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Marsing Disaster Auction much better than OK

Above: When he wasn't acting as auctioneer, Zack Zumstein helped identify prospective bidders with a series of gestures and signs during the 59th annual Marsing Disaster Auction. Saturday's annual fundraiser has earned more than \$73,000 with some cash donations still expected, according to committee member Cindy Floyd. *Left:* Marsing freshman Mila Astorquia (left) delicately paints the face of Keegan Ineck.

Bruneau cowgirl places third at horsewoman worlds

Several Owyheesans compete in Arizona team event

Bruneau resident Bobby Jean Jones Colyer finished third overall in the inaugural World's Greatest Horsewoman competition last month in Arizona.

A handful of women with Owyhee County ties took part in the Art of the Cowgirl

event.

The all-women's ranch rodeo preliminaries were held on Jan. 23-24 at the South Buckeye Equestrian and Event Center in Buckeye, Ariz.

The finals took place Jan. 25 at the Corona Ranch in Phoenix.

Jones Colyer built her third-place overall showing with a strong performance aboard her horse Givmesom Moonshine in preliminary events.

She finished in a three-way first-place tie for fence work and was tied for first in steer stopping. She scored 74 points in each event.

Jones Colyer scored 286

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New Homedale City Library scheduled to open on Feb. 18

Volunteers sought to help with move on Feb. 13-15

Homedale elected officials said last week that the general contractor hasn't fulfilled a months-old punch list for the new Homedale City Library.

The timing of a soft opening and grand opening was one of several topics discussed during Thursday's special library board meeting. The library directors met to resolve some questions before their regular monthly meeting Monday.

Library director Sharla Jensen said that the library will be open for business on Feb. 18 in the new building, and a grand opening will be coming in March. A specific date was not locked down.

She said that the library will be open part of the day next Wednesday and will be closed Feb. 13-15 while library materials are moved. There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers.

Although the opening date of the library expansion was a chief topic, the board also discussed the purchase and installation of handicap buttons, and approval of new window blinds.

During the meeting, Councilman Mike Aebischer said Excelsior Construction boss Chris Waldram told the city during a November walk-through that his crew would replace gutters on the east side of the building rather than replacing a piece of sheet metal on the south side.

— See *Library*, page 4A

RV parking part of fairgrounds master plan

County eyes state Parks and Rec RV grant

County commissioners and the Owyhee County Fair Board have been diligently working on obtaining an Idaho Parks and Recreation Recreational Vehicles grant, which will be used to develop RV parking at the fairgrounds in Homedale.

The project would include a complete renovation of the area just north of the existing

barns on the fairgrounds property.

The grant would help develop vehicle lanes, water and power hookups, and bathroom and shower facilities, all with American with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant access.

A Parks and Rec grant would require the county to pony up 25 percent of the project cost. According to Civil Dynamics engineer Kirby Cook, the latest projected cost is \$910,752, meaning the county would

— See *Fairgrounds*, page 5A



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Final public meeting set on second phase of county rezoning

Residents receive Oreana-to-Indian Cove survey

The second phase of redrawing Owyhee County's land use plan goes before the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday.

The county commissioners will conduct a public meeting on proposed zoning changes for the area between Marsing and Sinker Creek. No land inside Marsing city limits would be affected by the proposals.

The commissioners will seek input on the proposed changes, which have been hashed out over four Planning and Zoning Commission public meetings in recent months.

The BOCC's public meeting will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., inside Courtroom 1 of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78 in Murphy.

Citizens can drop into the open house-style meeting anytime in the two-hour window.

Current zoning maps and maps showing proposed zoning will be on display.

In December, the P&Z commissioners released a letter summarizing findings after the fourth public meeting, which was held on Oct. 23.

Another P&Z public meeting was held on Nov. 14.

"We are very pleased with the level of participation we

received through written comments, survey responses, and meeting attendance," the letter began.

Next week's BOCC meeting will give citizens and landowners a chance to chime in on revisions that were incorporated after the latest P&Z meetings.

The commissioners wrote that the process revealed that citizens are "overwhelmingly in favor of protecting agriculture land and keeping development closer to services in the multi-use and residential zones."

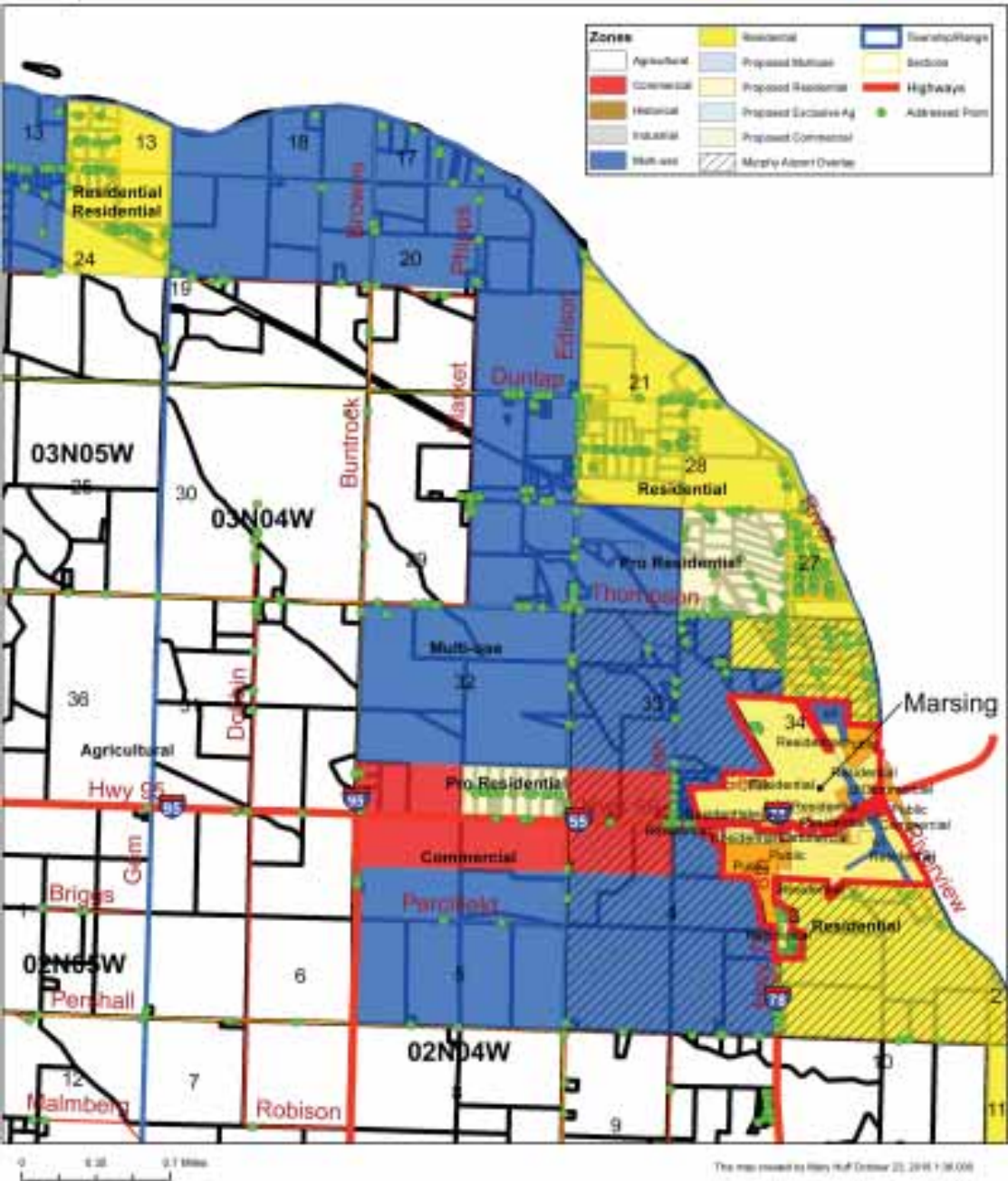
Copies of the proposed maps can be reviewed inside the Planning and Zoning office at 17069 Basey St., in Murphy or online under the "Community Development" tab at www.owyheecounty.net.

For more information, call (208) 495-2095, ext. 2.

In the first phase of the countywide land use plan update, the unincorporated area around Homedale was rezoned.

According to the Community Development page on the county's website, P&Z commissioners soon will take public comments on land use in the area between Oreana and Indian Cove next. Landowners in the area received an informational packet and an initial land use survey in December.

The information, survey and public comment form is available on the county website's Community Development page.



Comment sought, meeting slated on Malheur County NRCS plans

The public is invited to give input on natural resource conservation priorities in Malheur County.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service's Malheur Local Working Group will hold a public meeting on Thursday in Vale, Ore.

The 2020 local work group meeting will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., inside the Malheur

Education Service District office, 363 A St. W.

Members of the public are asked to attend to provide views on where the NRCS should focus priorities and funding for the short term and long term.

Call (541) 823-5156 for more information.

The county NRCS office is located at 2925 SW 6th Ave., Ste. 2 in Ontario, Ore.

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Marsing hearing to shore up irrigation fees ordinance

Marsing City Council will hold a public hearing to consider a proposed fee schedule change to establish irrigation permit fees at 7 p.m., on Tuesday at City Hall, 425 Main St.

The meeting was moved from the traditional second Wednesday of the month because new Mayor Chad Sevy wants to attend Senior Night for the Marsing High School boys' basketball team. His son Cash is a senior on the Huskies' squad.

According to Marsing City Clerk Jolyn Green, an existing ordinance mandates a resolution to determine the permit fee to hook up to the irrigation system and establish an application.

"Unfortunately, there was never a resolution made," she said.

The oversight was discovered when officials investigated the protocol to allow five new homes in town to tie into city infrastructure, Green said.

City attorney Stephanie J. Bonney has composed the body of the resolution. The council will determine the fees Tuesday after the public hearing.

The council invites the public to attend the hearing and have their voices heard.

Sevy has instituted Saturday office hours to discuss issues with citizens. Sevy is available from 9 a.m., to noon.

— TK

Prayer breakfast speaker committed to community

A man with a long history of local community and church involvement is the next Marsing Prayer Breakfast guest speaker.

Clair Case will speak at this month's breakfast, scheduled for 8 a.m., on Saturday at the Marsing Church of the Nazarene, 112 2nd Ave. W., in Marsing.

The breakfast and fellowship are free, but free will offerings are accepted. The event takes place in the church basement, and the entrance is on the north side of the church.

Clair Case and his wife Sharon live on Chicken Dinner Road in the Riverside community in Canyon County, over the Snake River from Marsing.

He attended Sunny Slope Grade School and graduated from Marsing High School and Boise Junior College.

Case's community service includes 33 years working with the Marsing Disaster Fund, Boise Valley Youth for Christ, Campus Crusade, Royal Ranger Boys Ministry, and serving as a church Christian education director and board member.

Clair and his wife have been longtime supporters of the Marsing Prayer Breakfast, according to breakfast publicist Jack Muldoon.

Ranchers gather for winter meeting

Cattle economy, resource work to be highlighted

The county's ranchers will hear about market trends and natural resource conservation efforts during Saturday's Owyhee Cattlemen's Association winter meeting.

Board president Paul Nettleton will drop the gavel at 1:30 p.m., to start the proceedings inside the Oreana Community Hall.

Registration begins at 1 p.m.

John Nalivka from Sterling Marketing will be the first speaker to the podium to discuss cattle market trends and the industry's economic outlook.

Nalivka is scheduled to address the membership at 2 p.m., after the membership silver bit drawing, Nettleton's welcome and the Pledge of Allegiance.

After Nalivka's report, Bureau of Land Management Boise District fire operations manager Lance Okeson will talk about the Juniper Mountain prescribed burn project to kick off the federal agency's update.

The first of two deck o'cards raffles will close the first part of the meeting. Ken's Tent & Canvas and D&B Supply have provided prizes for the card raffles. A second raffle will be held at the end of the meeting.

After the break, there will be a "special recognition." What actually will happen is being kept under wraps, though.

Reports and updates from several government and industry agencies will close out the final two hours of the meeting.

- T.K. Kuwahara will speak for the Idaho Beef Council.
- Dawn Anderson and Cameron Mulroney will represent the Idaho Cattle Association.
- Updates will come from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture and the Governor's Office for Species Conservation.
- A second-year update from the Idaho Rangeland Conservation Partnership will be given.
- Congressional delegation representatives will have a chance to report on industry-related issues.
- The OCA's Heritage Board and Assessment Committee will provide an update.
- The Jordan Valley Rodeo Board will also give an update.

Although no resolutions were advanced prior to the meeting, there will be time to hear any resolutions after the reports.

After the meeting adjourns, Thomas Cattle — Seth and Logan Thomas from Oreana — will present a social hour at 5 p.m.

At 6 p.m., a potluck dinner will begin. Folks are asked to bring a side dish. Table service and drinks will be provided.

After dinner, the annual OCA winter dance will begin at 9 p.m. Owyhee County-based band Runnin' For Cover will provide live music. Dance admission is \$5 per person, and proceeds will benefit the Oreana Community Hall.

Other event sponsors include Northwest Farm Credit Services, CS Beef, and Commercial Tire.

The University of Idaho Extension's annual winter beef school will be held from 10 a.m., to 12:30 p.m., before the meeting.

Speakers will include:

- Scott Jensen on tools to improve reproductive success
- Dr. Benton Glaze on improving reproduction through selection
- Veterinarian Dr. Phil Mamer on the benefits of artificial insemination and the use of sexed semen

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Melba FFA attends Western Stock Show

Strong Owyhee contingent includes advisor, chaperones

by **Kellsie Peterson**
Chapter advisor

Thirteen members of the Melba FFA chapter traveled to the Jan. 13-16 Denver Stock Show in Colorado. Members attended several tours as well as many of the National Western Stock Show events ranging from cattle to goats, horses and getting the full experience of the “Best 16 Days in January.”

Tours attended were Colorado State University in Fort Collins, the Denver Mint, the Money Museum at the Denver Federal Reserve bank and Colorado State Capitol building.

Members were also treated to a night at the final performance of the Professional Bull Riders Velocity Tour.

This year at the National

Western Stock Show marked a historic event. At the conclusion of the Stock Show, the original building will start to be demolished in order to erect all new facilities. The event marked its 114th anniversary in Denver.

Several Owyhee County residents who are Melba FFA’ers attended the show, including Taryn Packer, Josune Jaca, Matea Jaca, David Cossel, and Hannah Moos.

Other Melba FFA chapters member who made the trip included Harlee Crossley, Brock Lueddeke, Reuben Jolley, Donovaun Rose, Cadence Bass, Brenna Brown, Taylor Lowery, and Jaime Leavitt.

Other Owyhee County residents on the trip included

chaperone Susan Jaca, a Melba School Board member, chaperone Lucas Cossel, a Melba alum, and chapter advisor Kellsie Peterson.

According to the National Western Stock Show press release:

“The National Western Stock Show hosted nearly 30 professional rodeo performances, world-class horse shows and the ‘Super Bowl’ of livestock shows. There was more than 15,000 head of livestock and horses that passed through the grounds, with 25 different breeds of cattle and six other species, including miniature cattle, goats, lambs, alpacas, llamas and poultry.

“The National Western Stock Show is the premier livestock show in the United States, and it draws talented competitors from across the nation to contend for glory on the Hill.”

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Library: Punchlist not done

Mayor Gheen Christoffer- sen backed up Aebischer via conference call later in the meeting.

There are no doors on the east side of the building, and no sidewalks are planned. Without gutters, rain runoff would just fall into the grass.

Admitting that she was un- sure about the original plan, Jensen said she would look into whether gutters were to be placed above the door- ways.

The gutter work hadn’t been completed as of Thursday’s meeting.

At a cost of \$7,410, Corpo-

rate Office Installations has completed the shelving proj- ect for the 3,600-square-foot building. It took workers a week to place 28 double, 21 single tall, and 12 single short shelving units. The units cost \$25,000, Jensen said.

The board approved a \$5,133 quote from Commer- cial Glass, Inc., for the two Stanley Magic Access Handi- Cap operators. This includes the buttons with wireless transmitter plates. Installation was not included with that quote.

According to Jensen, about \$3,000 from that \$5,133 to- tal would come from the li- brary’s trust fund. Jensen told the board that the trust fund — built with memorials and other donations to the library — sits at about \$140,000.

The board reached out to Jeff Haylett of H&H Electric and Scott Salutregui of Homedale Electric to ask if they would be willing to donate their time to install the handicap plates. Haylett said he would likely have to charge a small amount and that he was considerably backed up with work.

Salutregui had not yet re- turned the phone call at the time of Thursday’s meeting.

The board received an esti- mate for Bali brand window blinds from Blinds.com.

The cost of the light-filter- ing blinds would be \$1,294.76 after promotional savings of \$863.20. Directors agreed to table a decision until Monday.

The board also acknowl- edged the work of Matt Shaf- fer Construction, who do- nated \$1,700 in materials and labor to install the library’s front steps. The Homedale city works crew installed the handrails with materials al- ready on hand.

Jensen plans to speak with Homedale School District su- perintendent Rob Sauer about enlisting student help to move to the new building. She envi- sions a bucket brigade of sorts with students forming a line and passing books between the two library buildings.

A building inspector deliv- ered a certificate of occupancy to the city on Friday, paving the way for the move into the new building.

— TK

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From page 1A

✓ Fairgrounds: County will have to come up with \$225K in match money



The RV parking would be built in the northwest corner of the complex, and the master plan also calls for a boat launch and access to the Snake River to the east of the RV complex. Pavement is proposed for the main gravel parking area to the south of the fairgrounds, and a new entry plaza would be constructed across from the northeast corner of the main parking lot. The new covered grandstands in the rodeo arena and a new restroom/shower building also are part of the master plan.

County RV cost estimate

ITEM DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	ITEM TOTAL
MOBILIZATION	1	JOB	30000	30000
REMOVAL OF OBSTRUCTIONS	1	JOB	10000	10000
UNSUITABLE MATERIAL EXCAVATION	2720	CY	15	40800
6" MINUS UNCRUSHED AGGREGATE BASE	2691	TON	20	53820
CRUSHED AGGREGATE BASE TYPE 1	1195	TON	25	29900
PLANT MIX PAVEMENT CLASS III	1001	TON	80	80080
SEWER DUMP TANK	1	JOB	20000	20000
INSTALL RESTROOM PAD, WATER AND SEWER LINES	1	JOB	35000	35000
INSTALL RESTROOM SIDEWALKS	91	EA	80	7280
RESTROOM(CXT)	1	JOB	225000	225000
4" PVC LINE AND FITTINGS	880	LF	20	17600
3" PVC LINE AND FITTINGS	1315	LF	20	26300
1" PVC LINE AND FITTINGS	1246	LF	12	14952
4" FROST FREE HYDRANT	89	EACH	500	44500
LIGHT POLE	6	EACH	5000	30000
PLUG IN PEDESTAL	89	EACH	350	31150
INSTALLED WIRE	1235	LF	15	18525
ELECTRICAL PANEL	3	EACH	6000	18000
SWPPP	1	JOB	5000	5000
CONSTRUCTION SURVEY	1	JOB	6000	6000
CONSTRUCTION TOTAL			\$	745,907
CONSTRUCTION TOTAL WITH 10% CONTINGENCY			\$	820,498
ENGINEERING SERVICES (BEFORE, DURING, AFTER)			\$	90,255
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have to provide \$227,688. Cook gave commissioners the latest numbers during a Jan. 27 meeting in Murphy.

The planned project’s construction total is \$745,498, with 10 percent contingency, plus \$90,255 for engineering services.

The plan is to develop 89 RV spots, along with a new bathroom that will replace the existing one near the livestock arena.

Nearly 25 percent of the total project, \$225,000, would be for the cost of the modular restroom building. Manufactured by CXT, Inc., of Nampa, the restroom will be dropped into place after water and sewer lines are installed.

All the existing dirt on the site, considered unsuitable, will be excavated and replaced with gravel and concrete for the roadway, Cook said.

The county’s part will come from the PILT Trust. Payment in Lieu of Taxes funds are received from the federal government to help offset property tax losses because of nontaxable Bureau of Land Management lands within the county.

The project is part of the Owyhee County Fairgrounds Master Plan, which also includes the new Owyhee County Community Center. That building replaced the decades-old Homedale Armory and was completed in July in time for the county fair.

“This is part of the overall plan to develop and grow our Fairgrounds for the future, and our goal is to ensure that our Fairgrounds and facilities are safe and accessible to the public for many years to come,” Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell wrote in a letter.

The grant application and community letters of support were due to the IDPR by Friday.

Barkell said that the county has received a good bit of response from the public, showing their support of the grant and proposed project.

Barkell said she believes the state will make a decision in May.

If the county receives the grant, the start date for the project would depend on how long the bid process would take.

— TK

✓ Cowgirl: Locals dot ranch rodeo teams in Arizona

points overall and finished just seven points out of second place.

She won a headstall and cash for her efforts.

Jones Colyer competed as part of the Sideline Cattle Co., and Rodeo Central rodeo teams.

Other locals who competed included Carmen Buckingham (Idaho Girls and Tri-State), Bailey Bachman (Idaho Girls), Kayla Tiegs (Idaho Girls and McFarlane Ranch), and Katie McFarlane (Idaho Girls and McFarlane Ranch).

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Obituaries

Julia Jean Burham (Dyer)

Julia Jean Burham (Dyer), age 78, passed away peacefully on January 26, 2020. She was born in Nampa, ID to Mark and Mary Dyer on December 1, 1941.

Julia grew up on the family farm outside Melba, ID, graduating from Melba High School in 1960. Following graduation, she married Norman “Bud” Skeen. They relocated from Melba, ID to Heyburn, ID and together they had five children during their nineteen years of marriage.

In 1979, Julia started the second chapter of her life when she married Darryl Burham. With Darryl’s four children they created one big, blended family. They relocated from Idaho to Selah, WA just after

Christmas in 1979. Julia started her career as court recorder for Yakima County and served for 14 years. When the couple later moved to Pendleton, OR, she served as court recorder for 5 years. Upon retiring, they returned to Idaho and settled along on the Snake River in Marsing, ID.

Wherever Julia lived, she has been a very active volunteer in her community. Most recently, Julia was a founding member of the Owyhee Garden Club and contributed her time and energy to the Owyhee County Sage Hens, the Nampa Garden Club and served on the Lizard Butte Library Board. Her greatest loves outside of her family were cheering on the Seattle Seahawks, cooking,



canning, sewing, gardening and reading. After her family, one of her proudest achievements was earning the title of Master Gardener. She took great pleasure in planning and hosting grand holiday celebrations or making up a reason to celebrate with her family and

friends. You could often find her at the end of the day out on the deck watching the river go by with a cold gin & tonic and would gladly offer you one, if you were to stop by. She will be remembered as a devoted mother, grandmother and the love of Darryl’s life for 40 years.

Julia was preceded in death by her parents Mark and Mary Dyer and three brothers Joe Dyer, Jay Dyer and Jim Dyer. Julia is survived by her husband Darryl, daughter Laura Cruz-Skeen of Hermiston, OR, son David Skeen (Lynette) of Caldwell, ID, son Bradley Burham (Melissa) of Boise, ID, daughter Colleen Parrish (Martin) of Meridian, ID, son Andrew Skeen (Wendy) of Lon-

don, UK, son Matthew Skeen (Rachelle) of Yakima, WA, son Joseph Skeen (Ginamarie) of Meridian, ID, daughter Marla Immanuel (Rhammia) of Plano, TX, daughter Nancy Burham of Redmond, OR, seventeen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren, sisters Mary Jane Fulp (Jack) of Boise, ID and Martha Dyer-Allison (Martin) of Tacoma, WA.

A celebration of her life will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at the Caldwell Veterans Memorial Hall, 1101 E. Cleveland Blvd, Caldwell, ID 83606. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes memorial contributions be made to the Lizard Butte Library in Marsing, ID.

Manuel Nava Castilleja

Manuel Nava Castilleja, 76 of Doctor Arroyo, Nuevo León, died Saturday, January 25, 2020. Manuel was born in Mexico and raised in Texas where he met the love of his life his wife Dolores of over 55 years. They married in Lubbock, Texas and later moved to Idaho where they lived the rest of their married life.

Manuel lived a great life constantly surrounded by his family. He worked for many years at JR Simplot and Amalgamated Sugar. Always sharing stories of his work as a construction worker for Idaho Migrant Councils self-help program where he built many homes on Canyon Hill.

He spent many years driving his semi-trucks for different farmers ultimately becoming his own boss. Manuel enjoyed driving truck, but nothing compared to his many years of service to The Bureau of Land Management until retiring with Lava River Forestry.

Manuel has many hobbies. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and loved gardening. He was a man of many interests, but the one thing we all remember of Manuel is his giving heart and kindness. He was always lending a helping hand. He shared many stories with everyone he came across in particular the story of the best Father’s Day gift any man could



ask for — a kidney. Manuel was a kidney transplant recipient and considered himself very blessed to have a second

chance at life. He was very proud of how a new organ could make you feel youthful again. Thank you to the medical team at Swedish Medical in Seattle and his doctors of many years Dr. John Freeman and Dr Chris Keller. Manuel admired your care. He lived his life to the fullest for those who knew him.

Manuel is survived by his wife Dolores, his mother Petra Nava Flores, his son Manuel (Teresa) Castilleja, daughters Patricia (Benjamin) Fierro, Korene González and Veronica (José) Villalpando, his brothers and sister, nieces nephews and grandkids and great-grandkids.

Manuel was preceded in death by his sister Mary Flores, granddaughter Delilah Fierro, son-in-law Mario González and brother Raymond Flores. We will miss our gran gran!

A viewing for friends and family will be held Wednesday, February 5, 2020 from 5-8pm with rosary recital at 7pm at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 10:30 am at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Caldwell. Burial will follow at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery in Marsing. Condolences can be given at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com

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Death notices

LESLIE “ROGER” FALEN, 71, of Genesee, a 1957 Marsing High School graduate who grew up on an Owyhee County ranch, died on Friday, Dec. 8, 2019 in Moscow. A memorial service is planned for the spring in Genesee with burial with military honors at Genesee City Cemetery. Arrangements: Short’s Funeral Chapel, Moscow. www.shortsfuneralchapel.net.

BRAD CHARLES HADERLIE, 66, of Grand View, died on Monday, Jan. 27, 2020 at a Boise hospital. Arrangements: Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, Mountain Home. (208) 214-4348

ROBERT DANIEL O’MALLEY, 81, of Nampa, formerly of Murphy, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020. Arrangements: Alsip and Persons Funeral Chapel, 404 10th Ave, S., Nampa. (208) 466-3545

JAIME PLASCENCIA, 64, of Marsing, died Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2020 at home of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

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Obituaries

Ethel Agnes Cegnar

Ethel Agnes Cegnar, 95, died peacefully on January 28, 2020. She was born in Ammon, Idaho, but at sixteen moved with her family to Homedale. She was a graduate of Homedale High School. Ethel and Lewis married, settled into farm life and remained on the farm the rest of their lives.

After the passing of Lewis, Ethel continued to manage and maintain the farm while living in the same house for over 72 years. She loved to work outside and mow her lawn with her riding mower. She founded Homedale's Widows of the World (WOW Group), which served local area widow's concerns and community needs. She served as a 4-H leader for Owyhee County for over 25 years. She volunteered at the Owyhee County Fair in Homedale for many years, serving as Parade



Grand Marshal in 2010.

Ethel was always available when neighbors needed help. She often catered special events and made Wedding Cakes for many of her friends and family. She was an experienced seamstress, having worked for a time with fabrics and sewing clothes and décor items for her home. She had a great sense of humor and enjoyed many friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis Cegnar,

daughter Linda M. Cegnar, and sister, Bernice Glanzman (Harold). She is survived by her son, Ron Cegnar (Fran), Lexington, KY., daughter, Cindy, Homedale, two grandchildren, Tim Cegnar, Washington, D.C., Ann Haines (Dan), Cincinnati, Ohio, two step-grandchildren, Stephanie Adams (Tim), Lexington, KY., and Michael Wynn (Mollie), Lexington, KY., 6 great-grandchildren and sister, Dolores Patterson-Butticci (Jack), Homedale.

Services were held Monday, February 3 at Flahiff Funeral Home in Homedale, Idaho. Visitation from 10:00 to 11:00 AM, Funeral service at 11:00 AM. Gravesite service following at Homedale-Marsing Cemetery. (www.flahifffuneralchapel.com)

In lieu of flowers memorials to Homedale Senior Center.

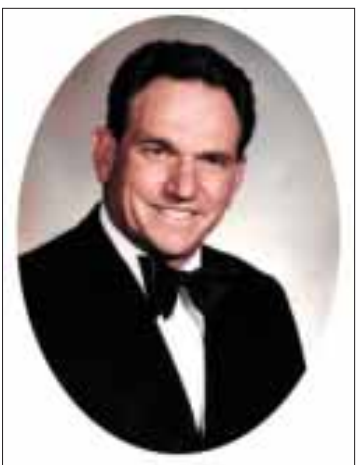
William L. Crookham (Wild Bill)

1933 – 2020

I was born March 4, 1933 in Caldwell, Idaho to George Lenox Crookham III (a native of Nebraska) and Bernice Robinson Crookham (a native of Missouri). Some two years later, on May 8, 1935, my sister was born, Judith Lynn Crookham.

I graduated from Caldwell High School in 1951 and spent two years as a Vandal in Moscow, Idaho. After two years of military service, I used the GI bill to attend schools in Utah, Colorado and the University of Oslo in Norway. It was in Norway where I met Berit Guthus of Stange, Norway. I did some sports reporting in Colorado until I was called home by my father. I served in the Idaho Legislature for four years in mid-century.

I have had four great joys in my life: the first being my marriage to Berit Guthus on April 10, 1958.



The second joy, with the help of Berit, was the blessing of raising three stalwart children: Kristi Bernice, Mary Ann and George William, and the joy of nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The third joy was stewarding Crookham Company for some 35 years and providing good paying jobs for good people and, eventually, comfortable retirements.

And the fourth joy, was the

honor of having a close cadre of friends — John Shoun and Harvey Hoff from high school and college, Arne Sampe, Dick Dorsey, Rich Myers and Dick Killgore from the military, Don Farlinger, Dick Jones, Ron Rosencrantz and Ward Stone from the work years and from the prevailing years, Paul Kaye, Barbi Robison, Jim Thomas, Dick Symms and especially, Bob Collins. So Precious.

— written by Bill Crookham in April of 2017

It was Bill's wish to have a sweet corn feast to celebrate those around him. Please join us on August 8, 2020 in Caldwell, Idaho. Details to follow or visit Bill Crookham's Sweet Corn Feast Facebook page.

Please consider donating to the Caldwell YMCA in lieu of flowers.

County museum bustles with activity

The Owyhee County Historical Museum will host the Idaho Wild West Seminar from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 15, inside McKeeth Hall, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy.

Admission is free, and lunch will be available for purchase at The Pie Shop.

The seminar includes several speakers and presenters, discussing Owyhee County history and other topics.

The agenda includes:

- **Joe Hickey** — Weapons of the Old West

- **The Fort Boise Garrison** — Fort Boise history, including a display of authentic period uniforms. According to its Facebook page, the Fort Boise Garrison Living History Association is dedicated to preserving the history of the military Fort Boise through public education.

- **Marie Clyne** — Frontier women's attire and customs

- **Les Sweeny** — Southern Owyhee County history, including the 45 Ranch, the shooting at Bull Creek, and the trail of the Winnemucca bank robbers

- **Bill Betenson**, Butch Cassidy's great nephew, and retired Jordan Valley rancher **Mike Hanley** will discuss the Cassidy gang's involvement in the Winnemucca bank robbery.

- **Max Black** — The Owyhee County diamond field hoax of the 1890s.

Other upcoming museum events include:

- "A Night to Remember: Titanic at the Museum" —

6:30 to 8 p.m., on Friday, March 20.

Museum director Eriks Garsvo, who has extensively researched the history of the R.M.S. Titanic, will display replica first class china, soap, and telegrams from the ill-fated maiden voyage as well as ship models.

He will also discuss the history of the doomed ship from when construction started in 1909, up through the tragic events of April 14, 1912.

- 2020 Spring Bazaar and Chili Cook-off — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday, March 28.

Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire and Rescue will host its chili cook-off as part of the Owyhee County Historical Society's spring bazaar.

Homemade pies and food will be available, along with a vast assortment of unique local craft vendors.

MRW Fire and Rescue currently is taking entries for the chili cook-off.

It costs \$20 for a team to enter one recipe into the chili cook-off, and each additional entry is \$10.

Chili tasting will be held, too, as part of the People's Choice judging. Suggested donations for chili tasting is \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens, and children younger than 12 can taste for free.

Awards include first-place trophies in five categories and the People's Choice Award.

For entry forms, rules or information, contact info@mrw-fire.org or call (208) 495-2154.

— TK

Melba Legion Post 126 presents chili feed

The American Legion Post 126 in Melba will host its annual free chili feed and raffle on Saturday, Feb. 29 at the Legion Hall, 406 4th St., in Melba.

There will be a social hour from 6 p.m., to 7 p.m., followed by the chili feed.

Multiple kinds of chili will be offered.

Raffle tickets for \$1 are available from

American Legion members, at the door, and at Cook's Two Hole Bar & Grill, 313 Broadway Ave., in Melba.

Raffle prizes include a Henry's .22 lever-action rifle with 325 rounds of long rifle hollow-point shells, and an RCA 50-inch class 4K television or LaCrosse 15.5-inch professional weather station.

HHS grad lands on Spokane Falls honor roll

Lainey Johnson, a 2018 Homedale High School graduate, has made the 2019 fall quarter honor roll at Spokane Falls Community College.

The daughter of Toby and Shannon Johnson was one of 1,934 Spokane Falls students to earn a spot on the list.



Calendar

Today

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

All veterans coffee
9 a.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

Marsing community pantry
9 a.m. to 11 a.m., the HUB, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. Call school district to arrange different time, (208) 649-5411

JVCWMA winter weed seminar
10 a.m., Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 586-3000 jvcwma@qwestoffice.net

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

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

Grand View Fire commissioners meeting
5 p.m., Grand View Fire Station, 721 Roosevelt Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2511 (call ahead to ensure meeting will be held)

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

Thursday

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

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

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

HUB ribbon-cutting ceremony
2 p.m., the HUB, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411

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

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

Friday

Food giveaway
9 a.m. to 10 a.m., Homedale Assembly of God Church, 15 W. Montana Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4458

The Landing teen support group
6 p.m., Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 807-0680

Homedale Boosters Crab & Steak Feed
6:30 p.m., doors, 7 p.m., dinner, \$45 per person, \$400 for table of eight, 8 p.m., live auction, Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., Homedale. (208) 340-4611

Saturday

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

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

Sunday

Family movie night
6 p.m., Marsing School District cafeteria, 301 8th Ave. W., Marsing. Free movie, starts at 6:30 p.m. Nicole (208) 899-5411 or Katie (208) 899-3260

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 City Library board meeting
1:30 p.m., Homedale City Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

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

Tuesday

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

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

Ridgeview Irrigation District meeting
1 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

Gem Irrigation District meeting
1:15 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

South Board of Control meeting
1:30 p.m., South Board of Control office boardroom, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

Gem Highway District meeting
6 p.m., district office, 1016 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4581

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

American Legion Post 128 meeting
7 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

Wednesday

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9 a.m. to 11 a.m., the HUB, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Veggie bar, fruit bar, and choice of milk and juice

Feb. 5: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon pull apart **Lunch:** Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes w/gravy

Feb. 6: **Breakfast:** Donuts, string cheese **Lunch:** Pepperoni calzone, green beans

Feb. 10: **Breakfast:** S’more oatmeal bites **Lunch:** Ham & cheese hot pocket, corn

Feb. 11: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch:** Hamburger, french fries

Feb. 12: **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

Feb. 5: **Breakfast:** Apple cinn. Texas toast **Lunch:** Chicken tenders or pork chop, mashed potatoes w/gravy, hot roll

Feb. 6: **Breakfast:** Donut, string cheese **Lunch:** Corn dog or PB&J sandwich, string cheese, goldfish crackers, baked beans

Feb. 10: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken, PB&J sandwich, string cheese, goldfish crackers, steamed carrots

Feb. 11: **Breakfast:** Filled cereal bar **Lunch:** Chicken patty sandwich or Rib-b-que sandwich, potato wedges

Feb. 12: **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

Feb. 5: **Breakfast:** Breakfast slider or filled cereal bar **Lunch:** Spicy chicken sandwich or hamburger, french fries, cookie

Feb. 6: **Breakfast:** Donut or yogurt parfait **Lunch:** Crispito or chips with bean dip, refried beans

Feb. 10: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or cinnamon pull apart **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets or taquitos, mozzarella bites

Feb. 11: **Breakfast:** Homemade breakfast burrito or french toast sticks **Lunch:** Pork chop or chicken filet, mashed potatoes & gravy, dinner roll

Feb. 12: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick or mini waffles **Lunch:** Chicken patty sandwich or burrito, coleslaw, rice krispie treat

Marsing

All main entrees include choice of milk, fruit juice & fruit/veggie bar

Middle/High School each day: Classic Grab-n-go line:
PB&J Hot Grab-n-go line: Hamburger
Cold Grab-n-go line: *Wrap, sub sandwich, salad*

Feb. 5: **Breakfast:** Tornado **Lunch sides or alternatives:** **Classic Line:** Mini calzones, mixed vegetable **Hot Grab-n-go:** Walking taco, chicken sandwich, tator tots

Feb. 6: **Breakfast:** Berry twins, cheese stick **Lunch sides or alternatives:** **Classic Line:** Chicken fried steak, mashed tators w/gravy, corn **Hot Grab-n-go:** Chicken sandwich, pizza, potato wedges

Feb. 10: **Breakfast:** Bread slice **Lunch sides or alternatives:** **Classic Line:** Corn dog, potato wedges **Hot Grab-n-go:** Chicken sandwich, pizza, potato wedges

Feb. 11: **Breakfast:** Pancakes **Lunch sides or alternatives:** **Classic Line:** Spaghetti w/garlic bread, mixed vegetable **Hot Grab-n-go:** Chicken sandwich, pizza, fries

Feb. 12: **Breakfast:** Mini donuts, yogurt **Lunch sides or alternatives:** **Classic Line:** Burrito w/rice, baked sweet potatoes **Hot Grab-n-go:** Chicken sandwich, meatball sub served w/ tator tots

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: *Salad bar, pizza offered daily*

Feb. 5: **Breakfast:** Waffle & hashbrowns **Lunch:** Nachos w/ whole wheat chips, refried beans/salsa, broccoli

Feb. 6: **Breakfast:** Bagels & cream cheese **Lunch:** BBQ pulled pork on a bun, fries, fresh cauliflower

Feb. 10: **Breakfast:** Cereal bar **Lunch:** Mac attack, tossed romaine salad, peas

Feb. 11: **Breakfast:** Biscuits & gravy **Lunch:** Chili, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll

Feb. 12: **Breakfast:** Muffins **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets w/ whole wheat roll, mashed potatoes & gravy, steamed broccoli

You can find a comprehensive listing of local events online at www.theowyheeavalanche.com. Click on the “Calendar of Events” link on the left-hand side of the page.

Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to jon@owyheeavalanche.com (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

59TH ANNUAL MARSING DISASTER AUCTION



Disaster Auction brings out the heart and generosity of Marsing

Auctioneer Jeff Howell readies himself for his rapid fire skills to open the 59th annual Marsing Disaster Auction on Saturday at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center. On the raised podium are committee members and former event chairs, including, **from left:** James Ferdinand, Bobo Carter, Howell, Tim Dines, Cindy Floyd, and Joseph Ineck.

The top sellers of disaster auction raffle tickets included, **from left,** Maylee Astorquia (fourth place), Parker Showalter (first place), and Millie Conger (third place). **Not pictured:** Daysen Frazier (second place). The Marsing schoolchildren received gift cards. Astorquia also received a cash prize for having the most sales on the day of the auction.



Clockwise from bottom
OC Coffee owner Sue Showalter stands next to a quilt pieced together by Marsing's Annette Stalp. The quilt was sold Saturday.

Marsing FFA member Riley Loucks shows original colored pencil animal art of Marsing resident Jacq Shippy. The set sold for \$130.

A Marsing FFA member shows a windmill Jason Sevy donated in honor of his wife, Stephenie, who died last summer. The piece sold for \$375.



Extra Mile transformation complete

YESCO employees Dan White (left) and Chris Stans finished rebranding at the former ION Gem Stop west of Marsing on Friday. The truck stop and convenience store is now part of the Extra Mile chain of Chevron stations that is partly owned by Homedale native John Jackson.

Community health, walking path top Chamber meeting

Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen delivered an update on city happenings during the Jan. 25 Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

During the first post-holiday break meeting at The Bowling Alley, Christoffersen said that city crews have already begun working on irrigation projects and should easily be able to meet demand.

“The water is in good shape,” he said. “There’s plenty of snow up in the hills.”

He said that the city has been in discussions with Idaho Power about the utility’s statewide plan to update street lights with LED technology. While it’s not known when Idaho Power crews will visit Homedale, Christoffersen is particularly focused on getting upgrades around the schools.

“I don’t know where Homedale is going to fall (on Idaho Power’s) list,” the mayor said. “We told them little towns should not be on the bottom of the list, we should really be at the top, before the big communities, so we’re pushing for that.”

Christoffersen said efforts continue to get a grant to build a walking path from Sundance Park to the middle school. In the past, the city has failed to meet the criteria for a grant.

“The biggest reason we don’t score well is because we’re too safe,” Christoffersen said. “We asked if they (state agencies holding grant money) really thought it would take a kid being hit on (Idaho highway) 19, and they said, ‘It would help your score.’

“We’re really trying to get kids off that road. It’s just not a good road. It wasn’t designed for the foot traffic that

it sees.”

He said that the original grant the city had pursued was for \$500,000 for a paved path, or about \$250,000 for a gravel one. He noted that the project would include a fence along the entire length to keep the path separated from the farms along the route.

Southwest District Health project coordinator Jeff Cappe suggested to the mayor that the city pursue a grant from St. Luke’s who offer grants for community health improvement. He wasn’t sure how large of a grant would be available but said that there may be an opportunity if the city could portray the project as a tool to improve citizens’ health, as well as for safety.

The mayor said he would look into it.

On a related note, Cappe is in charge of organizing a Community Health Action Team (CHAT) for Owyhee County. One of the goals for the team is to bring in community members to help connect them to funding sources that can benefit the county’s citizens.

Cappe and CHAT will be meeting from 9 a.m., to 10:30 a.m., on Feb. 20, at SWDH’s Homedale office, 132 E. Idaho Ave. Cappe invites interested citizens to the meeting, which will feature representatives from the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office, Terry Reilly Health Services and high school principal Matt Holtry.

“(CHAT is) something that can help you get that walking path,” Cappe said. “If you can frame it as a health issue, and well, certainly safety is health. Getting hit by a car is not healthy.”

— TK

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar available with each meal:
Lettuce, tomato, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing
Milk available each day
Roll available each day except Feb. 26th
Feb. 5: Beef stew
Feb. 6: Baked ham, sweet potato, green beans
Feb. 11: Salisbury steak w/mushrooms & onions, mashed potatoes w/gravy, country trio
Feb. 12: Hot dog, baked potato, chili, creamed spinach

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
Feb. 5: Ham & cheese sandwiches, fresh veggie tray, peaches, cottage cheese, pudding, cook's choice soup
Feb. 6: Tuna melt or toasted cheese sandwich, cheesy fries, coleslaw, pears, yogurt, cupcakes
Feb. 11: Sloppy Joes w/bun, green beans, cottage cheese, brownies, cook's choice soup
Feb. 12: Cheesy broccoli soup, fresh veggie tray, cheese stix, variety of crackers, yogurt, bananas



Proud and strong ties to Euzkaldunak

Homedale resident Jared Asumendi, a first-year board member for the Caldwell Basque Charities, hangs out with his children during the 52nd annual Caldwell Euzkaldunak-Caldwell Charities Basque Dinner Dance on Jan. 18 at the O'Connor Fieldhouse. Asumendi's grandfather, Uriel Domingo Asumendi, was also a board member. Diana Asumendi is the children's mother. The children were part of the folk dance portion of the program performed by Herribatza Dantzariak, directed by Gloria Lejardi, another Homedale resident, and Oinkari Basque Dancers of Boise. Submitted photo

**Bruneau Booster Club
Community Auction
Saturday, February 22nd, 2020
Dinner at 5:30 • Auction at 7:00 p.m.
at American Legion Hall in Bruneau
Free Meal: Solomo (Pork) Sandwich
Basque Rice, Dressed Green Salad
Punch and Coffee
Home Made Pie by the slice \$2.00**

Donations made early will be included in advertisements made by the Boosters.
Drop off donations at Legion Hall On: Friday, Feb. 21st, from noon to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22nd, open at 10:00 a.m.
Please call 208-845-2842 if you need an item picked up.

Raffle Tickets for:
Ruger Predator 6.5 Creedmoor Rifle or Aqua Plus (11' x 33" x 6") Inflatable Stand Up Paddle Board
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Drawing at Bruneau Community Auction Feb. 22, 2020
Need Not Be Present to Win
*Winner will take possession upon clearance of background check.

Rimrock Sr. Center Valentine Dinner fundraiser returns

Lunch now available on Wednesdays in Grand View

Congregate lunches are now available three days a week at the Rimrock Senior and Community Center.
Lunch is served each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Previously, the center was only open on Tuesday and Thursday for lunch.
The senior center, which serves Bruneau, Oreana and Grand View, is located at 525 Main St., in Grand View.
The suggested meal donation is \$4 for people 61 and older, and \$5 for those 60 and younger.
The senior center also will hold its annual Valentine

Dinner fundraiser from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., on Saturday.
Adults can eat for \$8, and seniors can eat for \$7. Dinner costs \$4 for children ages 6-12.
The dinner includes entertainment and a menu of roast beef, green beans, salad, roll and dessert.
Take-home meals are available for pick-up. Call the senior at (208) 834-2922 to place an order.
You may also email rimrocksenior@yahoo.com for more information on the center and programs.
Tuesday Quilters, who

gather at the senior center to work, have created a quilt for a raffle drawing the night of the dinner. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.
Tickets for the dinner and the quilt raffle are available at the senior center.
The Rimrock Senior Center's 2020 board of directors includes:
• **President** — Nola Boone
• **Vice-president** — Anna Hency
• **Secretary** — Willie Roby
• **Treasurer** — Donald W. "Bill" Mead
• **Directors** — Bruce Tucker (one-year term), Ivan Shetler (two-year term), and Verla Robison (three-year term)
Ellie Gillett is the senior center coordinator.

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From Jordan Valley CWMA

Name: Bur buttercup (*Ranunculus testiculatus*)

Description: An annual. One of the first plants to emerge in the spring, often growing next to melting snow. An alpine plant in its native range; it is cold- and drought-tolerant and has adapted to a short life cycle. Rarely taller than three inches, with a shallow root system. Light green leaves that are branched to form the appearance of bird feet, or resembling tiny deer antlers. Pale yellow five-petal flowers occur sometimes within a week of emergence and are just as short-lived. Ovate spiny burs form soon after flowering, containing multiple seeds, one seed per spine. This plant is extremely toxic, especially to sheep and goats; however, it is unpalatable and is rarely a danger.

Bur Buttercup is one of the first weeds to be seen when the snow melts.

Habitat: Rarely invades areas that are undisturbed or in good condition. Waste areas and roadsides are favorite sites.

Origin: Native to high elevations of Eurasia

Control: Susceptible to most common herbicides, generally at the higher-labeled rates, and use a good surfactant. The secret to herbicide control of bur buttercup is to spray early and be prepared to spray a second time if conditions are favorable for continued germination. Seeds are short-lived, so stopping seed production will quickly diminish the seed bank. It is possible to control with cultivation, which creates a favorable site for re-infestation or invasion of other weeds. If you choose to till, it is advisable to plant a perennial cover crop, or an early-emerging competitive annual, or be prepared to till for successive years.

Remember, when using herbicides always read and follow label directions on any chemical. It's the law!

Modified from "Selected Noxious Weeds of Eastern Oregon," Gary Page, Malheur County Weed Inspector.

For more information on noxious weeds, contact your local cooperative weed management area (CWMA) or county weed department.

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County GOP sets Lincoln Day plans

Republican primary candidates will make their pitches, and some will make their official announcements, when the biennial Owyhee County Lincoln Day Banquet returns.

This year's banquet starts at 11 a.m., on Monday, Feb. 17 at a new location — the Owyhee County Community Center at the county fairgrounds, 423 W. Nevada Ave., in Homedale.

A candidates meet and greet will start the day, followed by lunch and speakers from noon to 2 p.m.

The Owyhee County Republican Central Committee will conduct a fundraising auction after the speakers.

The cost to attend the banquet is \$25, including lunch. RSVP by Friday, Feb. 14 by calling (208) 250-9882.

The banquet traditionally is the jumping-off point for the Republican primary election season although several candidates already have announced their intention to seek office in the May 19 election, including:

- Reynolds Creek rancher and former Owyhee County Treasurer Brenda Richards and Dist. 23A Rep. Christy Zito of Hammett, both of whom will try to succeed retiring Dist. 23 Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson).

- Grand View resident Andrea Owens has already started her campaign to possibly succeed Zito in Seat A for District 23 in the Idaho House of Representatives. Mountain Home City Council president Matthew Bundy also will seek the GOP nomination in May.

- There are three county offices on the ballot this year, including those held by Republican incumbents Sheriff Perry Grant and Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi. Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey Phillips also has expressed that he plans to run for his own four-year term after completing departed Douglas D. Emery's third term in office.

Candidates have until March 13 to file their nomination papers for both primary election and the Nov. 3 general election.

— JPB

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Strive for practical, healthy, flavorful meals

It's that time of year again: The time where the holidays

are over, yet you probably haven't fully established your schedule for the year. Some nights you are home on time to prep, cook



Suriñe Greenway

and consume dinner in a timely manner before bed, while others require a little more effort and planning. While you may need to adapt from night to night to be able to accommodate for those busier days, a little preparation ahead of time can help out, no matter what the day is going to be like.

For some tips to skip several "on-the-fly" moments throughout the week, check out some simple ways to switch up breakfast, lunch and dinner over the next week.

- Sometimes breakfast can seem a little boring, or a little last-minute. To jazz up that breakfast and fuel your day, go no further than three basic food groups on your plate! Pre-portioned and packaged yogurts can be a great base to plan out a quick and effortless breakfast by simply adding fresh fruit and even granola (or nuts) to kick up the flavors, the nutrition and the texture!

- Lunches lacking a bit? Whenever I realize that I haven't done a lot of planning in the lunch department for a little while, I try to start by thinking what dinner I can make easily make the night before, but can easily reinvent. I like to start with the basics, make sure I am preparing enough for dinner and that leftovers will be provided, and that the meat can have new flavors added and make me think I am

eating a completely different food from the night before. When I do it right, I try to plan out lunches that can be jam-packed with vegetables and fruit so that I can get the most of my calories for an energy-filled meal that will keep me going until dinner.

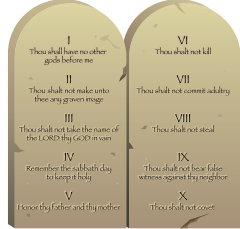
- Sometimes dinner can make you feel like reinventing the wheel, but remember the best thing that you can do for your waistline (and your pocketbook) is to keep it simple. We can forget how easy it is to switch up the flavor profile by switching up the spices we use in our cooking. Instead, it's common to want to switch up the menu entirely, which can mean additional ingredients that are not typically on-hand and could eventually lead to food waste.

Now, I'm not saying that it is a bad thing to try out new recipes or foods, but sometimes just changing up the spices or sauces that you use with your basic meat cut can be all the difference your taste buds needed. I am a big fan of basic cuts that I can add seasoning to towards the end, so that the flavor can easily be switched up for my next meal, maybe tomorrow's lunch!

— 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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Marsing Lions bingo returns Saturday

Saturday’s Marsing Lions Club bingo will benefit the club’s community service fund.

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.

The club’s bingo series wasn’t held last month because of the holidays.

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 has free popcorn for the players, too.

Each month, proceeds from the bingo benefits a different community effort. The Marsing Lions Club community service fund helps the club provide eyeglasses, bring eye examinations to the town’s schools, and fund the annual Third of July barbecue, among other causes.

South Board directors to convene

The South Board of Control and two other irrigation boards will meet Tuesday in Homedale.

The Ridgeview Irrigation District board meets at 1 p.m.

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 SBOC office, 118 S. 1st St. W.

For more information, call the office at (208) 337-3760.



Mike’s Tin Lizzie

Mike Hanley had put together a Model T Ford Touring car with parts from various scrap piles, dumps and barnyards over a period of a few years. The car was complete but didn’t run, and Mike asked if I’d be interested in having a look at it. Though I’d worked on a lot of different cars from Ford Model A’s to Camaro Z-28’s, I’d never had the opportunity to get under the hood of one of these links from the horse-drawn carriage to the automobile.

No worries about someone stealing your Model T these days. Most people would not have a clue how to drive one. It has no shift level, but instead three pedals on the floor that accomplish forward, reverse and stopping (sort of).

The brakes are almost an afterthought, especially if they are out of adjustment.

No gas pedal or turn signals. The two levers on the steering column are for spark advance and throttle.

They came from the factory with a key ignition, but starting is by hand crank from the front or, if it’s optioned that way, an electric starter operated by the spark advance or a button on the floor. Hand-cranked engines can cause broken arms if not done correctly.

Mike had installed a regular automotive ignition distributor instead of the separate coils that came from Ford, so some of the engine’s mystery was cleared up. He also sent along a handbook that detailed all the procedures for care and feeding of a Model T from backing it up a steep grade to sticking your finger in the running generator to sand the armature. The gas tank is under the front seat, so you need to be stopped to check fuel level.

With just these bare



minimum basic components, you can see why these were popular and cheap! Almost anyone could afford one, they were durable, simple, and could go almost anywhere so long as you didn’t need to get there fast.

A man in his 80s stopped by the shop for some other work and spied the Ford. A big smile spread across his face as he said he’d learned how to drive in one of these. I had him give me a short primer on how things worked from the driver’s seat and told him I’d call him when I thought I had the car ready for a test drive. This proved to be the first of many stories that came from this one car.

After several weeks of adjusting, testing and repeat or repair, I called and asked him to come out for a test drive. Just to be safe, I pulled it out into the road so it would be ready to go without danger of running something over.

He started the engine with no problem, pressed down the pedal, added some throttle, and off we went. I had intended for him to loop around the block and not get us out on the main road, but he was so involved in enjoyment of the ride that he missed the turn and headed for Cleveland Boulevard. That could not end well, so I interrupted his euphoria with



Reminiscing Owyhee memories

by
Stan
Soran

some frantic hand signals to turn into a parking lot and get us going the other direction. Accomplishing this, we drove around the dirt roads for a couple laps, and to my surprise nothing fell off and it finished under its own power.

From the look on his face after our short drive, I could tell I’d really made his day, and it certainly made mine to bring back some fond memories for someone else.

For the next year or so, I would work on it off and on, trying to get some consistency in its habits, repair what broke and to get what little equipment was on it to work. This involved lots of test driving with friends, neighbors and relatives along for the experience. I took carloads of nieces and nephews around the block in it. I took my neighbor for a ride who said he could remember riding in one of these from Missouri to Idaho when you still had to open and close gates on the main roads.

In one instance, I drove it to a gas station, and along the way met up with another Model T going to do the same thing and buy beer, too! What are the odds of that?

I was driving to the shop from the house with my niece when I heard an unfamiliar clunk from the rear axle.

I pushed on the brake, nothing; pulled the brake handle, nothing; pressed on the reverse pedal, and still nothing. It was only going about 10 mph, but shutting the engine off had no effect as we blew through a stop sign and I made a hard right to avoid a collision with a Mustang. I guess it’s fortunate that Model T’s aren’t as common a sight as they used to be and the driver of the other Ford could see my eyes bugging out, so he slowed down.

I got it trailered to the shop and found the gear had fallen off the drive shaft so that there was no connection between the engine and the tires. After repairing this and experiencing a few more mishaps, I thought I had better get the car back to Mike before I had rebuilt the whole thing.

Trailering it to Jordan Valley was a slow drive as I didn’t dare lower the top, and anything over 45 mph put too much strain on the top fabric. My old blue Chevy isn’t much for high-speed driving anyway as the noise is like having a front row seat in a rock slide.

It took most of the day, but once at Mike’s ranch the Ford started right up and everything worked as advertised. I had written out a page of starting, driving and stowing instructions for it. As payment, Mike built me a set of wheels for a stagecoach.

That started another project and another story.

— Caldwell resident Stan Soran’s family has a long history of Owyhee County capers. Since the 1950s, the Soran Family has had a mine on Soldier Creek. Four generations of family and friends have hiked, hunted, played, panned, partied, mined, built, burned and rebuilt at the “Cabin.”



Robert Linton



Lynn Tredeau

Musicians gather for Snake River concert

Award-winning Owyhee County solo pianist part of free show

Tickets are available for a free concert given by Owyhee County musician Lynn Tredeau and fellow award-winning artist Robert Linton.

The Snake River Concert is set for a private Givens residence from 2:30 p.m., to 5:30 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 15.

The musicians will share the stories behind their original compositions and perform them in an intimate setting. Attendees will also have the opportunity to mingle with the artists.

There is no charge for tickets, and address and directions to the venue will be provided after tickets are purchased. There will be an opportunity to make a donation to the artists, but it's not required.

Sheet music and CDs will be for sale, too.

Seating is limited to 40 seats, so organizers urge reservation of tickets soon. Tickets can be reserved at <https://fed-snake-river.eventbrite.com>.

For information, call (208) 258-9836 or email allen@lynnredeau.com.

Modified valet parking is available to ensure everyone gets parked.

Light appetizers are provided, and attendees are welcome to bring their favorite beverage.

Lynn Tredeau is an Owyhee County-based composer/solo piano artist, who has received much recognition since debuting in 2015.

Her album Fellowship of Solitude won 2018 Best Solo Piano Album at Zone Music

Reporter. The recent release of All the Pieces debuted at No. 3 on Amazon, and her Christmas release SnowLight (A Christmas Memory) won Best Holiday Album in 2016 at Enlightened Piano Radio. She has also been nominated for the People's Choice Award on One-World Music Radio (OWMR), Best New Artist on Enlightened Piano Radio and multiple nominations for Album of the Year and Best Solo Piano Album.

"Many of her pieces have a quiet hymn-like quality," Mainly Piano's Kathy Parsons wrote.

"She has a style that is gentle and artistically clever," Steve Sheppard from United Kingdom OWMR recently said.

Tredeau's music can be heard on Pandora, SiriusXM, Spotify & many radio stations around the globe.

Find information on Tredeau at www.lynnredeau.com.

Robert Linton has been called a musician of deep thoughtfulness, and this sensitivity is evident on his recordings of lyrical guitar instrumentals.

Linton plays finger-style nylon-string guitar, and his songs exude tranquil beauty and peaceful solace.

He has released six albums with several nominations for Best Instrumental Acoustic Album at Zone Music Reporter. His music can be heard on Pandora, Spotify, SiriusXM, The C.A.R.E. Channel and many international radio stations.

Information and more is available at www.robertlinton.com.

Homedale resident claims Mrs. Idaho Ag USA title

Homedale grad ready to advocate for industry

A local woman has a new role in agriculture advocacy.

Kortney Bahem, co-owner of L&L Meats LLC and L&L Livestock in Homedale, was named Mrs. Idaho Agriculture USA last month.

The daughter of Sylvia and Ken Bahem is a Homedale High School graduate.

Bahem shared on Facebook that her new title is part of the Miss Agriculture USA organization. The non-profit is in its second year.

"It offers women of all ages and backgrounds opportunities to promote and educate about agriculture," she wrote in her Facebook post. "My desire is to also bring positive attention to our county and Homedale."

"This is an area deeply rooted in agriculture, and I am proud to be a fifth generation here. I'm grateful for the ability to do good things for this community during my reign."



Kortney Bahem (right) stands with her husband Daniel Lousignont and their horses in the Mrs. Idaho Agriculture USA promotional photo.

The Colorado State University graduate will represent Idaho at the organization's national pageant in June. She said the pageant will consist of categories such as speech, essay, formal wear and interview.

She must collect tax-deductible donations to compete, and invites interested businesses and individual to contact her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kortneybahem.

"While I always try and promote the industry that is most dear to me, I hope

this title will provide me a larger stage to advocate for what I love," she added on Facebook. "I have lots of ideas and plans that include all facets of agriculture, but I especially hope to educate in the areas of meat science and beef."

Bahem is available to address general events, conventions, schools and 4-H groups.

She wants to volunteer or provide educational lectures and answer questions about ag education opportunities in college.

MSD to hold ribbon cutting for The Hub

Marsing School District has organized a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its community school project, called The HUB, for 2 p.m., on Thursday. The HUB is located at the old middle school on 8th Avenue West.

According to Marsing School District superintendent Norm Stewart, the purpose of The HUB is to centralize outside services, such as a center focused on mental and physical health, Husky Pup and Head Start preschools, food and clothing pantries, an adult learning classroom, and more.

These services will be avail-

able to students, families, and the community as a means to reduce negative impact on families' needs for services, which in turn impacts students' ability to focus and learn on a daily basis, he said.

Guest speakers will include United Way of Treasure Valley director of community impact Christa Rowland, and Idaho Food Bank vice president of community partnerships and programs Jackie Yarbrough.

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Bruneau meth trafficker gets up to 25 years in prison

A 59-year-old Bruneau man could serve up to 25 years in prison after his sentencing for felony drug trafficking.

Craig Leon Hutton had spent nearly a year in Owyhee County Jail before a Jan. 24 sentencing before Third District Judge Thomas W. Whitney in Mur-



Craig Leon Hutton

Whitney ordered Hutton to state prison for at least four years with the possibility of 21 years indeterminate. Hutton also must pay \$10,000 in fines and \$885.50 in court costs.

Hutton was taken into custody last spring after Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies found nearly 1½ pounds of meth, other types of drugs, and paraphernalia including pipes and scales at his Huttonville Lane residence.

According to court documents, deputies found 602.3 grams of meth packaged in small plastic bags throughout Hutton's house.

Deputies also found 7.3 grams of marijuana, 3.7 grams of cocaine, and 11 tabs of LSD.

Authorities also unearthed \$4,800 in cash in various hidden areas within the residence.

Hutton was charged with methamphetamine trafficking and three felony counts of meth possession with intent to manufacture or deliver as well as a misdemeanor charge of drug paraphernalia possession after authorities raided his residence on March 13.

Only the trafficking felony was included in an amended criminal complaint when Hutton agreed to enter a guilty plea on Oct. 25.



Idaho Fish and Game Conservation Officer Jeremy Gaffield stands with the remains of a poached mule deer. IDFG photo

Life after the Marines brings Fish and Game officer full circle

Owyhee-based Gaffield working December poaching case

Jeremy Gaffield hunts, but in his second year patrolling Owyhee County for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, he also understands the importance of protecting the resource and playing by the rules.

The Mountain Home resident and Oregon native is currently looking for tips on the poaching of two bull elk in Unit 41 last month.

"My patrol area is one of the largest patrol areas in Idaho, and a lot of it remote," the conservation officer said. "I rely on the public's help to report suspicious activity related to wildlife crimes."

The recent poaching incident took place just off Buckhorn Road near Marys Creek. Gaffield said the elk were shot around Dec. 22 and no meat was taken from either carcass.

"The antlers were taken and may or may not be associated with the poaching incident," he said. "While evidence was collected at the scene, I hope to learn more about the case."

Gaffield asks anyone with information about this incident or any other potential poaching

to call the Citizens Against Poaching hotline at (800) 632-5999. Anonymous tips are accepted 24 hours a day.

Additionally, folks can call the IDFG Southwest Regional Office in Nampa at (208) 465-8465 weekdays or Idaho State Police at (208) 846-7550 on weekends.

Gaffield also welcomes calls to his cellphone at (208) 964-9033.

Gaffield wants sportsman to say hello if they see him in the field. He also reminds hunters and anglers that now is the time to buy their 2020 licenses.

Gaffield is married, and he and his wife, Christina, have four children, three of which are grown.

He was raised in Oregon and Montana and graduated from Silverton (Ore.) High School where he participated in football, wrestling and track.

"Growing up in these locations, I developed an affinity for the outdoors," he said. "Fishing, hunting and backpacking with my friends and family helped progress to what would become a career as a (conservation officer) after retiring from 20 years of

service in the Marine Corps."

As a career Marine, Gaffield traveled to several locations in the United States and overseas. He saw several combat tours in Afghanistan.

While in active duty, he obtained his bachelor's degree in Environmental Science with a concentration on Fish and Wildlife Management from American Public University.

He utilized his G.I. Bill to continue his education at North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene with a self-sponsorship through the Peace Office Standard Training (POST) and additional courses in Outdoor Recreation.

His time with IDFG began as a volunteer instructing Hunter Education and facility/maintenance work. He assisted on several fisheries and wildlife projects.

Gaffield's patrol area covers approximately 3,500 square miles of Owyhee County.

"You will most likely meet me around Grand View, south on Mud Flat Road, on the Snake River, Bruneau, Bruneau River, Jarbidge River to the border of Nevada," he said.

"My favorite part of the job is talking and interacting with the public. I have really enjoyed hunter education, talking with students at career fairs and in the classroom. It is always a treat to see young hunter's success out in the field."

He is a sportsman, too, fishing at CJ Strike and Anderson Ranch reservoirs and hunting big game or upland birds.

"I did not grow up hunting waterfowl, but because of my proximity to the Snake River I am picking it up," he said.

Courthouse report

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

Jan. 28

Emanuel V. Cardenas, Nampa — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

Jan. 27

Ralph Granger, Melba — Misdemeanor disturbing the peace (amended from felony aggravated assault; plea deal) — 180 days in jail (5 days served, 175 days suspended), 2 years unsupervised probation, \$300 in fines, \$307.50 in court costs.

Dismissed by prosecuting attorney: Misdemeanor controlled substance possession

Fernando Madrigal Soto, Happy Valley, Ore. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting (plea deal): \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor failure to appear citation



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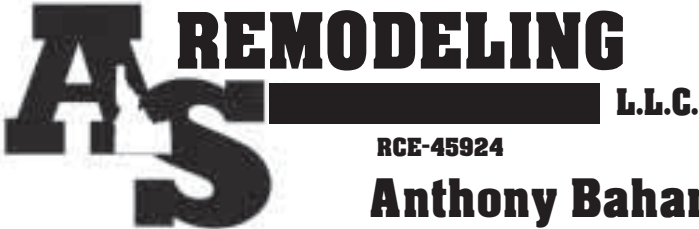
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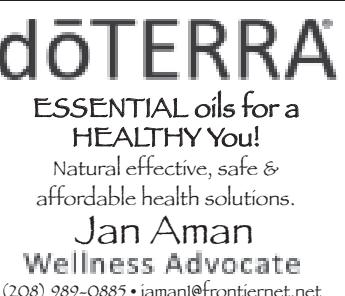
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Rimrock JV girls win
conference tourney

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Zito renews push to
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Above: Austin Poole (far left), one of Marsing High School's varsity quarterbacks last season, addresses the audience as his teammates wait their turn last Wednesday. **Below:** A dad puts in a vote for keeping the varsity team.

Marsing parents: Consistency, not JV, is the football answer

Trustees vote to rebuild while playing varsity

Marsing High School football players will still have their glory days to look back upon.

Taking a cue from community members, parents and half of the 2019 football team that lost seven consecutive games after winning its

opener, the Marsing School District board of trustees voted to maintain a varsity football team for the next two seasons.

The unanimous school board vote came at the end of a 90-minute special meeting held last Wednesday inside The

HUB.

The district faced a deadline to lay out the program's two-year plan.

High school principal and athletic director Tim Little told the audience of about 90 that 2A Western Idaho Conference ADs

— See *Football*, page 6B



Girls' basketball

Raiders roll into district tourney

Boys win two
conference games

Rimrock High School won its 20th girls' basketball game of the season Friday.

But the Raiders and coach Kyla Jewett are hoping the winning keeps going.

Rimrock's 71-36 win Friday on Senior Night against visiting North Star Charter wrapped up an unbeaten 1A Western Idaho Conference and gave the Raiders (20-1 overall, 10-0 in conference) the top seed into the 1A, Div. 1 District III

— See *Raiders*, page 3B

Melba handles Marsing

2019 runner-up
one win from
State return

Melba High School rides into the 2A District III girls' basketball tournament with the No. 1 seed and an eight-game win streak.

The Mustangs wrapped up a one-loss 2A Western Idaho Conference season Thursday when Owyhee County resident Jordan Dayley poured in 26 points in an 85-32 home-court win over Marsing.

Melba (18-2 overall, 11-1 in conference) won for the 15th time in 16 games and has won eight consecutive contests heading into the district semifinals at 6 p.m., on Saturday against either No. 4 Nampa Christian or No. 5 McCall-Donnelly. The Trojans

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Rare win in McCall propels Marsing boys

Huskies have won 11 consecutive games



Jacob Ankeny soars over Vision Charter senior Daniel Paz (13) for a layup during Friday's action in Marsing.

The Marsing High School boys' basketball team gave up a conference season-high in points Saturday, but stretched its winning streak to 11 games.

Surviving what will be the final long trip to Valley County, the Huskies downed McCall-Donnelly, 48-38, in a 2A Western Idaho Conference game.

The Vandals are moving up to Class 3A beginning in the 2020-21 school year.

The Huskies (15-3 overall, 8-1 in conference) haven't since a 44-39 setback to Nyssa, Ore., in the Truckstop.com tournament on Dec. 20 in Caldwell.

Saturday's victory gave coach Tim Little's squad a 2½-game lead in the conference standings over Nampa Christian (13-4, 5-3), which has four games re-

maining on its schedule. Marsing all but eliminated New Plymouth (11-7, 5-4) from contention for the 2A District III Tournament top seed.

As is the trend when traveling to the Vandals' home court, the Huskies struggled for most of Saturday's first half. Senior Merrick Hall hit one of his five three-point field goals, and the Huskies heading into the intermission trailing by one point.

Hall tied his season high with 19 points. He also had seven boards.

Marsing held the Vandals (10-4, 5-4) to just three third-quarter points to turn the tide and take a four-point lead into the

Sports

HHS girls' season on the line

Trojans must win Thursday to reach district tourney

Homedale High School takes an 11-game losing streak into the 3A District III Tournament girls' basketball play-in game.

The Trojans (1-19 overall) wrapped up a winless eight-game 3A Snake River Valley conference season with a 57-15 Senior Night loss to top-seeded Parma on Friday.

Interim coach Kortney Ford leads Homedale into the tournament play-in game as the No. 5 seed. The Trojans travel to play No. 4 Payette (8-12, 2-6) in a 7 p.m. game on Thursday.

Thursday's winner enters the double-elimination bracket to play host Parma (17-2, 8-0) in a semifinal at 7 p.m., on Saturday.

No. 2 Fruitland (13-8, 6-2) plays host to third-seeded Weiser (8-11, 4-4) in Saturday's other semifinal.

The district championship game is slated for 8:15 p.m., on Tuesday at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore. That contest will be preceded by a loser-out game at 6 p.m., featuring the semifinal losers.

Only the district champion

3A District III Tournament

Thursday's game (Play-in at 7 p.m.)

Game 1 — No. 5 Homedale (1-19) at No. 4 Payette (8-12)

Saturday's games (Played at 7 p.m.)

Game 2 — No. 3 Weiser (8-11) at No. 2 Fruitland (13-8)

Game 3 — Game 1 winner at No. 1 Parma (17-2)

Tuesday's games (At TVCC, Ontario)

Game 4 — Parma, Payette or Homedale vs. Fruitland or Weiser, 6 p.m.

Game 5, championship — Parma, Payette or Homedale vs. Fruitland or Weiser, 8:15 p.m. (winner to State)

Feb. 13 game (7 p.m., at higher seed)

Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner (winner to State)

and the team that wins the Feb. 13 second-place game will earn passage into the 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament.

Friday: Parma 57, Homedale 15— The Panthers scored the game's first 20

points and held a 27-1 lead after eight minutes.

Homedale senior frontcourt player DeLaynie Dorsey hit a free throw with 3 minutes, 19 seconds left in the first half for the Trojans' only point in the game's first 8½ minutes.

Fellow senior Ashley Moore hit a jump shot 27 seconds into the second quarter for Homedale's first field goal. Moore also fed Dorsey for a layup with 4 minutes, 20 seconds left in the half for another bucket.

The Trojans' Amaia Aberasturi drained a three-point goal 2:43 before halftime as Parma's zone defense denied Homedale any penetration into the key.

No statistics from the game were provided.

Jan. 28: Fruitland 66, Homedale 24— The Grizzlies held the visiting Trojans to four second-quarter points to build a 44-15 halftime lead.

Gracie Dines scored six points to lead Homedale, which trailed, 22-11, after its best quarter of the night in the first period.

Dorsey scored four points and grabbed five rebounds.

Homedale committed 24 turnovers and managed just 40 shots in 32 minutes, connecting on 10 of them (25 percent).

No Fruitland statistics were provided.



Homedale High School senior Ashley Moore (left) reaches but can't make the play as she tries to take a rebound away from Parma defender Adyson Harris in Friday's Senior Night game on the Trojans' floor.

Homedale Trojans

Athlete Spotlight

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Girls' basketball
DeLaynie Dorsey, sr., F
4 points vs. Fruitland



Wrestling
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Girls' basketball Varsity

3A District III Tournament play-in game
Thursday, Feb. 6 at Payette, 7 p.m.

Junior varsity

3A Snake River Valley conference tournament (At Weiser H.S.)
Wednesday, Feb. 5, championship game (if nec.), opponent TBA, 7:30 p.m.

Freshman

3A Snake River Valley conference tournament (At Weiser H.S.)
Wednesday, Feb. 5, championship game (if nec.), opponent TBA, 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball Varsity

Wednesday, Feb. 12 at Fruitland, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity

Wednesday, Feb. 12 at Fruitland, 6 p.m.

Freshman

Wednesday, Feb. 12 at Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Wednesday, Feb. 5 at Payette, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 8 at Marsing POD Tournament, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 12, home vs. Parma (Senior Night), 5:30 p.m.

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Sports

✓ Melba: Mustangs have won trophies at each of past 3 state tourneys

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and Vandals play Thursday in Nampa.

A win Saturday will send the Mustangs to the 2A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament for the fourth consecutive season.

The Mustangs were state runners-up last year, finished third in 2018 and were the consolation champions in 2017.

Kortney Trappett dropped in 16 points for coach Dave Lenz's squad, kicking in eight

rebounds and four assists for good measure.

Kate Clark posted 12 points and five steals.

The Huskies (2-18, 2-10) got a team-leading 11 rebounds from Alana Larrusea, who also scored eight points.

Senior Autumn Bennett led Marsing with 16 points to go with seven boards.

Jade Wainman added six points and two rebounds.

Jessica Sevy made a free throw for her only point and had four rebounds.

2A District III Tournament

Tuesday's score
(Play-in game)

Game 1 — No. 7 Vision Charter (0-16) at No. 6 Marsing (2-18), (n)

Thursday's games
(Played at 7 p.m.)

Game 2 — No. 5 McCall-Donnelly (10-11) at No. 4 Nampa Christian (12-8)

Game 3 — Vision Charter or Marsing at No. 3 New Plymouth (15-5)

Saturday's games
(At Vallivue H.S., Caldwell)

Game 4 — No. 1 Melba (18-2) vs. Game 2 winner, 6 p.m. (winner to State)

Game 5 — No. 2 Cole Valley Christian (17-4) vs. Game 3 winner, 7:45 p.m. (winner to State)

Tuesday's games
(7 p.m., at higher seed)

Game 6 — Game 5 loser vs. Game 2 loser (loser eliminated)

Game 7 — Game 4 loser vs. Game 3 loser (loser eliminated)

Feb. 13 games
At Vallivue H.S., Caldwell

Third place — Game 6 winner vs. Game 7 winner, 6 p.m. (winner to State)

Championship — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 7:45 p.m.

✓ Raiders: Boys end losing streak with a pair of key conference victories

From Page 1B

Tournament.

Rimrock opens the district tournament at 7 p.m., on Thursday in Bruneau against either No. 8 seed Wilder (6-13) or ninth-seeded Victory Charter (3-13). Those squads competed in one of three district play-in games Tuesday after deadline in Wilder.

If Rimrock continues its winning ways on Thursday, the team will advance to the district semifinal against either No. 4 Riverstone International (11-6) or No. 5 Greenleaf Friends Academy (14-4). The semifinal winner will qualify for the 1A, Div. I Real Dairy Shootout state tournament.

The Raiders would play at 3 p.m., on Saturday at Columbia in Nampa if they lost their first-round game.

Rimrock's final week of the regular season also included a 59-34 win over Greenleaf Friends Academy, and it began with 46-40 non-conference win over Jordan Valley on the Mustangs' floor on Jan. 27.

Front row, from left: Seniors Riatta Rutan, and Laura Gasper, sophomore Gentry Kunsky, junior Samantha Jewett, sophomore Fabiola Gomez, senior Dally Rutan, and junior Mattie draper. Back row, from left: Senior Hannah Field, juniors Maddie Macmillan and Sintia Varela, Abby Eldridge, junior Emma Eldridge, and sophomore Treau Smith. Photo by coach Kyla Jewett

Boys

The Raiders surged with a pair of conference wins last week to snap a losing streak.

Rimrock (4-11, 3-4) crept into the middle of the pack in the 1A WIC with a 50-36 win

over North Star Charter on Friday in Bruneau.

The team also knocked off Greenleaf Friends Academy, 49-33, on Jan. 28.

The week began on Jan. 27 with a 54-37 non-conference loss to host Jordan Valley.

The Raiders traveled to Idaho City for a conference game Tuesday after deadline.

No statistics for either Rimrock squad were provided.

1A, Div. I District III Tournament for the next week

Tuesday's scores
(Play-in games)

No. 11 Idaho City (3-13) at No. 6 Ambrose (7-11), (n)

No. 10 Compass Charter (2-13) at No. 7 North Star Charter (6-10), (n)

No. 9 Victory Charter (3-13) at No. 8 Wilder (6-13), (n)

Thursday's games
(Played at 7 p.m.)

Game 1 — Victory Charter or Wilder at No. 1 Rimrock (20-1)

Game 2 — No. 5 Greenleaf Friends Academy (14-4) at No. 4 Riverstone International (11-6)

Game 3 — Idaho City or Ambrose at No. 3 Notus (13-4)

Game 4 — Compass Charter or North Star Charter at No. 2 Liberty Charter (14-7)

Saturday's games
(At Columbia H.S., Nampa)

Game 5 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 3 p.m.

Game 6 — Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 4:30 p.m.

Game 7 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 6 p.m.

Game 8 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday's games
(7 p.m., at higher seed)

Game 6 — Game 5 loser vs. Game 2 loser (loser eliminated)

Game 7 — Game 4 loser vs. Game 3 loser (loser eliminated)

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Looking back...

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25 years ago

Feb. 8, 1995



This old Singer sewing machine and the man behind the needle, Ken Bahem, are the heart of Ken’s Custom Tent and Canvas, Homedale’s newest store. Bahem will be producing his canvas wares right inside the shop.

New shop produces, sells canvas goods

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Ken Bahem, owner of Ken’s Custom Tent and Canvas, Homedale’s newest business, says he can fill most any canvas need, whether it’s with stock in his inventory or items that in most cases he can design himself.

Sleeping-bag covers; rifle, pistol and shotgun scabbards; mittens; fanny packs; saddle bags; harnesses; fish creels; and wood totes are all already in Bahem’s inventory.

“I want to run a regular store here,” Bahem states. “I didn’t want people to think they have to come in and order something.”

Parade date to be a week earlier

The date of this year’s Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Parade has some people in Homedale steamed.

Tradition has held that the parade be held on the final day of the fair, on Saturday. This year, however, it appears there will be a break with tradition.

Homedale’s sororities, which put on the event each year, have plans to move the parade to the Saturday before the fair and rodeo.

“We have a lot of conflict with the Caldwell parade,” says Diana Maxwell, vice president of the sororities’ City Council. “There’s people who want to be in it and can’t, and also by the end of the week everyone (locally) is so tired they don’t want to be in it.”

Some elements from within the Chamber, president Kevin Barlow says, contend that the parade “is one thing that the whole county is kind of involved in, and that a lot of people from Bruneau and Grand View don’t come up until Sunday or Monday.”

Homedale 63, McCall 49

Homedale bounced back from its Friday loss to Emmett with a convincing, 63-49 defeat of McCall on Saturday.

Although Homedale had built a couple double-digit leads to earlier in the ball game, McCall, largely behind the play of 6’ – 7’ center Jeremy Lund, who scored a game high 22 points in the contest, actually led by one in the early moments of the fourth quarter.

When it was all over Homedale had gone on a 19-6 run, allowing McCall only one field goal in the fourth quarter.

50 years ago

Feb. 5, 1970

Tolmie heads Homedale C of C others elected

Harold Tolmie is new president of the Homedale Chamber of Commerce, with Bill Bredy, vice president, and Cliff Turner, secretary-treasurer.

Three new directors were elected at the regular Chamber meeting, Jan 27, at the Owyhee Lanes dining room. They are Tolmie, Darryl Warwick and Ron Roland.

Holdover directors are Forrest Henson, Bill Bredy, Dale Jackson and Homer Anderson.

Following the regular meeting, the board met at the Idaho First National Bank at 2:30 o’clock and elected Tolmie and Bredy. Tolmie then appointed Turner, and stressed that the first order of business will be to conduct a membership drive. Committee appointments will be made from paid up membership, he said.

Homedale cagers whomp Parma quintet

Paul Pearson lobbed in 30 points Tuesday night at Parma as the Trojans swept to a 77-48 victory and stayed in contention for the Southwestern Idaho Conference basketball title.

The win gives the Trojans a 5-1 league record and a 13-2 overall mark while Parma is 9-6 on the year and 1-5 in loop play.

In addition to Pearson’s 30 points, Stan Zatica had 15 and Danny Uranga poured through 10 for the Trojans. Rob Johnson had 20 for Parma while Mike Gross hit 10.

Succor Crik Sam Sez:

“The legislature seems to think if they raise that tax increase from 4 per cent to a fifth most everybody will be happy.”

HIGH SCHOOL

The Future Homemakers of America of Homedale High School has chosen candidates for king and queen of the “Sweetheart Ball.”

Senior candidates are Jerry VanDerhoff and Jim Packer; juniors, Tonjia Hill and Craig Curtis; sophomores, Eileen George and Monte Duncan; freshman, Amy Yost and Doug Folger.

The king and queen will be chosen by penny vote. The dance will be held at the Washington Grade School. “Brother Tyme” will provide the music.

Jerome Bish serves aboard missile destroyer

Navy Petty Officer Second Class Jerome D. Bish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil R. Bish of Marsing, is serving aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Charles F. Adams with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea.

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Homedale Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pierce and Mrs. George King and small daughter of Eugene, Ore., came Sunday evening and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Benoit of John Day came on Monday and were house guests through Friday of Mrs. Lee Stutheit.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones of Nampa, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Stimmel and Mr. and Mrs. Manford Stimmel were Sunday dinner guests of the Frank Orrs.

145 years ago

Feb. 6, 1875

(From Thursday’s Daily.)

THE DANCE.-There was a large attendance at the Club dance last night and it was a very pleasant affair. At these social hops none of the frigid reserve and stiff formality of high toned balls are observable; every body pitches in with right good will and genuine sociability prevails. The establishment of a lunch stand in the ante room of the hall is a great accommodation, and saves people the trouble of ransacking their cupboards for a bone or a crust of bread after they go home. The stove in the dressing department is also a good thing, as matrons can now dump their babies down in a corner of the room, and enjoy themselves in tripping the light fantastic.

ICE IN THE OWYHEE.-The upward bound Winnemucca stage crossed the Owyhee river on the ice yesterday morning, and the weather is reported to be very cold down there. Cattle on the ranges in that locality are said to be dying off in great numbers. We are informed that Con Shea will lose at least two-thirds of the Oregon stock that he purchased last summer.

LONG HOURS.-It is said that the people of Jordan Valley, Oregon, can out-dance any other set of humans in the world. They start in at four o’clock in the afternoon and generally keep it up till nine o’clock the next morning without intermission. A jolly crew are those Jordan Valleyites.

Jordan Valley News.

Following is an extract from a private letter which we have just received from our old friend, D.D. Munger, of Jordan Valley:

“No news of importance, except that one of your townsmen, Mr. Pearson, the saddler, is about to capture one of Jordan Valley’s fair daughters in the person of Mrs. Johns, and thus end the fierce triangular war that has been waged for some time between Burt Hooker, Frank Cable and myself-and I am glad to see it end this way, for I had long since despaired of being able to rout my antagonists in the fight. The good people of this valley are enjoying themselves this winter, and sleighing and dancing are the order of the day.”

SCALY TIMES.-

Silver City is full of quacks and impostors. The contagion is spreading and many of our prominent citizens suddenly find themselves seized with an itching desire to deceive somebody — even, most intimate friendship is no guard against their wiles. Those two Jims — Crutcher and Graham — as prime a brace of practical jokers as ever breathed the breath of life, sallied forth last night with a curiously contrived and ingeniously constructed little box, the handi-work of another gay deceiver named Louis Eckhart. Some people bit at it and got bit, while others, more wary, would have nothing to do with it. By pulling back a slide in the box a fierce looking serpent’s head would dart out and dab the unsuspecting in the knuckles with its fangs, a pinpoint inserted in the mouth of the bogus reptile. Judging from the hearty laughs that would spring up occasionally around town, there must have been quite a number who saw and felt the point of the joke.

Sports

Younger Rimrock girls get job done, too

The Rimrock High School junior varsity girls' basketball team proved a strong developmental team is key, too. The second-seeded Raiders blew out Liberty Charter, 44-22, in Nampa to win the 1A Western Idaho Conference Tournament on Saturday. Sophomore Fabiola Gomez scored 16 points to lead Rimrock (13-3 overall), which avenged its only 1A WIC loss. Gomez also scored 16 points

in a 51-41 semifinal win against Ambrose. Freshman Dallyn Hipwell averaged 9.5 points per game in the two-game title run, while junior Mattie Draper had 13 points in the tournament. Paden Winings and Treau Smith anchored the Raiders' defensive efforts. Marc Caron coached Rimrock, which was 7-1 in conference play. Kyla Jewett served as assistant coach.



Back row, from left: Assistant coach Kyla Jewett, freshman Dallyn Hipwell, sophomore Treau Smith, sophomore Ally Ramirez, juniors Emma Eldridge and Mattie Draper, sophomore Xochitl Flores, and coach Marc Caron. Front row, from left: Freshman Maklay Moore, sophomores Paden Winings, Gentry Kunsky, Magaly Araujo, and Fabiola Gomez. Photo from Bruneau-Grand View School District Facebook page

✓ Marsing: Ankeny logs double-double in easy win over Vision Charter

From Page 1B final period. "The second half at McCall was our best 16 minutes of the season, on both ends of the court," Little said. "(The team) took care of the ball, worked for good looks while being patient, and finally hit some free throws during crunch time. "(They) came up with some great defensive stops to secure that difficult road game." Point guards Joaquin Oliveros and Dom Enrico spent a lot of time on the court — 29 and 21 minutes, respectively. The two combined for just one turnover in the game. "Both of them controlled and calmed our team as Mc-

Call attempted to do everything they could to get the ball back the last four minutes of the game," Little said. Little noted the large number of turnovers the team has had the past several games, and said the athletes implemented some things that they had recently worked on and talked about in practice. "It provided our team with some confidence, as McCall worked hard to take away our inside presence," the coach said. Junior post Jacob Ankeny led the team with 11 rebounds, and despite troubles with his shot, added eight points. Oliveros tied Ankeny with his eight points and added

three assists. He hit a pair of treys. Junior Rogelio Valadez hit all six of his free throws in crunch time and added a three-pointer to finish with nine points and a pair of boards. Cash Sevy added four points to close out the Huskies' scoring. Friday: Marsing 55, Vision Charter 35 — The Huskies completed a season-sweep of the visiting Golden Eagles (1-16, 0-9). Ankeny had a huge game for Marsing, scoring 20 points on 9-of-10 shooting and sinking both of his free throws. He also pulled down a team-high 12 boards. Sevy added 12 points and

four steals. Hall was second on the team with eight rebounds, while scoring nine. Oliveros scored six and had five rebounds. Senior Brady Dines five rebounds off the bench. Tuesday: Marsing 30, New Plymouth 29 — The Huskies overcame a rough shooting night and survived the host Pilgrims' attempt at a game-winning shot in the final seconds. Marsing shot just 13-for-41 (31.7 percent) in the game. "The team was up seven with two minutes left, (when) New Plymouth pulled within one and had a look at the end to win the game but it didn't

fall," Little said. "Defense was the key again." The Huskies are holding teams to 30 points per game. "Thank goodness," Little said. "Offensively, we are struggling." Oliveros had a solid all-around game, scoring 11 points, pulling down four boards, dishing out three assists, and recording five steals. Ankeny had just five shots, but finished with seven points and eight boards. Sevy added six points, and Valadez chipped in four. Hall struggled for his two points, hitting just one of six shots. He did pull down five rebounds. — TK

MARSING HUSKIES

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Boys' basketball
Joaquin Oliveros, sr., G
Averaged 8.3 points in three games

Girls' basketball
Leticia Garcia, sr., G
8 points in final home game of career

Wrestling
Evan Miller, jr., 126 pounds
7 wins in tournaments this season

Girls' basketball
Varsity
2A District III Tournament
(If won Tuesday)
Thursday, Feb 6 at New Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity
Season complete

Wrestling
Saturday, Feb. 8, home for Marsing POD Tournament, 10 a.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Friday, Feb. 7 at Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 10 at Cole Valley Christian, Meridian, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 12, home vs. Melba (Senior Night), 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A
Friday, Feb. 7 at Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.
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Go Huskies!

Sports

Adrian's Tyler Reay all-academic at C of I one last time

An Adrian High School graduate closed his college football career with another academic all-conference honor.

Tyler Reay, who was a tight end for The College of Idaho's NAIA national quarterfinal team in the fall, was among more than two dozens Coyotes named

to the Frontier Conference's Academic All-Conference team on Jan. 28.

To be eligible, student-athletes must be at least a sophomore, maintain a 3.0 grade-point average and be enrolled in their respective school for the previous two semesters.

Reay is the son of Mike and Brenda Reay of Adrian. His mother is a teacher at Homedale Middle School.

The 6-foot, 3-inch, 225-pounder has been part of the conference's all-academic team each season he has played for the Coyotes, dating to 2016. The Business major was part of the

Google Cloud Academic All-District Team as a sophomore and junior, and was a NAIA Scholar-Athlete last season.

Reay earned the 1A Oregon state player of the year award in 2014 when he helped Adrian to a state championship.

He is a 2015 graduate of Adrian.



Tyler Reay

✓ Football: Parents, athletes don't want to lose Friday Night Lights

From Page 1B

suggested Marsing consider playing a junior varsity schedule to give other teams in the conference the opportunity to schedule better competition in preparation for the state playoffs.

Three options were formulated in the wake of that Jan. 8 meeting:

- Play a JV-only schedule against both conference and non-conference opponents
- Play a JV schedule in the 2A WIC — moving games to 6 p.m., on Thursday — and play a varsity schedule against four non-conference opponents on Fridays
- Keep the status quo and continue to play a full varsity schedule

Little said ADs from Cole Valley Christian, Nampa Christian, Melba, and New Plymouth figured that Marsing would be able to strengthen its numbers, improve players' skills, enhance player safety and avoid program extinction by dropping down to JV.

The majority of patrons who spoke last Wednesday didn't see it that way.

"Moving the team to a junior varsity schedule opens the door to cancelling the program, and I don't want to live in a town without football," four-year Marsing resident Casey Smith said.

"We need juniors and seniors to lead the younger classmates. As a community, we need to rally around these young men and repair a broken program."

Middle school coach Patrick Lisky said the answer was stability in the coaching position. He told the board that he planned to put in for the varsity job, which is vacant for the fourth time in as many years after Dan Charters resigned two weeks ago.

Stewart said Thursday that no one had submitted formal applications yet.

Lisky also pointed out that a JV schedule would mean



Left: Marsing High School football player Carter Clay points to Huskies assistant coach Barry Butler as he talks about the program at last Wednesday's public meeting. Right: JW Chadez gives his views on how the football program should move forward.



juniors and seniors wouldn't be eligible for all-conference teams and would miss out on senior all-star games.

"If you play JV, those kids are missing out on recognition," he said. "You need a local coach with local ties who will constantly bond with the kids."

Lisky said the loss of varsity football — just like the loss of baseball last spring — would push student-athletes out of the district and toward other programs and further diminish the school's athletics.

Participation in high school sports nationwide has fallen off eight percent. The lack of stability in the program has also led to a propensity for injury because of a lack of consistent fundamental teaching, one speaker said.

The key, many said, was getting the community involved in recruiting and retaining athletes.

The fabled "Friday Night Lights" would be dimmed with a JV schedule, another speaker said.

Little pointed out that a varsity letter would be awarded despite playing a JV schedule, but some parents said their

student-athletes would look back on the letter as a hollow achievement.

Football mother Kelly Ineck, whose three sons have pulled on the blue-and-gold, said playing at the highest level, even on a losing squad, is her children's preference.

"It sucks to watch your kid lose, but my kids like playing varsity sports," she said.

"I've asked some kids, and I don't think they'd be proud to walk away with a varsity letter when they played JV."

JW Chadez, another man known for coaching the town's youth, was on the other side of the issue. He said that because of a lack of participation, the middle school football eighth-grade program has been suspended each of the past two years. The seventh-graders dropped down to play an Optimist schedule because of a size difference and injury fears.

Just like Lisky, Chadez pointed out that the younger crop of players in town are talented and could make some noise — if the high school program stayed intact to give them a reason to keep playing.

"I get it that we want to be varsity. I get it," Chadez, a former Huskies athlete, said. "But it's the same thing over and over."

Chadez said small rosters in recent years have forced younger, underdeveloped players to contribute on varsity when they're not ready. The results are injuries and discouragement, he said.

According to the meeting handout, Marsing is poised to have nine seniors and as few as 22 players total next season. In 2021, the number ticks up slightly to 26 players, but perhaps as many as half of those (and at least 12) will be ninth-graders.

Audience members were given the opportunity to vote for their favored option with sticky tabs on a white board in the back of the room.

After the public vote, the board chose the full varsity option, which will be re-evaluated prior to the 2023-24 school year.

Idaho High School Activities Association conference realignment — which occurs every two years — made an imminent decision necessary.

Little told the crowd that the 2A WIC will lose McCall-Donnelly and gain Compass Charter, which is now a 1A, Div. I school, because of increased enrollment in those high schools.

District officials organized last week's meeting to explore the next step for a program that has floundered in recent years — on the field, in the locker room and at head coach.

Instability at the top is probably one factor in both the dwindling athlete numbers and lack of success.

But 12 football players — mostly underclassmen but a couple seniors who completed their prep careers last fall — stood up at the end of the public comment period last Wednesday and expressed their desire to keep plugging along at the varsity level.

Agreeing with a majority of adults who addressed the trustees, the teenagers reasoned that winning a varsity letter for playing JV-caliber ball — which would be allowed under the proposal — would leave them with a hollow feeling later in life.

— JPB

Sports

District's top seeds bury Marsing

Huskies show grit on Senior Night

Marsing High School stumbled into the 2A District III girls' basketball tournament after a pair of big losses to conference foes.

After closing the 2A Western Idaho Conference season, the Huskies found themselves playing host to the district play-in game against Vision Charter on Tuesday night after deadline.

Sixth-seeded Marsing (2-18 overall, 2-10 in the 2A WIC) collected both their regular-season wins against the No. 7 Golden Eagles (0-16, 0-12).

The Huskies ended the regular season with an 85-32 loss to top-seeded Melba on Thursday in Canyon County.

Jan. 28: Cole Valley Christian 68, Marsing 29 — Despite showing moments of tenacious play on defense, the Huskies' difficulty with handling the ball made this game a tough one to hang around in.

The Chargers showed constant backcourt pressure, and Marsing was just not able to overcome it on Senior Night.

Cole Valley (17-4, 10-2) received an opening-round bye in the district tournament with the No. 2 seed.

After Bennett's early three-pointer pulled the Huskies within a point, 4-3, Cole Valley Christian rattled off 24 straight points.

Thirty seconds into the second quarter, the Chargers led 28-3.

Marsing was just 1-for-9 on field-goal attempts and had committed 14 turnovers before Bennett connected on a jump shot, breaking the long scoring drought.

Bennett continued her gritty play. She missed a shot midway through the second quarter, then stole the ball away



Marsing senior Leticia Garcia gets around Cole Valley Christian's Savannah Khoury for a layup late in the first half on Jan. 28.

from the Chargers' 6-foot-4 Madeline Cooke and put in a layup to bring the score to 30-7 with just over six minutes left in the half.

With 3:45 left in the half, senior Jessica Sevy dove to the floor for a rebound, fighting for the ball with a pair of Chargers in the Marsing key. Sevy wound up rolled up into something resembling what is called a "small package" hold in wrestling, but never let go of the rock.

Before awarding the ball to the Huskies, a referee asked Sevy if she was alright.

"I'm good! I'm good," she said in exasperation.

Senior guard Leticia Garcia fired up the home crowd late

in the first half with two consecutive driving layups.

Senior Rylee Loucks's free throw and Larrusea's jump shot provided the only other Huskies' scoring in the first half.

Going into the locker room, Marsing trailed 47-16.

Despite defensive heroics throughout the game, the Huskies couldn't overcome the deficit, giving up 21 more points after the break.

Bennett led the Huskies with nine points, and added four rebounds, two assists and three steals.

Garcia added eight points, and Larrusea put up six.

Sevy led the team with her six boards.

Early deficit pushes Trojans down in SRV

An anemic second quarter closed a cold first half in Homedale High School's boys' basketball loss on Saturday.

Weiser went on a run before intermission to secure a 56-43 home-court win in 3A Snake River Valley conference afternoon action.

The Wolverines' took control of the game with a 17-2 run in the second quarter to take a one-game lead over Parma and Homedale for second place in the conference.

Homedale (7-11 overall, 2-3 in conference) played Payette after deadline Tuesday, while Weiser and Parma faced off.

The Trojans beat the Panthers, 54-38, on Thursday, but both teams are three games behind conference-leading Fruitland with three games left in the season.

Homedale couldn't find traction against Weiser, shooting 18.8 percent (3-for-16) in the first 16 minutes. The team was 1-for-11 from behind the three-point line in the first half.

Homedale tried to claw back in the second half with six three-pointers.

Senior Daniel Uranga led the Trojans with 14 points, including three three-pointers, but freshman Jaxon Dines — Homedale's leading scorer this season — was held to nine points.

Weiser sophomore Brett Spencer hit five three-pointers on the way to a game-high 21 points. Teammate Ande Jensen was 6-for-6 from the foul line en route to 11 points.

The Wolverines had a big advantage from the free-throw line, converting 15 of 20 chances. The Trojans only took three free throws over 32 minutes.

Thursday: Homedale 54, Parma 38 — The three-pointers were flying again for the Trojans, who nailed nine to account for half of their total in a conference road win against the Panthers.

Homedale started fast with 20 points in the first eight minutes and held a 28-18 halftime

Homedale senior class ready for cake auction

The Homedale High School Class of 2020 is planning a cake auction on the boys' basketball team's Senior Night.

The Trojans will close the 3A Snake River Valley conference season on Friday, Feb. 14 against Parma. Tipoff is 7:30 p.m., and the auction takes place at halftime.

Seniors are asked to bring baked goods to the game for the auction.

Anyone interested in donating baked goods can contact seniors Lexi Franko, Shanlee Swallow, or Lily Galvan, or senior class advisor Randy Lyons at (208) 337-4613 or rlyons@homedaleschools.org.

edge. Senior Nelson Lomeli knocked down three of five chances from beyond the line for the bulk of his 13 points.

Dines hit three treys, too, and led all scorers with 16 points. He was 3-for-4 from within the three-point line and grabbed four rebounds.

Lomeli led the team with five rebounds and shared the team lead with four boards.

Mason Strong, a ninth-grader who scored six points on 2-for-3 three-point shooting, also had four rebounds.

Uranga was perfect from the floor on the night, netting eight points on four shots.

The Trojans connected on 21 of 40 shots (52.5 percent), including 42.9 percent of their three-point attempts (9-for-21).

Joe Shaw and Kyle Powers scored 11 points apiece to pace Parma.

Melba boys stumble against McCall

A crucial loss takes a little shine off of today's Melba High School's boys' basketball matchup with Nampa Christian.

The host Mustangs fell, 60-56, to McCall-Donnelly last Wednesday in a 2A Western Idaho Conference game.

The setback dropped Melba (10-6 overall, 3-5 in conference) two games behind second-place Nampa Christian. The loss denied the Mustangs a shot at second place as the second half of the conference season gets rolling.

The Vandals (9-3, 4-3) maintained its tie with Cole Valley Christian for fourth place.

The Mustangs put two scorers in double figures against McCall-Donnelly, led by Caleb Fong's game-high 19 points.

Fong also had seven assists, while Henry Clark chimed in with 11 points.

Easton Bunnell led the rebounding again with 12 boards.

McCall-Donnelly, which is leaving the 2A WIC after the 2019-20 season, received 16 points apiece from Peter Knudson and Isaac Speirs.

DJ Green chipped in 14 points for the visitors.

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Carol’s story



Carol’s story is just another glamorous tale of a city girl who married a romantic Nebraska Sandhills rancher years ago and became a “vocational COW assistant” for life. “So what exactly do you want me to do?” she asked. “Take the pickup (she didn’t learn to drive till she was 29) then go out there to the Big Pasture (the dreaded Big Pasture where one grass-covered hill looks like the next one to her). Start way back there at the gate in the Middle Pasture where we have the heifers now and honk. They’ll come follow you, and we’ll just run ’em up through the Big Pasture and put ’em where they used to be. (she lost him right after “you take the pickup”).

“Don’t get too close to that gate if it’s surrounded by water because even in 4-wheel drive you could bury this thing up to the hubcaps (she made a mental note to check behind the seat for a life jacket).

“On second thought, go through the Middle Pasture past the old schoolhouse to the windmill with the green gate panels. Then bring the heifers out that gate with the staple in it into the Big Pasture (Oh, no. The Staple Gate! Wonder Woman herself couldn’t open that gate with her golden lasso and a come-a-long). Then you’ll have a straight shot to the last gate where Gene bucked off the roan colt (in 2012) which leads to where the heifers used to be.

“I’m gonna take the four-wheeler and go through the other gate where the heifers were ’cause it’s closer to the mineral feeder and I can check that windmill while I’m there and fill the feeder. See ya in a bit.”

A bit passes.

“Where were you?” he asked. “I moved the heifers by myself and fixed another windmill. When you didn’t show up, I started lookin’. What are you doin’ back here anyway? You could have come out the other gate. You were closer to it, ya know.”

She took a deep breath and replied bravely, “I got the heifers through the Staple Gate, but it took so long to close it I turned the wrong way. I followed the road to the windmill we’d checked and realized I’d gone too far (not to mention the heifers disappeared). So I remembered what you’d told me, ‘If you ever get lost in the Big Pasture get up high, then you can see fence. Go to the fence and follow it to a gate.’ (Which is as useless a piece of information to someone like her as finding your way home by looking for moss growing on the north side of trees when you’re lost in the woods).

“So I climbed this hill and dropped into a bull hole (buffalo waller for you okies). The truck made ‘that noise’ and stopped (“that noise” that causes anyone who doesn’t like hiking to break out in a cold sweat). I managed to back the truck out and come back the way I came till I found the Staple Gate where I’ve been waiting for you to find me.”

“Hmm,” he says and loads the four-wheeler in the pickup and they start back to the house. He drives. As they bounce along the sandy track, he puts his hand on her knee and she rests her hand on his shoulder. The truck is still making “that noise,” but it doesn’t bother them. They’re pardners. Together they can handle anything.

— 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*.

Dave Shenk, Homedale resident

Ag issues Action needed against drones on private property



Recently we have experienced very low-level, close-proximity drone intrusions above my property near my home site and feedlot. I raised concerns with the sheriff’s office and was told there is very little if anything I could do about it.

Here is what I found out:

- It is legal for drone operators to fly their crafts at a low level over your residence.
- If they are videoing, using a camera or gathering information without your knowledge or written consent it’s illegal, but nearly impossible to prove.
- Rights to interfere are questionable at best. One thing is for sure: Don’t shoot it down unless you want to update the owner’s craft by purchasing them a new one; they are protected by FAA regulations.

• I was advised (correctly so) to call the sheriff’s office.

The instructions given by the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office are correct but not very practical for obvious reasons:

- Because of the time of flight due to battery life, the craft will have returned to the pilot.
- Proving where the drone originated from would be very difficult at best.

Idaho law provides that, absent a warrant and except for emergencies, no person or state agency

— See *Drones*, Page 9B

Letter to the editor OCD management model sorely needed elsewhere

I was greatly honored to be chosen first recipient of the Owyhee Conservation District’s Ray Mansisor Award.

Ray is highly regarded for his contributions furthering the Owyhee agricultural base. As a member of the Greatest Generation, his can-do attitude will continue to guide the district in the future.

Concerns facing Owyhee County are evident in neighboring Canyon and Ada counties where development is rapidly shifting to urbanization. Pressure is also focused on nearby public lands where, unlike with the conservation district, management is often emotionally and/or politically motivated — minus science.

Mike F. Hanley IV
Jordan Valley

Letters to the editor

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Glenn Mollette, syndicated columnist

Dealing with loss Lessening the shock, burden of sudden death



The world was shocked Jan. 26 by the sudden death of Kobe Bryant, his daughter Gianna and seven others. A helicopter that spiraled through a California sky and crashed took the life of one of the world’s greatest basketball players. During his career, Bryant had played 20 years for the Los Angeles Lakers, leading them to five NBA championships and scoring an amazing 33,643 points. This is currently the fourth-highest NBA scoring total.

Some of us remember exactly where we were when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. We remember where we heard John Lennon had been murdered or where we were when Martin Luther King Jr. was murdered or when the Space Shuttle Challenger flight exploded in space. For years now, we will remember where we were and what we were doing the day Kobe was killed.

We are shocked that someone so young, famous, and so loved and idolized by so many could be snuffed out of this life so suddenly at the age of 41. Kobe had a worldwide fan base. He was worth hundreds of millions of dollars. He was loved and adored. He and his daughter were on their way to a basketball game. He was involved in the lives of his children and family.

Death often shocks us. We are not shocked when someone is terminal for a long time. We are not shocked when an elderly person dies. We are sad but not shocked. We are shocked when the young, the rich and the famous are suddenly taken from us with no warning.

— See *Shock*, Page 9B

Commentary

Financial management

Act like a grown-up: Have patience to stick to a plan

Dear Dave,

We're debt-free except for our home, and we'll have our fully funded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses — we've agreed on six months' worth — saved up by the end of February. We're also setting aside a little each month to buy a newer car with cash later. We're about \$5,000 from our car fund goal, but my husband is getting impatient. He wants us to go ahead and finance the remainder because it's a relatively small amount. He has tried to justify this by mentioning that you don't seem to have a problem with people borrowing money to buy a house. Could you explain the difference?

— Lana

Dear Lana,

OK, first things first. I don't like debt of *any* kind. I don't really like borrowing for a house, but I'm not unreasonable.

I tolerate mortgage loans, as long as people use a 15-year, fixed-rate mortgage, with payments that are no more than a fourth of their monthly take-home pay. A house is often the largest purchase in a person's life, and one most people can't achieve based solely on saving. I still recommend, however, setting aside as much as possible for a down payment before taking out a mortgage.

Here's the thing. Cars go down in value, while traditional



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homes generally increase in value substantially over the years. Plus, you can get an absolutely great, pre-owned car for \$10,000 to \$15,000.

This is an amount that, in my mind, is doable over the course of several months through determined saving and living on a budget. Depending on where you live, a good home can cost 10 to 20 times that much.

The best way to build wealth and have a secure financial life is to stay away from debt. This means getting out of mortgage debt as quickly as possible, too.

You're never going to win with money if you can't learn to delay pleasure.

Everyone has that little kid inside them, and that little kid wants everything he or she wants *right now*.

Your husband is asking

a normal question, but he's dangerously close to letting that immature little kid out. It happens to all of us once in a while, but we have to grow to a point as adults where we tell that little kid no!

— Dave

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✓ Drones: Unregulated flight raises concerns of bio-terrorism, privacy

From Page 8B

can use an unmanned aircraft to intentionally conduct surveillance of or gather information about a targeted person or property without written consent. The statute is very ambiguous at best because in all likelihood it couldn't be proven that the statute was violated.

In short, any information or video/pictures will remain with the operators because it would be very unlikely that you or the sheriff's office could provide enough evidence to show probable cause to obtain a search warrant to even determine if they had violated the statute.

The most recent intrusion by a drone flew directly over our cattle pens. If these cattle would have been new arrivals, there would have been the high possibility of stampeding them and causing pen pile-ups and losses because of injury. This is difficult to prove, and much more difficult to collect losses if proven.

Confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs)

today are very aware of the comings and goings of unauthorized persons and can restrict (legally) such intrusions because of bio-terrorism threats whether they be aerosol dispersal or feed contamination of any infectious pathogen.

Drones on the other hand, can, and do operate with near impunity, it seems.

What about our farmers who grow edible crops (asparagus, sweet corn, watermelons/cantaloupes and so on) that would be at risk for biological contaminations by a drone with little or no recourse because of difficulty of restricting airspace around any enterprise?

I not only have these concerns but also have concerns of privacy; I don't like my grandchildren, my business or my property being exposed to such an intrusion. The unregulated use of a drone is an open invitation for the sticky-fingered, malicious and possibly perverse citizens obviously present in our county.

I told the sheriff, "If there is disturbance to the

cattle, I will shoot down the drone," knowing it might be the cheapest liability choice I could make to protect a customer's cattle.

There is currently legislation being proposed to address some of these issues along with others that have been identified. I ask my fellow citizens to contact their local representatives and ask them to carefully consider these concerns and any that I haven't mentioned and take action.

(Editor's note: House bill No. 376 was introduced into the House Transportation and Defense Committee last Wednesday and referred for printing. It would prohibit in some cases the use of unmanned aircraft for surveillance on specifically targeted people or private property).

I am a law-abiding citizen, but will protect my family and business. Come on legislators, do what we pay you to do so we don't have to.

— *Homedale-area resident Dave Shenk operates a feedlot as part of his business.*

✓ Shock: Make every day count, respect others and be kind to everyone

From Page 8B

A couple of years ago, we were saddened by the loss of my wife's mother. She had been sick a long time, but we were not shocked by her death. One morning in 2015, we received a phone call that my wife's father had suddenly died with heart failure while driving his car. My wife fell to the floor in pain, tears and heart-wrenching distress. We were shocked beyond belief that her active, hard-working, loving father who seemed to always keep the world turning had suddenly died.

Death may always sadden us but may not always shock us. The deaths that shock us leave us reeling, feeling like the floor has been pulled from underneath us and that we will never stop falling and hurting from the pain of someone's sudden death.

Any of us can and may die suddenly. How can we prepare? We can't. However, we can make every day count now. Love people. Talk to people. Hug people. Say things to people that you won't regret or that you will be glad you said. Live in such a way with people so that when sudden death occurs you or they are not left devastated but can at least feel relieved that you treated each other the right way. Get your will together, be at peace with God and people and live each day without regret.

— *Syndicated columnist and author Dr. Glenn Mollette is the founder of Newburgh Theological Seminary in Newburgh, Ind. His latest book is "Uncommon Sense," and he also has music available through iTunes and all music dealers. Visit www.glennmollette.com www.facebook.com/glennmollette.*

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Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

On February 11, 2020 beginning at 6:00 pm, the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners will hear public comments in Courtroom 1 of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho on the following matter:

Beginning at 6:00 pm, the Board will hold a public comment meeting concerning a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission proposing rezoning of certain lands from Marsing to the Sinker Creek area. The public meeting will run from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Citizens are welcome to attend any time between those hours. This meeting is for unincorporated Owyhee County only and does not pertain to any land inside city limits.

Copies of proposed maps are available for review in the Planning and Zoning office and can also be viewed at www.owyheecounty.net under the Community Development tab. For additional information please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2.
01/15,02/05/2020

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

On February 24, 2020, the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners will hear testimony in Courtroom 2 of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho on the following matter:

Beginning at 10:00 am, the Board will continue a hearing previously brought before them on October 7, 2019, a request filed by **H. Richard Hill and Gary L. Ackerman** seeking approval to vacate approximately 4 acres of the Trinity Rock Subdivision plat. The subject property is located at 11775 Snake River Ln. Melba, Idaho. The subject parcel, RP002700010010A, is approximately 12 acres in size and is located in an agricultural zone situated in a portion of the NW¼ of the NE¼ of Section 20, Township 1 South, Range 2 West,

Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

A copy of the application is available for review in the Planning and Zoning office. For additional information please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2.
2/5,12/2020

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR ESTABLISHING IRRIGATION PERMIT FEES CITY OF MARSING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tuesday, the 11th day of February, 2020, at the hour of 7:00 o'clock p.m., at 425 Main Street, Marsing, Idaho, the City of Marsing will hold a public hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments regarding the proposed fee schedule changes to establish irrigation permit fees and as the time and place when and where the City Council will consider and hear all comments thereto which may also be made in writing and filed with the City Clerk on or before said time.
01/29,02/05/2020

LIEN SALE
Unit J-30 Lisette Garza, 26701 Homedale Rd, Wilder Idaho 83676. Unit containing living room set with coffee table.

Unit J-18 Jesus Martinez, 613 C Ave, Wilder Idaho, 836976. Unit containing couches, chairs TV.
Unit F-11 Jesus Martinez, 613 C Ave Wilder Idaho 83676. Unit containing refrigerator, projection TV, and misc. household items.
Sealed bid auction will be held at 3685 Hwy 95 Homedale on 02-12-2020 and will end at 3:30 pm. Sealed bid will be accepted from the first posting until the auction day. All payments will be cash and units will be emptied and swept out on the action day.
01/29,02/5/2020

NOTICE
The annual meeting of the South Side Bruneau Canal Company will be held at the Idaho Power Jacks Creek Office in Bruneau on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.
02/05/2020

NOTICE
The annual meeting of the Hot Springs Ditch Company will be held at the Idaho Power Jacks

CITY OF MARSING				
Quarterly Expenditure & Revenue Report				
1st FISCAL QUARTER, FY 2019/2020				
FUND	BUDGET AMOUNT	Expended to Date	% of Budget Expended	Revenue to Date
01 General	\$ 830,718.00	\$ 56,257.20	6.77%	\$ 67,073.78
Law Enforcement	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 8,766.35	25.05%	
02 Roads & Streets	\$ 344,593.00	\$ 19,796.89	5.75%	\$ 25,985.98
03 Parks	\$ 277,871.00	\$ 25,083.45	9.03%	\$ 5,072.37
05 Planning & Zoning	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 17,924.61	30.90%	\$ 14,440.65
Sub-Total	\$ 1,546,182.00	\$ 127,828.50	8.27%	\$ 112,572.78
25 Water	\$ 1,391,501.00	\$ 146,763.70	10.55%	\$ 81,641.06
29 Irrigation	\$ 68,108.00	\$ 11,350.02	16.66%	\$ 7,938.22
30 Sanitation	\$ 92,870.00	\$ 25,013.58	26.93%	\$ 17,771.92
35 Sewer	\$ 1,041,252.00	\$ 41,685.00	4.00%	\$ 51,576.75
Sub-Total	\$ 2,593,731.00	\$ 224,812.30	8.67%	\$ 158,927.95
TOTAL (all funds)	\$4,139,913.00	\$ 352,640.80	8.52%	\$ 271,500.73

The General Public is invited to inspect all supporting documents for the above Financial Statement at City Hall during regular business hours. Financial figures may include fund transfers, service charges, refunds, reimbursements and other accountig procedures

Dec. 31, 2019
Jolyn E. Green
City Clerk-Treasurer
01/29,02/05/2020

Creek Office in Bruneau on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.
02/05/2020

NOTICE OF PETITION AND HEARING (I.C. 15-1-401) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

CASE NO. CV37-19-00419
In the Matter of the Estate of: ANSELMO “SAM” ZAMUDIO, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of November, 2019, Jeremy C. Younggren, Deputy Attorney General, filed a petition for formal adjudication of intestacy and formal appointment of personal representative.

A copy of the petition is on file with the Clerk of the Court and may be reviewed upon request.
DATED this 14th day of January, 2020.
s : / J E R E M Y C . YOUNGGREN
Deputy Attorney General
1/22,29,2/5/2020

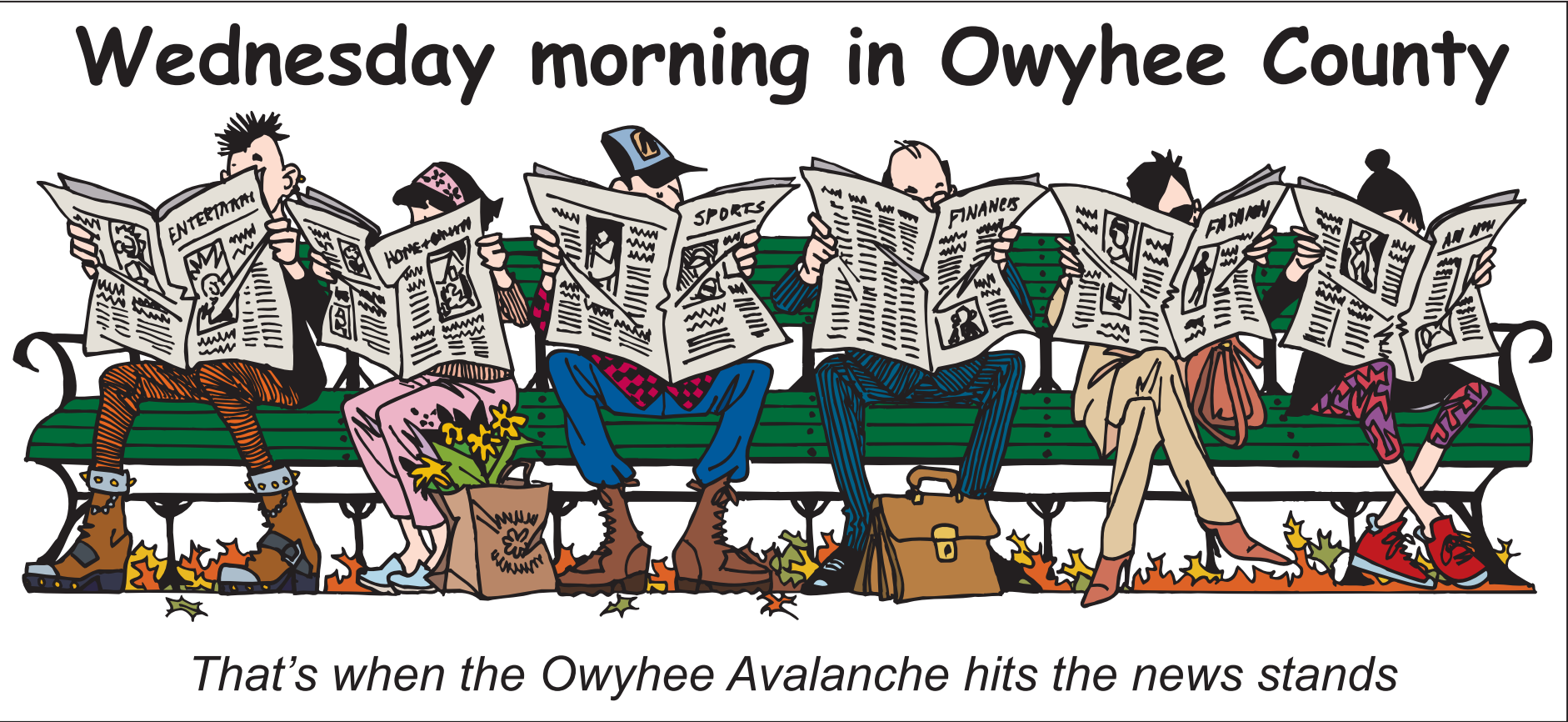
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Use: DIVERSION TO STORAGE 11/16 to 02/28 2 CFS
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Total Use: 2 CFS, 200 AF
Date Filed: 12/18/2019
Place Of Use: WILDLIFE STORAGE
T04S R01E S1 NWSE SWSE
T04S R01E S12 NWNE SWNE NESE NWSE SWSE SESE
T04S R01E S13 NENE NWNE
GARY SPACKMAN, Director
02/05,12/2020

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF WATER PERMIT
JOYCE LIVESTOCK CO. of 14568 JOYCE RANCH RD, MURPHY ID 83650 filed an application for amendment on October 9, 2015 to amend a water permit no. 57-7522 with a 1990 priority from groundwater totaling 3.92 cfs for irrigation.

The permit provides irrigation water for property located off of Tyson Rd in Owyhee County. The applicant proposes to amend the permit to remove the ambiguous permitting condition augmenting senior surface water flows, and to change the Place of Use to include SW NW Twn 3S, Rge 1W sec 16. Limits of the permit authorizing 3.92 cfs on 264 acres will not be exceeded.

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) or proposed amendment(s), please see . Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code §§ 42-203A and 42-211. 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 02/24/2020. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.
GARY SPACKMAN, Director
02/05,12/2020



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HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED: Seeking a part time Library Director for the Lizard Butte Library in Marsing. Job duties include: Acquiring library materials; Hire and supervise library employees; Coordinate and supervise library volunteers; Serve as secretary to the Board of Trustees; Budgeting and financial management; Fund procurement practices and procedures including levy and bond elections and grant writing; Maintain an active working relationship with the educational community and other libraries; Perform public information, marketing, and community relations tasks; Technology software and hardware, mobile devices and apps; Computer skills needed: Windows 10, Quickbooks and Excel, Internet social media. 19 to 21 hours a week. Position open until filled. Send resume by mail to Lizard Butte Library, Attn: Board of Trustees, P.O. Box 60, Marsing, ID 83639. You may also Email to: lizardbuttelibrary@yahoo.com
The University of Idaho-Owyhee County Extension office is seeking applicants for the position of Extension administrative assistant. This is a full-time 40 hours/week position with full county benefits including insurance, paid holidays and vacation. We are looking for an individual with a positive attitude and excellent work ethic to join our office team. This individual will provide office support for multiple team members. It requires good knowledge of office support functions including word processing, gathering/compiling data, writing and editing documents, and computer skills. The administrative assistant will track office expenditures using QuickBooks software. Maintenance of the office webpages using WordPress is also an essential responsibility of the position. The successful candidate must be organized, detail oriented, and able to work independently. Accounting/QuickBooks experience is required. For a complete job description and application details, please contact Scott Jensen at scottj@uidaho.edu. Application period closes February 7, 2020.
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IDAHO LEGISLATURE 2020 SESSION

Zito’s effort to end daylight saving time springs to life

Health effects, time zone considerations at forefront of debate on clock changes

by Riley Haun

UI McClure Center intern

A bill that would exempt Idaho from observing daylight saving time will move to the House floor after members of the House State Affairs committee voted to approve it last Wednesday.

“The point here is stopping the change,” House Bill 358 sponsor Dist. 23A Rep. Christy Zito (R-Hammett) told the committee. “This can be done right now. We can work on other things — like time zones between Northern and Southern Idaho, or maybe going to permanent daylight saving time — later.”

Zito said that while opting out of daylight saving time can be done easily on the state level, making the jump forward permanently requires approval from Congress, as would any changes to time zones.

Stopping the twice-yearly clock change “is about protecting the health and safety of Idahoans,” Zito said. She cited academic studies correlating health problems and safety issues with the start of daylight saving time, including a 2001 study that found a “significant increase” in car crashes on the Monday after the shift. Most of the negative effects were thought

to be related to losing an hour of sleep during the jump forward.

Daylight Saving Time — or springing forward an hour — is set for 2 a.m., on Sunday, March 8 this year.

Zito introduced the same bill during last year’s legislative session, but it failed in the House as 55 of 70 representatives voted against the measure. Zito said she has continued to receive calls and emails supporting the abolition of daylight saving time from citizens all over the state in the intervening months.

Rep. Vito Barbieri (R-Dalton Gardens, Dist. 2A), among other committee members, voiced concern for logistical issues on the Idaho-Washington border if Idaho made the change. All of Idaho north of Riggins is currently in the Pacific Time Zone, as is the whole state of Washington.

“As I understand it, the reason we have two time zones between north and south is because of our proximity to Spokane,” Barbieri said. “The difficulties we might encounter, say, with commuters going between Coeur d’Alene and Spokane every day concerns me.”

Barbieri suggested moving the effective date for Zito’s bill



Dist. 23A Rep. Christy Zito (R-Hammett) testified about her bill to end Daylight Saving Time before the House State Affairs Committee last Wednesday. Photo by Riley Haun / UI McClure Center intern

from Jan. 1, 2021 to July 2021 to allow time for fine-tuning and to see if neighboring states switch successfully. Oregon and Washington have passed legislation making daylight savings permanent. But Washington is awaiting a Congressional sign-off, and Oregon’s bill won’t go into effect unless Washington and California make the switch.

Zito said she believed Idaho should not wait for other states to change but rather be the first step forward in putting a stop to daylight savings.

“(Other states) have all put forward legislation that would take place sometime

in the future when someone does something,” Zito said. “I firmly believe that if Idaho takes an affirmative, positive step towards doing something, other states will follow.”

The committee voted to send Zito’s bill to the full House along party lines, with Rep. Linda Hartgen (R-Twin Falls, Dist. 24B) casting the only Republican “no” vote. Hartgen had also expressed concern that the January 2021 deadline would not allow enough time to make needed changes.

Earlier last Wednesday, the Senate State Affairs committee voted to introduce a bill by Sen. Steve Vick (R-Dalton

Gardens, Dist. 2) ensuring Idaho’s portion of the Pacific Time Zone will also switch if Washington’s change, approved by that state’s Legislature in May, goes through.

— Homedale native Riley Haun is one of three interns working for The Owyhee Avalanche and other newspapers around the state through the University of Idaho’s James A. and Louise McClure Center for Public Policy Research. She’s majoring in Journalism with a minor in Political Science. Follow her on Twitter @RHaunID.



Community helpers day at new preschool

Left: Atticus Davis laughs as he sits next to Adan Sotelo and Homedale Police code enforcement and animal control officer Liset Llamas prepares to help them out of the police car in the church parking lot. The community helpers tour at the new preschool also included Homedale Fire personnel and equipment.



Spencer Sandy (son of Homedale residents Crystal and Justin Sandy) uses a stethoscope to check Emergency Medical Technician April Binford’s heart during the Homedale Ambulance stop on the community helpers tour Jan. 28 at the Homedale Friends Community Church.

Some preschoolers held up recent issues of The Owyhee Avalanche after they learned about what it takes to put the newspaper out each week. Clockwise from left: Paisley Martin (daughter of Jared and Mary Martin of Homedale), Spencer Sandy, Cadence Stappler (daughter of CJ and Megan Stappler, Marsing), Hunter Gibson (son of Keegan and Matt Gibson, Homedale), and Marley Scott (daughter of Brad Scott, Homedale).

