2 seed Weiser on Tuesday after deadline for a spot in the district championship game, which will take place at 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday at TVCC.

Last Wednesday: Fruitland 72, Homedale 43 — A mid-game scoring lull hampered the Trojans' chances against the Grizzlies' floor.

Fruitland blew open the game with a 45-17 run over the second and third quarters. The Grizzlies built a 40-23 halftime lead by outscoring Homedale, 19-8, in the second quarter.

Fruitland opened the second half with a barrage of three-pointers.

Drake Stampfli, who led all

scorers with 20 points, had two of his three treys in the eight-minute span.

DaPri Weatherall knocked down his only basket of the game from outside the three-point line, and Cole Eiguren hit the last of his two three-pointers in the quarter.

Eiguren would finish with 11 points.

The Grizzlies out-performed the Trojans, 8-5, from the three-point line. Jake O'Neil hit a pair of treys as part of his 15 points, and Jacob Richins also dropped in a long-range shot in the Grizzlies' 21-point first quarter.

Guards Carson Brown and Nelson Lomeli each connected on a pair of three-pointers for Homedale.

Mason Kincheloe nailed his team's other three-pointer during Homedale's eight-point second quarter. The junior led the Trojans with 10 points.

Lomeli added nine points.

Brown, whose three-pointer in the third quarter was his final points of the game, had eight.

Senior Scott Matlock was 3-for-5 from the free-throw line and finished with seven points.

Homedale Trojans

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Girls' basketball
Jayci Swallow, jr., G
Hit a 3-pointer and scored 5 points in key fourth quarter vs. Fruitland

Boys' basketball
Mason Kincheloe, jr., G
Scored 8 of team-high 10 points in 2nd quarter vs. Fruitland

Wrestling
Savannah Turner, fr., 109 pounds
Placed second in Jaybird Memorial in Nampa

Girls' basketball
Varsity
3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament (At Skyview H.S., Nampa)
Thursday, Feb. 15 vs. Sugar-Salem, 3 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 16 vs. Timberlake or Buhl, 1:15 p.m. or 6:15 p.m.
If necessary
Saturday, Feb. 16, consolation or third-place game vs. TBA, Skyview H.S., 11 a.m. or 9:15 a.m.
OR
Saturday, Feb. 16, championship game vs. TBA, Ford Idaho Center, 3:50 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
3A District III Tournament (At TVCC, Ontario, Ore.)
If won Monday and Tuesday: Tuesday, Feb. 20 in championship game, 8:15 p.m.
If lost Monday: Tuesday, Feb. 20 in elimination game, 6 p.m.
If lost Monday: Season complete
Junior varsity
3A Snake River Valley conference tournament (In Payette)
Wednesday, Feb. 14 vs. Parma, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 16 at 3A SRV tournament championship (if nec.), 15 minutes after first game
Frosh-soph
3A Snake River Valley conference tournament (In Payette)
Wednesday, Feb. 14 vs. Fruitland, 3 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 16 at 3A SRV tournament championship (if nec.), 6 p.m.

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Sports

Coach: HHS wrestlers’ growth will continue at district

Vega, Rose get wins in Weiser 3A SRV dual

Jake Levinski is in the midst of building a wrestling program at Homedale High School.

For the most part, his athletes are young, and he is trying to instill strength and fortitude.

The next big step in the project comes Saturday in the 3A District III Tournament at Weiser High School.

“I believe in working hard in the practice room and finding the toughest competition and wrestling there,” the second-year coach said.

Only four Trojans bring winning or break-even records into districts.

• Junior Jaegar Rose is 24-12 at 152 pounds. Rose qualified for the state tournament last year.

• Freshman Joseph Egusquiza is 19-13 at 113 pounds

• Freshman Barton Strack is 14-10 at 170 pounds

• Junior Robert Nix is 14-15 at 220 pounds. Nix also was a state qualifier a year ago.

But, as the saying goes, you can throw the records out, according to Levinski.

“Some people judge a wrestler by wins and losses. I believe that is a superficial way to view someone’s wrestling career,” he said.

“But if you look at who they wrestled and how they matched up against the toughest kids in the state, you will get a better view of who the wrestler is.”

To that end, the Trojans have traversed Idaho this year to see new competition. Some of the toughest matches, though, have been right here in the Treasure Valley with the Padilla Invitational in Parma and the Weiser Invitational on Feb. 2-3.

“I’m not saying we have the toughest schedule in the state, but I am doing

everything in my power not to shelter Homedale wrestlers from tough competition,” Levinski said.

Homedale wrestled a 3A Snake River Valley conference dual in Weiser on Thursday, falling 77-9.

Junior Jorge Vega (17-16) edged Seth Harris, 8-7, at 120 pounds, and Rose pinned Brody VonBrethorst in 1 minute, 35 seconds for Homedale’s only victories.

Barton Strack pinned Weiser’s Michael Brooke in 1:52 in an exhibitin match.

The team is back in Weiser on Saturday for the district tournament from which the top four wrestlers in each weight class will qualify for the state tournament.

The 3A state tournament takes place Feb. 23-24 at Idaho State University in Pocatello.

“Our returning upperclassmen should do well at districts,” Levinski said.

“As for the rest of the team, they are young and I am excited to see how they weather the storm of postseason competition.”

Jesse Packer (2-8), a 152-pounder, is the only senior on the roster.

Vega is the Trojans’ only other returning state tournament qualifier.

Ahsan Riaz (4-17) is a junior exchange student from Pakistan wrestling at 220 pounds.

Junior Ivan Cortez (16-17) is competing at 182 pounds.

The rest of the team is comprised of freshmen and a sophomore:

• **Freshmen** — Gracie Rotter (1-9), 98 pounds; Savannah Turner (5-14), 120; Kaydince Turner (5-17), 126; Jace Love (10-14), 138; Luis Andrade (7-9), 152; Dulce Jaramillo (2-6), 152; Owen Houser (2-14), 220; and Dalton Strack (6-10), 285

• **Sophomore** — Brady Trout (11-21), 182

✓ Huskies: Coach optimistic about team-wide success in McCall meet

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Walker (170) and Seth Black (182).

The Huskies’ remaining wrestlers could finish third, giving Marsing a full roster of state qualifiers, “if we wrestle like we have been,” Nelson said.

Hall (26-4) has been one of those constants.

He didn’t have to wrestle past the first round in any of the five matches he won en route to the 220-pound championship at Saturday’s Marsing Pod Tournament.

Hall, Kadin Goins (160), Dawson Walker (170), Jaden Kinney (182) and Adonis Stelzried (138) all won championships as the Huskies captured the team title in their own tournament.

Hall competed in a round robin bracket, and his longest match was a 1-minute, 52-

second pin of Parma’s Danny Camacho in Round 3.

Hall’s other pins came against Capital Shai Murray (1:15), Homedale Ahsan Riaz (1:35), Ridgevue’s Colby Farar (58 seconds), and Capital’s Braiden Simpson (27 seconds).

Goins finished atop the 160 A pod then pinned Capital’s Sam Sessou-Djoko in 4:40 to win the weight class.

Goins racked up four pinfalls during the round robin portion of the one-day tournament, beating Tristan Jones of Melba (4:40), Buhl’s Jacob Gardner (26 seconds), Capital’s Jaydon Davis (3:21), and Homedale’s Ivan Cortez (55 seconds).

Dawson Walker capped a three-win day in the 170 pod when he pinned Ridgevue’s Mathew Hernandez in three minutes. Walker’s toughest match of the day was a 3-2 decision against Ridgevue’s

Seth Sommerfeld. He started the tournament with a 6-2 decision over Homedale’s Brady Trout.

Kinney’s senior season surge continued at 182 as he used four pins to win the tournament championship.

Like Hall, none of Kinney’s matches reached the second period. His final victory, in Round 5 against Dominic Gutierrez of Ridgevue, was his longest and went 1:19.

Kinney pinned Homedale’s Owen Houser (38 seconds), Ridgevue’s Adrian Zamora (26 seconds), and Marsing teammate Seth Black (25 seconds).

Only one of Stelzried’s five bouts went the distance. In Round 4 at 138, the sophomore beat Capital’s Zach Moore, 11-5.

Stelzried pinned Ridgevue’s Trey Dancer (1:42), fellow 2A District III competitor Traven

Weihe of Garden Valley (2:56), Parma’s James Takatori (2:47) and Ridgevue’s Tridon Jordan (1:10).

Senior Joseph Ineck won the 152 B pod with three pins, but lost the tournament championship when he went 1-1 after the pods were unified.

In the 152 final round robin, Ineck pinned Ridgevue’s Dalton Trevino in 4:25, but lost a 3-1 decision to tournament champion Dre Salinas of Parma.

Seth Black rebounded from his loss to teammate Kinney to finish second at 182.

His tournament began with a thrilling 12-10 sudden victory over Ridgevue’s Gutierrez. Black pinned Homedale’s Owen Houser in 1:08 and ended his tourney with a 2:41 pin of Ridgevue’s Zamora.

At 98, Troy Miller finished second after rallying from a

first-round loss.

After Buhl’s Chance Bennett posted a pinfall in 4:24, Miller pinned Parma’s Kenny Forsberg (1:27) and Ridgevue’s Ethan Miller (2:20).

Justin Ineck won a bronze medal at 132 with three straight victories after starting the day 0-2.

One of Ineck’s losses was a narrow 2-1 decision against Ridgevue’s Dylan Forrest.

He sandwiched a forfeit victory against Capital’s Tyler Burton around pins of Capital’s Jake Orem (3:19) and Garden Valley’s Santi Winslow (2:42).

Jedidiah Crandall (195) split his two matches to finish third. After losing to Homedale’s Robert Nix, Crandall pinned Melba’s Tyrell Martin at the one-minute mark.

Melba wound up fifth in the team standings.

✓ Trojans: Local wrestlers square off during final regular-season tournament

From Page 1B

round robin tournament was a 3-minute, 57-second opening-bout pin of Ridgevue’s Nate Kingston.

Egusquiza needed just 18 seconds to dispatch Buhl’s Eric Gutierrez, and he beat Kie Brown of Melba at the 1:51 mark.

Vega was perfect in two pod matches, pinning Ridgevue’s Dylan Manker in 3:30 and routing Capital’s Gage Graybeal, 21-3, in a technical fall.

Andrade rallied for his second-place finish. After Ridgevue’s Dalton Trevino start Andrade’s day with a pin at 3:38, the Homedale wrestler pinned Capital’s Owen Shirazi in 51 seconds and outslugged Riley Clark of New Plymouth in an 18-10 major decision.

Cortez won his first three matches in the 160 A pod before losing to eventual champion — and hometown wrestler — Kadin Goins. Goins posted a 55-second pin in the fifth round of wrestling.

Cortez started with a 26-second pin against Jacob Gardner from Buhl. Melba’s Tristan Jones fell, 14-6, in a major decision before Cortez’s final victory — a 6-1 decision against Capital’s Jaydon Davis.

Nix pinned Marsing’s Jedidiah Crandall in 2:47 and lost, 8-3, to Melba’s Tyrell Martin.

Trout, who went 1-2, pinned Ridgevue’s Mathew Hernandez in 1:06 of their second-round match.

✓ Girls: Jaramillo, Rotter collect fourth-place medals

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Turner needed just 29 seconds in the semifinals to pin Centennial’s Hannah Dupay.

She started the tournament with a pin of Ontario, Ore.’s Julyssa Ramirez at the 3-minute, 52-second mark of their quarterfinal.

Two Trojans were fourth in their respective weight classes.

Dulce Jaramillo (143) fell by pin in the third-place match to Glenns Ferry’s Karlee Sterling

(1:11).

Gracie Rotter (101) was fourth in her round-robin division.

Kaydince Turner went 0-2 at 123.

After a first-round bye, Jaramillo lost in the semifinals after Bear River’s Mykenna Staheli pulled off a 26-second pin.

Jaramillo reached the third-place match after receiving a forfeit in the consolation semifinals.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

February 17, 1993

Chamber requests economic study

Representatives from the Homedale Chamber of Commerce requested the city council ask the Idaho Department of Transportation for an economic impact study on the proposed U.S. 95 bypass prior to construction on the project.

Past president of the chamber, Steve Forrey, made the request at the regular city council meeting Wednesday.

The Chamber also wants to see the current bypass plan amended to include provisions such as a business loop, curbs, gutters, sidewalks and lighting at each entrance to the business loop and a sign.

“We’re not here to say we’re not here for progress, but we want to make sure that any changes that are done are done properly and appropriately,” Forrey said.

“We’re asking you, as elected officials, who probably carry more weight with the state, to convey those concerns to the Idaho Department of Transportation,” he said.

Mayor Paul Fink said he doesn’t believe anybody is going to rush out to develop along the proposed bypass.

There is nobody in Homedale, Fink said, “that has \$200,000-\$300,000 to stick off out there on Industrial Road and no traffic coming by. I don’t think anybody is going to put a dime out there until that bypass goes through.

Marsing to install two boat ramps at Island Park

In a short city council meeting Feb. 10, the city of Marsing approved plans to build two boat ramps on the Snake River, at a cost of approximately \$15,000, Marsing Mayor Mike Fromm said.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is footing the bill for the project, aided by a \$1,000 donation, councilman Harvey Grimme said.

The ramps will be located at Island Park near the highway bridge. One will be built down from the other for use as an emergency access.

The current boat ramp is roughly 20 years old and broken up, the result of “quite a few people using it on the weekend,” Grimme said.

Bruneau-Grand View news

Rimrock High School FHA “Little Friends” team consisting of Keri McBride and Barbara Hergehorst, both of Bruneau, with Estella Gilbert and Shannon Field, both of Grand View, recently taught fire safety and “home alone” to the Grand View Elementary first-graders.

The four girls, who are freshmen at Rimrock, will be giving an oral demonstration and a picture display of the lessons they taught when they compete at the District 3 Star Events convention on Saturday, February 20 in Weiser.

Winners announced in Smorgasbord art show

A number of student artists were singled out for acclaim recently at the PTA’s International Smorgasbord, the result in balloting in the people’s choice awards.

Lara Eidemiller took first place and the top prize of \$30. Mary Puri placed second in the balloting, and Sarah Hopkins came in third.

Honorable mentions went to Dana Marston, Josh Paul, Luke Anderson, Mary Puri, Wendy Wilkinson and Dustin Batt.

50 years ago

February 15, 1968

Bloodmobile gets 73 pints at near-quota drawing

The winter drawing for the Blood Bank Mobile Unit was held Monday, Feb. 12, with 73 pints being donated by the citizens of the Homedale area, the quota was 75 pints.

It was a community effort, Rev. Ed Alora, chairman, declared.

The Homedale chapter of I.O.O.F. made available the use of their hall. The Stateline Grange provided the refreshments for the donors and the lunches for the processing staff. The grange was represented by Margaret Eason, Elva Sherer, Mary Prow, Verva Ferguson, Florence Hinton, Anna Mary Curtis, Brenda Sutterfield, Arlene Nafsinger and Irene Markley, chairman.

The Xi Alpha Delta Beta Sigma Phi Sorority telephoned the Homedale community and was represented by Betty Frye. The Eastern Star was represented by Alene Downing, Helen Graham and Margaret Wood. The registered nurses working were Mrs. Peggy Arvin and Mrs. Mitchi Kubosumi. The Homedale High School furnished the typewriters which were operated by Liz Townsend and Darlene Prow.

The Homedale Kiwanis supplied the office, cookies and fruit juice. Unloading and loading the Mobile Unit were: Howard Bergeson, George Murray, Jerry Switzer, Charles Degitz, Allan Baldridge, Les Carter, Doyle McPherson and Roy Chambers.

Assisting Rev. Alora with specific tasks this time were Andy Warfield, Manford Logan and Mrs. Donna Eachus.

The importance of the above named organizations and people is only equaled by the many donors who responded to this particular drawing.

Seed growers plan meeting at Grange Hall

Owyhee Seed Growers meeting will be held at the Stateline Grange hall Monday, Feb. 19, at 7:30p.m.

Harold Swartly of the Pure Seed Laboratories in Boise will speak on “The Reasons for the Poor Seed Circulation in 1967.”

Dr. Donald Brown from W. R. Grace Company will speak on “Future Alfalfa Seed in the United States.”

Hugh Hosman, extension entomologist, will speak on “Research on Alkali Bees.”

Blaine Linford, Canyon County agent, will speak on “Need for an Alfalfa Seed Commission to Idaho.”

Adrian PTA sets Feb. 24 for Smorgasbord

The Adrian PTA Annual Smorgasbord will be held Saturday, Feb. 24, from 5 to 6 p.m. at the grade school auditorium.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thomas of Ridgeview are ticket chairmen. Tickets will be sold by the grade school students from the fifth through eighth grades. Family tickets will be sold only in advance.

Regular tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door.

Mrs. Keith Tallman is the Adrian PTA smorgasbord chairman with Mrs. Gordon King the Ridgeview food chairman.

Menu will include turkey and dressing, Swedish meatballs, baked salmon, baked ham, fried rice, vegetables, salads, pies, cakes, ice cream and drinks.

Proceeds from the dinner will be used to repair the stage curtains in the Adrian High School and for a scholarship.

140 years ago

February 16, 1878

Governor Brayman on the defensive

The Governor of Idaho has replied to the charges of his assailants in a lengthy letter, from a hasty glance at which we incline to the opinion that these perpetual mischief-makers and stirrers-up of sedition at the Capitol have met a “foeman worthy of their steel.” At any rate their pratings about “gubernatorial imbecility” and all that sort of stuff will go for naught in the face of this epistle from the Executive, which is couched in vigorous and aggressive language throughout and deals the sturdiest kind of blows right square at the heads of his assailants. We admire the old gentleman’s pluck. The language, which has been used by his assailants towards him, has in some instances been most offensive and disreputable, well calculated to arouse the indignation of a person of gentlemanly instincts, in doing which in this case the attacking party may discover that they have “woke up the wrong passenger.” The Governor justifies his course, admitting that if he advises any citizens of the Territory to settle their law suits by arbitration such a mode of compromise was commendable and lawful, adding that it was “well known to the Courts and Bar, as to all people, that the great mining interests of Idaho have suffered from excessive litigation; and that Alturas County, as well as Owyhee, has suffered heavily from this evil.” He denounces the course pursued by one of the members of the Investigating Committee whose report contains statements embodying “a gross indignity to a co-ordinate branch of the government — language discourteous and needlessly insulting to a member of this bar — language which shocks the instincts of every true gentleman. Such epithets, in such a place, bring dishonor only upon him who employs them.”

Silver City Restaurant

“Back again at the Old Stand.”

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Sports

Drama dogs: Huskies to open district at home

Marsing High School boys' basketball games are a workout in more ways than one.

The Huskies built a record and stamina as they made their way through the 2A Western Idaho Conference season.

But the biggest attribute that the players seem to have strengthened through a string of heart-pounding contests is resilience.

Marsing (9-11 overall, 4-6 in conference) put in one of its strongest reps in the regimen last Wednesday, rallying from a 13-point deficit to beat Melba, 56-52, in overtime at home.

"In all the close games, we gain experience and with experience comes confidence because adversity and close games are not something rare anymore for us," Marsing coach Tim Little said.

"I believe that the secret to success with anything is mainly confidence. Without a history of a ton of success or successful programs at MHS, confidence takes time to develop."

The confidence has developed this season, and last Wednesday's win locked up a home game in the opening round of the 2A District III Tournament. A loss would have given the Mustangs the tiebreaker for the No. 4 seed.

The Huskies will play host to No. 5 Melba at 7 p.m. today. A win puts Marsing in the district



Merrick Hall takes a crucial free throws in overtime against Melba. Photo by Dan Pease

semifinals against top-seeded Cole Valley Christian at 6 p.m. on Saturday at Nampa High School. A loss against Melba sends the Huskies into Tuesday's elimination round.

"We are starting to develop (confidence) now with this group, and the players are witnessing their hard work paying off this year," Little said. "Our confidence is improving."

Friday: Cole Valley Christian 70, Marsing 40 — The Huskies' early lead against the district tournament's top seed

evaporated when the Chargers scored 28 points in the second half of both teams' conference season finale.

Cole Valley shot 62 percent from the floor to aid its offensive emergence.

"We had difficulties keeping up with Cole Valley's transition and accurate shooting," Little said.

Junior Enrique Quebrado fired in three three-point goals and led the Huskies with 15 points. He was the only Marsing player to make a free throw, going 4-for-4 from the line.

Merrick Hall, Heath Milburn and Joaquin Oliveros also connected from beyond the three-point line.

Hall and Oliveros finished with seven points apiece, while Milburn's trey accounted for his only points of the game.

Jacob Ankeny continued a strong end to his freshman season with four points on two shots, and Cole Wainman made his only field-goal attempt of the night.

Last Wednesday: Marsing 56, Melba 52 (OT) — The Huskies rallied from a 13-point deficit midway through the third quarter for a Senior Night victory.

Junior Dwight Sevy took a steal and scored with 1 minute, 18 seconds left in the extra period to cement the Huskies' come-from-behind triumph.

"Realizing that even when down by 13 points, like (last Wednesday), we can spin it positive and keep a mindset that allows us to believe that we can overcome obstacles because we have been in these situations before and have seen us come out successful," Little said.

The Mustangs' all-conference guard, Justin Trappett, missed a chance to tie the game when his free throws were off the mark with 47 seconds remaining. Senior Tyler Wood grabbed the rebound for Marsing.

Hall dropped in both of his free throws with 30 seconds left for a four-point lead. He knocked down a pair of three-point goals on the way to nine points, and he finished with five rebounds.

Ankeny came off the bench and logged six points and three rebounds in his longest varsity stint of the season. Wainman added four points and three rebounds.

Quebrado's half-court shot at the buzzer to end regulation rimmed out. The junior guard led the Huskies 18 points and nine rebounds. He also had three assists and shared the team defensive lead with Sevy at three steals apiece.

Senior Landry Villa had a team-high four assists, and Wood scored 13 points with four rebounds and two blocked shots in his final home game.

MHS girls' season ends

Two Marsing athletes saw their high school girls' basketball careers come to a close last week.

The season for post Mackenzie Farrens and guard Elsa Margarito and their Huskies' teammates ended Feb. 6 with a 44-29 loss to New Plymouth.

The two teams played a consolation semifinal in the 2A District III Tournament. No player statistics were provided.

Marsing (9-12 overall) trailed, 15-14, at halftime, but the Pilgrims opened the second half on a 17-2 run to take control.

New Plymouth went on to beat McCall-Donnelly, 44-30, on Thursday and Declo, 54-41, on Saturday to earn a spot in the 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament. The tournament starts Thursday in Kuna.

Farrens and Margarito could have one more game to play if they are selected to the 2A/3A District III Senior All-Star Game scheduled after the state tournament.

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MARSING HUSKIES

Girls' basketball
Elsa Margarito, sr., G
Played final game in Huskies' uniform vs. New Plymouth

Boys' basketball
Merrick Hall, so., P
Averaged 8 points, 3.5 rebounds in two games

Wrestling
Dawson Walker, jr., 170 pounds
Won Marsing Pod Tournament championship

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Girls' basketball
Varsity
Season complete (9-12 overall)

Wrestling
Saturday, Feb. 17 at 2A District III Tournament, McCall, 10 a.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
2A District III Tournament
Wednesday, Feb. 14, home vs. Melba, 7 p.m.
If win Wednesday: Saturday, Feb. 17 vs. Cole Valley Christian, Nampa H.S., 7:30 p.m.
If lose Wednesday: Tuesday, Feb. 20, opponent and location TBA, 7 p.m.

Junior varsity A
Season complete (5th in 2A WIC at 1-9)
Junior varsity B
Season complete (6th in 2A WIC at 0-10)

Go Huskies!

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense
The Mountain



Nobody rides the Mountain top when Winter’s locked her jaws.
The Mountain bears the brunt alone, his shoulders to the claws.

She carves great gashes down his flank like butchers flensing sheep
And howl, you cannot know the word. She never lets him sleep

And on his peak she wreaks her wrath. He reaches Heaven-bound
But she has placed a crown of ice and turned Hell upside down.

My parka hood is fringed with frost. It’s hard to get my wind.
I stand hard on the timberline feeling freshly skinned.

The sweat is drippin’ down my neck. It’s just 22 below.
I came to tell the Mountain top, “Just three more months to go.”

“You’re not alone,” I shouted to him, “There’s others just like you
“Who make their stand upon the Earth and see the battle through

“The daily grind to just get by against all Earthly odds
And keep the faith though they might feel forsaken by the gods.”

My words are snatched up by the wind and shatter in the air.
The Winter scatters spoken broken pieces everywhere.

I strain to see the highest ridge that climbs the steep terrain
That’s whipped until its frothy edge is like a horse’s mane.

Then disappears into the storm, the maelstrom, the shriek,
That smothers and obliterates the nearly hidden peak.

The Winter bellows out her rage. She’s comin’ down the face.
I turn downhill and cower in the timber’s tall embrace.

Her blizzard fingers flow around the trees and follow me.
I stop and squint back toward the top but white-out’s all I see.

I meant to bring some small relief. I wanted just to say
No man or mountain stands alone. We’re all the Maker’s clay.

“But I can only cringe and squeak,” I whispered up the slope
But then the Mountain answered back, “Go, friend. You left me hope.”

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From the Statehouse
House Bill 444 preserves our right to protect ourselves

One of the most basic and fundamental tenets of our liberty in the United States is the presumption of innocence until proven guilty. Our system of law was created so that if five guilty men went free to preserve the liberty of one innocent man, then the system has worked. In addition, our right to life and the God-given right to protect and defend it is clearly stated in our Constitution and is a right that existed before there was an organized government of any kind.

Laws in the United States today, including Idaho, typically have a presumption of guilt when deadly force is used to defend one’s life. There is great risk in delay or hesitation to use deadly force if you must wait for law enforcement to arrive. I am a mom who lives in an area where the report time on a call to the sheriff’s office can be as long as 45 minutes, because of the immense area that our amazing deputies must cover. It is not acceptable for anyone, anywhere. The stand your ground section of House Bill 444 states that one has the right to use deadly force and not retreat if you are not the aggressor and you feel like your life is in jeopardy.

HB 444 provides that one can use deadly

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force to defend life in their home, yard, place of business, or any place where one has a legal right to be. Also included is the presumption of innocence when deadly force has been used. That means that you are innocent until proven guilty. Current laws state that the criminal who broke into your home is the victim until you can prove you needed to shoot in self-defense.

Additionally, HB 444 includes “criminal

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From Washington
Natural resources among areas aided by Trump’s reg rollbacks

Onerous federal regulations have far-reaching negative consequences — not only adding paperwork burdens, but also discouraging job creation and economic growth. One of my top priorities has been to eliminate excessive federal regulations that hinder American innovation and job growth. Thankfully, progress is being made in ending federal mandates that stifle progress.

Excessive, costly government regulation holds our economy back from reaching its full potential. Early in his administration, President Trump signed an Executive Order that for every one new regulation, two old regulations must be eliminated in order to control costs. In 2017, the president signed 70 pieces of legislation passed by Congress aimed specifically at overturning costly rules and regulations from the previous administration.

The result of this strong action by the president and Congress has been the delay or cancellation of more than 1,500 planned, misguided regulatory actions, and, according to the Office of Management and Budget, culminated in eliminating 22 old regulations for every new one. While the White House had aimed for “2-for-1,” in 2017, it actually achieved “22-for-1.”

These corrections include the enactment of a resolution overturning the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management Resource Management Planning Rule, also known as “Planning 2.0.” If not stopped, this rule would have limited necessary local involvement in natural resources management and affected

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multiple use of public lands.

Also, one of President Trump’s Executive Orders would undo the excessive 2015 “Waters of the United States (WOTUS) Rule” exerting federal control over nearly every stream, ditch, pond and puddle on state and local lands, as well as private property. I was involved in early efforts to block the precursor of the WOTUS Rule and have remained committed to stopping this federal power grab that infringes on private property rights, undermines state sovereignty and threatens the economy.

According to data from the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service, the pages of final rules published in the Federal Register nearly doubled from 1976 through 2015. We clearly have more work to do to ensure that federal regulations are thoughtfully considered,

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Commentary

Financial management

Quitting job to further education threatens progress on debt

Dear Dave,
My wife and I have \$72,000 in debt from student loans and a car loan. We're trying to pay off our debt using the debt snowball system, and we each make about \$45,000 a year. She's a teacher, and she's planning on going back to school for her master's degree, but she's thinking about quitting her job to do this. She'll be able to make more money with the additional education, and she would only be unemployed for two years. The degree program will cost us \$2,000 out-of-pocket per semester for two years. Does this sound like a good idea?

— Chris

Dear Chris,
There's no reason for your wife to quit her job to make this happen. Lots of people — especially teachers — hold down their jobs and go back to school to further their education. I'm not sure trying to make it on one income when

you're that deep in debt is a good idea.
Whatever you do, don't borrow more money to make this happen. Cash flow it, or don't do it. We're talking about \$8,000 total, and you've got \$72,000 in debt hanging over your heads already. My advice would be to wait until you've got the other debt knocked out, then save up and pay cash for school. You could slow down your debt snowball, and use some of that to pay for school, but I'd hate to see you lose the momentum you have when it comes to getting out of debt.
The choice is yours, but don't tack on any more student loan debt. I know her income will go up with a master's degree, so from that standpoint it's a good thing to do. But if you do a good thing a dumb way, it ends up being dumb!

— Dave

Dear Dave,
My grandmother passed away a week ago. She was



98, and I know both she and my grandfather had pre-paid for their funerals in 2004. However, there were outstanding costs of \$1,500 with the funeral services we had to pay out-of-pocket, because she had outlived the insurance policy attached to the pre-payment plan. I know you say it's always better to pre-plan, not pre-pay, for a funeral. Can you refresh my understanding of this?

— Rebecca

Dear Rebecca,
Let's use a round figure, and say the cost of a funeral is \$10,000. What would \$10,000 grow to 25 years from now if it were invested in a good mutual fund? Now, juxtapose that number with the increase in the cost of a funeral over that time. The average inflation rate of consumer-purchased items is around four percent. So, the cost of funerals, on average, has risen about four percent a year. By comparison, you could've invested that money, and it would've grown at 10 or 12 percent in a good mutual fund.
Now understand, I'm not knocking folks who are in the funeral business. But lots of businesses that provide these services realize more margin in selling pre-paid policies than they do in caskets. In other words, they don't make as much money selling the casket as they do selling a pre-paid policy on the casket.
Do you understand my reasoning? If we knew the exact

date she pre-paid, and how much she pre-paid, that figure invested in a good mutual fund would be a whole lot more than the cost of a reasonable funeral. It's the same principle behind the reason I advise folks to not pre-pay college, or just about anything else, that's likely far into the future. The money you could've made on the investment is a lot more than the value of pre-paying. Pre-planning, on the other hand, is a great idea for many things — including funerals.
I'm truly sorry for your loss, Rebecca. God bless you all.

—Dave

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✓ Rollbacks: Regulatory reduction sends country in productive direction

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reviewed periodically for redundancy and outdated policy, and eliminated when needed. But, President Trump's work with Congress on this effort and his executive actions reviewing existing federal regulations is correcting course on helping to unleash American investment and ingenuity.
The Competitive Enterprise Institute reports that the number of pages in the Federal Register shrunk

by 35 percent in 2017 from the previous year. Further progress is also on the horizon, as President Trump announced in December that, "Agencies plan on achieving even more regulatory rollback is FY 2018 compared with FY 2017, and plan to issue at least three deregulatory actions for every one new regulation."
Reducing burdensome, redundant and expensive regulations is a necessary step for the health of our

economy. We are heading in a far more productive direction in rolling back excessive regulation to help our economy to grow and make it easier for America's small businesses to be competitive globally.
— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U. S. Senate. He is in his fourth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.

✓ Protect: Dist. 23 lawmaker drafts legislation in response to citizens

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immunity," which says that if you are charged and tried for your justifiable homicide, and you are found not guilty by reason of self-defense, you are entitled to have reasonable court costs reimbursed. This provision serves more than one purpose. First, it will encourage prosecutors to think twice before filing charges based on public pressure. Some prosecutors will charge and try gun owners for murder to make a political statement against guns. Never mind that you had to take someone's life to defend yourself or your loved ones. Now they are going to ruin you

financially in court to try and make an example out of you? This law helps prevent that.
The Stand-Your-Ground/Castle Doctrine legislation pending in the House State Affairs Committee in Idaho was drafted in response to the citizens of Idaho. The law as it stands currently favors the criminals that roam Idaho and prey on innocent victims. HB 444 will put the law firmly in favor of the innocent victims who are forced to defend themselves. That's you. That's me. That's most Idahoans who just want to be left alone and not attacked by some violent individual who intends to take away what is rightfully

yours — your life.
After listening to a presentation by Idaho's Gang Task Force, I am convinced more than ever that preserving and expanding our right to stand our ground and defend our loved ones is more important than ever.
Thank you for choosing me to be your voice in your government. I have enjoyed your comments and suggestions, and look forward to more. If you are in the Boise area, be sure to stop at the Statehouse. It is a beautiful building, and your representative would love to see you.

Election letters

The Owyhee Avalanche will accept letters to the editor pertaining to the May 15 primary election until noon on Friday, May 4.
The usual letters to the editor guidelines apply, including letters must be no more than 300 words and letters must include contact information, including a phone number, of the letter-writer. Submit by:
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Sports

Mustangs survive defensive struggle Senior’s barrage lifts

Adrian boys to No. 3

Streak ends for No. 7 JV girls

Jordan Valley High School carries a No. 7 state ranking into this week’s 1A District 8 girls’ basketball tournament. The No. 1 seed Mustangs will open play at 7 p.m. MST on Friday in John Day, Ore., against either Prairie City or Harper Charter. Coach Kelsi Skinner’s team (14-10 overall) maintained its ranking in the 1A Oregon coaches’ poll despite an end to its 10-game win streak. Jordan Valley fell to Grant Union, 62-46, on Thursday on the floor where the district tourney will be held. On Friday, the Mustangs dropped a 59-41 decision on road against McDermitt, Nev. Both games were non-conference outings.

Mustangs seeded No. 1 for district

The lowest-scoring game of the year also produced the tightest win of the season for the Jordan Valley High School boys’ basketball team. The Mustangs ended the regular season where the postseason will begin when they edged Grant Union, 34-33, in John Day, Ore., on Thursday. “The boys had a hard-fought game Thursday,” Jordan Valley coach Clint Fillmore said. “We were having a hard time getting shots to fall, but the lid came off about halfway through the fourth quarter and shots started falling.” The 34 points represent the lowest point total of the season the Mustangs (19-3 overall), who as the 1A District 8 Tournament’s top seed have a bye into Friday’s semifinal and will play at 8:45 p.m. MST against either Crane or Huntington. The Mustangs need only win Friday to reach the 1A Oregon state playoffs. The teams that reach the district tournament final, and the third-place squad all qualify for the 1A Oregon state playoffs. Jordan Valley trailed by three points, 21-18, heading into the final period of its regular-season finale. Grant Union’s Duane Stokes had the only basket in the third quarter as the Prospectors (15-6) expanded their one-point halftime lead. Stokes put in a game-high 15 points. Two three-point goals from Chase Fillmore and a trey from Zeke Quintero helped the Mustangs heat up over the final eight minutes. “Both teams were defensively strong in this game,” Clint Fillmore said. “The boys did a good job of staying engaged when things weren’t going their way offensively.” Chase Fillmore had three treys in the game and finished with a double-double of 13 points and 11 rebounds. Both figures were tops on the team. Kirk Eiguren also had a double-double of 10 points, and 10 rebounds, while Quintero finished with seven points and 10 boards.

Opening night in a new gymnasium opened a door for Adrian High School’s boys’ basketball team. The Antelopes crushed Burnt River, 83-25, in a 1A High Desert League game that concluded Friday’s Senior Night doubleheader to christen Gene Mills Court inside the school’s new gymnasium. Five Antelopes — Miller DeMark, Berto Bahena, Kirk Obendorf, Andy Walker and Alex Garcia — played their final regular-season home games. The Antelopes nailed down the No. 3 seed in the 1A District 8 Tournament and will play Monument/Dayville at 9:45 p.m. MST on Thursday in John Day, Ore. Adrian (11-12 overall, 6-4 in league) led 72-25 after 24 minutes and shut out the Bulls over the fourth quarter. DeMark single-handedly outscored Burnt River with 26 points and snagged 11 rebounds. Nearly half his points came on four three-point goals. On defense, he had five blocked shots, three steals and four pass deflections. Walker notched 16 points and eight rebounds. Obendorf led the team with 13 rebounds, and Bahena notched four points, five rebounds and four assists. Garcia got four boards. Raul Bahena contributed 12 points and seven rebounds. **Thursday: Adrian 67, Harper Charter 64** — The Antelopes’ wild victory snapped a four-game losing streak and added to the Hornets’ season-ending skid. Harper chipped away at a 12-point halftime deficit, but Adrian held on behind 21 points from Warren DeMark. Walker had nine of his team-high 13 rebounds on the offensive end, and Miller DeMark snagged 12 boards to go with 10 points. Berto Bahena and Dakota Martin added six points apiece, while Obendorf chimed in with five points and three pass deflections. Bahena also had four steals and five assists. Warren DeMark also had six steals and four assists.

✓ Raiders: Rimrock rides into State with first district title since 2013

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On Thursday, Jewett was leading the way again. This time, though, she coached a young bunch of Raiders to the school’s first 1A, Div. I district championship since that winter night half a decade ago. Using lessons learned in an earlier loss to Liberty Charter, Rimrock’s defenders frustrated Patriots post players to grab a gritty 26-21 triumph in front of a raucous Raiders crowd that silenced an equally boisterous Liberty Charter student section. “They wanted it,” Jewett said of her players. “They came to play, and they came ready to battle.” For the first-year coach’s team, battling meant finding a way to neutralize the top-seeded Patriots’ taller players — 5-foot, 8-inch senior Madison Dodge and 6-foot freshman Maddie Hodnett. That strategy was what Jewett called a “special defense” called “41,” which she devised in the wake of Rimrock’s 30-27 loss to the Patriots on Jan. 19. “It’s a half-zone, half-man to shut down their big girls,” Jewett said. “Once we got it going, they didn’t know what to do.” Hodnett (eight points) and Dodge (six points) still had 75 percent of Liberty Charter’s offense. But on a relatively clean defensive night, Hodnett came up empty on four trips to the foul line and didn’t score after putting in six points in the first eight minutes. Dodge went 4-for-6 from the charity stripe, but couldn’t hit crucial shots in the second quarter that could have given the Patriots the lead. Even when Dodge got some redemption, third-seeded rallied. Her free throws at the end of the third quarter pushed Liberty Charter’s only lead of the game to three points, 19-16. But Rimrock post Valeria Lino — the only senior on the squad — took control. After the Patriots threw the ball away during a patient half-court possession, Lino went in for a layup. She then grabbed a defensive rebound and a steal (Liberty Charter’s 17th turnover) to end two other possessions. Rimrock took the lead for good when Maddie Macmillian cashed in on Hannah Field’s assist for a 20-19 lead with 5 minutes, 23 seconds left in the game. Field then had a couple defensive plays — a steal and

a deflected pass — to further stymie the sputtering Patriots. Lino slashed in for a layup with less than three minutes remaining for her second basket of the quarter and the game — all at the right time. Freshman guard Sintia Varela didn’t wilt under the spotlight, connecting on four free throws — Rimrock’s final four points of the game — to close out a game-high 10 points. She also had a key steal (Liberty Charter’s 20th turnover) with about a minute to go. In that moment, Varela froze momentarily, looked at her coach, then resumed bringing the ball slowly up the floor. “They go through spurts of inexperience on the floor, but I just tell them to calm down and keep their heads in the game,” Jewett said. A trip to the 1A, Div. I

Real Dairy Shootout state tournament — the first appearance for Rimrock since Jewett was a senior — is an apt reward for the current Raiders, the first-year coach said. “These girls have worked so hard on every aspect of the game,” she said. Rimrock’s state tournament will begin at 3 p.m. on Thursday at Columbia High School in Nampa against District II runner-up Prairie (22-2). The Pirates pummeled Wallace, 57-14, in a play-in game Saturday. Prairie’s only losses came against Moscow (a Class 4A program) and Lapwai (in the district championship game). “I’m expecting to get there and have some good games,” Jewett said. “I hope it’s really going to be a good experience for them.” — JPB

✓ HHS: Trojans make their free throws for first ’17-18 win vs. Fruitland

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early on. Despite shooting less than 32 percent in the first half, Homedale led 5-2 after eight minutes and 15-10 at the break. The Grizzlies hit just 14 percent of their shots in the half. The game proved to be a very physical one. Multiple times throughout the contest, bodies were hitting the floor hard. No point or rebound in the paint went uncontested. For the game, Homedale made 25 percent of its shots, including 2-for-10 from beyond the three-point line. Fruitland shot just over 23 percent, but sank 45 percent from long-range (five of 11). Foul shooting was a deciding factor in the game. The Trojans made it to the charity stripe 14 times, sinking eight chances. Fruitland made just three of five free throws. Carleigh LaCrone finished with a game-high 15 points to lead the Grizzlies. LaCrone was one of just four Fruitland players who scored. Sophomore Ellie Tesnohlidek dropped in nine points. — TK

Public notices

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF MAIL BALLOT PRECINCTS FOR OWYHEE COUNTY PRECINCT 10 – BRUNEAU PRECINCT FOR THE MARCH 13, 2018 GLENN'S FERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT #192 AND CASTLEFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT #417 LEVY ELECTIONS

As approved by the Secretary of State, the Elections to be held on Tuesday March 13, 2018 for the Glenns Ferry School District Levy and the Castleford School District Levy will be conducted as mail ballot elections. Per Idaho Code 34-308, each current registered voter in Owyhee County, within the Glenns Ferry and Castleford School Districts, will be mailed a ballot for the March 13, 2018 Levy Elections, along with a stamped envelope to return your ballot to the Clerk's office. Election Day Registration and voting will also be available to any resident within these districts at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78 Murphy, Idaho. Questions may be directed to the Owyhee County Clerk's Office at 208-495-2421.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

On March 7, 2018 beginning at 10:00 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 10:00 am, the Commission will hear application Z17-31, a request for short plat approval filed by **Ray & Lori Lynne Maloy** for a previously approved one-lot residential subdivision on a 6-acre parcel of land. The subject parcel, RP01N04W020910A, is in an agricultural zone located south of the intersection of Clark Road and Opaline Road in a portion of the S½ of the NW¼ of the NE¼ of Section 2, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 10:30 am, the Commission will hear application Z18-01, a request for short plat approval filed by **H. Richard Hill** for a previously approved one-lot residential subdivision. The subject property is located at milepost 20.4 on State Highway 78, near the intersection with Snake River B&B Lane. The subject parcel, RP01S02W200751A, is approximately 12 acres in size and is located in an agricultural zone situated in a portion of the NW¼ of the NE¼ of Section 20, Township 1 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 11:00 am, the Commission will hear application Z18-08 filed by **Gilbert King** seeking conditional use permit approval to add a manufactured home to the property for a ranch employee who is also a family member. The subject parcel, RP04S01E352411A, is located at 19100 King Lane in Oreana. The parcel is approximately 80-acres in an agricultural zone and is situated in the N½ of the NW¼ of Section 35, Township 4 South, Range 1 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 1:00 pm, the Commission will hear application

Z18-10 filed by **Brenda and James Lair** seeking approval of a conditional use permit for a two-lot residential subdivision. The subject parcels, RP04N05W316130A & RP04N05W316120A, are located in an agricultural zone approximately 2 miles NW of Homedale, located off Patriot Lane. The two parcels total approximately 8-acres and are situated in a portion of the SE¼ of the SW¼ of Section 31, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 2:00 pm, the Commission will hear application Z18-09, a request for a conditional use permit filed by **Showalter Construction Company** seeking to establish a gravel pit for approximately four years. The subject parcel, RP02N04W290040A, is located approximately 3.6 miles SW of Marsing in an agricultural zone and situated in the NW¼ of the NE¼ of Section 29, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 3:00 pm the Commission will hear application Z18-12 filed by **DeRuyter Properties, L.P.** seeking approval of a conditional use permit to establish a six space RV employee housing park on an approximately 74-acre parcel of land. The subject parcel, RP03N05W247951A, is located in an agricultural zone approximately 3.2 miles NW of Marsing. The site is located in an agricultural zone situated in the SE¼ of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Copies of the proposed projects are available for review in the Planning and Zoning office. For additional information please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2.
2/14/2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

On March 14, 2018 beginning at 6:30 pm, the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear public comments in the courtroom of the **Homedale City Hall located at 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale, Idaho** on the following matter at the time listed below.

Beginning at 6:30 pm, the Commission will hold an open house style public comment meeting to get input and ideas from citizens concerning current land use zones, allowed uses, and possible rezoning of unincorporated lands around Homedale. The public meeting will run from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Citizens are welcome to attend any time between those hours. This meeting is for unincorporated Owyhee County only and does not pertain to any land inside city limits.

Copies of current and proposed maps are available for review in the Planning and Zoning office and can also be viewed at www.owyheecounty.net under the Community Development tab. For additional information please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2.
2/14,2/28,3/7/2018

FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION #2017-31

LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS OF Owyhee County that discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, gender or

national origin in the sale, rental, leasing or financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing or in the provision of brokerage services is prohibited by Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights (Federal Fair Housing Law).

It is the policy of Owyhee County to encourage equal opportunity in housing or all persons regardless of race, color, religion, gender or national origin. The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 expands coverage to include disabled persons and families with children. Therefore, the county does hereby pass the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED that within available resources the County will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability or familial status to seek equity under federal and state laws by referring them to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Fair Housing an Equal Opportunity, Compliance Division.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County shall publicize this Resolution and through this publicity shall encourage owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law and amendments and any applicable state of local laws or ordinances.

SAID PROGRAM will at a minimum include: 1) publicizing this resolution; 2) posting applicable fair housing information in prominent public areas; 3) providing fair housing information to the public; 4) preparing a fair housing assessment; and 5) declaring April as Fair Housing Month.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect November 6, 2017.

/s/: Kelly Aberasturi, Chairman
/s/: Jerry Hoagland, Commissioner
/s/: Joe Merrick, Commissioner
ATTEST: /s/: Angela Barkell, Owyhee County Clerk
2/14/2018

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

To be sold for cash at a Trustee's Sale on June 19, 2018, 11:00 AM at the Owyhee County Courthouse Lobby 20381 Highway 78 Murphy ID 83650, the following described real property situated in Owyhee County, State of Idaho ("Real Property"): PARCEL I

A portion of Government Lot 5 of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and is more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Southwest corner of said Government Lot 5; thence North 0°17'20" East along the West boundary of said Government Lot 5, a distance of 1,282.57 feet to a point on the Southerly high water line of the Snake River; thence along said Southerly high water line the following courses and distances;

South 51°42'46" East, a distance of 338.19 feet;
South 64°31'34" East, a distance of 35.05 feet; thence South 0°17'20" West parallel with the said West boundary of Government Lot 5 a distance of 1,063.33 feet to a point on the South boundary of said Government Lot 5; thence North

88°58'00" West along said South boundary a distance of 298.25 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. PARCEL II

A non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress over and across the South forty (40) feet of Government Lot 5 in the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho. Commonly known as: 4113 Blue Heron Lane, Marsing , ID 83639 Selina A. Evans and Brad A. Evans, as Trustors conveyed Real Property via a Trust Deed dated August 20, 2003, in favor of New Century Mortgage Corporation as Beneficiary, in which Alliance Title and Escrow Corp was named as Trustee. The Trust Deed was recorded in Owyhee County, Idaho, on August 28, 2003, as Instrument No. 244838, of Official Records. The Deed of Trust was assigned for value as follows: Assignee: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2003-5 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Assignment Dated: November 18, 2014 Assignment Recorded: November 26, 2014 Assignment Recording Information: Instrument No. 285319 Benjamin J. Mann is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Owyhee, State of Idaho on September 6, 2017 at Instrument No. 293674, of Official Records. The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to Trustor's failure to make monthly payments beginning July 1, 2014, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$300,127.84, interest in the sum of \$76,902.91, escrow balance of \$14,394.92, and other fees in the amount of \$5,669.75, for a total amount owing of \$397,095.42, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced. The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Trustors. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale, and late charges, if any. Beneficiary has elected, and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation. The sale is a public sale and any person, including the Beneficiary, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed, without any representation or warranty, including warranty of title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an

as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The Trustors, successor in interest to the Trustors, or any other person having an interest in the property, or any person named in IRC § 45-1506, has the right, at any time prior to the Trustee's Sale, to pay to the Beneficiary, or the successor in interest to the Beneficiary, the entire amount then due under the Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Deed of Trust with Successor Trustee's and attorney's fees. In the event that all defaults are cured the foreclosure will be dismissed and the foreclosure sale will be canceled. The scheduled Trustee's Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 30 days for any reason. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The above Trustors are named to comply with IRC § 45-1506(4)(a). No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated this 7th day of February, 2018.

Benjamin J. Mann Substitute Trustee 376 East 400 South, Suite 300, Salt Lake City, UT 84111 Telephone: 801-355-2886 Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8AM-5PM (MST) File No. 14687
2/14,21,28,3/7/2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV-2017-1495-H IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

In the Matter of the Estate of ARTHUR FRED JEROME and CARMEN JUNE JEROME, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed as Personal Representative of the above named estate. All persons having claims against said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

Claims to: Charlene Renee Anderson, 18217 Deer Flat Rd., Caldwell, ID 83607 (208) 695-8390.

DATED this 31st day of January, 2018.

/s/ Charlene Renee Anderson, Personal Representative of the Estate of Arthur Fred Jerome and Carmen June Jerome
1/31,2/7,14,21/2018

Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On Tuesday the 5th day of June, 2018, at the hour of 11:00 o’clock a.m. of said day in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will 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 property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 7 and 8 in Block 71 of the Amended Townsite Plat of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 18 E. Montana Ave., Homedale, ID 83628, 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 ISMAHEL CARDENAS, a Single Person, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., recorded July 7, 2015, as Instrument No. 287139, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho; and assigned to the IDAHO CENTRAL CREDIT UNION by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on October 26, 2017, as Instrument No. 294159, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT HE IS, OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Note dated June 29, 2015, in the amount of \$250.62 each, for the months of September, 2017 through January, 2018, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 4.00% per annum from August 1, 2017. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$33,877.54,

plus accrued interest at the rate of 4.00% per annum from August 1, 2017.

DATED This 2nd day of February, 2018.

RYAN M. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
2/14,21,28; 3/7/2018

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE Trustee’s Sale No. ID-LTE-18002921

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on June 5, 2018, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, ON THE STEPS OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF HIGHWAY 78 AND HAILEY STREET, 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:

In Township 4 South, Range 1 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho

Section 28: Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter lying North of the County Road as now constructed

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 18080 SHORT CUT ROAD , 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 JULIE MAGEE, as Grantor, to PIONEER TITLE COMPANY OF CANYON COUNTY, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of DAVID PUTNAM, AN UNMARRIED MAN AND THOMAS T. NICHOLSON AND DIANE RAE NICHOLSON, as Beneficiary, dated 3/13/2014, recorded 3/24/2014, under Instrument No. 283533, Mortgage records of OWYHEE County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by DAVID PUTNAM, AN UNMARRIED MAN AND THOMAS T. NICHOLSON AND DIANE RAE NICHOLSON.

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 3/13/2014, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 10/11/2017 AND ALL 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 \$308,436.77, together with interest thereon at 6.500% per annum from 9/11/2017, 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: 1/24/2018.
/s/: Deborrah Duncan, Assistant Secretary, for Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, dba Pioneer Lender, 8151 W. Rifleman Street, Boise, ID 83704 Phone: 888-342-2510
2/7,14,21,28/2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV37-18-0004 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE MAGISTRATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of EDITH JANE SUTER, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JANICE MARIE WOODS has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must both be presented to the Personal Representative of the Estate at the law offices of White, Peterson, Gigray & Nichols, P.A., 5700 East Franklin Road, Suite 200, Nampa, Idaho 83687, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

Dated this 26th day of January, 2018.

/s/: Wm. F. Gigray, III
Attorneys for Personal Representative
/s/: Janice Marie Woods
Personal Representative
2/7,14,21/2018

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Sports

Celebrating a coach and a culture

Floor of Adrian’s new gym dedicated to Mills during community event

With the determination and focus of the old football coach that he is, Gene Mills set a goal to update school facilities when he arrived in tiny Adrian 14 years ago.

As district superintendent, he helped shape the schools. As the old ball coach, he helped transform the basketball and football programs into Eastern Oregon powerhouses.

On Thursday, the community turned out to salute Mills for his untiring work and unwavering vision.

“The improvements to the high school have been amazing, and under Mr. Mills’ leadership, we are recognized wherever we go as fine examples of our community,” high school principal Kevin Purnell said.

Purnell, Mills’ old rival turned ally and protégé, served as master of ceremonies as Adrian’s new high school gymnasium was opened. The hardwood inside the gleaming new facility was dedicated in honor of the hard-nosed yet big-hearted coach who dreamt up the idea of a new gym a decade ago.

The gym was built as part of \$1.89 million in improvements funded equally through a bond and a state grant.

“Since his arrival in Adrian 14 years ago, Gene Mills has worked relentlessly to make things better for the students and patrons of the Adrian School District,” Purnell said in his opening remarks inside the gymnasium.

“Gene was a catalyst for the building of a new elementary (school). At the time he envisioned a new gymnasium as well.”

Weakened by illness, Mills



Above: Adrian High School girls’ basketball coach Gene Mills is surrounded by his players during the dedication of the new gym Thursday. **Below:** All the players, like Shelby Vickers, wore pull-overs emblazoned with a tribute to Mills’ 50 years in coaching.

stood with the high school’s student body officers to cut the ribbon on the that gymnasium Thursday.

After what seemed like the entire community of Adrian filed through the new gym’s doors, Mills stood again — for the school fight song.

He was bolstered by his wife JoAnn, Purnell and school board members, who flanked him at center court. In the stands, Mills’ 2017-18 basketball players — the 50th group he has coached — stood wearing fleece pull-overs honoring a man whom his peers across Oregon recently knighted as “Coach of the Century.”

Even with all eyes on him, Mills deflected — perhaps chan-

neling his coaching idol, John Wooden.

“Kevin has done a great job here, and we’re very fortunate to have him at Adrian schools,” Mills said of Purnell.

Then he turned to his girls in the stands, some of them wiping away tears.

“Basketball is the most difficult sport to learn, but our girls have managed to do that to the point where they are the class of Eastern Oregon small-school basketball,” Mills said.

But, as always, Mills also spoke of the big picture when speaking of those athletes.

“These young ladies show a lot of class in whatever they do,” he said. “They are first-class citizens, and I love them

very much.”

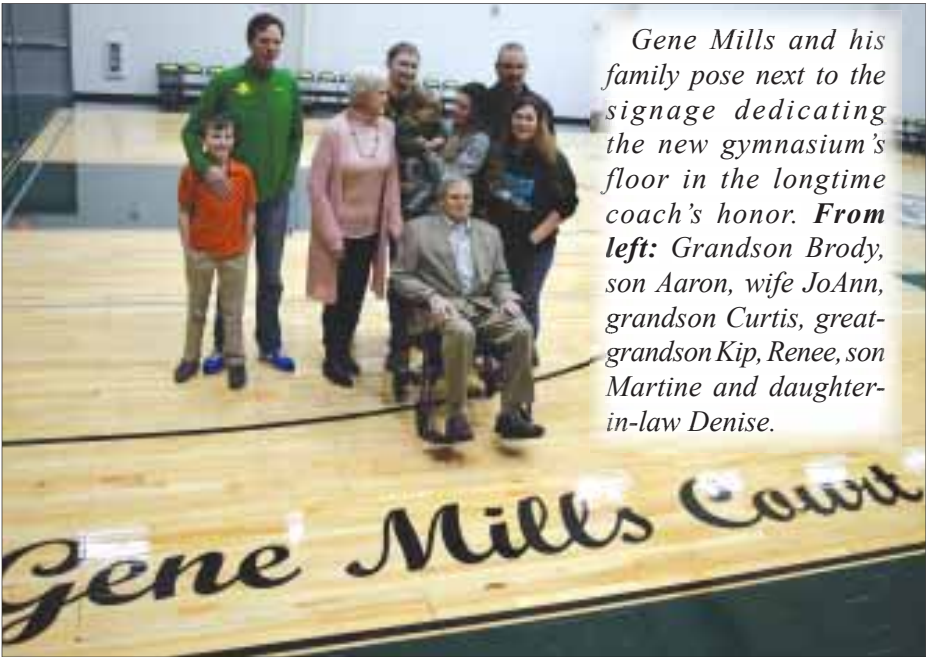
This year’s Antelopes are the third-seeded team in 1A District 8 Tournament. They played the final 1A High Desert League game of the season at home Friday in their new digs, beating Burnt River, 45-20.

“This gym is a testament to the community’s pride and its athletic programs at all levels and in all sports,” Mills said. “Those teams come to compete and do a great job.”

“I’m really proud to be an Antelope.”

Note: Adrian takes on Monumen/Dayville at 8 p.m. MST on Thursday in the first round of the 1A District 8 Tournament in John Day, Ore.

— JPB



Gene Mills and his family pose next to the signage dedicating the new gymnasium’s floor in the longtime coach’s honor. **From left:** Grandson Brody, son Aaron, wife JoAnn, grandson Curtis, great-grandson Kip, Renee, son Martine and daughter-in-law Denise.



Gene Mills and Adrian High School student body officers cut the ribbon opening the new gymnasium Thursday. Principal Kevin Purnell looks on in the back.