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COVID-19

County tries to curtail courthouse visits

Commissioners urge citizens to do business online

Following guidelines from state and federal entities, event organizers and elected officials are trying to curtail events or routines that could attract large crowds.

Owyhee County's elected officials huddled in an emergency meeting Monday afternoon to devise a strategy to help limit the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

During the meeting in Murphy, the county commissioners adopted the Interim Guidance for Mass Gatherings and Public Events in Idaho, which was distributed

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Trump, Biden rule at Owyhee's polls

Rex Steiner of Oreana casts a ballot at the Oreana Community Hall polling place as poll worker Marcy Peterson looks on during the March 10 presidential primary. President Donald Trump was the top vote-getter in Owyhee County among Republicans with 1,116 of the 1,147 votes cast. Democrat Joe Biden beat Bernie Sanders by 31 votes (133-102). Photo by Mandi Boren

Ex-Posse member challenges sheriff in primary

Fair board chair takes aim at Aberasturi's job

There will be two contested races in the Owyhee County Republican primary election.

Sheriff Perry Grant, who is seeking a third term, will see a challenge from former Owyhee County special deputy and Posse member Robert M. "Rocky" Widner.

Widner, an Oreana resident, made his candidacy official by beating the Friday filing deadline. He also confirmed his candidacy with a visit to The Owyhee Avalanche last week.

Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi, a Homedale resident, is seeking a two-year extension to his incumbency. But Marsing-area resident Lath

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Marsing's Academic Decathlon team has some fun while attending the state championship in Moscow. Submitted photo

Mountain of medals propels Marsing to 2nd at AcaDeca State

With 41 individual medals Marsing High School's Academic Decathlon team was runner-up in the small school division at the state competition.

The meet took place Friday and Saturday at the University of Idaho in Moscow.

"Great weekend," advisor Lennie Freeman said. "Super proud of my kids."

The final medal count for Marsing is:

• **Overall small schools de-**

cathlete — Constance Bowers, silver varsity; Amaya Mendoza, silver scholastic; and Madison Amaya, bronze varsity

• **Literature** — Amaya, gold varsity; Mendoza and Cheyenne McCloud, silver scholastic; Ben Edwards, silver honors; and Bowers, bronze varsity

• **Economics** — Mendoza, silver scholastic; and Edwards, bronze honors

• **Art** — Edwards, gold

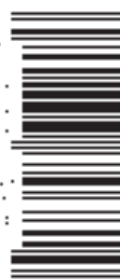
honors; Mendoza, silver scholastic; and Bailey Battaglia, bronze varsity

• **Science** — Bowers and Battaglia, silver varsity; Amaya, gold varsity; McCloud, bronze scholastic; and Mendoza, silver scholastic

• **Music** — Bowers, silver varsity; Mendoza, silver scholastic; and McCloud, bronze scholastic

• **Math** — Battaglia, gold

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The Trobots pose with their machine during the Salt Lake City competition. Submitted photo

Trobots’ season cancelled in wake of COVID-19 spread

The Homedale High School robotics team’s experience at the FIRST Robotics Utah Regional competition from March 4-7 in Salt Lake City will be its last of the season. The rest of the Trobots’ season has been cancelled — including the Idaho regional event which was supposed to run for four days beginning next Wednesday at the Ford Idaho Center and the 2020 FIRST Championship in Houston in April — because of the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). “FIRST at the national level made the cancellations,” HHS robotics advisor Mark Thatcher said. The Trobots received a \$3,000 grant from Bayer Fund and a \$5,000 grant from the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation to help cover costs of robot parts and to offset the costs of attending

competitions. Thatcher said there is no word yet as to whether the cancellations will affect those grants. At the competition in Salt Lake City, the Trobots, in their second season as a squad, competed against 54 teams from seven states. They finished 24th. Last season, the Trobots qualified for the world competition as rookies. — TK

Deputies arrest gang member after search for shooting video

Sheriff hopes evidence provides clearer picture of St. Clair’s death

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office used a sizeable task force to arrest a known motorcycle gang chapter president Friday, south of Marsing. Sheriff Perry Grant said that Aaron Todd Paulson was charged with felony possession of a controlled substance after law enforcement found a small amount of methamphetamine at the man’s residence. Grant said that Paulson is a known associate of Mark Warner, who sits in Owyhee County Jail awaiting a June trial on four felonies related to the Nov. 15 death of Marsing resident Rod St. Clair. The sheriff said Warner was staying at Paulson’s home prior to St. Clair’s death. Warner had hit St. Clair with a flail (a spiky metal ball on a rope) in the encounter and used him as a shield when St. Clair’s stepdaughter Debra Thomson shot at him. Thomson accidentally shot St. Clair in the scuffle.

Deputies served a warrant at Paulson’s residence to look for video surveillance footage because of the proximity of

his home to the St. Clair property nearby. “We’re still trying to put together a timeline of events from that night (Nov. 15),” Grant said. The sheriff believes items investigators found in Paulson’s home could provide photographic and video information to help with the probe. But the evidence is still being processed. The meth was found during the search. The sheriff said the warrant service included an entry team of seven deputies, with six on the perimeter, a sniper, and a drone because of Paulson’s association with the Vagos Motorcycle Club. Paulson made his initial court appearance before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington on Monday afternoon in the county courthouse in Murphy. He is no longer in custody. Warner pled not guilty to felony counts of involuntary manslaughter, aggravated battery, aggravated assault, and malicious injury to property on Jan. 24. His pretrial conference is scheduled for May 22, and his jury trial is set to begin on June 24 before Third District Judge Thomas W. Whitney in Murphy.

— TK

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Virus forces schools into Spring Break

Officials formulate next step in COVID-19 era

Most Owyhee County schoolchildren got an early Spring Break because of the rapidly evolving COVID-19 situation.

Marsing school officials closed the district’s three campuses after Monday’s classes.

Homedale students’ last day was Tuesday with the extended time away from school beginning today.

The Bruneau-Grand View School District Board of Trustees met early Tuesday evening after deadline to decide what the next step would be.

The earliest classes will resume in any of the districts is Monday, March 30.

Superintendents in each district reported varying degrees of absences Monday, the day after Gov. Brad Little left it up to local districts to decide whether or not to close in an effort to flatten the epidemic curve for the illness.

Homedale superintendent Rob Sauer said attendance was between 80 and 85 percent Monday.

Marsing schools boss Norm Stewart put attendance at 82 percent.

Bruneau-Grand View superintendent said 90 to 95 percent of the district’s students was in classrooms Monday.

Homedale

The district decided to send children home two days earlier after discussions with state officials, Sauer said.

Teachers and staff will report to work today and Thursday.

An electronic message officials sent out late Monday afternoon gave parents the option of holding their children out of class Tuesday as a school-excused absence.

Sauer said that the Homedale Elementary parent/teacher conferences will be carried out today and Thursday via teleconference.

The middle school’s STEM Night, set for Monday, was cancelled, but the elementary’s book fair was open only during school hours for students. In the past it had been open to parents and students during parent/teacher conference hours.

Other modifications were felt at the high school with the Sources of Strength Spirit Week getting truncated and the eighth-graders’ visit to HHS, set for Thursday, cancelled.

Marsing

With students returning no earlier than March 30, the school board will meet during Spring Break to decide whether or not to extend the time away from school.

“Things are changing so quickly that we don’t want to make any decisions now that may potentially change (before students get back from Spring Break),” Stewart said.

Staff reported to school Tuesday to hammer out how to provide instruction in the event of an extended furlough. The questions include what

materials to use and how to deliver instruction and information to the students.

“Probably half our kids don’t even have internet,” Stewart said. “Also, online schooling works for secondary but what about elementary kids?”

The district will still keep an eye on child nutrition, he said.

There are plans to deliver sack lunches to children, up to 18 years of age, who need them.

But the delivery system must be finalized, Stewart said. Options include making calls to have families meet at a central location or delivering the meals to homes via regular bus routes.

Bruneau-Grand View

With many patrons wanting to attend Tuesday’s special meeting, Cantrell decided to postpone the parent/teacher conferences.

“I’ll work to reschedule (parent/teacher conferences) when we have a better understanding of the impact COVID-19 will have/continue to have on our school system,” Cantrell wrote in a letter that was posted to the district’s Facebook page.

Oregon

School districts in Oregon — including Jordan Valley and Adrian — are closed until at least March 31.

Democratic Gov. Kate Brown ordered statewide school closures last week. The last day of school for Jordan Valley and Adrian students was Thursday.

— JPB

Owyheean officially join GOP legislative primary election

Many hopefuls beat Friday’s candidate filing deadline

Two Owyhee County residents are among nine candidates seeking legislative offices in District 23.

The candidate filing period to appear on the May 19 primary ballots closed at 5 p.m., on Friday.

Reynolds Creek rancher Brenda Richards will seek the Republican nomination for the state Senate seat currently held by Rogerson Republican Bert Brackett. Another Owyhee County rancher, Brackett is retiring at the end of the year.

Grand View resident Andrea Owens is running for the GOP nomination for the Dist. 23A House of Representatives position held by Christy Zito (R-Hammett). Finishing her second term in the House, Zito is running against Richards in the GOP primary for the state Senate seat.

Dist. 23B incumbent Megan Blanksma (R-Hammett) is seeking the GOP nomination in her quest for a third two-year term in the House.

A pair of Elmore County men have filed for the Constitution Party and Democratic Party primaries for District 23, Seat B.

Tony Ullrich will run as a Constitution Party member.

He also sought state legislative office in 2018.

Democrat Michael Oliver from Mountain Home also will seek the Dist. 23B position.

Mountain Home Democrat Laura Bellegante has thrown her hat into the ring for the state Senate race, too.

Joining Owens in search of the GOP nomination for the Dist. 23A seat is Mountain Home City Council president Matthew Bundy.

Benjamin Lee of Mountain Home will run in the Democratic primary.

Incumbent Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho) will seek the GOP nomination for U.S. Senate.

Possible general election challengers for Risch in November include Democrats Paulette Jordan from Plummer and Jim Vandermass from Eagle, and Constitution Party candidate Ray J. Writz from Coeur d’Alene. Fruitland resident Natalie M. Fleming is running in the November general election as an independent.

Incumbent District 1 U.S. Rep. Russ Fulcher (R-Idaho) will face a primary challenge from fellow Treasure Valley Republican Nicholas Jones.

Other congressional candidates include Libertarian Joe Evans of Meridian and Moscow Democrat Stanislava Nikolova.

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Wilson Butte 4-H elects officers

The Wilson Butte 4-H club's 2020 officers include, from left: Rhett Brackett, sergeant-at-arms; Maialen Jaca, vice-president; Hayden Higgins, secretary; Matea Jaca, president; Hannah Moos, treasurer; and Josune Jaca, reporter. Submitted photo

Chili cookoff, OCHS bazaar postponed

The annual Owyhee County Historical Society spring bazaar has been postponed because of guidelines discouraging mass gatherings.

The bazaar was scheduled for Saturday, March 28 inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy.

With the postponement of the bazaar, Capt. Louis Monson of the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire & EMS announced that the chili cookoff that usually coincides with the bazaar has been postponed, too.

Both the bazaar and the 10th annual chili cookoff will be rescheduled.



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SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature (measured in Fahrenheit)		
		(measured in inches)		Max	Min	Avg
Mud Flat						
3/10	3.9	9	7.4	48	27	36
3/11	3.8	9	7.5	53	27	41
3/12	3.5	8	7.5	47	26	35
3/13	3.2	8	7.5	47	20	37
3/14	3.0	7	7.5	46	34	38
3/15	3.0	6	7.5	48	28	37
3/16	3.0	7	7.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
3/10	1.9	7	8.5	44	25	36
3/11	1.5	4	8.6	52	31	43
3/12	0.8	1	8.6	40	25	31
3/13	0.3	1	8.6	46	25	36
3/14	0.0	1	8.8	42	29	32
3/15	.9	4	9.3	38	28	32
3/16	1.1	3	9.6	44	34	38
South Mountain						
3/10	12.9	32	16.4	47	26	37
3/11	12.9	32	16.5	51	33	42
3/12	12.9	31	16.5	44	23	33
3/13	12.9	31	16.6	46	26	38
3/14	12.9	30	16.7	41	31	34
3/15	13.0	33	16.7	43	26	33
3/16	13.1	32	17.0	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 79 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 1,488 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 105 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 565,011 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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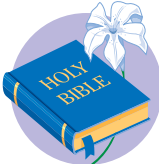
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Owyhee County cities take precautions against virus

Marsing City Hall to close

With steady stable days teasing folks about spring, several events are planned in the coming weeks.

But the COVID-19 pandemic has triggered policies that threaten some of the events in Owyhee County’s municipalities.

The state health department recommends cancellation of events that are going to attract 50 or more people. Those

cancellations are recommended for anything planned in the next eight weeks.

With that in mind, Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen has postponed the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library grand opening, which had been set for April 4 at last Wednesday’s city council meeting.

A Homedale High School senior project could also be in jeopardy.

Garret Elordi visited with the council during the meeting and asked to hold a cleanup for Thursday, April 2.

Elordi had planned on cleaning Bette Uda City Park and Riverside Park.

Public works supervisor Bret Smith will serve as Elordi’s mentor, and the city plans to supply cleanup tools (rakes and shovels).

Homedale City Hall also has a night drop box to receive bill payments. The drop box can reduce exposure to other people and possible exposure to the virus.

Marsing

According to Marsing

Mayor Chad Sevy, City Hall is closed to the public until further notice.

He is unsure how the closure will affect his Saturday office hours, which run from 9 a.m. to noon, when he meets with citizens at city hall.

“Plans are to not spread any sickness needlessly and to pay attention to any updates from the CDC,” he said.

Grand View

City Clerk and Treasurer Kathy Brown said Tuesday morning that she was meeting

with Mayor Danny Martinez later in the day to discuss how Grand View would address the new public gathering guidelines.

The city council is scheduled to preside over a public hearing next Wednesday.

During the hearing, the council will take comment on the wastewater treatment plant.

The hearing will start at 6 p.m., next Wednesday inside the Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St.

— JPB

Homedale Sr. Center will offer meals for pick-up only

The Homedale Senior Center will be closed for congregate meals in the wake of social distancing recommendations from the federal government in regards to the Coronavirus situation.

Senior center coordinator Sandra Ledford said Tuesday morning that the

center will provide curbside pickup of a fresh, hot meal for those who call ahead. She said that there will be a \$1 charge for the food containers.

Call (208) 337-4020 to order a meal or for more information.

Meals, which are normally served

beginning at 11:30 a.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the center, 224 W. Idaho Ave, will return to a regular schedule on Tuesday, April 7.

The senior center’s Meals on Wheels program, which expanded into parts of Marsing when the Sandbar Restaurant

with a Cause closed, will continue to serve shut-in seniors.

The federal government recently lowered its public gathering suggested maximum to 10 people at one given event. Earlier the number was 50.

— JPB and TK

From page 1A

✓ COVID-19: County urges spending as little time in public as possible

by Southwest District Health and follows the federal Centers for Disease Control lead.

The plan aims to limit the amount of foot traffic at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy to lower the risk of community spread of the virus.

Patrons are asked to use discretion in making visits to government offices and to do as much business online as possible.

“For public safety and the safety of our employees, please do not visit a government office if you are ill or have a temperature,” officials said in a press release.

In an effort to stem foot traffic, the magistrate court in Homedale is now closed to in-person business. Call the Murphy courts at (208) 495-2806 with questions.

Likewise, Homedale City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram reminded the town’s citizens that there is a night dropbox for anyone who is uncomfortable setting foot into City Hall (31 W. Wyoming Ave.) to pay their bills.

To further cut down on the number of people traveling to the county’s towns, County Clerk Angie Barkell encourages voters to use absentee balloting for the May

19 primary election.

Mail-in absentee ballots, which must be returned to the county courthouse by 8 p.m., on Tuesday, May 19 to be valid, can be requested until 5 p.m., on May 8.

Visit www.idahovotes.org or call the elections office at (208) 495-2421 for more information.

Much of the business folks do at the county courthouse or the Marsing annex or in Grand View, can be accomplished online, too.

County officials urged citizens to exhaust all other avenues of doing business before making a trip to the courthouse.

In the Division of Motor Vehicles realm, driver’s license renewal and vehicle registration can be completed online at itd.idaho.gov/itddmv.

Statewide, DMV has instituted a 90-day extension on driver’s licenses and non-commercial vehicle registration. Motorists with licenses or registrations expiring at the end of March, April or May will have until June 30 to renew.

“Aseachcountyoffice decides the best way to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic, ITD is committed to providing remote services online, by

mail, or over the phone,” ITD DMV administrator Alberto Gonzalez said.

“Much of the business the public needs to do with the DMV can be done through one of those methods. This balances the need to preserve public safety with the need for essential government services to keep people and products moving.”

Services are available online, through mail, or over the phone:

- Driver’s license renewal (not for first-time Star Card)
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- Paying driver’s license reinstatement fees
- Purchasing a driving record
- Vehicle registration renewal
- Ordering personalized license plates
- Checking status of vehicle plates and titles
- Commercial vehicle oversize/overweight permits
- Commercial vehicle registrations

Some of the guidelines handed down by state health officials, include cancelling an event if:

- The event will draw audiences or participants from

communities, states, or countries with confirmed community spread of COVID-19.

- The event will consist of 50 people or more. This is recommended for the next eight weeks.
- The event’s primary audience includes or may expose high-risk populations, including adults older than 60 and people with underlying chronic medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes, regardless of the number of attendees.
- Public health officials also recommend limiting visitors and supplying hand-washing and hygiene facilities for staff

visitors and residents in places like long-term care facilities, jails, and shelters.

Other ways to protect yourself from the illness include:

- Frequent hand-washing
- Practicing social distancing, keep six feet between you and others
- Staying home if sick
- Covering coughs and sneezes
- Wear a facemask only if you are sick
- Cleaning frequently touched surfaces with bleach wipes or a sanitizing spray

— JPB

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Obituaries

Robert Grant

It is with a heavy heart that the family announces the passing of Robert Grant, 73 of Wilder, Idaho on March 4, 2020.

Bob, the son of Robert F. Grant and Zelda K. Slade was born on January 02, 1947 in Stoneham, Ma. and grew up and attended school in the Boston area. He was the oldest of 8 children.

In 1966 he enlisted into the U.S. Navy and served on the ship USS Galveston as a gunners mate. He completed 2 tours in the Vietnam War and was very proud of his service.

He was discharged in 1970 and due to his friendship with a

Homedale area sailor came to Homedale to visit. He so liked the area he returned here in 1972 and met his wife Debby and married in 1973. His family expanded with the addition of Gary, Debby's son and the birth of his angel Angela, and son Perry.

Always a lover of books and education, he enrolled in Boise State while working as an auto parts manager at the Homedale



Auto Parts store. He spent 8 years going to night school while working full time days at the parts store. He graduated in 1981 with a business degree from Boise State and started his career as an accountant. His last 20 years he worked at the

Social Security Administration where he retired at 62 after being diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in his early 50s.

Bob was very interested in keeping healthy and entered and completed many triathlons. He also spent many years studying Kenpo Karate and had reached and completed his 3rd degree black belt. He was a strong supporter of his grandchildren's sports and rooted them on every chance he got. He felt like in life his greatest achievements were his children and grandchildren. He loved them all dearly.

Bob is survived by his wife Debby of Wilder, son Gary of Nampa, daughter Angie

(Jeremy) Waters and son Perry of Homedale, and 9 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson. He is also survived by his brothers Fred and family of Troy NC; James, Pat, Steve and families, and sisters Donna and Carol and their families of the Boston area. Survivors also include many nieces and nephews in the East and in Oregon and Montana.

Bob was preceded in his passing by his father, mother, brother John, nephews Bill and CJ, and his in-laws Tom and Louise Murray.

Private family services are being planned for early summer at the Idaho Veterans Cemetery.

Ray Mansidor

Ramon "Ray" Mansidor passed away peacefully March 11, 2020, after more than 95 years of a wonderful life.

Ray was born in Boise, Idaho May 7, 1924 to Leon "Guiputxe" and Santa Gabicajojeascoa Mansidor. He went to school in Boise until the 8th grade when his family moved to Homedale, Idaho. Ray graduated from Homedale High School in 1942.

Ray helped his Dad in the Sheep Ranch Operation in the summer while going to High School. He had many interesting tales to tell from this period of his life.

In 1944 he went into the US Army and was sent to Fort Douglas, Utah. He took weapons training in Amarillo, TX. He volunteered and qualified for the Army Air Corps in the Air Cadet program. Ray was shipped to Cadet training at SW Missouri State Teachers College, Springfield, MO and then to Williams Field, Chandler, AZ where he was the first Cadet OLT (on line training)

to qualify as a flight engineer on B-17s. He would remain as a flight engineer to help train Pilots, Co-pilots and navigators on B-17, B-24 and B-25 bombers until he was honorably discharged at the end of World War II in 1945.

Ray went to Washington State University in Pullman, Washington for 2 semesters to study veterinary medicine; however, he was offered a job with Brown Tie and Lumber Company in McCall, Idaho, driving a logging truck. He later joined the Forest Service Smoke Jumpers in 1946. He trained in Missoula, MT and then returned to McCall to be part of the beginning of the McCall Smoke Jumper training school.

Ray became an accomplished bush pilot, flying supplies in and out of Idaho Back Country airstrips. Ray also flew on skis into Patty Flat for the Forest Service taking snow depth measurements.

Ray was known to do exhibition parachute jumps and



during the 1954 "Keep Idaho Green" celebrations in Caldwell, high winds carried him away from the airport and into the back yard of Mr. & Mrs. Hanna. The Caldwell News Tribune dubbed the story "Wrong-Way Corrigan."

In 1956, Ray came back to Homedale to help his Dad on the farm and has been farming since that time.

While farming, Ray joined the Idaho Army National Guard for 4 years and attained the rank of Sergeant 1st Class.

In 1957, Ray was also instrumental in the creation and development of the Homedale Municipal Airport (S66) as President of the Homedale Flying club working with local and state officials.

Ray was also a Boise Oinkari Basque Dancer for four enjoyable years. He traveled with the group to the 1962 World's Fair in Seattle, the 1964 World's Fair in New York and the Milwaukee Folk Festival in 1966.

In November 1967, Ray married Mary Louise Osa, his wife of 53 years, in Gooding, Idaho. They planned the date so it was after sugar beet harvest!

Ray and Mary Louise have four children, Anne-Marie, Michael, Joseph and Patrick.

For many years, Ray was a part of the Beti Gazteak (Always Young), playing his accordion every 1st Thursday of the month at the Basque Museum and Cultural Center in Boise.

Ray was affiliated with the Homedale American Legion, Caldwell Elks, Owyhee County Soil and Water Conservation District (60 years), Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse (30 years), NOCWMA Owyhee County Weed Management, Euzkaldunak Basque club in Boise, Basque Museum and Cultural Center in Boise and Txoko Ona Basque club in Homedale.

In January 2020, in recognition of 60 years of service, the Owyhee County Soil and Water Conservation District

renamed their "Conservationist of the Year" award to the "Ray Mansidor Memorial Conservationist of the Year" award.

Ray was always a natural storyteller. He would usually engage his friends with stories of his past or their mutual shared experiences.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, brother Al and his niece Terri.

Surviving Ray are his wife Mary Louise, his children Anne-Marie DeCouto (Ed), Mike (Judy) Mansidor, Joe (Susan) Mansidor and PJ Mansidor. Ray has 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Mary Dennis, nephew John (Diane) Mansidor, nephew Jim (Beth) Dennis and niece Stephanie (Elden) Dorimer.

Services will be held on March 23, 2020 at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Caldwell, Idaho. A Rosary will be held at 10 am followed by the Funeral Mass at 11 am. Ray will be interred at the Idaho Veterans Cemetery in a private ceremony for the family.

The services will still be held, but due to the health situation in the United States, a Celebration of Life will be scheduled for a later date after sugar beet harvest.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your favorite charity or the Txoko Ona Basque Club in Homedale, the Basque Museum and Cultural Center in Boise, the Euzkaldunak Basque club in Boise or to Mansidor Family Farms (for Save St. Huberts relocation fund). Condolences may be shared at www.flahiffuneralchapel.com

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March 19: Lasagna, green beans
March 24: Pork roast, mashed potatoes w/gravy, Brussels Sprouts
March 25: Cheeseburger on bun, fries, peas & carrots

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
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
March 24: Oven roasted chicken, baked potato, gravy, broccoli, green salad, berries & yogurt, whole wheat roll, cook’s choice soup
March 25: Chicken salad sandwiches, whole grain roll, veggie tray, fresh fruit, cheese sticks, cheezy broccoli soup



✓ Marsing: State runner-ups get five gold medals at State

varsity; Amaya, bronze varsity; and Mendoza, bronze scholastic

- **Social Science** — Battaglia, silver varsity; Bowers, gold varsity; Edwards, silver honors
- **Essay** — Bowers, gold varsity; Natalie Van Hout, silver scholastic; Mendoza, silver honors; Amaya, bronze varsity; McCloud, bronze
- **Speech** — Bowers, gold varsity; Mendoza, gold scholastic; Van Hout, silver scholastic; Battaglia, bronze varsity; and McCloud, bronze scholastic
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Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale Pastor Fernando Gomez 132 W Owyhee • (208) 337-5975 Servicios: Vier - 7pm - Oracion Mier - 7pm Predicacion Dom - 10am Esc. Dom y 6:30pm "Una Iglesia Diferente."	Golden Gate Baptist Church Wilder Pastor Robert Potter, Jr., CLP Corner of Second and "B" Streets Church time is 11:00 am on Sunday Call (208) 880-4308 for information	Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder Pastor Michael McCormick Hwy 19 & 95, (208) 890-3046 Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm
Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, (208) 412-2946 Senior Pastor: Ivar Moore Sunday Bible study, 9:15 a.m. Sunday and Kidz services, 10:45 a.m. Wednesday and Kidz services, 7 p.m. www.homedaleagchurch.com	Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 17434 Hwy 95, (208) 337-3464 Pastor: Scott Morin Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays www.homedalefriends.org	Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell 1122 W. Linden St. (208) 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale (208) 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult and Children Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests	Homedale Baptist Church 212 S. 1st W., (208) 960-4496 https://homedalebc.org Sunday Fellowship 11am-Noon Second Sunday soup/meal Noon Fourth Sunday Communion Celebration and shared meal Noon Pastor: Paul Chismar	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave (208) 337-4112 Bishop Mark Thatcher Bishop Chris Varuska Sunday 1st Ward 1pm Sunday 2nd Ward 9am
Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor (208) 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors (208) 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am	Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E., (208) 649-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder-Homedale 26515 Ustick Road (208) 337-3151 www.mvcnaz.org Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Children's Caravan Program
MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez (208) 461-9016 or (208) 880-6172 Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Service 1 pm • Wednesday Service 7 pm Bilingual Services/Español	Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service (208) 482-7484 Bilingual	St. David's Episcopal Church 1800 Arlington Ave. Caldwell, ID 83605 (208) 459-9261 stdavids@stdavidscaldwell.org www.stdavid.episcopalidaho.org
Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana Pastor Maurice Jones (208) 319-4650 Don Vanderbough (208) 867-5418 Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	Bible Missionary Church Homedale West Idaho, (208) 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry, (208) 965-1650 Pastor Sergio Aristizabal Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am Wednesday Service 7pm
Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing Pastor Daniel Swaim 116 4th Ave. W., (208) 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 6-7pm Sunday School 9:45am-10:45am Wednesday evening 7pm-8pm	Nazarene Church Marsing Pastor Bill O'Connor (208) 649-5256 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups	Trinity Holiness Church Homedale 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page (208) 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3rd Ave. West, (208) 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 1:00 p.m. Bishop Rowley Sunday 2nd Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop McIntyre	Calvary Holiness Church - Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday: 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. calvarypantry@gmail.com Food Pantry hours: 2nd Friday of month 5-7pm 4th Friday of month 12-2pm Calvary Holiness Food Pantry Wilder Idaho	United Methodist Church Wilder <i>Exploring the Bible: Public Invited</i> 2nd & 4th Tuesday: 4-5pm Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. Pastor Dave Raines (208) 880-8751 Sunday Service 9:30am
First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W. Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am Rev. Heidi Smith-Takatori (208) 473-9331	Vision Community Church Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho (208) 779-7926 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.	Garnet Seventh-Day Adventist Church 16613 Garnet Rd., Wilder (208) 649-5280 Email: garnetSDA@icloud.com Sabbath School 9:30am Worship 10:45am Wednesday Bible Study 7:00-8 pm
Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, (208) 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2020 Mass Schedule - 10:00am on fourth Saturday of month thru November Final Mass of year is on Dec. 19 (third Saturday) All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa (208) 466-7031	Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. (208) 989-7508
Church in the Dirt Cowboy Church Service The Tango, Homedale 406 U.S. Hwy. 95 Pastors Blaine and Molly Lilly Every Sunday, 9:30 a.m.		

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

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

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

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

Thursday

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

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

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

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

Friday

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

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

Titanic at the Museum
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319

OCHS meeting
7 p.m., Owyhee County Museum, 17085 Basey St, Murphy. Open to public. (208) 495-2319

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., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Tuesday

Homedale Chamber luncheon
Noon, The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.

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

Circuit Breaker property tax reduction
1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. Call (208) 495-2817 with questions.

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. 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

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

Thursday, March 26

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

Circuit Breaker property tax reduction
1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. Call (208) 495-2817 with questions.

Food bank drop off
1 p.m., to 3 p.m., (weather permitting; holidays could change date), Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206 or (541) 586-2562

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 City Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Mennonite Youth Choir
7 p.m., refreshments served, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View.

Friday, March 27

Idaho Foodbank drop-off
9 a.m. to 11 a.m., First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W, Homedale. (208) 473-9331

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

Saturday, March 28

Catholic mass
10 a.m., Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Oreana Loop Road, Oreana. (208) 466-7031

Sunday, March 29

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

Monday, March 30

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.

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Ideas for creating edible landscaping

Short on garden space but interested in growing some of your own food? Many landscape plants produce edible fruits or flowers, and some vegetables and herbs can make beautiful bedding plants when moved out of the kitchen or garden and into the landscape or planted in containers.



Ariel Agenbroad

Here is a list of good edible plants for the Treasure Valley. Most are available at local garden centers or through mail-order catalogs. The parts you eat are listed in parenthesis for some of the more unusual ones.

• **Fruit and nut trees** — almonds, apricots, apple, Asian pear, cherry, chokecherry, crabapple, juniper (berries), hazelnut, nectarine, peach, pear, persimmon, plum, red mulberry, black or hardy English walnut

• **Shrubs and vines** — American plum, blackberry, currant, hardy kiwi, elderberry, gooseberry, hops (flowers), jostaberry, lilac, Nanking cherry, Oregon grape (berries), quince, raspberry, rose (petals and hips), Saskatoon or Juneberry, wine and table grapes

• **Perennial plants** — anise hyssop, artichoke, asparagus, cardoon, catnip, chamomile, chive, culinary sage, daylily (blossoms), Egyptian walking onions, horehound, horseradish (roots), Jerusalem artichoke (tubers), lavender (flowers), lemon balm, lovage, mints, oregano, rhubarb (stems only), savory, sorrel, strawberry, tarragon, thyme

• **Edible annual flowers** — anise hyssop, African marigold, borage, calendula, chive, daylily, dianthus or pinks,

English daisy, hollyhock, lavender, lilac, nasturtium, pansy or Johnny jump-up, scarlet runner bean, scented geranium (leaves and flowers), tuberous begonia

• **Attractive annual vegetables and herbs** — Basil, Brussels sprouts, cabbages, cilantro, cucumber, dill, eggplant, fennel, garlic, gourds, greens, ground cherry, kale, kohlrabi, leek, lettuce, okra, onion, parsley, peas, peppers, runner beans, sweet potato, Swiss chard, tomatillo, tomato.

What to consider when creating an edible landscape?
The best landscapes, edible or otherwise, are the result of thoughtful planning, good design, hard work and regular maintenance.

You should only eat flowers you can correctly identify, and that you know have never been treated with pesticides. Start with a small taste in case you have an unknown allergy.

If you employ a landscape care company or do a little spraying here and there yourself, you will need to pay extra-close attention to what is applied, and how, when and where it is used. Many common weeds are close relatives of our favorite garden vegetables, so keep weed killers far away from vegetables and annual flowers in particular! Also, most commonly applied lawn and tree insecticides are not legally labeled for use on or near edible plants.

— Ariel Agenbroad serves southwest Idaho as an Area Extension Educator in Community Food Systems, and Small Farms for University of Idaho Extension. Her areas of specialization include home and market vegetable production, direct marketing of small farm products, organics and gardening with youth. She can be reached at ariel@uidaho.edu.

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Anniversary



Above: Eula and Perry Dunn today.
Left: Eula and Perry Dunn on their wedding day in 1950.

Dunns to mark 70 years of marriage on Sunday

An open house planned for Sunday, March 22, 2020, will help Perry Dunn and Eula Kreps Dunn celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary.

The Homedale residents were married on March 27, 1950 at the North Nampa Church of the Nazarene.

An open house will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., on Sunday at the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder.

Friends, relatives and

associates are invited to come celebrate.

The Dunns have three children — Deloris Caruso of Nampa, Brenda Lair (James) of Homedale, and LaLani Dunn of Homedale.

The couple has three grandsons — Jose Guerra (Kate) of Chubbuck, and Rowdy Lair and Tanner Lair (Bonnie) of Homedale.

Their three great-grandsons are Ben, Wesley and Jon Guerra of Filer.



Ramp-up to May
The March 10 presidential primary was the first election held inside the new Owyhee County Community Center. Both Homedale precincts were in the building — the north precinct on the north side of the building, where Taryn Rossmiller (below) tried out the new touch screen machine, and the south precinct on the south wall where Jeremy Ensley (left) completed his civic duty.



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✓ Primary: Central committee seats on line

Callaway, county fair board chair, has filed for the May 19 GOP primary.

There will be no county offices on the Democratic primary ballot unless someone files a write-in candidacy by the April 21 deadline.

The rest of the county offices up for grabs have only one person filed, including Dist. 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland (R-Wilson), who is seeking a four-year term, and Jeffrey Phillips, the appointed prosecuting attorney who is trying for his own four-year term.

Phillips, whose address is still listed in Caldwell, succeeded Douglas D. Emery when he resigned to take the top job in the Twin Falls County public defender’s office.

Phillips will be on the clock to move into Owyhee County if he wins election.

Central committees

The major political parties also will have precinct committeeman elections on May 19, but there are no contested races.

Republican committee candidates are:

Precinct 1: North Homedale — Robin Aberasturi
Precinct 2: South Homedale — Oscar Evans
Precinct 4: North Marsing — Scott Jensen
Precinct 5: Pleasant Valley — Teresa A. Kershner

Precinct 6: Wilson — Hoagland
Precinct 7: Murphy — Brenda Richards
Precinct 9: Grand View — Marie Hipwell
Precinct 10: Bruneau — Sid Erwin
Precinct 11: Riddle — Ruth Jackson

There are no candidates for Precinct 3, North Marsing; Precinct 8, Oreana; or Precinct 12, Three Creek.

Democratic committee candidates are:

Precinct 1: North Homedale — Rosalyn Alambra
Precinct 6: Wilson — Laura Coontz
Precinct 7: Murphy — Karen Steenhoff
Precinct 10: Bruneau — Dale Hooley
Precinct 11: Riddle — Tina Nino

There are no candidates for Precinct 2, South Homedale; Precinct 3, North Marsing; Precinct 4, South Marsing; Precinct 5, Pleasant Valley; Precinct 8, Oreana; Precinct 9, Grand View; or Precinct 12, Three Creek.

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Marsing students show off skills before family and peers

Above: Marsing Middle School seventh-grader Paige Kish (right) played the ukulele and sang “I’m Yours,” by Jason Mraz. Paige needed a little help with the microphone.
Right: Another seventh-grader, Kylie Goostry, was one of 14 acts during the school’s talent show on Thursday afternoon. Performing in the school district’s cafeteria were singers, dancers, piano players, a clown, and a comedy/dance act.



Marsing City Hall gets to closer to the big move

A move into a new City Hall location is on the horizon for Marsing’s city government.

During last Wednesday’s city council meeting, city engineer Kirby Cook said that bidding for the remodel job at The Sandbar has begun and will close on March 27. Cook will then make his recommendation and present it to the council for its consideration.

The city purchased the former restaurant for \$160,000 early in 2019 with an eye on converting it into the new city headquarters.

In December, the remodel was estimated to cost between \$130,000 and \$150,000 and funding would come from city’s capital outlay budget.

Though it was decided to keep the existing floor and roof, there are several changes that need to be made to the building, including changes with the stairs inside because they are too steep and don’t meet code.

The north side of The Sandbar, which will lead to the council chamber, will need to be modified with a wheelchair ramp and handrails to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Code enforcement post vacant

Mayor Chad Sevy reported that he

was in the midst of interviews for the vacant code enforcement officer position but had not yet made any offers. The position has been open since Tina Lemmon left her job on the city maintenance crew to take the position, only to leave it shortly thereafter.

Lemmon replaced Harvey Gist. Part of the code enforcement officer’s job is animal control, and city maintenance staff recently did an inventory of supplies.

Public works employees found two catch poles in one of the city’s vehicles, but Sevy said that a large kennel and dog spray is still needed to outfit the operation.

The mayor said a kennel and a case of the dog spray would cost around \$200. The council approved purchasing the items with the intention of putting spray in every city vehicle.

Maintenance projects discussed

Maintenance supervisor Joe Heidt recently had shoulder surgery, so he was not available to speak to council during the meeting. Philip Gibson stood in his stead, informing the mayor and council of the crew’s current and recent projects.

Gibson said that staff was diligently plugging away at irrigation repairs, to

get everything ready for when the water starts flowing next month. Workers have also laid ground sterilant in areas where grass and weeds were unwanted.

He said that the crew plans to put fertilizer and pesticide out in the parks next month.

Mayor’s report

- The council agreed to match last year’s \$200 donation to the Marsing Lions Club for its annual Easter egg hunt. This year’s Easter egg hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 11 at the Marsing High School football field.
- Paul Collins from the Snake River Water Trail came to the meeting to speak with the city council about the possibility of their group of kayakers and canoeists camping in Island Park on June 27 as part of their tour.

Collins said that there would likely be about a half-dozen people taking part in their group with potentially more in the future. Like the Ride Idaho bicycle tour that came through town last summer, the goal of these boating enthusiasts is to enjoy the culture and activities of the various towns along their route.

The Idaho Oregon Snake River Water Trail Coalition is a 206-mile water trail along the Snake River. The

trail begins at Three Island Crossing State Park in Glens Ferry and winds its way to Farewell Bend State Park, northwest of Ontario, Ore. The trip takes about eight days.

The council agreed to let the group camp the night of June 27 at Island Park.

- The council approved a donation of items to be purchased, with a value of no more than \$75, for the Marsing FFA Auction. The auction was held Friday night.
- Sevy donated \$100 to be awarded to the winner of a photo contest. The winning entry will grace the front page of the city’s upcoming new website.

Photos being sought should be of subjects within the city of Marsing. City attorney Stephanie J. Bonney said that it should be noted that the winner would have to accept that the photo would be used on the city’s website.

Council president Chris Even said that it’s imperative that the winning photo be something that embodies the culture and spirit of Marsing, not Lizard Butte, or Jump Creek, or other locations in Owyhee County.

Folks interested in the contest should contact City Hall at (208) 896-4122.

— TK

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Work to resume on Reynolds Creek Road this summer

A Nampa company will perform the second phase of a pavement project on a rural Owyhee County road.

During its weekly meeting on March 9, the Board of County Commissioners approved the bid of Thueson Construction, Inc., for \$466,990 to pave a section of Reynolds Creek Road, beginning at the summit west of Murphy and stretching 2.3 miles northeast toward Idaho highway 78.

The “summit” is actually the high point of the road between the Snake River and Reynolds Creek Valley.

The job calls for base preparation and asphalt paving to a depth of 3.5 inches and a typical width of 24 feet over

existing base.

According to the bid, the job will require 6,200 tons of plant mix asphalt at \$69 per ton (\$427,800), construction traffic control (\$5,300), preparation of base (\$12,650), construction survey (\$4,600), and mobilization (\$15,000).

Thueson will be subcontract parts of the project with Northwest Traffic Control, Strata Geotech, and Idaho Survey Group.

The contractor will have a water source provided by the county, approximately six miles from the southern terminus of the project, down ZX Ranch Road.

The project will commence in August.

— TK

Idaho Power begins street light upgrades in Homedale

Marsing on the list, too

Idaho Power crews are in Homedale now upgrading the company-owned and operated streetlights to LED.

The utility’s work crews moved into Homedale after completing a similar project in Wilder.

Idaho Power spokesman Russ Hahn said the utility

will upgrade nearly 1,500 lights in 2020 in smaller towns in Canyon County and the surrounding area, including Homedale and Marsing.

Most of the lights being replaced are 100 watts, but wattage on all the lights on the list varies. Hahn said the Homedale job should be completed by the end of April.

Streetlights installed as part of Homedale’s Local Improvement District project more than a decade ago are not part of the project.

The LEDs being installed are of equivalent wattage of the conventional lights, and they are dark sky compliant, Hahn said. Dark sky compliant means the LEDs cast off less light pollution.

“The appearance of the light is brighter,” he said. “Some folks say they are more directional.”

Although the work will focus on utility-owned and operated lights (those rated 41A), Hahn said there are incentive programs available to help communities convert lights rate 41C, which are customer-owned and maintained fixtures. The incentives are \$40 for 100-watt lights and \$80 for lights of larger wattage.

— JPB



Church’s Sunday benefit deemed a success

Under the Shadows of the Owyhees event chair Janet McCornack (center) stands with performers from the Boise-based Owyhee Hula Ohana group during Sunday’s benefit. Sixty people attended the variety show at the First Presbyterian Church of Homedale. The event raised \$350 for the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 50 canned goods were collected for the El-Ada Community Partnership Owyhee County food pantry. Both the library and the food pantry are located in Homedale. Submitted photo



Owyhee County seniors catch a break thanks to annual program

Owyhee County deputy assessor Lesli Hinton (right) works with Homedale’s Beverly Hardin during the Circuit Breaker event on March 3 at the Homedale Senior Center. Circuit Breakers is an annual state program to help seniors and other eligible property owners reduce their taxes. There are two Circuit Breaker workshops remaining — from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., on Tuesday at the Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., in Grand View, and t from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, at the Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., in Bruneau.



Life-saving lesson for Homedale’s teachers

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller (left) shows schoolteachers part of the automatic external defibrillator (AED) as he walks toward a CPR dummy in Homedale Middle School’s main hallway. Eidemiller and fellow Homedale Ambulance emergency medical technician Nicole Garrett (right) conducted a training on the use of AEDs earlier this month. An AED is housed in each school. Staffers listening include (from left) Starla Bender, Nikki Christiansen, Shannon Johnson, and Jake Levinski.

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A plane flies northwest from the Homedale municipal airport and over the Homedale High School baseball diamond during a recent practice. Pilots who stop over at the airport and don't have a hangar could pay more to tie their planes if the city council acts after an upcoming public hearing.

Homedale airport leases going up

Councilman wants to build capital fund with influx

The Homedale City Council voted to double the municipal airport hangar lease rates. The 3-0 vote came last Wednesday after a discussion — which got heated at times — between Kitfox Aircraft owner John McBean and elected officials. As leases expire, the new lease agreements will call for a annual payment of 10 cents per square foot. Currently, hangar owners pay five cents per square foot. The 10 cents figure landed in the middle of where lease rates were and where Councilman Aaron Tines wanted to take them. Tines argued that in order to build up a capital fund to start paying for some of the improvements that have been neglected, the city would have to raise the lease rates to as high as 15 cents per square foot. Tines suggested that the city could build the fund, which could be used to secure matching grants, by using the new lease revenue and a portion of the property taxes

the airport tenants pay. As it stands now, all the property tax that the city receives goes into the general fund. McBean suggested that the council must look at everything as aggressively as they have eyed the increase. “I’m not opposed to an increase,” McBean said. “What I’m saying is that if we’re going to review the lease every five years, then we need to review everything.” McBean is frustrated because he has had a business at the airport for nearly 15 years and he says he has yet to see any major, needed improvements. He said that raising the lease rates is one avenue, but tie-down fees for those people who park their airplanes temporarily must be examined, too. In addition to setting a new square-footage lease price, the council voted to increase tie-down fees from \$2 per day to \$5 per day, and to also establish a monthly fee of \$15 for residents and \$30 for non-residents. The council passed the proposed increase, but because the hike is more than five percent, a public hearing must be held. No date for the public hearing was discussed.

— JPB



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Owyhee Conservation District offers bee class, coloring contest

Students looking to pursue educations in agriculture-related fields will again have a friend in the Owyhee Conservation District. OCD is offering a \$500 scholarship for high school seniors who have been accepted into a two- or four-year college to further their agriculture endeavors. The scholarship is reserved for students from Marsing, Homedale, and Jordan Valley high schools and requires a grade-point average of 3.0 or more. Applicants for the scholarship should include a resume that lists school activities, community service performed, and specifies where their ag-related interests lie. An essay is also required. Suggested topics include students’ interest in agriculture or related fields, or their future in agriculture. The students will also need to provide high school tran-

scripts. The application deadline is Monday, April 6, and the conservation district’s board of supervisors will review the applications and make its selection at an April 9 meeting. Applications can be picked up at the OCD office, 250 N. Old Bruneau Hwy. For more information, call (208) 896-4544, ext. 102. **Bee class at Extension** OCD is partnering with University of Idaho Canyon County Extension Master Gardeners to undertake a free junior Master Gardener class at the Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing. The class will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, March 27. Children ages 9-12 will learn about bees and find out what it means to “Bee a friend to pollinators.” The children will learn how bees find each

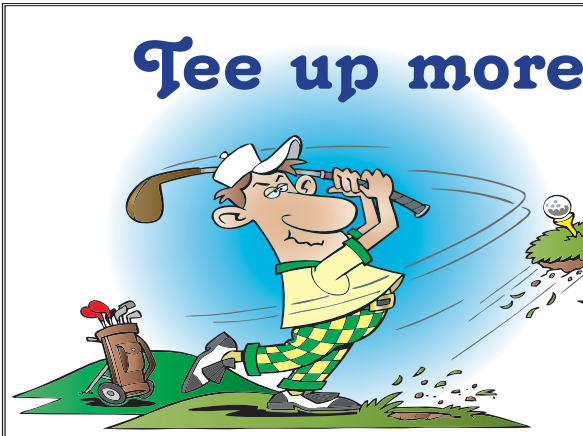
other. Class size is limited to 30 participants. To RSVP and for more information, contact Debbie Abel at the OCD office. **OCD sets coloring contest** The Owyhee Conservation District and Snake River Seed Cooperative are partnering to reward local youths for their artistic skills. OCD is handing out butterfly coloring pages for children, from seven different difficulty levels, intended for preschool/grade 1, through grade 7. Each page is different and progressively more difficult. The coloring pages can be picked up at the OCD office and must be returned by April 3. OCD staff will judge the pages the following week, and winners will be displayed at the Owyhee County Fair in August. Winners from each age group will receive free seeds for their own use.

Date, location change for next OCD supervisors meeting

The Owyhee Conservation District board of supervisors postponed its meeting, which was scheduled for last Wednesday, until Friday. The group will meet at noon at University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing. The meeting was originally scheduled for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center on North Bruneau Highway, but OCD administrative assistant Debbie Abel said COVID-19 precautions forced officials to relocate the meeting. The Trump administration has restricted meetings, conferences

and other gatherings in federal buildings. Among the topics for Friday’s meeting: • Discussion of final closeout of Northwest Owyhee Cooperative Weed Management Area monies. NOCWMA has decided to split from the conservation district, and Owyhee County will be the CWMA’s new fiscal agent. • Reviewing supervisor recruitment letters and proposed protocol for mileage reimbursement for meetings. • A report of Abel’s plans to set up an OCD booth at the May 2 Homedale Farmers Market plant sale at Bette

Uda Park. Abel will hand out coloring pages and reward seeds when those pages are returned to the booth. She’s looking for funding to buy art supplies. • The supervisors will discuss making a donation in memory of recently passed longtime supervisor Ray Mansisor. • The supervisors will discuss plans and destinations for the summer field tour. • OCD is sponsoring a plot in the Homedale Community Garden, and the board will discuss the fact that the organization is looking for volunteers to work the garden.



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Homedale FFA teams capture district championships

Pfost named district VP; state conference canceled

by Madison Miller
Chapter reporter

Last Wednesday, Homedale FFA took on the Marsing, Middleton, and Wilder chapters at the Treasure Valley District competition.

All of the hard work, time and effort team members put in paid off: Our Conduct of Chapter Meeting and Parliamentary Procedure team took home first-place plaques and pins.

The Conduct of Chapter Meeting team is made up of Brock Johnson, Bobby Christensen, Kinlee Garrett, Heather Reynolds, Trinity Neeser, and Katy Device.

The Parliamentary Procedure team is made up of Kenna McKay, Wyatt Wetzal, Madison Miller, Makenna DeWitt, Caitlyn Pate, and Ainslee Evans.

Rylan Love was an alternate for the Parliamentary Procedure team.

The teams qualified for the



Top row, from left: Brooke Pfost, Maddie Miller, Brock Johnson, Bobby Christensen, Kinlee Garrett, and Rylan Love. **Front row, from left:** Kenna McKay, Wyatt Wetzal, Makenna DeWitt, Caitlyn Pate, Ainslee Evans, Heather Reynolds, Trinity Neeser, Katy Device. Submitted photo

state competition, but later in the week that State Leadership Conference set for April 1-4 at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls was cancelled as a Coronavirus precaution.

State FFA staff is looking into a safer alternative to allow all competitions to proceed.

Rylan also qualified to interview candidates and help pick the new Treasure Val-

ley District officer team. Homedale's Brooke Pfost was chosen as the new district vice-president. Other officers include Cassie Moody from Middleton, president; Brook-

lyn Finlay from Vallivue, secretary; Darci Wilkins from Vallivue, treasurer; Kinley Schleicher, from Caldwell, reporter, and Rilee Wilson from Middleton, sentinel.

Homedale chapter advances FFA motto, mission

by Madison Miller
Homedale FFA reporter

Agriculture holds a special place in the hearts of many, making up more than 22 million jobs in just the United States.

Agriculture commonly is associated with farming and ranching; however, it has become much more diverse. Agriculture is the foundation of many families and an ongoing tradition that all people take pride in and stand by the hard work that must be done.

FFA recognizes that agriculture has diverse aspects, that it "is more than planting and harvesting. It's a science, it's a business and it's an art." (www.ffa.org)

In a step to become more inclusive, what used to be Future Farmers of America changed in 1988 to National FFA Organization. All events called CDE (career development events) and LDE (leadership development events) give members from all types of lifestyles — farming, ranching, forestry, horticulture, fisheries, along with many more — an opportunity to take part in events that are familiar but also develop a

new passion for another area of agriculture.

Even within the Homedale FFA chapter, there are many diverse lifestyles. Members who have not grown up in the farming-ranching lifestyle are given the chance to take interest in all types of agriculture.

Members not partaking in events dealing with the common production side of agriculture can take part in other competitions and thrive in the FFA organization.

A great example of this is the Homedale FFA chapter president Brooke Pfost, who is also Treasure Valley District vice-president. She was not raised in a traditional agriculture setting, but through the community and family members she developed an appreciation for agriculture. She has developed a passion for FFA, taking part in Floriculture CDE, Environmental and Natural Resources CDE, Livestock Evaluation, Creed Speaking, and Employment Skills LDE.

Competing in these events hold more value than just winning an award. These events are all in preparation for succeeding in a member's chosen

career path. With the amazing and unfailing support of community, Homedale FFA members have been given the chance to compete all over, including district events; an invitational in Tremonton, Utah; traveling to the national convention in Indianapolis in the fall; attending the State Leadership Conference in Twin Falls in April; and heading to Moscow to attend state CDEs. The community's support allows members to travel, and with the help of local businesses, ranches, dairies and other producers more and more opportunities for practice have been available.

With the community support and Ag teachers at the backbone of Homedale FFA, success continues to follow. All Homedale teams placed in the top three in all Treasure Valley District events. Winning teams include Conduct of Chapter Meetings, Parliamentary Procedure, and Prepared Public Speaking.

Homedale FFA is not slowing down anytime soon. Preparation for state events are in full swing. The State Leadership Conference, set for April 1-4, gives Homedale

FFA members time to show off the skills that have been developed throughout the year, build on their leadership skills, and reflect on the progress that has been made.

The State CDEs in Moscow will be one more chance for Homedale FFA'ers to showcase their skills.

The Homedale FFA chapter will continue growing and will become even more successful as the years go by.

While competing is a very vital part of the FFA Organization, the ability to give back and have appreciation for those who are always contributing to the success of the organization is just as important and crucial to success.

The FFA motto is "Learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to serve," and the Homedale chapter takes the message very seriously. In order to be successful and continue being successful, giving back to those who helped along the way is a characteristic that all FFA members strive to possess.

Some of the ways Homedale FFA has given back include:

- Growing a vegetable garden and donating it to the lo-

cal senior citizens center for redistribution to food-insecure seniors and families in the community

- Hosting a blood drive where more than 45 lives were potentially saved this year.

- Planting lavender for a local community member.

- Many more community service projects are planned before the year is over.

The Homedale FFA along with the FFA Organization would not be near the success that it is without the support of chapters' local communities and the hard work of Ag teachers.

The support is truly the backbone of the organization and continues to develop people into passionate agriculture advocates.

Participation in FFA teaches members to deal with the struggles that agriculture careers face, such as farmers continuing to feed the growing population and produce more with less.

The FFA gives so many opportunities to people from all lifestyles and the skills that are developed grow and help members become successful in their chosen career paths.

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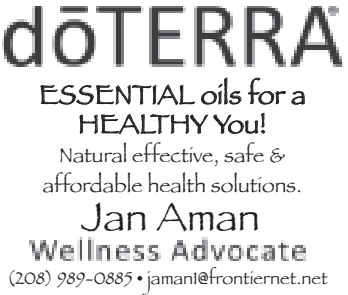
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Rimrock Sr. Center offers transportation opportunities

The second half of March is going to be a busy time for the Rimrock Senior Center in Grand View.

The center, which serves Grand View, Bruneau, and Oreana, has bus trips, entertainment and opportunities for senior citizens to get help on certain subjects.

The senior center bus makes its second trip of the month to Mountain Home at 12:30 p.m., on Tuesday, March 31. The bus is available for folks to take shopping trips or keep appointments.

The bus departs after the congregate lunch is served.

Another bus trip is planned to the Bruneau Valley Library for today's Bruneau and Beyond speaker series. The event

begins at 1 p.m. in Bruneau, and folks can contact the senior center at (208) 834-2922 or rimrocksenior@yahoo.com to determine when the bus will leave Grand View.

Appointments are available for the monthly foot clinic, which is scheduled for Thursday. Examinations cost \$20, and appointments can be booked by calling the senior center.

The Mennonite Choir will present its monthly entertainment at 7 p.m., on Thursday, March 26.

Owyhee County Assessor's Office staff will be on hand from 1 p.m., to 4p.m., on Tuesday offering help for those who qualify for the Circuit Breaker property tax reduction program.



Homedale schools talent show rehearsal experiences reversal

Acts for 2020 Homedale schools talent show got plenty of practice earlier this month, but it was all for naught because organizers cancelled the event, scheduled for Friday inside the old Homedale High School gym, as a precaution for the coronavirus.

Above: Homedale Elementary School's bell choir took some time to prepare for the talent show that never happened. HES music teacher Robbiann Busse (left) led the bell choir.

Left: Homedale ninth-grader Bailey Purdom practices Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata during the March 6 rehearsal.



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COVID-19 shuts out Idaho high school sports

Marsing cheer squad loses shot at state title

High school sports teams had barely begun their spring when sanctioning bodies shut down competition and practices as a precaution against the spread of COVID-19.

Many Homedale events were quashed

last week when the Oregon School Activities Association halted play for its schools through April 5.

On Monday, the rest of the teams from Homedale, Marsing and Rimrock were put on ice when the Idaho High School Activities Association issued a memo halting all extra-curricular activities and practices.

Games, workouts and team meetings

of any kind are prohibited.

IHSAA had already cancelled the state championship meets for cheer, dance and debate, meaning that Marsing High School's cheerleaders would not be able to capitalize on its district title.

Play was to be suspended in Idaho effective Tuesday, but later Monday, Homedale High School athletic director

Casey Grove announced that organizers had decided to cancel the Weiser Invitational. That golf tournament, scheduled for Monday afternoon at Rolling Hills Golf Club, was to be the HHS girls' season opener.

Monday's decision also cost Scott Michaelson's tennis its season opener against Skyview. The Trojans original

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Olivia Miller takes a swing during the first-ever game at the new Homedale High School softball complex Saturday as DeLaynie Dorsey gets her timing down in the on-deck circle.

Homedale starts softball season 0-3

Reigning state champs ruin home-field debut

A new era began in rough fashion Saturday for the Homedale High School softball team.

The Trojans played their first two games at a new middle school facility, but reigning Class 3A state champion Filer starred in the spoiler role.

The Wildcats beat Homedale (0-3 overall), 22-8, in the first game ever played on the new field.

Filer prevailed, 24-6, in the second game.

The Trojans scored four runs in the third inning, which was highlighted by DeLaynie Dorsey's single. Dorsey, pitcher Kenzie Miller and junior Kaitlyn Missamore picked up two hits apiece.

Homedale had beaten Filer in the 2018 state semifinals en route to a state championship.

Coach Larry Corta's 17th season at the helm began March 10 with a 32-11 loss to Vallivue in Caldwell.

Missamore notched three hits against the Falcons. She and teammates Dorsey, Olivia Miller, Dorsey and Ashley Maybon all drove in runs during the team's six-run fourth inning.

Seasoned Mustangs chase another state baseball championship

Melba starts 2-0 against conference foes

Although his team won the 2A state championship last year, Melba High School baseball coach Jason Phillips has his eyes squarely on getting better.

"This season, we hope to improve on last season," he said. "We hope to be (productive) from both the plate and the mound."

Boasting eight returners from the team that beat Declo, 6-1, in the state final in Orofino in May, the Mustangs handled New Plymouth, 6-1, in last Wednesday's season opener at home.

Dillon Bodily, who played semipro ball in Pocatello against college-aged athletes during the summer, struck out 12 and scattered five hits over six innings in the 2A Western Idaho Conference opener for both teams.

John Reiber got the Mustangs going against the Pilgrims with a first-inning solo home run. Henry Clark went deep with a solo shot in the fifth inning.

The Mustangs surged ahead, 2-1, in the bottom of the second and steadily pulled away.

Melba played errorless baseball in the field, and Braulio Colunga was 2-for-3 from the plate.

On Friday, Melba blasted Cole Valley Christian, 14-3, for

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Busy week for Huskies baseball

The Marsing High School baseball team had a busy opening week, playing five games in five days.

Saturday, Game 2: Glenns Ferry 12, Marsing 9 — After falling behind big early at home, the Huskies (0-5 overall, 0-2 in 2A Western Idaho Conference) made a game of it, scoring eight runs in the last three innings but ultimately came up short.

The Pilots (2-0 overall) scored twice in the first inning of the non-conference game and never trailed.

Trailing 10-1 into the bottom of the fifth inning, the Huskies scored with the bases loaded. JT Chadez scored on a walk, and True Shippy crossed the plate when Joaquin Oliveros was hit by a pitch.

Marsing scored three more in the sixth to trail, 11-6. Brady Dines and Kolton Scott scored on back-to-back bases-loaded walks. Clancy King scored on a passed ball.

In the bottom of the seventh, the Huskies scored with a two-run fielder's choice by Shippy and King's run-scoring single — his third hit of the game.

Dines, a senior like King, had two singles and two runs.

Marsing got two RBI from Shippy, Robbins,



Marsing freshman reliever JT Chadez delivers a pitch against Cole Valley Christian last Wednesday.

and Oliveros.

Chadez started on the mound and went three innings. He allowed three runs (two earned) on two hits. He struck out three and walked a batter.

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Sports

Trojans' offense wakes up in doubleheader

Baseball team splits first four games

Homedale High School's baseball team split a pair of doubleheaders to start the season at .500.

The Trojans swept a twin bill against Filer on Saturday at John Jackson Field to break even.

Saturday, Game 2: Homedale 7, Filer 0—Tommy Muir and Cody Liebschwager combined for a two-hit shutout as the Trojans rolled.

Homedale broke the game open with a four-run third inning when Liebschwager picked up one of the team's four hits. Tyler Woodward and Muir walked and scored on Liebschwager's double.

Then the Trojans took advantage of the Wildcats' shaky defense. Liebschwager scored on the first of two errors in the inning (Filer committed four total) and Dakota Gammel scored on a passed ball.

Beeg Hockenhull doubled and tripled while scoring two runs, while Landon Wilson also scored twice.

Muir gave up two hits in five innings, and Liebschwager struck out six while pitching two innings of no-hit ball.

Saturday, Game 1: Homedale



Homedale's Dakota Gammel throws a pitch in the third inning of Saturday's first game. The Trojans would find a way to erase the 6-1 deficit against Filer.

12, Filer 10—Sigmund Goode scored on an errant pitch in the sixth inning to snap a 10-10 deadlock in Homedale's wild home opener.

John Lejardi scored an insurance run on Hockenhull's triple.

Homedale fell behind early as the Wildcats scored six times in the first inning.

But the Trojans clawed back to tie the game, 10-10, with four runs in the sixth.

Liebschwager had a clutch two-run single in the game-tying rally.

Lejardi started the third

inning with a double, and he and Hockenhull scored on bases-loaded walks.

Liebschwager and Dakota Gammel drove in three runs each. Muir scored three times.

Hockenhull, who got the win, also had a triple, and Wilson went 2-for-2.

Monday, Game 2: Emmett 9, Homedale 4—The Trojans tied the score, 2-2, in the fourth inning only to have the Huskies score seven runs in two at-bats.

Emmett put the game out of reach with five runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. The

Huskies took advantage of six Homedale errors while getting the home-field non-conference victory despite collecting just three hits against four pitchers.

In Homedale's fourth, Muir led off the inning with a single and scored on Teron Morrison's base hit. Liebschwager reached based on an error and scored on an Emmett miscue to tie the score.

The Trojans didn't score again until seventh inning when Dakota Gammel smacked his second double of the game with one out and eventually scored on an error. Lejardi singled and scored on D'Orr Packer's two-out double.

Hockenhull also ripped a double, and Muir had a pair of singles.

Monday, Game 1: Emmett 5, Homedale 2—The Trojans trailed throughout the game, not breaking through in the sixth inning.

In the sixth, Morrison and Liebschwager reached safely as Huskies relief pitcher Ramon Lake loaded the bases with walks. Morrison scored on Gammel's sacrifice fly, and Liebschwager crossed the plate after another walk.

Homedale pulled to within a run, 3-2, but left the bases loaded.

Liebschwager and Packer laced singles for the Trojans' only hits.

Rabbit Creek 100 postponed

The biggest desert racing event of the Owyhee County motorcycle season is on hold.

The host organization, Dirt Inc., announced that the Rabbit Creek 100 — a two-day event scheduled for Saturday and Sunday — in the Owyhee desert outside Murphy had been taken off the calendar because of precautions linked to the COVID-19 epidemic.

The race, which was supposed to be the fourth stop on the AMA National Hare and House Series, will be rescheduled, Dirt Inc., officials said in the announcement.

The decision came after Dirt Inc., brass huddled with Owyhee County officials on the subject of mass gatherings.

The federal government has now urged gatherings of more than 10 people be put on hold in an effort to flatten the epidemic curve.

"We are working with the club in regards to refunds and a new race date, which will be announced soon," officials said in the announcement.

Dirt Inc. has played host to an AMA National Hare and Hound Series stop for more than a decade.

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The Idaho High School Activities Association has cancelled all athletic events until April 5 in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

Sports

Trojans take 2nd in own tourney

Uranga, other hoopsters show little rust

Basketball players sometimes just can’t find their stroke, but those who play for the Homedale High School golf team did all right last week.

Eighty percent of the Trojans’ boys’ golf squad hit River Bend Golf Course in Wilder just a few days removed from the 3A Real Dairy Shootout basketball state tournament.

But the home team acquitted itself well in the Homedale Ice Breaker 18-hole event last Wednesday.

Led by reigning 3A state

champion Daniel Uranga’s 1-over-par 73, the Trojans shot 344 and finished in second place, eight shots behind team champion Cole Valley Christian (336).

“It was a beautiful day weather-wise,” Trojans long-time coach Casey Grove said.

“The boys played really well for four of the five only having one practice this season due to state basketball.”

Fruitland’s Lucas Rynearson, Uranga’s nemesis during the 3A Snake River Valley conference season and at the District Tournament, blew away the field with a 3-under 69 to win Ice Breaker medalist honors.

Cole Valley’s Parker Wallace

(71) was runner-up.

“The two kids that finished ahead of (Uranga) have been playing all winter,” Grove said. “Daniel’s first time picking up a club was (March 7).”

Homedale’s basketball contingent included senior Spencer Fisher, who started the season with an 85.

“I was really pleased with Spencer Fisher’s play over the last two days,” Grove said after the tournament. “Shooting in the mid- to low 80s both days, is a huge improvement in his game versus last year.”

Garett Elordi (92) and Arnulfo Llamas (95) were also playing after only one practice.

Eli Heck carded a 94.

— JPB

Raiders strong in track debut

Two silver medalists paced the Rimrock High School track and field team’s season debut last Wednesday in Melba.

Seniors Adam Hogaboam and Ian Burbank nailed personal records to finish as runners-up in two boys’ events.

Burbank soared 18 feet, 6.5 inches in the long jump, and Hogaboam raced to 50.78 in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles.

Three Rimrock girls’ athletes snagged bronze medals — junior Madison Macmillan with a 13.12 in the 100 meters and a 14-10.5 in the long jump, and senior Hannah Field (18.68 in the 100).

Field also posted a personal-record time of 1 minute, 14.24 seconds to finish eighth in the 400.

Macmillan’s seventh-place

discus throw of 63-11 was a PR, too.

Senior Lance Smith posted a pair of PRs in the boys’ meet. He finished third in the 200 (25.24) and seventh in the 100 (12.06).

Freshman Angel Gallardo started strong with a third-place 400 time of 55.68.

Sophomore Juan Alamilla (PR of 1:00.87) and freshman Andrew Hogaboam (1:03.56) were sixth and eighth, respectively, in the 400.

Adam Hogaboam PR’d in the 800 (seventh in 2:41.12, and he was sixth in the 1,600.

Both Hogaboams excelled in the 110 hurdles. Andrew was fourth (28.81), and Adam was fifth with a PR of 34.52.

Andrew also took third in the 300 hurdles in 50.96.

✓ Sports: Precautions scuttle tournaments, non-conference matchups

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opener — Tuesday against Vale, Ore., — was scrapped because of Oregon’s decision.

The Homedale Invitational track and field meet, scheduled for April 3, also looks to be in jeopardy.

Before Monday’s announcement, Homedale’s baseball team picked up a non-conference game that was to be played today against Vallivue. The Oregon decision cost the

Trojans their annual trip to a tournament in John Day, Ore.

The softball team’s Spring Break tournament at Ridgevue High School in Nampa was cancelled last week by event organizers.

The JV softball team’s planned excursion to Mesa Park in Fruitland on Saturday was scuttled when Taylor Sauer Memorial Tournament organizers cancelled that event.

The Homedale track and field team’s plans to compete on St. Patrick’s Day in Ontario, Ore., were nixed.

The golf team’s scheduled trip to Canyon County for the Nampa Invitational also fell by the wayside.

Homedale Youth Sports cancelled its poker fundraiser set for Saturday and also announced that its affiliated youth baseball league had suspended practices until

March 29.

Marsing High School’s return to the baseball diamond after a one-year hiatus was suspended after a busy first week in which the Huskies played five games in five days. The Huskies’ non-conference game in Horseshoe Bend on Monday was cancelled in the afternoon.

The track team was scheduled to compete in a tri-meet in Fruitland on Thursday.

The golf team was supposed to open its season Thursday with a 2A Western Idaho conference nine-hole meet at Falcon Crest Golf Course in Kuna.

The softball team already had one game cancelled (Thursday against Notus) for the lack of a bus driver. The Huskies were scheduled to play its last game before hiatus Monday in Horseshoe Bend.

— JPB

✓ Mustangs: Ace pitcher spent time with Pocatello-based semipro outfit

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its second conference victory in as many outings this season. Statistics weren’t provided.

Colunga is one of the new players on the squad, but he has a slew of veteran teammates from which to learn.

“Our newcomers are very talented and have great baseball IQs,” Phillips said. “One of the things we preach is baseball IQ, and these boys have it.”

Bodily, Clark and Reiber are back as are Michael Huntsman, Abe Riley and Owyhee County resident Trace Stimpson.

“We will be leaning on these returners to pave the way for us,” Phillips said.

Bodily, who compiled a 1.47 earned-run average, anchors a pitching corps that includes 6-foot, 4-inch hurlers Clark and Huntsman.

“Going into the season, I

believe that our pitching can go toe-to-toe with any high school staff,” Phillips said.

The core of eight returners will fuel the offense, too, as exhibited in the opener against New Plymouth.

“Each of these young men can provide an offensive spark and play solid defense,” the coach said.

In a quest to strengthen their games, many players looked

to play in higher levels of baseball, Phillips said.

Bodily spent the summer playing the Gate City Grays in the Northern Utah League. He went 4-2 as a starter against college players and former major-leaguers, Phillips said.

“Dillon is a great competitor who shows up at the ballpark ready to compete,” the Melba coach said. “The one thing that I really

appreciate about Dillon is his willingness to help others. He spends as much time helping his teammates as he spends working on his own game. He really understands the value of team.”

Clark played for the Boise-based 208 Baseball club team, and Riley was part of the Nampa Chiefs, who played in the American Legion state tournament.

✓ Huskies: Delgadillo racks up RBI; Marsing goes winless in five games

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Saturday, Game 1: Glenss Ferry 15, Marsing 3 (5) — The Pilots knocked in 10 runs in the second to lead, 13-1.

Marsing put its first run on the board in its opening at-bat on Oliveros’ RBI single.

The Huskies scored two in the fourth but couldn’t dig out of the deep hole.

Oliveros recorded two hits with a run and an RBI.

Thursday: Wilder 16, Marsing 12 — The visiting

Wildcats (1-1) scored five times in the top of the seventh for a comeback non-conference win.

The Huskies had snapped an 11-11 tie with a run in the sixth inning.

Cameron Robbins led the Huskies with three hits, including two doubles.

Xavier Delgadillo had only one hit but got five RBI.

King was on base four times with three singles and a walk.

Last Wednesday: Cole

Valley Christian 13, Marsing 2 (5) — Trailing 7-0 after the first inning, the only offense the Huskies’ mustered was a two-run third.

The Chargers (2-1, 1-1) scored three more times in each of the fourth and fifth innings, after which the game was called because of the 10-run rule.

Marsing only touched Cole Valley starter Lawson Harmon for three hits and two runs in four innings.

Oliveros recorded two of those hits, including a double, and knocked in both of Marsing’s runs.

Huskies starter Dines went just one-third of an inning, allowing seven runs on four hits and two walks.

Chadez came on in relief, threw 2 2/3 innings, and gave up two runs without allowing a hit.

March 9: New Plymouth 12, Marsing 8 — The Huskies played their first game in nearly

two years at home against the host Pilgrims (1-3, 1-0).

Marsing trailed, 6-1, before exploding for seven in the fourth. The lead was short-lived, however, when New Plymouth scored three in the bottom off the inning to take the lead for good, 9-8.

The Huskies got two hits apiece from Robbins and Calvin Sevy.

Delgadillo knocked in a pair of runs.

— TK

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

March 22, 1995

Sheriff’s fun run benefits D.A.R.E.

Rained on but not rained out.

Over 35 runners turned out Saturday in the rain for the Owyhee County Sheriff’s annual 13-mile fun run. Even though it rained on the “start and the finish” of the run, it was still a “heck of a good time,” said Owyhee County Sheriff’s Sergeant Dick Freund.

The event was expanded this year to include competitors from not only the Owyhee County Sheriff’s office, but the Nampa police department, the New Plymouth police, the Idaho Department of Justice, teachers and students from Fruitland, Payette, New Plymouth, and Homedale High School, and individual runners.

Four runners from the New Plymouth police department took the day, said Freund, coming in just ahead of the Owyhee County team, which took second.

All proceeds raised from the event went to the Nampa and Owyhee County D.A.R.E. programs.

Tindall receives beef proficiency

Justin Tindall, Rimrock FFA chapter president, received the Boise Valley Beef Proficiency, Wednesday, March 15, in Marsing. This honor is held by only one individual from the eight schools in the Boise Valley FFA district and is given in the form of a plaque to the member with the outstanding beef project.

Tindall’s project which consists of 40 cows, 22 replacement heifers and two bulls is run on his parent’s ranch outside of Bruneau.

Trojans run wild in season opener

Homedale’s first day on the diamond proved a friendly one Thursday, as the Trojans out-matched the Wilder Wildcats 11-1, winning via the 10-run rule at the bottom of the sixth.

An impressive start, but not one that makes HHS coach Dan Tristan feel overconfident.

“You always look good when your pitcher does as good as Jeff (Elordi) did,” he says.

Elordi faced 13 batters and struck out 10 of them, walking only one.

In relief Tom Bicandi put in a good performance as well.

Perhaps the most telling statistic, however, was the Trojans’ 12 hits.

“I think we’re going to be an offensive team,” Tristan predicts.

Homedale’s hits were divided between eight players and included a triple by Daniel Webster and doubles by Elordi, Jeff Eason, Luke Hays, Tony Bicandi and Justin Schwartz.

Area schools take in over 5,000 tires

High schools in the COSSA consortium helped recycle between five and six thousand tires Saturday as part of Idaho’s first-ever tire collection day, Homedale High School principal Nolan Taggart says.

Homedale High School alone collected an estimated 1,800 tires. The overall estimate, Taggart says, comes from the truck drivers who eventually drove off with the refuse.

“We had a lot of positive comments,” Taggart says. “A lot of people said this was the first effort they’d seen by the state that helped them to clean up the environment.”

50 years ago

March 19, 1970



STAN ZATICA (31) goes up for a center jump in the final game with the Wendell Trojans. Gary Vance (25) is shown at right. In the background are some of the Homedale fans.

Wendell trips quintet from Owyhee County, 67-60

Homedale Trojans came off second best in the state A-3 basketball tournament, bowing to another set of Trojans from Wendell 67-60 in the Saturday night climax at Lewiston.

Despite a sensational 40-point production by Homedale’s Paul Pearson, the Trojans watched Wendell pull away in the fourth period after the club’s had started the final stanza tied 46-all.

Stan Zatica backed up Pearson with 10 points, as the pair combined for 50 of the Homedale 60 total points.

Wendell was led by Kirk Dennis with 18 markers, and Craig Thompson was right behind him with 17. Bob King added 10 and Frank Rost had 14.

Homedale led 19-13 at the first period but fell behind 34-33 at the half.

Wendell held a 25-20 field goal margin, but Homedale cashed 20 of 28 free shots to a 17-22 performance for Wendell.

Monday meeting set to chart cleanup effort

Representatives of various groups participating in the clean-up campaign will meet Monday, March 23, at the city hall, according to Mrs. Joyce Blackman, city clerk.

Andy Warfield is chairman and others include Father Francis A. Peterson, churches; Ronnie Roland, chamber of commerce; Dick Davies, Kiwanis club and Mrs. Blackman, sororities.

The group plans to map out areas needing attention and asks for help and suggestions from everyone to make the forthcoming campaign a success.

City Council meets to study pool agreement

A special meeting of the Homedale City Council was held Monday noon to study the lease agreement between the city and the Homedale Community Swimming Pool Corp.

The Swimming Pool Corp. has accepted the agreement. The city has tentatively accepted it, pending the approval of all members.

Present were Mayor Les Carter, Councilmen Andy Warfield and George Murray, City Attorney R. B. Eismann, City Clerk Mrs. Joyce Blackman, and Bill Blackman.

Swimming pool members present were Homer Anderson, president; James Duncan, Deward Bell and Gordon Cahill.

145 years ago

March 20, 1875

(From Monday’s Daily)

Yesterday was a quiet day in Silver. People generally took the world easy, many of them congregating at the hotels and discussing the prospects of the coming season, or the demoralizing attitude of the weather clerk who had been running a “corner” on snow recently. Just before midnight two veterans who had occasion to visit the suburbs during the day, and got belated, arrived at the Idaho Hotel. They looked like moving monuments of snow and were whitened from head to foot, and bristling with the flakes. They were a sight to behold, and they came to the conclusion that another trip to the mountains would not be a very desirable move at present.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY.—

This is the anniversary of the patron Saint of the Emerald Isle whose sons and daughters are found all over the habitable globe. It is quite proper therefore that the event should be widely celebrated.

PASSENGERS COMING.—

The following named passengers left Winnemucca for Silver City by this morning’s stage: Thos. Show, Jas. Simmons, Jos. Richards, John Treloar, Ed. Downing and Samuel King.

SUBSCRIPTION NOTICE.—

Those of our friends who may receive this number of the WEEKLY AVALANCHE and who are residents of States east of the Rocky Mountains, are informed that we will furnish them with the paper for one year for an even five dollar bill (greenbucks). This is below our regular rate for the Weekly, and we make it this amount on account of its being a convenient sum for remittance. We will in return furnish a *live* paper with all the local mining news and other items of interest, and a review of mining matters and things in general throughout the Pacific slope. Let us hear from you, gentlemen.

NEW EDITOR.—

Major J. S. Hay, who has had experience in Missouri, Illinois, and other States, has taken the position of Assistant Editor of that ever sprightly and popular sheet, the OWYHEE DAILY AVALANCHE. Hill and Hay will make a strong team.

MINING REVIEW.—

It is our intention hereafter to review the mining situation of this camp and the county generally every Saturday, and we trust that all who are engaged in working mines, both incorporated and unincorporated, will not be backward in furnishing information that will aid us in showing up the rich and extensive mineral resources of Owyhee. At no time in the history of this section of Idaho Territory has the mining outlook been brighter than at present. The flattering developments made this winter in the Mahogany, South Chariot, Golden Chariot, War Eagle and other mines, in connection with the encouraging prospects of the base metal deposits in South Mountain, make it safe to predict that our bullion product of the coming summer will be at least thrice as large as during any previous season. We anticipate that the tide of immigration that is already settling hitherward will augment the population of our county to at least double its present proportions inside of the next six months.

Sports



Marsing freshman starter Mila Astorquia twirls a pitch home during the Huskies' matchup with Cole Valley Christian last Wednesday.

Marsing's Ankeny jumps from court to track with ease

Fresh off an award-winning basketball campaign, Marsing High School's Jacob Ankeny showed that he is a man of many talents Thursday.

Using his long legs, the 6-foot, 8-inch junior paced his Huskies teammates at the Parma Icebreaker track and field meet.

Ankeny burst out of the blocks in the 100-meter final, finishing in second place at 11.67 seconds, just .10 of a second behind the host team's Vince Avila. The time was a personal record for Ankeny.

In the 200 final, Ankeny finished tied for second place with Liberty Charter's Dionicio Elton at 23.98. The pair finished behind Avila.

Ankeny wasn't done, however. Showing that he can handle the medium distance races as well, Ankeny ran the 400 in 55.10, again finishing in second place. Weiser's Triston Kautz ran a winning time of 54.44.

The Marsing girls showed they may have a star in the making when freshman Vanessa Freeman placed fourth in the 100 (13.86) and fifth in the 200 (28.74). Liberty Charter's Brenna Bagley finished first in both events.

Sophomore Trayton Jacobi was fourth in the boys' shot put at 36 feet, 8.5 inches.

Senior AJ Ayuban was second in the triple jump, the event that took him to the 2A state meet last season. He hopped, skipped, and jumped 37-10, finishing 6.25 inches behind Weiser's Jordan Watkins.

He also finished fourth in the long jump, leaping 17-9.25, which was 14.5 inches behind Muluken Knudsen of Nampa Christian (18-11.75).

Other top boys' finishers:

- **100 meters** — Nacho Montes (12.37, 11th place) and Jacobi (12.52, 13th)
- **800 meters** — Sam Ankeny (3:49.08, 17th)
- **300 meter hurdles** — Jordan Blas (51.49, ninth place)
- **4x100 relay** — Montes, Ramos, Blas, and Ayuban (4:15.91, sixth)
- **Shot put** — Ryan Orndorff (31-6.5, 12th)
- **Discus** — Nico Acosta (84-6, 11th place) and Mikey Acosta (81-1, 15th place)

Other top girls' finishers:

- **200 meters** — Hannah Stimmel (32.92, 20th place)
- **Long jump** — Freeman (12-10.5, 10th place)

Huskies drop opening games

Notus game nixed without a bus driver

The Marsing High School softball team started the season with a pair of conference losses and a cancelled contest.

The Huskies (0-2) were set to play Notus on Thursday but were forced to cancel the game because of transportation issues. Coach Daniel White, who also drives the team's bus, was unable to do so because of a family emergency.

Last Wednesday: Cole Valley Christian 9, Marsing 6 — The Huskies led 5-3 after three innings of 2A Western Idaho Conference play. But

host squad allowed four runs in the top of the fourth to fall into a 7-5 deficit.

The Huskies would cross the plate just one more time, in the fifth, while the Chargers would score twice more — once each in the fifth and sixth innings.

Marsing senior Emily Loucks had two hits and two runs batted in. Emily's younger sister, sophomore Lexi Loucks, also had two RBI.

Huskies starter Mila Astorquia recorded seven strikeouts in her complete game.

March 9: New Plymouth 16, Marsing 6 — The Huskies jumped right into conference play to start the season with

a season-opening matchup against the host Pilgrims.

Of its six runs, Marsing was credited with four RBI, one each from Adriana Simpson, Autumn Bennett, Karla Salazar, and Emily Loucks.

Simpson, Delaney Percifield, Emily Thoene, Salazar, Mazzi Roper, and Astorquia each scored once.

The Huskies struck out 12 times but walked 11 times.

Astorquia pitched 3 2/3 innings, allowing 16 runs on seven hits and 13 walks. The freshman struck out five and hit two batters.

Emily Loucks was on the mound for the last out of the game.

— TK

MARSING HUSKIES

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Softball
Emily Loucks, sr., C
Hit, RBI vs. New Plymouth

Baseball
Joaquin Oliveros, sr., P
4 strikeouts vs. New Plymouth

Track and field
Jacob Ankeny, jr., sprinter
Runner-up in 100, 200, and 400 at Parma

The Idaho High School Activities Association has cancelled all athletic events until April 5 in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Equal opportunity cowboy



Betty Lynne is a cowboy. If you don't believe it, ask her husband to show you the snapshot of her bruise.

Last summer, they had a cow killed by lightening on their ranch. They figured they'd better bring in the orphaned calf. The afternoon of the rescue, Betty Lynne saddled ol' Frosty, a reliable ex-Appaloosa race horse. That allowed Sean, her husband, to ride T-Bird, one of the colts they were training.

They trailered to the pasture. Sean stayed outside the bunch, practicin' quarter circles and slides, while Betty Lynne searched for the little black Heifer calf they knew to be the dogie. She spotted the calf and eased up. She missed the easy shot. The calf was wild as a deer and evaded loop after loop as Betty Lynne and Frosty chased her back and forth across the Montana horizon.

Frosty was losing patience, and Betty Lynne was frustrated. As she said, she never claimed to be a header and has always been envious of men who are not hampered by fallen bra straps while in hot pursuit of a critter. "Messes up yer swing," she says.

At last, she'd lined up on a decent shot and let sail a pretty loop. Suddenly aware of the drama unfolding in front of her, the biggest, fattest cow in the county looked up from her grazing and stuck her head square in the loop!

The calf ran off (snickering, no doubt), the cow spooked, and Betty Lynne lost her dally. The cow ran off after the calf.

Sean hurried to help, handed her his rope, and with a straight face, suggested she heel the cow and he'd run up and get her rope back.

Off she went, determined. It's not easy to run up on a critter who's draggin' a rope behind her like a swishin' snake. But Betty Lynne got close enough to double hock the cow. Just as she grabbed her dally, the tail of the snake brushed Frosty's feet. He blew up and left the ground! They were four feet off the ground when the cow, all 1,200 pounds of her, hit the end of the line. It was like bein' hit by a train. Frosty went sailing sideways. Betty Lynne bucked into orbit. On her descent, Frosty kicked Betty Lynne in midair, flipped her over and she landed in a sitting position. Just right to see the rest of the wreck.

Sean had just stepped off T-Bird to go for the rope. T-Bird spun across him, stepped on his foot and followed Frosty back toward the barn.

The happy couple lay ironed out in the grass and watched the cow, who had kicked out one heel, headed east draggin' both their ropes.

Although I've not seen the bruise, or the photo, Betty Lynne said it showed the accurate outline of the hoof wall, complete with frog. Somehow, I believe her.

— 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*.

From the Statehouse Plan to help parolees stay out of prison will save millions



Idaho's prisons are overcrowded, and that's costing us a lot of money. But it's money that must be spent to protect the safety of every Idahoan. However, we're also planning to invest in community programs to help keep former inmates out of prison. That can save us much more in the long run.

Recently, the Legislature's Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (JFAC) approved the Department of Correction and the Commission of Pardons and Parole budget. It's bigger than last year. It still needs approval from the full House, full Senate, and the governor, but that will likely happen. It's not because it's a bill we like to pay; it's because it's a bill we know we must pay. In the Gem State, we're seeing a spike in population overall, and also in the number of people who need to be behind bars. That's driving up our prison costs. Idaho is a very safe state, and one of the ways we keep it that way, is by locking up criminals.

While we must keep up with the supply of prison beds, we can drive down the demand for those beds by helping former inmates from returning to a cell. On the recommendation of Gov. Brad Little, the Director of the Idaho Department of Correction, Josh Tewalt, has a great plan to accomplish this. They're called "connection and intervention stations." If approved, they will work as a safety net for probationers and parolees on supervision who might be close to a violation. They would provide services like drug testing, substance-abuse treatment, and transitional housing around the state. That will cost us some

money, but it's a fraction of the overall budget, and can save us a lot more by keeping those people out of prison and reducing the demand for beds.

When we talk about the Department of Correction, I think it's important to pay attention to the operative word. "Correction" doesn't just mean punishment. "Correction" doesn't just mean giving an inmate a cell for a few years. "Correction" means working to correct someone's behavior so they might become a productive member of the community, instead of a drain on it. That's what this plan to utilize community resources would be — investing in corrective action to give former inmates a better chance at helping the state, instead of hurting it.

We need to house a lot of prisoners. Whether that's in-state, out-of-state, done by building more facilities, or using local jails, it's a task that must be done. It's also a short-term solution to our prison overcrowding. The long-term permanent solution is to reduce the number of inmates. We can do that with community intervention and a little bit of investment that will save us millions of dollars in prison costs down the line. That's a major feature of the Correction budget, and why I support it fully.

— Dist. 10B Rep. Greg Chaney (R-Caldwell) is chair of the House Judiciary, Rules & Administration Committee. The second-term legislator also serves on the Environment, Energy & Technology Committee and the Revenue & Taxation Committee.

From Washington Shutting the door on telephone scammers

We have heard about people in our communities, neighbors, friends, or even family, falling victim to robocall scams and losing significant amounts of money and security of their personal information. Scammers are coming up with ever-creative ways to manipulate our open society to defraud unsuspecting victims. These scams are out of control, and enough is enough. Thankfully, we are getting traction on enacting legislation aimed at helping to stop illegal robocalls.

In December, the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation passed out of the Committee, as a substitute amendment, bipartisan legislation I introduced with Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minnesota) to help stop unwanted robocalls. S. 2204, the Data Analytics Robocall Technology (DART) Act, would require the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to report to Congress on the effectiveness of call-blocking programs. The bill includes provisions to ensure critical safety and emergency calls are handled properly. This includes requiring the FCC to study the prevention of the blocking of numbers used for public safety and emergency calls, including calls by government entities; schools for school-related notifications; and similar emergency purposes, as determined by the Commission. Text of the legislation, as passed by the Committee, can be found on my website, www.crapo.senate.gov.

The DART Act builds on S. 151, the Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence (TRACED) Act. The TRACED Act was signed into

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo
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law on Dec. 30. The TRACED Act requires call authentication to prevent caller ID spoofing and increases penalties for illegal robocalls. The Senate passed this legislation I co-sponsored with 84 senators from both sides of the aisle, including fellow Idaho Sen. Jim Risch, by a vote of 97-1. In December, the U.S. House of Representatives amended and passed the TRACED Act by a vote of 417-3 before sending it back to the Senate for final passage.

The Congressional Research Service cites data indicating robocalls rose to as high as 5.2 billion calls

— See *Scammers*, Page 7B

Commentary

Financial management

Umbrella insurance protects assets, wealth-building gains

Dear Dave,
We live in Colorado, and we need some advice on protecting our assets. My wife is a teacher, and I'm a nurse. We make around \$180,000 a year combined, and we're set to pay off our home next month. We also have two teenagers who are both driving, so we were wondering about the best way to protect everything if one of them has an accident and we get sued, or something else tragic happens.

— Spencer

Dear Spencer,
With your income, and the stage you're in when it comes to wealth building, I think it's time to add an umbrella policy. This is a liability policy, and you could probably buy an extra million in liability

coverage for around \$250 a year. It attaches to the liability policy that's already part of your homeowners and car insurance.
With a couple of teenage drivers in the house it *might* run a little more than \$250, but I wouldn't think it would be much more, if any. It would just add an extra million to the mix, just in case someone decided they were going to come after you because of a bad situation.
As you continue building wealth later, like if you get into real estate and start buying rental properties, make sure you put those in a limited liability company (LLC). You're not there quite yet, but it's always a good idea to plan ahead and do whatever you can to keep the size of the target on



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your back relatively small.

— Dave

Dear Dave,
I have a pension plan that will pay me 80 percent of my top three highest years' income. Should I continue

to invest 15 percent towards retirement? I will top out at \$79,000 yearly, and I plan on retiring in 28 years.

— Jordan

Dear Jordan,
You should always put 15 percent of *your* income into retirement once you reach Baby Step 4. I would never count on a pension as my only retirement income, because the truth is many pension funds are very poorly managed.
You'll probably get the pension when the time comes. I'm not predicting it will go broke or anything like that, but there's no way I would leave the financial state of my retirement in other people's hands. That's exactly what you're doing when your plan is to count on a pension or Social Security.

With Roth IRAs, 401(k)s and so forth, you're building wealth that *you* control.

You have to control the controllables, Jordan. There are plenty of things in our lives we have no control over whatsoever, but you have to take charge of the stuff you can control in order to win. Building wealth is one of those things!

— 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.*

✓ Scammers: FCC has tips on how to stay safe from telephone scammers

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(both legal and illegal robocalls) in March 2019. The FCC reports unwanted calls — including illegal and spoofed robocalls — are the agency's top consumer complaint and top consumer protection priority.
The FCC has taken steps to attack illegal robocalls, including actions to make it easier for phone companies to block illegal robocalls. The agency provides recommendations and resources, including steps individuals can take to stop unwanted robocalls and avoid phone scams:
• Put your mobile and landline numbers on the national Do Not Call Registry. Visit donotcall.gov or call (888) 382-1222 from the number you want to register.
• Research apps, services or devices that help block

unwanted calls.
• Don't answer calls from unknown callers. That could verify you have an active line. Never call back an unfamiliar number — it may lead to a scam.
• Spoofed caller ID numbers may trick you into answering. If you answer a spoofed call, hang up immediately. Do not respond to even simple questions or requests.
• Scam callers may pretend to represent an organization, business or even a government agency. Never reveal any personal or financial information unless you can independently verify the caller.
• FCC rules offer protection against unwanted calls and texts. File a complaint with the FCC to help us determine where to take action. Visit consumercomplaints.fcc.gov

• Find web resources and learn more at www.fcc.gov/robocalls
Expanding the adoption of call-blocking technology while ensuring critical safety and emergency calls are handled properly can help prevent our phone lines from being hijacked by crooks. I look forward to enactment of the DART Act and other legislative and policy changes necessary to safeguard Americans without hindering open, and importantly wanted, communication.
— *Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U. S. Senate. He is in his fourth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.*

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City council — John Morrison, Tom Payne, Opal Ward, and Jon Pennington
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Sports

Melba softball rolls on after emotional start to season

Owyhee trio among experienced players

A couple of Owyhee County all-conference players leads Melba High School softball on its quest to build on a fourth-place finish in last year’s 2A state tournament.

Senior pitcher Cindy Read was a first-team All-2A Western Idaho Conference player, and Kennedy Mickelson was placed on the second team.

Megan Bowman is the third Owyhee-an on coach Don Jamison’s squad.

The team went 22-5 last season, capturing its 15th conference championship before stumbling to third in the District III tournament. That required the Mustangs to win a play-in game to reach the state tournament.

The Mustangs, who lost outfielder Camille Bangerter to graduation, have begun the season in dominant fashion.

Melba outscored its first three opponents (including conference foes New Plymouth and Cole Valley Christian) 55-13.

But the start to the season was an emotionally rough one for the Mustangs after 16-year-old Maria Salas, whom Jamison calls a part of the softball family, died suddenly.

“Several schools have reached out to us with support,” the coach said. “It was a tough week, but the kids are coming back.”

Experience is the key for the Mustangs this season with eight returning players, including all-conference first-teamers AJ Webster (sr., catcher) and Esther Riley (so., shortstop).

Other players from whom Jamison expects contributions include infielders Ashlie Shaffer, a sophomore, Kylee Aldrich, a junior, and Keylee Wilson and Emily Zavala, both freshmen.

The coach anticipates a fight for the conference championship from New Plymouth, McCall-Donnelly and Nampa Christian.

Former Marsing assistant coach and standout Melba pitcher Cara Duckworth is the Mustangs’ pitching/catching coach. Other coaches include Larry Lincoln (junior varsity), Mar-

lene Jamison (outfield) and Corky Hill (infield).

Melba had a busy first week to its season last week, but had Tuesday’s non-conference game against Nyssa, Ore., cancelled because of Oregon’s statewide halt of all athletic events.

Friday: Melba 24, Cole Valley Christian 0 (6) — The Mustangs scored 18 runs in the top of the sixth inning to activate the 10-run against the Chargers in a 2A WIC game played at Heritage Middle School in Meridian.

Read surrendered two hits and a walk while striking out 12.

Read was also 2-for-3 with a triple and two runs scored.

Aldrich led the offense, going 4-for-4 with four RBI and three runs scored. Mickelson scored four runs from the leadoff spot.

Last Wednesday: Melba 7, New Plymouth 4 — The Mustangs jumped out to an early lead at home then held off the Pilgrims for their first conference win of the season.

Andrina Webster doubled and knocked in a run for Melba. Team-

mates Wilson and Annabelle Dickard also had RBI.

The Mustangs picked up the victory despite gaining just four singles.

March 9: Melba 24, Parma 9 (5) — Emily Zavala had two triples among her team-high four hits, scoring four times and knocking in five runs. Settling down after wild start, the Mustangs picked up a non-conference win in their home debut.

Melba rolled out to a 6-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning, but the Panthers fired back with five runs in its next at-bat.

After Parma pulled to within a run again, 8-7, in the top of the third inning, Melba scored 16 runs in its final two at-bats to put the game away.

After Bowman went 1-for-1 with a walk and two runs, Madisen Bunnell came into the game and went 2-for-2 with three runs scored and two RBI.

Dickard doubled and knocked in three runs, while Mickelson doubled and notched four RBI.

Read struck out nine and worked around eight hits and five walks.

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Mustangs manhandle field at Mangum track

Melba High School started the year hot in its own Icebreaker track and field meet last Wednesday.

As could be expected, distance runner Joshua Leavitt picked up where he left off after a dominant cross country season.

The junior led a stout Mustangs corps with victories in the 800 meters (2 minutes, 8.56 seconds), the 1,600 (5:04.53), and the 3,200 (10:25.18) at Dave Mangum Track.

On the girls’ side, freshmen and sophomores ruled the day with myriad championship and runner-up showings.

Ninth-grader Kendall Clark had a hand in three championships, including a 1:50.44 time for the 4x200 relay team that also included freshman Hallie Arnold, Kate Clark and Owyheean Jordan Dayley.

Freshman McCoy Richardson (2:13.68) and junior Tyler Arnold (2:15.22) ran personal-best times to finish

second and third, respectively, in the boys’ 800.

Arnold had another PR in the 1,600 (5:42.85) for fourth at 1,600.

Richardson’s PR of 54.62 was good for runner-up status in the 400, while Arnold (58.56) and Owyhee County freshman Kaden Dayley (58.71) with fourth and fifth, respectively with PRs.

Richardson also won the high jump with a PR of 5 feet, 10 inches.

Senior Stewart Stears swept the hurdles (17.96 for the 110 high hurdles and 46.88 for the 300 intermediate hurdles).

Joey Bradshaw, Easton Draper, Zane Helm and Andrew Herman won the 4x200 relay in 1:37.84.

The same quartet was runner-up in the 4x100 relay (47.18).

Arnold, Bradshaw (200 each), Richardson (400), and Leavitt (800) teamed to win the 1,600 sprint medley in 4:05.72.

Bradshaw was runner-up in the 100 (11.61), just ahead of fellow junior Cameron Wood (a PR of 11.68).

Sophomore Kyler Oakes, meanwhile, took second in the 200 with a PR of 25.15.

Melba’s 4x400 relay also finished second with Stears running the third leg after Marshal Hirtle and Brenton Overall. Wyatt Myers closed the race for a time of 4:27.56.

Will Vail had an outstanding

start to his season. The junior thrower finished second in the shot put (34-7) and discus (99-7) with PRs.

Senior Trey Wilson was third in the shot (34-1) and fourth in the discus (95-8).

Wood’s PR of 19-1 was tops in the long jump, and Helm (18-2.5) and Herman (17-6.75) were fourth and fifth, respectively, with PRs.

Wood and Helm also PR’d in the triple jump, bringing home second (39.6.75) and third (37-9), respectively.

Dayley was sixth (35>4.5), Braden Volkers eighth (35-4.5), and Quinton Hill ninth (33-3.5) with PRs.

Girls

Kendall Clark’s triple play included gold medals in the high jump (5-0) and the triple jump (32-9.25).

Junior Kate Clark won the long jump in 15-9.5 as freshmen Meya Young (second, 15-1.5) and Melina Helm (13-6.25) were second and sixth, respectively.

Kate Clark also took second in the triple jump (31-10.75), while junior Kayla McCoy was second in the high jump at 4-6.

Sophomore Tayler McCoy won the discus with a PR throw of 100 feet, and she was runner-up in the shot put at 29-5.5. Teammates Gabby Colunga (a freshman) and Lena Grimstad (a junior)

snagged PRs.

Colunga was third at 27-0, and Grimstad heaved the shot 22-8.25.

Melba’s relay teams were successful, too.

Two athletes with Owyhee ties (Marissa Cole and Jordan Dayley) joined up with Hallie Arnold and Kate Clark to win the 4x400 in 4:30.06.

In the sprint medley (two 100s, a 200 and a 400), Faith Svedin, Helm, Meya Young and Erika Hunter ran in that order to a 2:05.88 winning time.

Arnold, the Clarks and Dayley won the 4x200 in 1:50.44.

Arnold also won the 400 in 1:05.65, followed by Svedin in 1:07.21.

Arnold was runner-up in the 200 (28.18), and Young took third at 29.43.

Young was runner-up in the 100 (12.96).

Dayley swept the hurdles at 16.56 (100) and 47.84 (300). Kendall Clark was runner-up at the shorter distance in 16.68.

Freshman Rozzlyn Cazier won the 3,200 in 12:58.37. Cole was second at 13:09.52, and sophomore Mazie Hansen notched a PR for fifth place at 13:44.3.

Cazier also won the 1,600 (5:59.0) with fellow ninth-grader Braelyn Scott taking third at 6:08.0.

Scott was second in the 800.

Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

On April 6th 2020 beginning at 10:00 am, the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners will hold a public meeting in courtroom 2 of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at **20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho** on the following matter at the time listed below.

Beginning at 10:00 am, the Board will hold a public comment meeting on the final draft of the amended zoning map for the Marsing to Sinker areas. The proposed map is the result of five previous public meetings, with revisions based on citizen input. This meeting is for unincorporated Owyhee County only and does not pertain to any land inside city limits.

Copies of proposed map is available for review in the Planning and Zoning office and can also be viewed at www.owyheecounty.net under the Community Development tab. For additional information please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2. 03/18,04/01/2020

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

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.

	Current (2019-20)	Next Year (2020-21)	Percent Increase
Athletic Event Admission Fees	Fee	Fee	
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

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;

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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

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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 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 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 Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main Street, Grand View, ID. More information will be posted at Grand View City Hall. 03/18,25/2020

INVITATION TO BID BUS MAINTENANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: Sealed bids will be received in the District Office of the Superintendent of Schools located in Bruneau, Idaho 83604, 39678 State Highway 78, Telephone (208)-834-2260, until 5 o'clock p.m., April 14, 2020 for bus maintenance, materials and services for two years, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years.

Please pick up the bus maintenance information packet with specifications and bid forms at the District Office, 39678 State Highway 78 Bruneau, Idaho. For additional details contact Superintendent, Ryan Cantrell at 208-834-2260 or Bus Transportation Supervisor, John Aquiso 208-599-2625.

The bids will be opened at the regular board meeting April 14, 2020 at Rimrock Jr. Sr. High School. Board Meeting is held at 7p.m.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept the bid deemed best, or reject any and/or all bids and to waive any technicality.

By Order of the Board of Trustees

Joint School District No. 365
39678 State Highway 78
Bruneau, Idaho 83604
JayDene Aquiso
03/18/2020

Public notices

PUBLIC NOTICE FIREHOUSE LAWN CARE MAINTENANCE

The Grand View Rural Fire District will receive written bids for lawn care maintenance to the Grand View firehouse in accordance with the following specifications:

1. Provide all equipment and labor required to keep the firehouse grounds I well-manicured at least once a week and no more than every 10 days:
 - a. Remove trash and debris on firehouse grounds
 - b. Mow all grass and string trim all edges
 - c. Trim all hedges and planting beds as needed
 - d. Pull weeds in beds and pull/spray weeds around firehouse pavement to the satisfaction of the fire district and as directed by the Fire Chief or Commissioners.
2. Minimum proposal for one year, April 1- Oct 30th longer

proposals will be considered.
Written proposals to be submitted to PO Box 54 Grand View, ID 83624 no later than April 1, 2020.
03/18,25/2020

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 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 OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE CASE NO. CV37-20-90 IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

IN RE: BRENNA FERRON INECK Legal name. A petition

to change the name of Brenna Ferron Ineck, an adult, 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 Brenna Nora Ineck. The reason for the change in name is: Middle name family name, family disowned, chose family name on father's side.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:30 o'clock a.m. on April 20, 2020 at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 ID-78, Murphy, Id 83650. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: March 09, 2020
s:/Lena Johnson, Deputy Clerk
Angela Barkell, Clerk of the District Court
03/18,25,04/01,08/2020

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT TRANSFER NO. 83899

ACE BLACK RANCHES, 28892 HOT SPRINGS RD, BRUNEAU, ID 83604-5007 has filed Application No. 83899 for changes to the following water rights within OWYHEE County(s): Right No(s). 51-10252, 51-27B, 51-28B, 51-29B, 51-30; 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 transfer proposes to change the place of use for water rights 51-27B, 51-28B, 51-29B, 51-30, and 51-10252 to accompany pivot irrigation systems developed directly off the Bruneau River in Owyhee County.

TRANSFER NO. 83900
ACE BLACK RANCHES, 28892 HOT SPRINGS RD, BRUNEAU, ID 83604-5007 has filed Application No. 83900 for changes to the following water rights within OWYHEE County(s): Right No(s). 51-13127, 51-7318, 51-7319; 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 transfer proposes to

change the place of use for water rights 51-7318, 51-7319, and 51-13127 to accommodate pivot irrigation systems directly off the Bruneau River in Owyhee County. For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code Sec. 42-222. Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with the Department 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 4/6/2020. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director
03/18,25/2020

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON A PERMIT APPLICATION AND PROPOSED PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT

In compliance with Section 58.01.01.209, Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho, notice is hereby given that Amvac Chemical Corporation, Marsing, has applied to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for a permit to construct P-2020.0012 Project Number 62409 for an initial permit for an existing seed treatment chemical formulation and packing operation. The facility, a seed treatment chemical formulation and packing operation, is located at 410 Simpkin Ln., Marsing, ID 83639. A public comment period on the proposed permit will be provided if a written request is submitted on or before April 2, 2020, and directed to Whitney Rowley, Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, Idaho 83706-1255, or whitney.rowley@deq.idaho.gov, or to the DEQ website at <http://www.deq.idaho.gov>. Please reference the company name and permit number when sending the request. The permit application materials submitted by the facility are available for public review on the DEQ website at <http://www.deq.idaho.gov>.

DATED this 18 day of March, 2020.
Whitney Rowley
Air Quality Division
03/18/2020

Public Information Meeting Notice

WHEN?

Tuesday, March 31, 2020
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

WHERE?

Rimrock Jr. Sr. High School
39678 State Highway 78
Bruneau, ID 83604

WHY?

US Ecology Idaho (USEI) is applying to modify its air quality permit to construct (PTC) to allow construction of a new waste Stabilization Building and outdoor drum storage area at USEI's hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal site near Grand View, Idaho.

The new Stabilization Building will replace a similar building that was damaged in late 2018. Just as in the old building, wastes will be stabilized in one of two mixing tanks in preparation for storage or disposal at the site. Particulate emissions from processing wastes will be controlled by two baghouses. Emissions of volatile compounds are limited by restrictions on the amount and types of wastes that may be processed in this building, and operational practices that reduce the potential for volatiles to be released. No changes are proposed to the processes or types of wastes that will be processed compared to previous operations.

USEI is requesting pre-permit construction authorization from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), which would allow construction to begin before the final permit is issued. No wastes may be processed in the building until DEQ issues the final permit. DEQ's permit processing procedures include providing an opportunity for public input. DEQ staff will not be present at this informational meeting.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for other accommodation must be submitted at least five (5) days before the meeting. For more information, contact Rebecca Hogaboam at (208) 834-2275 ext. 2344.

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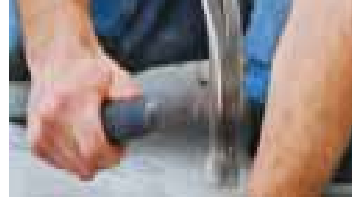
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Sports

Trojans' 4x100 team blazes in first meet of season

Purdom PRs in boys' 100

The meet went longer than expected in cold temperatures, but Homedale High School's 4x100-meter boys' relay team sprinted to a hot start.

Showing signs that they were ready to pick up where they left off, seniors Jake Collett and Caleb Smith, and junior Erik Hernandez and joined forces with freshman Rylan Binford to win the Kimberly Spring Opener 4x100 in searing fashion.

With Collett leading off and Smith running anchor, the Trojans clocked a 44.83-second tandem lap, nearly three seconds quicker than a Gooding quartet. Binford ran the second leg, and Hernandez took care of the third 100

meters.

Sophomore Allison Whitehead turned in the girls' best results.

She was third in the long jump at 14 feet, 9.5 inches, and took fifth in the triple jump at 31-0.

Whitehead also ran the second leg in the girls' 4x200 relay. The team of Katie Christoffersen, Italian exchange student Silvia Cherchi, and Maggie Johnson finished sixth in 2:02.02.

A senior, Johnson was eighth in the 400 (1:08.45), while Cherchi ran a 1:14.56 (15th place) in her American high school track debut.

Senior Gage Purdom, who pulled off a personal-record in the 100 (seventh in 11.79), ran the anchor leg for Homedale's runner-up 4x400 relay squad.

Bryce Cornwall led off the

4-minute, 1.12-second effort, followed by Brandon VanEs and Willie White.

Pulling in third was Homedale's sprint medley team at 4:03.53. Milo Mertz and Keegan Christensen opened with a pair of 200-meter jaunts, followed by Osue Bernabe in the 400 leg, and Matthew Randall running the 800 anchor.

Smith edged Purdom for the team's top sprinting honors, crossing the line in 11.78 for fourth place in the 100.

Sophomore Ryker Johnson achieved a personal best of 5-4 to finish seventh in the high jump.

Other top girls' performances came from sophomore discus thrower Isabel Jacobs, who finished eighth with a distance of 90-10.



Counter-clockwise from left:
Senior sprinter Caleb Smith pushes through to the finish line during his 100-meter heat on Thursday.

Senior Matthew Randall pulls up after running the 800-meter leg of the sprint medley.

Ryker Johnson clears the bar during his high jump competition.

Sophomore Allison Whitehead didn't let a little kinesiology tape keep her grounded in Kimberly. Her third-place long jump showing was one of three top-five finishes she had Thursday.

**Photos by
Machele
Randall**

