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HOT AIR OVER HOMEDALE



Ron Cassidy piloted his balloon “Break Time” over downtown Homedale — he’s further away from the water tower than he seems — during a Sunday morning flight. Photo by Karen Jereb

Local pilot thrills residents

Even with Daylight Saving Time kicking in, some Homedale resident awoke early Sunday morning to find a hot air balloon floating across town.

Up in the sky, it was Homedale area resident Ron Cassidy at the controls of his

balloon “Break Time.”

Several Homedale residents noticed the balloon gliding through the sky, and they took to Facebook to post photos and

— See *Thrills*, page 5A

Experts: Cracks in irrigation tunnel are “superficial”

South Canal water will flow as planned

Irrigation water will flow in the Five-Mile Tunnel on the South Canal this year, but South Board of Control officials may have a big repair project ahead.

South Board manager John Eells told The Owyhee Avalanche on Monday morning

that the nearly 90-year-old tunnel will be operated for the 2020 growing season.

Water will be sent into the system on April 1, Eells said. Allotment for South Canal irrigators will be 4 acre-feet.

The pipe decision was made after a Friday tour of the damaged area about halfway into the underground tunnel — essentially a large-diameter concrete pipe.

— See *Irrigation*, page 9A



Behind the cracked concrete in the Five Mile Tunnel is a steel liner that experts say can support the pipe until repairs can be made in the fall. Bureau of Reclamation photo

Airport leases anchor city council meeting

Year-round tennis clinic, cleanup also on agenda

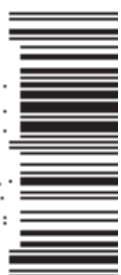
The Homedale City Council is scheduled to revisit municipal airport lease rates and tiedown fees tonight.

Elected officials will meet at 6 p.m., today inside the

magistrate courtroom on the east side of the City Hall building, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Last month, councilmembers discussed raising the amount airport tenants pay to lease ground for their hangars. Homedale’s airport lease rates are among the cheapest in a

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County coroner bolsters suicide prevention awareness

Research shows suicide attempts rise in spring, not winter

According to research, suicide rates jump in the spring, even though the common misconception is that the darker, colder winter months trigger thoughts of self-harm and enhance depression.

Owyhee County Coroner Aaron Tines is speaking out to dispel the misconception. The advice he shares from the Idaho Suicide Prevention Hotline comes in the wake of an apparent suicide attempt last week in Homedale.

The county coroner's office has investigated 26 suicides since Tines was appointed to take over from former Coroner Harvey Grimme in 2012. He has since been elected to a pair of four-year terms.

The Idaho Suicide Prevention Hotline (ISPH) is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at (208) 398-HELP (4357). You don't have to be suicidal to use the hotline, and the number is available for voice calls or texts.

For more information on the hotline and its services, visit www.idahosuicideprevention.org/chat.

Often, family and friends are the first to recognize the warning signs of suicide and can be the first step toward helping an

at-risk individual find treatment with someone who specializes in diagnosing and treating mental health conditions.

Get help as soon as possible, particularly if the behavior is new or has increased recently.

According to information from the ISPH, people of all genders, ages and ethnicities can be at risk because suicidal behavior is complex and there is no single cause.

Risk factors are important when warning signs become apparent, but suicide prevention officials stress that risk factors sometimes associated with completed suicide aren't predictors of suicide.

Those risk factors include:

- Mental health disorders
- Previous suicide attempt(s)

- Substance use disorders
- Insomnia
- Traumatic brain injury
- Hopelessness
- History of trauma or abuse
- Family history of suicide
- Lack of social support
- Stigma associated with help seeking
- Exposure to other suicide deaths
- Easy access to lethal means



Aaron Tines

- Significant losses, e.g. relationship, job, etc.
- Barriers to accessing treatment for mental health or substance use disorder

Other risk factors may include:

- Depression, other mental disorders, or substance abuse disorder
- Certain medical conditions
- Chronic pain
- Family history of a mental disorder or substance abuse
- Family violence, including physical or sexual abuse
- Having guns or other firearms in the home
- Having recently been released from incarceration
- Being exposed to others' suicidal behavior, such as that of family members, peers, or celebrities

Ways to protect folks against the risk factors include:

- Strong connections to family and friends
- Strong connections to community support
- No access to highly lethal means
- Problem-solving and conflict-resolution skills
- Effective professional care for mental health and substance use disorders
- Easy access to different types of professional health
- Mental and medical health care relationship that are ongoing
- Being supported to seek help
- Cultural or religious beliefs that discourage suicide and support self-preservation



Homedale students ready to shine on Friday

Homedale fourth-grader Autumn Gunn performs a mic check during Friday's rehearsal for the Homedale Talent Show in the high school's old gymnasium. The talent show, which features nearly 30 entries from all three schools, begins at 6:30 p.m., on Friday. Autumn is the daughter of Amber and Jeff Gunn.

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Mtn. Home AFB extends road deal with county

Mountain Home Air Force Base has exercised a second-year option on the Owyhee Road Maintenance contract, which will extend the deal from April 11 through April 10, 2021.

The Air Force now will pay Owyhee County \$114,000 for county road crews to maintain gravel and asphalt roads providing access to the air base's training complex south of the Snake River, including Saylor Creek and Juniper Butte ranges.

The county received \$74,000 for the first year of maintenance.

The Board of County Commissioners will consider whether to renew the deal again as the April 10, 2021 expiration date nears.

New fairgrounds maintenance man hired

County commissioners have approved Steve Sloyer as the new groundskeeper at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale.

Sloyer will work 20 hours per week and will make \$15 per hour. His effective hire date was March 1.

Additionally, the transfer of Laura Anglin from the assessor's office to the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing was finalized.

Anglin will be an administrative assistant and earn \$14.36 per hour, effectively transferring on Tuesday.

— TK

Film documentarian talks ag life in Bruneau

Local cinematographer and film director Clare McKay is the next featured speaker at Bruneau and Beyond.

The monthly speaker series, which is free and includes light refreshments, takes place at the Bruneau Valley Library beginning at 1 p.m. next Wednesday.

The library is located at 32073 Ruth St. Anyone who plans to attend is asked to RSVP to the library at (208) 845-2131 by Monday to ensure that there is enough room to accommodate everyone.

McKay is a native of Haiti, who wound up on a ranch in Juntura, Ore., after she and her five siblings were adopted.

McKay has worked on several film projects, and "Living an American Dream," is her largest undertaking, which has taken her 2½ years to produce.

In the documentary film, McKay attempts to explain the importance of fighting for tradition and a way of life that is important to the community and country it has helped build while simultaneously battling her internal struggle of choosing artistic aspiration over her agricultural upbringing and tradition.

Having grown up on a ranch, she hopes with her film to change misconceptions about ranching and rodeo.

Marsing engineer to discuss prospective new city hall

Public recycling bins available at Sandbar

An update on the former Sandbar Restaurant with a Cause is among myriad topics Marsing city engineer Kirby Cook will discuss at tonight's city council meeting.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m., inside the current City Hall, 425 Main St.

Cook will present to the council the latest developments on the former restaurant at 18 Sandbar Ave., which is being converted into the new city hall.

City officials also want the community to know that recycle bins located in The Sandbar parking lot are available to deposit aluminum cans, newspapers, and corrugated cardboard only.

Other topics on Cook's discussion list:

- The sidewalk project stretching from 8th Avenue West (Idaho highway 78) west to 14th Avenue West
- The ongoing Snake River bridge replacement project
- Renewal of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the city's wastewater

Mayor continues Saturday office hours

Marsing first-term Mayor Chad Sevy is continuing Saturday office hours at City Hall.

Sevy plans to be in his office between 9 a.m. and noon each Saturday.

After 90 minutes of meetings, Sevy will open his office door for drop-in conversations with citizens.

Sevy is also available by appointment. For more information, call (208) 896-4122.



Chad Sevy

system

City attorney Stephanie J. Bonney, Owyhee County Sheriff's Cpl. Atanacio Montes, and city maintenance supervisor Joe Heidt will each present their monthly reports.

The council is also expected to discuss the purchase of a catch-pole, large kennel, and dog spray for the code enforcement department. The city currently does not have a code enforcement officer.

Mayor Chad Sevy's report will include proposing the city's annual donation to the Marsing Lions Club's annual Easter Egg Hunt, which will take place on Saturday, April 11 on the Marsing High

School football field.

Sevy will also bring a donation for the Marsing FFA alumni auction, which takes place at 6 p.m., on Friday inside the school district cafeteria.

Sevy also will discuss a request by a group of Idaho-Oregon Snake River Water Trail enthusiasts to camp at Island Park on July 5 during the first organized multi-day Snake River float from Glens Ferry to Farewell Bend, Ore.

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Homedale Teens & Tweens to wage Nerf war Thursday

The Homedale Teens & Tweens program will present war games of a sort form 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday.

The gathered boys and girls, ages 10-17, will play Nerf gun games, including “Capture

the Flag,” and “North and South.” A few Nerf guns will be available, but sharing may be required and the youths are encouraged to bring their own guns and darts, if possible.

Teens & Tweens meets

at the city library, 125 W.
Owyhee Ave.

During Story Time at 10:15 a.m., on Monday inside the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library at 121 W. Owyhee Ave., youth services coordinator

Carol McMichael will read “The Very Greedy Bee,” by Steve Smallman and illustrated by Jack Tickle. The story concerns a bee who does not enjoy sharing and who suffers the consequences.

McMichael will also read "Shark in the Park," an Usborne Phonics Readers book by Phil Roxbee Cox.

After the stories, the preschool-aged children will make a bee puppet.

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✓ **Airport:** Former Boise State tennis player pitches jr. clinic at Bette Uda

17-airport study the council conducted.

The amount that pilots pay to anchor their planes outside hangars on a daily basis also is among the most economical in the region.

Kitfox Aircraft owner John McBean agreed with the council at the last meeting that the tiedown fees should be raised. While also agreeing that a small lease increase would be

acceptable, McBean balked at Mayor Gheen Christoffersen's suggestion to raise the rate from five cents per square foot to 20 cents per square foot.

McBean also reminded the council last month that he had suggested that property taxes paid by the tenants should go into the airport fund to build money for upgrades and repairs.

The city gets about \$8,000

in property tax revenue, but the money is used for the parks fund and the general fund, too, Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said.

The airport budget for fiscal year 2019 was \$11,385, and the city wound up more than \$1,800 over budget.

The airport lease discussion is one of the last items on tonight's agenda.

- Homedale High School student Garrett Elordi, who was supposed to visit the council last month, is scheduled to discuss his proposal for a city cleanup as part of his senior leadership project.

The city council could add more to that discussion during the mayor and council reports at the tail end of the meeting because the officials are set to talk about the annual city cleanup, too.

- A former Boise State University tennis player, Mark Perea, is proposing a junior tennis clinic for Homedale

beginning this month and operating year-round.

According to his application to get an audience with the council, Perea will focus the clinic on boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are interested in training to play college or professional tennis. He also offers the idea as a way to promote the health of the youths' minds and bodies.

Perea proposes an annual salary of \$44,000 for the clinic instructor, but doesn't discuss clinic fees in his proposal. An operating budget of \$5,000 is proposed for indoor facility fees and equipment.

The clinic would run for about two hours a week Monday through Thursday during the school year and at least three hours per week Monday through Friday in the

summer months.

Perea envisions the start of the clinic in June after three months of startup, promotion and skill evaluation.

- A Great West Engineers representative will be on hand to discuss the Idaho Community Development Block Grant that the city received to help build the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library.

Also on tap is a discussion about the city's Americans with Disabilities Act compliance plan. A resolution about ADA compliance, non-discrimination and Limited English Proficiency awareness could also be adopted.

City department heads will provide their monthly reports, too.

— JPB



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Homedale resident Ron Cassidy’s balloon “Break Time” floats in the air above Homedale High School on Sunday morning. Photo by Sue Cassidy

✓ Thrills: If all goes to plan, wife could soon float in her own balloon



Pilot Ron Cassidy and his crew chat moments after landing near a field southwest of downtown Homedale. Photo by Sue Cassidy

otherwise revel in the sight.

Cassidy and his wife, Sue, are commercial-rated hot air balloon pilots.

“We have been ballooning since 1989,” Ron said.

Ron is an FAA-certified hot air balloon inspector and builder. In fact, he built “Break Time,” which features artwork of a clock at the top of the balloon with its hands set to 9 o’clock, according to Sue.

“Hence the name — ‘Break Time,’” she said.

Ron’s certification as a builder is coming in handy once again as he builds a balloon for his wife. The couple has a home and a workshop northwest of Homedale.

“We fly from Homedale because this is where we live,” Ron said.

Ron is building a new balloon for Sue.

“I have named it ‘Owyhee Heights,’” Sue said. “It was built here and will fly its first flight in Owyhee County.”

There are still a few steps to be carried out — test inflation and FFA certification.

“We will complete the rigging and do a test inflation sometime in the second half of March,” Ron said. “Once everything looks good, we

will contact the FAA for their inspection and approval for flight.

“Once approval for flight is granted, we will do a number of test flights to prove the airworthiness of the aircraft (balloon).”

The couple does not take paying passengers on their flights.

“We fly balloons as a hobby with our balloon friends,” Ron said. “However, we are always looking for helpers to crew during our flights.”

The Cassidys didn’t take part in the Spirit of Boise Balloon Classic last year.

“You have to be invited, and there are a limited number of

balloons invited,” Ron said. “Additionally, it is expensive to participate and requires using vacation days for attendance and travel.”

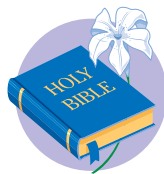
That being said, the couple does plan to attend 2020 festivals in Utah, Nevada, Oregon, Washington state, New York, and Idaho.

There is the Teton Valley Balloon Rally set for July 2-5 in Driggs. The Spirit of Boise event will be held Sept. 2-6.

— JPB

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March 9

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SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
	(measured in inches)			Max	Min	Avg
				(measured in Fahrenheit)		
Mud Flat						
3/3	4.4	13	7.4	47	33	39
3/4	4.9	13	7.4	53	28	38
3/5	4.7	12	7.4	60	29	43
3/6	4.7	11	7.5	55	36	44
3/7	4.5	11	7.6	45	33	38
3/8	4.4	11	7.5	42	30	35
3/9	4.1	10	7.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
3/3	3.3	10	8.3	47	35	40
3/4	3.2	9	8.4	46	35	40
3/5	3.0	8	8.3	59	35	47
3/6	2.6	7	8.5	53	47	50
3/7	2.4	6	8.5	50	29	40
3/8	1.9	5	8.4	39	27	33
3/9	1.8	5	8.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
3/3	13.1	36	16.1	46	33	38
3/4	13.3	35	16.1	49	34	40
3/5	13.4	35	16.1	56	40	48
3/6	13.1	33	16.2	53	41	47
3/7	12.7	32	16.2	46	26	36
3/8	12.8	34	16.3	42	27	33
3/9	12.9	33	16.3	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 76 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 1,265 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 179 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 546,101 acre-feet of water on Monday.

Death notice

PAUL EMERSON, 90, of the Homedale-Wilder area, died Friday, March 6, 2020 at home of natural causes. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., on Thursday, March 26, 2020 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, 27 E. Owyhee Ave., in Homedale. Inurnment will take place at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

STEM Night slated Monday at HMS

A community STEM Night is planned Monday at Homedale Middle School.

The event featuring Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics opportunities and interactive stations is part of the school's Gear UP activity schedule.

STEM Night will take place from 6 p.m., to 8:30 p.m.

The first 100 students in attendance will receive a STEM gift, and there will be drawings for additional prizes for folks who participate in the displays and activities.

Among the activities planned are an escape room and building challenges.

There will be several vendors from around the region presenting information for students, parents and community members.

The details will help parents and their children plan a path for college and career readiness.

Display and interactive stations also will be available from businesses and government agencies such as the U.S Department of Labor, Helping Idaho Dogs, Idaho National Laboratory, Norco, Citizen Scientific Workshop, Idaho Power, Intermountain Gas, Idaho Fish and Game, Birds of Prey, and Micron.

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March 11: **Breakfast:** Choc. Chip muffin **Lunch:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, garlic toast
March 12: **Breakfast:** Pop tarts **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, steamed carrots, fruit roll up
March 16: **Breakfast:** Cereal bar **Lunch:** Crispito, refried beans
March 17: **Breakfast:** Toast, sausage patty **Lunch:** Hot dog, macaroni & cheese, baby carrots
March 18: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes **Lunch:** Pork chop, mashed potatoes w/gravy, hot roll

Homedale Middle
Fruit & salad bar, choice of milk or juice
Cereal option each day
March 11: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce or pizza hot pocket, green beans
March 12: **Breakfast:** Apple breakfast bites, string cheese **Lunch:** Crispito or PB&J sandwich, string cheese, goldfish crackers, rice krispie treat, mixed veggies
March 16: **Breakfast:** Cherry frudel, yogurt **Lunch:** Pepperoni calzone or PB&J sandwich, green beans, string cheese, goldfish crackers
March 17: **Breakfast:** Breakfast sandwich **Lunch:** Spicy chicken sandwich or hot dog, tater tots
March 18: **Breakfast:** Tornado **Lunch:** Taquitos or burrito, corn

Homedale High
Salad & fruit bar, choice of milk and juice, and yogurt or cheese stick
Cereal option, grab 'n' go items each day
March 11: **Breakfast:** Sausage plate or mini pancakes **Lunch:** Hamburger or cheeseburger, tater tots, cookie
March 12: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or pop tart **Lunch:** Beef taco or chicken taco, corn
March 16: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick or frudel **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper or corn dog
March 17: **Breakfast:** Croissant sandwich or bagel w/cream cheese **Lunch:** Orange chicken or pizza hot pocket, rice, egg roll, fortune cookie
March 18: **Breakfast:** Breakfast slider or filled cereal bar **Lunch:** Spicy chicken sandwich or hamburger, French fries, cookie

Marsing
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PB&J Hot Grab-n-go line: Hamburger, pizza
Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sandwich, salad
March 11: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch sides or alternatives: Classic Line:** Mac-n-cheese, green beans **Hot Grab-n-go:** Chicken sandwich or walking taco w/fries
March 12: **Breakfast:** Breakfast sliders, yogurt **Lunch sides or alternatives: Classic Line:** Cheeseburger, potato wedges **Hot Grab-n-go:** Pulled pork sandwich, tator tots
March 16: **Breakfast:** Breakfast bar **Lunch sides or alternatives: Classic Line:** Chicken sandwich, mixed vegetable **Hot Grab-n-go:** Meat ball sub, tator tots
March 17 **Breakfast:** Apple Texas toast **Lunch sides or alternatives: Classic Line:** Super nacho's, refried beans **Hot Grab-n-go:** Chicken sandwich, potato wedges
March 18: **Breakfast:** Tornado, yogurt **Lunch sides or alternatives: Classic Line:** Mini calzone, green beans **Hot Grab-n-go:** Chicken sandwich or walking taco, fries

Bruneau/Grand View
All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Salad bar, pizza offered daily
March 11: **Breakfast:** Mini cinnabon **Lunch:** Chicken taco, tossed romaine salad, refried beans
March 12: **Breakfast:** Muffins **Lunch:** Hamburger on a bun, tater tots, baby carrots
March 16: **Breakfast:** PB&J **Lunch:** Little smokies, scalloped potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll
March 17: **Breakfast:** Biscuits & jelly **Lunch:** Taco salad, whole wheat chips, refried beans & salsa
March 18: **Breakfast:** French toast **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets w/whole wheat roll, mashed potatoes & gravy, carrots

Calendar

Today

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

Marsing community pantry
9 a.m. to 11 a.m., 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., The HUB, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. Call school district to arrange different time, (208) 649-5411

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

Owyhee Watershed Council meeting
4 p.m., board meets in either Marsing or Adrian, call for location. (541) 372-5782

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

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

Grand View City Council meeting
6 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2700, noon to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday

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

Jordan Valley Ambulance meeting
6 p.m., ambulance hall, 706 Main St.

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday

Owyhee Conservation District board
Noon, USDA Service Center, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., Marsing. (208) 896-4544, ext. 102

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

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

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

Circuit Breaker property tax reduction
1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 495-2817

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

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

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

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

Friday

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

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

Monday

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

Story Time
10:15 a.m., Homedale City Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

STEM Night
6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Homedale Middle School, 3437 Johnstone Rd., Homedale. (208) 337-5780

Tuesday

Foot clinic
8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., \$20, walk-ins welcome, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

Blood pressure clinic
11 a.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays

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

Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire meeting
7 p.m., Wilson Fire Station, 10427 Johnston Lane, Wilson.

Wednesday

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

Marsing community pantry
9 a.m. to 11 a.m., 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., The HUB, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411

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

Bruneau and Beyond speaker series
1 p.m., free, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. RSVP (208) 845-2131

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Ethics taught in 4-H involvement can help throughout a lifetime

One of the many life lessons 4-H aims to teach our youth is ethics.

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- Knowing how to properly handle and treat animals
- Dealing with disagreements in a peaceful way
- Helping others whenever possible

• Doing your own work when it comes to your project

An ethics training is a requirement for all 4-H members to complete each year. By completing an ethics training, the youth — as well as parents/guardians — will learn what is expected of 4-H exhibitors when getting ready for and while at the Owyhee County Fair and Junior Livestock Sale. We hope all involved in 4-H and FFA will do their part to keep the Owyhee County Fair and Junior Livestock Sale a positive and honest learning experience that the public and all people in animal agriculture can be proud of.

Ethics is something that could be applied to every area of your day-to-day life, not just in 4-H. Good character is ethics in action. Remember the importance of ethics in all you do.

It takes courage to be ethical. Be Brave, Be Bold and Be True!

— Janelle Thompson is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension 4-H coordinator. For more information, you can reach Thompson at the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.



Janelle Thompson

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

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March 12: BBQ pork chops, baked potato, creamed spinach
March 17: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, mixed veggies
March 18: Ham & cheese on roll, potato salad, broccoli

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
March 11: Bacon, lettuce & tomato sandwiches, potato salad, peaches, stuffed celery, cottage cheese, whole grain bread
March 12: Pizza- combo, Hawaiian, bacon chicken ranch, green salad, pineapple & cottage cheese, fruit crisp
March 17: Happy Birthday Dinner: Corn beef cabbage, red potatoes, carrots, fresh fruit salad, cottage cheese, whole wheat rolls, cup cakes & ice cream, cook's choice soup
March 18: Breakfast sandwich- egg, sausage & cheese, whole grain english muffin, banana pudding, fruit tray, veggie tray
March 19: Beef burritos, whole grain tortillas, fried potatoes, mixed veggies, orange jello, cottage cheese, cook's choice soup

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.
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The Boise-based Owyhee Hula Ohana group will perform traditional Hawaiian dance during Sunday’s benefit entertainment for the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library and El-Ada Community Action Partnership food pantry in Homedale. Submitted photos

Benefit includes salute to St. Patrick’s Day, Polynesian culture

HMS students, familiar musicians to perform Sunday in Homedale

The Under the Shadows of the Owyhees benefit concert returns for a fifth year with an expanded lineup.

Homedale Middle School students have joined the cast of variety at Sunday’s concert, set for the First Presbyterian Church of Homedale.

The doors open at 1:30 p.m., and Homedale resident Rob Townsend will provide special music for the 30 minutes before the 2 p.m. showtime.

Admission is a \$5 donation for the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library and a canned food item for the El-Ada Community Action Partnership’s Homedale food pantry.

Several cultures will be celebrated during the event.

- HMS students will perform the haka, a traditional challenge dance of the Maori indigenous people of New Zealand.

- Many musicians will play Irish tunes in the spirit of St. Patrick’s Day, which arrives Tuesday.

- The Boise-based Owyhee Hula Ohana group will perform Hawaiian dance.

There are several other performers scheduled for Sunday’s show, including many who have appeared for previous Under of the Shadows of the Owyhees concerts.

Louise Lough and Judie Jemmett

Louise Lough and Judie Jemmett, both of whom live in Nampa, met at the town’s senior center where Lough directs Jemmett and others in the Crescendo Choir.

Through their relationship

with the choir, they discovered they enjoyed playing piano duets.

They perform duets at assisted living facilities in the Nampa area, and they will bring their joy for the artform to Sunday’s concert.

Hope Fredregill and Laura Aebischer

The women sing with the Capital City Sound Chorus, the Boise chapter of Sweet Adelines International. They also sing lead and tenor in the Fascinators quartet.

On Sunday, some of the numbers they’ll perform include “Ave Maria,” “Look to the Rainbow,” “Til There Was You,” and, as part of the show’s underlying theme, “Irish Blessing”

Hope Fredregill played Millie’s best friend, Miss Dorothy Brown, in “Thoroughly Modern Millie” to celebrate Boise’s Music Week.

Laura Aebischer has performed with the Redlands (Calif.) Master Chorale and has been part of the Sweet Adeline International group of singers for 25 years. She also teaches piano lessons in Homedale.

Dolly Hutchison and Carol Burroughs

A Homedale resident for more than 30 years and now the Huston postmaster, Dolly Hutchison has played and taught fiddle for most of her life.

In addition to fiddling, she enjoys cooking and baking pies for which she is “famous.”



Hope Fredregill and Laura Aebischer will sing classic tunes.

Hutchison and Carol Burroughs team up for “home-on-the-range” harmony Sunday. This is the fourth time in five years that Burroughs has performed.

Burroughs is a sheep farmer, yodeler, and guitar picker.

Bob Law and Jim Sample

These men compose a popular Treasure Valley musical duo.

A retired farmer and lifelong resident of the Wilder-Greenleaf community, Bob Law is pianist at Wilder Methodist Church.

He has played piano accompaniment for the Missoula Children’s Theater at Jewett Auditorium in Caldwell and Nampa’s Can-

Act Theater.

Originally from Maryland, Jim Sample has lived in Greenleaf for 20 years. He is an ordained Baptist minister and a retired medical transcriptionist.

Sara Bowen

An academically active student at The College of Idaho, Sara Bowen is a senior majority in Music with minors in Creative Writing, Journalism, Mathematics, and British Studies.

She has been playing the flute for 10 years and continues to expand her musical horizons.

At the C of I, Bowen has been studying the piccolo and piano while also playing



Rob Townsend will sit at the church’s piano for 30 minutes before showtime playing special music.

in a variety of ensembles, from small chamber groups to marching band to the C of I worship team.

When she isn’t rehearsing, Sara loves baking, writing, and biking with her husband.

Zoe Hern

Like Bowen, Zoe Hern is a senior at C of I with a Chemistry major and minors in Spanish, Psychology, and Music.

A violinist for 13 years, Hern has enjoyed performing in chamber groups, at Faith Lutheran services, in the C of I sinfonia, and with the Oregon East Symphony.

She also is proficient in voice, ukulele, and guitar.

After graduation, Hern plans to move to Massachusetts and apply herself as an analytical chemist, while nurturing her love for music on the side.

Masons next fundraiser breakfast slated Sunday

The semiannual Masonic Scholarship Breakfast returns to Homedale on Sunday.

Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 plays host to the breakfast, and proceeds will benefit scholarships for high school seniors as well as fund the lodge’s annual Bikes for Books literacy project at Homedale Elementary School.

The breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to noon at the Silver City Lodge, 19 W. Idaho Ave., in Homedale.

The cost is \$7 per person for a menu of scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, pancakes, coffee, juice and milk.

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✓ Irrigation: SBOC chief says system charge April 1

Eells said South Board will devise a plan to repair the pipe in the fall after the water year ends. Right now, there is not even a tentative price tag for the project.

The South Board of Control directors and the boards for the Gem and Ridgeview districts were scheduled to make a definitive decision Tuesday after deadline during their monthly meetings, Eells said.

The tunnel feeds water from Owyhee Dam to the South Canal and then on to producers in the newer portion of the Gem Irrigation District and the Ridgeview Irrigation District.

Cracks in the top of the pipe were discovered during an inspection this winter. Winter is the only time that crews can get vehicles into the pipe to perform inspections.

Friday’s tour included Eells, three board members, a Bureau of Reclamation official and a private consultant versed in dam and tunnel repair.

The consensus of the experts, including a couple consultants Eells contacted by telephone, was that the cracks in the pipe are “superficial.”

“There’s a steel liner in that section of the tunnel and concrete over the steel liner, so it shouldn’t jeopardize the integrity of the tunnel,” Eells said.

— JPB



HHS music department gets an upgrade

Homedale High School senior Gage Purdom plays the music department’s new Kawai digital piano, purchased from Dunkley Music recently, in the school’s band room. Purdom held a senior project/fundraising concert in November at the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene in Wilder. Purdom’s concert raised more than \$2,500, all of which went toward the purchase of the piano. Band director John Zieske said the total price of the piano was \$4,000. Other fundraisers, such as car washes, covered the rest of the cost.



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Jordan Valley historian ready to mark her centennial

Party planned Saturday for Fretwell Johnson's birthday

There's a reason Hazel Fretwell Johnson is one of the go-to folks for Jordan Valley history.

Born on St. Patrick's Day in 1920, she's been on hand for a lot of the milestones.

And, as the author of four books, she's written about a lot of that history, contributing to the Jordan Valley ION Museum.

She and her family will celebrate her personal milestone — turning 100 years old — on Saturday at St. Bernard's Catholic Church Parish Hall in Jordan Valley.

The birthday party, which will feature cake and drinks, will run from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Her family includes sons Glenn and Robert Fretwell, daughter Rebecca Smith and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Hazel R. Danner Fretwell Johnson was born in her

paternal grandparents' home in Jordan Valley. Those grandparents were John Henry and Soviah Danner, and her parents were Robert and Ruth Robison Danner.

The name Danner should sound familiar. It's the namesake of the town that Hazel and her parents moved to in 1922 when her father became postmaster.

"A new post office was opened at Ruby," Hazel wrote in her memoir. "The name of Ruby was denied by Oregon headquarters, and they named it Danner in honor of John Henry."

Her father established the Danner Mercantile Store in the new Jordan Valley Irrigation District in Arock in 1924.

After completing nine grades at the Arock school, Hazel graduated from Ontario High School in 1937. She completed her education at Gooding College (on scholarship) and Oregon State College.

But Hazel even has a story about Arock and its schoolhouse.

Arock was named because of "a rock," a large petrograph, that sits in the mouth of Jordan Creek Canyon.

"The schoolhouse had been purchased for \$300 from Follyfarm in Harney County," she wrote. "It was sawed in two and transported by Joe Yturrespe in 1924 over the old road between Rome and Arock."

The new Arock school was



Hazel Fretwell Johnson (left) has written four books. The first was published in 1949. Submitted photos



Hazel Fretwell Johnson attended Gooding College on scholarship.

built in 1960 and named for Dr. W. W. Jones, she added.

"He was revered by the medical society for his treatment of Rocky Mountain Fever and credited with never losing a woman in childbirth," Hazel wrote.

Hazel and Orville G. Fretwell ranched in Arock for 28 years. They married on Feb. 8, 1942, and Orville (a k a Pete) died in 1970.

"Pete had been working at the Old South Mountain Mine and had saved a little money," Hazel wrote of the newlyweds' beginnings.

"We bought \$80 in groceries, went to a second-hand store and bought a bed, four chairs, a table, a kitchen stove, and a sewing machine.

"We moved into a little house on the highway at Arock and leased the place from

Walter and Agnes Bowden. We took out an FHA loan and began farming."

Hazel worked outside the home, too, as the Arock school clerk (18 years), manager of the Grange Insurance Co., and as an accountant at the DeLamar Silver Mine. She was the Arock Grange master, too.

She helped start and taught Arock's Sunday School and taught Sunday School and Release classes in Arock and Jordan Valley for more than 30 years.

Hazel has been a Jordan Valley resident since 2007, moving to town about a year after her second husband, Irvan B. Johnson, died. They were married 26 years.

Hazel is a world traveler, having visited Australia, England, Scotland, Wales,

Japan, Mexico, and Canada. She also has visited Alaska and Aleutian Islands three times, spent winters in Arizona, and made a pilgrimage to her ancestral home in Michigan.

During her upbringing in the Jordan Valley area, Hazel continually crossed paths with the ghosts of the region's history.

While working as a cook in 1941 at the Ruby Ranch in Danner, she lived close to the Inskeep Station where John Baptiste Charbooneau, the son of Sacajawea, died of pneumonia ("in the middle bedroom," Hazel notes) and was buried nearby in the 19th century.

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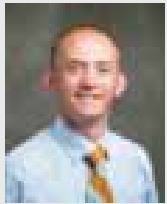
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This year's National Technical Honor Society inductees (three of whom also received Batt Foundation scholarships) show off their awards after Thursday's ceremony. **From left:** Ulisses Jimenez, Brian Dinius, Savannah Bryant, McKenzie Woodland, Miriam Rojas, and Roberto Muniz.

COSSA annual scholar ceremony has Homedale feel

Alum welcomes current student, others into honor society

A Homedale High School graduate, and a Homedale student still a year away from her diploma shared the spotlight with other high-achieving Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency students Thursday.

Miriam Rojas was one of six career technical education students to receive induction into the National Technical Honor Society during a noontime ceremony inside the COSSA cafeteria in Wilder.

Rojas was the only junior among the six honorees saluted.

COSSA CEO Harold Nevill and welding instructor Shelby McRae, a HHS graduate who is also the honor society chapter advisor, presided over the event.

Edgar Navarrete, a 2019 HHS grad, delivered an inspirational talk about how his involvement with the COSSA CTE program, induction into the honor society and a Batt Foundation scholarship helped him on his path to business ownership. Now 18, Navarrete has realized the dream of co-owning T&E Agricultural Welding LLC with his father, Tereso.

Navarrete also served as the COSSA SkillsUSA chapter president.

He said a \$2,000 Batt Foundation scholarship — endowed last year by Robert and Elaine Batt — was vital to taking the next step in his career.

"This is something I needed to do to further my success," Navarrete said.



Canyon-Owyhee School Service and Homedale High alum Edgar Navarrete talks about his experiences.

Rojas, who will be eligible for consideration for a Batt scholarship next year, is in COSSA's Certified Nursing Assistant program.

National Technical Honor Society members are chosen for exhibiting seven core attributes — skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership.

"Like an Eagle Scout, having a National Honor Society on your resume will aid people for the rest of their life," Nevill told the students gathered for the induction.

Three 2020 inductees also received part of the \$20,000 in scholarships the Batt Foundation released:

- **Savanah Bryant, sr.,**

Parma — Bryant is enrolled in the CNA program, too.

Bryant was one of three COSSA pro-tech students to earn Batt scholarships. She has a 4.0 grade-point average at COSSA and a 3.47 overall GPA in Parma. She received an \$8,000 scholarship to help her pursue her registered nursing degree at Treasure Valley Community College.

- **Ulisses Jimenez, sr., Parma** — A building trades student at COSSA, Jimenez received \$7,000 to study construction management at North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene. He has a 4.0 GPA at COSSA and a 3.17 at Parma.

- **Brian Dinius, sr., Parma** — Another building trades student, Dinius will use a \$5,000 award to pursue law enforcement at either the Idaho Peace Officer Standards Training academy in Meridian or the College of Western Idaho. If he chooses CWI, he will transfer to Idaho State University in Pocatello to finish his education.

Dinius has a 4.0 GPA at COSSA and a 3.85 at Parma.

Other honor society inductees were:

- **McKenzie Woodland, sr., Notus** — Woodland is studying to be an emergency medical technician.

- **Roberto Muniz, sr., Parma** — Muniz is in the COSSA welding program.

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Owyhee fiddlers part of Jr. Jammers show

Eight Owyhee County youth fiddlers from four families will take the stage later this month as part of the Idaho Junior Jammers Jamboree 2020.

The event takes place at 2 p.m., on Saturday, March 21 at the Northwest Nazarene University Brandt Center, 707 Fern St., in Nampa.

Tickets will be available two hours before showtime or by calling the Jammers director, Roberta Pearce, at (208) 407-2967. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students, and \$8 for children younger than 12.

Pearce is also offering free tickets to residents living in nursing homes or care centers. Activity directors can leave a message at (208) 407-2967 or email juniorjammers@aol.com to make arrangements.

Owyhee County has had a strong contingent involved with the Junior Jammers and the beginning group, the Hoe-

downers, for years.

This year's local performers include holdovers Elliott and Maizy Little and Rylee Loucks of Marsing, Emeline, Kate and Colt Hipwell of Murphy, and Homedale brothers Brodie and Willie White.

In addition to the Junior Jammers and Hoedowners, national champion fiddler Katrina Nicolayeff will perform. Nicolayeff has won five grand championship national titles at the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest in Weiser, and three world titles in Nashville. She also performed three times at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville.

The Hoedowners, comprised of students ages 4-12, will perform the "Chicken Dance."

Featured guests will be the Smith Family from Nampa, Brooks family from Middleton, and sisters Lanie and Ma-kaela Shippy, both instructors and champion fiddlers from Caldwell.



The Owyhee County youth will perform during the Junior Jammers Jamboree later this month include: **Front row, from left:** Maizy Little, Emeline and Colt Hipwell, and Rylee Loucks. **Back row, from left:** Elliott Little, Brodie and Willie White, and Kate Hipwell. Submitted photo



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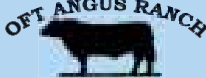
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Bruneau rollover sends one to hospital

A Hammett man is under investigation for suspicion of driving under the influence after Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a single-vehicle rollover early Sunday morning near Bruneau.

Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said that Lynn Kness, 59, of Hammett, claimed to have swerved to avoid a cow on the road, over-corrected and rolled his 2017 Dodge Ram pickup. No cattle were found in the area, Bowman said.

Kness and his passenger, 61-year-old Brad Johnson, had to be extricated from the vehicle.

Kness refused medical treatment, but Johnson was transported to St. Luke's

Elmore County Medical Center in Mountain Home.

Bowman said deputies could detect a strong odor of alcohol coming from Kness' vehicle and a standard field sobriety test was performed, which he failed.

After his arrest and being brought to jail, Kness' blood alcohol content was tested at .187, more than twice the legal limit.

Bowman said Kness has not yet been charged with DUI because he was not observed driving. But the chief deputy said the charges are pending further investigation, and could include felony DUI depending on the severity of Johnson's injuries.

— TK

Boise man jailed for drugs, impaired driving

A Boise man faces multiple charges stemming from a traffic stop on Sunday outside Homedale.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said that David Moore, 47, was pulled over in his 1997 Ford F-250 for failing to maintain his lane on Pioneer Road, south of town.

After approaching the vehicle, the deputy observed Moore reaching for something near his right leg, Bowman said. Upon stepping out of the truck, Moore shook his leg, and two small baggies containing a white substance fell on the ground.

The substance tested positive as methamphetamine and the total package weight was 4.4 grams, Bowman said.

Moore was charged with felony controlled substance possession and misdemeanor driving under the influence. He also faces a misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia charge after a glass meth pipe was found.

The DUI charge stemmed from a blood draw at the jail — requested after the deputy reported Moore showed indicators of meth use. The test came back positive for the presence of meth.

Moore made his initial court appearance in Murphy on Monday before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington. A preliminary hearing — with Darrington presiding — is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., on Monday, March 23 in Murphy.

Meanwhile, Moore remains behind bars at the Owyhee County Jail.

— TK



University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension employee Lacey Robbins (right) catalogs Emmett Roland's beef as his father Nick (left) looks on during Saturday's weigh-in at the Burgess Ranch outside Homedale. Photo by Michelle Wallace

Nearly 60 youth could show beef at fair

The adults were as busy as the children on the first official day of Owyhee County Fair animal project preparation.

University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension personnel traversed the county Saturday for the initial beef weigh-ins for youth who will show animals at the fair in August in Homedale.

U of I Owyhee County Extension Educator Scott Jensen reported that his crew logged 201 miles traveling to Homedale, Pleasant Valley and Oreana.

More than 70 steers were weighed and tagged, kicking off the season for 58 youth exhibitors.

Weigh-ins took place at the Burgess Ranch outside Homedale, the Gluch Ranch in Pleasant Valley, and the Hyde Ranch, owned by Bill and Beverly White, in Oreana.



Initial weigh-ins for Owyhee County Fair beef exhibitors were held Saturday. The South Mountain Livestock 4-H club weighed animals at the Gluch Ranch in Pleasant Valley. Five members have steers this year, and each weighed below the maximum weight of 900 pounds. **Front row:** Colby Starbuck (left) and Jayden Skinner. **Back row, from left:** Shailee Rutan, Kyndra Williams, and Alex Williams. Photo submitted by Alex Williams, club reporter

COSSA offers special needs preschool

The Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency preschool will hold a free screening on Friday.

Parents in the school districts COSSA serves who are concerned about their children's motor, speech or social development are encouraged to have their children assessed.

The assessments are open to boys and girls ages 3-5, and the preschool is located in Wilder.

Families living in the Homedale, Marsing, Wilder, Parma or Notus school districts are eligible for the screening, and the preschool is free for children with qualifying needs.

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Dozens of Homedale High students join Honor Society

Thirty-six high-performing students were inducted into Homedale High School’s chapter of the National Honor Society last week.

Thirty-three of the students who earned passage into the prestigious organization are juniors, and three seniors also were inducted during a March 3 ceremony inside the school’s main gymnasium.

Chapter advisor is Ed Lee.

In the program, the chapter members gave student support specialist Debbie

Flaming a tip of the cap for her help in putting the ceremony together.

The teachers and parents who helped the students achieve admission into the honor society also were recognized in the event program.

This year’s induction included the top five students in the 89-person junior class in terms of grade-point average — John Breshears, Thomas Symms, Ainslee Evans, Brooke Pfof, and Emma Thornton.

Honor society president Gage Purdom

started the annual ceremony with the pledge of allegiance. Chapter scribe Ashley Moore gave the invocation and closed the ceremony with a benediction prayer.

High school English teacher Sally Gonser gave the keynote address, and HHS principal Matt Holtry also spoke.

Purdom later performed oath ceremony and played a musical selection. Lee presented the new members with certificates.

Chapter vice-president Lexi Franko recited the NHS history to the audience, and treasurer Nyelah Johnson explained the selection criteria.

Chapter members then lit candles representing the five pillars of the National Honor Society:

- Knowledge by Delaynie Dorsey
- Scholarship by Savana Buckley
- Service by Amaya Beckman
- Leadership by public relations officer Lily Galvan
- Character by Juliette Larzelier

Woman could face DUI charge

A trip to the hospital and questioning by police apparently jogged the memory of a woman involved in a one-vehicle crash near the intersection of Idaho highway 78 and River Road northeast of Grand View.

Now, 31-year-old Lori Appodaca of Grand View could face a drunk driving charge.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Appodaca drove into a ditch on Thursday, Feb. 27, near Grand View.

Appodaca told investigators she woke up in the passenger seat of a 1998 Ford F-150. Though injured, she walked to a nearby residence, where no one was home, and went inside to call 911.

Upon arrival, deputies

could detect the smell of alcohol from Appodaca, Bowman said. Because of her injuries, she was not given a standard field sobriety test, he added.

She was transported by Grand View Ambulance to St. Luke’s Elmore Medical Center, where a Mountain Home police officer questioned her. She then reportedly remembered that she had been driv-

ing the pickup.

A witness at the bar where she had been drinking earlier said that she had left the bar alone, Bowman said.

Appodaca’s blood-alcohol concentration was .099 percent.

The case has been sent to the Owyhee County Prosecutor’s Office to pursue charges against Appodaca, Bowman said.

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Repeat offender sent to prison after third felony DUI

A Marsing man could spend up to a decade in prison after his third felony drunk driving conviction since 2005.

Job Stuart Russell was sentenced on Feb. 28 in Third District Judge Thomas W. Whitney's courtroom in Murphy.

Whitney ordered Russell to serve at least 2½ years in the state penitentiary, but he could remain behind bars for as long as 10 years. The judge credited the man with 51 days already served

in Owyhee County Jail.

Russell's driver's license has been suspended for five years, and he must pay \$640.50 in court costs. Whitney suspended a \$1,000 fine.

Russell entered a guilty plea to the felony DUI charge on Oct. 25, and county Prosecuting



Job Stuart Russell

Attorney Jeffrey Phillips dropped a misdemeanor open container charge at the Feb. 28 sentencing as part of a plea bargain.

Russell was arrested on the afternoon of Sept. 5 after an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy witnessed a Ford Ranger pickup negotiate the corner of West Main Street and 4th Avenue West in Marsing at a high rate of speed, narrowly missing construction barrels.

After initiated a traffic stop, the

deputy reported noticing an open bottle of hard liquor on the seat next to the driver as well as Russell's slurred speech and blood-shot eyes.

Russell's blood-alcohol concentration measured .205 percent.

Russell's previous felony DUI convictions came in 2013 and in 2005, both in Canyon County. The 15-year-old charge was aggravated DUI, implying that Russell was involved in a car crash.

—JPB

Courthouse report

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

March 3

Jose Gilberto Urias Sosa, Hacienda Heights, Calif. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, frame violations: \$43.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

March 2

Reyes Guevara-Esquivel, Nampa — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, overweight (4,001 pounds or over), exceeds allowable gross loads): \$255 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Robert Hendrix, Twin Falls — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, overweight (4,001 pounds or over), exceeds allowable gross loads): \$362 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Feb. 28

Cody James Attebery, Caldwell — Misdemeanor commercial trucking violation, false logbook serious violation: \$263.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

Job Stuart Russell, Marsing — Felony driving under the influence (second felony violation within 15 years) (plea deal): 2½ years to 10 years in state prison (51 days served), 5 years driver's license suspension, \$1,000 in fines (\$1,000 suspended), \$640.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor consume or possession open container by driver

Plea deal eliminates one of two DUIs for Grand View woman

Out-of-county residents sentenced for drunk driving

A Grand View woman arrested for driving drunk twice in the span of three months has been sentenced on one of the misdemeanor charges.

Judith Eileen Sullivan had to serve seven days in jail and two years supervised probation after her Feb. 10 disposition hearing before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington in Murphy.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey Phillips dropped a second misdemeanor driving under the influence as part of a plea agreement.

Darrington gave Sullivan credit for three days she served in county jail after her arrests. The balance of a six-month jail term was suspended.

She has been barred from driving for six months and must pay \$400 in fines and \$384.50 in court costs.

Sullivan was sentenced for the July 22 DUI offense, while a drunk driving charge and a driving without privileges misdemeanor from an Oct. 6 incident were dropped.

• **Leroy F. Atkins** — The Homedale resident was sentenced to two days in jail after already serving three after his Oct. 25 arrest by Homedale Police. He was sentenced for misdemeanor DUI on Feb. 19 by Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington.

Atkins was placed on unsupervised probation for one year, and his driver's license was suspended for six months.

He also must pay \$400 in fines and \$226.50 in court costs.

Atkins did receive a withheld judgment, meaning he can

petition to have the conviction expunged after successful completion of the sentence.

• **Jose C. Hurtado Escutia** — After a plea agreement, the Wilder man could serve up to 30 days in jail after already sitting behind bars for 15 days after his April 30 arrest

During a Feb. 19 sentencing hearing, Darrington suspended the balance of a six-month county jail term (135 days) while suspending Hurtado Escutia's driver's license of six months.

The man also began a two-year supervised probation stint. Darrington also levied \$400 in fines and \$352.50 in court costs.

Homedale city prosecutor Paul J. Fitzer dropped three charges, including driving without privileges, inattentive driving and driver in possession of an open container of alcohol. Those three misdemeanors were charged after a separate traffic stop on June 16.

• **Carlos Eduardo Nila** — The Caldwell resident was ordered to serve five days jail time during a sentencing hearing on Jan. 29.

Homedale Police arrested Nila on a misdemeanor DUI charge on July 20.

Nila may perform 32 hours of community service in lieu of the five days behind bars. He must also enter a counseling program.

The judge provided 30 days of jail time to be used at the discretion of Nila's probation officer during his one year of supervised probation.

The judge suspended 135 days of a 180-day jail term and also suspended Nila's driver's license for 90 days.

Nila can petition to have his record expunged once he

completes his sentence requirements.

• **Edwin Pina** — The Caldwell resident must serve nine days in jail after his Jan. 29 sentencing on a misdemeanor DUI charge.

Homedale Police arrested Pina early on the morning of July 26 after he was spotted possibly intoxicated while pumping gas at a convenience store.

Pina's BAC measured .219 percent, and he was transported to county jail.

The man served one day in Owyhee County Jail, for which he received credit during last month's sentencing. The judge also suspended 170 days of a six-month sentence.

Pina's driver's license was suspended for a year, and he was placed on two years supervised probation.

He must also pay \$797.50 in fines and \$274.50 in court costs.

• **Joshua Lee Studer** — The Kuna resident was ordered to serve eight days in jail after his Jan. 29 sentencing on misdemeanor counts of drunk driving and drug paraphernalia possession.

Homedale city attorney Paul J. Fitzer dropped a third misdemeanor charge of controlled substance possession.

Studer's driver's license was suspended for 180 days, and he must serve two years supervised probation. \$850 in fines and \$440 in court costs were also levied.

Homedale Police arrested Studer on June 19 after registering a BAC of .206.

Studer was arrested after an officer was dispatched to a local convenience store shortly before 2 a.m., for the report of an unwanted subject. Studer was taken into custody after failing field sobriety tests. Bartenders told police they tried to prevent him from driving, according to the police report.

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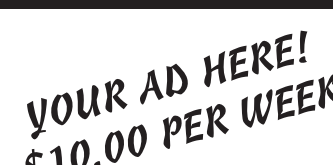
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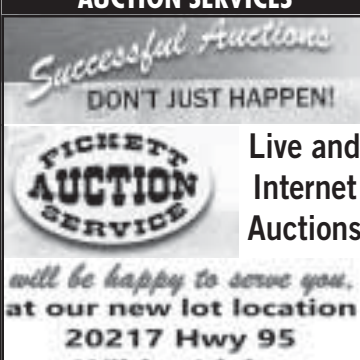
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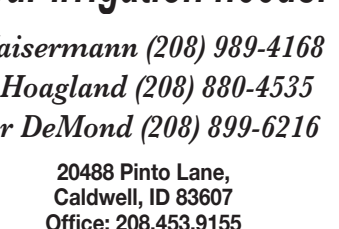
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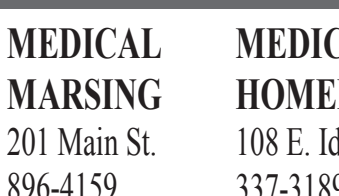
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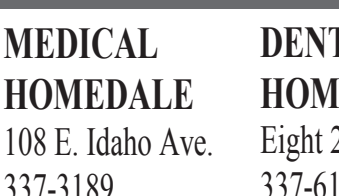
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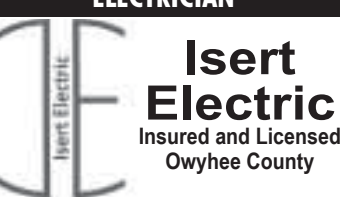
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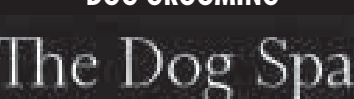
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Deep, talented Trojans tee off

State champ returns; Grove sees district potential

Everyone is back for the Homedale High School golf team this season, including the potential for full varsity teams and the reigning 3A state champion.

To say the Trojans are loaded would be a gross understatement.

But, as with basically every other sport in the 3A Snake River Valley conference, the season will come down to Homedale and defending

— See Trojans, page 4B

Huskies back to baseball

Team returns from hiatus with new coach

One year after a false start to the season and a stall in the program, Marsing High School baseball is back.

Marsing alum JW Chadez, who has coached varsity basketball during a 22-year career leading teams on the

— See Huskies, back page

HOME AT LAST



HHS softball's new field ready to go

Above: Crossfire Fencing employee Kyle Lambert uses a grinder to complete a handrail Friday afternoon at the Homedale High School softball complex at the middle school. **Left:** Crossfire owner Sam Riley twists metal to complete fencing around parts of the complex. The Trojans are scheduled to open the new era on Saturday with a varsity doubleheader against Filer. Game times are noon and 3 p.m.

Trojans exit State after two physical games

Coach pleased with defensive effort

Basketball is a streaky business, and come state tournament time, consistency is crucial.

But when shots don't fall and a team loses its rhythm, even teams with talent and momentum will be tested.

— See State, page 5B



Homedale High School senior Ricardo Hernandez lets fly with a game-tying three-pointer Thursday in Meridian.

Melba loses two at 2A State

A familiar foe ended Melba High School's season on Friday in the 2A Real Dairy Shootout boys' basketball state tournament.

The Mustangs, who were the No. 3 seed from District III, fell to district runner-up New Plymouth, 59-50, in an elimination game at Capital High School in Boise.

Coach Spencer Trappett's Melba squad (15-10) lost for the third time in four tries against the Pilgrims this season.

New Plymouth lost the state consolation title game to Malad, 46-40, on Saturday.

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Sports

Trojans' Lomeli voted 3A SRV's top player

Nelson Lomeli closed out his Homedale High School boys' basketball career as the conference Player of the Year.

The senior guard earned the 3A Snake River Valley conference's top individual award in voting by coaches.

Freshman Jaxon Dines is the only Trojans player on the all-conference first team, while senior Daniel Uranga is Homedale's lone second-teamer.

Lomeli and Uranga represented Homedale in the 2A/3A District III Senior All-Star Game on Tuesday after deadline in Fruitland.

Another ninth-grader, Mason Strong, is an honorable mention pick.

The Fruitland coaching tandem of Mark Van Weerdhuizen and Willie Lake were honored with the conference coach of the year award.



Homedale senior Nelson Lomeli gets a little resistance on his layup try against Filer on Thursday.

Small squad doesn't deter JV track coach

State meet qualifier leads way

The team may be small, but Jordan Valley High School's track and field potential could be mighty this season.

Chris Elsner starts her 12th season as the Mustangs coach with a small roster, including junior Kiana Quintero, who finished 10th in the long jump at last spring's 1A Oregon state meet.

"With such a small group, all players are key," Elsner said.

Quintero, the younger sister of boys' triple jump state runner-up Zeke Quintero, also competes in the triple jump.

Zeke, who won the triple

jump district championship, graduated in May and moved on to study and play football at The College of Idaho.

Zeke was one of three seniors on last year's seven-person squad along with Sam Green and female athlete Skyler Forsythe.

Joining Kiana on the 2020 squad are triple jumper Blaise Warn, jumper and 800-meter athlete Quinton Collins (he'll compete in the long jump and triple jump) — both of whom are juniors — and sophomore Abby Green, who will run the 100 meters and throw the shot put.

"I'm not sure at this time about new freshmen as basketball is still going,"

Elsner said last week in the midst of the 1A Oregon state playoffs.

The coach said all of the Mustangs' meets are crucial because it's the only time the Jordan Valley athletes will see a track and competition against opposing athletes.

"I am hopeful for this season to be another good one with each player working hard and improving each time," Elsner said.

"We do not have a track, so we do the best we can and work hard at home."

The Mustangs' season begins March 20 at the Diana Thurmond meet at Harper Charter.

— JPB

Two Raiders named to All-1A WIC boys' squad

Ian Burbank will be lone Rimrock High School representative in Monday's 1A District III Senior All-Star boys' basketball game.

Burbank and sophomore teammate Gus Black have been named to the All-1A Western Idaho

Conference team, too.

The senior all-star game tips off at 7:30 p.m., on Monday at Payette High School.

The girls' game, which will feature Raiders Hannah Field and Laura Gasper will start at 6 p.m.

Homedale Trojans

Baseball
Burke Deal, 13th season

Softball
Larry Corta, 17th season

Track and field
Bobby Christensen, 2nd season

Golf
Casey Grove, 9th season

Tennis
Scott Michaelson, 9th season

This week's Sports Schedule

BOYS' BASKETBALL
Season complete, 11-14 record

Baseball
Varsity
Saturday, March 14, home vs. Filer (DH), noon and 2 p.m.
Tuesday, March 17, home vs. Payette, 5 p.m.
Junior varsity
Saturday, March 14 at Filer (DH), noon and 2 p.m.
Tuesday, March 17 at Payette, 5 p.m.

Tennis
Tuesday, March 17 at Vale, Ore., 4 p.m.

Track and field
Thursday, March 12 at Kimberly Invitational

Golf
Boys
Wednesday, March 11, home for Homedale Ice Breaker (18 holes), River Bend GC, 11 a.m.
Girls
Monday, March 16 at Weiser Invitational (9 holes), Rolling Hills GC, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, March 17 at Nampa Invitational (18 holes), Centennial GC, 8 a.m.

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Sports

Deal back in building business with HHS baseball

Coach molding youngest team since 2009

Burke Deal has always been a teacher.

This year, with eight players missing from last year’s second consecutive 3A District III championship team, the veteran Homedale High School baseball coach is going back to his day job as a builder, too.

The owner of Ideal Custom Homes has only a couple returning from the core of the 2019 team, which made the program’s fourth state tournament appearance in seven seasons.

The 2020 squad will be without the services of seven graduated seniors and a member of the Class of 2020 — Karsen Frelove — who won’t play as he rehabilitates a torn meniscus in his knee.

“It’s always difficult to replace a group of seniors like those boys,” Deal said. “We have been really fortunate the past few years to be loaded with upperclassmen.”

Nearly every player who led the team to a 16-11 record with seven victories in eight 3A Snake River Valley conference games were all-conference caliber. That includes conference player of the year Drew Deal, who has moved on to Treasure Valley Community College.

There are two all-conference players leading the Trojans this year, including senior Brady Trout, who pitches, catches and plays outfield, and junior Tommy Muir, an infielder and pitcher.

“This is the youngest team that I have had since 2009. We will have some growing pains,” Deal said. “The difference between 2009 and now is our summer program.”

The 2020 Trojans benefit from as close to year-round baseball as you can get in Idaho. Homedale prep players also see 25 to 30 games each summer as part of the American Legion Owyhee Rivercats program.

Muir was All-3ASRV second team after hitting .289 and compiling a 1.44 earned-run average with 28 strikeouts.

“Tommy had one of the best seasons that we have ever had from a sophomore pitcher,” Burke Deal said.

“Tommy will be one of our top pitchers.”



Homedale High School baseball players surround veteran Trojans coach Burke Deal during a post-practice chat Thursday at John Jackson Field.

Muir will also play all over the infield, Deal said.

Trout was an all-conference honorable mention selection in 2019, winning three games with a 2.76 ERA and 23 strikeouts. He’s pegged to be the staff ace this season.

“Brady is a very hard worker and has really developed into a really solid pitcher, a college prospect,” Deal said. “He will be strong at the plate as well. He is our lone senior and our team leader.”

“Brady has earned a great deal of respect on our team for his dedication to our program and the way he has worked to develop himself as a top-notch player.”

There are several varsity newcomers who will work to help keep the Trojans at the top of their game:

• **Dakota Gammel, jr., OF/IF/P** — Gammel graduates from the junior varsity, and also was a solid addition to Deal’s Legion squad.

“He has tons of upside and potential,” the coach said. “I’m excited to see him play.”

• **Teron Morrison, jr., IF/P** — Morrison also played on the JV in 2019 and contributed to the Legion squad.

“He really loves baseball and pushes himself to be a great player,” Deal said. “He has been a valuable addition to our team.”

• **Cody Liebschwager, so., IF/P** — Deal says the starting pitcher from the Trojans’ 3A SRV junior varsity tournament championship appearance has the potential to be dominant. He was also an offensive leader for the JV squad.

“He has a great arm and



Sophomore pitcher Landen Wilson fires to the plate during the varsity team’s jamboree on March 7 at John Jackson Field. Wilson will split time between the Trojans’ two teams, coach Burke Deal said.

is an advanced hitter for a sophomore,” Deal said. “We are expecting big things from Cody on the mound, at the plate and in the field. I am excited to get to work with him for the next three years.”

• **John Lejardi, so., IF/P** — Deal said Lejardi worked hard in the offseason to build his potential.

“He’s a great kid,” the coach said. “We will be leaning on him for valuable innings on the mound, and (he) will be a big contributor at the plate and in the field.”

• **Beeg Hockenhull, so., OF/P** — Deal sees big potential with Hockenhull, who pulled a rare feat by excelling as a ninth-grader as part of the Rivercats’ single-A squad in the summer.

“He’s a very talented athlete,” the coach said. “Beeg has great speed, a great arm and can

swing it. He really covers ground in the outfield.”

• **Tyler Woodward, so., C/OF** — Another big contributor to the summer single-A team, Woodward could be the next in a long line of solid catchers for Deal.

“Tyler is a super kid, a real grinder and a can-do guy,” the coach said. “He has a great makeup for a catcher.”

• **Sigmund Goode, fr., IF/OF/P** — Goode has played a lot of baseball with a lot of success thus far, Deal said.

“We think he is ready to play varsity baseball and can contribute right away, which is tough for a freshman,” the coach said. “He has an advanced swing and understands the infield really well. He has good tools and has been working very hard.”

• **D’Orr Packer, fr., OF/P** — Like Goode, Packer has

tasted a lot of success in his youth career.

“We think he will be a big contributor to our team this season,” Deal said. “He has a great makeup and a quiet confidence and strength to him.”

• **Landen Wilson, so., P/IF/OF** — Wilson will split time between the varsity and JV squads, but Deal said he is turning heads with his work on the mound.

• **Bowen Campbell, jr., OF/IF/P** — Deal said Campbell will be another swing player. “He is really coming on and doing a great job,” the coach said.

• **Josh Brown, so., IF/OF** — Another JV/varsity player, Brown gets props from his coach for his base-running instinct. “He is really working hard and improving fast,” Deal said.

— JPB

Sports

✓ Melba: Game 1 comeback falls short

From Page 1B

Thursday: West Side 55, Melba 45 — The Mustangs played a tight game throughout most of the first half and into the third quarter.

Late in the third, senior guard Caleb Fong hit a pair three-point shots in quick succession to put his team up 31-29 with 1 minute, 15 seconds left. The Mustangs had another opportunity in the waning seconds of the quarter to add to that lead but lost the ball out of bounds.

The Pirates started the fourth quarter on a 9-0 run to build a 38-31 lead with 5:26 left in the game.

Fong was fouled by West Side’s Connor Nielsen and hit one of two charity shots. The teams then matched baskets over the next few times down the floor.

With 2:45 left in the game, the Mustangs still could not close the gap, trailing 44-36.

With his team down by 10 inside two minutes, Fong rimmed out a three-point attempt.

With less than a minute to go, sophomore guard Joe Reiber hit a jumper and was fouled. He knocked down the free throw to bring the Mustangs to within seven points, 50-43.

The Pirates outscored Melba



Melba’s Caleb Fong (left) puts up a jumper against a leaping West Side defender Thursday.

5-2 in the last minute. West Side made it to the state championship game, losing to North Fremont, 42-37.

— TK

Marsing’s Ankeny tabbed player of year

A Marsing High School boys’ basketball player collected some valuable hardware for the third time in four years.

The Huskies’ junior post, Jacob Ankeny, has been named the 2A Western Idaho Conference player of the year.

Ankeny joins the ranks of 2019 graduate Enrique Quebrado, who earned the distinction in his sophomore and senior seasons.

Joining Ankeny as All-2A WIC selections is the Huskies’ senior wing, Merrick Hall, who was named to the second-team.

Three Melba boys received nods to the all-conference teams, including senior Caleb Fong and sophomore Joe Reiber (first-team), and senior Easton Bunnell (honorable mention).

Cole Valley’s Brennan Koch is conference coach of the year.

Hall, Fong, and Bunnell were named as senior all-stars.

Marsing senior Joaquin Oliveros was named an alternate on the team. Some players were not able to play in the game, so Marsing athletic director Tim Little said he expected Oliveros to get some playing time.

The 2A/3A District III Senior All-Star Game was played Tuesday after deadline.

— TK

Homedale wrestling club accepts signups tonight

Registration will be accepted for the Homedale Wrestling Club’s freestyle season tonight.

Parents and their prospective athletes can sign up between 6:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m., today inside the Homedale High School foyer.

The cost is \$95. That includes \$50 for the Homedale Wrestling Club, and a \$45 fee for a USA Wrestling card. Card purchase and registration must be accomplished online at themat.com before the athlete can practice with the Homedale squad.

The first day of practice is Tuesday, March 24.

Parents must bring cash or check and a copy of their child’s birth certificate to registration. Make the \$50 check payable to Homedale Wrestling Club.

Call Joe Egusquiza at (208) 697-8099 or Ami Packer at (208) 870-7609 with questions.

✓ Trojans: Coach envisions chance to sweep district championships

From Page 1B

District III and state champion Fruitland.

“I feel really strong that if our boys play the way they can, we can win another district title and place at the state tourney,” Casey Grove, who is starting his ninth year as HHS coach, said.

Homedale started the season Tuesday after deadline in the Nampa Invite at Centennial Golf Course. The boys play host to the Homedale Ice Breaker today at River Bend Golf Course, and the program will play host to the district tournament on May 5 at the Wilder course.

The girls’ squad starts its season Tuesday with the Nampa Invite at Centennial. Grove sees reigning district champ Weiser remaining as the team to beat.

“I think we have the ability to win the district title and finish in the top three at State,” Grove said of the girls’ team, which is strong and has two seniors senior — Shanlee Swallow and Ashlyn Miller.

Boys

The Trojans will field a varsity and junior varsity squad this season.

- **Daniel Uranga, sr.** — Uranga finally broke through for a state championship as a junior. “He’s a great overall player,” Grove said. “He is the anchor for the men’s team.”
- **Spencer Fisher, sr.** — With Uranga locked in as the Trojans’ top golfer, Fisher will compete for the No. 2 spot on the deep roster.
- **Eli Heck, so.** — Grove anticipates Heck to be in the running for the No. 2 spot as well.
- **Arnulfo Llamas, sr.** — One of four basketball players playing golf, Llamas stays in his lane when it comes to the sport, Grove said.
- **Garrett Elordi, sr.** — Grove says he has seen a lot of growth in Elordi’s game in the first three years of his prep career.
- **Téa Uranga, so.** — Uranga’s family has strong ties to the game of golf. Her older brother, Daniel, is the reigning state champion, and dad Tony is a Trojans assistant this season.

“Téa puts a lot of time into her golf game in the offseason, and it shows,” Grove said. “Téa would be one of the top female golfers in 3A.”

She was sixth in her debut at the state tournament last season, and probably has only gotten better with a busy junior schedule.

“With her offseason golf schedule, Téa expects to be one of the top golfers in the conference and state,” Grove said.

- **Emma Parker, jr.** — Parker’s family has a house on the River Bend course, and her mother, Annie, is an HHS assistant coach.
- **Shanlee Swallow, sr.** — Swallow possesses a good driver and her short game is improving, Grove said. The coach also sees her as a threat to win any time out, just like Parker.
- **Ashlyn Miller, sr.** — Miller also has connections to TimberStone and takes lessons from the facility’s golf pro.

“She has improved a lot over the last three years,” Grove said. “She has a great personality for golf with a lot of competitive drive.” — JPB

Sports

✓ State: Coach praises seniors, expresses excitement about what’s to come

From Page 1B

That seemed to be the case last week for Homedale High School during the 3A Real Dairy Shootout boys’ basketball state tournament.

The Trojans (11-14) went 0-2 at Meridian High School in a pair of games in which field-goal shooting success was inconsistent.

“The state tournament was definitely a new experience for our kids,” first-year Trojans coach Cam Long said. “The level of physicality was much higher than we had experienced all season, and I thought we played a little tentatively on offense in both games.

Homedale’s first season with Long ended Friday with a 56-48 setback against Kellogg. With the Wildcats leading 32-25 after three quarters, the two teams exploded for 47 points over the final eight minutes of the elimination game.

“I was very happy with our defense in both games. The kids competed at a very high level defensively,” Long said.

“Offensively, we just couldn’t find a consistent rhythm, and we struggled executing on that end.”

The Trojans sank 29 of 88 field-goal attempts (32.9 percent) in the two games, including 13-for-56 (23.2 percent) from three-point range.

Long is pleased with the way the team performed overall this season.

“As far as the season went, it was pretty close to what I thought it would be: Early struggles but playing great basketball towards the end,” he said.

The coach was thrilled with the aftermath of the 3A District III championship upset of Fruitland.

“It was an awesome experience for me to witness the kids’ and community’s level of excitement after winning the district tournament,” he said. “It was truly something that nobody will ever forget.”

Long also thinks the program is on the right footing for the future.

“As a staff, we set out a goal of giving this senior class the best experience as possible as well as developing our younger players and setting the tone for the future of this program,” the coach said.

“This season didn’t end quite as we wanted, but this season was the biggest block set for the foundation for the program



Senior Arnulfo Llamas corrals a rebound and Filer’s Austin Jarolimek during Thursday’s opening-round matchup. Photos by Danielle Forsberg / HHS Yearbook

moving forward. I’m sad to see our seniors go, but am excited for our future and hope that this is a program everyone can feel proud to be a part of.”

Friday: Kellogg 56, Homedale 48 — The Trojans held a slim 21-20 halftime lead before the Wildcats took control with a 12-4 run to open the second half.

Homedale connected on nine of 18 shots after the intermission, but Kellogg also went on a tear (11-for-23 from the floor and 12-for-17 from the free-throw line). The Wildcats took 14 more foul shots and scored 10 more points than the Trojans. Homedale was 10-for-17, while Kellogg went 20-for-31.

Graden Nearing was 6-for-8 from the foul line and knocked down both of Kellogg’s three-pointers to led all scorers with 22 points.

The Wildcats held a 17-4 rebounding edge on Homedale’s backboards.

Freshman Jaxon Dines drained four three-point goals and led Homedale with 15 points.

The Trojans scored on 10 of their 11 shots from inside the

three-point line. From long range, Homedale was 6-for-27, including 2-for-17 by anyone not named Dines.

Uranga collected seven of his team-high eight rebounds on the defensive end, and he was 6-for-8 from the foul line before fouling out.

Thursday: Filer 40, Homedale 37 — A flurry of fourth-quarter three-point goals, including the game-tying shot by Ricardo Hernandez with 2 minutes, 32 seconds remaining couldn’t propel the Trojans to an opening-round comeback.

The Wildcats staved off Homedale’s bid with a combination of physical play clutch rebounding.

A minute after Hernandez’s game-tying shot, Filer’s Teagan Anderson put back a teammate’s missed shot to put the Wildcats ahead for good.

Homedale had one last possession with 17.2 seconds left and trailing, 39-37, but senior Spencer Fisher was whistled for traveling.

Filer actually lost the battle of the boards on its end of the floor by a 2-to-1 margin (16-8), but got the rebounds

when they mattered and also prevented the cold-shooting Trojans from getting many offensive rebounds.

With sharpshooter Miguel Perez muscling his way to six defensive rebounds, Filer outperformed Homedale, 26-15, on the Trojans’ glass.

Homedale connected on just 13 of 50 field-goal attempts (26 percent), and leading scorer Dines, a freshman knocked down only one of his nine shots and was 0-for-5 from three-point range. He finished with three points.

Homedale’s frustrating night from the field was summed up when freshman Mason Strong’s would-be game-tying jump shot bounced toward the rafters off the iron twice before a Filer player snagged the rebound with 62 seconds left in the game.

A barrage of three-pointers in the fourth quarter from Hernandez and Fisher raised Homedale’s long-range shooting percentage slightly, but the team still missed on 22 of 29 attempts (24.1 percent success rate).

Fisher, who led Homedale with 10 points, was 3-for-3



Homedale freshman guard Mason Strong brings the ball up the floor during Thursday’s 3A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament first-round game against Filer at Meridian High School.

from behind the line in the second half after missing both his three-point attempts in the first 16 minutes. Three of the team’s five three-pointers in the second half came in the final 2½ minutes of the game.

Also in the second half, Arnulfo Llamas hit his only three-pointer of the game.

Hernandez and Fisher bombed away with three three-pointers in the span of two minutes to the draw Homedale even.

Llamas and Hernandez scored six points each. Uranga was 0-for-5 from the floor but led the team with seven rebounds.

Joseph Bertao used his height advantage to grab a team-high seven rebounds for Filer.

Homedale appeared poised to keep the magic from its 3A District III final upset of Fruitland going in the first half.

Strong canned a three-pointer 46 seconds into the game, and Homedale used quick hands on defense to force the Wildcats into early turnovers.

But after hitting two of their first three shots, the Trojans lost their eye for the basket. Homedale missed six consecutive field-goal attempts before Nelson Lomeli juked and faked his way to the hoop for an acrobatic layup and a 7-5 Trojans lead.

In the midst of another Homedale cold snap, Filer scored the final seven points of the first half to grab a 19-15 edge.

Hernandez’s three-pointer 4 minutes, 23 seconds before intermission was Homedale’s last field goal of the first half.

— JPB

Sports

State-class leadership abounds for Homedale track

Even team’s newcomers have a strong pedigree

The confidence, roster, coaching staff and experience are burgeoning for the Homedale High School track and field team.

Bobby Christensen started his second season as Trojans’ coach with a stable of 10 assistant coaches, about 50 athletes (18 more than last season), and the returning 4x200-meter relay 3A state championship team and state champion discus thrower.

“We have a great group. I love them all,” Christensen said. “I can honesty say we don’t have disciplinary problems and practice is filled with hard work, fun and laughter.

“We have a top-notch (coaching) staff and a lot of volunteers. I owe much of any success we have to them and the captains and our fantastic athletes.”

The idea of team captains was part of Christensen’s arrival in 2019.

“Last season was a building year for our program,” he said. “We put a lot of emphasis on warm-up and cool downs and

the health of the athletes.

“We also worked hard to make the role of captain one of the main cornerstones of the programs.”

The foundation season of the Christensen era included Thomas Symms’ state championship discus throw and a gold medal for the 4x200 relay quartet of Jake Collett, Gage Purdom, Caleb Smith (now seniors) and Erik Hernandez, who is now a junior.

Also a district runner-up in the shot put, Symms is back for his junior season and is a captain.

A third state champion — para-athlete Maria Neri — graduated after winning the shot put state championship. The top team award given each year now bears her name, Christensen said.

Nathan Cornwall and Jose Ojeda also graduated, but Ojeda has returned to coach jumpers.

In addition to Symms and the 4x200 boys, there are a slew of state meet qualifiers returning to the fold this season, including:

- **Maggie Johnson, sr.** — A captain, she placed third in the 400 meters at the 3A District III meet and took fourth in

the 100.

- **Allyson Whitehead, so.** — Finished fourth in the district long jump
- **Izzy Jacobs, so.** — District discus runner-up
- **Smith** — The speedster swept the 100 and 200 titles at the district meet and was runner-up at State in the 100. Another captain, he also served on the Trojans’ district championship 4x100 team that finished fourth in the state meet.
- **Matthew Randall, sr.** — The perennial cross country power finished fourth in the 3,200 at district last season.
- **Bryce Cornwall, jr.** — He took ninth at the state meet after winning the district championship in the triple jump.
- **Purdom** — The senior was the runner-up in the district 400 and served on the district champion 4x100 relay squad.
- **Hernandez** — He qualified for three events at the state meet, taking fourth at district in the 200 and serving on the district champion 4x100 and 4x200 teams.
- **Collett** — He won a bronze medal in the district 100 and also was part of the Trojans’ 4x100 and 4x200 teams.

Newcomers to the team this year include three seniors and

two freshmen.

- **Gracie Dines, sr.** — Dines will compete in the long jump, triple jump, high jump and maybe in the girls’ 4x100 (“If I can talk her into it,” Christensen said).
- Dines won a district long jump championship in middle school.
- **Dawson Fox, sr.** — This is Fox’s first season on a track team after competing on the football team in the fall.
- He will compete in the throws, the 100 and perhaps relays.
- “He is an extremely strong young man,” the coach said.
- **Katie Christoffersen, fr.** — The granddaughter of former HHS coach Amy Christoffersen comes from a family steeped in a winning tradition (including former Trojans standout Marcus Christoffersen).
- She has been named a captain as a ninth-grader after winning two district championships in middle school and serving on the runner-up sprint medley team. She also earned a bronze medal in the long jump.
- “Katie brings a lot to the table. She won’t admit it, though,” Christensen said. “We look forward to having her in the 100 hurdles, 4x100,

long jump and, if I can talk her into it, the 4x400.”

- **Rylan Binford, fr.** — Another football player, Binford won middle school championships in the 100 and 4x100 relay last spring.
- “We’re excited to have him,” Christensen said, adding that he may be the foundation for the next sprinters’ stable.
- **Sylvia Cherchi, sr.** — The Italian exchange student is competing in another sport in her only year in Homedale. She participated in cross country, and Christensen said her “great speed” will be utilized in the 400, 800 and relays.
- With a solid group of returners, Christensen knows the Trojans will be strong in the sprints, relays, middle distance, distance races as well as the throwing events.
- The pole vault is one of the events in which Homedale will work this season. Christensen said this is the first time in 20 years that a Trojans season will feature a pole vaulter.
- Competitors may also have the edge against HHS the hurdles and high jump.
- “We have great athletes in these events, but don’t have the numbers we hope to,” the coach said.
- JPB

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Sports



Huskies cheer put on a show, headed to state

The Marsing High School cheer team placed first in both 2A co-ed show and co-ed stunt competitions at the District III contest on Feb. 29 at Caldwell High School, qualifying in both categories for the Idaho High School Dance and Cheer State Championships, which take place Friday, March 20, at the Ford Idaho Center. **First row, from left:** Manny Ramos and AJ Ayuban; **second row, from left:** Rylee Loucks, Hailey Christiansen, Giulia Burato, Lexi Loucks, Emily Loucks, and Mila Astorquia; **third row, from left:** coach Kylie Sevy, Lexi Sevy, Anahli Montes, and Abby Percifield; **fourth row, from left:** Suzy Ramirez, Austin Pool, Llee Loucks, and Lizbeth Moreno; **top row:** Carter Clay. **Not pictured:** Robert White, Lillian Salazar, and Karla Salazar. Submitted photo

Marsing softball sees changes at the top

Coach: Don’t overlook Huskies after roster, talent infusions

The Marsing High School softball team has undergone a leadership shuffle.

Coaches Daniel White and Monique Smart have swapped positions for the upcoming 2020 campaign with White taking over the head coach’s position and Smart predominately coaching the outfield and acting as a base coach.

Last season’s squad struggled through its schedule, winning just four of 22 games. The Huskies didn’t win a 2A Western Idaho Conference regular-season game.

The team did beat Vision Charter, 21-17, in the 2A District III Tournament play-in game before dropping both games in the double-elimination bracket to McCall-Donnelly and Nampa Christian.

This season will be White’s second with the Huskies and his ninth year coaching overall.

White is confident that he knows why last year’s group had troubles getting wins.

“Last season, we struggled fielding a team,” he said. “I don’t believe last season will impact this season at all.

“This year, we had a great turnout, with new talent and excitement around the program.”

Marsing will field a varsity-only team in 2020 just as it did last season. White said that 19 girls tried out and 13 made the team.

White feels his team has the athleticism, talent, and leadership to replace the seniors lost from last year’s squad, most notably pitcher/shortstop Ashley Loucks and pitcher/third baseman Hailee Bennett.

Loucks was a first-team All-2A WIC performer, while

Bennett was named to the second team.

The coach sees the potential for excellent performances from two returning players and one newcomer in particular:

• **Autumn Bennett, sr., center field** — “Her strengths are (the ability to) track down any fly ball hit in the field,” White said. “She has speed and is aggressive. I believe she will be a first-team all-conference player.”

• **Emily Loucks, sr., catcher** — “She is a natural leader and other players tend to follow her lead. She is aggressive and has all the proper fundamentals.”

• **Mila Astorquia, fr., pitcher** — “She is the future of the program and a rising star.”

The rest of the team consists of:

Senior — Lillian Salazar, utility

Juniors — Adrianna Simpson, outfield; Delaney Percifield, shortstop; Fallon Wasson, outfield; Hailey Christiansen, outfield; Karla Salazar, second base; and Mazzi Roper, third base

Sophomores — Emily Thoene, pitcher/outfield; Lexi Loucks, first base; and Sadie Clover, outfield

Wasson, who lives in the Marsing area, transferred from Melba.

White said that, although many of the girls are playing together for the first time, he sees a lot of athletic potential on the team.

The coach figures teams from New Plymouth, Melba, and McCall-Donnelly will be the cream of the crop but suggests folks shouldn’t bet against the Huskies.

“I believe we will be the surprise of the conference.”

— TK

Huskies bring experience to track

Large coaching staff includes Marsing’s former state champion

The Marsing High School track and field team brings back a pair of leaping state qualifiers this season.

Seniors Merrick Hall (long jump and high jump) and AJ Ayuban (triple jump) hope to improve on solid seasons and return to the 2A state championship meet.

Second-year head coach Clint Thomas believes the return of the two provides a good jump-off point for the season.

“It builds a solid foundation of success for the kids,” he said.

Thomas looks for a group of newcomers to be big contributors to this year’s team:

- **Nico Acosta, jr.** — throws
- **Jacob Ankeny, jr.** — sprints

- **Vanessa Freeman, fr.** — sprints
- **Emily Vanosdall, fr.** — distance

Thomas believes the strength of his squad will be experience. At least a dozen athletes abut of nearly 30 on the roster are returning from last year’s team.

The team is taking a slightly different approach this season by attending some smaller meets, such as the Weiser and Fruitland tri-meets.

“We are looking forward to a great season,” Thomas said. “Our goal is to provide kids with a positive experience within our program.”

Thomas has a full cadre of specialists to help with his team, bringing in six assistant coaches:

- Heidi Ankeny (sprints)
- Luke Ankeny (horizontal

- jumps)
- Bree Chadez (vertical jumps)
- Isaiah Ponce (distance)
- Brook Brown (hurdles)
- Elias Orndorff (throws)

Orndorff is a 2019 graduate of MHS and participated in throws for the track team.

Ponce and Chadez also are former Huskies athletes.

The 2003 Class 2A state champion in the high jump and a four-time state meet medalist, Chadez continued her track and field career with the University of Idaho between 2008 and 2010.

In last year’s state meet:

- Hall overcame the rainy conditions at Middleton High School in May to place seventh in the long jump with a leap of 19 feet, 8.25 inches and tied for ninth in the high jump at 5-6.

- Ayuban finished sixth in his event, with a jump of 39-8.25, a personal best.

— TK

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Health district opens coronavirus call center

SWDH offers tips to avoid exposure

Although there are no confirmed cases in Idaho, Southwest District Health is being proactive with its approach to coronavirus. The district has set up a call center to field citizens’ concerns about novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Operational since last Wednesday, the call center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call (208) 455-5411. The call center handled 73 calls in its first two days of operation, and the questions were

primarily travel-related. Southwest District Health employees and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers will man the call center, which was brought online to deal with an increasing volume of calls from concerned citizens. Meanwhile, through work with state agencies, other public health district and healthcare provides around the state, Southwest District Health is prepared when someone is sick with COVID-19 or has been exposed to someone who may carry the virus. Southwest District said in a press release announcing the call center that the risk to the public in Idaho is still

believed to be low, but the virus is likely to spread to new areas. “Many people don’t realize that the virus causing novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is different than the typical coronaviruses that commonly circulate among humans,” Southwest District Health epidemiologist Cheryl Craig said. “The same precautions should be taken to avoid any coronaviruses and other respiratory diseases such as the flu.” Those precautions include: • Washing hands often with soap and water • Avoiding touching eyes, mouth, or nose with unwashed hands • Keeping a distance of at least 6

feet from people who appear to have respiratory illness

- Covering your coughs with a tissue or coughing into your elbow
- Cleaning often touched objects and surfaces using regular household cleaning spray or wipes.

If you have symptoms like cough, fever, or other respiratory problems, contact your regular doctor first. The medical provider can suggest precautions to help reduce the spread of your illness at the medical facility. For more information and more details about novel coronavirus, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>

Governor says Idaho’s coronavirus risk very low

Legislators OK Little’s \$2M request for response

by Madison Hardy
UI McClure Center intern
Coronavirus (COVID-19) has become a global boogeyman. Originating from Wuhan, China, earlier this year, the virus has spread to almost every continent with reported cases in 37 countries.

According to the World Health Organization, there have been 88,948 confirmed cases worldwide and a death toll of 3,043. In the United States, there have been 100 cases with 11 fatalities as of last Wednesday. In states near Idaho there are currently 38 cases in California, 30 in Washington, two in Oregon, and one in Utah, according to The New York Times.

On Friday, the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (JFAC) approved Gov. Brad Little’s request for \$2 million to fund the state’s response. “While the individual risk for coronavirus in Idaho is still low, the situation is rapidly evolving, and we do expect confirmed cases in Idaho at some point,” Little said in a statement about the funding. “Idaho is prepared, and

we all must do our part to prevent the spread of coronavirus by washing your hands frequently, staying home if you are sick, and avoiding others who are sick. I commend the Legislature for acting decisively to ensure we are prepared to protect the people of Idaho,” Governor Little said. The \$2 million is in addition to an expected \$4.568 million influx from the federal government after Congress approved the Trump administration’s request for \$8.3 billion in supplemental spending for coronavirus preparedness and response last week. At a press conference last Wednesday, state officials updated the status of the virus in Idaho. Little has created a new workgroup to ensure the lines of communication are kept open across Idaho and to enhance the coordination efforts between state agencies to best serve the public. The group includes:

- Dave Jeppesen, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare director
- Brian Whitlock, president and CEO of the Idaho Hospital Association
- Carol Moehrle, director of public health for the North Central District of Idaho
- Brad Richy, director of the Idaho Office of Emergency Management
- Dr. Carolyn Bridges, retired CDC Epidemic Intelligence Service officer
- Dr. David Pate, former Idaho St. Luke’s CEO
- Sherri Ybarra, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

“Idaho’s public health

officials have been working for months with the Centers for Disease Control (and) Prevention and other states to prepare Idaho for the 2019 novel coronavirus,” Little said. “They are in regular communication with Idaho’s local health districts and health care providers around the state to make sure they know what to look for and to make sure they are prepared to respond if someone is sick or has been exposed.” As of March 4, 35 Idahoans had been under observation for coronavirus, according to IDHW. Of those, 27 are no longer being monitored, six were tested, and no COVID-19 infections were confirmed. Dr. Christine Hahn, Idaho’s state epidemiologist, says the CDC has only sent one test kit for the coronavirus but more kits are on the way. One kit has the ability to test 300 people, but with new supplies Idaho labs will be able to test 500 potential patients by the end of the week. “We have not tested a large number of people yet, but that is ramping up very quickly,” Hahn said. “We can probably do about 15 per day right now. We will ramp that up as the demand starts to go above that.” The governor unveiled a new coronavirus informational Twitter account (@IdahoCOVID19) and an online resource for Idahoans to access information (coronavirus.idaho.gov). Jeppesen said IDHW has had state and local response plans in place for years for public health situations such as the coronavirus. The plan went into full effect on Jan. 27. He said monitoring of the situation in the state began in early January with coordination between IDHW, health districts and public

providers in partnership with the CDC. “The mission of the department is to promote the health and safety of all Idahoans, and that certainly applies to prepare for the coronavirus,” Jeppesen said. Hahn said the coronavirus mortality rate is about 1.4 percent, 10 times higher than the regular seasonal flu, but that figure is ever-changing. In comparison, mortality rates for earlier SARS and MERS outbreaks were in the 30- to 50-percent range. “Our public health goal in Idaho and across the nation is to slow this virus down. We probably can’t stop it. It’s too late to stop it,” Hahn said. “We know it will be up to a year or more before a vaccine is available, so the more we can slow this down, the closer we’ll be to having a vaccine or treatment.” Coronavirus symptoms can be somewhat misleading, especially now, in the flu and cold season. Officials advise citizens take precautionary measures like staying home if sick, avoiding those who are ill, covering their nose and mouth when sneezing and coughing, washing hands with warm water and soap, refraining from touching their face, or in extreme cases, calling their medical provider. “I encourage Idahoans to do their part to keep vulnerable populations safe from this disease by preventing the spread,” Little said. Currently, there is no definitive knowledge of how the virus spreads; it is mainly perceived to be spread from person-to-person, but the CDC website says it may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching

their face. Eighty percent of people infected with the COVID-19 virus will have a mild illness, according to the IDHW. The most susceptible populations are those with pre-existing respiratory concerns, underlying health issues, and the elderly. Officials say that as of now everything is reassuring about the safety of Idaho’s children. “It is something to be aware that children can be impacted, but at least don’t seem to be as severely impacted as adults,” Hahn said. Last week, two schools in northern Idaho closed for precautionary cleaning. Concern heightened after the University of Idaho learned that a student scheduled to participate in the annual Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival tested positive for the coronavirus. The student didn’t attend the festival, but the officials from participating schools were worried that other students could have possibly come into contact with the infected youth. Little said schools have full authority to close for precautionary measures. State officials say there is no need to cancel any upcoming plans for vacation or events, such as school spring breaks this month and state sporting events.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

March 15, 1995



Jump Rope For Heart

Andrew Miller was one of a gym full of Homedale Elementary School students who jumped rope for the American Heart Association last Thursday. Students hoped to raise \$1,750 through community sponsorship of the event.

One major “ursa” passes through town

A representative of one of the world’s largest predator species was spotted in Homedale Monday, in the back of a pickup, of all places. Fortunately the animal, an Alaskan grizzly bear, was already dead. The bear was recently killed by Paul Bull in Alaska and taxidermed by Ken Maybon, and was on its way to its new home.

County students graduate U of I

Three residents of Owyhee County were among the 529 students who received degrees from the University of Idaho in Moscow last fall. Robert Pottenger of Homedale earned a Bachelors degree from the University’s College of Education, Trey Glineski of Bruneau earned a Bachelors degree from the College of Forestry, and Vicki Hartruft Chandler, also of Bruneau, earned a Master of Education degree.

Homedale places two at state wrestling

The youth and inexperience of Homedale’s wrestlers paid off for some older teams at the state wrestling tournament, as the Trojans performed overall at a level slightly below expectation. “It just goes to show you the level of competition,” rojan coach Bob Stancliff says. “I think maybe we gained in each case a little bit of awareness of the competitive level that we needed to be at.” Homedale took J.R. Castro (119), Ben Jeppe (125), Nathan Volk (145), Steve Christiansen (112), Nick Bowman (125) and Randy Breshears (Hvy) to the event. Of those, two went home with medals, Castro and Christiansen.

50 years ago

March 12, 1970

Homedale WCTU lists essay, poster winners

The WCTU (Woman’s Christian Temperance Union) has announced winners of the annual essay and poster contest on temperance. The contests were conducted in the Homedale Junior High School with Mrs. Harriet Kinder, English teacher, in charge. Mrs. Olive Mitchell, a retired teacher, assisted in judging the posters. Other judges were Rev. Wayne Cutshall, Clare Willcuts and Mrs. Charles Rudolph. Essays were written on the subject “to Smoke or Not to Smoke.” David Takasugi won first; Doug Cook, second; Judy George, third; and Melody Williams, fourth. Others were Doug Takasugi, Deana Bevar, Patsy Salisbury and Marianne George. Poster winners were Matt Paxton, 1st; Richard Fritzley, 2nd; Randy Maybon, 3rd; and Sherry Quintana, 4th. Others were Albert Lopez, Craig Reed, honorable mention; Jim Reed, Craig Reisch, David Johnson, Dan Auker, and Dennis Combs.

School budget for 1970-71 year — \$491,419

A budget totaling \$491,419.97 for the 1970-71 school year was adopted at the regular monthly meeting of the school board Monday night. The figure compares with \$484,029.53 for the 1969-70 school year. A hearing on the budget will be held at the next regular meeting on April 13. The budget anticipates that the bond interest and redemption levy will drop from 12.5 to 6 mills. The general levy will remain at 30 mills and the plant facilities levy at 5 mills, board clerk Jim Duncan said. The assessed valuation has risen from \$3,394,106 to \$3,544,395. At the meeting the board approved bills totaling \$4,999.73. A new school bus was purchased from Boyd Larson Dodge, Boise, for a total of \$6,225.17 with a 1961 Ford traded in. The board voted to send the pep band and cheerleaders to the state A-3 basketball tournament at Lewiston this week. It was voted to adopt a new health and accident policy as presented by the teachers with the district paying \$10 per month per employee participating. Contracts were offered to June Briggs, Marsing, 6th grade; and Sherry Nauta, Nampa, 2nd grade. Two teachers, Nancy Ash and Mary Jo Pottenger, were authorized to attend the national math conference at Coeur d’Alene on April 9-11.

Police chief asks dog owners to obey statute

Dog owners are reminded by Roy Rowland, Homedale chief of police, that under the new leash law owners must keep their dogs tied up or penned both during the day and at night. This applies to dogs with licenses and also to puppies which are too young to be licensed, he pointed out. Since the leash law was put into effect, 226 dogs have been licensed, in Homedale, according to Mrs. Joyce Blackman, city clerk. Frank Orr served as a special deputy until the first of last week, but has now resigned, and the ordinance will be enforced by the regular city police. The chief asks that any resident who is bothered by a loose dog, or anyone who is troubled by a garbage problem to get in touch with him, and not with the mayor or councilmen.

145 years ago

March 13, 1875

DELMONICO RESTAURANT.—

This is the name of a first-class restaurant just opened by Messrs. Glynn & Percheron, at South Mountain. Johnny and Gus are the cleverest fellows in existence and serve up the very best of eatables and drinkables to their patrons at all hours of the day and night. We advise the South Mountain people to patronize them, and, of course, Silver City folks will not fail to give them a call when they go out there.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BULLION.—

We understand that there are about 50 tons of bullion on the way from South Mountain to Trout Creek — scattered all along the road. There is no danger of anybody stealing it, however.

TOLL-ROAD NOTICE.—

As will be seen by reference to an advertisement in this evening’s paper E. C. Hardy has applied to the County Commissioners for license for a toll-road near South Mountain.

HIS BROTHER.—

R. C. Jewell arrived by the Winnemucca stage last evening. He is a brother to John Jewell to whom the miners of War Eagle mountain sent a polite note requesting him to leave the camp in March, 1872.

(From Wednesday’s Daily)

MINING ITEMS.—

From the time we commenced the publication of the DAILY AVALANCHE till the present, we have ourself done all the writing for the paper, made up the mails, kept the books and attended to the general business of the establishment. This made it necessary for us to work hard nearly eighteen hours out of the twenty-four every day, confining us to the office most of the time; consequently we have not been able to devote much attention to the gathering of mining items for which the AVALANCHE had always been specially noted. The mining items that have appeared in our daily from time to time were furnished by correspondents and other kind courteous friends. Now, however, we have secured competent assistance in the management of our paper which will enable us to resume our peregrinations among the mines and give frequent notices and descriptions of them as of yore. And we shall be pleased at all times to receive from Superintendents and others all information worthy of note in any manner connected with the mining interests of our camp.

(From Thursday’s Daily.)

CALLED.—

Our old friend Peter Adams, who got back from the Atlantic States night before last, enlightened our sanctum with his genial presence this morning. He informs us that the weather is intensely cold and times very dull this winter throughout the Eastern States. He visited Niagara Falls, and says that people walk across the river immediately below the Falls, the ice being 15 feet in thickness, something that was never before known in the history of the place. The ice scenery about the Falls he describes as magnificent, and thousands of tourists are embracing the opportunity to view so rare a sight.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense A Bad Sign



The cow went down in the pasture. I took it as a sign.
Like lightning striking my saddle horn or guppies in the wine.

I'll have to pull the calf right here. But it isn't raining hard.
It's just too bad that my slicker is still back in the yard.

I taught my horse to ground tie. Like havin' an extra man.
Now why did he run off like that? I really had a plan,

Thank goodness I've got a catch rope. Whoa, darlin', just lay still ...
You four-footed Double Whopper! Your next stop is the grill!

Stay outta the blinkin' cattails! At least they break the breeze.
For now she's stuck in the quagmire; me, I'm up to my knees.

I've got both feet and I'm pullin'. She's flat out on her side.
It's a water-cooled delivery. He's comin' with the tide.

I feel like a scuba diver, he hangs up at the hip.
I get his head on my shoulder. It's hard to keep my grip,

He's slick as a newborn porpoise. I heave him on the shore
And plop, right there in the water, just glad there ain't no more.

The cow, relieved of her burden rises outta the crud
And walks the length of my body mashin' me into the mud.

My hat is the only thing floating. I'm soaked from head to toe.
The cow is lickin' her baby and watchin' me below.

I wait till he's up and suckin', then slip out like a mouse
And thank the Lord that I'm only half a mile from the house.

— 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.

Letters to the editor

Zito's outlook, work ethic right for Dist. 23 Senate

I am writing in support of Christy Zito's candidacy in the primary, for the Senate seat in District 23. She is a champion of individual rights and has demonstrated a willingness to do what's right rather than what's popular. Christy is not afraid to ruffle some establishment feathers, and for my part that's a good thing. She deserves your support to take her work ethic to the Senate and continue to defend your rights.

Louis K. Monson
Wilson

Lincoln Day luncheon appeared short on solutions

I read with interest The Owyhee Avalanche of Feb. 26 reporting the Lincoln Day luncheon and fundraiser for, theoretically, those Republicans running for office.

All of the powers-that-be were in attendance from the top of the totem pole to the least. Notice that I did not say the bottom of the totem pole.

The only bally-hoo that I saw in print was from our good Senator Risch, who recently attained national attention for falling asleep at Trump's impeachment trial. I wouldn't want him on any jury of mine. I guess he draws his normal salary while asleep? Can we get our money back?

I looked in vain for high-minded slogans like — We, the Republicans (nobody else there?) are going to do something for the poor, the homeless veterans, the single mothers, the low-wage worker who couldn't come to the GOP luncheon because he/she had to work three of Senator Risch's 7 million new minimum-wage jobs.

I can hear the cry from the audience that didn't go up from the audience — "We are doing enough for



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The Owyhee Avalanche will accept letters to the editor pertaining to the May 19 primary election until noon on Friday, May 8.

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those folks!"

From back in the kitchen I can also hear a mutter from the low paid kitchen help — "But it's not enough!"

Welcome to the home of the brave and the land of the free — and the poor.

Ray Heidt
Homedale

From the Statehouse

Legislation on youth e-cigarette education deserves public hearing

We must protect our children. More and more of them are using electronic cigarettes, putting their health at risk, and creating a lifelong addiction. H 588 can help stop this trend by educating Idaho's youth so they are better prepared to make an informed decision about their well-being. But first, H 588 must get a committee hearing.

The numbers from the National Youth Tobacco Survey are staggering. E-cigarette use has more than doubled among high-schoolers in just the past couple years. More than 1-in-4 of all high-schoolers report using e-cigarettes. For middle-schoolers, that's kids as young as 11, 1-in-10 report using e-cigarettes. These numbers are spiking, and they will continue to go up unless we do something.

We can do something in Idaho, and that "something," is H 588. This legislation would establish a program in each public health district in the State of Idaho that would educate our youth on the dangers of minors using electronic smoking devices. They will be funded by including electronic cigarettes in the definition of tobacco products. Cartridges or containers used in electronic smoking devices would

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be taxed at the same rate as other tobacco products, such as cigars, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, packets. This puts e-cigarettes on a level playing field with other tobacco products. The result is an informed group of teenagers who are prepared to make educated decisions.

— See *Hearing*, Page 11B

Commentary

Financial management

Take a breath after divorce before making big money decisions

Dear Dave,

I went through a divorce a couple of months ago, and I'm not sure what to do next. I received custody of our kids, ages 13 and 15, plus I have a good job and I got the house in the settlement. It's a nice, simple home, but it's paid for and worth about \$200,000. I receive \$1,400 a month in child support, and I got \$125,000, which was half our savings. I also have no other debt. Most of my friends are telling me I should begin investing, but they all have different ideas about where I should put the money. Can you give me some guidance?

— Michelle

Dear Michelle,

I'm so sorry to hear you're going through this. Divorce is hard enough when it's just a couple, but it must be incredibly difficult with kids involved. Make sure you spend lots of time hugging on them, and telling them how much you love them. God bless you guys.

OK, I know your friends are just trying to help, but I wouldn't follow their financial advice right now. The trauma from your divorce is still fresh, and you should never make important, long-range decisions when your emotions are messed up. If



there's anything positive in all this, it's that you're in a really nice place where

your finances are concerned. You've got a good job, you have no debt, and you've got six figures sitting in the bank.

My advice is to park that money in a CD until you feel you're getting over the shock of what has happened. You won't make much money doing this, but you won't lose any, either. Then, after some time has passed, I want you to find a good financial advisor — one with the heart of a teacher — and look into investing \$25,000 in good growth stock mutual funds. I'm talking about ones with at least a 10-year track record of

success.

Time and knowledge can help erase fear, Michelle. Plus, you've got a responsibility to yourself and your kids to invest wisely.

— Dave

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

✓Hearing: Smoking down, but e-cig use up among our teenagers

From Page 10B

Some of you might have heard that e-cigarettes can be a help to people if they want to quit smoking. While e-cig makers have certainly marketed these products that way, they have not received approval from the FDA as a smoking cessation device. Gums, lozenges or patches are proven to be effective in helping people quit smoking, and they're FDA-approved. The few studies there are show no advantages to using e-cigs to quit smoking. While some people have used them to quit, those folks are still addicted to and using the nicotine in these devices, but they believe they're no longer risking their health, and that's the real danger. Teen smoking is down, but the rapid rise of e-cigarettes use by youth is creating a new generation of nicotine addiction.

I encourage you to contact your state senators and representatives and demand a hearing for H 588.

I will always fight to ensure Idahoans' freedom. You have the right to choose whether to smoke, chew, or use e-cigarettes. Your kids, once they're of-age, should have that same right. But, it's essential that they have all the facts when they make that life-changing decision. This bill ensures that they will.

— Dist. 23 state Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) is in his final year as a member of the Idaho Legislature. He will retire when he completes his latest two-year term at the end of the year.

Letters to the editor

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From Washington

Helping record histories for posterity, education vital to honoring veterans

Recording the life stories of Idaho veterans helps ensure their service is honored in a way that enables us to learn from their examples. Over the years, I have participated in interviewing Idaho veterans to preserve their stories for the Veterans History Project (VHP). I am proud to be a part of bringing representatives of the Library of Congress, which administers the Veterans History Project, and others to Jerome on Saturday to host a veterans oral history workshop. The workshop will be held at noon at the Summit Elementary School (200 10th Ave W., Jerome). This is a great opportunity to honor the service of more Idaho veterans by expanding Idahoans' contributions to the collection.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post 3001 spearheaded Saturday's workshop, which is intended to broaden understanding of how to interview and record veterans' stories to be included in the Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress. Congress established the Veterans History Project in 2000. Since then, the Library of Congress' American Folklife Center has been working with the public to collect veterans' oral histories to preserve and make them available to the public "so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war." In 2016, Congress expanded the Veterans History Project to include stories given by immediate family of Armed Forces members lost through wartime service.

Idaho veterans and their families have provided 1,498 collections for the VHP so far. The personal service accounts of Idaho veterans and veterans nationwide can be viewed on the Veterans History Project website, at www.loc.gov/vets/. The VHP can be searched for the accounts of veterans of certain wars and from specific states, including those from Idaho veterans. In addition to archiving this important part of our nation's history for all Americans, the collections have been used for museum exhibits, academic papers, news articles and more. The Veterans History Project website contains guidelines for conducting interviews and submitting stories to the

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project. Veterans' unedited audio or video-recorded interviews, photographs, letters, diaries, journals, military documents, two-dimensional artwork, maps and unpublished memoirs that pertain to the service of U.S. military veterans are among the materials accepted to the VHP.

I have written previously about the insights Idahoan William Russell Woodfin Sr. shared during a 2001 interview with a longtime member of my staff, the late Linda Norris. He said, "I always say this to high school or elementary schools when I talk to them that I hope no one thinks I'm brave. I did so little compared to many who lived, but particularly those who died. ... Bravery to me is being scared to death, but some way, with the help of your God, overcoming the fear. You don't overcome it, but you're able to go on, bear up, and do what you have to do. And that's an hourly, daily thing. ... I'll tell you as nearly as I can so that I hope you understand it." His humility and thoughts about overcoming fear are deeply powerful and reflective of the purpose of this enormously enriching project. Thank you to all those who take the time to ensure Idaho voices are part of this national treasure.

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NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Declaration of Candidacy forms for the offices of Owyhee County Sheriff; Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney, Owyhee County Commissioner, District 1, for four (4) years; Owyhee County Commissioner, District 2, for two (2) years; and Owyhee County Precinct Committeeman, for 2 (two) years must be filed with the Owyhee County Clerk's Office, whose address is 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, 83650, between March 2, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. March 13, 2020 (I.C. §34-704 & §34-708). Such declarations are available at the Owyhee County Clerk's office or at www.owyheecounty.net under the Clerk's / Elections tab.

All State Offices Declaration of Candidacy forms must be submitted to the Idaho Secretary of States Office between March 2, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. March 13, 2020 (I.C. §34-704 & §34-708).

All Political Subdivision Declaration of Candidacy forms must be submitted to the Political Subdivision Clerk or Secretary between March 2, 2020 and March 13, 2020 (I.C. §34-1404).

Individuals who run as write-in candidates for Political Subdivisions must file a Declaration of Intent with the Political Subdivision Clerk or Secretary by April 3, 2020 (I.C. §34-1407).

Individuals running for State Offices as a write-in candidate must file a Declaration of Intent to the Idaho Secretary of State's Office by 5:00 p.m. April 21, 2020, and individuals running as a write in candidate for all County Offices must file a Declaration of Intent to the Owyhee County Clerks Office by 5:00 p.m. April 21, 2020 (I.C. §34-702A).

03/11/2020

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

February 3, 10, 18, 24, 2020

February 3

Clarified that the building purchased for the DMV in Grand View will also serve as a Sheriff Office, and that the building is not "modular" but rather a "stick built" building.

Sheriff Grant presented Civil Clerk Bev White with a certificate and buckle for 25 years of service with the Department. Dispatcher Karlene Madsen and Sheriff Deputy Kenny Hoagland were also presented with certificates and buckles for 20+ years of service.

Approved and paid all outstanding bills from the following funds; Current Expense \$44,333; Road & Bridge \$16,287; District Court \$1,294; Probation \$734; Health District \$4,604; Historical Society & Museum \$1,497; Indigent & Charity \$14,227; Revaluation \$822; Solid Waste \$6,499; 911 \$2,362; County Vessel \$564; Taxing District Elections \$58; Auditors Trust \$15,180; PILT \$14,000; County Vessel Trust \$50

Paid the Capital Crimes bills for Indigent and Charity in the amount of \$840.00.

Approved the Treasurers tax cancellation for parcel TP003018 in the amount of \$537.07 due to approval of a late charge refund request.

Approved the Treasurers tax cancellation for parcel RP03N05W276612 in the amount

of \$.33 due to approval of a late charge refund request.

Approved the Treasurers tax cancellation for parcel RP03N05W276450 in the amount of \$2.04 due to approval of a late charge refund request.

Approved the Treasurers tax cancellation for parcel TP0004300 in the amount of \$1,521.84 due to a UADWEB error.

Approved the Treasurers tax cancellation for parcel TP0003014 in the amount of \$1,460.45 due to a UADWEB error.

Approved the Treasurers tax cancellation for parcel TP0009700 in the amount of \$1,009.16 due to a UADWEB error.

Approved the Treasurers tax cancellation for parcel TP0003013 in the amount of \$893.68 due to a UADWEB error.

Approved the Treasurers tax cancellation for parcel TP0003016 in the amount of \$879.16 due to a UADWEB error.

Approved the Treasurers tax cancellation for parcel TP0000009 in the amount of \$1,570.86 due to a UADWEB error.

Approved the Treasurers tax cancellation for parcel TP0000002 in the amount of \$1,031.79 due to a UADWEB error.

Approved the Treasurers tax cancellation for parcel TP0005061 in the amount of \$893.64 due to a UADWEB error.

Designated the polling locations for the March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary Election. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Merrick. Motion carried.

Precinct 001 – North Homedale
Owyhee County Community Center
420 W. Nevada Ave.
Homedale, Idaho 83628

Precinct 002 – South Homedale
Owyhee County Community Center
420 W. Nevada Ave.
Homedale, Idaho 83628

Precinct 003 – North Marsing
Marsing Community Center
126 2nd Avenue West
Marsing, Idaho 83639

Precinct 004 – South Marsing
Extension Office
238 West 8th Avenue
Marsing, Idaho 83639

Precinct 006 – Wilson
Wilson School House
10427 Johnston Lane
Melba, Idaho 83641

Precinct 007 – Murphy
Owyhee County Courthouse
20381 Hwy 78
Murphy, Idaho 83650

Precinct 008 – Oreana
Oreana Community Center
18092 Oreana Loop Rd
Oreana, Idaho 83650

Precinct 009 – Grand View
Eastern Owyhee Library
520 Boise Avenue
Grand View, Idaho 83624

Precinct 010 – Bruneau
Bruneau American Legion Hall
32536 Belle Avenue
Bruneau, Idaho 83604

Precinct 005 – Pleasant Valley – Mail Ballot

Precinct 011 – Riddle – Mail Ballot

Precinct 012 – Three Creek –

NOTICE OF FEE INCREASES

The Homedale Jt. School District #370, Canyon and Owyhee Counties, proposes to increase the following fees by an amount that exceeds one hundred five percent (105%) of the fees charged this year. The proposed percentage increase of the fees is listed below.

Athletic Event Admission Fees	Current (2019-20) Fee	Next Year (2020-21) Fee	Percent Increase
Adults	\$5.00	\$6.00	20.00%
Students & Senior Citizens	\$3.00	\$4.00	33.33%

This fee is being increased due to the increase in costs. Admission fees have not changed in 30 years and costs have increased exponentially during that time.

All citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the increased fees request. The hearing will be held on April 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Homedale School District Board Room, 116 East Owyhee, Homedale, Idaho.

Faith K. Olsen
Business Manager

03/11,18/2020

Mail Ballot Precinct 013 - Absentee Voting

Owyhee County Courthouse
20381 State Hwy 78
Murphy, Idaho 83650

Approved the Sheriff's Maintenance Contract for Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) and ProQA in the amount of \$2,472.00 per year.

Approved a contract between Owyhee County and Advanced ATM to place an ATM at the Sheriff's Office.

Placed a lien on Indigent & Charity cases 20-03 and 20-04.

Approved Indigent & Charity case 19-63.

Approved Indigent & Charity case 20-04.

Denied Indigent & Charity case 20-01 per Idaho Code 31-3511 – Applicant failed to cooperate with the county.

February 10

Approved Resolution 2020-04: Credit Card Limits Associated with Official County Business. Credit card limits will be set to the following to necessitate Owyhee County business: Elected Officials: \$2000 / Department Heads, Deputies and others \$1000 / Exceptions: Sheriff \$4000, Chief Deputy Sheriff \$3000 and Back County Deputy \$2500.

Approved the Agreement of Acceptance of Terms for Owyhee County Issued U.S. Bank One Card. Authorizes uses are for county approved purchases only, use by approved and authorized persons, and for Owyhee County purchases. Unauthorized uses are personal purchases, by unauthorized persons, use for entertainment that is not included in a training or conference while traveling for county business. This Agreement will be signed annually by cardholders

Approved Resolution 2020-05: Authorizing Transfer of Excess Sale Proceeds to the State Treasurer Pursuant to Idaho Code § 31-808. The Board has determined that the County has met the requirements for transferring said excess proceeds in the amount of \$490.75 to the State Treasurer.

Approved the Owyhee County Community Center parking lot design and layout designed by County Engineer Civil Dynamics. Lot will be ADA compliant.

Re-appointed William P. (Bill) Statham to the Historic Preservation Committee for a 4-year term, ending January 2024.

Approved the State of Idaho Parks and Recreation Recreational Boating Safety funds for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020 in the

amount of \$26,543 with a required 50% match for the allocation.

Approved the Agreement between Owyhee County Sheriff's Office and DataWorks Plus for 24x7 telephone support, free remote software updates, remote dial-in analysis, shipping for defective hardware with remote installation assistance, and workstation equipment and software in the amount of \$5,614.50.

Approved a quote from Skyline Construction in the amount of \$26,600.00 for site work, survey works, building permits, removal of concrete slab, excavate, set building and connect to services for the Grand View DMV and Sheriffs Remote Office Building.

Approved a certificate of residency to the College of Western Idaho for student 2020-04.

Approved the contract with JBS Auctions for the public auction to be held March 9, 2020.

Approved Resolution 2020-02: To Sell Owyhee County automobiles, firearms and miscellaneous items at Public Auction on March 9, 2020. (Current items listed below)

- (2) 2008 Ford F-250
- (1) 2010 Ford F-150
- (1) 2012 Ford F-250
- (1) 2013 Dodge 1500
- (1) 2014 Dodge 2500
- (1) Frigid Freezer
- (1) Industrial Freezer
- Misc. fishing gear (pole and tackle)
- (10) Rifle hard case
- (1) Rifle hard case
- (1) RSE fishing bow
- (1) Coleman stove
- (1) Mossberg 12 gauge – non working (not part of drug fund)
- (26) Firearms, each of which were seized and forfeited pursuant to the Idaho Uniform Controlled Substance Act, or as abandoned property, which are also intended for sale at Public Auction, proceeds shall be placed in the Owyhee County Drug Enforcement Fund.

Approved Indigent and Charity case 20-02.

February 18

Approved and paid all outstanding bills from the following funds; Current Expense \$41,276; Road & Bridge \$24,252; District Court \$2,400; Fair, Grounds & Bldgs. \$163; Probation \$405; Historical Society & Museum \$194; Indigent & Charity \$28,100; Jr. College Tuition \$7,950; Revaluation \$510; Solid Waste; \$11,024; Weeds \$432; 911 \$3,596; County Vessel \$1,223; Taxing District Elections \$158; PILT \$7,704

Appointed Jim Desmond as

the hearing examiner for the Trinity Rock Subdivision hearing scheduled for Monday February 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

February 24

Accepted the Special Warranty Deed from Idaho Power for 1.91 acres of land off Wilson Cemetery Road to allow access for property owners on Nighthawk Lane.

Approved the fairgrounds new hire of Steve Sloyer as ground-keeper, to begin on March 1, 2020 at \$15.00 per hour, with 20 hours per week.

Approved Resolution 2020-06: To Sell Owyhee County Automobile (2005 Ford Taurus) at Public Auction on March 9, 2020.

Approved the Sparklight Internet / Phone contract for the Homedale Magistrate Courts for 36 months at \$248.93 per month.

Approved a certificate of residency to the College of Western Idaho for student 2020-05.

Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity cases 20-03, 20-07 and 20-08.

Approved Indigent and Charity case 20-07.

Denied Indigent and Charity case 20-05, Idaho Code §31-3502, Owyhee County is not the last resource.

At 10:00 a.m. the continuation of the partial plat vacation Trinity Rock Subdivision was held. Hearing Examiner Desmond granted the partial vacation of the plat. Treasurer Dygert will check that all applicable taxes are current.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The complete minutes can be viewed online at www.owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk's office.

03/11/2020

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The public is invited to attend a public hearing to discuss the Waste Water Treatment and Collection System on March 25, 2020 at 6pm at the Eastern Owyhee Public Library, 520 Boise Avenue, Grand View, ID. More information will be posted at Grand View City Hall.

03/11,18/2020

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

**Parcel RPB0020013009A
Citi Mortgage INC
220 1ST ST.
Marsing, ID 83639**
Property known as LOTS 9-12 BLOCK 13, or more commonly known as, 220 1st St, City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho
Tax: \$411.35
Late Charge: \$ 8.22
Interest: \$208.70
Costs: \$225.0**
TOTAL \$853.31
**Parcel RPB02600020010
Tim & Camelia Renz
924 Franklin St
Marsing, ID 83639**
Property known LOT 1 BLOCK 2 Bosma Sub 2 33 3N 4W, City of Marsing or more commonly known as, 924 Franklin St, City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho
Tax: \$389.64
Late Charge: \$ 7.79
Interest: \$197.69
Costs: \$224.67**
TOTAL \$819.79
**Pursuant to Idaho Code §63-1005 (3), amounts will increase as additional cost and fees in the tax deed process are added.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that if said delinquent entry is not redeemed on or before April 27, 2020, by payment of said unpaid taxes together with late charge, interest and all unpaid costs and expenses up to the date of said payment at my office as Tax Collector, Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, ID, I shall thereupon, as required by law, make application to the Board of County Commissioners of Owyhee County, State of Idaho, for a hearing to be held on April 27, 2020, or as soon thereafter as said application can be heard at the **Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, Idaho**, for tax deed conveying the above described property to **OWYHEE COUNTY**, State of Idaho, absolute title, free of all encumbrances, except any lien for taxes which may have attached subsequently to the assessment hereinafter referred to. **YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED**, that the record owner or owners or any party of interest as defined by §63-1005, Idaho Code, may appear in person or by counsel, and if appearing, shall have adequate opportunity to be heard for the purpose of protesting the procedures used in taking this tax deed. **NO OTHER TYPE OF PROTEST WILL BE HEARD. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED**, that inquiries and objections concerning this notice of the information contained therein shall be directed to the **OWYHEE COUNTY TREASURER** at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650; or by calling (208) 495-1158 no later than five (5) working days before the hearing date.

Dated this 28th day of February, 2020.

**Annette Dygert
COUNTY TREASURER
and EX-OFFICIO TAX
COLLECTOR FOR OWYHEE
COUNTY, IDAHO
3/4, 11, 18, 25/2020**

NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUANCE OF TAX DEED GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT						
P.O. Box 67 Homedale, ID 83628 Owyhee County, Idaho						
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Title 43, Chapter 7, of the Idaho State Code, on December 31, 2019, the period of redemption for delinquent entries made January 1, 2017, shall expire and the Gem Irrigation District, or its assign, shall be issued a tax deed or lien for the property described below, upon which such delinquent entries were made. The property described below may be redeemed on or before March 31, 2020, by paying to the Gem Irrigation District at its office in the City of Homedale, County of Owyhee, the delinquent assessments for which the delinquent entries were made, plus a penalty of two percent (2%) thereon, interest on the total at the rate of one percent (1%) per month from the day said delinquent entries were made until the day of redemption, and recording and publication costs. Any inquiries direct to Gem Irrigation at the above-named address.						
Person Assessed	Property Description	Year Assessed	Delinquent Assessment & Penalty	Interest to 12/31/17	Misc Costs	
David Or Samantha Branin	Sec 32 T3N R4W PT SESE	2016-2017	172.71	56.35	40.89	
Chasm I LLC	Sec 15 T3N R5W PT. NW¼ NE¼	2017	541.21	63.67	40.89	
Kevin & Janet Grochowski	Sec 28 T3N R4W Pt.Lot 2 Larsen	2017	106.23	12.50	40.89	
Harold or Judy Hyatt	Sec 33 T3N R4W Lot 5 Blk 1	2017	184.28	21.68	40.89	
Wade Kirksey	Sec 33 T3N R4W Lot 1 Blk 1	2017	141.92	54.36	40.89	
Ryan Kish	Sec 28 T3N R4W Pt NWSE	2016-2017	776.91	92.36	40.89	
German Martinez	Sec 02 T2N R4W Pt SWSW	2016-2017	332.74	39.56	40.89	
Gorden Maxwell	Sec 24 T4N R6W Pt. Lot 5 & 6	2017	187.30	22.03	40.89	
Loren D. Wills	Sec 11 T2N R4W Pt Lot 4	2017	108.66	12.78	40.89	
Gary Wilson	Sec 29 T3N R4W Pt NENE	2017	278.05	92.88	40.89	
Ray Zenor	Sec 28 T3N R5W PT NWNW	2017	165.50	19.47	40.89	

Dated this 12th day of February, 2020

GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Sherry Maxwell, Treasurer

02/19,26,03/04,11/2020

**NOTICE OF SALE
CASE NO. CV-2016-0995
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY
OF OWYHEE**

TERRY L. MAHLER, II and NATHAN E. MAHLER, Plaintiffs, v. DARCY GEARY and NORINE GEARY, Defendants. DARCY GEARY and NORINE GEARY, Counterclaimants/ Cross-Claimants, v. TERRY L. MAHLER, NATHAN E. MAHLER, SCOTT MAHLER and HEATHER MAHLER, husband and wife, JEREMY MAHLER and DOES 1-5 whose true names are unknown, Counter Defendants/Cross-Defendants.

BY VIRTUE of an Amended Writ of Execution dated the 4 day of June, 2019, directed to me as Sheriff of the County of Owyhee, and issued out of the above entitled court on an Amended Judgment rendered in such court on the 12 day of September, 2018, in favor of the Defendants Darcy and Norine Geary herein and against the Plaintiffs for the total sum of \$8,816.83 plus accruing interest and costs, I have heretofore levied on all right, title, and claim, **the undivided ¼ interest of Nathan E. Mahler**, as identified in the Amended Judgment, in and to the real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, commonly known as 3959 Elders Lane., Homedale, Idaho 83628, and legally described as:

PARCEL I:
A parcel of land in Lot 6, Section 14, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at a point 934 feet North of the Quarter corner of Sections 14 and 15, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian; thence South 89°29'00" East a distance of 981.00 feet; thence North 12°46'20" East a distance of 149.01 feet to a point on the Southwesterly Right of Way line of the Union Pacific Railroad Company; thence North 52°23'27" West (formerly North 52°37'00" West) a distance of 1279.93 feet, to a point on the West line of said Section 14;

thence South 0°00'14" East, a distance of 917.61 feet (formerly South 0°09' East, 921 feet) to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCLUDING therefrom the following parcel, more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter (Lot 6)

of Section 14, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian;

thence North along the Westerly boundary of said Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter (formerly a distance of 936.50 feet) a distance of 934 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

thence continuing North along the Westerly boundary of said Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter (Lot 6), a distance of 181.50 feet;

thence South 89°30'24" East (formerly South 89°30'10" East), a distance of 240.00 feet;

thence South parallel to the Westerly boundary of said Southwest Quarter Northwest Quarter (Lot 6), a distance of 181.50 feet;

thence North 89°30'24" West (formerly North 89°30'10" West), a distance of 240.00 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCLUDING therefrom the following parcel, more particularly described as follows:

A parcel of land in Lot 6, Section 14, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the Quarter corner common

to Sections 14 and 15, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian;

thence North along the Westerly boundary of said Lot 6, a distance of 1450.12 feet to the TRUE

POINT OF BEGINNING;

thence continuing North along the Westerly boundary of said Lot 6, a distance of 403.96 feet to a point on the Southwesterly Right of Way line of the Union Pacific Railroad Company;

thence South 52°23'27" East,

a distance of 808.5 feet to a point;

thence South 37°36'33" West a distance of 320.0 feet to a point;

thence South 37°36'33" West a distance of 320.0 feet to a point;

thence North 52°23'27" West a distance of 561.95 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL II:
A parcel of land In Lot 6, Section 14, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the Quarter corner common to sections 14 and 15, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian;

thence North along the Westerly boundary of said lot 6, a distance of 1450.12 feet to the TRUE

POINT OF BEGINNING;

thence continuing North along the Westerly boundary of said Lot 6, a distance of 403.96 feet to a point on the Southwesterly Right of Way line of the Union Pacific Rail Road Company;

thence South 52°23'27" East, a distance of 808.5 feet to a point;

thence South 37°36'33" West, a distance of 320.0 feet to a point;

thence North 52°23'27" West a distance of 561.95 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER with all additions, accessions, and replacements thereto.

PUBLIC AND LEGAL NOTICE OF SALE on April 7th 2020, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m. of said day at the **Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, 83650**, in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, all right, title, and interest of Nathan E. Mahler in and to the above described real property.

This sale is subject to a minimum bid of \$4,408.46. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances

to satisfy the Amended Judgment recorded on September 18, 2018, as Instrument #297252 in the Official Records of Owyhee County in favor of Darcy Geary and Norine Geary, in the matter Mahler v. Geary, etc., filed in the Third Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Owyhee, as Owyhee County Case #CV-2016-0995.

Creditor Attorney: Wyatt Johnson
ANGSTMAN JOHNSON
199 N. Capitol Blvd., Ste 200
Boise, ID 83702
Phone: (208) 384-8588
Fax: (208) 853-0117
Email: Wyatt@angstman.com
DATED this 26th day of February, 2020
s:/PERRY GRANT
Sheriff of Owyhee County, Idaho
Owyhee County Sheriffs Office
20381 State Highway 78
Murphy, ID 83650
Phone: 208-495-1154
Fax: 208-495-1173
03/04,11,18/2020

**NOTICE
OF ANNUAL MEETING**
The marsing ambulance service board of directors will hold ITS ANNUAL MEETING, FOLLOWING THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, AS DESIGNATED BELOW. by LAWS AND BOARD ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE REVIEWED. taxpayers and residents of marsing ambulance district are invited to attend.
DATE: THURSDAY MARCH 19, 2020
TIME: 7:00 pm
PLACE: MARSING FIRE HALL
03/04,11/2020

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE (Minor) CASE NO. CV 37-20-63 IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

IN RE: RENA ANNIE IRENE PERRY Legal name of child. A petition to change the name of Rena Annie Irene Perry, a minor, now residing in the city of Homedale, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Rena Annie Irene Radcliffe. The reason for the change in name is: Rena wants the same last name as her family.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:00 o'clock a.m. on April 15, 2020 at the Owyhee County Magistrate Court, 31 W. Wyoming, Homedale, Id 83628. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: February 26, 2020
s:/Cindy Chaves, Deputy Clerk
Angela Barkell, Clerk of the District Court
03/4,11,18,25/2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (I.C. 15-3-801) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE CASE NO. CV37-20-00060

In the Matter of the Estate of: JULIA JEAN BURHAM, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DARRYL N. BURHAM has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named Decedent. All persons having claims against the Decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

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

DATED this 5th day of March, 2020.

s:/ Heather L. Conder
Heather L. Conder
C.K. QUADE LAW, PLLC
600 E. Riverpark Ln, Ste. 215
Boise, Idaho 83706

Telephone: 208-367-0723
Facsimile: 208-639-6400
Eservice: efileidaho@charquadelaw.com
Attorneys for Personal Representative
03/11,18,25/2020

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TRUSTEE'S SALE NO. PLTS103190

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Pioneer Title Company of Ada County dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 6/16/2020, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, at Owyhee County Courthouse, In The Lobby, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, to-wit:

Lot 1 and the East 13 feet of Lot 2 of Block 30 of the Amended Townsite Plat of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof filed August 9, 1911 as Instrument No. 7284 on file in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 301 West California Avenue, Homedale, ID 83628, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Kristopher Norris and Amy R. Norris, husband and wife, as Grantor, to Pioneer Title Company of Ada County, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Vera Mae Kennedy and Jeremy Daniel Kennedy, as Beneficiary, dated 2/19/2016, recorded 3/3/2016, under Instrument No. 288966, Mortgage records of

Owyhee County, ID, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by Pioneer Finance, LLC.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4) (A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 2/19/2016, FAILURE TO PAY THE INSTALLMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST WHICH BECAME DUE ON 3/4/2019; PLUS LATE CHARGES, AND ADVANCES FOR DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES AND HAZARD INSURANCE AS SET FORTH; AND ALL SUBSEQUENT INSTALLMENTS OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST, PLUS LATE CHARGES, DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES, DELINQUENT INSURANCE PREMIUMS AND ALL FORECLOSURE COSTS AND FEES.

All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$48,445.60, together with interest thereon at 5% per annum from 8/23/2019, until paid.

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same.

DATED: February 12, 2020.
Pioneer Title Company of Ada County dba Pioneer Lender Trustee Services
Trustee
s:/Deborrah Duncan, Assistant Secretary
Pioneer Lender Trustee Services
8151 W. Rifleman Street
Boise, ID 83704
02/19,26,03/04,11/2020

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT TRANSFER NO. 83773 BLACK & BECKER LLC, 31383 MUD FLAT RD, GRAND VIEW, ID 83624 has

filed Application No. 83773 for changes to the following water rights within OWYHEE County(s): Right No(s). 57-1219, 57-1220, 57-1222A, 57-2108, 57-7010A, 57-7184A, 57-7331A, 57-7333A; to see a full description of these rights and the proposed transfer, please see <https://research.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/waterrights/querynewtransfers>. The purpose of the transfer is to change a portion of the above rights as follows: The purpose of the transfer is to change the place of use and points of diversion for the rights involved by moving the rights approximately 4 miles north and no longer use the existing delivery system. The proposed new POD's are downstream from the existing system on the applicant's property. The proposal is located near the intersection of Shoofly Cutoff Rd, Mud Flat Rd, and Poison Creek Rd in Owyhee County.

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact the Western office at (208) 334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s) or proposed transfer, please see <https://idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRApplicationResults/>. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 W AIRPORT WAY, BOISE ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 3/23/2020. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director
03/04, 11/2020

PUBLIC NOTICE
The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho:
55-13989
CHARLENE R DOUGAL STANFORD
36693 JUNIPER MOUNTAIN RD
SOUTH MTN, OR 97910-9508
Point of Diversion SWSE S1 T09S R06W OWYHEE County Source CHERRY CREEK Tributary OWYHEE RIVER
57-12012
SNAKE RIVER RV RESORT,

LLC
4030 RIVER RESORT DR
HOMEDALE, ID 83628-3727
Point of Diversion L6 (SWNW) S14 T03N R05W OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER
(2) Point of Diversion L5 (SENW) S14 T03N R05W OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER
Use: DOMESTIC 01/01 to 12/31 0.2 CFS
Use: COMMERCIAL 01/01 to 12/31 0.2 CFS
Total Diversion: 0.2 CFS
Date Filed: 02-06-2020
Place Of Use : COMMERCIAL
T03N R05W S14 L5 (NENW), NWNW, L6 (SWNW), L5 (SENW)
Place Of Use: DOMESTIC
T03N R05W S14 L5 (NENW), L5 (SENW)
57-12013
MARK S JENSEN
ANGELA JENSEN
10015 WILD HORSE RD
MELBA, ID 83641-4296
Point of Diversion NESE S17 T01N R03W OWYHEE County Source WASTE WATER Tributary SNAKE RIVER
Use: RECREATION STORAGE
01/01 to 12/31 1.9 AF
Total Diversion: 1.9 AF
Date Filed: 02-24-2020
Place Of Use: RECREATION STORAGE
T01N R03W S17 NESE
03/04,11/2020

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GRANTING PERIOD: July 1, 2020 -June 30, 2021
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Sports

✓ Huskies: Five seniors get one last prep season with first-time coach

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hardwood, is coaching varsity baseball for the first time as the program seems revitalized.

Sixteen boys showed up for tryouts, including three who played on the varsity squad as sophomores in 2018.

It's a big contrast from 2019 when a poor showing at tryouts and apparent lack of interest prompted the cancellation of the season.

Last winter, just nine athletes showed up to tryouts, leading the school district, athletic director Tim Little, and newly hired coach Andy Swenson to mull the future of the Huskies baseball team.

"I want to make 100 percent sure we are a 'go' for the spring," Swenson had said.

He never coached a game for Marsing.

Now Chadez will try to help his young squad get into baseball shape and focus on the basics of what makes a solid team.

"We have some catching up to do," Chadez said. "The

main thing we will focus on is throwing strikes and making plays in the field.

"We will be young and inexperienced but we have plenty of kids who can play."

Jim King is Chadez's right-hand man. Ryan Bowers will be the pitching coach, and Mike Farrell will coach hitting. King has been an assistant for the Huskies in the past.

Chadez recognizes that the program is in rebuild mode right now, and that doesn't happen overnight. It's a process that takes some time.

"I like the makeup of our team, and so far we have been making some substantial progress," he said.

The Huskies' key returners include:

- **Joaquin Oliveros, sr., shortstop/pitcher** — "Vocal leader and great all-around

player," Chadez said.

- **True Shippy, sr., outfield/pitcher** — "The leader in our outfield."
- **Brady Dines, sr., third & first base/pitcher** — "Big strong, body. He will be a workhorse on the mound and (will) bring a big bat."

The team has several players from whom Chadez expects big things and big contributions:

- **Clancy King, sr., outfield** — "He brings hustle and enthusiasm and has a lot of speed."
- **Xavier Delgadillo, fr., second base/pitcher** — "Solid bat and glove."
- **Cameron Robbins, fr., third base/pitcher** — "He will bring some power to the lineup, especially for a freshman."

The rest of the team consists

of:

- **Senior** — TJ Stanbery, outfield
- **Junior** — Colton Scott, catcher
- **Sophomores** — Calvin Sevy, outfield; Colton Brown, outfield; and Coupe Urrutia, second base/outfield
- **Freshmen** — Braeden Davis, outfield; JT Chadez, first base; Justin Pruitt, outfield; Kail Wyman, outfield; and Robert Renteria, pitcher/catcher

The 2A Western Idaho Conference figures to offer a tough schedule for the rusty Huskies, and JW Chadez has no illusions about the uphill battle his young team is facing.

"We have the defending state champs in our league (Melba), and Nampa Christian is always a threat to win another state title," he said. "It's really hard to judge where we

will be because we are so inexperienced.

"I'm in the same boat as a coach."

Chadez said he never had the chance to catch any of the 2A WIC teams play last season, so he doesn't have much of a scouting report.

"I do know we will play hard and won't quit," he said. "By the district tournament we will be a different team than we were (for the first game)."

"I'm a glass-half-full type of coach, so in my eyes we will always have a chance to win the game."

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Thursday, March 12, home vs. Wilder, 5 p.m.
Saturday, March 14, home vs. Glenns Ferry (DH), 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.
Monday, March 16 at Horseshoe Bend, 5 p.m.
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Wednesday, March 11, home vs. Cole Valley, 5 p.m.
Thursday, March 12 at Notus, 5 p.m.
Monday, March 16 at Horseshoe Bend, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, March 17, home vs. Vision Charter, 5 p.m.

Track and field

Thursday, March 12 at Parma Icebreaker, 3:30 p.m.

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