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Chad Sevy ready to take reins

Mayor-elect
backs Marsing
beautification plan

Marsing will have a changing of the guard when newly elected mayor Chad Sevy is sworn into office during the January city council meeting tonight at City Hall, 425 Main St.

Sevy defeated incumbent James Ferdinand by a 112-48 margin (70 percent) in the city's municipal elections on Nov. 5. He inherits the keys to a city experiencing a great deal of activity and change.

In the past few years, the city has seen a \$13.5 million school project go from bond to completion. A new middle school and high school gymnasium were built and extensive work done to the existing school district cafeteria and parking areas. The parking in front of the high school was reconstructed and paved.

The most ambitious project

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Mayor-elect Chad Sevy sits in front of Marsing City Hall, where he will serve for the next four years.

New Marsing chief executive, returning council to take oath

Officials to consider
paying outgoing mayor
for website work

Marsing will have four city government officials begin their respective terms in office when they are sworn in at tonight's

council meeting.

Chad Sevy, who beat incumbent James Ferdinand in November's election, will begin his mayoral term.

Council member Marie Herman and council president Chris Even are back for new terms after running unopposed in

— See *Marsing*, page 8A

Marsing bridge on track for summer completion

Work on the Snake River bridge east of Marsing resumed on Monday after the general contractor took a week off from the project.

The project, under the guid-

ance of Wadsworth Brothers Construction, should be completed sometime this summer, according to an Idaho

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The new span arches to the north of the old Snake River bridge in Marsing.

Homedale has been
without a post office for:

87 days

Homedale Post Office inspection delayed

Scope of work
changes at closed
outpost

Folks are growing restless with the perceived lack of progress at the Homedale Post Office.

It has been nearly three months since the U.S. Postal Service shut down the branch in Owyhee County's most

populous town, forcing business and residential customers to travel to Wilder and creating an overcrowding problem at that small outpost.

While there is something called "Informed Delivery" to help residential post office box holders cut down on their trips across the bridge, most business leaders must continually pay the mileage and salary of

— See *Homedale*, page 5A

As new officials arrive, GV still grapples with municipal water issues

DEQ extends
facility plan
deadline

The City of Grand View's newly elected officers will wait an extra week to take the oath of office.

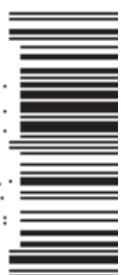
Mayor-elect Danny Martinez and Councilman-elect Tom Payne will be sworn in, along with re-elected Jon Pennington, during next Wednesday's first council meeting of 2020. John Morrison is the lone council holdover.

The meeting will start at 6 p.m., at City Hall, 425 Boise Ave.

According to a small note at the bottom of the city's website, the first regular meeting of the new year — originally set for today — has been moved back a week. Martinez said Monday afternoon that the meeting was rescheduled because new clerk Kathy Brown isn't available tonight.

The Grand View City Council holds regular meetings on the second Wednesday of

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Homedale grad to report on Legislature for Avalanche

Newspaper continues relationship with college interns

A Homedale High School graduate is one of three interns that will help The Owyhee Avalanche cover the 2020 Idaho Legislature. Riley Haun will cover issues at the Statehouse in Boise as part of a three-person team from the University of Idaho's James A. and Louise McClure Center for Public Policy Research. The 2020 session began Monday. Joining Haun, who is in her third year at the U of I and is studying journalism, is Logan Finney from Sandpoint and Madison Hardy from Boise. Following are bios submitted by the interns:



Riley Haun
Haun, who has a minor in political science in Moscow, is

a Homedale native who grew up raising cattle and rabbits. She currently serves as copy editor for the University of Idaho's student magazine, Blot, and has previously reported for the University of Idaho student newspaper, The Argonaut. The Statehouse is a whole new world for her, but she looks forward to the challenge and growth that will come from it. When she is not chasing senators, she enjoys reading and spending time with her corgi, Linda.

On Twitter — @RHaunID



Logan Finney
A Sandpoint native, Finney has a passion for media production and community building. He grew up hiking, skiing and hunting in North Idaho's forests and has maintained a lifelong interest in the state's history, geography and politics. Logan is covering the 2020 state legislative session as an intern for the U of I School of Journalism & Mass Media,

the McClure Center, and Idaho Public Television. He is a third-generation Vandal who will graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in Broadcasting & Digital Media. **On Twitter — @lfinneytweets**



Madison Hardy
The Boise High School alum grew up surrounded by the city's political buzz and vibrant culture. With a driving passion for the arts, history, and community relations, Madison has enjoyed watching Idaho expand during the past 12 years. Madison is covering the 2020 state legislative session as an intern for the U of I School of Journalism & Mass Media, the McClure Center for Public Policy Research. A U of I senior, she'll graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in Broadcast Journalism & Digital Media and a History minor. **On Twitter — @madisonhardy05**

3 Homedale councilmen set to take oath tonight

Three Homedale city councilmen will officially start new terms in office tonight. All three are holdovers who prevailed in a crowded election in November. Steve Atkins and Aaron Tines will begin fresh four-year terms, while Jerry Anderson will begin his own two-year term. Anderson was appointed to the council for the second time since Mayor Gheen Christoffersen took office after Tim Downing's resignation. This is the first time Anderson has won an election to the council. He also was appointed to succeed Kim Murray when she stepped down, but lost the subsequent election to Mike Aebischer, who is the lone holdover whose term ends in 2021. The first regular council meeting of 2020 begins at 6 p.m., at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. A council president for the upcoming year will be elected after Anderson, Atkins and Tines take the oath of office. In other council business tonight:

- The council will discuss options for a surface material at the playground under construction in the southeast corner of Riverside Park.
- JB Salutregui of JBS Auctions will request permission to use the city's U.S. Highway 95 property adjacent to the airport for online auctions in 2020.
- The police department report, city attorney report and reports from the mayor and council members also are on the agenda.

The council meeting agenda does not list any planned city library report.



Jerry Anderson



Steve Atkins



Aaron Tines

SBOC directors to meet

Irrigation directors managing the Homedale-Marsing-Adrian portion of the Owyhee Project will hold their first meeting of 2020 on Tuesday. The Ridgeview Irrigation District board meets at 1 p.m., on Tuesday. The Gem Irrigation directors convene at 1:15 p.m. The South Board of Control, comprised of one Ridgeview director and all of the Gem officials, meets at 1:30 p.m. All three meetings take place in the basement boardroom located at the South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W. For more information, call the office at (208) 337-3760.



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US Ecology Idaho fire provides opportunity for improvement

Company says it’s working closely with local, state officials

US Ecology’s investigation into a Dec. 28 landfill fire at its Grand View facility is ongoing.

No public meeting is planned to address community concerns, but the company’s spokesperson said there is ongoing communication.

Ysabel Bilbao of the Bilbao & Co., public relations firm said US Ecology has been in touch with local stakeholders, including elected officials on the state and local level, as well as the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

“Our local media has done a great job of covering the fire, and we are thankful to them for getting the facts out to the public,” Bilbao said.

“At this time we do not have a public meeting scheduled, but if there are some requests from the general public we would certainly support constructive discussions.”

Bilbao said the company “understands and appreciates” the concerns triggered after two accidents at the US Ecology Idaho hazardous waste site in

13 months.

“Despite the referenced incidents, US Ecology has a long history of safe operations for over 40 years, and the facility is closely regulated by varying federal and state agencies,” Bilbao’s statement to The Owyhee Avalanche said.

“We welcome this oversight and strive to exceed the confidence all parties have in our processes, facilities and in providing high levels of environmental protection. US Ecology’s highest priority is ensuring its commitment to protecting human health and the environment.”

There is no connection between the fatal accident in November 2018 and the Dec. 28 fire, which took place in an area used to dispose of household hazardous waste.

“We had a fire in the landfill that was quickly extinguished following notification by our security guard and subsequent response activities by US Ecology-trained responders,” Bilbao said. “Safety is our



Thick, black smoke billowing from the US Ecology Idaho fire on Dec. 28 was visible in Oreana. Submitted photo

No. 1 priority, and we take that very seriously. We work closely with regulators, elected leaders and our neighbors to ensure we are transparent with our work and they know we are taking all safety precautions

very seriously.”

US Ecology emergency responses crews were assisted by local agencies as well, including the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office, Grand View Fire, and Grand View

Ambulance.

“We have an incredible working relationship with our local emergency responders,” Bilbao said.

US Ecology management was in contact with sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman and county Natural Resources Committee director Jim Desmond throughout the incident, she said.

“We immediately started monitoring the air quality on site and found that there was no threat to the community,” US Ecology vice presidents of operations Terry Geis said in a press release issued soon after the fire. “We are thankful for the local officials that quickly arrived on scene to ensure the fire was properly extinguished.”

Bilbao said the company will use lessons learned from the subsequent investigation to improve.

“We want to make sure that we know what is the exact root cause so we can take appropriate steps to prevent a repeat incident,” she said.

“Our focus on continuous improvement is an important part of the process.”

— JPB

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Jordan Valley home lost to Sunday afternoon fire



The trailer was destroyed in the fire. Photo by Sheila Quintero

No one was injured and two dogs were rescued, but a Jordan Valley mobile home is a total loss after a Sunday fire.

Jordan Valley Fire Chief Mike Quintero said the single-wide trailer was fully engulfed when volunteers arrived after getting a call around 5 p.m.

Firefighters spent two hours fighting the flames.

“We had quite a few people from the community helping out,” Quintero said. “We fought the fire for a couple hours, but

everything was pretty well gone.

“The whole idea was trying to keep the fire from spreading.”

No official cause has been determined, but signs are pointing toward an electrical ignition, investigators said.

Quintero said the fire burned in close proximity to the Jordan Valley Café and power lines.

The residents were working at the time, but someone was able to get into the locked trailer and free two dogs, Quintero said.

The family is now living in a nearby motel. There are no formal plans for a burnout fundraiser.

“What happens normally in situations like this, the community comes together and makes donations,” Quintero said.

Quintero is a veteran of the volunteer fire department. He said the community hasn’t had a house fire of this magnitude for a long time.

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Lions bingo returns

Marsing Lions Club bingo returns Saturday for the first session of 2020.

The action starts with the early bird game at 6:45 p.m., inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

The regular series of games will begin at 7 p.m.

Games will be held on the second Saturday of the month in February, March and April.

Bingo costs include:

- \$1 per sheet for the early bird game
- \$1 for entry into the hot number contest
- \$15 for the first card of the regular series of games
- \$5 for a second regular series card

Daubers are also sold, and refreshments are available.

The Lions Club always provides free popcorn for the players.

Bruneau talk on invasive species, check stations

An Owyhee County native will kick off a new year and a new decade for the Bruneau Valley Library’s Bruneau and Beyond speaker series.

Rayola Jacobsen, a Grand View native and a member of the area’s Black family, will make the presentation next Wednesday.

The Bruneau and Beyond free talk begins at 1 p.m., at the library, 32073 Ruth St. Light refreshments also will be served.

Although the event is free, folks are asked to RSVP to ensure enough space and

refreshments are available. Call the library at (208) 845-2131 by Monday.

Jacobsen works as the invasive and endangered species coordinator for the Bruneau River Soil and Water Conservation District Board. She oversees the Owyhee County boat inspection stations in Bruneau and Marsing.

Those stations will be the focus of her talk. She’ll discuss what goes on at the stations and why boats are inspected. Jacobsen also will explain what the goal is with the inspections and what a quagga mussel is.

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✓ Homedale: Town's citizens take to Facebook to complain, speculate

employees tasked with driving to Wilder — sometimes twice each day — to pick up mail from P.O. boxes that were transferred from Homedale when the local branch was closed in mid-October.

Without providing specifics, U.S. Postal Service spokesman Brian Sperry said last week that Homedale Post Office repairs are “ongoing,” but there is little evidence of much work performed at the building located at 9 N. Main St. Interior lights remain on, and some residents have reported seeing workers

inside from time to time.

An electrical contractor apparently has been in the building, but an attempt to reach him was unsuccessful.

Sperry said the electrical contractor has been working closely with inspectors.

But a “final inspection,” which had been planned for last Saturday, likely will be pushed back because inspectors have recommended changes to the scope of work, Sperry said.

“Currently there’s no timeline for completion. However, we hope to be able to provide an

estimated completion date on the electrical upgrades soon,” Sperry wrote in an email last week.

“The Postal Service plans to reopen the Homedale Post Office once it’s safe to do so. We apologize to our customers for the inconvenience.”

Nearly three months on, no details have been released on the exact nature of the work needed. The Postal Service cited an unsafe work environment when the building was closed in the fall as the Christmas mail season heated up, a fact

that hasn’t been lost on some of the people who have lodged complaints on the Homedale Community Awareness page on Facebook.

Sperry said that Informed Delivery is a free service that allows residential customers to see what mail they can expect before delivery.

Users enrolled in the service receive a daily email with digital images of the front of mail pieces.

The service also provides the status of packages and allows customers to provide delivery

instructions, redirect packages and schedule redelivery.

Sign up for the free service at informedelivery.com.

“This service is especially convenient for those residential post office box customers in Homedale who can see what awaits them in the mail in Wilder, and can choose to travel to Wilder and pick it up or save the trip and go another day,” Sperry said.

Informed Delivery is not currently available to business customers, however.

— JPB

✓ Water: Grand View to start new year with new councilman and vacancy

each month typically.

Martinez defeated mayoral appointee Sandy Skinner in the Nov. 5 election. Payne and Donald W. “Bill” Mead received identical vote totals, and Payne won a Nov. 14 coin toss to break the tie for a four-year term.

Martinez begins a four-year mayoral term during his first four-year term as a city councilman. He was council president in 2019.

Shortly after the election, Martinez said there was no rush to bring the council back up to a four-person body.

“The rest of the council and I need to select the right person to fill the position, someone with Grand View’s best interest at heart,” Martinez said on Nov. 11.

At the time, Martinez pointed out that the city faced several infrastructure challenges, including what to do about the town’s wastewater lagoons and drinking water wells as well as repairing city streets.

During its December meeting, the council was scheduled to discuss its compliance agreement with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality regarding Well No. 1.



*Appointed Mayor Sandy Skinner (left at table) will preside over the start of a Grand View City Council meeting for the final time next Wednesday. Danny Martinez (second from left at table) will take the oath of office and become mayor later in the meeting. Other people pictured during the Nov. 14 city council meeting include (top left) new city clerk and treasurer Kathy Brown, former clerk Jodi Jewett, outgoing City Councilman Donald W. “Bill” Mead, and re-elected Councilman Jon Pennington. **Not pictured:** Councilman John Morrison.*

The council asked and DEQ granted an extension on the deadline to submit a municipal water facility plan, according to Valerie Greear, an engineering group manager with the state agency.

The city originally was given until Dec. 31 to submit a plan for the entire drinking water system, including anticipated growth and future needs as well as mitigation of problems, which include a lack of system redundancy and increased infiltration and nitrate levels in the one well

that is operational.

“We’re focusing on a source of redundancy,” DEQ Boise regional drinking water compliance supervisor Brandon Lowder said Monday. “They have a well and they also have storage, so it’s not like they are in a catastrophic state.”

The redundant well has been deemed as an emergency source only, so if the city had to bring it online because of a shortage, the water from that source would be labeled “do not drink,” Lowder said.

Greear said Friday afternoon that DEQ has added seven months to the compliance schedule, giving the city until July 31 to submit a facility plan. The facility plan is the first phase of the overall compliance schedule. Grand View’s drinking water system must comply with government regulations by the end of next year.

Brandon Lowder, the drinking water compliance supervisor at DEQ’s Boise regional office, said Monday morning that the city also received information about

the next round of grants and loans to help with drinking water systems. The city has until Friday to submit a letter of interest, which is the first step in applying for a loan or grant.

Attempts to reach City Hall and elected officials to find out what transpired with that agenda item have been unsuccessful.

Well No. 1 has been relegated to emergency use because a failed casing is allowing water infiltration from a shallow source point. The relegation has the city out of compliance with regulations that require two operating wells for redundancy in a municipality serving more than 25 domestic water hookups.

Hiring Brown to succeed city clerk and treasurer Jodi Jewett eliminated one other issue that was in the balance in November.

Brown was sworn in during the Dec. 11 council meeting at which time the council voted to dissolve the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The council also agreed to give city employees a three percent cost-of-living pay raise recently.

— JPB

✓ Bridge: Still one-lane bridge, but traffic pattern shifts for demolition

Transportation Department spokesman.

This project has been one of grand scope, one that included replacing the bridge, rebuilding Main Street between the Snake River and Idaho highway 78, and repaving Idaho 55 to U.S. Highway 95 west of town.

Nearly all the work, besides that being done on the bridge, is essentially complete, according to Idaho Transportation Department spokesman Jake Melder.

“We still have to construct sidewalk and driveway approaches on the north side of (Idaho 55), between (Idaho 78) and the C-Line Canal,” he wrote in an email. “That should happen in the next couple months if the weather holds out.”

Traffic on the bridge has changed from the northside lane to the new south portion of the structure as work has begun to replace the final part of the old bridge. The contractor

is now moving the temporary trestle construction bridge to accommodate the work being done. The temporary bridge holds equipment, primarily a crane, that is used during demolition of the old bridge and to place girders for the new one.

The new roadway sits slightly higher above the river than the old one. Melder said that required the construction of earthen abutments.

“To do this, we construct

mechanically stabilized earth walls (MSE walls),” he said.

That same process needs to be duplicated for the southern (upstream) half of the bridge. This will require intermittent closures of the original access to Island Park to build that abutment.

The new access point to the park and boat landing constructed on the north side of the highway will remain open during this stage of the project.

According to Melder, the

bridge is on track to be significantly complete and open to two lanes of travel this summer. The finished structure will include two 12-foot travel lanes each with six-foot shoulders and a wider eight-foot sidewalk on the north side.

Anyone interested in staying up-to-date as the project progresses should visit <https://itdprojects.org/Marsing55Improvements/>. Folks can sign up to receive email updates at that site, too.

— TK

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Learn to preserve garden’s bounty and teach others

Winter is here, and I cannot help but consider all the home-grown and home-canned foods we will be enjoying this upcoming summer.



Suriñe Greenway

While we still have a wait before we can plant a garden, I am thinking of all the unique and delicious foods we canned from last year’s garden and have been eating through since this fall. (Pepper jelly and spicy salsa have been very popular this year!) When planning out the garden we plant, we consider foods we like to preserve so we can capture summer flavor for year-round consumption. Food is a great way to bring everyone together to enjoy nutritional, delicious food. What is more enjoyable than tasting your home-canned product?

When we share homemade gifts, we want them to be delicious and safe. Preserving foods for shelf-stable storage requires us to follow important safety factors to ensure the food tastes great and the risk of foodborne illness has been eliminated. This can make home canning seem intimidating or overwhelming.

If you are a food lover and would like to learn how to handle food safely and safely preserve many kinds of foods while helping others in your

community, you should consider the Master Food Safety Advisor program offered by University of Idaho at the Ada County Extension. You may be a master in the kitchen, or becoming comfortable preparing foods, and would like to better preserve your own garden goodies. All experience levels are welcome in this seven-week volunteer program as different food preservation content is thoroughly addressed and participants have the opportunity to learn, see, and do as each workshop has hands-on foods labs.

This program will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays beginning Feb. 4.

In this seven-week lecture, demonstration and hands-on program, University of Idaho Extension Educators Suriñe Greenway and Bridget Morrisroe-Aman will provide an overview of factors affecting safety, prevention of foodborne illness, canning high-acid foods, canning low-acid foods, preserving fruit spreads, pickling and fermenting, freezing methods and dehydration. Participants will complete hands-on labs and sample foods prepared during workshops.

If you would like to register, contact Morrisroe-Aman or Nikki Telford at (208) 287-5900 or ada@uidaho.edu.

Registration is required by Jan. 22, and participation is limited for hands-on activities.

— Suriñe Greenway is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educator. For more information, you can reach the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

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Calendar

Today

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

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

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

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 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

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

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

Saturday

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

Food bank delivery
9 a.m. to 10 a.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho St., Grand View. (208) 834-2639

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.

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.

Homedale school board meeting
7 p.m., school district boardroom, 116 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4611

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

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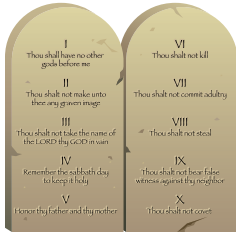
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Jan. 9: **Breakfast:** Donuts, string cheese **Lunch:** Pepperoni calzone, green beans
Jan. 13: **Breakfast:** S'more oatmeal bites **Lunch:** Ham & cheese hot pocket, corn
Jan. 14: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch:** Hamburger, french fries
Jan. 15: **Breakfast:** Choc. Chip muffin **Lunch:** Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, green beans, garlic toast

Homedale Middle

Fruit & salad bar, choice of milk or juice
Cereal option each day
Jan. 8: **Breakfast:** Apple cinn. Texas toast **Lunch:** Chicken tenders or pork chop, mashed potatoes w/gravy, hot roll
Jan. 9: **Breakfast:** Donut, string cheese **Lunch:** Corn dog or PB&J sandwich, string cheese, goldfish crackers, baked beans
Jan. 13: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken, PB&J sandwich, string cheese, goldfish crackers, steamed carrots
Jan. 14: **Breakfast:** Filled cereal bar **Lunch:** Chicken patty sandwich or Rib-b-que sandwich, potato wedges
Jan. 15: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce or pizza hot pocket, green beans

Homedale High

Salad bar, fruit choice and choice of milk and juice
Cereal option, grab 'n' go items each day
Jan. 8: **Breakfast:** Sausage plate or mini pancakes **Lunch:** Hamburger or cheeseburger, tater tots, cookie
Jan. 9: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or pop tart **Lunch:** Beef taco or chicken taco, corn
Jan. 13: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick or frudel **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper or corn dog
Jan. 14: **Breakfast:** Croissant sandwich or bagel w/cream cheese **Lunch:** Orange chicken or pizza hot pocket, rice, egg roll, fortune cookie
Jan. 15: **Breakfast:** Breakfast slider or filled cereal bar **Lunch:** Spicy chicken sandwich or hamburger, french fries, cookie

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PB&J Hot Grab-n-go line: Hamburger, pizza
Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sandwich, salad
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
Jan. 9: **Breakfast:** Egg & cheese slider, yogurt **Lunch sides or alternatives: Classic Line:** Cheeseburger, potato wedges **Hot Grab-n-go:** Chicken sandwich, potato wedges
Jan. 13: **Breakfast:** Breakfast bar **Lunch sides or alternatives: Classic Line:** Chicken sandwich, potato wedges **Hot Grab-n-go:** Chicken sandwich, potato wedges
Jan. 14: **Breakfast:** Apple texas toast **Lunch sides or alternatives: Classic Line:** Super nachos, refried beans **Hot Grab-n-go:** Chicken sandwich, fries
Jan. 15: **Breakfast:** Tornado, yogurt **Lunch sides or alternatives: Classic Line:** Mini calzones, mixed vegetables **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. 8: **Breakfast:** Waffle & hashbrowns **Lunch:** Nachos w/ whole wheat chips, refried beans/salsa, broccoli
Jan. 9: **Breakfast:** Bagels & cream cheese **Lunch:** BBQ pulled pork on a bun, fries, cauliflower
Jan. 13: **Breakfast:** Cereal bar **Lunch:** Mac attack, tossed romaine salad, peas
Jan. 14: **Breakfast:** Biscuits & gravy **Lunch:** Chili, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll
Jan. 15: **Breakfast:** Muffins **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes & gravy, steamed broccoli
Jan. 16: **Breakfast:** Mini cinnabon **Lunch:** Hamburger on a bun, tater tots, baby carrots

Obituary

Douglas “Doug” Henry Stowell

Douglas “Doug” Henry Stowell, 77, passed away Sunday, December 29, 2019 at a local hospital.

Doug was born on March 4, 1942 to Edward and Katherine Stowell, being delivered in an Emmett home with an Aunt attending. Doug was the fourth child of a family of five kids that lived in Emmett, Glenns Ferry and Cascade during his childhood years. When Doug was nine, his dad got a job with Union Pacific, which brought about many a fun trip riding in the caboose from Wendell to Huntington, Oregon and back before his dad died in an accident. The family then spent the next couple of years moving around Glenns Ferry and Idaho City, sometimes in houses that did not having running water. The family eventually moved to a three-acre place in Eagle, where Doug got his first experience milking cows by hand. He graduated from Meridian High School in 1960.

Doug and Alta McGrath were married on December 28th, 1960 in Eagle. They bought the family dairy farm when Alta’s dad died five years later, and together they raised their four children on the dairy in Eagle and then to Homedale in 1977. Doug loved spending time with his kids on the farm, teaching them the importance of hard work, the fun of bird hunting



and riding motorcycles, and the reward of hours spent showing their Holstein dairy cattle at the fair. At the age of 46, Doug decided to make a career change and go back to school to become an RN.

Doug married Delaine Bishop on Oct. 4, 1997 in Nampa. Together Doug and Delaine worked at Mercy Medical in Nampa, Elks Rehabilitation in Nampa and Boise, and retired while working for Nampa Care. Doug loved gardening and feeding the hundreds of ducks that would land in their backyard throughout the year. Doug and Delaine enjoyed traveling to see family in Virginia and Tennessee and traveling to the Oregon Coast where Doug and his brother Fred would spend time fishing the ocean. Yearly camping

trips near Tripod Reservoir meant getting to spend time with all of his family.

Throughout the years, Doug served on the Ada County Sheriff’s Reserve Posse, Dry Creek Cemetery Board, DHIA Board and the Homedale School Board. His wide smile and love of telling stories will be missed by all who knew him. He was a loving husband, dad and grandpa.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents, Edward & Katherine Stowell, sister Pat Rankin, brothers Edward Stowell and Fred Gibbons, and son Patrick Stowell. He is survived by wife Delaine Stowell, sister Barbara Luter, daughter Joy Scott, son Deric Stowell, son Michael Stowell, and grandchildren Wyatt (Maddie) Stowell, Colt Stowell, Lindsey (Shaun) Jantz, Karley Stowell, granddaughter Hannah Hardin, and stepchildren/grandchildren Michelle, Emily, Allison, Greg, Amber, Jason, Tina, Rose, Jennifer, and Chris.

Funeral Services will be held, Monday, January 13, 2020 at 1:00 pm in the Flahiff Funeral Chapels, 624 Cleveland Blvd, Caldwell, ID 83605. Interment will be held following the services at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery, Marsing, Idaho. Friends can share a memory at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com

Death notice

JACK ARTHUR YOUNG, 67, of Melba died Friday, Dec. 31, 2019. A viewing will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 112 Randolph Dr., in Melba.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., at the church. Arrangements: Zeyer Funeral Chapel, Nampa. (208) 467-7300. To read the obituary or express condolences, visit ZeyerFuneralChapel.com

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From page 1A

✓ Sevy: Marsing’s new chief executive has lived in area nearly all his life

recently undertaken in “The Gateway to the Owyhees,” is an Idaho Transportation Department venture to reconstruct the Snake River bridge, replace Idaho highway 55, from the bridge to Idaho 78, and the repave Idaho 55/ Main Street west to U.S. 95.

The replacement of the bridge is ongoing, and there are plans to install sidewalks along part of the main drag.

Marsing’s mayor-elect has spent nearly his entire life in this little town. He was born and raised about eight miles from the city limits, on Poison Creek Road, not far from Jump Creek Falls.

Sevy’s family owned a dairy until he was about 10 years old, when his father went into the beef cow business, as well as farming, while helping other family members with their dairies.

Sevy went to Marsing High School until his senior year and then got his diploma early from Boise State University, when he entered the working world. He would return to school later and earn a business degree.

He has been in the painting business for 18 years. Sevy said that he started with prep work, but after some time, he decided to subcontract his services. That has evolved into employing a full-time crew painting and remodeling throughout the Treasure Valley.

Sevy met his wife Kylie when they were teenagers. She was from Grants Pass, Ore., and he was attending her sister’s wedding. They will be married 19 years this month.

The couple has two children, Marsing High School students Cash and Lexi.

Sevy comes from a large family, with four brothers and four sisters, none of which live in Marsing city limits.

“The saying in our family is that between us all we can build or fix about anything,” he said. “Not accurate, but let us have our fun.”

Sevy said that he has concerns that Marsing is getting left behind.

“I plan to help steer Marsing in the right direction so the people and businesses here



The Sevy family, clockwise from left: Kylie, Chad, Lexi, and Cash.

can flourish,” he said.

He said that there are several items that he wants to take on quickly after assuming

office, including partnering with the Marsing Chamber of Commerce to make a solid city beautification plan, and

revamping the city’s website.

“There are some other major projects for consideration that I feel are very important in getting Marsing on a good path for prosperity,” he said.

Sevy said that he believes coming in fresh plays a large part in why he was elected.

“I have no grudges or bias against community members that (have) been attempting to make the city a better place,” he said. “I have no doubt I will be able to work well with the council and community members.”

“I look forward to working with (the council) to help make our city an even better place to live.”

He said that he also believes that the majority of Marsing’s voters are ready for the town to move forward positively.

“I believe the voters could see that I was out not for my benefit but the benefit of the city we live in,” Sevy said.

“It is time for Marsing to flourish, and it seems pretty clear to me that the voters agree.”

— TK

Recently retired MRW Fire commissioner passes away

A veteran Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District volunteer who last year resigned as a commissioner has died.

The MRW Fire and Emergency Medical Services District announced the passing of Jack Young on its Facebook page on Thursday.

According to the online post, the 67-year-old Young died at home on Dec. 31 surrounded by his family.

“We will all miss Jack and his dedication to our community,” the post read. “Our

thoughts and prayers are with his family during this time.”

The post indicated a funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 112 Randolph Drive, in Melba. A viewing will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., at the church. Zeyer Funeral Chapel in Nampa is in charge of arrangements.

As reported in the Jan. 1 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche, commissioner-elect Neva Miller has been serving

on the MRW district board of commissioners since Young’s resignation.

Miller will assume the seat now held by chair Doug Hipwell during the district’s first meeting of the new year, and the appointment of an interim commissioner is scheduled.

District officials set a Tuesday deadline to receive applications from Wilson subdistrict residents interested in serving out the remainder of Young’s four-year term, which will end at the close of this year.

✓ Marsing: Public works projects to be reviewed

November.

Rachael Percifield will begin her first term as councilperson, after serving as an appointee in place of Jolyn Green, who stepped down last summer to assume the position of Marsing City Clerk and Treasurer.

After Sevy, Herman, Even, and Percifield are sworn in, the council will elect a board president for the coming year. Even is the current council president.

Later in the meeting, monthly reports will be presented by engineer Kirby Cook, including the ongoing Idaho Transportation Department project and the Sandbar remodel into the new city hall; city attorney Stephanie J. Bonney; Owyhee County Sheriff’s Cpl. Atana-

cio Montes; and maintenance supervisor Philip Gibson.

Bonney will discuss with the council the idea to compensate Ferdinand for “time and effort on City of Marsing website content.” Ferdinand built and owned much of the content on the city’s website.

Expected topics from Gibson’s report are items that have been completed (such as the assembly and placement of new picnic tables), current tasks (taking down Christmas decorations), and items for consideration (inspection/cleaning/repair of water tank and tower on Well Road).

The meeting agenda has no detail concerning a mayor’s report from Sevy.

— TK

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SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
	(measured in inches)			Max	Min	Avg
				(measured in Fahrenheit)		
Mud Flat						
12/31	3.2	12	3.6	34	25	29
1/1	3.3	12	3.6	40	27	35
1/2	3.6	12	3.7	38	27	33
1/3	3.6	12	3.7	42	23	31
1/4	3.5	12	3.8	39	17	31
1/5	3.4	12	3.8	34	21	29
1/6	3.6	14	3.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
12/31	2.0	8	3.3	38	25	32
1/1	2.1	8	3.6	38	30	34
1/2	2.3	8	3.8	35	28	31
1/3	2.4	8	3.9	46	33	39
1/4	2.4	8	3.9	46	23	34
1/5	2.2	8	3.9	30	24	27
1/6	2.4	9	4.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
12/31	5.0	18	6.4	36	21	31
1/1	5.2	19	6.5	35	27	32
1/2	5.5	19	6.8	34	27	30
1/3	5.5	19	6.9	45	32	39
1/4	5.5	19	6.9	44	24	32
1/5	5.5	19	6.9	32	25	27
1/6	5.7	21	7.1	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 68 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 262 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 40 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 484,740 acre-feet of water on Monday.

Another Marsing Disaster Auction is just weeks away

Committee, schoolchildren selling raffle tickets; new help sought

The community has grown in recent years, but a small, familiar group of volunteers continue as the driving force behind the Marsing Disaster Auction.

While the veterans behind the community fundraiser plug along, they also look for new blood to step forward and help as the winter staple moves toward its seventh decade of existence.

The auction and sale will begin, as always, at 10:13 a.m., on the first Saturday of February (Feb. 1 this year). It is held on the first Saturday of February inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center.

Proceeds from the auction and from the sale of tickets for two levels of raffles are used to help community members in need: Those who have been displaced by a house fire, have medical bills to pay or funeral expenses to cover.

There is a small core of volunteers on the committee, including Sheila and Bobo Carter, James and Jess Ferdinand, Jason and Kelly Ineck, Tim Dines, Audrey Lindemann, and Cindy Floyd.

But as the auction moves deeper into its history, those volunteers would like to see new and larger dedication from the younger generation as well as community newcomers.

In the meantime, the committee members have embarked on the sale of \$10 raffle tickets. Prizes include:

- Front-load washer and dryer set donated by Parma Furniture
- 55-inch flat-screen, high-definition LCD television, which has become the staple donation from the Usabel family, the patriarch of which — Roman Usabel — was one of the auction's founders and previously served as the event chair.
- Gun/security safe donated by White Automotive and Rhino Metals
- Savage Trophy Hunter 6.5mm Creedmoor with Nikon scope donated by Wayne Hungate and Dave Cereghino, Owyhee County Farm Bureau Insurance agents.

Marsing merchants and Marsing fifth-grade students also are selling the \$10 tickets.

The \$1 raffle tickets are sold third- through fifth-graders attending Marsing Elementary:

- A \$250 Marsing shopping spree sponsored by American Legion Post 128.
- A Boise getaway donated by Liquid Laughs, Solid Grill & Bar, and Hampton Inn.
- \$250 cash donated by the Carters, Russ Lindemann and Audrey Lindemann.
- A Kitchen Aid mixer donated by Kelly and Betty Ackerman.

Some of the auction highlights include:

- A Traeger Tailgater donated by Marsing Hardware and Pump.
- A Cordova cooler package donated by Idaho Central Credit Union.
- A girl's and boy's .22 rifle donated by Mattesons in Homedale and Wilder.
- Two one-year subscriptions to The Owyhee Avalanche
- A romantic getaway donated by Ellis Agency & Associates.
- One ton of small-bale hay from the 2020 season and a Hungate Custom Hay coat and hat, all donated by Hungate Custom Hay
- A 24-gun Rhino safe donated by Showalter Construction.
- A Traeger barbecue donated by Campbell Tractor.
- A 6 foot-by-8 foot garden shed donated by the Shed Center.
- A monthly bouquet of flowers for a year from Caldwell Floral
- Two tickets to the Marsing Fire Department's crab feed.

The auction also features handmade quilts, home-baked and canned goods, coats, jackets and other apparel, themed gift baskets, handcrafted art, tools, toys, and gift certificates to local businesses.

More information and photos about the auction and raffle and its items can be found at www.marsingdisasterauction.org.

For more information on the auction, call a committee member:

- Sheila Carter, (208) 337-2100
- Bobo Carter, (208) 880-8770
- James Ferdinand, (208) 794-7270
- Jess Ferdinand, (208) 401-4964
- Jason and Kelly Ineck, (208) 249-4476
- Tim Dines, (208) 573-3321
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New Homedale repair shop tends to all automotive needs
Technician James Eidemiller (left) and manager Dan Allen discuss work to be done on a 1958 Pontiac at SRC Repair, 4416 U.S. Hwy. 95, south of Homedale. The repair shop, which has been open since Oct. 1, provides complete service for cars, trucks, and trailers, including oil changes, brakes, suspension, transmissions, shocks, general maintenance, and more. SRC Repair is owned by Ben Badiola. The hours of operation are Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Rubber duckies waddle into Homedale library spotlight

The Homedale City Library’s youth programs will observe National Rubber Ducky Day at their next gatherings.

National Rubber Ducky Day is Monday, and that’s when the library’s Story Time program will embark on a rubber ducky scavenger hunt and create a themed craft.

Story Time starts at 10:15 a.m., each Monday at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

Before the craft, two stories will be read — “Five Little Ducks” by Denise Fleming and “Duck at the Door” by Jackie Urbanovic.

At 5 p.m., on Thursday, the Teens & Tweens program will get a jump on observing National Rubber Ducky Day.

During this week’s program, each teen will receive a rubber ducky to decorate.

The group will then put their duckies through Rubber Ducky Races, the Rubber Ducky Tower, and a Rubber Ducky Catapult.

Lunchtime book talks return to Eastern Owyhee County Library

With some assistance from the Idaho State Library, the Eastern Owyhee County Library has relaunched a “Let’s Talk About It” book discussion series.

The series, which includes a soup and bread lunch, began Monday with a talk about “All the Light We Cannot See” by Anthony Doerr.

Library director Tammy Gray said the series will continue on the first Monday of each month through May.

- **Feb. 3** — “Food: A Love Story” by Jim Gaffigan
- **March 2** — “Age of Innocence” by Edith Wharton
- **April 6** — “Empire Falls” by Richard Russo
- **May 4** — “Women of Brewster Place” by Gloria Naylor

A “soup and bread” lunch begins at 12:30 p.m., and the discussion starts at 1 p.m. Books for each discussion can be picked up at the library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View.

Unlike years past, the Eastern Owyhee “Let’s Talk About It” series will not include a state-provided moderator.

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Lunch served in Grand View twice each week

Congregate lunch is served at noon each Tuesday and Thursday at the senior center.

Pinochle games are held at 1 p.m., after most lunches.

The senior center board of directors will meet at 1 p.m., on Thursday.

Appointments are available from 9 a.m. to noon for a foot clinic on Thursday, Jan. 16. Call the senior center at (208) 834-2922 to reserve a time. Examinations cost \$20 each.

A blood pressure clinic is schedule from 11 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

The Mennonite Choir will hold its monthly performance at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 23.

Jacob Curtis from Blue Cross will visit the senior center at 11:30 a.m., on Tuesday, Jan. 28 to explain new rules for 2020.

The senior center also is available for baby showers, birthday parties, family reunions, organization meetings and wedding receptions.

Call the senior center and speak with coordinator Ellie Gillett for more information on programs and events.

The Rimrock Senior Center plans a handful of bus trips in January to help the community’s senior citizens run errands and enjoy other opportunities.

The first bus trip is planned from the senior center at 525 Main St., in Grand View to Mountain Home. The bus leaves at 9:30 a.m., providing transportation for shopping, medical appointments and other errands.

Another bus trip is planned next Wednesday to the Bruneau Valley Library for the first Bruneau and Beyond speaker luncheon of 2020. The bus will leave at 12:15 p.m.

A second trip to Mountain Home will push off at 12:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Jan. 21 for grocery shopping.

The Rimrock Senior Center serves the communities of Grand View, Bruneau and Oreana.

OCD supervisors to meet

The first meeting of 2020 for Owyhee Conservation District supervisors will be longer than usual.

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

Andrea McRae is the board chair.

The meeting convenes an hour earlier because supervisors need more time to review the OCD’s annual plan and to map out the organization’s five-year plan.

The district’s annual banquet, at which the Conservationist of the Year is announced, will be held on Thursday, Jan. 16. The invitation-only event will begin with a meet-and-greet at 6 p.m., followed by 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.

Courthouse report

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

Dec. 30

Nathan J. Cooper, Kuna — Misdemeanor Fish and Game violation, resident hunting game birds without license: \$50 in fines, \$168 in court costs.

Troy W. Parsons, Templeton, Calif. — Misdemeanor Fish and Game violation, hunting protected birds, disturbing or destroying eggs or nest (plea deal): \$200 in fines, \$415 in court costs.

Dismissed by prosecuting attorney: Misdemeanor wildlife violation, possess, transport or shipment violation

— JPB

Rangeland partnership looks at first year, future

Second annual meeting starts Monday in Boise

The second annual Idaho Rangeland Conservation Partnership meeting, set for Monday and Tuesday, gives folks a chance to examine ways to improve the land and natural resources.

The two-day convention will be held at the Riverside Hotel in Boise.

The first day starts at 1 p.m. on Monday with IRCP coordinator Brenda Richards recapping the accomplishments of the partnership's first year.

Panel discussions moderated by Tom Page will follow:

- **1:30 p.m.** — The Access panel will feature state and federal officials, including Todd Werner from the Idaho Department of Lands, Jeff Cartwright from the Bureau of Land Management, Sal Palazzolo from the Idaho Department Fish and Game, and Andy Brunelle from the U.S. Forest Service.
- **2:30 p.m.** — The second hour-

long discussion will include land users. Panelists include Becca Aceto from the Idaho Wildlife Foundation, Riggins rancher Marty Gill, who is Idaho Cattle Association past president, and Steve Stuebner representing non-motorized users. A representative from a motorized user group has been invited, according to the preliminary agenda.

- **3:30 p.m.** — A solutions-oriented breakout session regarding public lands access will be held.

IRCP officer elections will be held after the second panel discussion.

Partnership members can pick up a ballot at the registration table throughout Monday's meeting, and ballots can be cast until 5 p.m.

The elections committee will count ballots after Monday's meeting, and the results will be announced Tuesday afternoon.

Monday's first day ends with an evening social from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The second day runs from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on Tuesday.

Rancher Jay Wilde will present the keynote address on outcome-based land management between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.

John Ruhs, the Idaho BLM state director, will moderate a panel discussion on the lessons learned from outcome-based land management.

The panel will be seated from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and include representatives from the Deep Creek Ranch Project (including the BLM's Ken Crane and a permittee), P H Livestock Co., Wyoming project reps (rancher Neils Hansen, and BLM Rawlins Field Office rangeland management specialist Cheryl Newberry has been invited), and rancher James Roger and The Nature Conservancy's Liz Munn representing the WineCup Gamble Project in Nevada.

A general discussion on the lessons from outcome-based land management will run from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm.

After an hour break for lunch, a look at how beavers can benefit an outfit's bottom line will be led by a rancher

invited from the Maggie Creek Ranch. That presentation is set to begin at 1:30 p.m.

A panel discussion beaver dam analogs and using beavers in a livestock production company will be held at 2 p.m.

The discussion will include the state of the science of analogs and using beavers as well as input from Cory Mosby from Idaho Fish and Game and possibly representatives from the Idaho Department of Water Resources and an official from the BLM or Forest Service.

After election results are announced, the beaver issue will continue with breakout sessions.

To register for the meeting, visit <https://www.eventbrite/o/brenda-richards-ircp-coordinator-18322871521>.

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



Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen (right) and Homedale Elementary principal Terri Vasquez (middle) accept a \$1,000 check from Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health program director Courtney Frost during a presentation last month.

Mayor urges children to be active, kind

Walking Challenge brings \$1,000 to HES

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen gave the Homedale's schoolchildren a New Year's resolution last month.

During an appearance at the elementary school to accept a check for his Mayor's Walking Challenge, the second-term chief executive challenged the boys and girls to try kindness and also work to get to know their town.

Because Christoffersen averaged 10,000 steps per day during the walking challenge in October, the Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health

presented the elementary school with a \$1,000 check during an assembly.

The money will be used to improve healthy habits at the school. Previously, funds have helped bolster the Walking Trojans program, among other things.

Christoffersen has now raised \$5,000 in the past five years for the school, in addition to other money from the High Five! Initiative and Blue Cross foundation that was used for other community projects, including the still-under-construction Riverside Park playground.

But when Christoffersen visited the school before the Christmas break last month, he spoke about how his own

experience walking through town during the challenge opened his eyes to the community.

He told the children that walking is a great way to expand their horizons and also get healthier. Some children say they only know the neighbors on their block, he pointed out.

"Well, you'll get to know more if you walk a couple blocks further," Christoffersen said.

He left the children with some advice to improve their lives beyond physical exercise, too.

"Do one kind thing for somebody every day of your life," the mayor said.

— JPB

Local BPA'ers set for regionals Saturday

Marsing and Homedale Business Professionals of America students hope to bring their A-games to the Region 4 competition on Saturday at Skyview High School in Nampa.

The competition will run from 8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., and will include high school teams from Marsing, Homedale, COSSA Academy, Ridgevue and Columbia of Nampa, Parma, Caldwell, Middleton, Nampa, and the host school.

Marsing has 32 students, while Homedale is bringing 12. Teammates could potentially compete in 21 different categories:

- Financial Analyst team
- Administrative Support Research Project
- Network Design team
- Graphic Design Promo-

tion

- Digital Media Production
- Computer Modeling
- Video Production team
- Website Design team
- Computer Animation team
- Broadcast News Production team
- Global Marketing team
- Entrepreneurship
- Small Business Management team
- Interview Skills
- Advanced Interview Skills
- Extemporaneous Speech
- Human Resource Management
- Prepared Speech
- Parliamentary Procedure Team
- Presentation Management Individual
- Presentation Management Team

Hometown pastor to speak at Marsing prayer breakfast

The basement of the Marsing Church of the Nazarene is the location for a prayer breakfast at 8 a.m. on Saturday that will feature guest speaker Pastor Benje Graves.

Graves is the presiding pastor for Vision Community Church, which recently celebrated 20 years at its location on West Main Street in Marsing.

The Alaska native will speak to those gathered for the

free breakfast and fellowship, although free will offerings are welcome.

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

The Nazarene church is located at 12 2nd Ave. W. Enter the basement from the side entrance on the north side of the building.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Cow disturber



McGraw posed an interesting question. If a cowboy herds a herd of cattle, we call him a herder. If a sheepman herds a flock of sheep, he's still a herder. Why isn't he called a flocker?

Oley has always referred to himself as a cow disturber. I think that is an accurate description of what cowboys do. The definition of disturb is: to annoy or disrupt.

"Where ya goin', Bill?"
"I'm gonna go check the cows." Which really means, "I'm gonna ride into the bunch, git 'em all up, turn 'em around and just generally annoy and disrupt them."
I grant there are occasions when we have a certain definite task in mind; i.e., "I'm gonna bring in that cow with the arrow in her side." Or, "Saddle up, we're pushin' 2,600 head of longhorns to the sale barn in Bloomfield."

But most of the time we're just disturbing them. Like doting parents or cat fanciers, we take any excuse to fuss over the critters in our care. It's a wonder whitetail deer or jackrabbits aren't extinct with no one to molest them regularly.

If we were honest with ourselves, our language would be more forthright. The cattle foreman in the feedlot might give his instructions like this ... "Jason, I want you to enter the first pen in the north alley. Unsettle the steers by sitting quietly for a moment. Next, upset them by approaching. Confuse them by weaving back and forth, agitating and irritating them constantly. Badger each one until they've all gotten up and milled around. Once you're convinced you've stirred them up sufficiently, you may go disturb the next pen."

Or, the cowman might say to his wife, "Darlin', while I'm at the board meeting, I'd like you to torment the heifer in the barn lot every 20 minutes. She's tryin' to calve. Peek over the fence and bother her. Shine the light in her eyes to break her concentration. Worry her as often as needed, and when I get back I'll slip in and frighten her into calving."

In fairness, we are doing what all good shepherds do. We watch over our flocks because that is our calling. We stand guard in case any should need our help. But if truth-in-labeling is ever applied to our job descriptions, we will have to be more specific about what we do.

So the next time somebody asks what you do, try one of these on for size: herd rearranger, bull nudger, sheep panicker, mule cusser, equine perplexer, steer beautician, hog motivator, Holstein therapist, cow companion, dog shouter or cowboy coddler.

— Visit Baxter's Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black books, CDs and DVDs. His latest book is "A Commotion in Rhyme." When you order the new book, be sure to tell them you learned about it in The Owyhee Avalanche.

Nate Hoffman, Idaho Freedom Foundation president

Idaho Legislature begins 2020 a chance to benefit citizens



Legislative success in containing property taxes will make the difference as to whether some Idahoans have to move from their homes. It's why property tax relief has to be the No. 1 priority for the 2020 legislative session.

Property tax relief can be achieved by freezing local government spending and capping tax levies. Consolidating tax districts, reducing the number of bond and levy elections per year, limiting the use of so-called forgone tax revenues, using sales-tax revenue sharing to replace property taxes, and changing the way property values are calculated would also provide meaningful relief to Idahoans crying for help.

Though property tax relief could be a signature policy success for the 2020 legislative session, this is a mighty fine time for Idahoans to remind lawmakers and Gov. Brad Little that a promise to eliminate the sales tax on groceries is getting long in the tooth.

Eliminating the grocery sales tax might come down to simply using the ongoing tax windfall from the newly enacted collection of online sales tax revenue — more than \$28 million as of November — and applying it to the repeal of this very bad tax.

Tax relief might also be helped along by Little's efforts to propose the first fiscally conservative budget in many, many years. Holding agency budgets in check would clear space to end the grocery tax as well as allow state government to tee up income tax reductions in the coming years.

Another priority for this Legislature is to remove obstacles that hinder people from working in the occupational field of their choice. Lawmakers should get rid of unnecessary and arbitrary restrictions on occupations. For nearly 60 percent of Idaho's licensed occupations, a criminal conviction is enough for the government to deny a person a license to work. This denial can be based on youthful indiscretions in the distant past, crimes unrelated to the occupation, or minor violations that resulted in a misdemeanor, which was rectified by payment of a fine.

Additionally, Idaho makes it harder than other states and the federal government for young people to get jobs. This likely contributes to the fact that, today, fewer young people in Idaho earn a paycheck than 20 years ago. Restrictions on youth employment mean people don't enter the job market until later in life, which is why some 20-somethings complain that they want an entry-level job that pays more, while employers complain it's stupid to pay \$15 an hour to an employee with no skills, hustle, or initiative. If we want to open doors of opportunity for young people, we should get the government out of their way, let them learn a trade, and allow them to acquire a lifelong appreciation for work.

In regard to Idaho's constitutional mandate to provide a system of public education, the Legislature

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From Washington Administration, Congress will continue work to benefit Americans in new year

As we gathered with family and friends this holiday season, there were likely plenty of discussions about the state of our nation. Hopefully, these conversations were more lighthearted than Washington, D.C.-style partisan bickering. These discussions around dinner tables and coffee tables can be fruitful, as we listen and share viewpoints with our loved ones. Here are some considerations looking back at the year just finished and ahead to 2020.

The U.S. Department of Labor's November Employment Summary reaffirmed the American economy under President Trump's leadership is continuing to flourish. The agency reported employment rose by 266,000 jobs last month alone and the national unemployment rate remains at historic lows.

The enactment of the 2017 tax reform law has been a central part of the effort in Congress and by the Trump Administration to enable innovation and job growth. The benefits of this law, which reaches its second anniversary this month, continue to ripple through the economy through job growth, reduced tax bills for American families -- with lower to middle income Americans realizing the highest tax rate reductions, higher wages, simplified tax filings, corporate investment, increased U.S. competitiveness and more. Similarly, the removal of overly burdensome federal regulations is liberating productivity while maintaining needed protections.

In addition, we are working to confirm President Trump's judicial and executive nominees as quickly

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as possible. As Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) recently noted, "In less than three years, President Trump has appointed and the Republican Senate has confirmed 50 Circuit Judges, more than any president's first full term since 1980." This helps to advance a court system that preserves our constitutional rights. Among appointees confirmed this year by the U.S. Senate: retired Bear Lake County Sheriff Brent Bunn was confirmed to serve as U.S. Marshal for the District of Idaho.

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Commentary

Financial management

Convert New Year’s resolution into a plan for real success

Dear Dave,
My wife and I have our budget ready for next month, and we’ll be following your plan in 2020 to pay off debt and get our finances in order. Do you have any tips for setting and sticking to goals in general?

— Rick

Dear Rick,
That’s a fantastic goal. Living on a monthly budget, and telling your money where to go instead of wondering where it went, is an important step toward gaining control of your finances. Combine that with getting out of debt, and you’ll be in charge of your most powerful wealth-building tool — your income. If you’re following my

plan, you already have goals in front of you where your money is concerned. For most Americans, though, a new year means nothing more than new resolutions without real plans. Don’t get me wrong. It’s good to make resolutions and set goals, but you can’t stop there. You have to formulate a plan that turns your dreams into bite-sized pieces of progress that will gradually create a big event in your life. If you want to achieve your goals, then keep these next things in mind.

- When setting goals, be very *specific* in what you want to achieve. Include steps that will help you get there, too. Being vague will only cause you to feel directionless and overwhelmed. Most people give up when these feelings arise.



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- Make your goals *measurable*. If you want to lose weight, don’t simply write down “lose weight” as a goal. Exactly how much weight do you want to lose? What will it take in terms of exercise

and dietary changes to make it happen?

Are your goals *your goals*? Only *you* can realistically set your own goals. If your spouse, co-worker, or friend sets a goal for you, chances are you’re not going to achieve it. Taking ownership will give you more opportunity to meet your goal.

Also, set *time limits* for your goals. Putting a time frame in place will help you set realistic goals. If you want to save a certain amount of money for a particular event, break it down and determine how much cash you need to put into your savings account each month leading up to that event.

And finally, put your goals and resolutions *in writing*. Putting them in writing will make you more likely to achieve them. Write down your goals, and review them often. This will give you motivation to make them reality.

I believe this is the process for success, Rick. Successful people reassess their lives regularly, and start living intentionally, in writing, and on purpose. Happy New Year!

— 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](https://twitter.com/DaveRamsey).

Letter to the editor

Community’s support of care center’s Christmas appreciated

Owyhee Health and Rehab would like to let the community know how much their support and generosity means to our residents.

The community and Last Chance Saloon provided our residents with many heartfelt gifts and entertainment throughout the holiday season.

We would also like to thank The Owyhee Avalanche for coordinating our residents’ wish list.

We appreciate everything that everyone has done and wish you all a blessed and Happy New Year.

Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation staff
Homedale

✓ 2020: Limiting government, providing folks more freedom to work attainable in this session

From Page 12A

must repeal Common Core education standards once and for all. Upon repeal, lawmakers can chart a new course that focuses on making Idaho’s education standards the best in the nation, not just “common.”

To further improve education in the Gem State, lawmakers should rewrite the school funding formula and develop a spending plan that benefits students, and not special interest groups.

It’s also time to broaden education options so parents can have more say in how and where their children are educated.

Regarding higher education, colleges and universities need to be held to their promise to freeze tuition and fees. Lawmakers ought to hold these institutions accountable for spending public funds on state-sanctioned discrimination, indoctrination, and social justice programs. The Legislature should

repeal the scholarship program that rewards college dropouts with taxpayer-funded scholarships.

I could write several hundred more suggestions for an awesome 2020 legislative session. Instead, it’s more important to remind lawmakers that the past two legislative sessions saw more advancement in free market policies than ever before. The results in 2018 and 2019 were positive departures from legislative sessions past wherein the needs of government took center stage. Now, with the governor thinking of taxpayers first on budget matters, I’m optimistic that limiting government is also an achievable outcome for the 2020 session.

— Wayne Hoffman of Nampa is president of the Idaho Freedom Foundation, which on the IFF website is described as a non-partisan educational research institute and government watchdog.

✓ Benefit: Congress, Trump worked to further Owyhee Initiative in 2019

From Page 12A

Other legislative successes include the enactment of S.47, Natural Resources Management Act, which contains boundary changes for three wilderness areas in Owyhee County. This bill was important to the implementation of the Owyhee Initiative, which is providing exemplary collaborative resource management of this special part of our great state.

Additionally, as chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, I worked to advance S. 2877, the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2019, through the committee with unanimous support to extend the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act for seven years to help limit the economic and physical impact of terrorist attacks while further protecting taxpayers.

The National Defense Authorization Act for

Fiscal Year 2020 also contains important provisions, including a 3.1 percent troop pay raise, military housing reforms and a phase-out of the Military Widows Tax. I have been a longtime proponent of this repeal on behalf of Idaho military families who should not have to face barriers to access their full benefits. The act contains numerous other provisions I advocated for on behalf of Idahoans, including funding to support the work at the Idaho National Laboratory; modifications to the Transition Assistance Program that provides assistance to servicemembers returning to civilian life; and provisions to better secure supply chains.

Further, significant progress has been made in preventing invasive and financially destructive robocall scams through advancement of legislative

provisions I championed to expand the adoption of call-blocking technology while ensuring critical safety and emergency calls are handled properly.

These are just some highlights and not a comprehensive list. I will push forward on other necessary reforms moving into the New Year. This includes continued work to advance bipartisan legislation to fix the federal government’s broken budget process. These and other reforms are necessary to continue to strengthen our nation.

— 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

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

Jan. 11, 1995

McMillan to resign as Homedale football coach

Someone new will be calling the shots for the Trojan football program next year — coach Jim McMillan has opted to leave the Homedale sidelines.

In a letter of resignation to the Homedale School Board, McMillan stated that he “still has enthusiasm for the game,” but that he had “grown weary of keeping up with the responsibilities of being a head coach.” He also expressed concern that his son would be playing varsity ball next year.

The board voted to accept the resignation, and together with HHS principal Nolan Taggart is exploring coaching options for next year.

Peters extended offer

Amid rumors that Homedale superintendent Dick Peters would be resigning at the end of the year, the Homedale School Board offered the administrator a \$3,000 raise in connection with a two-year contract that will begin in the 1995-96 school year.

Peters tentatively agreed to the new contract.

1995 Idaho Legislature to tackle tough issues

Over 100 bills have been pre-filed with the state legislative services department, and House representatives are preparing to face those issues and probably 800 more in the next session of the Legislature.

Although representatives have a daunting session ahead, district 20A Republican representative Frances Field said the atmosphere is just about right to make some changes. Of the 70 members of the House of Representatives, Field said 57 are Republicans, and 13 are Democrats. That’s enough, Field adds, to override a governor’s veto. It’s also a good time to be a Democrat, she jokes, because “there are barely enough people to fill all the party positions, so everybody will get one.”

Among the pre-filed bills representatives are currently examining is the Snake River Water Adjudication, which needs an additional \$6 million to finish. Although not a single water right has been adjudicated, Field notes that \$4 million has been spent to date.

The State Police have also asked for an additional \$4.6 million a year to add 52 new troopers and 10 support positions in Idaho. In addition, the State Police has requested \$3 million to consolidate all state dispatch centers in Boise. Sheriff Tim Nettleton said that a committee of sheriffs from across the state figured that they could put nearly twice the number of patrolmen on the road for the same amount “and we can make ours work.” Nettleton said the organization is considering submitting that information to the Legislature.

Houndsman pursues hobby, cougars across county

For 18 years Dennis Fisher has pursued cougars with hounds in Owyhee County. At first, Fisher pursued to kill, but after mounting his first trophy, he began treeing lions and shooting them — with a camera. Today, Fisher says he has so many pictures that he pursues the big cats only for fun.

Fisher’s experience with cougars has gained him a familiarity with the big cats in Owyhee County that visitors and residents both might be surprised at. Some Owyhee County residents have spent a lifetime exploring and living in less populated areas of the county, yet have never seen the shy mountain lion. Fisher just laughs: “You’ve probably walked within ten feet of a cougar, many times, but didn’t know it. They’re out there.”

50 years ago

Jan. 8, 1970



OFFICERS of the Junior Historical Society at Homedale, composed of 4th graders, include from left, Robert Almaraz, president and Kris Kubosumi, vice president, Pioneers; Steven Huffman, president, and Kim Matteson, vice president, Mountain Bluebird; Brett Tolmie, president, and Alan Bahem, vice president, Treasure Valley Mountaineers. The group of 114 members formed the word “PEACE” with their handprints (see background) and sent a picture and letter to President Richard Nixon.

Lowering water table poses warning in N. Owyhee

The ground-water resource in northern Owyhee County is characterized by flowing artesian wells which discharge water at temperatures as great as 200° F. Information on the ground water in that part of southwestern Idaho is presented in a publication entitled “Ground-Water Resource of Northern Owyhee County, Idaho” released today by R. Keith Higginson, State Reclamation Engineer.

The report authored by Dale R. Ralston and Sheri L. Chapman notes that many small-diameter flowing wells exist in the county, as well as larger irrigation supply wells. Many of the small flowing wells, drilled prior to 1930, were utilized for individual bath houses and for stock water. Wells in northern Owyhee County range from 50 feet to 4,000 feet in depth with the deeper wells being used primarily for irrigation.

Declines in water levels have been noted in several areas of northern Owyhee County. One area near Castle Creek has undergone approximately 100 feet of water-level decline in ten years.

Council reorganizes, accepts resignation of clerk

Mayor Les Carter and Councilmen Allen Blessing and Norman Tolmie were sworn into office at the regular monthly city council meeting Monday night, by City Clerk, Kenneth Downing.

Holdover councilman George Murray was elected council president. Andy Warfield is the other holdover councilman.

Downing tendered his resignation at the meeting. Mayor Carter and the council members expressed their thanks to Mr. Downing for his loyal services during the past 12 years.

“We are very appreciative of Mr. Downing’s faithful service to the community as city clerk,” Mayor Carter declared.

He said the council will begin at once to seek a replacement, and he hopes whoever is named will be able to work with Mr. Downing for a time to acquaint himself with the job.

Downing volunteered to continue in the office for the present, and was named with other city employees including Roy Rowland, chief of police; Richard Eismann, attorney; Warren Stimmel, city superintendent; Charles Taylor, building inspector; and John Matteson, fire chief.

145 years ago

Jan. 9, 1875

COMMISSIONER’S MEETING.-

The new Board of County Commissioners met at one o’clock yesterday afternoon. Present-Arthur O’Keefe and Joseph Brown. The only business transacted was the approval of the official bonds of C.M. Hays, as Sheriff and Collector, after which the Board adjourned till 10 o’clock A.M., Wednesday, the 6th inst.

UNDER SHERIFF.-

Sheriff Hays has appointed John D. Springer as his Under Sheriff. Mr. Springer has been Under Sheriff of this county for the past two years, and is well qualified for the position. Mr. Hays could not have made a better selection.

A NEW YEAR CAKE.-

We omitted yesterday to return thanks to Cris Sans, of the Silver City Bakery, for a magnificent New Year Cake, beautifully ornamented and appropriately inscribed. It was really about the handsomest cake we ever saw, and as large as a full moon. Cris can’t be beat in that line of business.

RYAN’S SALOON.-

UNDER THE CAPTION OF “New To-day” will be found an advertisement of Jas. Ryan’s saloon at South Mountain. Jimmy keeps none but the best brands of liquors and cigars, and treats every body well.

MORE THIEVERY.-

Home thief, whose name we have not learned, stold \$16 from Jimmy Pierce, at South Mountain, on New Year’s eve, and hid the money in the snow, where it was found the next day.

COMMISSIONERS’ PROCEEDINGS. JANUARY TERM, 1875

Monday, Jan. 4.
Board met in regular session at 2 o’clock p.m. Present, Joseph H. Brown and Arthur O’Keefe, members of the board, and Geo. Drew, Clerk.

Official bonds of C. M. Hays as Sheriff and Tax Collector approved.

It is hereby ordered that the Board adjourn on account of the death of Dr. T. D. Beckett, till 10 o’clock A. M., January 6th.

Wednesday, Jan. 6.
Board met pursuant to adjournment, at 10 o’clock A.M. Present, J. H. Brown and A. O’Keefe, Commissioners, and James Lynam, Clerk, by Geo. Drew, Deputy.

Wm. Garlick was appointed Justice of the Peace for Silver City precinct, to act as such till next general election.

Jas. H. Wickersham was appointed Justice of the Peace for Silver City precinct, to act as such till next general election.

Ordered. That the Clerk of this Board take possession of the County building lately occupied by W. B. Biggerstaff, and appropriate the same to Hospital purposes.

Official bonds of R. S. Miles, as Assessor and Tax Collector approved.

Bond of Chas. H. Fox, Justice of the Peace for South Mountain precinct, approved.

Bond of Ben. Cook, Constable for South Mountain precinct, approved.

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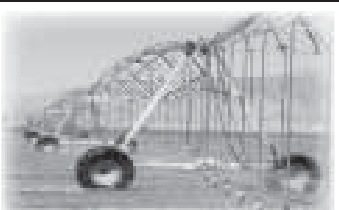
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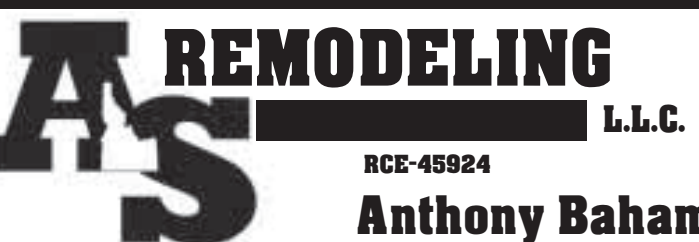
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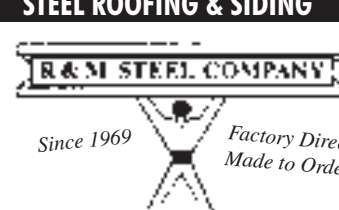
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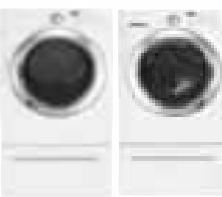
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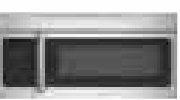
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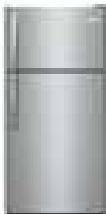
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Huskies beat NP for first 2A WIC win

With a strong finish and lock-down defense against a tough opponent, the Marsing High School boys' basketball team beat New Plymouth to move into a four-way tie for third in the 2A Western Idaho Conference standings.

Coach Tim Little's team

(7-3 overall, 1-1 in conference) closed out a talented and strong Pilgrims bunch (6-3, 1-1), 41-35, on Saturday at home in the second conference game for both teams.

It was the third straight game in which the Huskies allowed just 35 points, and Marsing

has been similarly stingy in five of its past six games.

Marsing beat New Plymouth, 37-35, for third place in the Truckstop.com Christmas tournament on Dec. 21.

Sophomore guard Noel Quebrado had a good shooting night from deep, scoring

all nine of his points from beyond the three-point line. He also had one rebound, one assist, and a steal.

Merrick Hall led Marsing with 15 points, including a pair of treys. The senior wing

— See *Huskies*, page 3B



Merrick Hall takes a floating jumper over New Plymouth defenders.

Trojans' Turner sisters medal at Rollie Lane

Boys: Egusquiza reaches quarterfinals

Homedale High School's female wrestlers continued their outstanding season, bringing back a pair of medals from the Rollie Lane Invitational.

Kaydince Turner was fourth at 130

pounds at the Ford Idaho Center after losing a 4-2 decision to Brelane Huber of Post Falls in the third-place match Saturday.

Savannah Turner, who like her sister is a junior, pinned Nyssa, Ore.'s Vanessa Ruiz in 2 minutes, 22 seconds of their 123-pound fifth-place match.

The Rollie Lane Invitational was staged

Friday and Saturday in Nampa.

On the boys' side, Homedale sophomore Joseph Egusquiza wrestled into the 145-pound quarterfinals.

He lost in the quarterfinal when Mountain View's Beau Ohlson pulled off a pin in 1:27.

— See *Trojans*, page 3B

2019: A PHOTOGRAPHIC REVIEW



November

Top-seeded Homedale finished as the 3A state runner-up in football for a second straight season after a 48-14 loss to Sugar-Salem in a championship rematch. Both Trojans football teams won 3A Snake River Valley conference championships in 2019. Matt Holtry earned 3A SRV coach of the year honors, and quarterback Daniel Uranga (offense) and Spencer Fisher (defense) were named conference players of the year.

Meanwhile, Melba's Easton Bunnell was named the 2A Western Idaho Conference MVP.



February

The Melba girls' basketball team finished as runner-up at the 2A state championship as Soda Springs' 50-34 victory snapped the Mustangs' 22-game win streak. Melba earned the tournament's sportsmanship award.



May

Left: Homedale junior Daniel Uranga rode a comeback to the 3A golf state championship on May 14 in Twin Falls. Uranga was 1-under-par for the two-day, 36-hole event.

Right: HHS senior para-athlete Maria Neri won the 3A shot put state championship on May 18 in Middleton.

Other spring state titles:

- Adrian girls' track behind two gold medals from Roby Young at the 1A Oregon meet.
- Homedale's Thomas Symms in the discus
- Trojans Jake Collett, Caleb Smith, Erik Hernandez and Gage Purdom in the 4x200-meter relay
- Melba's baseball team (Class 2A crown).



March

The Marsing boys' basketball team collected its first state tournament victory in 29 years with a 44-43 consolation bracket win over West Side on March 1. Tim Little also took home 2A Western Idaho Conference coach of the year honors.



February

Homedale sophomore Joseph Egusquiza took home the 3A wrestling state championship at 120 pounds after a tough 10-7 decision over Kimberly's Jonah Bacon on Feb. 23.

Sports

Chilly shooting plagues HHS girls

The offense flowed better Friday, but the Homedale High School girls couldn't find the bottom of the basket.

Visiting Vale, Ore., blew open the game with a big third quarter, beating the Trojans, 54-18, in a non-conference game.

"I liked the looks we were getting on offense. We just need to finish better," first-year HHS coach Clay Hatfield said.

"Our turnovers were down, which says a lot about the work the girls are putting in at practice with their passing."

Homedale dropped a 3A Snake River Valley conference matinee, 47-25, to host Payette on Saturday.

The Trojans (1-12 overall, 0-2 in conference) took a four-game losing streak into Tuesday's non-conference clash at Ontario, Ore.

"The 'preseason' is over, and we are heading into conference play," Hatfield said. "I'm optimistic that this team will start playing to the potential I know they have."

The Trojans held Vale (2-5 overall) to eight points in the first eight minutes. But the Vikings kept up the momentum to snap a four-game losing streak by starting the second half on a 22-8 run.

Savana Buckley led Homedale with a season-high



Homedale High School senior guard/forward Ashley Moore drives toward the baseline against the defense of Vale, Ore.'s Matyson Siddoway, a junior guard, in Friday's non-conference game.

eight points. Fellow senior Gracie Dines added four points.

The Vikings got 11 points from junior guard Mattyson Siddoway, and senior guard/forward Alexys Rodgers added 10 points.



The winning team from Thursday's Trojan Basketball Bowl Off included Homedale High School varsity girls' players, from left Silvia Cherchi, Lizzy Schamber and Amaya Beckman. All three are seniors. Submitted photo

Homedale girls strike up some fun at Bowling Alley

The new year started with a little off-court fun for the Homedale High School girls.

On Thursday, the basketball program held the inaugural Trojan Basketball Bowl Off at the Bowling Alley.

Italian exchange student Silvia Cherchi teamed up with fellow seniors Lizzy Schamber and Amaya Beckman to win the tournament.

Another senior, Savana Buckley, posted the highest average.

"A special thank you to the staff at the Bowling Alley, and especially to (bowling center assistant manager John Little), who came in on his day off to open the lanes and let the team have some fun," Trojans coach Clay Hatfield said.

Hatfield developed the competition on the boards as a way to reward his players for their dedication on the hardwood during holiday vacation.

"The girls worked hard over break," Hatfield said. "This was a chance to do some team building and do something outside of the gym."

"We got them outside of their comfort zone for a couple of hours, got to know each other better, and made a lot of noise. Sorry, John."

Homedale Trojans

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Boys' basketball
Spencer Fisher, sr., F
8 points (2 3-pointers), 5 rebounds
vs. Cole Valley



Girls' basketball
Ashley Moore, sr., G/F
2 points vs. Vale, Ore.



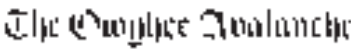
Wrestling
Chase Cooper, fr., 160
Rallied with 74-second pin in Rollie
Lane consolation round

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Friday, Jan. 10, home vs. Fruitland, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Friday, Jan. 10, home vs. Fruitland, 6 p.m.
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Boys' basketball
Varsity
Tuesday, Jan. 14, home vs. Weiser, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Tuesday, Jan. 14, home vs. Weiser, 6 p.m.
Freshman
Tuesday, Jan. 14, home vs. Weiser, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Friday-Saturday, Jan. 10-11 at Buhl Invitational
Wednesday, Jan. 15, home vs. Fruitland New Plymouth
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Sports

Huskies' Justin Ineck takes down HHS counterpart at Lane

The Marsing High School wrestling team took just seven athletes to the 2020 Rollie Lane Invitational on Friday and Saturday at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

The Huskies were represented by six boys and their lone female wrestler, Jaristian Fuentes.

Senior Jedidiah Fuentes (220) got a championship-bracket victory with a pin over Hayden Hilderbrand of Crook County in Prineville, Ore.

Justin Ineck (138) started the meet with a pin of Homedale's Julian Ramos (5 minutes, 21

seconds), then was pinned by Columbia's Josh Scott and Sherwood (Ore.) grappler Philip Resch.

Trayton Jacobi (160) was knocked out of the championship bracket in the first round. In his first consolation match, he pinned Nyssa's Santiago Miranda (4:39).

Jacob Goins (195) was pinned by Centennial's Gable Watson (1:48) in his championship bracket opener. In the consolation bracket, Eagle's Corbin Marx pulled off a pin in 2:06.

Goins pinned Vallivue's Sebastian Flores in 1:45 during the second-chance tournament.

Harlee Liles (182) suffered back-to-back falls to Blackfoot's Michael Edwards (44 seconds) and just 27 seconds in to Josten Richardson of Silverton (Ore.).

Senior James Lafleur (285) dropped his two matches by fall, to Highland's Ian Allen (55 seconds) and Lakeland's Johnny Sullivan just 10 seconds into their match.

Jaristian Fuentes was entered in the girls' tournament, but her two losses are recorded as forfeits.



Marsing's Justin Ineck and Homedale's Julian Ramos shake hands before their 160-pound bout at the Rollie Lane Invitational. Photo by Kelly Ineck

✓ Trojans: Sophomore Egusquiza reaches quarterfinals

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But before bowing out with consecutive losses, Egusquiza wrestled to three victories in the championship bracket.

He stopped Derek Adams of Firth with one second left in the first period of their first-round match.

Egusquiza then took down Casey Vaughan from the Baker/Powder Valley co-op out of Oregon, needing 73 seconds to prevail.

A 7-3 win over Kuna's John Kallmeyer put Egusquiza into the quarterfinals.

Chase Cooper pinned Keaton Hawk from Twin Falls in the second round of consolation matches, winning in 1:14. Cooper's tournament in the 160-pound bracket ended with a sudden victory against Sherwood, Ore.'s Sam Fangon, who posted a 5-3 win in overtime.



Homedale junior Kaydince Turner (right) struggles with Brelane Huber during a third-place match. The Post Falls wrestler won the third-place match at 130 pounds.

At 170, Rhyalee Nix pinned Skyview's Marcus Sandoval in a

consolation bracket match (4:17) for his only victory.

In the girls' tournament:

- Elizabeth Hergesheimer (116) pinned Borah's Tatiana Shewbaker in 15 seconds and took care of Nyssa's Monica Ibanez in 60 seconds in a pair of consolation bracket victories.
- There was a second-chance tournament, too:
- Julian Ramos (138) pinned Devon Cristan from Post Falls in 3:38.
- Jose Flores (160) got a victory by forfeit against Highland's Ryan Hall.
- Cooper pinned Vallivue's Jason Gasset in 21 seconds.
- Nix pinned Sheldon Pine of Post Falls (1:35)
- Gus Bromanter (152) and heavyweight Obed Palacios also saw action for the Trojans.

✓ Huskies: Beat NP for 2nd time

From Page 1B

also pulled down a pair of boards and recorded two steals.

Senior post Cash Sevy scored seven and tied with Jacob Ankeny as team rebounding leader with nine. Sevy also recorded two assists and was solid on defense.

Facing a double-team all night long, Ankeny's offensive production was stymied. He only put up one shot, and scored his points on two free throws.

Senior guard Joaquin Oliveros led with three assists and nailed a three-pointer among his four points.

Junior Rogelio Valadez was perfect in clutch time with four free throws. He also provided staunch defense for his team.

— TK

MARSING HUSKIES

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT



Boys' basketball
Noel Quebrado, so., G
Nine points against New Plymouth



Girls' basketball
Autumn Bennett, sr., G
Three years on varsity



Wrestling
Jedidiah Fuentes, sr., 220 pounds
Picked up championship bracket pin at Rollie Lane

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Friday, Jan. 10 at McCall-Donnelly, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Friday, Jan. 10 at McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.

Wrestling
Saturday, Jan. 11 at Ron Johnshoy Invitational, Melba
Wednesday, Jan. 8 at Payette duals, 5:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 9, home vs. Vision Charter, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 14, home vs. Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Thursday, Jan. 9, home vs. Vision Charter, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 14, home vs. Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Thursday, Jan. 9, home vs. Vision Charter, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 14, home vs. Nampa Christian, 4:30 p.m.



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Sports

Melba boys bury Liberty Charter

Caleb Fong and Joe Reiber reached double figures Friday in Melba High School's non-conference basketball victory. Fong scored 15 points in the Mustangs' easy 65-44 victory over visiting Liberty Charter from Nampa. Melba (7-2 overall) won its second consecutive game and will play for a piece of the 2A Western Idaho Conference

lead on the road against Nampa Christian on Saturday. Reiber chipped in 11 points against the Patriots, and Easton Bunnell collected eight points and nine rebounds. Liberty Charter (4-7), which rejoins 1A WIC play on a three-game losing streak Friday, got 17 points from senior Alex Bistriceanu and 12 from junior Connor Gardner.

Dines on free-throw line, defensive boards drives Homedale boys

Another big night from Jaxon Dines helped Homedale High School snap a three-game boys' basketball losing streak. The freshman poured in one-third of his team's points in Saturday's 60-51 victory over non-conference foe Cole Valley Christian. The Trojans (4-7 overall at the end of the week) bolted to a 16-8 lead in the first quarter then ran neck-and-neck with their hosts. The Chargers (4-5) have lost four their past five games. Dines dropped eight of his 10 free throws, and connected on all three shots from within

the three-point line. Homedale went 14-for-29 (48 percent) from the floor in the first 16 minutes, while Cole Valley struggled at a 31 percent clip (10-for-32). Dines snagged six defensive rebounds to limit Cole Valley's second chances. Mason Strong and Spencer Fisher had four boards each on the Chargers' glass. Daniel Uranga was 7-for-10 from the foul line for the bulk of his 11 points. Fisher added eight points. Haydon Harmon (18 points) and Garrett Smith (12) paced Cole Valley.

Two Mustangs each get pair of Lane wins

Three of Melba High School's wrestlers got victories at the Rollie Lane Invitational during the weekend. Zane Helm pinned Shelley's Chase Millius in 1 minute, 14 seconds in a preliminary bout at 145 pounds. He also posted a major decision, 10-0, over Columbia's Kyler Apodaca in a consolation round. McKoy Richardson (120) picked up a pair of consolation bracket victories: An 8-5 decision against Silverton, Nev.'s Jacob Moore, and a 58-second pinfall against Ridgevue's Garrett Self. Hank Svedin beat Colville, Wash.'s Hayden Sattler, 10-6, in a 160 consolation bracket bout.



Young enthusiasts learn volleyball skills

The Marsing High School gymnasium played host to a "Little Lady Huskies" volleyball camp on Thursday and Friday for girls, grades 2 to 5. The young athletes learned fundamental skills, or serving, setting, and communication during the two-day camp. Another skill learned was the art of the dig, as demonstrated by third-grader Bria Quebrado (above) and a second camper (right). The campers were coached by high school coach Amy Chadez and her players.



Other scores Boys' basketball

Rimrock (1-5, 1-2)
Saturday — Owyhee, Nev., 63, Raiders 29
This week
Friday — vs. Victory Charter, 8 p.m.
Saturday — at Tri Valley, Cambridge, 7:30 p.m.

Adrian (5-5)
Friday — Antelopes 60, Pine Eagle 47
Saturday — Antelopes 54, Cove 27
This week
Thursday — at Crane, 8:30 p.m. MST
Saturday — at Jordan Valley, 3:30 p.m.

Jordan Valley (5-4)
This week
Tuesday — vs. McDermitt, Nev. (n)
Friday — at Crane, 8:30 p.m. MST
Saturday — vs. Adrian, 3:30 p.m.

Girls' basketball

Marsing (1-11, 1-4)
This week
Tuesday — vs. Melba (n)
Friday — at McCall-Donnelly, 7:30 p.m.

Rimrock (11-0, 3-0)
Thursday — Raiders 41, Liberty Charter 26

Note — Rimrock beat host Patriots for sole possession of first place in the 1A, Div. I Western Idaho Conference
Saturday — Raiders 67, Owyhee, Nev., 25

This week
Tuesday — at Compass Charter (n)
Friday — vs. Victory Charter, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday — at Tri Valley, Cambridge, 6 p.m.

Melba (11-2, 4-1)
Saturday — Mustangs 92, Vision Charter 4

This week
Tuesday — at Marsing (n)
Friday — at New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.

Adrian (3-7)
Friday — Antelopes 49, Pine Eagle 46
Saturday — Cove 39, Antelopes 29
This week
Thursday — at Crane, 7 p.m. MST
Saturday — at Jordan Valley, 2 p.m.

Jordan Valley (6-3)
This week
Tuesday — vs. McDermitt, Nev. (n)
Friday — at Crane, 5 p.m. MST
Saturday — vs. Adrian, 2 p.m.

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OWYHEE COUNTY ROAD & STREET FINANCIAL REPORT Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2019	
BEGINNING BALANCE October 1, 2018.....\$1,734,632	
RECEIPTS Property tax\$18,223 Other local receipts28,095 Highway user revenue.....1,451,339 Other State & Federal funds230,045 Total Receipts\$1,727,702	
DISBURSEMENTS New Construction\$52,557 Reconstruction, replacement & rehabilitation773,385 Chip seal & patching.....166,462 Grading/Blading203,353 Winter Maintenance24,357 Other31,893 Equipment471,317 Other expenses (with adjustment)62,064 Total Disbursements\$1,785,388 CLOSING BALANCE.....\$1,676,946 Amount obligated for Specific future projects\$1,254,356 Amount retained for General Funds & Operations422,590	
UNOBLIGATED BALANCE September 30, 2019\$0.00	
01/08/2020 Published January 8, 2020	
ANNUAL ROAD AND STREET FINANCIAL REPORT CITY OF HOMEDALE For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019	
BEGINNING BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 1 PREVIOUS YEAR \$8,244	
RECEIPTS LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES Sale of assets \$0 Interest income \$1,596 Fund transfer from non-highway accounts \$0 All other LOCAL receipts or transfers in \$12,911 Total Local Funding \$14,507	
STATE FUNDING SOURCES Highway user revenue \$125,971 Total State Funding \$125,971	
TOTAL RECEIPTS \$140,478	
DISBURSEMENTS NEW CONTRUCTION Total New Construction \$0	
RECONSTRUCTION/REPLACEMENT/REHABILITATION Roads \$0 Bridges, culverts and storm drainage \$1,260 Total Reconstruction/Replacement/Rehabilitation \$1,260	
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE Chip sealing or seal coating \$15,380 Patching \$12,044 Winter maintenance \$3,174 Grading/blading \$5,779 Other \$8,900 Total Routine Maintenance \$45,277	
EQUIPMENT New equipment purchase \$66 Equipment maintenance \$13,031 Other \$227 Total Equipment \$13,324	
ADMINISTRATIVE \$12,098	
OTHER Street lighting \$27,109 All other local expenditures \$1,247 Total Other \$28,356	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$100,315	
RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS \$40,163	
CLOSING BALANCE \$48,407	
Funds obligated for specific future projects & reserves \$48,407	
Funds retained for general funds & operations \$0	
ENDING BALANCE \$0	
City of Homedale Alice E. Pegram 01/08/2020	

HOMEDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT #370 NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Homedale Jt. School District #370, Canyon and Owyhee Counties, pursuant

to Section 33-601, Idaho Code, as amended, has determined that it is in the best interest of said school district to sell the property as identified below.

Description of property to be sold is as follows: 2001

Annual Road and Street Financial Report		Page 1 of 3
Reporting Entity Name, Mailing Address and Contact Phone Number:		Printed return, not later than December 31, 19:
Entity	City of Marsing	BRANDON D. WOOLF IDAHO STATE CONTROLLER ATTN: HIGHWAY USER STATEHOUSE MAIL BOISE, ID 83720
Address	425 W. Main St PO Box 125	
City State Zip	Marsing, ID 83639	
Contact/Phone:	Jody Green, City Clerk 208-896-4122	Contact/E-mail: Jody Green - jgreen@marsingcity.com
This certified report of dedicated funds is hereby submitted to the State Controller as required by 40-706, Idaho code.		
Submitted this 4th day of December, 2019.		Commissioner's Signature
ATTEST:		Commissioner's Signature
City Clerk/County Clerk/District Secretary Name or print name & sign		Mayor or Commissioner's Signature
AND		Commissioner or Mayor (Type or print name & sign)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019		
Line 1	BEGINNING BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 1 PREVIOUS YEAR	\$0.00
RECEIPTS		
LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES		
Line 2	Property tax (see for roads, streets and islands)	\$13,686.00
Line 3	Interest income	\$2,818.00
Line 10	All other LOCAL receipts or transfers in	\$13,497.00
Line 11	Total Local Funding (sum lines 2 through 10)	\$29,901.00
STATE FUNDING SOURCES		
Line 12	Highway user revenue	\$0.00
Line 13	Sales tax/Inventory replacement tax	\$13,805.00
Line 14	All other STATE receipts or transfers	\$213,786.00
Line 17	Total State Funding (sum lines 12 through 14)	\$227,591.00
Line 24	TOTAL RECEIPTS (sum lines 11, 17, 23)	\$254,392.00
REPORTING ENTITY NAME: City of Marsing		FISCAL YEAR: 2019
DISBURSEMENTS		Page 2 of 3
RECONSTRUCTION/REPLACEMENT/REHABILITATION (include salary and benefits on each line)		
Line 20	Roads (rebuild, resurge, or overlay upgrade)	\$110,000.00
Line 24	Total Reconstruction/Replacement (sum lines 20 through 23)	\$110,000.00
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE (include salary and benefits on each line)		
Line 25	Chip sealing or seal coating	\$0.00
Line 26	Patching	\$10,324.00
Line 27	Winter Maintenance	\$12,354.00
Line 28	Grading/blading	\$5,222.00
Line 40	Other (signs, signals or traffic control)	\$125.00
Line 41	Total Routine Maintenance (sum lines 25 through 40)	\$27,999.00
EQUIPMENT		
Line 42	Equipment lease/purchase	\$1,254.00
Line 46	Total Equipment (sum lines 42 through 45)	\$1,254.00
ADMINISTRATION		
Line 47	Administrative salaries and expenses	\$7,732.00
OTHER EXPENDITURES		
Line 50	Street lighting	\$14,095.00
Line 51	Professional services - audit, clerical, and legal	\$2,307.00
Line 52	Professional services - engineering	\$0,027.00
Line 53	Redemption - notes (include bond)	\$163,426.00
Line 54	All other local expenditures	\$4,950.00
Line 60	Total Other (sum lines 48 through 59)	\$180,740.00
Line 61	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS (sum lines 20, 24, 41, 46, 47, 60)	\$238,793.00
Line 62	RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS (line 24 - line 61)	\$0.00
Line 63	OTHER ADJUSTMENTS (Audit adjustment and etc.)	\$0.00
Line 64	CLOSING BALANCE (sum lines 1, 62, 63)	\$0.00
Line 65	Funds on Line 64 obligated for specific future projects & reserves	\$0.00
Line 66	Funds on Line 64 retained for general funds and operations	\$0.00
Line 67	ENDING BALANCE (line 64 minus the sum of lines 65, 66)	\$0.00

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Ford EC3 Van with lift (VIN#1FTSE34F61HA18757).

Said property will be sold by sealed bids only to the highest bidder with a minimum bid of \$650.00 for the 2001 Ford EC3 Van with lift (VIN #1FTSE34F61HA18757). The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Sealed bids will be opened at 9:30 a.m. on February 5, 2020 at the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho. Any bids received after the bid opening will not be considered.

The property to be sold may be inspected at Homedale School District, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. between the dates of January 6, 2020 and February 4, 2020 (excluding weekends and holidays).

s:/Faith K. Olsen
Business Manager
01/08,01/15/2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (I.C. 15-3-801) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL

DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

CASE NO. CV37-19-00449

In the Matter of the Estate of: RODNEY D. ST. CLAIR, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the Estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

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

DATED this 18th day of December, 2019.

JUDY CAROL ST. CLAIR
GRANT DAVID ST. CLAIR
c/o Sandra L. Clapp & Associates, P.A.
P.O. Box 2660
Eagle, Idaho 83616
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01/08,15,22/2020

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OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
T.S. NO. 088414-ID PARCEL
NO.: RP008200030020**

On 5/14/2020 at 9:00 AM (recognized local time), IN THE LOBBY OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 20381 HIGHWAY 78, MURPHY, ID 83650, in the County of Owyhee, SYDNEY K. LEAVITT, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit: LOT 2, BLOCK 3, IN SHARI HILL ESTATES PHASE I SUBDIVISION, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NO. 211614, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY RECORDER, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 6315 SHARI HILL WAY, MARSING, IDAHO 83639, is commonly associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by JEANIE L CHRISTIAN AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Grantor(s), to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE A DIVISION OF NATIONAL CITY BANK OF INDIANA, as Beneficiary, dated 5/25/2006, recorded 6/2/2006, as Instrument No. 256637, in Book , Page , , official records of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please note: The above named Grantors are named to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for the obligation. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to make monthly payments when due from 8/1/2019 and all subsequent monthly payments thereafter, including installments of principal, interest, impounds, advances, plus any charges

lawfully due under the note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust, Deed of Trust and as allowed under Idaho Law. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust as of 12/31/2019 is \$61,781.76 including interest, costs, fees, including trustee and/or attorney fees and costs, and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation thereunder or in this sale and to protect the security associated with the Deed of Trust, as authorized in the Note, Deed of Trust or as allowed under Idaho Law. Because interest, late charges, fees, costs and expenses continue to accrue, the total amount due varies from day to day. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after receipt of funds to satisfy the debt. For further information, write the Trustee at 4375 Jutland Drive, Ste. 200, San Diego, CA 92117, or call (866) 931-0036 DATED: 12/31/2019 SYDNEY K. LEAVITT, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP 1/8,15,22,29/2020

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE CASE NO. CV37-19-00347
BONNEVILLE BILLING & COLLECTIONS, INC., A Utah Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. AARON JAMES, Defendant.
TO DEFENDANT: AARON JAMES
NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF, BONNEVILLE BILLING & COLLECTIONS, INC. IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, CASE NO. CV37-19-00347
THE NATURE OF THE CLAIM AGAINST YOU IS FOR COLLECTION OF A DEBT.
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Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed

a written response in the proper form, including the Case No. CV37-19-00347, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at the address of 20381 State Hwy 78 Murphy, ID 83650 and telephone number of 208-495-2806, and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiff’s attorney at Angela C. Sasser, Sasser & Jacobson, PLLC., 16070 Idaho Center Blvd., Suite 104, Nampa, ID 83687, 208-465-8897.
A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.
DATED: 01/02/2020
Angela Barkell OWYHEE COUNTY DISTRICT COURT s:/Lena Johnson Deputy Clerk 01/08,15,22,29/2020

NOTICE
The following application has been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho: **55-13989**
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Point of Diversion NWSENE S11 T09S R06W OWYHEE County Source CHERRY CREEK Tributary NORTH FORK OWYHEE RIVER
Use: STOCKWATER 01/01 to 12/31 0.06 CFS
Date Filed: 12/19/2019
P l a c e O f U s e : STOCKWATER
T09S R06W S11 NESE
T09S R06W S13 NWSW
T09S R06W S24 NESW
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.
G A R Y S P A C K M A N , Director 1/01,1/08/2020

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2019: A PHOTOGRAPHIC REVIEW



July
Homedale resident Sammy Saunders was among four local youth who qualified for the Snake River Stampede pre-rodeo junior event. Sloan McFarlane, Shailee Rutan and Clara Seiders also made the grade after a Gem State Rodeo Association event.



September
The new Mike Matteson Field House at Deward Bell Stadium (christened by the man's wife, Sheila, and son, Lane) was one of three major construction projects for Homedale High School sports programs, joining the new softball complex at the middle school and the indoor practice facility at John Jackson Field.



October
Cross country athletes rode into the state meet. Boys' teams from Rimrock (pictured) and Homedale reached their respective state championship meets as did the Trojans' Savannah Turner and Raiders' Ella Boren. The Melba girls won the 2A District III championship while boys' teammate Josh Leavitt kept up his dominance with a district title.



December
The Adrian/Jordan Valley football co-op (including Jordan Valley senior Kort Skinner) parlayed a No. 2 seed into a 1A Oregon state championship with a 38-32 come-from-behind win over St. Paul in the title game.

Marsing boys snag AAU basketball championship

A group of Marsing seventh-graders came home as AAU boys' basketball champions last month.

The team coached by Jake Dugger capped a one-loss season with a 65-30 blowout of Rocky Mountain in the Dec. 16 tournament championship game.

Juan Ponce fired in five three-point goals on his way to

a team-high 23 points.

Juan Molina posted a double-double with 19 points and 12 rebounds, and Kylan Owens added 16 points.

Marsing (12-1) entered the tournament as the No. 1 seed.

The team took down Cole Valley, 40-13, to start the tournament and crushed Nampa Christian, 54-17, in the semifinals.



Back row, from left: Coach Jake Dugger, Jace Clover, Teagan Kinney, Juan Ponce, Mason Conger, Juan Molina, and Mathew Ramirez. Front row, from left: Kenny Clover, Jace Chadez, and Kylan Owens. Submitted photo

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