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## Search continues for man missing in Owyhees

### Mother, infant rescued from car Friday

A 32-year-old man has been missing in the Owyhees for two weeks, according to information released Mon-

day by the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office.

Eric Rose, along with 32-year-old Francesca Watson and their 1-year-old infant, all of Nampa, attempted to reach Silver City on Feb. 7, but their vehicle got stuck.

The release reports that sheriff's dispatchers were notified of a missing person at 11:36 a.m., on Friday, and a search commenced.

Watson reported that they had been stuck for four or five days when Rose decided to walk out to get help.

Rose was last seen in the remote and snow-covered area near Cow Creek and Trout Creek roads.

Watson and the infant were discovered in their vehicle by a crew working

— See *Search*, Page 5A

### 31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL BRUNEAU BOOSTERS AUCTION



*Above:* Jim and Paula Hanks stand in front of a wall of Jim's handiwork, including romel reins and mecates, in the basement of their Caldwell home. *Below:* Jim holds a mecate.

## Craftsman still spinning and twisting for Bruneau auction

### Husband of Bruneau native donates mecates for Saturday

Jim Hanks married a Bruneau girl — a Black, no less — and took her away from the community decades ago.

But, in the years since, he has remained a part of the small, close-knit Owyhee County community from afar with horsehair mecates and rawhide romel reins that he creates in the basement

workshop of the Caldwell home he shares with his wife, the former Paula Black.

With the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Bruneau Boosters Auction looming, Hanks has been at work again — although he rarely slows down even 28 years into his retirement after at 25-year career with the Caldwell Fire Dept.

Hanks has built two



mecates, which is part of the bridle system on a horse,

— See *Auction*, back page

## Law upholding Initiative's intent passes full Senate

### Bipartisan bill that also makes EAJA transparent heads to House

One piece of the 10-year-old puzzle that is the Owyhee Initiative law may be solved if current legislation makes it to President Trump's desk.

S. 47, the Natural Resources Management Act, is now in

the House of Representatives after the Senate passed the bill Feb. 12.

According to a press release, the legislation reflects a bipartisan Senate-House agreement to bundle together more than 100 individual lands bills.

The bill contains legislation to redraw boundaries in three wildernesses to keep them in

— See *Initiative*, page 14A

## ITD project brings new water lines to Marsing

### Town's garbage contractor asks about renewal, rate hike

For all the inconvenience that the state's road construction plans may be causing Marsing residents, the work may save taxpayer money in the long run.

City engineer Kirby Cook updated elected officials on various construction projects around town during last Wednesday's city council meeting.

Much of the work completed during this phase of the project to rehabilitate Idaho highway

55 and replace the Snake River bridge has benefitted the city's water system, Cook said.

For two weeks prior to the meeting, crews lowered the water line at 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue further from the surface so that the Idaho Transportation Department project contractor could bring the city's storm drain under the roadway.

Additionally, three water meters needed to be connected to the new water line (and new system) at 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The old system was then disconnected.

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# Sunnydale Motel hearing continued

## Council makes library board appointments

Nampa developers are still waiting to get their ducks in a row on the proposed purchase of Homedale's Sunnydale Motel.

A possible city council vote on a special use permit sought by Lindy and Tyler Riebe never happened last Wednesday after a concerned citizen's technical argument forced a continuance of the public hearing.

Gary Evans argued several points during his lengthy testimony, most of which were rebutted by city attorney Tony Pantera.

But Evans' point that the public hearing had not been advertised on the South Main Street motel property stuck. The Riebes want to convert the motel into long-term rentals.

Because no advertisement was placed on the property, the council had to continue the hearing until 5:30 p.m. on Thursday back inside the magistrate courtroom.

In most communities, the governing entity places signs on the property, but Homedale's zoning ordinance puts the onus on the applicant.

A sign advertising the continued public hearing was in place Thursday morning, adhering to the seven-day requirement for on-site



Permit applicants advertised this week's public hearing Thursday morning. Submitted photo

notice.

"I want you to know that I'm not against this. That motel is a joke as it sits now. My family calls it the Bates Motel," Evans said. "But this is my hometown. I live here and I've lived here a long time, and I like to see things done right."

"I'd like to see these people go in there and redo it absolutely. But it should be done right. It should be done by the ordinance and the law, and I don't think I'm too far out of line to ask for that."

Three public hearings were held last week, and no one made comment on proposed ordinances to:

- Reduce the alleyway property setback from 15 feet to five feet
- Vacate an alley between Barbara Street and South 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue West and place the

property in existing parcels.

- Establish a policy for line lot adjustments. Two developers in town seek to combine 25-foot lots in a way that would violate the city's current ordinance requiring maximum lot width, and the new ordinance would allow adjustments.

All three ordinances were approved unanimously.

## Homedale library gets new board member

As expected, longtime Friends of the Homedale Public Library member Nancy Belnap was confirmed as a new member on the library's board of directors.



Nancy Belnap

The council unanimously appointed Nancy Belnap to complete the term vacated by Jerry Anderson when rejoined the city council in December after the death of Tim Downing.

The council also unanimously handed board chair Dawn Whitney another five years on the board. Whether she continues as chair is up to the library directors. Whitney's new term expires in 2023 because she had been sitting out of term since October.

Other board members, and their term's expiration date, include Janet McCornack (October 2019), Pam Gibbens (October 2021), and Debbie Packer (October 2020).

— JPB



## Owyhee Health & Rehab gets a visit from the land down under

Above: Marsing residents Megan and Jake Astorquia brought the family's baby wallaby, Sherman, to Owyhee Health & Rehab on Friday for a chat about the Australian marsupial. Below: OHR resident Roman Usabel (left) pets Sherman as the Astorquias' son Jaxon holds him. Submitted photos



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# BLM’s Owyhee juniper removal program approved

## BOSH final decision addresses environmentalists’ appeal

The Record of Decision for an Owyhee County project to improve Greater Sage-Grouse habitat aims to address issues raised by radical environmentalists’ administrative appeals.

The Department of Interior issued a decision on the Bruneau-Owyhee Sage-Grouse Habitat (BOSH) Project last week, but a Bureau of Land Management spokesman said groups like Western Watersheds Project and WildLands Defense still could drag the conservation plan into federal court.

BOSH’s objective is to improve sagebrush-steppe habitat by removing encroaching Western juniper from 617,000 acres of public land within a 1.67 million acre area.

“This project is another example of (the Trump)

Administration’s commitment to impactful conservation that will endure for generations,” Acting U.S. Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt said.

“It demonstrates the success that can be achieved when the Department of the Interior works in collaboration with state partners to realize shared conservation objectives on behalf of the American people.”

Under the plan, select junipers will be cut to decrease encroachment on sagebrush and grasslands in areas that include sage-grouse leks and the corridors between them.

Treatments on BLM-managed lands will integrate with similar work on Idaho Department of Land and private acreage in and adjacent to project area.

Downed juniper trees and removed limbs will be made available as firewood.

The project’s objectives include reducing the risk of wildfire and further improving sage-grouse habitat by limiting the height of tree branches above ground level that are used as perches by birds that prey on sage-grouse.

The BLM developed BOSH in collaboration with the Idaho Governor’s Office of Species Conservation (OSC), Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Idaho Department of Lands, the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

In a press release, the Department of the Interior said the habitat restoration is consistent with other national-level sage-grouse habitat management decisions, including pending decisions on six Greater Sage-Grouse environmental impact statements (EISs) and land

use plan amendments in seven states.

Those plans align BLM’s land management decisions with those of each state to improve coordination and avoid listing the sage-grouse under the Endangered Species Act.

“The BOSH project aligns with Idaho’s goals by focusing on areas with the highest restoration potential,” OSC terrestrial species program manager and policy adviser Josh Uriarte said.

“Prioritizing the removal of conifers in the BOSH area will help ensure the project does not stop at state and private boundaries. The BOSH project is the missing piece of the puzzle, and we’re glad to see this Record of Decision signed.”

Although Western juniper is native to southwest Idaho, traditionally it has been scattered across the landscape. But in recent decades, the

trees have spread to compete with sage-steppe vegetation for water, nutrients, space and sunlight.

The abundance of juniper has increased the potential for wildfire, which is considered a primary threat to sage-grouse habitat.

“The input of our partners and the public has been very influential in how this project has evolved,” said BLM Acting Idaho State Director Peter Ditton. “BOSH is a great example of the BLM working with our neighbors and state and federal partners to improve and maintain working landscapes and sagebrush-steppe habitat.”

Interior’s press release said that BOSH will enhance proactive management policies and earlier actions to conserve remaining sagebrush habitat that supports significant economic activity such as ranching and recreation, and abundant wildlife.

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✓ Marsing: Subdivision plat public hearing continued a second time

At 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, a 4-inch service pipe was connected to the 8-inch main line.

The work amounted to upgrades for the municipal water system, Cook said. It also helped the city map out the location of its water infrastructure.

“All of our city water mains along the ITD corridor are connected to the 8-inch with brand-new PVC, so we hope-

fully won’t have to worry about any leaks in the future,” Cook said.

Beniton Construction hooked in the new 8-inch line to the 12-inch and abandoned the 6-inch going under 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, which was part of the old system that tied to the schools.

“So that whole project is new, and we now know where all the water mains are located,” Cook said.

Cook said he has not received word on when Snake River bridge replacement will commence, although the U.S. Coast Guard released a public notice last Wednesday regarding ITD’s request for replacement plans approval.

According to the notice, temporary work piers will be constructed 20 to 40 feet north and south of the bridge and will span the full width of the river.

For more detail about ITD’s application and plans for the

proposed bridge, visit [www.navcen.uscg.gov/D13BN](http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/D13BN).

The Island Park boat dock project will bid on Monday. As of last Wednesday, one company has turned in their bid, Cook reported.

Bulk water rate increase OK’d

After the night’s second scheduled public hearing, council members unanimously voted to change the city’s bulk well water rate and the way the rate is calculated.

Previously, the city charged \$69.30 for the first 2,000 gallons of bulk water. Once the new ordinance is published, the rate will be \$66.10 for the first 1,000 gallons and \$25.10 for each additional 1,000 gallons. Previously, water ordered above the first 2,000 gallons cost \$3.38 per 1,000 gallons.

City engineer Amy Woodruff said the rate increase was necessary to ensure the city could afford operational costs.

“The subject of bulk water is a subject that’s been floating around for the last couple

years,” city engineer Amy Woodruff said. “It became apparent a few months ago that the City of Marsing’s effort in providing bulk water, and in keeping those facilities across the river viable, didn’t equate to what they were charging for the water.”

She said that those issues include the price of power the cost of the city maintenance crew time.

“(The rate hike includes) about \$6 of operation and maintenance money that would go toward replacing pumps and updating the meters,” Woodruff said.

Westowns explores contract renewal

Bill Pastoor of Westowns Disposal Inc. asked the council about the possibility of renewing the company’s service contract with a three percent rate increase.

There are still a year and half left on the current 10-year contract between the city and the garbage hauling service, so the new contract or rate increase

— if approved — wouldn’t go into effect until late 2020.

“I don’t speak for council, but I don’t have any reason at all not to consider renewal,” Mayor James Ferdinand.

Councilman Chris Even echoed the mayor’s sentiments.

“All the years I’ve been running around here, you guys have always been great,” he said. “If I’ve ever had an issue, I’d give a call and it would be resolved right away.”

Neither elected official commented on the rate hike request, and no decision was made regarding Pastoor’s renewal request.

Meadow Brook plat hearing delayed again

With a traffic study still not completed, the planned public hearing concerning the proposed Meadow Brook residential subdivision preliminary plat has been continued again.

Originally scheduled for January, the council will try to hold the hearing at 7 p.m., on March 13.

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**Correction**

The grant source for the Idaho Rangeland Conservation Partnership was incorrectly reported in the Feb. 13 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche. The Partnership is operating under a three-year grant from Intermountain West Joint Venture.



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**Bruneau and Beyond speaker series**  
Noon, free, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131

**Christian Life Club**  
4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., after-school program for kindergarten through sixth grade, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024, (208) 337-3464

**Grand View Chamber meeting**  
5:30 p.m., Grand View Fire Station, 721 Roosevelt St., Grand View.

## Thursday

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

**Pinochle games**  
After lunch, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

**STEMCraft at the library**  
4 p.m., grade-school ages, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View.

**Homedale City Council public hearing**  
5:30 p.m., Homedale magistrate courtroom, City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641

## Friday

**Idaho Foodbank drop-off**  
9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale.

**3D printer class**  
10 a.m. to noon, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. Grades 5-12. (208) 834-2785

**Story Time**  
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday

**3D printer class**  
Noon to 2 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. Adult class. (208) 834-2785

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

**Life in the SON Christian support group**  
7 p.m., Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 504-7884 or songtobe@gmail.com

**Mr. Rimrock contest**  
7 p.m., \$5 admission, Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau

**Free Ice Cream Skit Night**  
7:30 p.m., \$3 for students, \$5 for adults, \$20

per family, Homedale High School auxiliary gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

## Saturday

**Boise Valley/Owyhee County Judo Tournament**  
8 a.m., Homedale High School gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

**Catholic Mass**  
10 a.m., Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church and Oreana Community Hall, Oreana. (208) 466-7031

**Free lunch**  
Noon to 12:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

**Pinochle and dominoes games**  
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

**Bruneau Booster Community Auction**  
5:30 p.m., free dinner, 7 p.m., auction, American Legion Post 83 Hall, Bruneau. (208) 845-2842

**Free Ice Cream Skit Night**  
7:30 p.m., \$3 for students, \$5 for adults, \$20 per family, Homedale High School auxiliary gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

## Monday

**Board of County Commissioners meeting**  
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421

**Parent night and mini-college fair**  
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., during parent-teacher conferences, Homedale High School, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4613

## Tuesday

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

**Homedale Chamber luncheon**  
Noon, The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.

**Pinochle games**  
After lunch, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

**US Ecology public meeting**  
6 p.m., Rimrock Jr./Sr. High School, 39678 Idaho highway 78, Bruneau. (208) 834-2275

## Wednesday

**Christian Life Club**  
4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., after-school program for kindergarten through sixth grade, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024, (208) 337-3464

## Marsing construction update

ITD construction to rebuild Idaho highway 55 and replace the Snake River Bridge continues in Marsing. Here's what to expect this week:

- Excavation of the roadway on the south side of Idaho 55. Pedestrians should use the north side of Idaho 55.
- Excavation began at Riverfront Drive and will move west. ITD estimated progress of one city block per day. Riverfront will be closed to through traffic for the next few weeks.
- Sandbar Avenue will be closed to through traffic for the next nine months. Businesses can be accessed via Old Bruneau Highway and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North.
- Driveway access will remain open with short-term impacts.

As expected, traffic will be reduced to one lane at times. Flaggers and a signal at Riverfront Drive will control traffic. Expect delays of up to 15 minutes.

Work will occur during daytime hours, with no work on weekends.

- Visit [itdprojects.org/marsing55improvements](http://itdprojects.org/marsing55improvements) or call (208) 334-8874 for information.

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## ✓ Search: Trio set out for Silver City two weeks ago

near DeLamar Mine on Friday and were taken into Jordan Valley for medical assistance, county dispatch supervisor Christine Ballard said.

Citing family sources, KTVB NewsChannel 7 reported Watson had found shelter in a cabin before returning to the vehicle. The TV station also said Watson was found by a snowmobiler.

In trying to find Rose, deputies and volunteer personnel have been searching the area on foot and with snowmobiles. Idaho Mountain Search and Rescue has also been involved with the search, with canine assistance.

Ballard also said drones had been used in the search.

Malheur County authorities were involved with the initial phase of the incident. After Watson and the infant were transported to Jordan Valley, Malheur officials' involvement ended, Ballard said.

The sheriff's office is requesting no additional citizens in the area aid in the search because of extreme conditions.

All roads to Silver City are closed to the public during winter.

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From left: Reva Mahaffey, Parma; Marissa Adame, Wilder; instructor Callie Hann, RN, Homedale; Amy Norris, Homedale; Anna Hutchings, Adrian; Robin Pinkston, Parma; and Marrissa Cole, Homedale. Submitted photo

# Local students complete COSSA CNA program; more classes set

Six women recently completed the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency’s Certified Nursing Assistant program. This is the second year that COSSA in Wilder has offered the class as part of its adult evening education programs. Night classes give the students the opportunity to continue working while they further their education, COSSA short term training coordinator Deb Downing said.

A Homedale resident, Downing oversees adult, evening and recreational classes as well as industry-specific training. Recent program graduates include Marrissa Cole and Amy Norris of Homedale, Anna Hutchings of Adrian, Marissa Adame of Wilder, and Parma residents Reva Mahaffey and Robin Pinkston. Homedale resident Callie Hann, RN, is COSSA’s CNA instructor

“The students all speak very highly of her ability to guide them through and ready them for their testing and certification,” Downing said. Students from Weiser to Nampa have participated in the two years the program has been in existence. Downing said there are still openings for COSSA’s next CNA class that begins March 5. Welding classes also are offered at night.

# Death notices

**LEOLA BERRY (G-MA BERRY)**, 97, of Bruneau, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019. She is the mother of longtime Bruneau resident Charlene (Gene) Perkins. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m., on Thursday, Feb. 21, 2019 at Bruneau Cemetery. A dinner to follow at the Bruneau Legion Hall. Arrangements: Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, Mountain Home. (208) 587-0612

**LUELLA GREEN**, 91, of Homedale, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019. Arrangements: All Valley Cremation, 1538 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., Nampa. (208) 899-9361

**MARTIN “MARTY” DANIEL REGIS**, 80, of Homedale, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2019. Arrangements: Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell.

**VERN MADRID SUBIA**, 91, of Caldwell, who was raised in Marsing, died Monday, Feb. 4, 2019. A Celebration of Life will be held at 3:30 p.m., on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at Vern’s Lounge, 120 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Caldwell. The family will also receive family and friends at the Elks Lodge in Caldwell from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., earlier that day. Arrangements: [www.flahifffuneralchapel.com](http://www.flahifffuneralchapel.com)

**DELLA R. VANEK**, 97, of Marsing, died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2019. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel.

# Local residents qualify for NNU Dean’s List

A handful of local students have been placed on the Fall 2018 Dean’s List at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa.

Students in the College of Arts & Sciences must earn a 3.5 grade-point average while taking at least 12 graded credit units at the undergraduate level:

**Ashley Holton**, Marsing  
**Camilla Korellis**, Marsing  
**Jayne Bills**, Melba

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**Kristen Uria**, Wilder, who teaches second grade at Homedale Elementary School  
**Alexandria Malika**, Bruneau, a fifth-grader teacher at Grand View Elementary School  
**Tina Mancuso**, Murphy

# Senior menus

**Homedale Senior Center**  
*Salad bar available with each meal:*  
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Feb. 21: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, string beans, roll  
Feb. 26: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, Calif. blend veggies, roll  
Feb. 27: Taco salad w/salsa, chips, cheese, tomatoes, lettuce  
Feb. 28: Roast pork, mashed potatoes w/gravy, carrots, roll

**Rimrock Senior Center**  
*All meals are served with milk & fruit juice*  
Feb. 21: Pizza, pepperoni, combo & Hawaiian, green salad, mandarin oranges, jello fluff  
Feb. 26: “More” Casserole (Hamburger, sausage, pasta, veggie) fruit cocktail jello, biscuits  
Feb. 28: Ham & beans, sliced cucumbers & tomatoes, pineapple & cottage cheese, cornbread

### Rimrock FFA’s qualify for State Degrees

Rimrock FFA chapter members, from left, Hannah Field, Mylee Meyers and Ray Draper, will receive the Idaho FFA State Degree during the State Leadership Conference on April 3-6 at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. To qualify for the degree, the students had to take tests on FFA history and knowledge, and on Parliamentary Procedure. They also had to complete record books for their chosen Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAEs). Submitted photo

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# School menus

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Feb. 20: **Breakfast:** Choc. chip muffin, applesauce **Lunch:** Spaghetti, green beans, garlic toast  
Feb. 21: **Breakfast:** Donut holes, mixed fruit, string cheese **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, steamed carrots, fruit roll up  
Feb. 25: **Breakfast:** Cereal bar, peaches **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs, mixed vegetables  
Feb. 26: **Breakfast:** Toast, sausage patty, pears **Lunch:** Nachos, baby carrots  
Feb. 27: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes, applesauce **Lunch:** Chicken taco, corn

## Homedale Middle

*Fruit & salad bar, choice of milk and juice each day*  
Feb. 20: **Breakfast:** Mini cinn. bagel or cereal, applesauce **Lunch:** Orange chicken or pizza hot pocket, steamed rice, broccoli, fortune cookie  
Feb. 21: **Breakfast:** Powdered sugar donut or cereal, string cheese **Lunch:** Pizza or PB&J sandwich, rice krispie treat  
Feb. 25: **Breakfast:** Cherry frudel or cereal, yogurt, peaches **Lunch:** Chicken fries or fish sticks, mixed vegetables, string cheese  
Feb. 26: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich or cereal, pears **Lunch:** Spicy chicken sandwich or hot dog, potato wedges  
Feb. 27: **Breakfast:** Breakfast tornado or cereal, applesauce **Lunch:** Pork chop or chicken tenders, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, hot roll

## Homedale High

*Salad, fruit choice and choice of milk and juice each day*  
Feb. 20: **Breakfast:** Sausage plate or mini pancakes or cereal **Lunch:** Beef taco or chicken taco, corn  
Feb. 21: **Breakfast:** Donut or yogurt parfait or cereal **Lunch:** Chicken tender, mashed potatoes w/gravy, roll or grab ‘n’ go chicken wrap  
Feb. 25: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or cinn. pull apart or cereal **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken or mini calzones, garlic toast, steamed carrots  
Feb. 26: **Breakfast:** French toast sticks or rolled taco or cereal **Lunch:** Hamburger or cheeseburger, tater tots, cookie  
Feb. 27: **Breakfast:** Breakfast plate or maple breakfast sandwich or cereal **Lunch:** Orange chicken or egg roll, steamed rice, pizza hot pocket, fortune cookie

## Marsing

**Elementary:** Veggie bar, fruit bar, fruit juice and choice of milk  
**Middle/High School Grab-n-go line: Monday & Wednesday:** Ch’burger, croissant sandwich. **Tuesday & Thursday:** Chicken sandwich, wrap. **Every day:** Pizza, salad w/breadstick  
*All main entrees served with fries, milk & fruit/veggie bar*  
Feb. 20: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick, banana **Lunch:** Tater tot casserole, whole grain roll, buttered corn  
Feb. 21: **Breakfast:** Breakfast wrap, yogurt, grapes **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, seasoned fries  
Feb. 25: **Breakfast:** Strawberry mini bagel, apple **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, whole grain roll, steamed carrots or PB&J, chocolate chunk cookie  
Feb. 26: **Breakfast:** Apple cinn. Tx. toast, strawberries **Lunch:** Super nachos, mixed veggies or PB&J  
Feb. 27: **Breakfast:** Egg & cheese taco, orange smiles **Lunch:** Lasagna, garlic bread, green beans or PB&J

## Bruneau/Grand View

*All breakfasts and all meals: Milk and fruit offered daily*  
**Jr.-Sr. high school: Salad bar, pizza offered daily**  
Feb. 20: **Breakfast:** PB&J **Lunch:** Chicken patty, mashed potatoes & gravy, steamed broccoli, whole wheat roll  
Feb. 21: **Breakfast:** Waffles **Lunch:** Corn dog, black beans, baby carrots  
Feb. 25: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Pizza, tossed Romaine salad, corn  
Feb. 26: **Breakfast:** Biscuits & gravy **Lunch:** Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, garden spinach salad, broccoli, breadstick  
Feb. 27: **Breakfast:** Pancakes & egg patty **Lunch:** Taco salad, whole wheat tortilla chips, refried beans/salsa  
Feb. 28: **Breakfast:** Breakfast wrap **Lunch:** Hamburger on a bun, tater tots, baby carrots, chocolate cake

# Maintaining cow’s energy after calving a matter of correct nutrition

A cow’s nutritional needs increase significantly after calving. She not only needs to produce milk for a growing calf, but also must rebreed within a few months in order to have a calf next year.

Following calving, a cow’s energy requirements increase nearly 30 percent. Additionally, her protein requirement nearly doubles during this time.

If her nutritional requirements are not met, she will have to utilize any fat reserves from her body, will likely produce less milk for the calf, and be delayed in returning to estrus and rebreeding. If the weather is wet and cold (which it has been lately) during this time, her nutritional needs will increase even more.

Corn stalks and most crop residues will not provide sufficient nutrition alone for cows during this critical time in their annual production cycle. They will be deficient in both protein and energy. Stockpiled grasses will also likely be insufficient to meet their nutritional needs. Supplementation in some form

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or another will be required to maintain her body condition.

There are many different supplements and forms of supplements that can be utilized to keep cows productive. Range cubes, molasses-based tubs, lick tanks, and hay or silage can all be used to help meet the nutritional needs of your cow herd. When selecting which type of supplement to use, I like to compare required labor and cost per unit of each needed nutrient.

In general, tubs and lick tanks require the least amount of labor to feed. Tubs can be placed in areas to draw cattle into specific areas, which can sometimes have management benefits. Lick tanks can be used similarly and are generally filled/serviced by the supplier. The biggest disadvantage is cost. When calculating/comparing the cost per pound of protein or energy, they are frequently the most expensive.

Alfalfa hay can make an excellent supplement. When compared on a cost per pound of protein basis, it is generally the least expensive supplement. The disadvantage to using alfalfa is the labor required to feed it. Labor costs can be reduced by supplementing

with alfalfa every third day rather than every day. For example, if it was determined that your cows needed six pounds of alfalfa per day, you could feed 18 pounds every third day with the same results. Of course, this only applies if they are on some type of low-quality forage such as winter pasture or crop residue at the same time.

Take care to meet your cows’ nutritional needs following calving through rebreeding. Spend some time with a pencil and calculator to determine which supplement is most cost-effective. It will pay dividends in the long run.

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



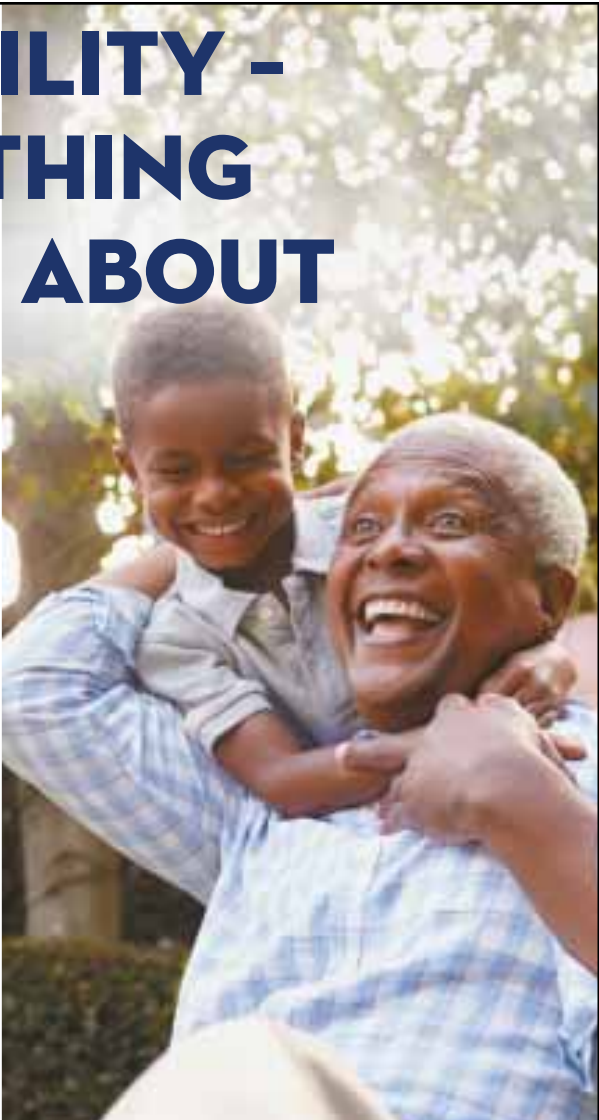
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# SOS BRINGS SPECIAL VALENTINE’S CARNIVAL TO HHS



Homedale High School students bounce off each other during Battleballs combat on Thursday.



Homedale senior Charley Jerome takes aim with his padded arrow during Sources of Strength’s Pal-en-tine Carnival on Thursday in the main high school gymnasium.



Students engaged in a tug-o-war competition during Thursday’s carnival. In this tough contest, these seniors were bested by the freshmen.

**Mystery Week brings HES fun, frivolity**  
One of Mrs. Zanotelli’s first-graders navigates the obstacle course on Thursday during Homedale Elementary’s PTO Mystery Week. Classes took turns throughout the week enjoying the inflatable obstacle course, slide, and jump house.



Homedale High School sophomore Katelyn Jerome (right) paints a schoolmate’s face during Thursday’s carnival in the main gymnasium.



## Fair board ponders security issues

Directors  
OK summertime  
goat show

With security concerns at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds, the fair board has been looking into its options.

Board member Jake Astorquia of Marsing has been researching possible solutions.

“We’ve got a few options for some type of security,” he said during a recent meeting. “The fairgrounds are wide open.”

A representative from Boise Alarm Co., came out to the fairgrounds to discuss solutions to the security issues, including camera placement and motion sensors/alarms for the buildings at the Homedale site.

One option Astorquia discussed was an alarm system that is not internet-based, but rather one that sends alerts to cellphones.

Boise Alarm Co.’s bid of \$2,409 would cover alarms for the doors, motion sensors

within the buildings, and installation. There would also be a \$35 service charge per month.

The fair board didn’t take action on the bid during its monthly meeting Feb. 7.

Another option considered was motion-detecting LED lights that would light up areas fair directors deem necessary. Astorquia mentioned that the lights, which can be purchased for as little as \$30 per four-pack, can be adjusted for sensitivity and amount of time they stay lighted.

**Rimrock senior project goat show approved**

A Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School student has received the go-ahead to present at goat show at the fairgrounds on July 13.

Hannah Field is chairperson of the Treasure Valley Market Classic as her senior project.

The board approved the request contingent on the receipt of a \$300 rental fee and \$500 cleaning deposit.

Field was busy playing in the 1A, Div. I District III girls’ basketball championship game

against Notus at the time of the fair board meeting, so Janelle Thompson from the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing read the girl’s proposal.

“It has been a great way to learn and practice showmanship skills,” Field wrote of the goat show. “This show has continued to provide education in feeding, grooming and showmanship.”

Field is also the Rimrock FFA chapter president.

In her letter, Field said she has been working on donations for awards and getting insurance, to get sanctioned by the Snake River Show Series and Rocky Mountain Jackpot Show Circuit.

She assured the board that she would take special care with the fairgrounds, and “leave it in better condition than we find it.” She also said she would pay for a dumpster to put near the sheep stalls, to help with cleanup.

Directors acknowledged that everything was cleaned up following last year’s goat show.

— TK

## Fair director’s spouse retains part-time fair helper job after inquiry

The spouse of an Owyhee County Fair director has been cleared to serve as a part-time employee helping the fair’s secretary and manager.

Megan Astorquia’s employment originally was approved a month ago by the Board of County Commissioners. But the hire was put on hold after it was brought to County Clerk Angie Barkell’s attention that Astorquia, a Marsing resident, is the wife of fair board member Jake Astorquia.

Barkell said the hire was cleared after conferring with legal counsel. It was determined that no nepotism laws were violated because, according to Barkell, fair manager Ginger Loucks hired Astorquia then informed the fair board of her personnel action.

Fair directors did not vote on the matter, and do not have a say in compensation or approving timesheets. Dist. 1 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi (R-Homedale) is the fair supervisor and oversees employee compensation protocol, Barkell said.

Fair directors serve on a volunteer basis.

Megan Astorquia, who has been a volunteer helper at the fair each August in recent years, will make \$13 per hour and will work fewer than 20 hours per week.

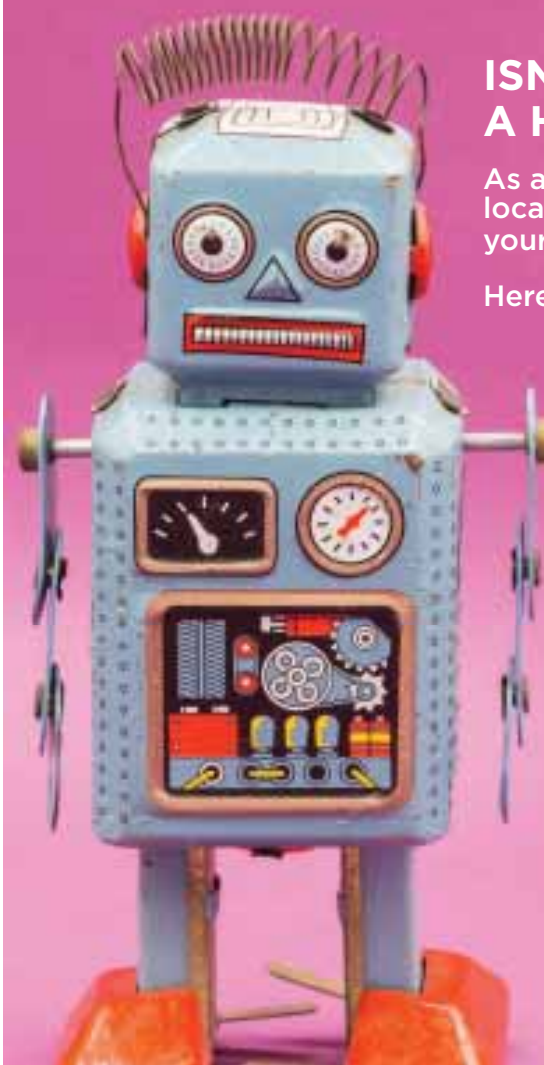
Barkell said Astorquia’s hours may increase as the county fair nears this August, depending on how Loucks is feeling from treatment for her breast cancer.

During their original decision, county commissioners also gave Loucks a pay raise to \$15 per hour.

Loucks received a raise. Her new rate of pay is \$15 per hour, an increase from \$13.95 per hour.

The effective date for Astorquia’s hire and Loucks’ pay increase was Jan. 22.

— JPB and TK



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# Remote testimony gives rural folks options to be heard

House Education committee may hold remote hearings this session

by Cheyenna McCurry  
McClure Center intern

The Idaho House Education Committee is preparing for the second remote testimony pilot project hearing that will offer Idahoans who live more than 100 miles from the Statehouse the opportunity to testify on bill(s) chosen by the committee’s chairman.

Remote testimony is a piloted project developed by Dist. 5B Rep. Caroline Nilsson Troy (R-Genesee) during the 2018 legislative session after one of her constituents, Kathy Dawes of Moscow, wanted to give testimony on a bill but couldn’t afford to travel down to Boise.

Nilsson Troy agreed to split the cost of a plane ticket to get Dawes to the Capitol and back to Moscow in the same day. However, the hearing for the bill was postponed several times, leaving Nilsson Troy

and Dawes frustrated.

“It’s really difficult for folks very far away to come down (and) have their voice heard,” Nilsson Troy said. “And for rural communities, it’s even more difficult because the distances are so far and roads aren’t always good, especially during this time of year.”

Dawes later testified on a House bill remotely from the KUID-TV studios at the University of Idaho in Moscow.

“I’m very pleased with it,” Dawes said in an interview with Idaho Public Radio after her testimony. “I hope they continue it. I hope they continue it with other committees.”

The project is being utilized in the House Education Committee, and legislation for which remote testimony will be taken this year will be decided by new committee chair, Dist. 24A Rep. Lance Clow (R-Twin Falls).

Clow addressed committee members Friday morning about possible legislation and asked for any suggestions on improving the legislative’s remote testimony.

“Last year, I thought it was a little bit weak in the way that we did it, but we didn’t have any, what I would describe as, bills that might have not attracted a lot of attention,” Clow said during Friday’s committee meeting.

The potential bills are House Bill 120 from Dist. 33A Rep. Barbara Ehardt (R-Idaho Falls), which would give parents the opportunity to opt-in their children for sex education classes. The other is, House Bill 150 from Dist. 5A Rep. Bill Goesling (R-Moscow), which would allow school boards with two vacancies to enter into an executive session with a majority roll-call vote.

Senate bills aren’t available for this pilot project.

Clow hopes the two proposed bills will attract more testimony as last year only three out of the six remote locations participated. Clow also thinks that the committee may be able to discuss both bills for

the hearing, but it depends on response from the public.

Committee members optimistic about this year’s remote testimony. Dist. 30A Rep. Gary Marshall (R-Idaho Falls) says he uses the same technology every week to talk to citizens from his district.

“It works great. They can see us. We can see them. It’s a very nice process,” Marshall said during Friday’s committee meeting.

The date for the remote testimony hearing is yet to be determined as preparation is in its early stages. In addition, the committee must work around the House Revenue & Taxation Committee, which meets at the same time. The room where Revenue & Taxation meets has video and audio capabilities while House Education’s room does not. It is known that the hearing won’t occur on a Monday.

When a date and legislation details are known, the committee will notify the public at least 72 hours before the date of hearing, and citizens will be able to register up to 24 hours before hearing. If a location doesn’t have testimony reg-

istered 24 hours in advance, the location will be closed and won’t be able to participant in the hearing.

There are six available locations for remote testimony:

- College of Southern Idaho (CSI) in Twin Falls
- Idaho Falls Research & Extension Center in Idaho Falls
- Idaho State University (ISU) in Pocatello
- University of Idaho KUID studios in Moscow
- U of I Nancy M. Cummings Extension Center in Carmen
- North Idaho College (NIC) in Coeur d’Alene

Additional information about remote testimony can be found on the Idaho Legislature’s website, <https://legislature.idaho.gov/remote-testimony/>.

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At 6 p.m., on Tuesday at the Rimrock Jr./Sr. High School auditorium, USEI officials will present information on an Idaho

Department of Environmental Quality permit modification.

The modification will update the facility’s contingency plan and allow limited operations. The plant still hasn’t been cleared to resume treatment of hazardous materials.

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# County to benefit from new crisis center

## Caldwell facility set for April opening

A location for the Region 3 Behavioral Health Community Crisis Center has been identified.

The center, which will serve Owyhee, Adams, Canyon, Gem, Payette, and Washington counties, is located in the Cornerstone building at 524 Cleveland Blvd., suite 160, in Caldwell.

The building is currently undergoing renovations and improvements, according to Southwest District Health director Nikole Zogg.

“We plan to open in April and will have a grand opening,” she said.

No grand opening date has been set.

Zogg said that behavioral health provider Lifeways will recruit a staff to operate the center, which will be open around the clock, in the coming weeks.

Under the direction of Lifeways, the facility will provide medical, risk, and behavioral assessments, develop care plans, provide intervention and referral services, and develop an aftercare plan for clientele that is at-risk and in need.

The plan also includes the use of its facility for temporary psychological holds by law enforcement for those individuals in their care. This will help reduce unnecessary and expensive hospital stays.

“Southwest District Health and Lifeways are working with community partners across the region to provide community and stakeholder education about our services that will be available at the crisis center,” she said.

Several factors went into the decision to find a suitable location.

First, it was necessary for the building to have convenient access to Interstate 84. The center also needed to have ground-level access, require minimal renovation, and have between 5,000 and 7,000 square feet.

The contract made with Idaho Department of Health and Welfare also required that the center be located in the population hub of Canyon County.

Last year, the Idaho Legislature provided a one-time payment of \$200,000 to be used for leasing, purchasing, or renovating a facility. It has

additionally committed \$1.5 million to fund the first year of operations.

“It is anticipated that (the) Legislature will provide \$1.5 million in the second year as well,” Zogg said previously.

Owyhee County and other counties in the Southwest District Health region could enter into a cost-share program in future years.

“The shared cost is anticipated to be split 50/50 between the state of Idaho and community partners,” Zogg said.

Zogg said that, based on data collected from existing crisis centers in Idaho, the cost per visit to the Region 3 crisis center will be approximately \$500. This cost will not be passed onto the individual but will be covered by a collaboration of community partners, including Owyhee County, and the cities of Nampa and Caldwell.

Southwest District Health was also in conversations with St. Luke’s and Saint Alphonsus regarding funding support.

Blue Cross of Idaho awarded Southwest District Health a Foundation for Health grant, through its Rural Health Initiative, for \$75,000, according to a press release dated Feb. 12. That amount was part of \$190,000 donated to the Crisis Center, the Idaho Community Foundation and Idaho Rural Partnership, and the University of Idaho.

The release stated that the grant “will identify and implement a pilot practice and financial redesign model to advance the current behavioral health crisis center to a system model that coordinates care and addresses the needs of rural and vulnerable populations.”

Blue Cross Chief Medical Affairs Officer Dr. Rhonda Robinson Beale said, “Idaho’s landscape can make it difficult for people to access healthcare and for doctors and other medical professionals to provide the best care.”

Organizations or service groups interested in learning more about the crisis center can coordinate a presentation through Cristina Froude at [Cristina.Froude@phd3.idaho.gov](mailto:Cristina.Froude@phd3.idaho.gov) or (208) 455-5373.

— TK

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02/16	6.7	28	8.5	32	10	23
02/17	7.1	29	8.8	40	5	21
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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 41 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 790 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 31 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 291,537 acre-feet of water on Monday.

# Man sleeping in idling car arrested for DUI in Homedale

A 28-year-old man found sleeping behind the wheel of a vehicle has arrested on suspicion of driving drunk.

Juan Antonio Meza of Homedale was arrested around 2 a.m. on Feb. 12.

According to Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller, officers found Meza passed out in the driver’s seat of a vehicle with its engine running.

The car was parked on the side of the street at the corner

of North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street East and East Owyhee Avenue.

Eidemiller said Meza was arrested on a misdemeanor charge after his blood-alcohol content measured .114 and .107 percent. — JPB

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# Marsing High School seniors job shadow coroner

Fieldwork, tours shed light on career possibility

Two Marsing High School seniors got a glimpse at a possible career thanks to the Owyhee County Coroner’s Office.

Jaime Gerthung and Anahi Moreno recently completed the office’s 10-hour work shadowing program studying medicolegal death investigation.

The students heard about the coroner’s office as well as a funeral home, learning procedures for both.

“The job shadow has been developing over the last three years,” Coroner Aaron Tines said. “Some (previous students) came for their senior projects.

“A lot of the experience was going over the roles and responsibilities of the office and the processes that we use.”

Tines welcomes high school seniors to contact his office if they’d like to take part in the program. He has also visited local classrooms to help drum up interest in the educational program.

Contact Tines at (208) 896-4266 for more information.

Tines said Gerthung and Moreno were the first students to experience the comprehensive program.

Each student walked through their own mock crime scene, gathering evidence and looking for answers, in one part of the course last month.

Level 1 sheriff’s reservist



**Left:** Marsing High School senior Jaime Gerthung photographs wounds on a mock victim during his crime scene investigation exercise on Jan. 22 outside the Owyhee County Coroner’s Office in Marsing. **Right:** Anahi Moreno, another Marsing senior, collects evidence, including bullet shell casings, as she works a mock crime scene during her Jan. 19 fieldwork.

Submitted photos

Tony Aguirre assisted Moreno at her mock scene, while Tines helped Gerthung.

“We like to do (the course) one-on-one so we can see what the students are picking up on,” Tines said.

In the classroom, students learn about the investigative process and how to work a crime scene.

“As they do the mock scene, we’ll walk them through certain stages of it,” Tines said.

“The search for evidence, they do on their own. But we walk them through the photography process.”

During their fieldwork, the

students had to track down 10 pieces of evidence, and fill out and seal evidence bags. They also documented their findings with photographs.

“It was good for them to see how much time that takes,” Tines said of the crime scene exercise, which was staged outside Tines’ office on Reich Street in Marsing.

Tines said Moreno plans to study forensic pathology in school. He was unsure if Gerthung would pursue a similar educational path.

“The Owyhee County Coroner’s Office wishes Ms. Moreno and Mr. Gerthung a

bright future in pursuing their education and professional careers,” Tines wrote in a press release about the program’s completion.

Both students are in the process of writing their reports.

“We’ll do a debrief as soon as they get those done,” Tines said.

The students also took a tour of the Canyon County Morgue and a visit to Flahiff Funeral Chapel, both of which are in Caldwell.

“We do the tour to show the investigative side,” Tines said. “We utilize the funeral home to (compare) the public perception and reality.”

— JPB

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**From left:** Kylie Goostrey (parents Eric Goostrey and Teresa George), coach Petra Vawter, Zachary Trevett (parents Danny and Jennifer Trevett), Alex and James Christiansen (parents Aaron and Julie Christiansen), coach Deidra Little, Elliot Little (parents Tim and Deidra Little), Emmanuel Gonzalez (parents Jaime and Laura Gonzalez), Amelia Green (parents Keith and Jolyn Green), Andrew Sevy (parents Jason and Stephanie Sevy). **Not pictured:** Emily Richling (parents Josh and Paula Richling). Submitted photo

# Marsing finishes 8<sup>th</sup> at Science Bowl

Marsing Middle School’s team wound up in the top eight during the Science Bowl regional earlier this month. A team led by advisors Deidra Little and Petra Vawter won three out of five matches before lunch on Feb.9 at Boise State University. There were 17 teams in the competition, and Marsing was the only team from a rural school, Little said. The event is a Swiss-card style tournament, Marsing reached the double-elimination portion of the competition. In the afternoon, Marsing lost to Hillside Junior High School from Meridian and defeated West Middle School from Nampa. The Marsing team had been preparing each Tuesday since mid-October. Team members met after school for about 40 minutes each week. This is the fourth year Marsing has fielded a Science Bowl team. According to the event’s website, the National Science Bowl was established in 1991. The website’s description of the competition: “Students compete in a fast-paced verbal forum to solve technical problems and answer questions in all branches of science and math.

# 4-H’ers learn about government

A delegation of Owyhee County eighth- and ninth-graders got a glimpse of how government works during a 4-H conference this weekend in Boise. Two of the teenagers served on the steering committee for the 2019 Know Your Government conference. Carter Clay served as chairman of the committee, and Annie Miller was reporter. Both were eligible for the committee after going through the conference for two years. Only 16 veteran delegates from across the state were chosen for the steering committee. The county’s other 2019 delegates included Audrie Miller, Kate Hipwell and Trey Thompson. The students spent the weekend working with legislators and lawyers writing mock legislation and taking



**From left:** Carter Clay, Audrie Miller, Kate Hipwell, Annie Miller and Trey Thompson. Submitted photo

part in mock trials. Carter helped write a mock bill about changing the minimum age to drive at nighttime to 15 years old.

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## ✓ Initiative: Risch works to unveil EAJA

line with the original intent of the Owyhee Initiative. “This is great new for the Owyhee Initiative as we have been working to get these boundary corrections completed for a long time in order to fulfill some of the commitments made to local ranchers with the Owyhee Initiative agreement,” Owyhee Initiative Board of Directors chair Brenda Richards said. Much like the Omnibus Public Lands Act of 2009, S. 47 contains several different bills regarding different aspects of public lands. Crapo spokesman Lindsay Nothern said the boundary adjustments could remove the major roadblock preventing Bruneau rancher Chris Black from continuing his innovative motorized cattle herding on his Bureau of Land Management allotment. The Initiative was supposed to allow that specific motorized use in wilderness without special permitting, but BLM’s subsequent wilderness management plan — drawn up during the Obama administration — required National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis. “My understanding is the boundary change will allow access that solves the motorized issues,” Nothern said last week. Crapo has championed the Initiative since work on the plan began earlier in the century. “The wilderness boundary corrections/changes provided with the passage of this legislation carries forward a critical component of the Owyhee Initiative agreement. This completes one of the corrections needed that has always had full unanimous support from the OI Board of Directors, illustrating that genuine collaboration can achieve meaningful, enduring results in Idaho,” Richards said. “We appreciate Senator Crapo helping to assure passage and his dedication to carrying out the intent and directives of the Owyhee Initiative Agreement.” S.47 contains several provisions authored by Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho), who co-sponsored the Owyhee Initiative aspect that Crapo introduced. “We place a high value on our public lands in Idaho and want to ensure they’re accessible for thousands of sportsmen and women in Idaho as well as for future generations,” Risch said. “It’s also important that we not allow federal government interference to hinder the critical role of land and water in our agricultural industry. This legislative package does both and I applaud Chairman (Lisa) Murkowski (R-Alaska) for her hard work across the aisle to find consensus on these dozens of bipartisan bills.” Other provisions that Risch introduced or cosponsored include: **Open Book on Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA)** — Cosponsored by Risch, this legislation will increase transparency on politically motivated organizations — such as Western Watersheds Project — taking advantage of taxpayer-funded lawsuits by creating a database where fees paid under EAJA are clearly listed and available to the public. **The Reclamation Title Transfer Act** — Legislation introduced by Risch will streamline the process for non-federal entities, like irrigation districts, to obtain the title for Reclamation projects they already operate and have repaid. More than two-thirds of Reclamation assets are operated by these entities. The bill authorizes the Secretary of Interior to facilitate qualifying transfers, eliminating the requirement that each transfer take an act of Congress to be realized. **Sportsmen’s Act Provisions** — Co-sponsored by Risch, these provisions allow the BLM and U.S. Forest Service to lease or permit federal land for shooting ranges as well as allowing the transport of bows in National Parks, and qualified volunteers to assist with wildlife management in parks. Another provision would increase sportsmen access to federal land by establishing “open unless closed” standard for BLM and USFS lands. Requires the Department of Interior and USFS to identify and publish land that is available to the public for hunting, fishing, and recreation. — JPB



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✓ Auction: Contributor has spent 27 years of retirement working his craft

and a saddle pad, which will be part of the live auction that begins at 7 p.m., on Saturday at the American Legion Post 83 Hall in Bruneau. A free dinner will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m.

“I do it for the self-satisfaction, nothing more,” Hanks said. “I plan on living up there (pointing to Heaven) when I die.”

His wife, the daughter of Paul and Mattie Black, said the work is just a way to give back to the community where she grew up.

“We’ve just always loved Bruneau,” she said.

Jim and Paula met at a dance at the Oreana Community Hall in November 1959. He was a 20-year-old Caldwell kid hanging out with the 16-year-old girl’s older brother, Mike. The Black siblings are descendant from James and Eliza Black, their great-grandparents, who helped settle the Bruneau Valley in 1876.

Four years after that dance, the couple got married and went to San Antonio where Jim was stationed during a two-year hitch in the U.S. Army.

When they returned to Idaho, it was to Caldwell, and Jim resumed his work as a saddle maker. He had apprenticed while in high school.

The saddle making allowed Jim to enjoy his favorite pastime, working with leather, while he built a good life for his family rising through

the ranks to fire captain in Caldwell.

“The fire department worked out good because it gave me a living and a (heck) of a retirement, and it let me play saddle maker and cowboy for 45 years,” he said.

Jim was never a cowboy. He’s a firefighter’s son who was born in Burley. His family moved to Caldwell when he was a toddler.

When he could no longer swing a hammer because of arthritis, Jim’s saddle making days closed out. It was a productive hobby, though, as he spent 11 years building grand prizes for the Jordan Valley Big Loop.

But he wasn’t done working with leather or horse accessories.

He fell back on his leather and mecate skills, which he picked up from “a couple old timers” while he was working in that saddle shop as a “saddle crazy” teenager.

Jim had always dabbled in the craft, including horsehair mecates and rawhide braiding since about 1966. In fact, he wanted to give it a go as a career, but “three kids and two jobs,” prevented that.

Jim and Paula, who worked 33 years as an Idaho State Department of Agriculture produce inspector in the Marsing and Homedale area, have three children and seven grandchildren.

“I never did quit,” he said of

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- Rasp hanger
- Hay
- Knife and tool sharpeners
- Quilts
- Sweets such as pies, cakes, and cinnamon rolls

his handiwork. “I just didn’t make them very often.”

But one day, when that bum wrist was making him rethink tapping another tack into a saddle, his good friend, Buckaroo Hall of Famer and Homedale saddlemaker Bob Kelly, stopped by his Caldwell home.

“He was in here a few years before he died, and he said that he’d always wished he’d stopped making saddles and started braiding,” Jim said.

“I said I was going to stop (saddle making) and take up something I’d wanted to do for years.”

Now he builds horsehair mecates in the summer and

romel reins in the winter.

The trick is to build horsehair mecates when it’s hot and dry because the four pounds of hair that goes into a rope is easier to work with.

And it’s easier to separate. He said it takes about 90 minutes to pick each of the eight strands of hair that are used to make a mecate.

“Just ask any woman when is the best time to cut their hair,” Jim said in explaining why the summer conditions are best.

Jim is still working on a stock of 350 pounds of horsehair that Bob Kelly’s son, Milt, dropped by the place years ago.

But it’s not a business.

“I started it as a hobby, and I won’t take orders because then I’d have to perform,” Jim said.

The hobby has helped not only the Bruneau community auction but a few benefit auctions for friends and family in need over the years.

The hobby has also kept Jim busy when Paula is watching her TV shows, he jokes.

It takes 20 man-hours to build a mecate, which usually measures 22 feet long and can range in diameter from that of a No. 2 pencil to three-quarters of an inch. Jim says “man-hours” because it typically takes three men to twist the individually separated hair strands into a rope.

But Jim has developed electric “doodads” that spin in opposite directions on either end of the strand, allowing him to monitor the middle to ensure that the hairs don’t get tangled.

The craft takes patience, which deters most people who have come to Jim to learn his ways.

“There are a lot of people who would like to learn how, and it’s kind of comical: I say ‘You pick your hair, and I’ll help you put (the mecate) together,’” he said.

“They never come back.”

But Jim does know of several younger generation craftsmen taking up the ancient craft.

“He finds them on Facebook,” Paula said. —JPB

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## ON TO STATE: JORDAN VALLEY BASKETBALL

### Girls capture district crown

Team rides  
15-game streak  
into State

Jordan Valley High School won the fourth quarter and the 1A District 8 girls' basketball championship Saturday.

Coach Kelsi Skinner's squad beat Crane, 53-48, in the title game at Grant Union High School in John Day, Ore.

Jordan Valley (22-2) takes a 15-game winning streak into the second round of the



The Jordan Valley High School girls' basketball team poses with the championship trophy and bracket Saturday. The boys also qualified for State, see **Page 3B**. Submitted photo

1A Oregon playoffs. The team next plays at home on Saturday, but the opponent and tipoff time haven't been

determine.

Saturday's title game was tied at halftime and at the end

— See **District**, page 3B

## ON TO STATE: LOCAL WRESTLERS WIN



Homedale High School coach Jake Levinski's intensity has paid off with a slew of wrestlers heading to the 3A state tournament. Photo by Sherman Takatori

### Trojans, Huskies capture titles at district tournaments

Homedale: Two champs  
lead nine State entrants

Led by two district champions, as many as a dozen Homedale High School wrestlers could compete at the 3A state meet.

Sophomore Joseph Egusquiza defeated teammate Jorge Vega, 4-0, to win the 120-pound championship at the 3A District III Tournament on Saturday in Fruitland.

Junior Gage Northrup beat Fruitland's Ty Bahem, 7-0, for the district championship in the heavyweight class.

Besides Egusquiza, Northrup and

— See **Homedale**, page 2B

Marsing: Eight heading  
for Holt Arena

Champion Troy Miller led the march, but got a lot of help from teammates, during the Marsing High School wrestling team's performance Saturday at the 2A District III tournament in New Plymouth.

Miller highlighted the Huskies' day with a tense 1-0 decision over the Pilgrims' Grant Ethington in an evenly matched 113-pound championship bout.

Eight Huskies qualified for the state tournament, which will be held Friday and

— See **Marsing**, page 10B

## REAL DAIRY SHOOTOUT

### Melba girls' State run comes up short

Runners-up garner  
2A sportsmanship award

Soda Springs High School went on an 18-3 run to end Melba's 22-game win streak and hopes for a 2A girls' basketball state championship.

The Cardinals rolled, 50-34, in Saturday's Real Dairy Shootout state championship game at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

The Mustangs (24-2) were given the Class 2A sportsmanship award.

Melba had the game close after the first eight minutes, but Soda Springs steadily built a 21-point lead over the next two quarters.

Only one Melba player, Kate Clark, took free throws. She knocked down four of six attempts on the way to a team-high 12 points. Clark also hit half of her team's three-point goals.

— See **Melba**, back page



The Melba High School girls' basketball team poses with the state tournament runner-up trophy at midcourt at the Ford Idaho Center on Saturday. Photo by Mandi Boren

#### OTHER STATE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

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- **Rimrock coach looks ahead, Page 12B**

### Huskies a win away from first boys' state tourney since 2006

Marsing boys to  
play Cole Valley  
for district title

The last time Marsing High School played for a boys' basketball district championship, none of this year's players had even started grade school.

The 2018-19 team earned its way into the school's first 2A District III championship game since 2006 with a convincing 48-41 victory over McCall-Donnelly on Saturday

at Nampa High School.

Saturday's triumph marked the first win in three tries against the Vandals this season. The Huskies lost a close game, 34-33, on Jan. 10 and dropped a 50-42 decision on Jan. 30.

The third-seeded Huskies will play top-seeded Cole Valley Christian on Thursday in Nampa for the district title and a spot in the 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament.

The Chargers beat No. 4 Melba, 57-47, on Monday in

— See **Huskies**, page 5B







Sports

Melba senior wins 2A wrestling crown

Six Mustangs heading to state tourney

Senior Jake Svedin won a district championship Saturday and will lead six Melba High School athletes into the 2A wrestling state tournament.

The state tournament will be held Friday and Saturday at Holt Arena in Pocatello.

Svedin edged hometown wrestler Josiah Campbell, 7-6, to win the 152-pound championship at the 2A District III tournament in New Plymouth.

Another senior, Levi Martin, will compete on the Idaho State University campus at 160 pounds after losing the district title bout to McCall-Donnelly's Beau Carr. The Vandals' sophomore got a pin in 14 seconds.

Four other Mustangs earned passage into the state tournament with bronze medals.

Freshman Ben Evans will compete in the 152 bracket after pinning New Plymouth ninth-grader Keenaen Scott in 1 minute, 42 seconds.

Junior Hank Svedin qualifid at 160 when he pinned New Plymouth's Erin Vian six seconds before the end of the first period in their bronze medal match.

Senior Dan Kaelin beat McCall-Donnelly's Reed Crossley, 9-2, for third at 113.

Sophomore Zane Helm pinned teammate Austin Morehouse in 4:41 for bronze at 132.

Morehouse could make the state tournament with an at-large berth, the same situation freshman teammate Jordon Monoz is in after McCall-Donnelly's Tucker Baker pinned him at the 53-second mark of the third-place match at 138.

Freshman Easton Draper took fifth place at 145 with a 15-1 major decision over Marsing freshman Jonathon Ineck.

Adrian wrestler reaches state tournament

Cole Kennedy-Gooch rolled to a 1A District IV championship Saturday to earn a spot in the 1A Oregon wrestling tournament.

The Adrian High School senior punched his ticket to Portland with a 10-1 major decision against Culver's Eduardo Penaloza in the 220-pound championship bout at Pine Eagle High School in Halfway, Ore.

Kennedy-Gooch will be the Antelopes' lone representative when the state tournament gets underway Friday at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland.

At 20-5, he is the tournament's No. 3 seed and will open against Wyatt Carlton of the Butte Falls/Crater Lake Charter Academy cooperative.

Kennedy-Gooch pinned Imbler's Zach Brown in 4 minutes, 28 seconds to reach the district title bout.

Two other Antelopes earned district medals Saturday, but didn't qualify for the state tournament.

Junior Wade Bond (30-11) saw his season end when Union/Cove wrestler Carter Blackburn pinned him at the

3:11 mark of their third-place match.

Adrian's other 220-pounder, junior Valentin Bauer fell, 8-2, to Joseph/Wallowa's Michael Diggins in the bronze medal match. It was Bauer's second loss to Diggins in the tournament.

Bond was 2-2 in the tournament, getting pins against Jesse Douglass of Grant Union (3:23) in the quarterfinals and against Elgin's Reece McConnell (30 seconds) in the consolation semifinals.

Bauer roared into the third-place match after his initial loss to Diggins. He pinned Enterprise's Andy Huwe in 5:33 before edging Zach Brown of Imbler in a 3-2 tiebreaker to qualify for the third-place match.

Toby Clow finished fourth in the 182 bracket. Culver's Isaac Amores pinned him for the second time in the tournament in 2:28 of their third-place match. Clow rallied into the bronze medal match by pinning Imbler's Bryce Sullivan in 2:55.

Logan Griffin (145) won his first match, 12-6, against Joseph/Wallowa's Corsin Risi.



The Jordan Valley High School boys' basketball team celebrates its third-place finish after Saturday's game. Submitted photo

Mustangs rally for state berth

Jordan Valley High School's boys' basketball team got bucked in its second go-round with Prairie City.

But first-year coach Alek Quintero's Mustangs rode another day, beating Adrian, 70-47, on Friday for third place and a spot in the 1A Oregon state playoffs.

Prairie City avenged a regular-season loss with a 70-58 victory in Friday's 1A District 8 semifinals at Grant Union High School in John Day, Ore.

The win sent the Panthers into the second round of the state playoffs.

Jordan Valley (17-7) traveled to Bend to challenge 1A District 5 runner-up Trinity Lutheran on Tuesday after press time. If the Mustangs were successful, they play Friday with a berth in

the eight-team state tournament in Baker City on the line. The state tournament begins next Wednesday.

The Mustangs had beaten the visiting Panthers, 53-51, during a 1A High Desert League game played Feb. 1.

But the district championship rematch would be a different story.

The Panthers ran out to a 15-9 lead after the first quarter and steadily built their advantage.

All but 12 of Jordan Valley's points came from two players.

Zeke Quintero scored 36 points for Jordan Valley, connecting on 16 of 26 field-goal attempts, including a pair of three-pointers. He also led the team with eight rebounds, three assists and three steals.

Kort Skinner chipped in 10

points, knocking down six of his seven attempts from inside the three-point line.

Jace Grenke added six points, and Don Youren chipped in four on 2-for-3 shooting.

**Saturday: Jordan Valley 70, Adrian 47** — Quintero and Skinner led the way again in the rout for third place.

The Mustangs led, 42-19, at halftime while ended the season for Adrian (10-15).

Quintero posted a double-double with 24 points and 10 rebounds. He dished six assists, and he and Birch Eiguren led the Mustangs with three steals apiece.

Skinner scored 15 points and snagged seven rebounds.

Eiguren tossed in nine points, and Blaise Warn had seven rebounds and four assists to go with six points.

✓ District: Mustangs await second-round opponent for Saturday game in Jordan

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of the third quarter, but Jordan Valley broke through over the final eight minutes to get the slim and final advantage.

Taylor Warn posted 18 points and nine rebounds to lead three Jordan Valley scorers in double figures.

All of Warn's rebounds came on the Crane backboards, and she was clutch at the free-throw line, missing only once

in 11 chances.

Kiana Quintero added 15 points and four steals, while Regann Skinner chipped in 11 points.

**Friday: Jordan Valley 57, Monument/Dayville 29** — Skinner hit a pair of three-point goals and rivaled the Tigers' point total with 23 of her own in the district semifinal.

Cassity Gluch had 10 points and five rebounds.

Jordan Valley started the game on a 16-4 spurt.

The Mustangs' defense was balanced with Skinner, Quintero, Warn and Emilee Burch coming up with three steals apiece.

Quintero scored eight points, and Warn snagged nine defensive rebounds.

Taylor Eiguren also wiped all seven of her rebounds off the Tigers' glass.

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# Looking back...

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## 25 years ago

February 23, 1994

### School board hears pitch for FFA at HHS

About 30 students are interested in FFA and ag courses at Homedale High, parents and teachers told district trustees at a Feb. 14 school board meeting.

Also making a pitch for an FFA club and ag curriculum at HHS was Dr. DeVere Burton, the state’s director of agriculture education.

The increasing popularity of ag courses is reflected in the growing number of students signed up, Burton said. Five years ago, 3,900 kids were enrolled. Today the number stands at 7,000 statewide.

Besides traditional courses in ag science and farm mechanics, students can choose from classes in marketing, fish and wildlife science, forestry, and horticulture, he said.

### Marsing council hikes hook-up fees

With little discussion, the Marsing City Council last Wednesday doubled the hook-up fees for city water and sewer services.

City officials voted unanimously for the increase at a council meeting delayed one week.

Effective March 1, the city will charge \$1,000 to connect to the sewer system and \$500 to tap into city water for a total bill of \$1,500.

Currently the city charges \$750 to hook up to both services.

The fee hike is aimed at making new development pay for expansion of water and sewer systems, council members said.

Lyn Aeevermann, Marsing city superintendent, said the sewer lift station will eventually need upgrading to keep up with city growth.

### Arriola, 38, gets top district job

A graduate of BSU and the University of Idaho has been tapped to head the Marsing School District.

Daniel B. Arriola, 38, was picked as superintendent by school trustees in a final closed-door session last Friday.

Arriola is currently the instruction curriculum specialist for the Bigfork School District in Bigfork, Montana.

One of six applicants interviewed, Arriola was offered a one-year, \$47,000 contract by Marsing trustees. He replaces superintendent Joe Whitten July 1.

The job will be his first as superintendent.

Arriola was principal at a middle school in Goldendale, Washington, from 1991 to 1993. Prior to that he was principal at Parma High School from 1989 to 1991.

### Cameron takes over as Posse president

Bruce Cameron, Oreana, took over as president of the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Posse before a crowd of approximately 70 at the organization’s annual banquet last Saturday night in Grand View.

Other officers include vice-president Tim Volk, Homedale, and secretary Leroy Beaman, Grand View. Top hands for 1994 are Chuck Ceccarelli, Bruneau; Robert Harris, Grand View; George Hyer, Homedale; Joe Van Wassenhove, Marsing, and Marvin Snook, Murphy. Top hands act as a board of directors of the organization.

Receiving a silver buckle bearing the sheriff’s department badge was Leroy Ryska, recognized for 20 years’ service to the sheriff’s Posse. Ryska lives in the Opaline area.

## 50 years ago

February 20, 1969

### Homedale to see tourney play Thursday night at Caldwell

Homedale will see its first taste of district tourney action Thursday night when it plays the winner of the Wilder-Parma game, which will be decided when the two teams meet for the nightcap in the opening round of play at Caldwell Wednesday night.

The Trojan basketballers copped the favored spot in the tourney play when they won the toss of the coin and was seeded No. 1 in the double-elimination fracas.

Homedale became a co-champion of the SRV A-2 conference Saturday night when the Middleton Vikings plastered the high-flying New Plymouth Pilgrims with a 54-43 loss. New Plymouth had a previous defeat at the hands of Kuna, and Homedale was a two-time loser to the Pilgrims.

The Trojans wound up their regular season Friday night at Marsing on a high note, clubbing the archrival Huskies 62-45 for their 18<sup>th</sup> season victory and 10<sup>th</sup> in league play. The two losses to New Plymouth were the only marks against their season’s record.

Paul Pearson led the Trojans with 17 points while for Marsing Chuck Kojis was high man with 13 points. The Huskies are now 6-5 in the A-2 and 13-6 for the year.

### Mike Packer coming home from Vietnam

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Packer have received word that their son, Sp. 5 Michael D. Packer, will leave Hue, Vietnam, on Feb. 24 to return to the states after a year’s tour of duty with 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne airmobile division. He has served as crew chief and gunner of a Chinook helicopter.

His wife, Sharon, has lived in Boise while her husband has been overseas. He is a graduate of Homedale High School.

### Owyhee Heights

Eight members of the Owyhee Heights Club met at the home of Bernice Fisher Tuesday afternoon.

The discontinuance of the Club was discussed, because of lack of interest in the community. The subject was voted upon.

It was moved by Irma King and seconded by Amy Adams that the Owyhee Heights Community Club be abandoned. It was also moved and seconded that the \$35.59 in the Savings Account and \$4.06 in the general fund be divided between the Library and as a contribution for Linda Schwartz, who is to go with the Homedale School band to Canada as a representative from this Community.

### George assigned

Airman John A. George, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen C. George of Rt. 1, Homedale, has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Tex. He has been assigned to Sheppard AFB, Tex. for training in aircraft maintenance. Airman George is a 1967 graduate of Homedale High School.

### Tolsma sees Vietnam action

Seaman Tony G Tolsma, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tolsma, Homedale, is serving aboard the destroyer USS MacKenzie off the coast of Vietnam.

Firing at enemy emplacements selected by an Army Airborne spotter 95 miles northeast of Saigon, the MacKenzie’s guns destroyed 10 enemy bunkers and damaged nine others. One secondary explosion was also reported.

## 145 years ago

February 21, 1874

### The Brass Band Ball

The Silver City Brass Band have completed all their arrangements for the Ball to be given in Jones’ Hall next Monday evening, and it will undoubtedly be the best and most enjoyable affair of the kind that has been seen here for many a day. They have engaged Zapp’s stage to bring the Mountain folks (who wish to attend the ball) down and take them home again free of charge. All who desire, can get an excellent lunch at Lunz & Sans’ Restaurant. The Band boys have been at considerable expense in making preparations for the occasion, and deserve a liberal patronage.

### Local Hints and Happenings

H. Woodcock, Superintendent of the Swing Star mine in Flint District, is in news.

John Catalow is expected back from San Francisco about the middle of next week.

Attention is directed to Lobenstein’s advertisement of Jacobs’ hams. They are delicious.

Considerable snow has fallen here during the past week, and high winds and cold weather prevail.

Mrs. EPH Hall arrived from Boise City by last Monday’s stage, and Ephraim is a widower no more.

Mrs. J. M. Wilson arrived from San Francisco by Thursday evening’s stage, and the heart of her husband is exceedingly glad.

Mr. Brown, the conductor of Jones’ Sterling Bank, informs us that they have 100 pairs of new skates on the way from San Francisco.

A report has reached this office that states road agents commanded a man to “stand and deliver,” a short distance below the Half-Way House on the Oro-Fino road, last Saturday night. We are unable to learn any reliable particulars of the affair.

Our old friend George Yans is now in San Francisco purchasing a large stock of everything concerned with the painting and paper-hanging business, and will be here ready for business about the first of next month. See his advertisement elsewhere.

Silver City now has a saddle and harness establishment. Thom Pearson has opened a shop on Jordan Street, opposite Mrs. R. T. Miller’s, and is prepared to make or mend harnesses on short notice, and at reasonable rates. See advertisement in another column, and give him a call.

The editor of the AVALANCHE has been confined to his room of illness nearly all the time since last Saturday, which will account for the scarcity of local items in to-day’s paper. In a day or two, however, he expects to be well enough to enable him to rustle about among the folks as usual.

The bogus Grangers of this place have the brazen audacity to say that 99 out of every 100 citizens of Silver City would, if called upon to do so, have signed the petition demanding the sheriff to surrender the key of the Court-room to them, the said bogus is very likely, if the names of said citizens had been signed without their knowledge, or consent, as was the case with Major Brookey.

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Sports

✓ Huskies: Shutting down Vandals scoring threats sends Marsing forward

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Meridian.

The second semifinal was moved from Saturday so the Mustangs’ players and coaches could cheer on the girls’ basketball in its unsuccessful quest for a state title.

In their semifinal against the second-seeded Vandals, the Huskies came out in attack mode, jumping out to an early 9-2 lead and finishing the first quarter with a 13-8 advantage.

It was more of the same in the second quarter. Marsing stretched its lead to 11 points, 29-18, at halftime. The Huskies held serve in the third quarter, keeping the lead in double digits, 35-25, after junior wing Merrick Hall’s driving layup.

Marsing was in control of the game for most of the fourth quarter and stretched its lead to 20 points at one juncture. Huskies coach Tim Little substituted freely in the final period, getting a few bench players on the court.

The Vandals made a bit of a run in the last few minutes but ultimately came up short.

Marsing was led again by senior guard Enrique Quebrado’s 21 points, four rebounds and three assists.

He also held first-team All-2A Western Idaho Conference player Dillon Wilkinson to two points.



Marsing senior Enrique Quebrado puts up a floater above two New Plymouth defenders in a first-round district tournament game. Photo by Dan Pease

“Enrique continues to prove why he is the best player in our league on both ends of the court,” Little said. “He shut down McCall’s best player, first-team, all-league senior Dillon Wilkenson.”

The key to Marsing’s win

seemed to rest in the Huskies’ ability to keep the Vandals’ best players under wraps.

In addition to Quebrado’s defense against Wilkinson, sophomore post Jacob Ankeny shut down junior 7-footer Joel Meske.

“(Meske) gave Jacob some fits on his offensive end, but Big Jake held him to only two points while still controlling the boards for us,” Little said. “His reliability on the boards, his offensive threat, great hands, and ability to play above the rim has drawn a ton of attention from coaches in our league.

“Our team depends on him immensely.”

Ankeny was just 2-for7 from the floor, finishing with six points. He pulled down eight hard-fought boards.

Senior Dwight Sevy may have had the best all-around game of the bunch. He went 4-for-5 from the floor and hit a free throw for nine points. He also collected six boards, dished out three assists and nabbed four steals.

Hall chipped in 10 points and seven rebounds.

The combined effort of Hall, Heath Milburn, and Cash Sevy contained the Vandals’ other All-2A WIC player from last year, senior Seth Jones.

After averaging 13 points in two regular-season games against the Huskies, Jones managed only a single field goal against the Huskies trio.

“Big night for us,” Little said. “Again, the hard work is paying off for this group.”

“I and all the coaches are extremely happy for this team and proud in the way they all

accept their role, play together, stay positive and represent this community.”

**Last Wednesday: Marsing 36, New Plymouth 31** — The Huskies needed a strong second-half defensive to secure a spot in the district semifinals in an opening-round game played in Marsing.

Spurred on by its home crowd, Marsing came back from an eight-point halftime deficit behind a lock-down defense that didn’t allow a single field goal in the last 16 minutes of the game.

New Plymouth’s only second-half points came on seven foul shots.

“We outscored them 20-7,” Little said. “Total team effort in the second half.”

Quebrado led the Huskies with 13 points, including his 3-of-6 effort from beyond the three-point line. He added three assists and two steals.

Ankeny continued his role as a rebounding machine, pulling down 11 more boards. He was tied for second on the team with his six points. He also swatted away three New Plymouth shot attempts.

Hall hit a pair of three-pointers and grabbed five rebounds.

Dwight Sevy added five points, Joaquin Oliveros four, and Cash Sevy was good on his only field goal attempt.

— TK

MARSING HUSKIES  
Athlete Spotlight



**Boys’ basketball**  
Merrick Hall, jr., wing  
  
10 points, 7 rebounds in district semifinal win



**Wrestling**  
Troy Miller, so.,  
113 pounds  
  
Won district championship in New Plymouth

**Boys’ basketball**  
2A District III championships game  
Thursday, Feb. 21 vs.  
Cole Valley Christian or Melba, Nampa H.S., 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 13, home vs. New Plymouth or Vision Charter, 7 p.m.

**Wrestling**  
2A state tournament  
(Holt Arena, ISU campus, Pocatello)  
Friday, Feb. 23 starting at 9:30 a.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 24 starting at 8:30 a.m.

Go Huskies!



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# Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

## On the edge of common sense Cowboy Cartoonists



In my life there are people with talents I admire: horse trainers, good ropers, cattle traders, backyard mechanics, welders, guitar players. A.I. technicians, farriers, purebred breeders and rough stock riders, for instance. I’ve resigned myself to the fact that you can’t be good at everything, so, even though I admire these talents, I don’t envy them.

However, there is one gifted group that I come close to envying ... cartoonists. I am lucky to be friends with many of this wacky persuasion. I’m partial to cowboy cartoonists. I can relate closely with their deadpan looney observations or bug-eyed, cinch-bustin’ cow catastrophes that they spread across a slice-of-bread-size scene like bumpy blackberry jam.

I admit to secretly draggin’ out quill and ink in the dark of night in an attempt to imitate them. I’ve been doing it since the third grade, and even today my drawings look like a third-grader did them. My cows all have heads like a garden rake. My horses look like scaffolding. My cowboys look like smiley faces with gorilla arms and Bozo the Clown feet.

I’m constantly amazed that these agriculturally afflicted cartoonists can give their animals expressions -- surprise, confusion, malice, boredom, contentment, intelligence and pshaw. They make it look simple. Usually black-and-white line drawings that we see in all our cowboy magazines and ag trade papers. But it ain’t simple.

It is one thing to be able to draw funny. But then these cartoonists put a caption to the drawing that ties the bow on the package. Short, simple and funny. I try and write funny columns, but it takes me two lead pencils and a yellow pad to say what they condense into one line.

I’ve always felt it is the truth in humor that makes it funny. If you can see yourself in the cartoon, you can relate. It also shows that the cartoonist has to have “been there.”

From Ace Reid to the kid in the back of classroom drawing cartoons during algebra class, they continue to draw snapshots of our lives as we muck and stumble our way through the livestock business. God love ’em, it’s like they keep sendin’ us pictures every week for our family albums.

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at [www.baxterblack.com](http://www.baxterblack.com) for more features and to purchase Baxter Black books, CDs and DVDs. His newest book is “A Commotion in Rhyme.” When you order the new book, be sure to tell them you learned about it in *The Owyhee Avalanche*.

## From Washington Congressional delegates’ committee assignments reflect Idaho’s big issues

by Sens. Mike Crapo and James E. Risch,  
and Reps. Mike Simpson and Russ Fulcher

Congressional committees are central to the legislative process. Committees provide oversight of federal governmental operations and identify issues suitable for legislative review. A committee can dig into the details of issues under its jurisdiction and advance legislation to be considered by the full U.S. Senate or House of Rep.s. At the beginning of each Congress, committee assignments are determined. The breadth of our committee assignments for the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress, which have now been set, will help ensure issues of importance to Idahoans are covered in Congress.

At the start of the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress, Sen. Mike Crapo was reelected to serve as chairman of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee. The Banking Committee has jurisdiction over matters regarding financial services, capital markets, mortgages, urban development, transit, international sanctions and reviewing foreign investment activity. Sen. Crapo also remains a member of the Finance, Judiciary and Budget Committees. The Finance Committee’s jurisdiction includes the federal tax code, revenue generation, foreign trade and social and health care service programs, while the nominations to the U.S. Supreme Court and other federal judgeships, including the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, are among the Judiciary Committee’s responsibilities.

Sen. Jim Risch was elected chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has jurisdiction over legislation concerning the conduct of U.S. foreign policy, including foreign assistance, declarations of war, and treaties. One treaty of significance to Idaho is the Columbia River Treaty, which is currently being renegotiated and will come before Sen. Risch’s committee for final approval. The Committee also is responsible for oversight of the

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U.S. State Department and review of executive branch nominations that carry out U.S. diplomacy. Additionally, Sen. Risch continues to serve as a member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship,  
— See *Assignments*, Page 7B

## Center on Representative Govt. Country’s great divide may just reflect the complexity of voters’ views

One of the more striking political developments of the past few years has been the partisan sorting of American voters. It used to be that both the Republican and Democratic parties covered some ideological ground. Now, it’s so habitual for conservatives to make their home in the GOP and liberals in the Democratic Party that party and ideological labels stand in for one another.

Still, you have to be careful. Because when you’re talking about something as complex as Americans’ political beliefs, there’s really no such thing as uniformity.

Sure, liberals put a lot of emphasis on collectively helping individuals who are in trouble, and they tend to be more inclusive and open to change. Conservatives, as their name suggests, are more likely to support tradition and authority, and to support conformity to traditional values. Both have strong senses of right and wrong — they just define them differently.

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Yet I often run into conservatives who hold surprisingly liberal positions on one issue or another,  
— See *Divide*, Page 7B



# Commentary

## Financial management

### Old-fashioned envelope system helps people cash-flow life

**Dear Dave,**  
I've listened to you for a little while, but I was wondering about the envelope system you recommend. How does it work?  
— Danielle

**Dear Danielle,**  
Don't let the word "system" intimidate you. It's just grandma's old-fashioned, common-sense way of budgeting money.  
Back in the day, many people were paid in cash at their jobs. Then, they would take the money home and divide it up into different envelopes. The envelopes held cash for different categories in their budgets — food, clothes, rent,

and other bills and such. When a particular envelope was empty they stopped buying that item, because the money budgeted for that category was gone. If you wanted a dress, but the clothing envelope was empty, you didn't buy a dress that month.  
It's just a simple cash system that, combined with doing a written monthly budget, will help keep you from overspending!

**Dear Dave,**  
I know you're against financing purchases. However, is it ok to finance things like furniture at zero percent interest?  
— Detrick



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**Dear Detrick,**  
We just finished an extensive study of more than 10,000 millionaires. Not a single one of

these folks said they became rich by borrowing money to buy things at zero percent interest. Since none of those millionaires gave credit for their wealth to zero percent interest financing, and since we know banks charge interest on loans, how is it you think these people are loaning money at "zero percent interest?"  
Is it possible the pricing of the item has the interest rate built into it? I think the chances of that are pretty high. If not that, companies offering this kind of financing have very accurate and highly researched data that tells them the vast majority of people who take out zero-percent loans don't pay

off the loans in the specified period of time. Do you know what happens if you don't live up to the terms of those contracts?  
It becomes a regular loan, and they back charge you for the interest.  
So, on average you're paying for it all. I don't know why you'd want to play with snakes, Detrick. Snakes bite, and some of them can kill you. Avoid debt like the plague. It destroys your most powerful wealth-building tool — your income.  
— Dave

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### ✓ Assignments: Crapo, Risch, Simpson hold high stature on some panels

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which he led as chairman for the past two years, and as a member of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, with responsibilities that include energy policy; nuclear waste policy; public lands that include those administered by the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service; groundwater resources and management; and hydroelectric power. He also serves on the Select Committee on Intelligence and the Select Committee on Ethics.  
Rep. Mike Simpson serves as Ranking Member of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee after having been chairman from 2013 to 2018. The subcommittee has jurisdiction over funding for agencies and programs that include the Department of Energy, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Reclamation, and other agencies involved in water projects. Rep. Simpson is also a former chairman and senior member of the House Interior and Environment Appropriations Subcommittee that has jurisdiction over Department of Interior, Forest Service and Environmental

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Rep. Russ Fulcher serves on the House Natural Resources Committee, with a jurisdiction that includes energy and mineral resources; national parks and public lands; wildlife and endangered species;

water and hydropower; and tribal sovereignty. He serves on two of the committee's subcommittees: as Republican deputy leader of the Subcommittee on Water, Power, and Oceans; and as a member of the Subcommittee on Federal Lands. Rep. Fulcher also serves on the House Education and Labor Committee that oversees education and workforce programs, including early learning, secondary education, job training and retirement. He serves on the Education Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development and Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.  
We recognize the significant honor and responsibility we have to serve the great people of Idaho. Your input will continue to be essential as we work together with Gov. Brad Little, other elected leaders throughout the state and Congress and the president to instill Idaho's ingenuity, independence and good sense into federal policy. With your help and guidance, we will continue to make progress in advancing bipartisan solutions that will benefit Idahoans and the American people.

### ✓ Divide: Liberals, conservatives sometimes have aligned outlooks

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and vice versa. So while we tend to place both ourselves and others within particular boxes, their sides are porous. It's very easy for political elites to overstate the degree to which ideological categories actually apply to real people.  
Then, of course, there are all those Americans who don't believe they fall into either category, liberal or conservative, and who don't identify with either party. We tend to label these people independents — as they do, themselves. In truth, though, even independents usually lean one way or the other, sometimes quite noticeably. They're much more liberal or conservative than they think of themselves as being.  
The divisions that separate liberals and conservatives are real. On social issues, many find themselves sharply divided: over same-sex relationships, the place of marriage and family in our society, and, of course, abortion. This last may be the most divisive issue of all. Liberals tend to have more tolerance for abortion; very few conservatives I encounter have that feeling, although a few do.

And they are sharply divided over the role of government and government intervention in the lives of Americans on economic matters. Conservatives tend to believe strongly that government regulations do more harm than good, and that government itself is wasteful and inefficient. The differences are especially stark on health care — conservatives abhor the mandate on purchasing insurance policies; liberals see it as a necessary step toward the larger goal of expanded coverage.  
This is part of a broader division over welfare and the degree to which government should be involved in programs to alleviate poverty or to protect working people from the bumps, bruises, and hardships dealt out by the national economy. Conservatives tend to think those roles ought to be taken up by the private or nonprofit sectors and by individuals themselves. Liberals, of course, believe government can be helpful.  
But even here, the divisions are not as sharp as they used to be. You hear a good number of conservatives open to government assistance and government

involvement in social and economic issues. I've been surprised by the number of times I've run into conservatives who support particular government programs, and liberals who take a libertarian view on some question or another.  
Over and over, I'm reminded that learning a voter's views on a given issue may tell you next to nothing about his or her views on others, or could actually mislead you.  
It's pretty common these days to bemoan the ideological divisions evident in our politics, especially when the differences are weaponized for partisan purposes. But I'd argue that far from being debilitating, ideological divisions are fundamentally a sign of the vitality of our politics. The political debate they give rise to is a sign of the vigor of the political system.  
Sure, trying to deal with deep-seated differences is extremely difficult for a politician. But it's also part of the attraction and the challenge of politics. And if you see voters as the complex opinion-holders they really are, common ground may not be as impossible to find as it can seem at first glance.



# Sports

## REAL DAIRY SHOOTOUT

### Trojans fourth in first state tourney with Long at helm

#### Best Homedale girls' finish in five years

Homedale High School finished fourth in the 3A girls' basketball state tournament after back-to-back games against a perennial champion and the squad that had been ranked No. 1 most of the season.

The Trojans' first tournament appearance for coach Cam Long ended Saturday with a 55-37 loss to Timberlake in the third-place game at Skyview High School in Nampa.

The fourth-place showing was the best finish for Homedale at the state tournament since Long's predecessor, Joe Betancourt, led the Trojans to third place in 2014.

"Overall, the girls had a tremendous season," Long said. "The start was slow, and they clicked at the right time."

The Tigers, the top Class 3A team in the state polls, started the game on a 20-3 run and held a 34-18 halftime lead over Homedale (13-12).

"It's pick your poison with them," Long said. "If you zone them, they kill you from 3. If you man them, they are great off the bounce."

"They were very talented and fast and physical."

Despite the fast start, Timberlake couldn't get a lead larger than 20 points.

"They jumped on us early, and the girls did a great job of battling back," Long said. "Unfortunately, we dug ourselves too big of a hole to get out of."

The Trojans committed 19 turnovers, which led to 19 points for Timberlake.

Amaya Carter was 5-for-10 from the field en route to 12 points. She also notched eight rebounds before fouling out. Josey Hall led the Trojans with 13 points, while grabbing six rebounds despite carrying four fouls.

Three scorers reached double figures for Timberlake, including McKeeley Tonkin (17 points), Taryn Soumas (13



*Homedale High School senior Josey Hall takes a shot over tough defense in the first half Friday in Nampa.*

points), and Brooke Jensen, who came away with a double-double of 12 points and 14 rebounds.

Homedale slid into the third-place game after losing to eventual state champion Sugar-Salem in Friday's semifinals.

**Friday: Sugar-Salem 62, Homedale 43** — The Trojans hung for three quarters behind clutch shots and great defensive rebounding in the semifinal round.

"The game plan was to control tempo, and despite a lot of turnovers early, we attacked their press and free throw makes kept us in in the game," Long said.

The Diggers solved early shooting woes and trapped Homedale's dribblers with double teams to force turnovers at the right time to main-

tain their advantage.

Sugar-Salem defenders came up with 19 steals, including four from Madi Fillmore, and the Trojans had 29 giveaways.

Despite a 3-for-16 start on field-goal shooting, the Diggers tied the game with 2 minutes, 25 seconds left in the first quarter on Macey Fillmore's turnaround jumper in the paint.

Homedale's Savana Buckley hit a jumper in the key with 1:40 remaining to knot the score again, 10-10.

Sugar-Salem's shooting seemed to wake up when Lindsey Larson hit a double-pump shot and Megan Pannell's buzzer-beating jump shot bounced off the iron three times before falling through to give the Diggers a 14-12 lead

at the end of the first quarter.

That signaled the beginning of a 12-4 run that gave Sugar-Salem a lead it wouldn't relinquish.

Still, the Trojans hung tough through their miscues thanks to the Diggers' propensity for fouling while playing aggressive defense.

Buckley and Amaya Carter converted three free throws and Josey Hall hit a jumper six seconds before halftime to get Homedale back to within in three points, 24-21.

Hall finished with 14 points, and Carter continued a strong conclusion to her high school career with nine points and 11 rebounds. Seven of Carter's boards came on the Sugar-Salem glass as she asserted herself early.

Carter ran downcourt to convert an outlet pass from Hall 90 seconds into the third quarter as the teams seemed poised to embark on a track meet.

"Amaya had another solid game, and Josey played well," Long said.

But after Carter hit another layup off another Hall assist, Sugar-Salem's 5-foot, 10-inch senior Macie Knapp took over.

Building on a three-pointer she hit earlier in the quarter, Knapp reeled off 12 straight points in the Diggers' 14-5 run over about 4½ minutes. Knapp posted 18 points and five rebounds, while Macey Fillmore had 14 points and Madi Fillmore 10.

Sugar-Salem took control behind Knapp's spurt.

In fact, after Jayci Swallow's three-point goal with 3:50 left in the third quarter, the only Homedale scorer to get into the book was Carter with a layup 53 seconds before the end of the period and free throw with 6:35 left in the contest.

The Trojans went without a field goal for nearly 5½ minutes before Swallow hit another trey to reduce Sugar-Salem's 22-point lead to 55-36.

Swallow had three three-pointers and scored 11 points.

"We hung with them for three quarters, but their depth

and speed took over in the fourth," Long said.

**Thursday: Homedale 48, Buhl 35** — The Trojans got off to a fast start and their three-point shooting helped cover up mistakes in the tournament opener.

"Our preparation was solid, and the girls played well," Long said.

Senior guard Alex Grant connected on five of six three-point tries and was 6-for-8 from the floor overall. She scored 21 points and collected six crucial defensive rebounds.

"Alex Grant had a great game shooting from three," Long said.

With Buhl's interior defense keyed on Hall, Carter stepped up to score xx points.

Homedale owned a 13-4 lead after eight minutes and never trailed. The Trojans led by 14 points, 42-28, in the fourth quarter.

The Trojans committed 22 turnovers and took four fewer shots than the Indians, and Buhl scored twice as many points off turnovers (12) as Homedale. But the Trojans never trailed and kept Buhl at bay with hot outside shooting and defensive tenacity.

The Trojans owned a 25-10 rebounding edge on Buhl's backboards, and Amaya Carter led the way with six defensive rebounds. The senior logged a double-double with 11 points and 11 boards.

Homedale shut down Buhl's scorers except for Emily Gorrell. The 5-foot, 9-inch senior guard converted half of her team's free throws (6-for-13) and all but three of the Indians' field goals for a game-high 23 points.

Buhl was 11-for-40 overall on field-goal shooting, including 1-for-13 from behind the three-point arc.

Homedale, meanwhile, connected on half of its 16 three-pointers. Gracie Dines hit a pair of treys for her six points. Jayci Swallow hit a 3 and finished with five points.

"Gracie Dines played well of the bench," Long said.

— JPB

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**NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUE OF TAX DEED**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, AS FOLLOWS: That a delinquent entry was entered as of January 1, 2015, in the records of the County Treasurer as Tax Collector of Owyhee County, State of Idaho, for the following properties:

**Parcel RPB0020013009A**  
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**Marsing, ID 83639**  
Property known as LOTS 9-12 BLOCK 13, or more commonly known as, 220 1<sup>st</sup> St, City Of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho  
Tax: \$497.78  
Late Charge: \$ 9.96  
Interest: \$250.06  
Costs: \$125.00\*\*  
**TOTAL \$ 882.80**  
**Parcel RPB02600020010**  
**Tim & Camelia Renz**  
**924 Franklin St**  
**Marsing, ID 83639**  
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Tax: \$475.54  
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Interest: \$155.04  
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**TOTAL \$ 594.86**  
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Tax: \$ 58.44  
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Interest: \$ 29.36  
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**TOTAL \$213.96**  
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**YOU ARE FURTHER**

**NOTIFIED**, that if said delinquent entry is not redeemed on or before March 29, 2019, by payment of said unpaid taxes together with late charge, interest and all unpaid costs and expenses up to the date of said payment at my office as Tax Collector, Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, ID, I shall thereupon, as required by law, make application to the Board of County Commissioners of Owyhee County, State of Idaho, for a hearing to be held on April 15, 2019, or as soon thereafter as said application can be heard at the **Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, Idaho**, for tax deed conveying the above described property to **OWYHEE COUNTY**, State of Idaho, absolute title, free of all encumbrances, except any lien for taxes which may have attached subsequently to the assessment hereinafter referred to. **YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED**, that the record owner or owners or any party of interest as defined by §63-1005, Idaho Code, may appear in person or by counsel, and if appearing, shall have adequate opportunity to be heard for the purpose of protesting the procedures used in taking this tax deed. **NO OTHER TYPE OF PROTEST WILL BE HEARD. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED**, that inquiries and objections concerning this notice of the information contained therein shall be directed to the **OWYHEE COUNTY TREASURER** at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650; or by calling (208) 495-1158 no later than five (5) working days before the hearing date. 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27  
Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.  
Annette Dygert  
COUNTY TREASURER and  
EX-OFFICIO TAX COLLECTOR  
FOR OWYHEE COUNTY,  
IDAHO  
02/06,13,20,27/2019

**INVITATION TO BID BUS MAINTENANCE**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** Sealed bids will be received in the District Office of the Superintendent of Schools located in Bruneau, Idaho 83604, 39678

State Highway 78, Telephone (208)-834-2260, until 5 o'clock p.m., March 11, 2019 for bus maintenance, materials and services for one year, 2019-2020.  
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The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept the bid deemed best, or reject any and/or all bids and to waive any technicality.  
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Joint School District No. 365  
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Bruneau, Idaho 83604  
JayDene Aquiso  
02/20,27/2019

**LIEN SALE**  
2-27-2019, 9:00 A.M. 334 W. Idaho Ave. Homedale, Id. 83628. 1999 Toyota Avalon XL VIN: 4T1BF18B5XU297915  
02/13,20/2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS (I.C. 15-3-801)**  
**CASE NO. CV37-18-00326**  
**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 ESTATES OF: RILDA MAY ELIZABETH CATT, ERNEST CATT. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN GIVEN that Ida F Kiester has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedents. All persons having claims against the decedents or the estates 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.  
DATED: this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2019.  
s:/Michael E. Duggan, Attorney for Personal Representative  
02/13,20,27/2019

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE (Minor)**  
**CASE NO. CV 37-19-13**  
**IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CANYON**  
IN RE: YONI IHL ARRIAGA VELAZQUEZ Legal name of child. A petition to change the name of Yoni Ihl Arriaga Velazquez, a minor, now residing in the city of Marsing, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Yoni Ihl Bigham. The reason for the change in name is: Yoni has no relationship with his father and would like his mother's maiden name.  
A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:30 o'clock a.m. on March 20, 2019 at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 31 W. Wyoming, Homedale, Id 83628. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.  
Date: January 22, 2019  
s:/Cindy Chaves, Deputy Clerk  
Angela Barkell, Clerk of the District Court  
01/30,02/06,13,20/2019

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT**  
**TRANSFER NO. 82919**  
CHRIS UNRUH, 25289 HIPWELL LN, GRAND VIEW, ID 83624-5119; has filed Application No. 82919 for changes to the following water rights within OWYHEE County(s): Right No(s). 57-11799, 57-11801; to see a full description of these rights and the proposed transfer, please see [www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/wr/QueryNewTransfers/QueryNewTransfers.aspx](http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/wr/QueryNewTransfers/QueryNewTransfers.aspx). The purpose of the transfer is to change a portion of the above rights as follows: The transfer application,

if approved, would replace all of the points of diversion on water right no. 57-11799 with three different ones and one of the three points of diversion on right no. 57-11801. The end result would be each right with the same three POD's. The proposed POD's are located 35 miles southwest of Mountain Home near the intersection of Browns Creek Rd and Oreana Rd.  
For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s) or proposed transfer(s), please see [www.idwr.idaho.gov](http://www.idwr.idaho.gov). Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-222. Any protest against the proposed change(s) must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise, ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 03/11/2019. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.  
GARY SPACKMAN, Director  
02/20,27/2019

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Southwestern Idaho Cooperative Housing Authority (SICHA) has developed its agency plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998.

The plan, attachments and support documents are available for review at the SICHA administrative office located at 377 Cornell Street, Middleton, Idaho 83644 between the public business hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday. In Owyhee County, the plan and attachments can be examined at the El-Ada Community Center, 15 West Colorado, Homedale, Idaho. In addition, a Public Hearing will be held at the SICHA administrative office in Middleton at the address indicated above on April 16, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.



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# Sports

## ✓ Marsing: Four wrestle for district gold

From Page 1B

Saturday at Holt Arena in Pocatello:

- 98 — Solin Lafleur, second place
- 113 — Troy Miller, champion
- 120 — Evan Miller, third place
- 145 — Justin Ineck, third place
- 170 — Isai Arriaga, second place, and Kadin Goins, third place
- 195 — Edgar Flores, second place
- 220 — Jed Crandall, second place

The Huskies finished third in the seven-team tournament behind McCall-Donnelly and the host team, which were tied for first with 228 team points. The Huskies finished with 108.5 points.

Troy Miller was one of five Huskies who wrestled for championships.

After a bye in the quarterfinals, Miller blew through semifinal opponent Dan Kaelin of Melba with a dominant 21-4 technical fall over Dan Kaelin of Melba.

Marsing got several other

strong performances, including Lafleur (98), who finished second at 98 after losing the championship via pinfall to McCall-Donnelly's Oswaldo Rodriguez in 4 minutes, 48 seconds.

LaFleur dispatched the Vandals' Connor McKenna by fall at 2:50 in the semifinals.

Other silver medals went to Crandall, Flores and Arriaga.

Crandall fell to McCall-Donnelly's Scott Carr by pinfall (3:19) in the championship match after receiving byes through quarterfinals and semifinals.

Flores went a similar route as Crandall, getting two byes before a championship loss to New Plymouth's Tanner Brown, who needed just 20 seconds to end the match.

Arriaga went a more conventional path, with a semifinal victory over teammate Goins, 15-14.

In the title bout, he dropped a 14-16 major decision to McCall-Donnelly's Tuff Bentz.

Goins wound up third in the weight class after pinning New Plymouth's Jonah Loomis (2:09). He had earlier received

a consolation semi bye.

Evan Miller and Ineck also picked up bronze medals.

Evan Miller won his third-place match with a 3-2 tiebreaker against Woody Pyle of McCall-Donnelly. Miller had lost to Brendon Rice of New Plymouth in the championship semifinal and pinned Garden Valley's Cole Winslow (3:47) in the consolation semifinal.

Ineck edged the Vandals' Will Nau, 8-5, in their third-place match. He qualified for the bronze medal bout with a 16-0 technical fall against his brother, Jonathan, at the 2:37 mark of their consolation semifinal match.

Justin Ineck fell into the consolation bracket after the host team's Hunter Beus pulled off a 48-second pin.

After moving to the consolation bracket, he scored a 16-0 technical fall over Jonathan Ineck at 2:37.

Moving into the third-place match, he scored an 8-5 decision over Will Nau of McCall-Donnelly.

Colton Brown (126) finished sixth at 126 pounds.

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Sports

REAL DAIRY SHOOTOUT

Rimrock’s young coach looks forward as players mature

Second straight  
State trip ends  
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Her eyes, reddened by tears, spoke of disappointment of a season ended, but optimism for the future flowed with Kyla Jewett’s words Friday.

The second-year Rimrock High School girls’ basketball coach had just watched her young team exit the 1A, Div. I Real Dairy Shootout state tournament with a 64-30 loss to Grace at Columbia High School.

But as much as the second lopsided loss in as many days in Nampa stung, the promise of the future emerged as a salve.

“I’ve got a great group of girls going into next season,” the former Raiders standout said.

“We know what we need to work on in the offseason.”

And, for the most part, everyone who experienced three consecutive losses to end the 2018-19 season will be back for the 2019-20 campaign.

“I have a big group of juniors and seniors,” Jewett said.

That’s a big difference than the coach’s first two seasons at the helm, which saw athletes not much younger than Jewett first win the 2018 District III championship then reach a second consecutive state tournament despite losing this season’s district title game.

Rimrock loses just one senior from the current team — starting guard Mylee Meyers. She was scoreless on just two shot attempts in eight minutes of playing time Friday.



Second-year Rimrock coach Kyla Jewett talks to her players in a timeout during Friday’s 1A, Div. I state tournament game against Grace at Columbia High School in Nampa.

The Raiders, who won 20 of their first 22 games before the season-ending three-game skid, potentially could see seven seniors on next year’s squad, including leading offensive threat Sintia Varela, and four juniors — including forward Madie Macmillan. Varela led the way Friday with 15 points on 6-for-12 shooting, and Macmillan had three points and four rebounds in nearly 20 scrappy minutes.

Every returning player will have at least one trip to the state tournament in their memory banks.

“We didn’t do as good this year as we did last year in State, but it’s always a good experience for the girls to see,” Jewett said.

The 2018-19 experience was a rough one for the Raiders, who averaged just 30 points

in their two state tournament games while battling two of Idaho’s top small-school programs.

“We got a tough one this year,” Jewett said, reflecting on the draw of Lapwai on Thursday and then Friday’s finale against the Grizzlies.

Grace owned a 38-20 lead at halftime.

“They attacked really well on offense, and we didn’t react on defense,” Jewett said. “And we couldn’t get our shots to fall.”

Rimrock was 8-for-25 in the first half (32 percent).

The Raiders’ cold shooting worsened after the intermission when Grace romped through the third quarter at a 22-0 clip. Rimrock missed six shots and committed seven turnovers in the first eight minutes of the second half.

The Grizzlies took full advantage, running the fast break and scoring points off the miscues and missed shots.

“My girls didn’t come together well in the third quarter,” Jewett said.

Grace put three scorers in double figures — Breanna Hill (16 points on 7-for-10 shooting), Mariah Clegg (15 points with 13 rebounds), and Madison Windley (6-for-9 for 13 points).

The Raiders could tell a slightly different story in the fourth quarter.

“They finally picked up a little bit,” Jewett said. The Raiders still shot 14.3 percent (3-for-21) in the game’s final 16 minutes.

Varela hit a layup 26 seconds into the final period for the Raiders’ first field goal of the second half, and Rimrock

started getting a little rhythm on offense while disrupting Grace’s flow with defensive rebounding.

Varela hit a jump shot, coach’s kid sister Sami Jewett hit some free throws and Macmillan hit a jumper on a 6-0 run that saw the Grizzlies go scoreless for nearly four minutes.

Varela wound up with six points in the quarter.

**Thursday: Lapwai 78, Rimrock 30** — The Raiders had an early lead, but the top-ranked Wildcats rolled in an opening-round game.

Already leading by seven points, Lapwai blew the game open with a 24-6 run through the second quarter and owned a 38-13 advantage at the break.

Lapwai forced Rimrock into 44 turnovers, scoring 52 points off the miscues.

Laura Gasper came off the bench to knock down five of seven free throws and led the Raiders with 10 points.

The rest of the Raiders were 2-for-8 from the foul line, and the team shot 11-for-34 (32.4 percent) from the field.

Macmillan collected five of her six rebounds on Lapwai’s end of the floor, and Rimrock reserve Taylor Magers scored six points with five rebounds. Hannah Field also came off the bench to grab six defensive rebounds.

Every Lapwai player got into the game, and everyone scored. KC Lossoro and Julia Gould, both non-starters, held the team scoring lead with 11 points each. Starting guard Raequel Domebo scored 10 points.

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Mary Ellen Cossel had nine rebounds, and teammate Emma Clark added seven boards as the Mustangs held an advantage on the backboards. Emma Clark and Jordan Dayley scored seven points apiece.

But Soda Springs used a balanced scoring attack and fired in seven three-point goals to offset the rebounding disadvantage.

Reagan Yamauchi nailed three three-point goals and led all scorers with 15 points for Soda Springs.

Dani Smith’s three three-

pointers were part of her 11-point contribution for the Cardinals.

Sadie Gronning scored half of her 10 points on 5-for-6 free-throw shooting.

**Friday: Melba 46, West Jefferson 36** — The Mustangs built their largest lead of the game shortly before halftime at Bishop Kelly High School in Boise then sailed through the second half and into the state championship game.

Melba used an 11-2 run for a 26-12 lead in the second quarter of a game in which West Jefferson led only once.

Emma Clark scored 16 points to lead the Mustangs, while the Panthers’ Jordi Holdaway connected on nine of 13 field-goal attempts and led all scorers with 19 points. Holdaway added 15 rebounds to continue her standout tournament.

Kate Clark chipped in 10 points for Melba, and Cossel had five points, six rebounds and four steals.

Melba scored 15 points off turnovers, and the Panthers gave possession away 18 times.

**Thursday: Melba 45, Malad 43** — The Mustangs’

stymied the Dragons on a late-game possession to close out an intense opener that saw 10 lead changes and an advantage no larger than Malad’s eight-point edge (19-11) in the second quarter.

Melba showed a glimpse of things to come in the second quarter, taking off on an 11-2 run to a narrow 22-21 halftime lead.

Three Mustangs scored in double figures, including Cossel with a double-double of 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Kate Clark led the team with 15 points, and she snagged

eight boards.

Emma Clark had one of Melba’s two three-point goals and wound up with 11 points.

Dayley canned the Mustangs’ other trey.

Malad had six three points, including four from Britlynn Hubbard, who scored 14 points and collected eight rebounds before fouling out.

Teammate Shawnee Simpson converted eight of nine free throws for half of her game-high 16 points.

She also pulled down 10 rebounds while playing with four fouls.