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2019: A PHOTOGRAPHIC REVIEW



July: Cyclists accept challenge of Owyhee County

A group of Ride Idaho cyclists pedal across Main Street road construction and down into Marsing's Island Park during one of two Owyhee County stops for Ride Idaho. The cyclists camped at Riverside Park in Homedale, too. See more of the look back at 2019 on Pages 6A, 8A and 9A.



Ongoing: Library in limbo

The Homedale City Library expansion broke ground the first week of March. Originally scheduled for completion by Aug. 20, the doors had yet to open at year's end because of numerous delays



Ongoing: Homedale P.O. absence

The U.S. Postal Service closed Homedale's post office in mid-October. As of the end of the year very little — if any — work had been accomplished, and residents and business owners were still shuttling to Wilder for their mail.

Homedale has been without a post office for:
80 days

Range livestock symposium returns to Marsing

University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Educator Scott Jensen is among the presenters at Monday's annual Idaho Range Livestock Symposium.

The symposium will make the first of four stops around the state beginning at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., in Marsing.

The 2020 "Adapting to a Changing Rangeland

— See Symposium, page 4A

MRW Fire will have new commissioners later this month

Jack Young steps down

Interested Givens Hot Springs-area residents now have a chance to serve on the local fire district's governing board.

The Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District will accept written requests until Tuesday for anyone who wants to be considered for the vacant commissioner's seat from the

Wilson Subdistrict.

Jack Young of Wilson has retired from the board of commissioners.

Commissioner-elect Neva Miller, who won the right to succeed Doug Hipwell of Murphy on the board, has been filling Young's position on an interim basis. But a new commissioner is needed when Miller takes the oath of office to start her four-year term at

— See MRW Fire, page 10A



A large plume of smoke emitting from the U.S. Ecology Idaho waste disposal facility was visible miles away Saturday. Photo by Leah Hipwell

Fire extinguished at U.S. Ecology

A fire broke out at an U.S. Ecology Idaho landfill outside Grand View on Saturday. The company said only a security guard was on site, and there were no injuries.

Reported around 2:30 p.m., the fire was quickly controlled by U.S. Ecology's emergency crews, according to the company's release.

The incident occurred in an area used where

household hazardous waste and other related products are disposed. An investigation is underway.

General operations resumed Monday, and officials isolated the impacted area.

According to news reports, the fire was caused

— See U.S. Ecology, page 9A



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This space inside the HUB, which used to be known as Marsing Middle School, will be reserved for a new public preschool for which parents have been asking.



New preschool coming to old Marsing Middle School

District receives grants to get program off ground

Some community members will get the wish when the Marsing School District opens the new Husky Pups Preschool, planned for Jan. 27.

The new Husky Pups Preschool will operate in space next to the existing WICAP Head Start within the old middle school. The school district's offices are located in the HUB, too.

The rates for the new preschool are \$400 per month for full-time and \$300 for part-time. Husky Pups will accept Idaho Child Care Program (ICCP) for lower-income families.

The parent handbook and enrollment forms are available at the district office and the elementary school, 207 8th Ave. W.

The purpose of establishing the preschool, according to the release, is to get young students ready to succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

The district conducted a survey in September and found that many families within the

Marsing community did not qualify for Head Start, but wanted to send their children to preschool.

The effort to establish a pre-kindergarten program has been bolstered by grant from Community Collaborative Preschool by Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (AEYC).

Marsing's 21st Century Community Learning Centers director Ken Price learned on Dec. 18 that the district would be awarded a \$61,440 grant to implement a high-quality preschool in the HUB, the new community school and health center within the old middle school, 209 8th Ave. W.

The AEYC also provided a \$5,000 Preschool the Idaho Way (PTIW) planning grant in April. Marsing is one of 14 communities to receive the grant, which aimed to help plan a high-quality preschool based on families' needs and desires.

According to a district press release, "Idaho AEYC is the

voice for Idaho families to promote Early Education for our youth. Idaho AEYC 'envision[s] a world where all children thrive: at home, in child care, in the classroom, or with their caretaker, teacher, early educator, or family.'"

The press release notes that the school district shares the vision and mission of AEYC in providing quality education for youth.

The release also notes efforts made by Idaho Gov. Brad Little.

"If we spend half of our state budget on education, we have zero excuse to not have our kids reading proficiently by the end of third grade, and that's all kids," Little said at the Oct. 8 Governor's Summit on the Future of Work

"Idaho is one of only four states that does not provide any state funded pre-K programs," the district's release said.

"Now, thanks to Idaho AEYC, Marsing can offer preschool to families who do not qualify for Head Start preschool a terrific early education at a monthly rate well below market rates."

— TK

Want to vote by mail? You'll have to renew your request soon

Getting a jump on a busy and important election year, the Owyhee County Clerk's Office is reminding folks they must renew mail-in absentee ballot requests each year.

The 2020 election calendar begins with March 10 polling, which also will include a presidential primary election.

Mail-in absentee ballot applications can be found at www.owyheecounty.net or www.idahovotes.gov.

The applications also are available at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, in Murphy, or by calling the county clerk's office at (208) 495-2421.

For more information, call the clerk's office or email deputy clerk Brook Russell at brussell@co.owyhee.id.us.

The county clerk's office will accept mail-in absentee ballot applications until 5 p.m., on Feb. 28.

The clerk's office also reminds voters of state law changes regarding the presidential primary process.

A voter's party affiliation and ballot choice will be recorded in the poll book, which is public record.

A voter cannot change their ballot choice after signing the poll book.

Party affiliation determines which ballot a voter is eligible to vote.

All unaffiliated voters may affiliate with any political party on March 10, and sign

the poll book.

March 13 is the last day for voter registered by party to change affiliation or become unaffiliated for the May 19 primary election by filing a signed form with the county clerk.

Who is eligible to vote in presidential primaries varies by political party rules.

In order to vote the Republican Party ballot, a voter must be affiliated with the GOP.

Unaffiliated voters or those affiliated with the respective parties are eligible to vote in the Constitution and Democratic Party presidential primaries.

The May 19 primary election will be a busy one as all three District 23 legislative seats will be on the ballot.

Also on the ballot for the primary season will be county offices including sheriff (incumbent Perry Grant), prosecuting attorney (appointee Jeffrey L. Phillips), and Dist. 2 commissioner (incumbent Kelly Aberasturi).

The sheriff and prosecutor positions are four-year terms, while the commissioner term is only two years.

Prospective candidates have until March 13 to file nomination petitions.

Coinciding with the Nov. 3 general election are supervisor elections for the Owyhee Conservation District and the Bruneau Soil & Water Conservation District.

Homedale eatery high in poll

A local business has landed on a marketing firm's "Best of Idaho" list, as determined by an online public poll.

The Bowling Alley in Homedale earned Best of the Treasure Valley for its burgers in the Idaho's Best of 2020 list

compiled by Meridian-based Inbound Systems.

The restaurant's burgers also were voted in the top 3 statewide.

The Bowling Alley also earned a top-three rating statewide for family dining.

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Three new Eagle Scouts are last from GV Troop 73

End of LDS-BSA relationship marks new direction

by **Mandi Boren**
For The Owyhee Avalanche
The Grand View Boy Scouts of America Troop 73 is going out with a bang, graduating three Scouts to the rank of Eagle last month in Bruneau. Rimrock freshmen Cooper Raymond and Layth Jenkins and Grand View resident Max Mulberry received the prestigious award to complete their scouting careers during an Eagle Court of Honor on Dec. 22.

For their final scout projects:

- Cooper tore down and rebuilt the fence surrounding the Grand View Lions Park. He's the 14-year-old son of Grand View residents Dr. Randall and Melissa Raymond.
- Layth organized the making and placing of an entry sign at the Oreana Pioneer Cemetery. He is the 15-year-old son of Dave and Karen Jenkins of Oreana.
- Max organized and placed new signage at the Post 134 American Legion Hall in Grand View. Logan and Erica Mulberry are the 16-year-old's parents.



The Boy Scout Troop 73 Honor Court for Eagle Scouts included, from left, Scoutmaster Doug Thurman, Eagle Scouts Laythe Jenkins, Cooper Raymond, and Max Mulberry, and Scoutmaster Harold Simper. Photo by Mandi Boren

The advancements came just in the nick of time. According to a May 2018 press release issued by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the church was set to end a relationship of more than a decade with the Boy Scouts of America on Tuesday. In the press release, the church explained the reason for the departure by highlighting a new program they feel will better fit the diverse needs of a global church. "This approach is intended

to reduce the burdens on families, with greater flexibility to adapt to the needs of individuals and families around the world in many different circumstances," the release said. Longtime Grand View Troop 73 scout leader Doug Thurman said the new program would allow for greater flexibility and the ability to participate in more activities like rock climbing, which had been limited in the Scouting program. The new program is open to



Troop 73 Eagle Scout Layth Jenkins stands next to the sign he constructed for the Oreana Pioneer Cemetery. Photo by Gary Aman

all interested youth between the ages of 11 and 18. For more information on how to get involved, contact Thurman or Melissa Raymond at (208) 834-2150.

— Mandi Boren, an Oreana resident, covers the Grand View-Bruneau-Oreana area for The Owyhee Avalanche. Send news tips to her at mandi@owyheeavalanche.com

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Homedale Senior Center

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Milk available each day
Roll available each day except Jan. 8, Jan. 15

Jan. 2: Beef & gravy over rice, broccoli
Jan. 7: Roast pork, mashed potatoes w/gravy, mixed veggies
Jan. 8: Cheeseburger on bun, bacon-me-crazy potato salad, Brussels sprouts
Jan. 9: Salisbury steak w/mushrooms & onions, mashed potatoes w/gravy, California blend veggies
Jan. 14: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, beets
Jan. 15: Ham & cheese on roll, pasta salad, creamed spinach
Jan. 16: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, country trio veggies

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✓ Symposium: Traveling winter road show kicks off statewide whirlwind in Marsing

Environment” symposium will travel to the College of Southern Idaho Herrett Center in Twin Falls on Tuesday, and the Bannock County Veterans Memorial Building in Pocatello next Wednesday before wrapping up at the BYU Idaho Agriculture Science Center in Rexburg on Thursday, Jan. 9.

The one-day traveling program and networking event crams information on industry-relevant topics for producers and rangeland managers.

U of I Extension personnel work with industry partners to provide the free seminar, but folks must register.

This year’s symposium includes topics such as grazing for healthy landscapes and cost-effective management to enhance cow adaptability and performance.

Advance registration is available at www.uidaho.edu/cnr/rangeland-center/events/irls. Contact Jensen at (208) 896-4104 or scottj@uidaho.edu with questions.

The Marsing symposium will begin at 9 a.m., with on-site registration. Coffee will be served.

The presentations begin a half-hour later and include:

- **9:30 a.m.** — Keynote speaker Kit Pharo of the Pharo Cattle Co., on grazing management, including the ranch benefits of running appropriate cow size with a profit-per-acre focus.
- **10:30 a.m.** — Idaho State Dept. of Agriculture on rangeland monitoring tools
- **11:15 a.m.** — U of I’s Jim Sprinkle on strategic supplementation and fitting cows to the rangeland environment
- **11:55 a.m.** — U of I livestock research video vignettes

After lunch, the presentations will continue:

- **1 p.m.** — April Hulet, U of I on grazing to manage fine fuels and fire risk
- **1:45 p.m.** — Jason Ahola from Colorado State University and Jensen will discuss the value of Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) certification
- **2:45 p.m.** — Pharo returns to discuss genetic selection

The symposium is scheduled to conclude at 3:30 p.m.

Symposium partners include:

- The U of I Extension, Department of Animal and Veterinary Science, and Rangeland Center
- Idaho Rangeland Resources Commission
- Idaho Cattle Association
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Idaho Department of Lands
- Idaho State Department of Agriculture

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The Owyhee Avalanche readers come through for OHR again
During the Dec. 24 Christmas party, Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation resident Grant MacKenzie sits in front of the wealth of gifts gathered through The Owyhee Avalanche's Christmas gift drive this year.

Somes businesses have new year's hours

Government offices in and around Owyhee County and some businesses will be closed New Year's Day.

Schoolchildren return from their holiday break Monday.

County government offices in Murphy will be closed on New Year's Day. The Board of County Commissioners holds its first meeting of 2020 on Monday.

City Halls in Homedale, Marsing, Grand View, Jordan Valley, and Adrian are closed for New Year's Day.

Emergency dispatch and services, including law enforcement, medical, and fire, will be available.

Post offices throughout the county will be closed.

U.S. Bank branches in both Homedale and Marsing will be closed.

Homedale City Library is open on New Year's Day.

The Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View is closed for the New Year's break until Monday.

Lizard Butte Library in Marsing and the Bruneau Valley Library are both closed New Year's Day.

The Homedale Senior Center and Rimrock Senior Center are closed on Jan. 1, but will reopen Thursday.

The University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office reopens from its holiday break on Thursday.

Westtowns Disposal Inc.'s garbage service will be delayed by one day for the rest of the week. Daily pickup times will remain the same, though.

Logan's Market in Marsing is open its normal hours, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., on New Year's Day.

Albertsons in Homedale is open New Year's Day, but Sav-On Pharmacy inside the store is closed.

Homedale Drug, and the state liquor store inside, will be closed New Year's Day.

The Owyhee Avalanche office will be closed, but will reopen at 8 a.m., on Thursday.

On-time delivery of The Owyhee Avalanche's first 2020 edition may be affected by the holiday mail schedule.

— TK

Church founder to speak at Marsing prayer breakfast

The founder of Marsing's Vision Community Church is the featured speaker at the next prayer breakfast planned in town.

Pastor Benje Graves will address folks gathered for the free breakfast and fellowship at 8 a.m., on Saturday, Jan. 11. Free will offerings are welcome.

The prayer breakfast takes place in the basement of the Marsing Church of the Nazarene, 12 2nd Ave. W.

Vision Community Church celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2019. Graves and his wife, Michele, started the church, which is located on West Main Street, in 1999.

Benje Graves was born in Juneau, Alaska. He moved to Idaho in 1985 and later met Michele.

The couple spent 13 years on the road doing music and evangelism full-time.

The couple has held more than 4,000 services between the evangelical touring and pastoral years. More than 150 sermons are available online, too.

Benje and Michele have five children, 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Vision Community Church holds Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., and its Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. Adult, children's and youth meetings are held at 7 p.m., each Wednesday.

Owyhee teens can learn to ice skate in Caldwell

Children in Owyhee County may be eligible for tuition scholarships to learn how to ice skate.

The SK8 Ribbon Coalition was formed to help every child gain confidence through ice skating regardless of their ability to pay.

Boys and girls in Owyhee County and Canyon County between ages 12 and 16 are eligible to participate.

The skate program created by Destination Caldwell volunteers and Indian Creek Plaza staff will be held from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., on five consecutive Saturdays is the Indian Creek Plaza skate ribbon.

Each session will include a skating lesson, a snack and a warm drink.

Children who complete at least three sessions and attend the final party will receive a certificate of completion and free skate pass for future use.

The program costs \$75, and a limited number of scholarships are available. Proceeds from the Local Legends and Blues on the Creek events have funded the scholarships.

Donations are still sought to help with the SK8 Ribbon Coalition program.

Contact Indian Creek Plaza director Lynn Calvin at lynn@indiancreekplaza.com for information on how help out.

For more information on joining the youth skating program, contact Indian Creek Plaza at info@indiancreekplaza.com or (208) 649-5010.

Teens can apply for the program online at www.indiancreekplaza.com/sk8-ribbon-coalition.

Gospel group back at Mtn. View church

Meridian-based gospel quartet Liberty will perform at Mountain View Church of the Nazarene.

The concert is open to the public and will be held at 10:30 a.m., on Sunday.

There is no admission fee, but a love offering will be taken to support the singing group's ministry.

A Southern Gospel group, Liberty includes founding member Royce Mitchell, bass; Paul W. Ellis, lead, and Phillip Batton, tenor. John Bowen is currently serving as interim baritone.

Liberty has an extensive full-time concert schedule, traveling many miles each year and ministering in performances for church services, nursing homes, prisons, and other ministries.

The men in the quartet cherish the opportunity to connect with people and make new friends wherever they go.

They've shared performance venues with Gaither Vocal Band, Legacy Five, Greater Vision, the Booth Brothers, the Hoppers, the Isaacs, the Collingsworth Family, and others.

For more information, contact Liberty Ministries, Inc., 55 SW 5th Ave., Ste. 100, Meridian, ID 83642, call (208) 938-9364 or visit www.libertyquartet.com.

Mountain View Church of the Nazarene can be reached at (208) 337-3151. The church is located at the corner of Ustick Road and Batt Corner Road between Homedale and Wilder.

Board to take up Owyhee Conservation District's five-year strategy

Owyhee Conservation District supervisors will look into the future at their first meeting of 2020.

The board's monthly meeting will be held at 11 a.m., on Thursday, Jan. 9 at the OCD office inside the U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., in Marsing.

Supervisors will convene an hour earlier than usual to allow plenty of time for the review of the organization's annual plan and OCD's five-year plan.

The district will hold its annual banquet, where the Conservationist of the Year will be announced, on Thursday, Jan. 16. The invitation-only event starts with a meet-and-greet at 6 p.m., then dinner.

The banquet will be held at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W.

2nd St. N.

The keynote speaker is Karen Launchbaugh, professor of rangeland ecology and director of the University of Idaho Rangeland Center.

Jordan Valley rancher Josh Bruce received last year's Conservationist of the Year distinction.

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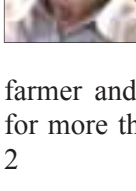
2019: IN MEMORIAM



Harry Richard “Dick” Bass — Rancher and 18-year Owyhee County commissioner, 85, Jan. 30



Bonnie Colyer — Longtime Owyhee County rancher, Bruneau resident and author, 92, Feb. 1



Larry Bahem — Owyhee County farmer and Lions Club member for more than 30 years, 82, Feb. 2



Mary Blackstock — Longtime Owyhee County rancher and 4-H leader, named Idaho Farm Bureau Federation woman of the year posthumously, 58, Feb. 22

Jay Jackson — Founded A & J Construction, helped build Homedale airport, 79, Feb. 16

Dennis Shenk — Longtime area rancher, 83, March 16

Dave Downum — Former Homedale city councilman, and Owyhee Publishing pressman for 27 years, 51, April 16



Joan Thomson — Homedale Senior Center coordinator and former cook, 68, April 16

Peggy Wirth — Owned Homedale’s Frosty Palace for 29 years, 75, April 20

Kenny Price — Adrian farmer, school board trustee, and South Board of Control director for 23 years, 89, April 20

Wendell Hyer — Owyhee County Rodeo

Board (48 years), Homedale Fire and Ambulance Board (33 years) and Soil conservation board, 94, May 20



Ray Colyer — Owner, Colyer Herefords and Angus, 1979 Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association president, Owyhee County Fair Board member, and Owyhee County Historical Society, 94, June 10

Ken Olsen — Longtime Homedale High School math teacher and HHS graduate, 55, Aug. 12



John Salove — Longtime owner of the Sandbar Restaurant in Marsing, 88, Oct. 8



Julie Hyslop — Author and founding member of Owyhee County Historical Society, 96, Nov. 2



Bill Lowry — Longtime Owyhee County rancher, OCA Life Member (with wife Nita), 98, Nov. 27

Frankie Garrett — Owner of Garrett Ranches, World War II veteran and HHS sports booster, 95, Dec. 18 (Pictured below holding his Navy dress blues)



School menus

Homedale Elementary

Veggie bar, fruit bar, and choice of milk and juice
Jan. 1-2: No school
Jan. 6: **Breakfast:** Cereal choice **Lunch:** Corn dog, tator tots
Jan. 7: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza **Lunch:** Chicken patty sandwich, coleslaw
Jan. 8: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon pull apart **Lunch:** Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes w/gravy

Homedale Middle

Fruit & salad bar, choice of milk or juice
Cereal option each day
Jan. 1-2: No school
Jan. 6: **Breakfast:** Breakfast slider **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs or PB&J sandwich, string cheese, goldfish crackers, mixed veggies
Jan. 7: **Breakfast:** Choc. Chip muffin, yogurt **Lunch:** Beef taco or chicken taco, corn
Jan. 8: **Breakfast:** Apple cinn. Texas toast **Lunch:** Chicken tenders or pork chop, mashed potatoes w/gravy, hot roll

Homedale High

Salad bar, fruit choice and choice of milk and juice
Cereal option, grab ‘n’ go items each day
Jan. 1-2: No school
Jan. 6: **Breakfast:** Tornado or Donuts **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken or pepperoni calzone, steamed carrots, garlic toast
Jan. 7: **Breakfast:** Croissant sandwich or cinnamon roll **Lunch:** Chicken filet or mini corn dogs, twice baked potato, dinner roll
Jan. 8: **Breakfast:** Sausage plate or mini pancakes **Lunch:** Hamburger or cheeseburger, tater tots, cookie

Marsing

All main entrees include choice of milk, fruit juice & fruit/veggie bar
Middle/High School each day: Classic Grab-n-go line:
PB&J Hot Grab-n-go line: Hamburger, pizza
Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sandwich, salad
Jan. 1-2: No school
Jan. 6: **Breakfast:** Whole grain pop tart, cheese stick **Lunch sides or alternatives: Classic Line:** Chicken nuggets, steamed carrots **Hot Grab-n-go:** Chicken sandwich, potato wedges
Jan. 7: **Breakfast:** Apple breakfast bites **Lunch sides or alternatives: Classic Line:** Taco, Spanish rice, refried bean **Hot Grab-n-go side:** Chicken sandwich, fries
Jan. 8: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch sides or alternatives: Classic Line:** Mac & cheese w/roll, green beans **Hot Grab-n-go:** Walking taco, tator tots

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Salad bar, pizza offered daily
Jan. 1-2: No school
Jan. 6: **Breakfast:** Apple frudel **Lunch:** Pizza, tossed romaine salad, corn
Jan. 7: **Breakfast:** Biscuits & gravy **Lunch:** Mac attack, tossed romaine salad, baby carrots
Jan. 8: **Breakfast:** Waffle & hashbrowns **Lunch:** Nachos w/ whole wheat chips, refried beans/salsa, broccoli

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Calendar

Today

No events scheduled

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

Bingo

12:30 p.m., free, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

Rimrock Sr. Center board meeting

1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

Teens & Tweens

5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Homedale Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Owyhee County Fair board meeting

7 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 337-3888 or (208) 941-4522

Friday or Saturday

No events scheduled

Sunday

Refuge Youth Group

7 p.m., seventh- through 12th-graders, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Story Time

10:15 a.m., Homedale Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Adult book club

7 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. First monday of every month. (208) 896-4690

Tuesday

Widow's breakfast

8 a.m., The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.

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

Wednesday

Ladies coffee group

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

Story Time

10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Owyhee Watershed Council meeting

4 p.m., board meets in either Marsing or Adrian, call for location each month. (541) 372-5782

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

Melba school board meeting

5 p.m., district office, 511 Broadway, Melba. (208) 495-1141

Grand View City Council meeting

6 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand

View. (208) 834-2700, noon to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday

Homedale City Council meeting

6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641

Jordan Valley Ambulance meeting

6 p.m., ambulance hall, 706 Main St.

Marsing fire commissioners meeting

7 p.m., Marsing Fire Hall, 303 Main St., Marsing.

Marsing City Council meeting

7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4122

Marsing school board meeting

7 p.m., school district office boardroom, 301 8th Ave W, Marsing. (208) 649-5411

Bible study

7 p.m., various age groups, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Homedale Highway District meeting

7 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale

Thursday, Jan. 9

Fit and Fall exercise

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

Owyhee Conservation District board

11 a.m., USDA Service Center, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., Marsing. (208) 896-4544, ext. 102

Pinochle games

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

Owyhee Gardeners meeting

1 p.m., Lizard Butte Library community room, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 546-1829

Senior center board meeting

1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

After-school program

4 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Teens & Tweens

5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Homedale Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting

5:30 p.m., The Spot, 12 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. Check Facebook for updates. (208) 859-2087 or marsingchamber@gmail.com

Library board meeting

5:30 p.m., Lizard Butte Library community room, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Friday, Jan. 10

Teen game night

6 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Saturday, Jan. 11

VFW meeting

9 a.m., Samuel Phillips III Post 11065, 208 3rd St., Wilder. (208) 250-7780

Marsing Lions bingo

6:45 p.m., early game, 7 p.m., regular games, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing.

Sunday, Jan. 12

Refuge Youth Group

7 p.m., seventh- through 12th-graders, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

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Feeding schedule can influence calving time

Want to have cows calve in the daytime? You might try feeding in the evening.

One of the first ranchers to experiment with the influence that feeding time has on calving was a pure-bred producer from Manitoba, Canada. In



Scott Jensen

the early 1980s, he divided his cowherd into two groups. One group was fed twice daily from 11 a.m. to noon and 9 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The second group was fed from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. He started following this schedule one month before calving began and then recorded the time when each cow calved. The group fed later in the day had 80 percent of their calves born from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., compared to the second group that had only 38 percent of their calves born during the day.

This original report has been followed up with several university studies that have shown similar results. One of the most convincing is a study done in Iowa involving more than 1,300 cows on 15 different farms. Cows in this study were fed once daily at dusk. The results were that 85 percent of calves were born between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Cows that were part of the morning-fed group had less than 50 percent calve during the daytime. There were no differences reported between cows started on the evening feeding schedule one week prior to calving or two to three weeks prior to calving.

There are several advantages to calving during the

daytime. For starters, producers can more easily observe the cattle and identify animals that might need calving assistance. Temperatures are generally higher during the daytime, and newborn calves can get a better start with daytime sunshine to help warm them and have a better chance for early colostrum consumption and survival. Predators are generally more active during nighttime hours. Calving during the daytime may help reduce predation losses.

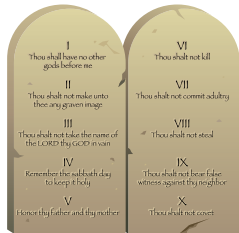
There may be some benefit to the cows, too. Eating just before colder nighttime temperatures will help cattle stay warm because of the heat generated during the rumination process.

Perhaps one of the biggest drawbacks to nighttime feeding is that producers will likely be feeding in the dark. On larger ranches, there may simply not be enough time to feed all of the cowherd in the evening. If that is the case, it may be wise to prioritize which groups would benefit the most from daytime calving. This would generally be the heifers as they are also the group that are more likely to require calving assistance.

Adjusting feeding time to increase the number of cows calving during daytime hours may pay dividends, especially for cows bred to calve during the coldest winter months.

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

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February: Neighbors helping neighbors
An estimated \$60,000 was raised at the 2019 Marsing Disaster Auction, held Feb. 2. The 58th annual event, chaired by Joseph Ineck (holding microphone), raised money to help individuals and families recover from fires and cover funeral expenses, and medical costs.



April: Prized photo
Marsing resident Stacy Fisher (above with her husband Ed) competed for a \$12,000 grand prize in the Art & Soul of the Magic Valley contest. Fisher's photo, "Dusty Dawn at the Home Ranch," was among more than 320 entries in 17 categories.



May: Two-state pursuit ends in Homedale
Daniel Edison, of Nampa, took area law enforcement on a high-speed chase on May 27. The chase began near Albertsons in Homedale, and sped through the Jordan Valley area, before coming to a dramatic end back in Homedale in the Del Mar Trailer Park. The chase, which reached speeds approaching 100 mph, involved personnel from the Homedale Police Department, Owyhee County Sheriff's Office, both Idaho and Oregon State Police, and Malheur County Sheriff's Office.



July: New fairgrounds bleachers
The Owyhee County Rodeo Arena's much-needed upgrade — replacement of the covered grandstand bleachers — was completed in time for the Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby.



April: Training for the unthinkable
An active shooter drill held April 11 at Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation created quite a stir. Staff was unexpectedly put to the test by OHR management, Homedale Police officers, and Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies.



June: Golden anniversary Outpost Days
Julie Hyslop performed the ribbon-cutting ceremony, with the help of her son Jim (with scissors), for the 50th Outpost Days celebration in Murphy. Julie passed away later in the year.

2019: A PHOTOGRAPHIC REVIEW



July: Marsing city clerk says goodbye
Janice Bicandi, shown with fellow Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Parade co-grand marshal Roman Usabel in August, retired after 32 years with the City of Marsing. Her last position was as city clerk and treasurer.



July: Fairgrounds gets new building
Part of the building boom in Homedale and Marsing was the opening of the Owyhee County Community Center at the county fairgrounds. County commissioners Kelly Aberasturi (left) and Jerry Hoagland cut the ribbon on the new building.

November: Cases of violent crime begin and end
Two men were arrested in connection with the shooting death of Marsing farmer Rodney D. St. Clair. Mark Warner was charged with involuntary manslaughter, and Joshua McDaniel was arrested on a weapons charge.
Court dispositions were handed down for defendants in the case in which a Homedale woman held captive and her child sexually abused. One of the men accused of sexual abuse, Chancey Lee Baker, committed suicide in state custody. Charges were dropped against Tressa Marie Sipes, and Mikal James Christensen will be sentenced in February.

September: Murderer sentenced
Nicholas Blake Vandenberg, the triggerman in the June 2017 murder of Oregon hitchhiker Hunter Tash-Smith, was sentenced to 30 years to life in prison. His co-conspirators — Willie Keith Rabey and Montanna Rae Reed — were sentenced later in the year.



November: New faces in city government
Contentious municipal elections were held. Grand View and Marsing got new mayors (Danny Martinez and Chad Sevy, respectively), sitting city councilmen won in Homedale, and (at right) Tom Payne won a coin toss to break a tie with incumbent Donald “Bill” Mead for a Grand View city council position. Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell flipped the coin on Nov. 14.



December: One side down, one to go
The first phase of the Snake River bridge rebuild in Marsing was completed as traffic moved to the new part of the bridge.

August: Queen’s crown stays home
Marsing resident Annie Miller (center) kept the crown local as the new Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen. Outgoing Queen Emma Carley, whose grandparents live in Owyhee County, pinned the sash on Miller; and rodeo board president Howard Maupin presented the buckle and flowers



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✓ U.S. Ecology: No injuries

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by a chemical reaction. Oreana residents reported explosions that sounded like fireworks.
“It was a large black plume of smoke that eventually turned gray,” Oreana rancher Rohl Hipwell said. “We could hear multiple explosions.”

U.S. Ecology officials told news outlets that there was no public safety hazard from the billowing smoke.
— Mandi Boren, *The Owyhee Avalanche’s* correspondent in the Oreana area, contributed to this report. Send news tips to her at mandi@owyheeavalanche.com

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Left: The Great Basin Buckaroos 4-H’ers include, from left: Cy Black (5), Ty Roland (11), Emmett Roland (8), Josie Black (7), and Mateo Black. **Above:** A closer look at Emmett Roland’s Outstanding Buckaroo label. Submitted photo

Buckaroos 4-H club looks back at 2019

Submitted club report

The Great Basin Buckaroos 4-H club has wrapped up the 2019 season. The current members all had a great year participating in the “Saving our Western Heritage” project. They all displayed their leathercraft projects at the fair receiving ribbons and trophies along the way.

Throughout the year, the kids work to earn points towards the Outstanding Buckaroo award that is given within the club. Members compile points for wearing western attire, a wild rage, attendance, and completing and exhibiting western heritage projects at the Owyhee County Fair. The member with the most points at the end of the year is the recipient of this award.

This year, Emmett Roland received the 2019 Outstanding Buckaroo belt buckle from the Great Basin Buckaroos 4-H club.

Leaders Nick and Mandi Roland presented the buckle to the 8-year-old, along with year-end prizes for all the members. This was Emmett’s third year as a Cloverbud, and he will move on to be a full-fledged 4-H’er in the 2020 4-H year. During the most recent club year, Emmett completed a beef show halter for a Leather Craft, Level 1/ Cloverbud project, which he plans on using next year on his market beef.

The club currently has five members heading into the 2020 4-H year hopeful to receive the award next.

Job well done to all the kids for completing their projects and having a fun year.

Registration still open for IRCP meeting

Registration continues for the second annual Idaho Rangeland Conservation Partnership meeting.

Outcome-based land management, conversations about access and beaver dam analog projects are the chief topics on tap for the Jan. 13-14 meeting scheduled for the Riverside Hotel in Boise.

Board elections will take place during the first day.

The first day of business and presentations runs from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and will be followed by a social.

The second day lasts from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Registration can be obtained online at <https://www.eventbrite/o/brenda-richards-ircp-coordinator-18322871521>.

For more information or to find an agenda, visit www.idahorcp.org.

Contact the Idaho Rangeland Conservation Partnership at P.O. Box 3, Murphy, ID 83650, by phone at (208) 880-3558, or by email at brichards@idahorcp.org.

Exercise class ongoing at Homedale Sr. Center

The new year at the Homedale Senior Center begins with an old favorite.

The twice-weekly Fit and Fall Class will be held at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday.

The exercise class is held each Tuesday and Thursday for an hour before the congregate lunch is served at the center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

The senior center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

It’s closed Wednesday this week for the New Year’s Day holiday, so there will be no Ladies Coffee Group meeting, which will return next Wednesday at 9 a.m.

The senior center’s thrift store is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., each day the building is open. Proceeds from the thrift store help pay for the senior center’s operation.

The senior center board of directors will hold its first monthly meeting of 2020 at 1 p.m., on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

The foot clinic, which is held every other month, returns on Tuesday, Jan. 21. Examinations cost \$15 each and are available on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Call the senior center at (208) 337-3020 for more information on the foot clinic and other services.



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✓ MRW Fire: Election and retirement change board

this month’s meeting.

The current commissioners will make an appointment to fill the vacancy during their next monthly meeting, which takes place at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, Jan. 14 at the Wilson Schoolhouse,

Written requests from prospective appointees can be mailed to the MRW Fire District secretary, 11606 State Hwy. 78, Givens Hot Springs, ID 83641.

Young’s latest four-year term ends on Dec. 31, 2020, and the position will be on the November ballot.

Neva Miller defeated Richard “Dick” Freund in the November election. Hipwell, who is the board chair, decided not to seek another term.

Reynolds Creek resident Tom Benson is the third fire commissioner.

— JPB

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Courthouse report

A list of felony and misdemeanor dispositions recently completed at courtrooms in Murphy and Homedale. Infractions are not included:

Dec. 20

Verna Kay Alves, Caldwell — Felony controlled substance possession (plea deal): 2 to 5 years in prison (suspended), 3 years felony probation, \$175 in fines, \$760.50 in court costs.

Daniel C. Edison, Nampa — Felony eluding police (plea deal): 2 to 3 years in prison (suspended), 1-year driver’s license suspension, \$175 in fines, \$420.50 in court costs.

Ronald Mark McIntyre, Marsing — Felony driving under the influence, second felony violation within 15 years (plea deal): 2 to 10 years in prison (suspended), 29 days in jail, 5-year driver’s license suspension, 10 years felony probation. **Original charge:** Misdemeanor excessive DUI

Michael James Zarbnisky, Marsing — Felony controlled substance possession (plea deal): 2 to 5 years in prison (suspended), 3 years felony probation, \$175 in fines, \$560.50 in court costs.

Dec. 18

Quinton Cole Bennion, Homedale — Misdemeanor petty theft: 90 days in jail (10 to serve, 80 suspended), 1 year supervised probation, \$200 in fines, \$323.50 in court costs.

Ricardo Jimenez, Homedale — Misdemeanor DUI: 1 year unsupervised probation, 90-day driver’s license suspension, \$297.50 in fines, \$218.50 in court costs. **Withheld judgment:** Defendant can petition to have record expunged after successful completion of sentence.

Joshua Ray Maxfield, Kuna — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): 2 days in jail (served), \$350 in fines, \$347.50 in court costs.

Montanna Rae Reed, Twin Falls — Felony criminal conspiracy, failure or delay of notification of death (plea deal): 5 to 15 years in prison (25 months served), \$5,491 in court costs. **Original charges:** Felony conspiracy to commit first-degree murder, destruction of evidence

Cristian Ernesto Rojas, Caldwell — Misdemeanor providing false information to officer or agency: 3 days in jail (served), \$500 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs.

Felon heads to prison after latest arrest

A Caldwell man arrested in November on a felony drug charge has been sentenced.

Landen Sage Favinger, 23, began serving a 3½-year prison term on Dec. 13.

Favinger was arrested Nov. 27 after Homedale Police pulled him over for not coming to complete stop at a stop sign.

A subsequent vehicle search turned up marijuana and a blue pipe with residue that tested positive as methamphetamine.

He entered a guilty plea to felony controlled substance possession on Dec. 13 in return for the dismissal of four misdemeanors: marijuana possession, drug paraphernalia possession, driving without privileges, and a second or

subsequent offense of failing to carry vehicle insurance.

Favinger also must pay \$635.50 in court costs.

Third District Judge Andrea Courtney gave Favinger credit for 18 days he spent in Owyhee County Jail after his arrest.

The judge also ordered that the new sentence be served concurrently with punishment for convictions from 2016 and 2017 in Canyon County.

At the time of his arrest, Favinger was on probation for felony convictions of aggravated assault and drug possession.

Officers also arrested Favinger’s passenger — 25-year-old Martin Ojeda of Homedale — on a Canyon County warrant. — JPB

Woman dodges felony drug charge

A 32-year-old Kuna woman originally arrested on a felony drug charge has been sentenced on two misdemeanor counts.

Scherri Swegle will not see any jail time and was not put on probation during at Dec. 9 hearing before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington in Murphy.

As part of a plea agreement, Swegle will pay \$102.50 in fines and \$347.50 in court costs.

Swegle was originally arrested for felony controlled substance possession and misdemeanor charges of marijuana possession and drug paraphernalia after a traffic stop by Homedale Police on Feb. 19.

Darrington dropped the felony charge as part of the plea deal.

According to a probable cause affidavit, officers stopped

Swegle because of a faulty headlight. The report states she was driving on a suspended license and had no proof of insurance. In the spring, Swegle was ordered to pay \$506 for the infractions.

During the traffic stop, officers discovered methamphetamine and marijuana and a chewing tobacco tin modified to ingest drugs.

Man gets 9 days in jail for DUI

A Caldwell man must serve nine additional days behind bars for misdemeanor drunk driving.

Luis Dedios Hernandez, 41, was sentenced in Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington’s Homedale courtroom Dec. 4.

Hernandez can serve his time in either Owyhee County or Canyon County, and he can also complete the sentence on

work release or as part of a sheriff’s inmate labor detail.

Darrington credited Hernandez for the one day he served on July 29 when an Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy transported him to jail in Murphy.

All but nine days of the remaining six-month jail term was suspended.

Hernandez must report to a probation officer for the next

year, and he driver’s license has been suspended for 90 days.

Additionally, Hernandez must pay \$547.50 in fines and \$202.50 in court costs. Darrington suspended \$250 in fines.

Hernandez was arrested for DUI during the summer after the OCSO deputy stopped the 1971 Chevrolet C-10 pickup the man was driving.

Public notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE IN THE MATTER OF PETITIONING THE DISTRICT COURT TO CONVENE A GRAND JURY IN OWYHEE COUNTY ORDER SUMMONING AND CONVENING A GRAND JURY

The Prosecuting Attorney of Owyhee County, Idaho has petitioned this Court to order that a grand jury be summoned and convened in Owyhee County. After careful review of the Petition and the Idaho statutes and rules regarding grand jury proceedings, and for good cause, the Court finds that the public interest of Owyhee County requires that a grand jury be summoned to inquire into public offenses committed or triable within Owyhee County for the reasons set forth in the Petition filed by the Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a grand jury be summoned and convened in Owyhee County, Idaho, on Tuesday, January 7th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., to commence inquiry into the matter of public offenses committed or triable within Owyhee County. The Court finds that the public interest requires this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Jury Commissioner and Assistant Jury Commissioner shall summon a sufficient number of legally qualified jurors so that at least thirty-five (35) legally qualified jurors appear at the Owyhee County Courthouse, on Tuesday January 7th, 2020 at 8:30 a.m., and that from those thirty-five (35) persons, a grand jury of at least sixteen (16) persons shall be selected;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Prosecuting Attorney of Owyhee County shall attend the District Court on Tuesday January 7th, 2020, 9:00 a.m. and then either he, or a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, shall attend all sessions of the grand jury offering advice, information and assistance to the grand jury pursuant to Idaho statutes and Idaho criminal Rule 6.2;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Prosecuting Attorney of Owyhee County shall cooperate with and assist the Court in securing rooms and facilities for use by the grand jury as required by Idaho statutes;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that once selected and convened, the grand jury shall serve until discharged by the Court and during its term shall meet from time to time as necessary to conduct its business.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall be filed with the Clerk of the District Court and that said Clerk shall post a copy of this Order in the County Courthouse, at the locations where court schedules are posted, on the general bulletin board where public notices are posted in the Courthouse and shall furnish a copy of this Order to the newspaper which has been designated by the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners for publication of legal notices.

Said copy shall be posted and provided to the designated newspaper for publication no later than 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday January 1st, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the District Court shall designate a deputy clerk and a substitute deputy clerk who will be made available to process records and documents pertaining to the activities of the grand jury in such a manner that the secrecy requirements of the law as well as other provisions of Idaho Statutes and Idaho Criminal Rule 6 regarding Grand Jury proceedings are satisfied.

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s/ George Southworth, District Judge
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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Thumbs Up



I confess to not owning a tractor. I have plenty of friends nearby with tractors. But in a lapse of good judgment, I borrowed one to brush hog a patch of weeds. Experienced farmers, even an 8-year-old farm kid, knows that you always drive a tractor *thumbs up*. I didn't remember.

As I was farming around, I managed to hit a post with the front wheel. The steering wheel spun like a helicopter blade and jammed my protruding thumb! It swelled up so big it wouldn't fit through the neck of a quart jar.

I only mention this humiliating self-inflicted injury because Dr. Willis sent me a scientific report regarding wound response in plants. It said, in effect, that localized injury in one part of a plant causes a protective response in another part of that plant. For instance, when a caterpillar gnaws on a near leaf, a change occurs in a far leaf that inhibits that type of caterpillar's digestive enzymes.

It is, therefore, a natural assumption that if plants are able to protect themselves, that the human body, particularly my human body, would work to prevent further similar injuries to itself.

But when you listen to rodeo cowboys recount the list of their broken bones, it is obvious that some human bodies forgot to read the scientific report. However, it is possible that no protecting mechanism could safeguard people who leap off galloping horses onto stampeding steers or tie themselves to 1,200 pounds of horns and hair and then scream, "turn 'im out!"

I admit, there is some sort of warning that goes off in your brain the second time you realize you have not completely latched the head gate. Or you're fixin' to stab yourself with the pistol grip syringe again, or you've just set yer hair on fire with the branding iron like you did last year.

So, you would think that through experience, if nothing else, the body would learn to be more careful.

I confess to not owning a roping arena. I have plenty of friends nearby with roping arenas. Four days after I had stove my thumb on the tractor, I was roping at a friend's. Even a novice trail rider with a law degree knows when you dally you always keep yer thumbs up. I didn't remember.

I managed to double hock a speedy little steer, set my horse, go to the horn and catch that same thumb under a coil. It peeled a square foot of skin off the outside and mashed the tip till it looked like the paddle on a butter churn. It turned black. Now when I put my hand in my pocket it looks like I'm packin' a roll of silver dollars.

But all is not lost. It has occurred to me that since the injuries were both crop- and livestock-related, something good could still come from my misfortunes. So I have submitted my swollen digit for consideration as Poster Thumb for the "Diversified Farming Movement."

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Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee Fresh starts ahead in 2020



A new year is supposed to be ripe for fresh beginnings, and 2020 is no different.

It is the start of a new decade, and hopefully a start of the healing process in the City of Grand View.

The city council has been fractured by differences of opinion and, more often than not, differences in reality and practicality.

Now, with Danny Martinez a scant week away from taking the oath to become the latest in a frighteningly frequent parade of mayors, one can only hope that there will be peace and progress in Owyhee County's tiniest municipality.

With Martinez taking over, a spot on the city council will open up. It's unknown if work to find a replacement has begun, but the best thing for the betterment of the city is to find someone who has no preconceived notions and no preordained allegiances to the fractious way of life that has become Grand View city government.

One can hope that the city council will understand the importance of making a prudent and rapid decision when it comes to the future of the town's wastewater infrastructure.

But chances are whoever is appointed to replace Martinez as a voting member of the board will fall in line with the already heralded bias against federal government intrusion in the battle to save the sewer system, and the sewer lagoons from condemnation.

To be sure, 2020 will be a crucial year for Grand View. Let's hope that the city officials understand the urgency at hand.

In Homedale, all eyes will be on the new library, which has yet to open and has yet to assume its new name related to longtime board member Gypsy Jackson.

The building's construction has been completed except for a punch list of repairs and finishing touches, so we sit and wait for the grand opening, which is as much as five months behind schedule, and wonder — among other things — how the new building's electricity bill will align with the current budget.

Library director Sharla Jensen has said she hopes for a "soft opening" by the end of the month.

There is a new era dawning in Marsing, too, with the election of Chad Sevy as mayor.

Sevy defeated James Ferdinand, who has guided the city through the massive Main Street reconstruction and ongoing Snake River bridge replacement.

Ferdinand stood for prudent growth in the small town, and it is Sevy's job to ensure that the growth continues with adherence to city code and the citizens' wishes.

It's an interesting time in the county's three municipalities, and there are plenty of opportunities to get things right.

Here's to a prosperous and smooth 2020.

From Washington Budget reform legislation would fix a broken federal process

Federal overspending cedes strength, forgoes the ability to put full resources behind new ideas and essentially resigns our nation to a system of cobbling by, moving from one federal funding deadline to another without a focus on the bigger picture.

The strength of our nation is far too important not only to Americans, but also to world stability to accept this outcome. I joined a bipartisan group of my fellow senators in introducing S. 2765, the Bipartisan Congressional Budget Reform Act, that would fix the federal government's broken budget process.

The Bipartisan Congressional Budget Reform Act includes the following reforms:

- **Move** the budget resolution to a two-year cycle, while maintaining annual appropriations;
- **Require** more involvement from Senate spending and taxing committees, including by requiring detailed spending and revenue plans to better inform budget development;
- **Focus** on fiscal sustainability by requiring the budget resolution to establish a debt-to-Gross Domestic Product (GDP) target backed by a deficit-reducing special reconciliation process to promote adherence to the budget plan;
- **Create** a mechanism within the regular budget process to end the brinksmanship surrounding the statutory debt limit by conforming the limit to levels called for in the budget resolution;
- **Establish** an optional new bipartisan budget

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pathway through which the budget would set a glideslope of deficit reduction that includes health care, revenue levels, and appropriations and tax expenditures. Such bipartisan budgets would require the support of at least 60 senators, including at least 15 members of the minority party, and would be considered in the Senate under expedited procedures jointly agreed to by the Majority and Minority Leaders;

- **Provide** a more orderly, deliberative process for Senate consideration of budget resolutions that

— See *Reform*, Page 13A

Commentary

Financial management

On same page financially is just start of newlyweds’ cohesion

Dear Dave,
I’m getting married next summer. My fiancé and I are in agreement about how to handle money, and we both follow your plan. Do you recommend pre-marital counseling? If so, what do you feel are some of the important areas of agreement for couples before they get married?

— Allison

Dear Allison,
Congratulations! I’m glad you’re both on the same page with your finances, too.
I’ve worked with thousands of couples and numerous marriage counselors over the years. In that time, I’ve learned fights over money — and the resulting problems from those disagreements — are probably the biggest cause of divorce in America. In my opinion, in-depth pre-marital counseling is an absolute must. The idea of entering into something that’s supposed to be a lifelong commitment, without thoroughly addressing all the issues — and potential issues — is a really bad idea.
With that said, it has been my experience that couples have a high probability of a successful marriage if they agree on four things, in detail, before the big day — kids, money, religion, and in-laws. With kids, the big question is do you want them? If so, how many and when?



Are you going to let them run wild, or are you going to provide structure and make them behave?

When it comes to money, something it sounds like you two are already in agreement on, get all your cards out on the table, and construct an intelligent game plan for your finances that you both agree on. Staying away from debt, living on a written, monthly budget, and saving for the future are important parts of this.
Also, be in agreement on religion. Statistically speaking, two people from the same faith have a better chance of making a marriage work.
And finally, when it comes to your future in-laws, you need to learn who they are and what you’re getting into. What are they *really* like? What are the boundaries when it comes to their influence on your lives?
All these topics should be discussed at length, dealt with, and agreed upon *before* the rings are exchanged. God bless you two, Allison!

— Dave

— *Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 16 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.*

Letter to the editor

Longtime Homedale resident: We wish you a merry “thank you”

Don’t we have so much to be thankful for? To think that we have a town where the “Christmas Spirit” is recognized and beautifully displayed in various ways. Such as The Owyhee Avalanche, which so vividly brought alive the true meaning of Christmas on the cover page with its pictures and Scriptures. We found more Scriptures dispersed throughout with different businesses expressing their greetings. Then followed the timely Christmas message by Chris Bialy.
Thanks to the newspaper publisher, Joe Aman, and Jon P. Brown, who does a superb job as managing editor and got his point across so creatively via poem. We thank each of the capable staff members who give us the needed information, whether it be obituaries, the commentary section with the ever-so-faithful and conservative articles, along with calendars, closures and many interesting things to make it the pertinent paper that it is. We want to say thank you for the Owyhee County 2020 calendar

that we looked forward to with the neat photos so skillfully taken.
Can we stop there? Not when we stare in awe at the lavish lights and decorations that entailed so much labor making Bette Uda City Park the beautiful place that it is. The lovely Nativity completes it so perfectly. Our hearts swell with pride and gratitude each time we drive by.
A great big thank you goes to our city clerk and all of the helpers that work so diligently for the City of Homedale. We must not leave out our brave police officers who are out there protecting us. (Although I’ve had some follow me wondering what this old lady is up to with all of her “stops” checking on people who might need a li’l help.)
Thank you to all who make Homedale a better place. May God bless you this New Year.
Grace Bowman
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✓ Reform: Current D.C. climate doesn’t affect search for fiscal solutions

From Page 12A
preserves the ability of senators on both sides of the aisle to offer amendments;
• **Enhance** fiscal transparency by requiring that up-to-date tabulations of congressional budget action be publicly posted and that information on the interest effects of authorizing and revenue legislation be included in cost estimates prepared by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). The legislation also supports transparency efforts underway at CBO; and
• **Require** CBO and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to regularly review and report to Congress on portfolios of federal spending to help lawmakers make more informed budgetary decisions.
The Senate Budget Committee, on which I serve, advanced this legislation by a bipartisan 15-6 vote.

Additional outreach and discussions will continue to build further bipartisan support to pave the way for the full Senate’s consideration of this legislation.
I am not letting up in this effort to improve our nation’s fiscal future, security and stability. I joined in recommending budget reforms as an original member of the President’s Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform and have backed efforts to rein in federal spending and put hard protections in place to curb future overspending. The importance of addressing our unsustainable national debt remains as critical, if not more so, today.
Americans are rightly concerned with partisan politics inhibiting real legislative work that needs to be done. The fact that 20 of my Senate colleagues — Republican, Democratic and Independent — are in agreement on these needed reforms should not

be lost in the noise. This bipartisan legislation will reform our broken budget process by outlining a more deliberative, transparent process for managing our nation’s finances. This is exactly what our nation needs, and I commend Budget Committee Chairman Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.) and committee member Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) for their leadership on this front. I will keep working with my colleagues in Congress and the administration to push this and other necessary policy changes over the finish line. We cannot afford to do otherwise.

— *Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho’s senior member of the U. S. Senate. He is in his fourth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ARE DUE BY NOON EACH FRIDAY

Calendars available from library group

With the new year, Friends of the Eastern Owyhee County Library members have begun distributing the community calendars folks purchased as a fundraiser.

Folk who haven't received their pre-ordered calendars, or those who would like to buy a calendar can contact a Friends member or drop by the library in Grand View.

Members received pre-ordered calendars for delivery during the group's Dec. 17 Christmas party.

During the party, member Opal Ward reported, there was "plenty of good food, laughter and sharing."

A game was played for the white elephant gift exchange, and Harva Driskell brought free mugs for members.

The Friends group encourages patrons to check out the new STEM area at the library.

"It is a very worthwhile part of the library," Ward wrote in her report. "Children, teens, all ages are welcome to come, look and learn."

Other business at the Christmas party included discussion of bringing back a Bunco group. Sign-up sheets, including best day of the week and best time to play, are available at the library.

Interested parties can contact any Friends member for more information or to give input.

The next Friends organization meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

New members are always welcome. Annual dues is \$5 per member.

"We have a great group and have a lot of laughs together," Ward said.

Grants help Homedale library acquire materials, equipment

The Homedale City Library has received several grants to help with various needs, including items for its youth programs and other materials.

The Walmart Foundation (specifically Walmart Neighborhood Market on Ustick Road in Caldwell) granted the library \$1,500 to support youth programs such as Teens & Tweens, Story Time, and the summer reading program.

The Southwest Idaho Legacy Organization (from the Gladys E. Langroise Fund and the Thomas and Mildred Allen Fund) presented a \$1,500 grant, too to buy new and updated books and DVDs.

The library received a \$2,000 Whittenberger Foundation grant that will be used for multiple purposes:

- \$1,100 for children's materials
- \$400 for a children's rug
- \$500 for youth programs
- A \$2,500 Idaho Community Foundation grant includes:
 - \$1,000 for a computer and computer cart
 - \$1,000 for reading materials
- \$500 for virtual reality equipment

"We are grateful to these organizations for supporting our library and the residents of Homedale," library director Sharla Jensen said.

Teens & Tweens start new year

Homedale City Library's Teens & Tweens will ring in the new year with a teen chef activity.

Youth services coordinator Carol McMichael will teach the youth, ages 10-17, how to make macaroni and cheese in a mug. It is a microwave recipe.

They will follow that up with a pasta craft.

During Story Time at 10:15 a.m. on Monday, McMichael will share a couple books with the gathered children.

First, she will read "The Messy Book," by Maudie Powell-Tuck and illustrated by Richard Smythe. The story concerns a helpful dog trying to convince a cat to clean up her mess.

McMichael will also read "Paws McDraw," by Connah Brecon, about the fastest doodler in the West.

The preschool children will then draw.

Call (208) 337-4228 for more information.

Canyon DMV closure pressures Marsing

The Marsing branch of the Division of Motor Vehicles received an unexpected rush of out-of-county customers Friday.

Automobile registration services were unavailable at Canyon County's one and only DMV office because the county commissioners ordained Friday as an employee appreciation day and closed that side of the building on Graye Lane outside Caldwell. The driver's license side was open as required by state law.

The result of a closure on one of the final business days of the year was an influx of out-of-county customers at the Owyhee County DMV outpost in Marsing.

Long lines created wait lines of up to two hours, according to a report on the KIVI Channel 6 website.

Owyhee County DMV personnel still closed the office at 3:30 p.m., as regularly scheduled, meaning that anyone who was still in line at that time didn't get their business completed.

Additionally, Owyhee County has a policy that DMV clerks serve Owyhee County residents first before waving out-of-county customers to an available window.

Man convicted of felony eluding twice in 2019 may avoid prison

It appears that a Nampa man with a brief yet active criminal history could avoid prison time despite several felony convictions in 2019.

Third District Judge Thomas W. Whitney suspended a state prison sentence of two to five years at Daniel Chase Edison's Dec. 20 disposition hearing on a conviction of felony eluding law enforcement.

Edison, 20, was originally charged with felony eluding and misdemeanors of petty theft and controlled substance possession in May when he led personnel from several law enforcement agencies on a two-state high-speed pursuit in Owyhee and Malheur counties.

He was arrested after he crashed his car at a mobile home park west of Homedale and then tried to hide from authorities under a trailer.

In addition to the suspended sentence and fines and court costs, Whitney suspended Edison's driver's license for a year.

Edison will serve his Owyhee County sentence concurrently with punishment for another felony eluding conviction from a March 2019 incident in Ada County.

In that case, Edison was sentenced to five to 10 years in state prison, but Fourth District Judge Jonathan Medema retained jurisdiction for a year, giving Edison the opportunity to avoid time behind bars.

His driver's license was suspended as part of the March conviction.

Edison was originally charged with felony aggravated driving under the influence in that case, but the charge was not included in the final sentencing after a plea agreement.

In late February, he was charged with three counts of felony grand theft.

Medema sentenced him on one count after a plea deal was reached with the Ada County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Edison received three years in prison for that conviction, again concurrently.

Edison also was picked up in Canyon County in November on a \$45,000 fugitive warrant out of Malheur County.

In September, the Owyhee County prosecutor dropped a misdemeanor charge of resisting arrest against his girlfriend, 22-year-old Faith Valu Geddes. Geddes was a passenger in the car that law enforcement chased in a loop from Homedale through Oregon and then back to Homedale.

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Two locals embark on Ag leadership course

Two local people are participating in the latest Leadership Idaho Agriculture class. Stephanie Duckett of Melba and Bo Isham of Wilder are part of Class 40 of the Leadership Idaho Agriculture Foundation's program. The pair was selected from agriculture and agribusiness organizations to participate in the class sessions during the next four months. The LIA program is designed to enhance the leadership, personal development and awareness of agriculture for each participant. More than 950 people, including others with Owyhee County ties, have graduated from the program. Sessions will be held in Moscow, Pocatello, Twin Falls, and Boise, with graduation in February.

Various agencies, organizations, commodity groups and agribusinesses sponsor participants' enrollment. Class members will hear over 60 different speakers, participate in tours, have speaking opportunities and experience personal growth situations which will better prepare them for leadership opportunities in the agriculture industry and rural communities. The LIA Foundation is dedicated to leadership development for Idaho men and women, according to executive director Rick Waitley. For more information about the program or to official financial support for the foundation, contact Waitley at 55 SW 5th Ave., Ste. 100, Meridian, ID 83642, call (208) 888-0988, or visit www.leadershipidahoag.org.

County causes receive SILO grants

The Southwestern Idaho Legacy Organization's grant committee, which includes a handful of local people, has made its selections for the current cycle. Eight area programs will receive part of the \$30,650 in awards that were finalized during a board meeting last month:

- **Homedale High School community walking** — \$2,000 for socks and sneakers after a grant application submitted by teacher Brady Swallow
- **HHS Sources of Strength** — \$500 to purchase a license for Idaho Likes project (student services specialist Debbie Flaming)
- **HHS Dance** — \$2,000 for cheer mats (team coach Evonne McGuire)
- **HHS Drama** — \$1,000 to purchase curtains and hardware (club advisor DeAnn Thatcher)
- **Homedale City Library** — \$1,500 to purchase new library materials (director Sharla Jensen)

- **Marsing School District** — \$1,800 to purchase two covered sand boxes for elementary school students, and STEM educational equipment for 3- to 5-year-old preschoolers (21st Century Community Learning Center coordinator Ken Price)
- **Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency** — \$2,500 to help purchase 35 sets of 20 books for the English and Literacy Department (COSSA CEO Dr. Harold Nevil)
- **Wilder Free Library District** — \$3,000 to help prepare and paint the exterior of the building

The SILO board includes Homedale resident Toni Kelly, Marsing resident Jolyn Green, and Homedale-area resident Ivy Cardenas.

Former Wilder mayor Doug Amick is board president. SILO was established in 1976 with proceeds from the sale of the Caldwell Memorial Hospital. Applications for the next grant period must be submitted by Sept. 30, and grants will be awarded by Oct. 31. For an application, call Amick at (208) 989-2983 or board secretary/treasurer

Debra Vis at (208) 250-2256 or write to Southwestern Idaho Legacy Organization, P.O. Box 1358, Caldwell, ID 83606-1358. Additionally, the Caldwell Community Civic Building Committee meets in April and October of each year. Request for funds can be made to Charlene Cooper at (208) 230-7577. SILO is a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation, and donations to the local organization are tax-deductible.

Vis pointed out that — unlike national organizations — SILO has a small overhead, so more net proceeds go to charitable causes. But, she said, continuing donations are appreciated to help build the fund, which has investment growth limitations because it is considered a private foundation. "When you consider the inflation that we have had since 1976, it is obvious that we are not having as big of impact on the community as we did when we were originally formed," Vis said, adding that many in the community still are unaware of the organization's work.

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Marsing boys' basketball players gather around coach Tim Little in the waning moments of Saturday's dramatic non-conference win in Homedale.

Marsing slips past Homedale boys' basketball in final seconds

Rogelio Valadez picked the perfect time to put in his only points of Saturday's Marsing-Homedale high school boys' basketball clash.

The senior connected on a running jump shot with six seconds remaining to lift the Huskies to a hard-fought 37-35 non-conference win on the Trojans' floor.

The Huskies (6-3 overall) held the Trojans (3-7) to two points in the first eight minutes and led 22-12 at halftime.

But Homedale rallied after halftime to pull within five points heading into the fourth quarter.

The Trojans surged in the final period, holding Marsing to four points and tying the game, 35-35, before Valadez's heroics.

"We allowed Homedale to get back in the game with



Trojans and Huskies alike watch Rogelio Valadez's game-winning shot fall for the Huskies on Saturday.

— See *Marsing*, page 3B

Two-way pick Collett leads eight All-State players for Trojans

Three HHS seniors receive offers from C of I

Six of Homedale High School's nine All-State football selections were of the first-team variety.

And two of them — two-time first-team All-State linebacker Spencer Fisher and two-way first-teamer Jake Collett — also have received offers from NAIA national quarterfinalist The College of Idaho.

Collett finished his high school career as an All-State first-teamer as wide receiver and linebacker for the two-time Class 3A state runner-up Trojans.

Other first-teamers include:
• **Nelson Lomeli, sr.** — Wide

receiver

• **Gage Northrup, sr.** — Offensive lineman

• **Thomas Symms, jr.** — Defensive lineman

Second-teamers include:

• **Daniel Uranga, sr.** — Quarterback

• **Brady Trout, sr.** — Offensive lineman

• **Ricardo Hernandez, sr.** — Defensive back

The Homedale All-State selections, as chosen by the Idaho Statesman, were recognized by HHS coach Matt Holtry on his Twitter account.

Fisher, Collett and Trojans senior running back Karsen Freelove also took to Twitter in December to announce they had received offers from The College of Idaho.

— JPB

Antelopes QB, coach earn state honors

1A champs have four All-Staters

With a state championship still fresh in the memory banks, the Adrian/Jordan Valley quarterback and head coach were rewarded again with 1A Oregon All-State praise.

Sophomore Conley Martin followed up his 1A District 3 player of the year award with his nomination as co-player of the year for the state.

The quarterback shared the honor with his state championship game counterpart, St. Paul senior quarterback TJ Crawford.

Martin led the Antelopes to

a come-from-behind 38-32 victory over the Buckaroos on Nov. 30 at Hermiston High School.

Adrian/Jordan Valley's Bill Wortman was named the 1A Oregon coach of the year after leading the Antelopes to a 13-0 record.

Martin was the first-team All-State quarterback, too.

Other All-State selections from Adrian/Jordan Valley included:

• **Wes Bayes, sr.** — First-team center and defensive line

• **Kort Skinner, sr.** — First-team end/receiver and defensive end

• **Michael Babcock, sr.** — Second-team running back

Oregon panel gives Adrian/JV a football ultimatum

Class 2A promotion likely if co-op continues; split to stay 1A could end sport at Jordan Valley

They may be breaking up the Adrian/Jordan Valley football state championship band.

Just weeks after the co-operative captured the 1A Oregon eight-man title, the Oregon School Activities Association ad-hoc football committee

signaled that the partnership must end if the team wants to remain in the state's lowest enrollment classification.

The three-year-old co-op will be required to play in Class 2A beginning in the 2020 season if Adrian School District officials decide to keep the

arrangement intact.

Dissolution of the co-op would allow Adrian High School to continue in Class 1A, but with only three Jordan Valley athletes on the roster, the Mustangs probably wouldn't have a standalone football future.

Seniors Kort Skinner and Don Youren, and junior Blaise Warn commuted regularly from Jordan Valley to practice with their Adrian teammates during the

2019 season.

Former Jordan Valley head coach has remained part of the co-op as an assistant coach.

According to a report by EasternOregonSports.com, if the co-op persisted, Adrian/Jordan Valley would probably play in a 2A Special District 6 with Heppner, Grant Union,

— See *Ultimatum*, page 6B

Sports

Two Homedale wrestlers claim Anthony boys' crowns

Homedale High School's small wrestling contingent left the Charlie Anthony Memorial with a couple gold medals Saturday.

The Trojans completed the two-day tournament in eighth place with 41 points.

Jace Love in the 145B pod and heavyweight Obed Palacios went unbeaten in each of their four matches to win championships in Ontario, Ore.

Love had four pinfalls — Cade Lind of Baker/Powder Valley (1 minute, 31 seconds), Chase Andrade of Adrian (47 seconds), Baker/Powder Valley's Casey Vaughan (1:54), and New Plymouth's Luis Martinez (27 seconds).

Palacios took three of his four matches by pinfall. After beating Adrian's Mats Ollenhauer, 5-2, the sophomore pinned James Lafleur of Marsing (1:16), and Nyssa teammates Servando Lopez (1:57) and Kody Van Meter (55 seconds).

Trojans Rhyalee Nix (195) and Jose Flores (160B) were runners-up.

Nix's sole loss was to Pine Eagle's Seth Butler by a 14-0 major decision. He won by injury default against Payette's Gabriel Ramos, and had pins of Marsing's Harlee Liles (42 seconds) and Ontario's Erick Lopez (3:33), to go with a 10-2 major decision over Adrian's Toby Clow.

Flores' only loss was a pin in 2:47 against Baker/Powder Valley's Hunter Lind. He pinned Mason Smith of McLoughlin/Weston-McEwen/Griswold (1:00) and Ontario's Leonardo Becerra (1:54), and topped Payette's Aiden Montes in a 10-6 decision.

Julian Ramos (145) finished third, stringing together three straight victories — a 13-0 major decision over Pine Eagle's Kyle Roe, a pin over Hector Dominguez of Baker/Powder Valley (2:56), and a 15-0 technical fall over Marsing's Jonathon Ineck.

Chase Cooper finished fourth at 160, winning two of his five matches.

He pinned Adrian's Logan Griffin (2:40) and Marsing's Trayton Jacobi (1:49).



As the Homedale High School coaching staff tries to keep track of action on two mats, Trojans' 145-pound Jace Love prepares to pin Adrian's Chase Andrade during the Charlie Anthony Memorial tournament in Ontario, Ore. Photo by Lindsey Love

Homedale Trojans

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Boys' basketball
Mason Strong, fr., G
6 points, 7 rebounds in Nampa tourney



Girls' basketball
Savana Buckley, sr., F
All-tourney at Nampa event



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Joseph Egusquiza, so., 145 pounds
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Tuesday, Jan. 7, home vs. Ontario, Ore., 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Friday, Jan. 3, home vs. Vale, Ore., 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 4 at Payette, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 7, home vs. Ontario, Ore., 6 p.m.
Freshman
Friday, Jan. 3, home vs. Vale, Ore., 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 4 at Payette, noon
Tuesday, Jan. 7, home vs. Ontario, Ore., 4:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Saturday, Jan. 4 at Cole Valley Christian, Meridian, 3 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 6 at Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Saturday, Jan. 4 at Cole Valley Christian, Meridian, 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 6 at Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.
Freshman
Saturday, Jan. 4 at Cole Valley Christian, Meridian, noon
Monday, Jan. 6 at Nampa Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Wrestling
Friday-Saturday, Jan. 3-4 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa

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Sports

Huskies pin down 2nd place at Anthony

Marsing High School wrestlers wrestled to second place at the Charlie Anthony Memorial Tournament in Ontario, Ore.

The Huskies finished with 72 team points, just three behind champion New Plymouth. The Friday-Saturday tournament brought in 11 teams from eastern Oregon and western Idaho.

Marsing seniors Jedidiah Fuentes (220) and Justin Ineck (138) each brought home gold, winning all their matches by pinfall.

Fuentes (9-0) scored 14 team points with wins over Baker/Powder Valley's Eric Newman (53 seconds), Johnny Russell of Payette (1:00), and Huskies teammate Jacob Goins (3:19).

Ineck (9-5) pinned Ramon Cordero of Ontario (2:27), female teammate Jaristian Fuentes (1:32), Cutter Huff of Pine Eagle from Halfway, Ore., (5:29), and Christian Mardock of Nyssa, Ore. (3:05).

After dropping his first match by pin at the five-minute mark to Pine Eagle's Cutter Tanaka in the 132-pound class, Troy Miller (12-3) barreled through the rest of his tournament for a second-place finish.

He pinned Porter Carlton of Nyssa (2:34), Dusty Melchoir of Pine Eagle (1:02), Fabian Herrera of Payette (2:00), and Cody Eskew of Baker/Powder Valley (1:05).

Miller's brother Evan (132B) recorded wins over Alijah Huerta of Ontario (11-9 decision) and Baker/Powder Valley's Ryan Hansen (pinfall at 5:14).

Matthew Goins finished third at 120. He scored a tie-breaker win (5-4) over Ontario's Gabriel Barrera-Nunez and a pinfall over Ryan Brown of Baker/Powder Valley (2:47).

After losses to Martin Mendez of Nyssa (8-4 decision) and Coy Butner (fall at 3:18), he finished with a pin of Payette's Gabe Monize (4:44).

Ineck's brother Jonathan (145) finished fifth with one win in five matches, an 8-6 decision over Hector Dominguez of Baker/Powder Valley.

Harlee Liles (195) also placed fifth. His victory came by injury default against Payette's Gabriel Ramos.

Trayton Jacobi (160) scored two pins against Adrian's Logan Griffin (2:15) and Baker/Powder Valley's Seth Rushton (3:35).

Jacob Goins pinned Russell (1:00) and Newman (1:38).

✓ Marsing: Huskies overcome late miscues

From Page 1B

some questionable decisions offensively at the end of the third and start of the fourth, but defensively kept them off the offensive boards and attempted to defend their shooters and penetrators as best as possible," Marsing coach Tim Little said.

"It kept us in the game and allowed us a chance at the end to get a road win."

Freshman Jaxon Dines continued his scoring flurry for Homedale. He established another career high with 18 points with five three-point goals and 3-for-4 shooting from the foul line.

He also led the team with three steals.

Merrick Hall and Noel Quebrado paced Marsing with nine points each. Hall also snagged six rebounds.

Teammate Jacob Ankeny blocked five shots and brought down nine boards, including eight on Homedale's end of the floor.

Quebrado connected on all three of his shots from long distance and also had all of his rebounds — four — on the



Homedale's senior guard Nelson Lomeli puts up a floater over the outstretched hand of Marsing junior post Jacob Ankeny.

defensive side.

The Huskies out-rebounded their hosts, 21-5, on the Trojans' glass.

Nelson Lomeli put in seven points, and Homedale teammate Daniel Uranga added five.

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MARSING HUSKIES

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Boys' basketball
Joaquin Oliveros, sr., G
3rd year on varsity

Girls' basketball
Rylee Loucks, sr., G
2nd varsity season

Wrestling
James Lafleur, sr., 285 pounds
1st year on varsity

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Tuesday, Jan. 7, home vs. Melba, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 10 at McCall-Donnelly, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Tuesday, Jan. 7, home vs. Melba, 6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 10 at McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Saturday, Jan. 4, home vs. New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Saturday, Jan. 4, home vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Saturday, Jan. 4, home vs. New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Friday-Saturday, Jan. 3-4 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa
Wednesday, Jan. 8 at Payette duals, 5:30 p.m.

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Sports

Sibling rivalry took on a new meaning Friday in the Charlie Anthony Memorial girls' wrestling tournament.

Ontario's Viviana Diaz (2:19), and Baker/Powder Valley teammates Cassie Pettit (36 seconds) and Kaci Anderson (54 seconds).

Homedale's Elizabeth Hergesheimer finished fourth at 125 pounds. She sandwiched three losses between a opening-round 23-second pin over Nyssa, Ore.'s Dyandra Pack and a fifth-round 52-second pin of Nyssa's Monica Ibanez.

Adrian High School wrestling got a big lift from exchange student Mats Ollenhauer at the Charlie Anthony Memorial Tournament on Friday and Saturday in Ontario.

One of his two losses was a pinfall to eventual champion Jace Love of Homedale, who needed just 47 seconds to end the match.

The Antelopes' German giant was runner-up at 285 pounds and accounted for six of his team's 26 points. His three were pinfalls against Marsing's James Lafleur (38 seconds), and Nyssa teammates Servando Lopez (51 seconds) and Kody Van Meter (5 minutes, 9 seconds).

Lovitt went 2-2 and pinned Baker/Powder Valley's Diesel Springer (1:50) and McLoughlin/Weston-McEwen/Griswold's Isiah Casillas-Breeding (3:24).

The big man's only loss was to eventual champion Obed Palacios. The Homedale wrestler prevailed, 5-2.

Toby Clow won two of his five matches, an injury default to Gabriel Ramos of Payette and a pin of Marsing's Harlee Liles (1:49).

Adrian had third-place finishes for Chase Andrade (145B) and Lincoln Lovitt (170B).

His losses included a 10-2 major decision to Homedale's Rhyalee Nix.

Andrade recorded wins over Baker/Powder Valley's Cade Lind by pinfall (4:48)

Logan Griffin lost all five of his matches over the weekend. The Antelopes' lone female wrestler, Virginia Tolman, lost all three of her matches by pinfall.

— TK

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

Jan. 4, 1995

HHS graduate on Rhodes’ Who’s Who

Homedale High School graduate Elise Eidemiller is one of 41 students at Rhodes College in Memphis named to this year’s list of Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Who’s Who, which honors students for their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success, draws its list from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

A senior majoring in International studies, Eidemiller is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford J. Eidemiller of Homedale.

Briggs wins Gem election

Marsing resident Jim Briggs will join the Gem Irrigation District’s Board of Directors for its first meeting of the new year on Monday, Jan. 9

Briggs defeated incumbent Roman Usabel in the district’s December elections to attain the Division Five director’s position. The two were the only candidates to turn in petitions for the office within the division.

Although the board’s first meeting is Jan. 9, Briggs officially stepped into office Jan. 1.

Rangeland reform delayed

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt gave federal lands ranchers a surprise Christmas present Dec. 21, when he announced that the implementation of the rangeland reforms he’d kept under wraps for the new year will be delayed until June 1, and that increased grazing fees won’t be a part of those reforms.

“It’s plainly a victory,” says Owyhee County Extension Agent Chad Gibson. “If the cattlemen hadn’t responded the way they did, it would have already happened.”

A political hotbed since Babbitt first introduced the idea two years ago, Rangeland Reform, and in particular the grazing fee components of those reforms, has divided the nation into two groups, with the Clinton administration and environmental groups on one side, and ranchers on the other.

Babbitt’s announcement washed the Clinton administration’s hands of the grazing fee issue, however, and dumped it in the laps of Congress.

HHS wrestlers hoping to pin down conference

Parma High has owned the WICA-3 in wrestling for a decade now. Having won the last nine consecutive district titles, Parma has a tradition going that appears invincible — but Homedale thinks it may at last see some rust on the Panthers’ armor.

Parma’s turnout was a little lower than usual this year, but more importantly, the Trojans return six of their eight wrestlers who qualified for State last year, including Jr. Castro, a three-time district champion.

“If we can keep everyone healthy, and grade-wise, if we keep everyone that way, we’ll be pretty solid,” HHS coach Bob Stancliff says.

Of the boys who went to State last year the Trojans return Steve Christianson, who grappled to a sixth-place finish at State in 1994 at 103, but will wrestle at 112 in 1995; Castro, last year’s third-place state finisher at 119 pounds; Nathan Volk at 145; Roy Ayala, who as a freshman last year finished second in the district at 152; Joe Love at 160; and sophomore heavyweight Randy Breshears, who Stancliff says “should be pretty solid for us.”

50 years ago

Jan. 1, 1970

Trojans swamp Kuna, sweep Marsing tourney

Homedale showed power Saturday night in the Marsing Holiday Tournament by smashing previously unbeaten Kuna 86-53 in the championship game.

In the first game of the evening, the host Huskies tripped up Wilder after a slow start, up-ending the Wildcats by a 68-59 margin for third place in the tournament.

Stan Zatica was the greatest part of the difference between Homedale and Kuna, pouring in 33 points for his best effort for the year and grabbing 20 rebounds.

Zatica had 19 points at halftime to spark the Trojans to a 36-25 advantage, and he added another dozen in the third quarter when Homedale put the game away.

Homedale, which led all the way, out-rebounded Kuna 49-25 and raised its mark to 6-1 for the year, all six wins coming after a season-opening loss to Vallivue.

Kuna, led by Gene Stroebel’s 27 points, lost its first game of the year after winning seven in a row.

Dan Uranga, Paul Pearson and Gary Vance aided in the runaway for the Trojans, Uranga canning 13, Pearson 14 and Vance a dozen points for the winners.

Reed Batt and Abel Garcia paced Wilder as the Wildcats hung right in with Marsing in the first quarter of the game, Batt sinking four and Garcia six, but the second quarter saw the Huskies pull away.

Roy Richardson, who tied with teammate Pat Tilman for team-high scorer with 17, got seven of his points in the second quarter when the Huskies extended their lead to 10 points.

Batt led both teams in scoring with 23 points.

New chairman

Walter Biladeau of Grand View was recently named chairman of the Owyhee County Republican Central Committee replacing New Williams, Murphy, who has resigned and moved to California.

SDA church chooses officers for coming year

Officers chosen for the Homedale Seventh-day Adventist Church for the New Year are: Wes Butherus, Elder; Frank Pierson, Charles Keever, Garfield Shultz and Ben Butherus, Deacons; Mmes. Fry, Edith Butherus, Ethel Dines and O’Grady, Deaconesses; Mrs. Charles Rudolph, treasurer; Mrs. Wes Butherus, clerk; Mrs. Russell Graves, Sabbath school superintendent; Mrs. Sid Harris, Sabbath school secretary; Sabbath school pianist, Judy Butherus; Garfield Schultz, Lay activities assistant; Mrs. Merl Bloyd, Lay activity secretary; Mrs. C. Rudolph, Dorcas leader; Mrs. Frank Pierson, Karen Butherus, Mrs. Ray Kolsky, primary department; Mrs. Edna Slawson, Mrs. Jack O’Grady, social committee.

College students home for the holidays are Larry Butherus from Walla Walla Community College and Charlotte Pearson from Walla Walla College.

Bodily graduates from school in Air Force

Airman Warren H. Bodily, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn L. Bodily of Marsing, has graduated at Lowry AFB, Denver, Colo., from the U.S. Air Force material specialist course.

The airman, who studied supply storage and material handling, is being assigned to McClellan AFB, Calif., for duty with the Air Force Logistics Command, which provides supplies and equipment for USAF units.

145 years ago

Jan. 2, 1875

Write to Your Parents.

We have known fathers and mothers wait with sick hearts through weary months and years, longing that some word might reach them from an absent son. They have watched the mails till in despair they have ceased to expect any more, and while they may not have the grief of a great bereavement, they have what is almost as bad, the bitter consciousness that they are not in mind enough even to call out a few poor lines from one whose early years they watched with sleepless love. Sons are often guilty of the crime — it cannot be called less — from sheer neglect or indolence. While an hour, perhaps a few moments, would suffice to write a letter which would give unspeakable joy, they let months and even years slip away in utter indifference to all the pain they are causing. Oh, how full is many a mother’s heart of sorrow and foreboding when just a few words from an absent son would fill it with joy and praise! Such indifference and neglect is shameful and wicked. One need not wonder that sons guilty of it are not prosperous — that they wait in vain for those turns of fortune, which will send them home, as they dream, to surprise the old neighborhood with their wealth. Then, write to your father and mother. If it be but a few lines write them; write, if it be only to say, “I am well;” if it be only to send the salutation that says they are “dear” or the farewell that tells them that you are “affectionate” still. The little messengers shall be like caskets of jewels, and the tears that fall fondly over them will be treasured for you.

A Christmas Sleighride.

Dr. Colmache is the possessor of a tip-top rig, consisting of a splendid horse, elegant harness, nice sleigh, fine buffalo robes and other appurtenances. On Christmas day he invited Jerry Philip to take a drive with him to the Mountain, and away they went. The doctor is a very good driver and they reached Fairview without any mishap. After making a number of Christmas calls, they started on their return to Silver, when Jerry requested the doctor to let him take the reins, representing that he was an “experienced driver,” and hinting that, with him hold of the ribbons, there would be no danger of upsetting. Jerry was accordingly permitted to take the reins. All went well enough till they got about halfway round the grade above the South Chariot mill, when over went the sleigh, and away went Dr. Colmache end over end, never letting up till he landed ker thump on his back in front of Charley Miller’s residence, fully a quarter of a mile from where the capsized took place. Jerry had kept a fast grip on the reins, and, by this time, had the sleigh right side up on the road, and was beckoning the doctor to hurry back. The jar caused by the doctor falling in much close proximity to the house brought Mrs. Miller to the door in time to regain his perpendicularity. The lady asked the man of pills what he was doing there, and he replied that he had come to make a Christmas call. She then asked him where his horse was, and he told her that he came the cut-off down the hill on foot. Finally regaining his feet, he limped into the house and made his “call,” after which he returned to the scene of the turnover, where Jerry had been holding the horse about an hour and was almost frozen to death. The doctor took the reins and they reached town without any further mishap. The doctor calls his horse “Churn” in commemoration of the churning he got while rolling down the hill, and recommends the docile equine to all “experienced drivers.” Jerry says that, as a grand and lofty tumbler, Dr. Colmache can-not be beat.

Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Before the Owyhee County Planning & Zoning Commission

On January 22, 2020, the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St., Murphy, Idaho on the following matter at the time listed below.

Beginning at 10:00 am, the Commission will hear application Z20-08 a request for a conditional use permit filed by **Dale Hooley** seeking approval to establish a 100kW solar project to supplement pressurized irrigation pumping costs located on approximately 320 acres. The subject parcel, RP05S07E321200A, is located approximately 8.5 miles northeast of Bruneau off Mecham Lane in an agricultural zone situated in a portion of Section 32, Township 5 South, Range 7 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

A copy of the proposed project is available for review in the Planning and Zoning office. For additional information please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2.

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HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2019		
Assets		General
Cash and cash equivalents		423,178
Receivables:		
Property taxes	6,169	
Other	171,538	
Inventory	56,058	
Total Assets	656,943	
Liabilities and fund balance		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	4,336	
Salaries and benefits payable	3,903	
Total Liabilities	8,239	
Deferred inflows of resources		
Deferred inflows of future revenues	5,445	
Fund Balance:		
Non-spendable	56,058	
Unassigned	587,201	
Total Fund Balance	643,259	
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	656,943	
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – Governmental Funds For the Year Ended September 30, 2019		
Revenues		General
Local Revenue		
Property tax	74,707	
Interest income	4,016	
Other	4,547	
State Revenue		
Highway Users apportionment	663,632	
Sales tax	16,068	
Ag replacement	2,492	
Personal prop replacement	1,022	
Total Revenue	766,484	
Expenditures		
Labor and salaries	121,106	
Legal and accounting	4,820	
Repair and maintenance	13,623	
Gas, oil, and tires	13,457	
Construction materials	165,246	
General supplies and misc.	39,078	
Payroll taxes and benefits	41,987	
Telephone	1,664	
Utilities	2,980	
Equipment rental	1,250	
Signs	1,278	
Insurance – general	5,607	
Insurance – worker’s comp	6,773	
Office expense	1,130	
Cell phones	1,255	
Dues and publications	3,450	
Weed control	14,621	
Capital outlay	126,250	
Total Expenditures	565,575	
Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures	200,909	
Fund Balance Beginning	442,350	
Fund Balance Ending	643,259	
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Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s), please see www.idwr.idaho.gov. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of the application(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 01/20/2020. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director
1/01,1/08/2020

LEGAL NOTICE FOR ANNUAL ROAD AND STREET FINANCIAL REPORT HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT	
Beginning Balance as of 1 – Oct. 2018	442,350
RECEIPTS	
Local Funding Sources	
Property Tax Levy	74,707
Interest Income	4,016
All Other Local Receipts	4,547
State Funding Sources	
Highway User Revenue	663,632
Sales Tax/Revenue Sharing	16,068
All Other Receipts	3,514
Federal Funding Sources	-0-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	766,484
DISBURSEMENTS	
Reconstruction/Replacement/Rehabilitation	
Bridges, Culverts, Storm Drains, Other	3,733
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	
Chip Sealing	312,112
Patching	12,119
Winter Maintenance	1,635
Grading/Blading	1,446
Other	16,014
EQUIPMENT	
Equipment Purchase	126,250
Equipment Maintenance	13,623
Other Repair & Maintenance	17,403
ADMINISTRATION SALARIES & EXPENSES	56,420
OTHER EXPENDITURES audit and Engineering	4,820
TOTAL DISPERSEMENTS	565,575
RECEIPTS OVER DISPERSEMENTS	200,909
CLOSING BALANCE	643,259
FUNDS FOR FUTURE PROJECTS AND RESERVES	300,000
FUNDS RETAINED FOR GEN. FUNDS & OPERATIONS	343,259
ENDING BALANCE	-0-
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Sports

✓ Ultimatum: Another co-op faces breakup

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Stanfield, Weston-McEwen and Riverside.

During its Dec. 16 meeting, the ad-hoc committee gave Adrian school officials until Jan. 22 to notify the OSAA of their plan going forward.

Likewise, Pilot Rock officials must make a decision by that date. Pilot Rock is the host school of a football co-op with Nixyaawii.

Adrian/Jordan Valley and Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii both qualified for the 1A Oregon state playoffs in November.

The ad-hoc committee is scheduled to make a final recommendation to the OSAA executive board on Feb. 10.

Adrian school officials invited Jordan Valley to join a co-op before the 2017 season when it was apparent that the Mustangs didn’t have enough football players to field its own squad.

The move also allowed Jordan Valley athletes to play the sport without missing a season.

The co-op has reached the state playoffs each year of the arrangement, building on Adrian’s 2014 state championship and strong annual run in the postseason.

— JPB

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Winter Warm-Up

Recipes and Tips Rooted in Goodness

FAMILY FEATURES

When cold weather hits, it's natural to seek comfort in a variety of forms: warm blankets, layers of sweaters and delicious, hearty meals. Winter is the perfect season for spending time indoors honing cooking skills to take your culinary creations to the next level.

Simple Recipes for Shorter Days

With less daylight hours during the winter, many people tend to get sleepy earlier. Quick weeknight dinner recipes are usually ideal, especially when they take only 30 minutes or so to prepare. Easy dishes are perfect for those nights when you want something savory and delicious, but you also want to get into pajamas and onto the nearest couch as soon as possible. Few things are better than a warm bowl full of flavor like this taste-tempting curry recipe bursting with caramelized onion and roasted garlic notes.

Chickpea, Spinach and Coconut Curry

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 12 minutes
Servings: 6

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon ginger, freshly grated
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoon turmeric
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper, plus additional, to taste
- 1 can (29 ounces) chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1 jar (24 ounces) FarmToFork Caramelized Onion & Roasted Garlic Sauce
- 1 can (15 ounces) light coconut milk
- 4 cups baby spinach
- 1/2 cup non-fat plain Greek yogurt, stirred
- 1/2 cup cilantro, coarsely chopped
- 2 naan flatbreads, toasted and sliced

In large skillet over medium heat, heat olive oil, ginger, garlic, onions, turmeric, salt and 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper. Cook 6-8 minutes, or until onions begin to brown, stirring frequently. Add chickpeas, sauce and coconut milk; cook 3-4 minutes, or until heated through. Add spinach; cover with lid. Simmer 3-4 minutes, or until spinach is wilted. Mix well.

Spoon mixture into six serving bowls and top each with spoonful of yogurt, pinch of cilantro and additional crushed red pepper, to taste. Serve with flatbread slices.

Find more winter recipes at farmtoforksauce.com.



Chickpea, Spinach and Coconut Curry

The Perks of Passive Cooking

Wintry weekends call for warming meals that bring an extra sensation of coziness through the wafting aroma of slow-cooked dishes. Wintertime is the perfect season to break out your slow cooker or put your stove on low heat and let fragrant dishes such as Savory Harissa-Roasted Chicken and Vegetables simmer slowly and fill your home with enticing smells.

Savory Harissa-Roasted Chicken and Vegetables

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 50 minutes
Servings: 6

- 1/3 cup harissa paste, divided
- 1/3 cup olive oil, divided
- 1 large red onion, cut into 1/2-inch thick slivers
- 1 small head cauliflower, cut into small florets
- 1 jar (24 ounces) FarmToFork Marinara Sauce, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt, divided
- 3/4 teaspoon ground black pepper, divided
- 6 bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs (about 2 pounds)
- 1 pound rainbow carrots, trimmed and peeled
- 1 lemon, juice only, divided
- 1/4 cup finely chopped fresh herbs such as dill, mint or cilantro, divided
- 1 1/2 cups plain Greek yogurt

Heat oven to 425 F. In large bowl, whisk 2 tablespoons harissa and 2 tablespoons oil. Add onions and cauliflower; toss to combine. Spread vegetable mixture in single layer on 17-by-12-inch foil-lined rimmed baking sheet.

In same bowl, whisk remaining harissa, 2 tablespoons oil, 1 cup marinara sauce, cumin, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper. Add chicken; toss with tongs until well coated. Arrange chicken atop vegetables on baking sheet. Bake 50-55 minutes, or until chicken is deep golden brown and internal temperature reaches 165 F.

Use vegetable peeler to create long ribbons of carrots. In bowl, toss carrots with 1 tablespoon lemon juice, 2 tablespoons chopped herbs and remaining oil, salt and pepper. In separate bowl, mix yogurt, remaining lemon juice and remaining herbs.

Serve each chicken thigh with roasted vegetables, dollop of herbed yogurt, carrot mixture and 1/4 cup warmed marinara sauce.



Savory Harissa-Roasted Chicken and Vegetables

Opt for Seasonal Produce

While the days of peaches and watermelons may be over, dropping temperatures bring a slew of seasonal produce made for cool-weather cooking. Think winter squash, apples, root vegetables and cauliflower. Try using a seasonal food guide to learn what produce is in season in any state at any time of the year. Cooking with seasonal produce helps ensure your food is in peak form at its most nutritional and flavorful state.

Find Comfort in Your Favorite Foods

Almost nothing beats pasta and sauce on a chilly night. When craving warm and filling meals during winter, a quality, jarred pasta sauce like FarmToFork can add simple goodness to hearty dishes like Gnocchi with Hearty Mushroom Bolognese. Made with sustainably grown, vine-ripened tomatoes and fresh garlic, basil and onions, the sauce brings rich, distinctive flavor to a variety of cool-weather favorites from traditional pasta recipes to soups and oven bakes. During the season of giving, comfort and warmth can also be found in doing good for others, which is why FarmToFork supports Big Green, a national nonprofit organization that partners with low-income schools around the country to bring garden-based learning and food literacy curriculums to children.

Gnocchi with Hearty Mushroom Bolognese

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes
Servings: 6

- 1 yellow onion, coarsely chopped
- 1 carrot, coarsely chopped
- 2 ribs celery, coarsely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 pounds button, cremini or portobello mushrooms
- 1 jar (24 ounces) FarmToFork Marinara Sauce
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 pound refrigerated or frozen gnocchi
- 1/2 cup pecorino Romano cheese, grated
- 1/4 cup Italian parsley, coarsely chopped

In food processor, pulse onions, carrots, celery and garlic until finely chopped. In large pot over medium-high heat, heat olive oil. Add chopped vegetables, salt and pepper. Cook 10 minutes, or until softened, stirring occasionally.

In food processor, pulse mushrooms until coarsely chopped. Add to large pot with vegetables. Cook 10-12 minutes, or until most liquid is evaporated, stirring occasionally. Stir in marinara sauce and butter.

Cook gnocchi according to package directions; drain. Add to sauce mixture; mix gently. Sprinkle with cheese and parsley.



Gnocchi with Hearty Mushroom Bolognese