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January 8, 2024

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
Filing Center  
201 High Street SE, Suite 100  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Advice No. 23-14, Docket UE 426  
In the Matter of Idaho Power Company's Request for a General Rate  
Revision

Attention Filing Center:

In compliance with OAR 860-022-0017, Idaho Power Company ("Idaho Power" or "Company") submits for electronic filing the attached declaration attesting that notice has been given in newspapers of general circulation for the above-referenced case. Advertisement tear sheets (Exhibit A) and Affidavits of Publication (Exhibit B) from the newspapers in the Company's service area are attached as well as the bill insert that Idaho Power will mail its Oregon customers (Exhibit C) on or about January 8, 2024, through February 5, 2024.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa D. Nordstrom".

Lisa D. Nordstrom

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Enclosures

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

**UE 426**

In the Matter of:  
IDAHO POWER COMPANY  
REQUEST FOR A GENERAL RATE  
REVISION

**DECLARATION OF CONNIE G.  
ASCHENBRENNER**

I, Connie G. Aschenbrenner, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Oregon:

1. My full name is Connie G. Aschenbrenner. I am employed by Idaho Power Company as the Rate Design Senior Manager in the Regulatory Affairs Department.

2. Idaho Power Company filed with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon its Request for a general rate revision on December 15, 2023.

3. Pursuant to OAR 860-022-0017, Idaho Power Company published a display advertisement announcing the general rate revision in the following newspapers of general circulation in the communities served by Idaho Power Company: 1) Argus Observer – Ontario, Oregon; 2) Hells Canyon Journal – Halfway, Oregon; 3) Baker City Herald – Baker City, Oregon; 4) Malheur Enterprise – Vale, Oregon. The Ad ran on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, in the Argus Observer, and on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, the Ad ran in the Hells Canyon Journal, the Baker City Herald, and the Malheur Enterprise. The Ad size in the publications was 5 inches wide by 10 inches tall. A copy of the tear sheets for each newspaper are attached to this Declaration as Exhibit A. The Affidavits of Publication from the aforementioned newspapers are attached as Exhibit B.

1           4.           Additionally, a bill insert will be included in each Oregon customer's  
2 bills mailed from January 8, 2024, through February 5, 2024, informing them that Idaho  
3 Power Company filed for a general rate revision. A copy of that bill insert is attached to this  
4 Declaration as Exhibit C.

5           I hereby declare that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and  
6 belief, and that I understand it is made for use as evidence before the Public Utility  
7 Commission of Oregon and is subject to penalty for perjury.

8           SIGNED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024, at Boise, Idaho.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on 8th day of January, 2024, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing document on all parties in Docket No. UE 426 by e-mail to said person(s) as indicated below.

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# **EXHIBIT A**

## **OREGON 2023 GENERAL RATE CASE ADVERTISEMENTS**

# NEWS

## THINGS TO DO

### TODAY, Dec. 19

**Ontario Public Works meeting**, 3 p.m., council chambers, Ontario City Hall, 444 S.W. Fourth St., Ontario.

**Treasure Valley Community College board meeting**, 6 p.m., Laura Moore Cunningham Science Center, TVCC, Ontario, (541) 881-5577; Zoom: [https://bit.ly/TVCC\\_board\\_Meeting\\_ID](https://bit.ly/TVCC_board_Meeting_ID): 970 9364 1120 with passcode: 823142; Telephone: (669) 900-6833 or (253) 215-8782 with passcode: 823142.

### WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20

**Malheur County Court meeting**, 9 a.m., Room 106, Malheur County Courthouse, 251 B St. W., Vale. Join by phone: (571) 317-3129; access code 299-

510-653; join online via GoToMeeting: [https://bit.ly/MalCo\\_Court\\_Info](https://bit.ly/MalCo_Court_Info): (541) 473-5124.

**Ontario Kiwanis Club meeting**, noon to 1 pm, in Room 104 in the Weese Building, Treasure Valley Community College, 650 College Ave., Ontario, Kiwanis Club of Ontario Oregon is on Facebook.

**Preschool story time with Building Healthy Families**, noon to 1 p.m., Emma Humphrey Library, 150 A St. E. Vale.

**Open House at Youth in Action** (by Community in Action), 2 to 4 p.m., Ontario Aquatic Center, 790 S.W. Third Ave., Ontario, (541) 889-9555 ext. 102, [sandyk@cina.team](mailto:sandyk@cina.team).

**Ontario Recreation board meeting**, noon, 444 S.W. Fourth St., Ontario, (541) 889-7684.

**Literacy night (reading**

**of "The Little Red Sled by Trisha Hamilton)**, 6 to 7 p.m., Collins Room, Four Rivers Cultural Center, 676 S.W. Fifth Ave., Ontario, (541) 881-8191, [www.4rcc.com](http://www.4rcc.com).

**Free yoga class**, 6 p.m., Portia Club, 225 N. Ninth St., Payette.

**Emergency Services meeting**, 6 p.m., Vale Fire and Ambulance Department, 252 B St. W., Vale, (541) 473-3796.

**Experimental Aircraft Association 837 meeting**, 6 p.m., potluck dinner and meeting; program follows, EAA clubhouse, Ontario Airport, 3165 Airport Way, Ontario, (541) 881-6887, (541) 881-6168.

**Three Rivers Crime Stoppers board meeting**, 7 p.m., Weiser Classic Candies, 449 State St., Weiser, [cstopper15@yahoo.com](mailto:cstopper15@yahoo.com).

## NATURE

# To save spotted owls, a new plan paints a target on barred owls

FWS aims to remove 10K to 20K owls per year if plan is approved

BY KENDRA CHAMBERLAIN  
Columbia Insight via AP StoryShare

Barred owls have migrated across the country and made the Pacific Northwest home over the past 50 years.

Now, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service wants to cull thousands of the large birds in the region in hopes of saving a cousin: the beleaguered northern spotted owl.

Announced in November, the management plan proposes the birds be lured with recorded "who cooks for you" owl calls, and that agency hunters shoot the birds that show up.

FWS hopes to remove between 10,000-20,000 owls per year if the plan is approved. FWS is currently accepting public comments on the proposal.

In the 1990s, when the northern spotted owl was officially listed as threatened, experts believed logging to be the raptors' greatest threat to survival—spotted owls are considered old growth forest obligates, meaning their habitat and survival is tied to the preservation of old growth forests with large, mature trees.

But even after a massive overhaul of land management and logging practices aimed at protecting the birds, northern spotted owl populations have steadily declined, and are now nearing a point

of no return.

In the United States, northern spotted owl populations have declined over 65% since the 1990s. In British Columbia, only a single female remains in the wild.

Desperate times call for desperate measures, and the northern spotted owl is in an emergency situation, according to Joe Leibzeit, assistant director of statewide conservation at Portland Audubon.

"There is a real possibility of the northern spotted owl going extinct in vast portions of its range," Leibzeit told Columbia Insight. "Therefore we reluctantly support some level of lethal removal of barred owls in some critical places for the short term until better management options are available."

### BIG BULLIES

Barred owls are native to the northeast but began expanding their range over the last half century. No one is sure exactly why.

Researchers believe European settlers — and their habits of meddling with the ecosystems they explored — are likely culprits.

The emergence of trees in towns and neighborhoods in places like Kansas and Nebraska allowed the barred owl to hop across what was previously a natural prairie border to their habitat, according to David Weins, supervisory research wildlife biologist at the USGS Forest and Rangeland Ecosystem Science Cen-

ter in Corvallis. Weins has authored a number of studies on northern spotted owls.

"Unlike spotted owls, barred owls are commonly found in urbanized settings. Downtown Portland and my backyard in the middle of Corvallis are examples," Weins told Columbia Insight in an email.

The extirpation of bison and beaver by settlers, and the legacy of fire suppression across the country, also helped the barred owl expand its range.

Their arrival has pushed spotted owls to the brink.

Barred owls are larger, more competitive and more territorial than spotted owls.

Bully barred owls will establish territory in forests and then protect that territory, often aggressively.

"There is evidence that barred owls physically exclude [chase] spotted owls from their old-forest territories," Weins said.

Researchers have recorded anecdotes of barred owls attacking and killing spotted owls.







Barred owls also reproduce faster than spotted owls; in addition, the two species are close enough to interbreed, creating owl hybrids that may or may not survive the FWS's culling program.

Studies have consistently shown that removing barred owls from spotted owl territory is effective.

One study found spotted owls returned to their territory just one year after a group of barred owls were removed.

While there's consensus that killing one owl to save another is an uncomfortable solution, lethal removal of barred owls is "the only population reduction method that is proven to work in reducing barred owl populations," according to FWS's management plan, unfortunate as that may be for the barred owls.

### AREA SIX-DAY FORECAST

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 HIGH: 47 LOW: 34 Partly Cloudy	 HIGH: 42 LOW: 34 Partly Cloudy	 HIGH: 42 LOW: 33 Mostly Cloudy
SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
 HIGH: 40 LOW: 24 Partly Cloudy	 HIGH: 35 LOW: 24 Mostly Sunny	 HIGH: 35 LOW: 28 Partly Cloudy



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## Idaho Power Files General Rate Case

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<small><sub>1</sub> Includes lighting schedules</small>					



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The Argus Observer has a full-time reporter position available. This position covers the city of Ontario and area communities, lifestyle and human interest stories in the Western Treasure Valley, and other general assignment and special edition stories.

The successful candidate will have a journalism or related degree (we will consider candidates with equivalent experience), a minimum of two years professional reporting experience, and the ability to report a story (with photos) in a compelling and factual way with accuracy a priority. Social media and digital experience are key to being successful in our expanding communication avenues. InDesign and Photoshop skills are a plus!

Qualified applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, application and a digital portfolio or sample of at least three clips to [editor@argusobserver.com](mailto:editor@argusobserver.com).

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Wednesday, December 20

**Community Connection Bus to Baker City**, 8:30 a.m. Call 541-523-7433 by 4:00 p.m. Tuesday to be picked up.  
**Crafters and Quilters**, New Bridge Grange, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
**Pine Valley Recycling Center Open**, Recycling Center on East Record Street adjacent to City of Halfway sewage lagoons, 1:30-2:30 p.m.  
**Hells Canyon Junior Rodeo**, Halfway Lions Hall, 5:00 p.m.  
**Pine Eagle Charter School Winter Concert**, Pine Eagle Primary Building gymnasium, 6:00 p.m.

## Thursday, December 21

**Senior Meals-on-Wheels**, delivered in Eagle Valley 12:00 p.m.  
**Senior Meals-on-Wheels**, delivered in Pine Valley, 1:00 p.m.  
**Pine Eagle High School Basketball** at Four Rivers, varsity starts at 2:30 p.m. (PST)  
**New Bridge Grange**, 7:00 p.m.

## Friday, December 22

**Richland City Council**, Richland City Hall, 10:00 a.m.  
**Bingo** at Halfway VFW Hall, 6:00 p.m.

## Saturday, December 23

**Alcoholics Anonymous**, Pine Valley Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 12:00 p.m.

## Monday, December 25

**Merry Christmas!**

## Tuesday, December 26

**Al-Anon**, Pine Valley Presbyterian Fellowship Hall, 255 West Church Street in Halfway, 3:00-4:00 p.m.  
**Community Dinner**, Richland Christian Church, 6:30 p.m.  
**Pinochle**, VFW Hall in Halfway, 7:00 p.m.

## Wednesday, December 27

**Community Connection Bus to Baker City**, 8:30 a.m. Call 541-523-7433 by 4:00 p.m. Tuesday to be picked up.  
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# Dozens of Cookie Plates for Santa Painted at Richland Library Painting Party

by Sherrie Kvamme  
*of the Hells Canyon Journal*

There were 36 plates available to paint, lots of colors of paint and brushes, platters filled with Christmas cookies, cups of hot chocolate with marshmallows and lots and lots of kids!

Everyone arrived at the Richland Library last Friday morning, ready to paint a cookie plate for Santa, and librarian Sydney Saunders was absolutely delighted with the turnout.

“All of the kids had so much fun, and the designs they painted on their plates were their own ideas. We served cookies and hot chocolate, which Sarah baked and dropped off earlier in the morning. Sierra and some of the parents helped the kids. The event was a success, and everyone went home with a special plate that they created themselves!”

When everyone was gone, there were a few cookies left, a little hot chocolate, some paintbrushes to wash but not a single plate. Sydney said she may or may not repeat



Photos by Sherrie Kvamme

**PAINTERS AT WORK** – The Paint a Cookie Plate for Santa Party at the Richland Library attracted a number of youthful artists last Friday, December 15. Each painter created a plate that was their own, unique design and all the young painters enjoyed cookies and hot chocolate while they worked.

the activity next Christmas for the kids.

“I like to think of different things for them to do,” she said. “I do want to thank everyone who brought their kids to paint and for the sup-

port and encouragement I have from the community with these projects. I am so glad we had a full library. That’s what it is for.

“Merry Christmas, everyone!”



**WHEN ALL THE PLATES WERE PAINTED** and most of the cookies and hot chocolate had been consumed, these 23 painters gathered in the hallway to show their creations.

541-742-5833

Main Street  
 Halfway, OR



Merry Christmas!

We will be **CLOSED**  
 Dec. 22nd - 25th

and will **RE-OPEN**  
 Friday, Dec. 29th



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# Pine Valley Grange Plans “East Coast” New Year’s Eve Gathering

The Pine Valley Grange invites anyone looking for something to do on New Year’s Eve to bring the entire family to the Grange Hall for an evening of food and fun on Sunday, December 31.

A potluck dinner begins the evening at 5:00 p.m., followed by card games. Bring your own favorite game from home or feel free to just sit around and visit. This is all free of charge.

A New Year’s Eve dance will begin at 7:00 p.m. and continue until 10:00 p.m. or possibly later if there are enough folks who want to stay. The cost of the dance is \$3.00 for singles, \$5.00 for couples and \$10.00 for a family of four or more.

Grange members and guests will ring in the New Year on East Coast time, or 9:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Everyone is welcome!



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**BAKER/POWDER VALLEY GIRLS WRESTLING**

# Girls take 6th at Wiley Dobbs

BY IAN CRAWFORD  
Baker City Herald

The Baker/Powder Valley girls wrestling team placed sixth out of 31 teams at the Wiley Dobbs Invitational in Twin Falls, Idaho, on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15 and 16.

Neva Lynch, Kylie Martin and Madison Meyer all placed fourth in their divisions, while Marli Lind was fifth and Lilly Collins sixth.

Baker's defending state champion, Oakley Anderson, missed the tournament due to illness.

"A lot of kids sick," Baker coach Josh Anderson said. "We only took seven out of 12 girls."

Anderson said Lynch and Martin "had the most impressive tournament for us."

Lind, who placed second at state last year, had a tough bracket that included four state finalists from a year ago, Anderson said.

The Bulldogs gained valuable experience, he said.

"It was a good sized tournament," he said. "We went down to see some Idaho kids, get new competition, get good matches and we did, some strong competition over there."

Baker/Powder Valley will host the annual intersquad fundraising event with the Baker boys team on Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. in the BHS gym.

The girls will compete in the Best of the West tournament Thursday and Friday, Dec. 21 and 22, in Pasco, Washington.



Contributed Photo

**Baker/Powder Valley's Kylie Martin, left, in action during the Wiley Dobbs Invitational wrestling tournament Dec. 15-16 at Twin Falls, Idaho. Martin placed fourth in her division.**

**WILEY DOBBS INVITATIONAL**

**Team results**  
Canyon Ridge, 1st, 148; Jerome, 2nd, 140.5; Kuna, 3rd, 136; Vale, 4th, 118; Burley, 5th, 92; Baker, 6th, 88.

**Individual results**

**107 pounds: Neva Lynch, 4th, 20 team points**  
• Champ. Round 2: won by fall over Natalia Hernandez (Elko), 4:58  
• Quarterfinal: won by fall over Taylor Hirsbrunner (Soda Springs) 3-11, 46 seconds

• Semifinal: lost by fall to Daniele Holt (Canyon Ridge), 52 seconds  
• Cons. Semi: won by fall over Alliyah Green (Ridgeview), 4:37  
• 3rd Place Match: lost by fall to Vanessa Ortiz (Glenns Ferry), 2:56

**114: Kylie Martin, 4th, 16 team points**  
• Champ. Round 2: won by decision over Bahlie Morales (Vale), 7-2  
• Quarterfinal: lost to Kyra Cobb (Timberline) by major decision, 8-0

• Cons. Round 4: won by fall over Lauren Fleck (Owyhee), 4:57  
• Cons. Round 5: won by decision over Alexis Prescott (Jerome), 8-4

• Cons. Semi: won by decision over Destiny McSweeney (Ontario), 5-2  
• 3rd Place Match: lost to Aurora Rider (Kuna), by decision, 9-4

**138: Lilly Collins, 6th, 13 team points**  
• Champ. Round 2: lost to Juleanne Child (Burley), by fall, 1:51  
• Cons. Round 3: won by fall over Chloe Hughes (Timberline), 2:06

• Cons. Round 4: won by fall over Zuleyka Angulo (Boise), 3:41  
• Cons. Round 5: won by fall over Taylor Williams (Kimberly), 1:52

• Cons. Semi: lost by decision to Juleanne Child (Burley), 12-6  
• 5th Place Match: lost by fall to Penelope Ruiz (Elko), 1:00

**152: Marli Lind, 5th, 17 team points**  
• Champ. Round 2: won by fall over Alexis Hall (Canyon Ridge), 1:21  
• Quarterfinal: won by fall over Jessica Jimenez (Wendell), 3:19

• Semifinal: lost by fall to Hannah Hernandez (Ontario), 5:58  
• Cons. Semi: lost by fall to Sophia Bradbury (Canyon Ridge), 2:29

• 5th Place Match: won by fall over Joanna Jimenez (Wendell), 3:32

**165: Mairissa Weston (2-7) place is unknown.**  
• Champ. Round 2: lost to fall to Abbiegail Krupp (Soda Springs), 36 seconds  
• Cons. Round 3: won by fall over Emmalyn Allen (Pocatello), 26 seconds

• Cons. Round 4: lost by fall to Sydney Scott (Payette), 44 seconds  
• 165: Ahsite Elizondo, 4 team points

• Champ. Round 1: lost by fall to Sydney Scott (Payette), 33 seconds  
• Cons. Round 2: won by fall over Anais Viveros (Burley), 4:33

• Cons. Round 3: lost by fall to Cheyanne O'Connell (Elko), 2:41  
• 235: Madison Meyer, 4th, 18 team points

• Quarterfinal: won by fall over Divine Molly (Canyon Ridge), 1:26  
• Semifinal: lost by fall to Margaret Hutchings (Filer), 42 seconds

• Cons. Semi: won by fall over Priscilla Arredondo (Kuna), 1:36  
• 3rd Place Match: lost by fall to Amalia Garza (Kuna), 51 seconds

**BAKER, PINE EAGLE BOYS WRESTLING**

# Bulldogs 7th, Spartans 9th at Elgin

BY IAN CRAWFORD

Baker City Herald

The Baker boys wrestling team, led by Aldo Duran's championship at 120 pounds, placed seventh out of 18 teams at the Elgin tournament on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15 and 16.

Pine Eagle placed ninth. Duran's teammate, Luis Rosales, placed second at 120 pounds, losing by major decision to Duran in the title match. Marcus Chamberlain was also second, at 126 pounds.

Sage Darlington placed third at 132 pounds.

"The boys wrestled pretty well," Baker coach Jeris Stephens said.

"We had some hiccups in the first rounds, few guys lost some matches, mostly mental mistakes. All in all I really can't be mad at the performance this weekend, there are a lot of little things to fix and tighten up on the team as a whole."

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**Baker/Powder Valley's Aldo Duran, left, goes for position on La Grande's Mason Wolcott during their 4A 120-pound third-place match in the OSAA state wrestling championships on Feb. 24, 2023, in Portland.**

• Consolation 1st: lost by fall to Kadin Allen (Elgin), 4:13  
**132: Danny Duran**  
• Champ. Round 1: won by fall over Brayden Pesidos (Heppner), 1:56  
• Quarterfinal: lost by fall to Gunner Sinclair (Enterprise), 1:06  
• Cons. Round 2: lost by fall to Jean Paul Despain (Weiser), 3:29

**138: Nolan Briels**  
• Quarterfinal: lost by decision to Jerrett Waddell (Grant Union), 7-4  
• Cons. Round 2: lost by fall to Nash Froerer (Nyssa), 4:36

**138: Alex Brown, 2 team points**  
• Champ. Round 1: won by decision over Conner DelCurto, 12-10  
• Quarterfinal: lost by fall to Gage Walker (Weiser), 3:52  
• Cons. Round 2: lost by fall to Maximus Eckstein (Elgin), 2:08

**138: Samuel Nelson**  
• Champ. Round 1: lost by fall to Nash Froerer (Nyssa), 4:22  
• Consolation 1st: won by fall over Conner DelCurto (Pine Eagle), 2:23

**144: Roman Zickgraf**  
• Quarterfinal: lost by fall to Shane Wenke (Enterprise), 1:39  
• Cons. Round 2: lost by sudden victory to Caleb Woodruff (Nyssa), 6-4

**150: Daniel Maldonado, 4th 18 team points**  
• Champ. Round 1: won by fall over Ian Espin (Nyssa), 1:55  
• Quarterfinal: won by fall over Anthony Pallis (Imbler), 1:30

• Semifinal: lost by decision to Pearce Schnetzky (Enterprise), 16-10  
• Cons. Round 3: won by fall over Addison Mendoza (Adrian), 2:07

• 3rd Place Match: lost by decision to Santiago Perez (Weiser), 12-9  
**157: Gaige Birmingham, 6th**  
• Quarterfinal: lost by fall to Riley Krantz (La Grande), 3:09  
• Cons. Round 2: won by fall over Angus Boyk (La Grande), 3:27  
• Cons. Round 3: lost by fall to Zachary Brown (Heppner), 2:17  
• 5th Place Match: lost by fall to Riley Krantz (La Grande), 3:48

**157: Riley Martin, 4th, 13 team points**  
• Quarterfinal: lost by fall to Ashton Wilson (Nyssa), 2:42  
• Cons. Round 2: won by fall over Jaxon Middleton (La Grande), 2:23  
• Cons. Round 3: won by forfeit over Riley Krantz (La Grande), 2:23

• 3rd Place Match: lost by fall to Zachary Brown (Heppner), 3:07  
**165: Alex Wise**  
• Champ. Round 1: lost by fall to Ashtyn Irwin (Enterprise), 1:15  
• Consolation 1st: lost by fall to Carson Weimer (La Grande), 2:35

**175: Ben Coburn**  
• Quarterfinal: lost by decision to Mason Benge (Grant Union), 6-4  
• Cons. Round 2: lost by technical fall to Isaih Trujillo (Imbler), 21-6

**175: Braiden Whitebread, 3rd**  
• Quarterfinal: lost by decision to Bryan Camacho (Grant Union), 11-9  
• Cons. Round 2: won by fall over Carlo Apostoli (Weiser), 48 seconds  
• Cons. Round 3: won by fall over Bryce King (Weiser), 2:52

• 3rd Place Match: won by fall over Bryan Camacho (Grant Union), 3:35  
**215: Kade Rudi, 5th**  
• Champ. Round 1: won by fall over Elijah Quilter (Heppner), 1:12  
• Quarterfinal: won by fall over Dakota Hogan (Elgin), 37 seconds  
• Semifinal: lost by fall to Gunnar McDowell (Enterprise), 1:06  
• Cons. Round 3: lost by fall to Russel Walden (Baker), 1:58  
• 5th Place Match: won by fall over Ramon Iniguez (Nyssa), 1:21  
**215: Russel Walden, 4th, 17 team points**  
• Champ. Round 1: won by fall over Taylor Thomas (Grant Union), 1:09  
• Quarterfinal: lost by fall to Jaime Cavan (Heppner), 40 seconds  
• Cons. Round 2: won by fall over Harry Cook (Weiser), 1:27  
• Cons. Round 3: won by fall over Kade Rudi (Baker), 1:59  
• 3rd Place Match: lost by fall to Jaime Cavan (Heppner), 1:27

**285: Andrew Sandberg**  
• Champ. Round 1: lost by fall to Cade Cunningham (Enterprise), 57 seconds  
• Consolation 1st: lost by fall to Gabe Harder (Imbler), 2:58

**Individual results**  
**Pine Eagle**  
**106: Hunter Buck, 1st, 26.5 team points**  
• Champ. Round 1: won by technical fall over Levi Prado (Nyssa), 16-1  
• Semifinal: won by fall over James Royes (Enterprise), 3:49  
• 1st Place Match: won by major decision over Kallen Blakely (La Grande), 12-0

**120: Ezra Simpson, 3rd, 15 team points**  
• Quarterfinal: lost by fall to Aldo Duran (Baker), 1:41  
• Cons. Round 3: won by fall over Luke Patterson (Enterprise), 32 seconds  
• 3rd Place Match: won by fall over Adrian Verdugo (La Grande), 1:19

**138: Conner DelCurto**  
• Champ. Round 1: lost by decision to Alex Brown (Baker), 12-10  
• Consolation 1st: lost by fall to Samuel Nelson (Baker), 2:23

**144: Giovanni Lopez Cartwright, 4th**  
• Quarterfinal: won by fall over Hayden McMahon (Heppner), 43 seconds  
• Semifinal: lost by decision to Cade McKinley (La Grande), 13-12  
• Cons. Round 3: won by fall over Caleb Woodruff (Nyssa), 2:26  
• 3rd Place Match: lost by fall to Luke Baker (Nyssa), 4:55

**144: James Denson, 2nd, 22 team points**  
• Quarterfinal: won by fall over Caleb Woodruff (Nyssa), 2:55  
• Semifinal: won by fall over Shane Wenke (Enterprise), 4:55  
• 1st Place Match: lost by decision to Cade McKinley (La Grande), 11-5

**175: Max Thomas, 1st**  
• Champ. Round 1: won by fall over Everett Vardanega (Grant Union), 4:41  
• Quarterfinal: won by fall over Jobany Sotelo (Nyssa), 3:13  
• Semifinal: won by fall over Bryce King (Weiser), 1:04  
• 1st Place Match: won by decision over Joaquin Cuevas (Nyssa), 13-11

**BAKER SWIMMING**

# Bulldogs take 4th at La Grande

BY IAN CRAWFORD

Baker City Herald

The Baker Bulldogs made waves at the La Grande Swimming Invitational Saturday, Dec. 16, with the boys and girls both placing fourth.

Pendleton and La Grande tied for first in the girls meet, while La Grande won the boys meet.

Baker coach Katelynn Raley said Baker swimmers, including many freshmen and sophomores, are improving.

"It was great to get all of our first year swimmers in the water and see their practice efforts pay off," she said. "The meet was incredibly fast pace compared to usual, which meant far less recovery time between races. But everyone still gave each race 100 percent and we got some new personal bests on the books."

Cadell Mills, a sophomore, competed in two team relays, each followed immediately by an individual race.

Despite the hectic schedule, she cut two seconds from her times, Raley said.

Baker will travel to Lewis & Clark College for a meet Jan. 6, then return to host the Baker Invitational Jan. 13 at Sam-O Swim Center.

"I'm very impressed with the passion and love these athletes have for the sport and their team, and I'm excited to see how they will continue to grow," Raley said.

**La Grande Invitational**

**Baker individual results**

**Boys 100 breaststroke, varsity**

Kegan Bott, 3rd, 1:21.36

**Girls 100 freestyle, varsity**

Addyson Macy, 11th, 1:24.98

**Girls 200 freestyle relay, varsity**

Baker, 5th, 2:18.91 (Taylor Johnson, Addyson Macy, Reese Roys, Cadell Mills)

**Girls 100 backstroke, varsity**

Cadell Mills, 5th, 1:24.05; Reese Roys, 7th, 1:35.48

**Girls 100 breaststroke, varsity**

Taylor Johnson, 4th, 1:30.32; Marly Macy, 9th, 1:46.74; Addyson Macy, 10th, 1:51.20

**Girls 50 freestyle, JV**

Alexandria Honsvick, 1st, 40.96; Melissa Reynolds, 2nd, 54.91

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# Nyssa council nixes fee hike to add police

By Pat Caldwell  
The Enterprise

NYSSA – The Nyssa City Council rejected a plan to boost the city’s public safety fee during its regular meeting Tuesday, Dec. 12.

On a 5-2 vote, the council shot down the proposal to hike the public safety fee from the current \$5 charged to residents and business on their monthly city bill to \$15.

Mayor Betty Halcomb and Councilor Ron Edmondson voted in favor of the fee boost designed to provide more money for the Nyssa Police Department. Councilors Patricia Esplin,

Pat Oliver, Morganne DeLeon, Juan Ramos and Robert Escobedo voted no.

Yet the council isn’t finished regarding a public safety fee hike.

The council was scheduled to meet Tuesday, Dec. 19, to discuss two new different public safety fee rate boosts, said Jim Maret, Nyssa city manager.

“They will discuss a \$5 and a \$3 one,” said Maret.

Nyssa councilors began to consider a public safety fee hike last summer and

since then sponsored public meetings and sent out two surveys to residents.

The public safety fee is separate from the city’s water and sewer charges. The 2022-2023 Nyssa budget lists income from the current public safety fee at \$76,000.

The city received 77 responses on the first survey and more than 130 on the second survey. The surveys were available to the council during its meeting.

Escobedo said he voted against the increase because he felt the council should have discussed the survey results more.

“The community took the time to write those comments and I think the city needs to take the time to read them. We didn’t go over the comments so I didn’t feel comfortable,” he said.

Previously, Escobedo said he was “on the fence” about the proposal and leaned toward putting the issue before voters. The earliest such a measure could go onto a ballot would be next May.

*News tip? Contact reporter Pat Caldwell at pat@malheurenterprise.com*

## BUSINESS BEAT

# New business opens in Nyssa, offering retail plus Amazon shipping services

By Steven Mitchell  
The Enterprise

NYSSA – Nyssa got a new Main Street business a couple of weeks ago.

Nyssa Limited, at 112 Main St., is a retail store in the front and an Amazon fulfillment center in the back.

A fulfillment center serves as a warehouse that stores, packs and ships orders to customers.

Nyssa Limited is open Monday to Friday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is closed on the weekends.

David Voigtlaender, Nyssa Limited owner, started the shipping company, opening a warehouse in Portland while working remotely during the height of the pandemic. In 2021, he made it a full-time venture after he was laid off from his human resources job with Nike.

By that time, Voigtlaender was nearly a year into being in business and then moved his family to Nampa.

Voigtlaender said he had been looking to relocate his business to the Treasure Valley for the last couple of years and finally found the right location in downtown Nyssa.

Voigtlaender said ad-

vises shippers who need help sending their products over the Amazon platform. Sometimes, those shippers are stuck with merchandise. Either they have to store the items until they can sell them through other channels, or end up donating the products, or writing them off entirely, he said.

Voigtlaender said a retail outlet provides him an opportunity to sell those products shippers can’t move on the Amazon platform while continuing the fulfillment center operations.

The products, Voigtlaender said, are brands most people familiar with, including Nike, Spider Man and Marvel-themed Funko Pops, which are small figurines with large bobble heads and large eyes that are very popular with kids.

Voigtlaender, who has a background in retail, said the inventory would likely change every few months.

“We’ll always have items,” he said, “and there will always be a lot of stuff, but not a lot of the same items. So, if you see something, you need to grab it.”

Voigtlaender noted that he is always “on the hunt” for good deals to pass along to customers.

With an extensive back-

ground in retail before he moved into human resources at Nike, Voigtlaender, said he has promotions and sales in mind based on consumer interests.

He said he managed retail stores for Nike, then worked as a district manager for the company, before making the jump to human resources, where he worked out of the conglomerate’s corporate headquarters in Beaverton.

Voigtlaender said he anticipates hiring staff as the business gets going. It’s unclear how many he will bring on, but he said he had six employees when the Portland operation peaked. However, he said his employees were running the warehouse at that time.

He said has strong connections to the military and operates a nonprofit that’s done charity work for veterans. Voigtlaender’s wife Karesa is an Army veteran and he has other family members who served as well. He said whether it’s a food program or another local cause within the community, the business will give back to the community.

“We want to serve wherever we can,” he said.

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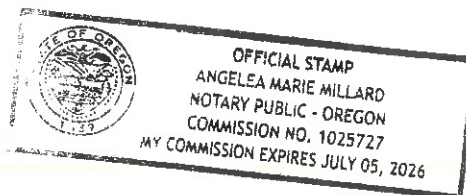
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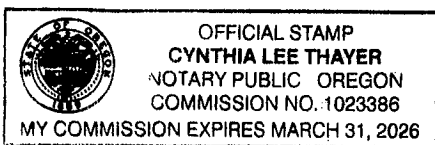
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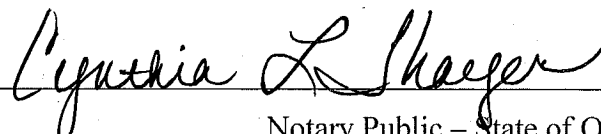
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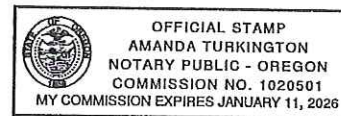
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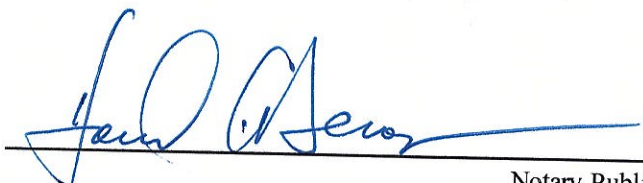
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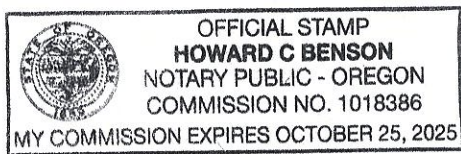
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# **EXHIBIT C**

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# Idaho Power Files General Rate Case

Idaho Power filed a general rate case with the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC) requesting an overall rate increase of \$10.7 million, or 19.28%. The OPUC will evaluate this request over the next several months, and any resulting changes will not take effect until at least October 2024.

Idaho Power is sensitive to the challenges faced by our customers in these difficult economic times and does not take lightly any request to increase rates. Programs may be available to help qualifying residential customers in need of financial assistance. Visit [idahopower.com/oregon-assistance](https://idahopower.com/oregon-assistance) or call 1-800-388-6040 for more information.

A general rate case is a proceeding used by the OPUC to review the costs of operating and maintaining the utility system, and how those costs should be allocated among customers. Idaho Power's last general rate case was filed in 2011. Since then, we've made significant investments in the grid to serve our customers' growing energy needs safely and reliably. Other factors, such as rising operations and maintenance costs, also play a role. The incremental grid investments (referred to as rate base) necessary to serve our Oregon customers have grown by approximately 60% over what is reflected in current rates.

Establishing new general rates will help ensure Idaho Power collects the level of revenue from customers necessary to cover costs and allow for a reasonable rate of return as we continue to provide safe and



reliable electric service. If this request is approved as filed, the average Oregon residential customer using 1,150 kilowatt-hours per month would see a monthly bill increase of about \$31.77. Proposed impacts for all Oregon customers are shown in the table below. Actual percentage impacts will depend on a customer's classification, usage, and the rate they pay.

As part of this general rate case, Idaho Power is also proposing a new Bill Discount for Qualified Customers Program, which if approved, will consider customers' household incomes and estimated energy burdens so affordability of electric service may be enhanced for qualifying residential customers. Residential customers participating in Idaho Power's proposed Bill Discount for Qualified Customers Program would be eligible to receive a discount of up to 60% towards applicable charges.

General Rate Case Request				
<i>Percentage Change from Current Base Revenue</i>				
Residential	Small General Service	Large General Service <sup>1</sup>	Large Power	Irrigation
26.76%	18.94%	14.66%	7.81%	35.67%

<sup>1</sup> Includes lighting schedules

## Opportunities for Public Review

Idaho Power's filings are subject to public review and OPUC approval. Copies of the filings are available on Idaho Power's website, [idahopower.com](http://idahopower.com); or on the OPUC website, [oregon.gov/puc](http://oregon.gov/puc). Documents are also available at Idaho Power's offices in Payette, Nampa, and its corporate headquarters in Boise (please call 208-388-2460 to make arrangements) or OPUC offices (please call 503-378-6600 to set up an appointment). Written comments can also be submitted to:

**Oregon Public Utility Commission, 201 High St. SE, Suite 100, Salem, OR 97301-3398.**

This announcement provides Idaho Power customers with information about this proposal and its impact on customers — calculations and statements in this announcement are not binding on the OPUC.