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Owyhee County woman contracts COVID-19

First case announced four days into 21-day stay-home order

Officials have confirmed that a woman in her 40s has Owyhee County's first case of coronavirus (COVID-19).

State and Southwest District Health officials announced the news late Sunday morning, about 18 hours after Marsing Mayor Chad Sevy posted on his mayoral Facebook page that there was a case in the county.

The Southwest District Health press release said the source of transmission is under investigation. As with previous

announcements, health officials said that case-specific information — including where in Owyhee County the woman lives — is confidential and will not be released.

SWDH staff continues the investigation and will contact people who may have been exposed to provide guidance and to monitor symptoms.

Owyhee County officials ask citizens to continue to follow recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control, Gov. Brad Little, and health officials.

The state's website urges anyone with a fever or a cough to contact their medical provider for advice on whether

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Above: Homedale Senior Center employee Emileen Noblit hands off a lunch during Thursday's curbside service. **Below:** Homedale-area resident Martha Emry (left) deposits a donation while picking up lunch.

OHR raises funds for senior meals

With Homedale Senior Center serving between 15 to 20 meals three days a week in the new drive-up program, Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation is trying to make things a little easier for the people relying on those lunches.

OHR community liaison Lindsey Love is coordinating a fund-raising drive to make sure everyone who needs a meal from the senior center kitchen will get one.

The senior center will be closed until at least April 20, in alignment with the school district closure, coordinator Sandra Ledford said.

"We will let everyone know if we can open sooner," she said.

The curbside service will be available on Tuesday, Wednesday



and Thursday each week.

People who want to get a meal are asked to call ahead then pick up meals between noon and 1 p.m., at the center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Meals on Wheels continues, too.

Call (208) 337-3020 to reserve a meal for pickup.

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Grand View, Marsing declare health disasters

Homedale takes steps but doesn't pass ordinance

Two of Owyhee County's three municipalities entered a state of emergency Monday, but the Board of County Commissioners refrained from taking action.

Marsing Mayor Chad Sevy informed The Owyhee Avalanche that he had signed a resolution declaring a state of emergency. The emergency declaration expires in seven days unless the city council convenes to extend it.

The council was not involved in Sevy's action, but the mayor said he had been consulting city attorney Stephanie J. Bonney on a possible move for a couple weeks.

On Monday morning, the Grand View City

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Marsing bridge work continues

Project likely complete in early fall

While so much of the lives of Owyhee County citizens has been put on hold during the COVID-19 pandemic, those responsible for the creation and maintenance of the county's infrastructure are still considered vital and essential.

Among those is Idaho Transportation Department-contracted Wadsworth Brothers Construction.

Even after Gov. Brad Little's "stay-at-home" order, the firm continues work on the new Snake

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Marsing has been
without a post office for:
33 days

Little changes in Marsing after Gov. Little’s order

There has been little operational change for the majority of Marsing’s businesses since Gov. Brad Little issued his stay-at-home order in response to the spread of the coronavirus.

The one exception: Pair-A-Dice Café & Lounge is closed until the order has lifted, which is scheduled for April 15.

Other restaurants in town, including The Spot, Whitehouse Drive Inn, and Subway, have closed their dining rooms but continue to provide carry-out service.

The Whitehouse is closed from today to Saturday while the dining room is painted and other changes are made. The restaurant was recently sold to Ashley Houweling.

Subway has changed its hours as is open from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

OC Coffee is offering drive-through services only.

Alejandra’s Mexican Restaurant is open for take-out orders only, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Logan’s Market and Family Dollar have changed their hours to provide opportunity for staff to perform more involved cleaning and to stock shelves.

Logan’s is open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., every day. With a day’s notice, staff will shop for seniors and those who are high-risk. Items will not be delivered.

Family Dollar’s hours have changed temporarily, and the store is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

NAPA Owyhee Auto Parts in Marsing, considered an essential business according to the governor’s order, has altered its hours of operation slightly and is now open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Marsing Hardware and Pump, also identified as providing essential services, has changed its hours, as well. The Main Street business is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Sunday.

— TK

Everyone will vote by mail May 19

Governor, Secretary of State announce mail-in primary

Days after Idaho Secretary of State Lawrence Denney requested to delay the May 19 primary election, he and Gov. Brad Little struck on the idea of absentee balloting for all.

Monday’s announcement precedes an expected gubernatorial proclamation laying out the details of how the statewide mail-ballot primary will come off, but Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell has already spent time putting a contingency in place.

“While the coronavirus situation may change how we practice our right to vote in this primary election, it is important to keep our election dates in place,” Little said. “I urge all voting Idahoans to request their absentee ballots as soon as possible so they can vote from home this year.”

Officials expect a proclamation outlining primary election procedures later this week, and Little, Denney and Attorney General Lawrence Wasden will work with Barkell and the other 43 county clerks to refine the absentee voting process for these unique circumstances, including setting appropriate deadlines for registering to vote, requesting a ballot be sent to your home, and returning the ballot.

State officials made the move after it became clear that the COVID-19 outbreak could affect the ability to get sufficient polling places and poll workers obtained for the election.

Barkell said she is hopeful that the idea of widespread mail-in absentee voting catches on to lessen in-person voting regardless of the election date or circumstances.

Denney, Barkell and her county clerk colleagues are promoting absentee voting through the #VoteEarlyIdaho campaign.

Right now, the absentee ballot request deadline is May 8. There’s no word on whether that will change.

All registered Idaho voters will receive mailings with information about the absentee process and timelines.

“Please do your part to help us keep you and your neighbors safe by requesting your absentee ballot today,” Denney said. “This will give our county clerks and their teams more time to respond to the increased volume of requests under the current conditions.”

To expedite the process, the Secretary of State’s office has made online absentee ballot requests available for registered voters with an Idaho driver’s license or identification card.

Chief Deputy Secretary of State Chad Houck said more than 4,000 voters requested an absentee ballot within 48 hours of launching the online request portal.

“As we begin to promote this opportunity more broadly in the coming days, we hope to see that number grow substantially,” Houck said.

Visit <https://IdahoVotes.gov/vote-early-idaho> to request your absentee ballot.

Those without the requirements for the online option can download request forms. Ballot request forms can also be obtained from the Owyhee County Clerk’s office and the county website (www.owyheecounty.net).

“Idaho’s county clerks appreciate the move to absentee to keep voters and poll workers safe. We are prepared to carry out this election and ensure the people of Idaho can exercise their right to vote,” Twin Falls County Clerk Kristina Glascock said. She’s the president of the Idaho Association of County Recorders and Clerks.

Jail sentence after DUI plea deal

A Boise man must spend eight days behind bars after reaching a plea deal in a drunk driving case.

Aaron Richard Waltz entered a guilty plea March 23 before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington in Murphy.

Darrington sentenced Waltz on two misdemeanor counts – driving under the influence and possession of an open alcoholic beverage container while driving. Waltz originally faced a charge of misdemeanor DUI, second offense.

Waltz was given credit for two days he spent in Owyhee County Jail after a sheriff’s deputy arrested him on Nov. 30. Darrington suspended the balance of a six-month jail term.

Darrington also ordered two years of supervised probation and instructed Waltz to pay \$1,487.50 in fines and court fees. The judge waived \$300 in fines associated with the open container charge.



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Drive-by birthday party
Stimmel family members (above) and Homedale Police Officer Kevin Bean (left) were among the well-wishers who delivered for isolated birthday girl Paisley Martin's fourth birthday on Friday as part of a parade at her Sage Road home. Paisley's parents Mary and Jared Martin, and brother Jackson, 6, thought that a drive-by birthday would be prudent because of social-distancing directives.

South Board strives for business as usual

Office closed, but water orders can be phoned in

If there ever was an essential industry, it's agriculture. And South Board of Control manager John Eells understands how essential irrigation water is to that industry.

"Our lawyer just informed me we are an essential business," Eells said Thursday.

After the office of Gov. Brad Little confirmed that water delivery is an essential business, the job ahead was clear.

"Water delivery organizations are not required to close the office, and delivery employees are not required to work from home," Eells said.

"They are urged to take all safety precautions."

As water deliveries officially begin this week, Eells said the SBOC office in Homedale will be closed to the public. Water orders should be phoned in to the office or directly to a producer's respective ditch rider, Eells said.

"We'll close the door and work over the phone," Eells said. "And if it's essential, we'll bring them into the office."

Contact the SBOC office at (208) 337-3760 for delivery to the Gem Irrigation District or Ridgeview district.

"(There's water) in the ditch right now," Eells said. "We will be delivering as we need it."

The 2020 allotment is 4 acre-feet.

Eells asks producers to call ahead a couple of days before they need water.

Irrigators can mail in their water payments, Eells said.

Eells said city irrigation systems in Homedale and Marsing will receive water between April 13 and April 17, depending on how each city's public works department progresses in preseason maintenance and repairs to the system.

With stay-home and social distancing orders in both Idaho and Oregon, Eells has altered how SBOC does business.

"We're just doing our precautions with the governor's mandate. We've stopped our morning meetings and we're dispatching guys from the phone," Eells said.

"We're not working in the shops as much. Working out in the field, we're separating them in the pickups."

Eells said to ensure that stickers will be affixed to SBOC pickups so workers can complete essential travel to carry out the irrigation district business.

Farmers' self-isolation has made Eells' priority of communicating regularly with producers difficult to deliver.

"That's probably been the hardest part," he said. "I have to rely totally on the newspaper to get the stuff out. I don't have the coffee shops."

The next couple of directors' meetings are up in the air, Eells said. April's meeting will be postponed, and he's not sure what will happen with the May confab.

Homedale still humming

Gov. Brad Little's statewide stay-home order hasn't seemed to affect the majority of Homedale businesses.

It appears only bars and salons have closed.

Restaurants have resorted to curbside pickup, drive-through or delivery.

Stores such as Family Dollar and Albertsons have shortened their hours of business to ensure that shelves are stocked.

Managers are also asking customers to maintain Centers of Disease Control guidelines for social distancing by staying six feet apart while shopping.

Family Dollar is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and they are asking customers to reserve the first hour of the day for senior citizens and vulnerable customers.

Likewise, Albertsons has set aside 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., on Tuesday and Thursday for senior citizens and the vulnerable population, asking other customers to respect that time and shop later.

NAPA Owyhee Auto Parts and AutoZone remain open because those stores are considered essential as part of transportation. The NAPA Homedale store has modified hours, and is open from 8 a.m., to 6 p.m., seven days a week.

Likewise, auto repair shops

like Perfection Repair and Les Schwab are open.

A&S Lumber and Tolmie's Ace Hardware are open regular hours.

Homedale's real estate offices remain open, too.

The Owyhee Veterinary Clinic is open, but clients are asked to call from the parking lot to have an attendant come outside and pick up their pets.

Meanwhile, Homedale Chamber of Commerce president Gavin Parker has distributed assistance resources for small businesses as provided by Sen. James Risch (R-Idaho).

— JPB

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E. Owyhee library closes on Little’s order

Eastern Owyhee County Library began a 21-day closure Thursday in accordance with Gov. Brad Little’s stay-at-home order. Tammy Gray, the director of the public library in Grand View, made the announcement last Wednesday. The closure will be re-evaluated on April 15.



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Online, on phone, by mail, Marsing church stays in touch

Marsing Church of the Nazarene pastor Bill O’Connor has made changes in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. On Tuesday, the veteran leader of the Marsing church started a schedule of uploading weekly pre-Easter, Easter and post-Easter messages to the church’s website (marsingnaz.org). But O’Connor, who also announced the cancellation of the Lizard Butte Sunrise Easter Service, is aware that not all of the people in his congregation may have online access. “Most of our folks are older and do not have computers and maybe not even smartphones,” O’Connor said. “But those who do will be able to listen at home.” Church members are staying in touch with fellow congregants who aren’t online through a telephone tree, letters and postcards, O’Connor said. During Gov. Brad Little’s 21-day stay-home order, O’Connor said the Marsing prayer breakfast is on hold. The prayer breakfast, featuring a guest speaker, is typically held on the second Saturday of the month at the church. Other church activities also are temporarily suspended, O’Connor said. — JPB

Easter sunrise service cancelled

The Lizard Butte Easter Sunrise Service has been cancelled for only the third time since 1938. Marsing First Church of the Nazarene pastor Bill O’Connor, a member the Lizard Butte Association board, announced March 24 that the 83rd annual service would not be held on April 12 because of health concerns stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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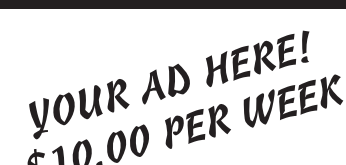
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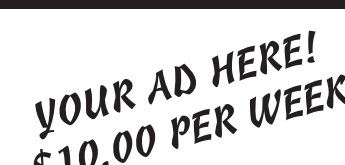
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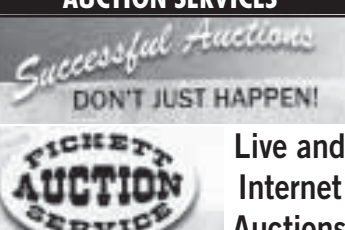
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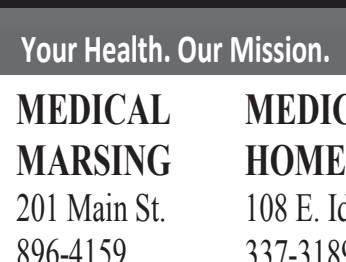
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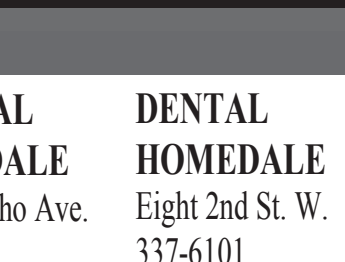
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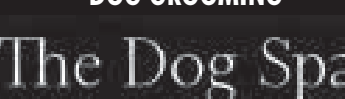
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Ellen Salome Hagbery Barker

Ellen Salome Hagbery Barker, age 96, passed away Saturday, March 21, 2020 at Ashley Manor in Baker City, Oregon.

Ellen was born June 13, 1923 at Ashton, Idaho to Bill and Jennie Hagbery of Juniper Mountain and Upper Castle Creek, Owyhee County, Idaho. She attended schools at Upper Castle Creek in a one-room schoolhouse, where they rode horseback three miles each day. She also attended school in Grandview, Idaho until 1935 when the family moved to Nevada.

Ellen loved her childhood on the family homestead of Stoneman on Juniper Mountain, spending much of her time exploring the countryside with her cousins, Helen and Ruth Hagbery of Nipentuck, Juniper Mountain.

She told great stories of entertaining the city kids in ornery pranks that Aunt Musa Hagbery would bring out each summer. She enjoyed watching their pet owl perch on the horns in the cabin and how it would sweep down and grab its dinner after the family had finished. She adored her three older brothers, Leonard, Corwin and Ernest. She told about hiding when the Indians rode through each year. And how her and her mom rode up on a whiskey still once. And how they would get snow from the mountaintops for homemade ice-cream for the 4th of July celebration and what a treat that was! Grandma's rhubarb is still there today, the cabins are gone, one was moved to The Bonny and the others burned down. Mom spoke fondly of the pioneers on Juniper Mountain, Frank & Pidge Avery, Ray Brooks, Neil and Lyle Brace, just to name a few.

Ellen worked for the State of Nevada for twenty years residing in Carson City, Nevada. There she met a dear lifelong friend, Maxine (Jaca Rose) Grosio. Ellen and her daughter, Bonnie moved to Jordan Valley, Oregon in 1976 where she could be closer to Juniper



Mountain. Working at the DeLamar Silver Mine as executive secretary for fifteen years was a great experience, where once again great friendships were made. Moving to Jordan Valley was a pleasing change in her life. Small-town living with wonderful people was memorable. Sharing times with dear friends like Billie Jean Stanford and Mary Madrigal were cherished.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Wendi Broyles of Longview, Washington, and her daughter, Bonnie (Bert) White of Baker City, Oregon. Four beautiful grandchildren, Kaleb (Shannon) White of North Powder, Oregon; Katelyn Moore of Jordan Valley, Oregon; Kelsie White of Jordan Valley, Oregon; and Kristopher White of Baker City, Oregon; and three

adorable great-grandchildren, Henry and Evelyn White and Amorita Moore. She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Leonard, Corwin and Ernest Hagbery, her sons Dan & Sam Broyles, her infant grandson, Kelly White and a niece, Judy Hagbery.

Graveside Services will be Friday, April 3, 2020 at the Jordan Valley Cemetery, Jordan Valley, Oregon at 1pm. MT

Special and Sincere Thanks to the caregivers at Ashley Manor. Your kindness will forever be remembered.

The family requests in lieu of flowers memorial donations be made to: Jordan Valley Lions Hall Building Fund - Jordan Valley, Oregon. Condolences can be given at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com

Frederick Gordon McFarland Sr.

Frederick Gordon McFarland Sr., 76, of Meridian, Idaho, passed away from cancer on Monday, March 9, 2020 at his home surrounded by his children. Born April 5, 1943, in Harlingen, Texas, he was the son of the late Lawrence and Julia (Martinez) McFarland.

Fred spent his formative years in Port Isabel, Texas, where from a young age he worked alongside his father and spent his spare time enjoying the beaches of the Gulf of Mexico with his friends and brothers. Proclaimed as one of the greatest decisions of his life, he joined the Air Force in 1960 where he trained and served as an electrician through 1968 and was stationed in Puerto

Rico; Altus, Oklahoma; and Mountain Home, Idaho. While in Idaho, he married Drena Nanney where they started their family and raised six children.

Fred had many technical skills and excelled in a number of diverse careers: off-shore electrical technician and maintenance supervisor, mechanic, farmer, and he was a general maintenance contractor for numerous Fred Meyer stores in and around the state of Idaho his last 26 years of life. An entrepreneur at heart, he had a number of start-up companies where he focused much of his passion and hard work. Fred's very creative and inventive mind coupled with his skillful hands inspired him



spending time in the Owyhees with his family, trips to Jackpot, camaraderie with his many friends, traveling to his childhood home in Port Isabel, shrimp, Mountain Dew, and his cat Emily. Also as Fred mentioned many times, he had so much love and pride for his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Fred is survived by his three daughters, Lynn, Patty, and Lisa McFarland (Joel Damron); three sons, Frederick Jr., Louis, and Joe McFarland (Kristian); nine grandchildren, Karlita Simper (Nate), Shannon White (Kaleb), Malee Octavia, Saterra Gibbon, Jace and Shelby Damron, Alek McFarland (Jordan), Mason

and Jada McFarland; and two great-grandchildren, Henry and Evelyn White. He was preceded in death by his parents and his four brothers: Lawrence, George, Louis, and Patrick McFarland; and a half-sister, George-Ann Safranek.

A special thank you to all of the friends and family who came to visit Fred during his illness.

A celebration of life service is **tentatively** scheduled at 2:00 PM, Saturday, April 25 at The American Legion Hall, Grand View, Idaho. There will be no burial as Fred requested that his cremated remains be buried in Port Isabel, Texas with his best childhood friend "Charlie" Jaquillard upon Charlie's passing.

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Death notices

COLLEEN R. COMBS, 86, of Wilder, died Sunday, March 29, 2020 at her home. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

EDDIE DEAN HOLBERT SR., 69, of Grand View, died Monday, March 16, 2020. Arrangements: Cloverdale Funeral Home, 1200 N. Cloverdale Road, Boise. (208) 375-2212

BETTE JOHNSON, 92, of Homedale, formerly of Ontario, Ore., died Wednesday, March 25, 2020, in Homedale. Arrangements: Bowman Funeral Parlor, 10254 W. Carlton Bay, Garden City. (208) 853-3131

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Call us! (208) 337-4681. Community happenings, events or issues.

Anniversary



Kenne and Darlene Metzger, 1960



Kenne and Darlene Metzger, today

“Party through post office” planned for Metzgers

Kenne and Darlene Metzger will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Friday, April 3, 2020.

With an unprecedented state-wide stay-home order, the Metzgers’ family is planning a “Party Through the Post Office.”

Family members ask that people send well wishes via cards through the mail. The couple’s address is 3173 Johnstone Road, Homedale, ID 83628.

The Metzgers’ three daughters — Randee (Gregg) Garrett, Teri (Dennis) Uria, and Lynne (Brett) Murphy say they are “more than proud” to claim Kenne and Darlene as parents and “wonderful” examples.

“We think they are deserving of a huge celebration, and we know that many in our community and beyond feel the same,” the children said in a release.

“Thank you for helping us honor 60 years of love, commitment, hard work, service to the community, loyalty to friends and family, and steadfast parenting and grandparenting.”

University of Idaho Extension

Cleaning vs. disinfecting in regards to coronavirus

In this ever-changing COVID-19 environment, it is important to understand that there are many resources available to us. Also during this time, we need to be even more aware of the information sources that are up-to-date with the latest statistics and information for us.



Suriñe Greenway

Office closed

The Owyhee County U of I Extension Office in Marsing is closed until April 15 because of Gov. Brad Little’s stay-at-home order.

ing and disinfection products used. Clean hands immediately after gloves are removed.

- If surfaces are dirty, clean using a detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.
- For disinfection, diluted household bleach solutions, alcohol solutions with at least 70 percent alcohol, and most common EPA-registered household disinfectants should be effective.

Diluted household bleach solutions can be used if appropriate for the surface. Follow manufacturer’s instructions for application and proper ventilation. Check to ensure the product is not past its expiration date. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser.

Unexpired household bleach will be effective against coronaviruses when properly diluted.

Prepare a bleach solution by mixing:

- Five tablespoons (1/3rd cup) bleach per gallon of water; or
- Four teaspoons bleach per quart of water

Products with EPA-approved emerging viral pathogens are expected to be effective against COVID-19 based on data for harder-to-kill viruses. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products (e.g., concentration, application method and contact time, etc.).

- For soft surfaces (carpet, rugs, and drapes) remove visible contamination and clean with cleaners indicated for use on these surfaces.

Access this information and more at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/cleaning-disinfection.html>

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

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website can be a great way to gain current insight on how you can conduct good hygiene practices in your home. The CDC recommends regular handwashing, but cleaning and disinfecting surfaces has been a major area of question. Below are direct recommendations from the CDC:

- Cleaning refers to the removal of germs, dirt, and impurities from surfaces. Cleaning does not kill germs, but removing them lowers their numbers and the risk of spreading infection.
- Disinfecting refers to using chemicals to kill germs on surfaces. This process does not necessarily clean dirty surfaces or remove germs, but killing germs on a surface after cleaning can further lower the risk of spreading infection.

Here are general recommendations for routine cleaning and disinfection of households:

- Practice routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces (tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, toilets, faucets, sinks) with household cleaners and EPA-registered disinfectants, following label instructions. Labels contain instructions for safe and effective use of the cleaning product, including precautions to take when applying the product, such as wearing gloves and making sure there is good ventilation during use of the product.

How to clean and disinfect surfaces:

- Wear disposable gloves when cleaning and disinfecting surfaces. Gloves should be discarded after each cleaning. If reusable gloves are used, gloves should be dedicated for cleaning and disinfection of surfaces and not used for other purposes. Consult manufacturer’s instructions for clean-

Calendar

Today

Marsing community pantry
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., The HUB, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. Call school district to arrange curbside service, (208) 649-5411

Thursday

No activities scheduled

Friday

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

Saturday

No activities scheduled

Sunday

No activities scheduled

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. All non-essential visits to Owyhee County facilities not allowed. (208) 495-2421

Tuesday

No activities scheduled

Wednesday

Marsing community pantry
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., The HUB, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. Call school district to arrange curbside service. (208) 649-5411

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

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

Monday through Thursday

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

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

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

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

Thursday, April 9

No activities scheduled

Friday, April 10

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

Saturday, April 11

No activities scheduled

Sunday, April 12

No activities scheduled

Monday, April 13

Board of County Commissioners meeting
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. All non-essential visits to Owyhee County facilities not allowed. (208) 495-2421

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

Tuesday, April 14

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

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✓ Disasters: County emergency mgr. questions need; BOCC backs cities

Council gave Mayor Danny Martinez the power to declare a state of emergency and then passed an ordinance doing just that.

In an emergency meeting, notice for which had been posted at City Hall and on the city website four days earlier, the council passed a resolution giving the first-term mayor the power to declare a local emergency disaster because of the public health threat of COVID-19.

After the resolution, the council approved Ordinance 001-2020, which declared the emergency disaster.

The emergency declaration expires on April 30.

Grand View was the first of Owyhee County's three municipalities to actually declare an emergency.

During a Thursday meeting held on the City Hall front lawn because of social distancing guidelines, the Homedale City Council passed a resolution to give Mayor Gheen Christoffersen similar powers in the event of an ordinance declaring a local disaster emergency.

The Homedale council, however, didn't pass the ordinance city attorney Paul J. Fitzer had drawn up. Basically, the ordinance remains in Christoffersen's back pocket until such time it is needed. City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said any emergency declaration — and the special mayoral powers derived therefrom — wouldn't become official until the ordinance



City officials listen to Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen during Thursday's open-air special meeting. **From left:** Councilman Mike Aebischer, Police Sgt. Mike McFetridge, Councilman Steve Atkins, Councilman Aaron Tines, and City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram.

is published in The Owyhee Avalanche (the official paper for all forms of government in Owyhee County).

Grand View included a clause that made the ordinance effective immediately upon passage.

The ordinances added to a unique time in Idaho government triggered by the spread of COVID-19. Earlier in March, the state's open meeting law was modified to allow telephonic or online meetings as long as members of the public could participate. Most governing bodies plan to go to an online meeting application, and Owyhee County already has held a few meetings through that medium.

By passing its ordinance Monday, the Grand View City Council gave Martinez the power to enforce health or quarantine ordinances or regu-

lations recommended by public health agencies.

Any violation of Martinez's proclamations during the emergency disaster will be considered a misdemeanor offense.

Grand View City Clerk and Treasurer Kathy Brown said that Monday's quick meeting was held inside City Hall.

"We first disinfected everything with Clorox wipes and then moved all of the chairs more than six feet apart," Brown said.

After the councilmen voted on the emergency declaration, an executive session for a personnel matter was held, Brown said.

Sevy's proclamation was sent to the county seat late Monday afternoon, but he had sought counsel about the emergency declaration in a recent conversation with Owyhee

County Emergency Manager Jim Desmond.

Desmond told the Board of County Commissioners during Monday morning's meeting — held on the online app ZOOM — that he didn't think a declaration was necessary for the county.

Commissioners Jerry Hoagland (Dist. 1) and Joe Merrick (Dist. 3) agreed with Desmond, but Kelly Aberasturi (Dist. 3) questioned if the county's lack of a declaration would make it seem as if there was not a united front.

"I'm just saying, 'What does it look like?'" Aberasturi said. "I'm not saying whether it's right or wrong. I'm saying it looks like the county is not supporting what our cities want to do."

Aberasturi also suggested commissioners consult county Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey

Phillips before making a decision.

Desmond is drafting a letter to send to the county's mayors, stating that whether individual cities declare a state of emergency or not, they have the support of the county.

The commissioners made no declaration.

During the Homedale council's special meeting Thursday, the resolution wasn't taken lightly. Fitzer impressed upon the elected officials the gravity of giving emergency powers to an individual.

An emergency declaration opens the door for municipalities to receive state and federal funding to mitigate the local disaster, Fitzer said.

Homedale's council voted unanimously — from separate picnic tables more than six feet apart — to approve the resolution, which set up the contingency that the ordinance would trigger the special powers, if necessary.

In essence, if an emergency is declared, Christoffersen would be able to make decisions without a council quorum.

"The governor wants to keep everybody safe, and the faster we can get our country up and running, the better," Christoffersen said.

"If we don't do our part and help the situation, it's going to spiral on us."

"This is definitely a time that is not fun to be mayor," he added.

— JPB and TK

✓ COVID-19: State, local hotlines offer information, advice during week

they should be tested.

As of 5 p.m., on Sunday, the state reported 310 cases, including six deaths. Blaine County (115 cases) and Ada County (113) accounted for more than two-thirds of the total cases and four of the deaths.

According to the SWDH website Monday, 41 cases have been recorded in the Southwest District Health region, which includes Owyhee, Canyon, Ada,

Gem, Payette, Washington, and Adams counties. Thirty-seven of those are in Canyon County.

A statewide toll-free COVID-19 hotline launched Monday. Established by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, the number is (888) 330-3010.

The hotline will be staffed from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and Idahoans

can call with questions about COVID-19 or Gov. Brad Little's statewide 21-day stay-home order.

Little and public health officials will assess whether to extend the order near the end of the 21-day period (April 15).

The official order, a list of essential services, and frequently asked questions are available at <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov>.

The FAQ and the Essential Services list will be updated regularly based on feedback and questions from Idahoans.

Last Wednesday's order includes guidelines to slow the spread of COVID-19:

- Keep six feet between yourself and everyone else at all times.
- Engage in work, schooling, and social interaction from home via technology.

• Avoid interacting with anyone outside your household unless you can keep at least six feet of space between you.

- Use drive-thru, pickup or delivery options as much as possible when getting food.
- Avoid all non-essential travel.
- Reschedule all social activities to take place via phone, video chats, or social media.

Questions about COVID-19 can be directed to the SWDH COVID-19 call center at (208) 455-5411, which is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Case counts for the six counties SWDH serves are updated weekdays by 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted on the SWDH website, <https://phd3.idaho.gov/coronavirus>.

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✓ Bridge: COVID-19 precautions in place

River bridge between Canyon and Owyhee counties, north of Marsing.

“Transportation construction and maintenance are essential services to ensure the safe and timely movement of goods and emergency services,” ITD public information officer Jake Melder said.

Crews have finished the northern (downstream) travel lane of the bridge and have been working on the southern lane since January.

The project, which began staging in January 2019, originally was supposed to be finished before Marsing’s 2020 Third of July celebration. Now the estimated completion date is early fall.

“ITD is working with the city to mitigate travel impacts, especially during the Third of July event,” Melder said.

This summer will mark the second city Independence Day celebration disrupted by the project.

A second crane has been brought in to do additional concurrent work. The contractor is working six days a week to speed up construction

The bridge is built in three stages. First, piers are constructed. Piles are driven into the riverbed and surrounded with reinforced concrete.

Second, girders are placed between the piers.

Lastly, a reinforced concrete deck is placed on top of the girders.

The first of five piers is complete. Two more are currently being built with a fourth beginning within a few weeks. The first span is anticipated to be set this month.

The approaches on both sides



While much of the Owyhee County workforce has been told to stay home, Wadsworth Brothers Construction keeps working on the Snake River bridge in Marsing.

of the bridge need to be raised. This will occur later this summer and fall, requiring temporary closures of the southern access to Island Park. The new northern access will remain open during this time, ensuring access to the park and boat ramp.

Melder wanted to assure citizens that the delays to this project are not related to the coronavirus pandemic.

Melder also said that ITD and contractor crews are following the guidance of health experts to prevent the spread

of COVID-19, including:

- Sick employees are required to stay home if they have symptoms associated with the virus.
- Maintaining social distance of six feet or more
- Practice good hygiene — washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, covering coughs or sneezes with elbow, etc.
- Reduce in-person gatherings, never more than groups of 10 or more people indoors.

— TK

✓ Senior: Online giving platforms available to help

The senior center suggests a \$5 donation for lunches.

“Basically, my concern was that I knew the elderly probably was not getting out to the stores to pick up food, and \$15 a week to provide three meals ... is a lot of money for some people,” Love said.

Love has established several platforms through which folks can contribute, including Venmo, PayPal and Facebook Pay.

To pay via Venmo, direct payments to Lindsey-Love-14.

On PayPal, enter Lindseynlove@yahoo.com

“So far it has been fantastic,” Love said of the response. “People really want to help.”

The fundraising drive essentially is an extension of OHR’s mission in Homedale.

“All of our employees here care immensely about the elderly in our community,” Love said.

For more information, contact Love at (208) 513-4204 or Lilove@ensignservices.net.

— JPB

Weather

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March 24	63	39	.00
March 25	49	35	.00
March 26	51	26	.00
March 27	49	25	.00
March 28	56	23	.00
March 29	59	35	.00
March 30	59	37	.17

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Watershed council cancels its Field Day

Another school-related event has been cancelled because of COVID-19 social distancing standards.

The Owyhee Watershed Council decided to cancel this year’s Field Day for fifth-graders, which was set for April 29-30 at the Owyhee Reservoir.

“With the continued uncertainty through the month of April for school closures, event cancelations, and group size limits to gathering, the OWC had to make the decision to cancel the 2020 event,” OWC spokesperson Michaelann Seiders said.

“The committee had dead-

lines for T-shirts and lunches to order, along with many other planning decisions quickly approaching. It seemed the best decision was to cancel.”

The decision came after weeks of closely monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak.

“The health of our students and presenters are the top-most priority, and we feel this is the best decision at the time,” she said.

Letters about the cancellation were sent to presenters.

Owyhee Field Day will be held on April 28-29 next year.

Call OWC for more information at (541) 372-5782.

— JPB

Homedale mayor closes RV park to new campers

Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen has closed the city’s Riverside RV Park to any new campers.

Citizens have voiced concern that campers remain at the RV park in the midst of Gov. Brad Little’s stay-home order.

“The people at our RV park are considered permanent right now,” Christoffersen said in a Monday morning statement. “They’re on long-term stay, not short-term stay, and can stay up to 29 days.”

When Little issued his order last Wednesday, RV’ers already at the park couldn’t leave.

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram pointed out that Little’s order also urges that fellow citizens help people without shelter or a place to live. The RV park provides that service.

“If somebody comes in and they’re traveling and don’t have anywhere to go, what do you do?” Pegram asked.

Christoffersen closed the city’s playgrounds last week, and all park restrooms have been locked. The Riverside RV Park restroom remains available for those campers.

Steps taken for the health of city employees include staggered shifts for public works and City Hall personnel.

Pegram continues to urge folks to take care of their water bill by dropping payment into the night drop at City Hall.

— JPB

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Homedale school officials set online course to educate

Chromebooks distributed this week; meal pick-up scheduled

Homedale school staffers are ramping up for the uncharted waters of widespread remote learning this week.

Although Spring Break has ended, only teachers, administrators and other staff are back walking the halls of the town’s three schools. Students remain home in the wake of the Idaho State Board of Education-ordered soft closure.

“A soft closure means that we will not be holding regular classes in the buildings and will follow (Centers for Disease Control) guidelines in relation to social distancing and other safety measures,” a school district letter sent to

parents last week states.

The closure is set to end on Monday, April 20 — five days after Gov. Brad Little’s statewide stay-at-home order expires. On Monday, the State Board of Ed. said in a statement that the soft closure date could change after further discussions with the governor and other state leaders this week.

According to the March 24 letter to parents, Homedale teachers have spent the past

days formulating a “remote or distance learning” plan with input from parents who returned a survey on the subject.

Online instruction was set to begin Monday, and teachers are keeping office hours between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Daily, which are deemed the best times to reach them with questions or for assistance.

Checkout of Chromebooks began Tuesday and will continue from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.,

today and Thursday behind the high school near the Ag shop.

Breakfast and lunch can be picked up between 11 a.m. and noon Monday through Thursday the elementary school staff parking lot on the west side of the building (West Oregon Avenue) or the Txoko Ona Basque Center parking lot (333 S. Main St.).

The district planned to start meal delivery outside of the city limits on Tuesday. — JPB

Bruneau-GV students begin virtual learning odyssey

School bus delivery system solves connectivity problem

by Mandi Boren
For The Owyhee Avalanche

Bruneau-Grand View School District staff returned to work Monday and began preparations for virtual learning during the statewide school shutdown because of COVID-19 precautions.

Staffers spent Monday preparing their virtual classrooms, and teachers began issuing virtual assignments Tuesday using Google Classroom.

The first two days after Spring Break were part of the COVID-19 education model announced to patrons Thursday.

The press release referred to Gov. Brad Little’s 21-day stay-at-home order, issued last Wednesday, but clarified that educators fall into the category of “essential business

conducted by essential government functions.”

According to the district press release, Bruneau-Grand View students are to have at least 4.5 hours of work assigned Monday through Thursday via Google Classroom. Attendance will be taken.

The education model will continue through at least April 20, which the State Board of Education set as a date when students would return to classrooms. On Monday, the State Board of Ed. said in a statement that the soft closure date could change after further discussions with the governor and other state leaders later this week.

Personal devices were sent home at the start of Spring Break to assure the students could access virtual class-

rooms from home.

During a March 17 special meeting of the board of trustees, district superintendent Ryan Cantrell acknowledged there may be students with limited or no internet connectivity. He said it is possible the district will educate students with a “hybrid model.”

“We are pretty sure that some students are going to need lessons delivered to them and retrieved a couple times per week,” Cantrell said in a follow-up email.

“The State Department of Education has indicated that we’ll be reimbursed for yellow buses that run routes to deliver food and homework if it’s dropped off at the usual student pick-ups.”

The Bruneau-Grand View leadership team met Monday after deadline to determine a plan for food service.

“If there is a need to run

meals to students, I plan to meet that need,” Cantrell said

“Our goal is to keep all non-certified staff working if they want to work,” he said. “Some may choose to take unpaid time-off, and that’s OK, too.”

The district’s certified staff will be available to parents and students online or via telephone between the hours of 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., on Monday through Thursday.

Cantrell was unable to predict what graduation plans might look like for seniors, but is “pessimistic as to it actually occurring on schedule.”

According to the original 2019-20 school calendar, the Rimrock High School graduation ceremony is scheduled for May 30.

“Given the nature of our community, I wonder if our board will ask us to push it to a later date over the summer in order to still honor our se-

niors,” Cantrell said.

The historic nature of the path the students, staff and parents are on isn’t lost on Cantrell.

“We are working through unprecedented challenges in education right now,” he said. “Our long-standing focus on staff development and culture and climate will pay dividends...during this unique time in our history.”

Cantrell expressed confidence in the district staff’s ability to perform under unusual circumstances.

“We have an exceedingly competent team eager to do what’s best ...we’ll do everything we can to help our students and families,” he said.

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

Marsing schools adapt to needs of students

Bus drivers deliver lesson packets, meals

As it tries to adapt to the ever-changing needs and demands of its students and their families during this time of crisis, the Marsing School District released a letter addressed to parents last week.

The letter, which was aimed partly at quelling parents’ fears, states:

“We understand that these are trying times for everyone.

Emotions are high, and many of you are worried about the safety of your families as well as yourselves.”

Although Gov. Brad Little’s stay-at-home order is in effect until April 15, the Idaho State Board of Education voted to close schools through April 20, but the date could change.

Marsing teachers returned to their classrooms Monday to set up a virtual learning environment for their students. The lessons started Tuesday when students received Google Meets/Classroom access codes through email and

the district’s website and Facebook page.

Students are expected to complete their educational packet course work to ensure progress to their next grade (or, for seniors, graduation).

Though students may complete work at any time, they are expected to work every day. Failure to complete work will negatively impact students’ fourth-quarter grades.

Students are assigned at least four hours of work daily.

Teaching staff will be available online or via telephone from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every

day. There will be no face-to-face interaction between students, parents and teachers.

“We realize that this instructional delivery is not the most effective means,” officials wrote. “However, we are making every attempt to meet the needs of the students and the mandate from the ISBE.”

As long as the school closure is in effect, the district is using its bus stop schedule to deliver educational packets to elementary and junior high school students. Packets not delivered on bus routes and packets for high school stu-

dents can be picked up curbside, from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., each Monday, and 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., each Tuesday, at the senior/junior high school pick-up/drop-off lane.

The school district will provide free meals to all children 18 and younger. Students are provided breakfast and lunch for a two-day period on Monday, and a three-day period on Wednesday. The meals are available through bus stop drop-off and curbside pick-up.

School-based curbside pick-up will occur from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Call (208) 649-5411 for more information.

— TK

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

April 5, 1995

Homedale freestylers working, improving

The Homedale Mat Club expected to see some tough competition at the Bronco Invitational wrestling tournament last Saturday, but that didn't keep the Homedale freestylers out of the medal rounds.

Twelve mat club members placed within the top three spots in their age brackets, faring well against what competition the tournament, which has held at Borah High School in Boise, had to offer.

Marcus Eby, Jeremy Perkins, Will Black and Ben Jeppe all took first place for Homedale, while Garrett Raymond, Adam Duryee, Salvador Gonzalez, Wade Black, Jose Arellano, and Ben Miller all placed second.

Chris Beavers and Matt Larzelier rounded out the list of Homedale medalists with third-place showings.

"The mat club continues to learn and gain valuable tournament experience," says coach Jerry Perkins.

"You can see the progress of the young wrestlers week to week, where more Homedale wrestlers win or lose matches by two or three points rather than pin or be pinned. That's where you see if the kids are getting better or staying at the same level."

Marsing gets new track

One small dream may soon come true for the track participants at Marsing High School. Before this season is over they may have an actual track to practice on.

So far this year, and in the two years the program existed previously, Marsing's tracksters have had to practice on what was essentially only the outlines of a track. The size was right, but the surface was not. Competitors in field events have faced similar problems.

"Oh yeah," Marsing Athletic Director Stu Barrus says, "you need that hard surface to practice on, to get your steps down, and your timing down (in the hurdle events)."

Although the track is still basically an outline, Barrus hopes to see a completed cinder track before this season runs out. Over spring break the outlines of a shot put arena were dug out, and the school recently received a long jump pit from Boise State University. More hurdles are on the way as well, to make a total of 40.

"Hopefully we'll have everything up and running in a month," Barrus says.

Barry Bean attending national 4-H conference

Barry Bean of Homedale is in Washington D.C. today, as one of nine Idaho delegates helping to plan the future of 4-H for members nationwide.

The 1995 National 4-H Conference, with its theme "Voices With Vision," will involve more than 300 delegates from across the country in strategic planning for the future 4-H.

Delegates to the conference will meet in consulting groups to discuss plans for 4-H and the Cooperative Extension System, as well as with officials from the USDA and the National 4-H Council. Their recommendations will go to all the states, national leaders and others involved in determining programs.

The trip won't be all work, however. Participants will take a break to tour several sites, including the capitol, the mall and the zoo, and on Monday they visited the theater.

Other activities include a talent show and the Banquet/Clover Ball, which is held on the final night of the conference.

50 years ago

April 2, 1970



CUB SCOUTS of Pack 409 are being taught how to use a sabre saw by Keith Leavitt, den father. The saw was donated by the mother of a Cub Scout. To raise money for materials, the mothers held a cooked food sale recently. From left are Steven Barton, Burl Ferguson, Randy Bell, Tony Stone, Scott Knight, Mr. Leavitt, Steven Christoffersen, Jay Adamson, Tom O'Grady, Clint Anderson, Blair Yost, Scott Huffman, Keith Leavitt and Jimmy Liddell.

BLM opens grazing units in Owyhee

Cattle and sheep will be turned out today in two grazing units in Owyhee County, according to officials in the Boise District of the Bureau of Land Management.

Larry Young, recreation and resource specialist for the district, identified the areas as the Hardtrigger unit west of Reynolds Creek and the Black Mountain unit between Reynolds Creek and Murphy.

He said grazing conditions in both units were normal for this time of year.

At the same time, he announced scheduled turn-out April 10 for cattle in four other grazing units — Saylor Creek, Southside, and Hagerman, all in the area between the Bruneau River and Salmon Falls Creek south of the Snake River, and the Hammett unit north of the Snake River.

Young said sheep already have been turned into these four units.

Girl Scouts honor fathers at banquet

The annual Girl Scout Father-Daughter banquet was held Wednesday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m.

Spaghetti was the main course, and the meal was attended by more than 100 persons.

Suzy Pottenger was mistress of ceremonies, and the program opened with a flag ceremony conducted by members of the Junior and Cadette Troops.

Each Scout introduced her father, and then guest Senior Scouts were introduced to give their slides and talk on advanced scouting opportunities.

These were: Cheryl Mae Andrus, Parma, "Adventures in Marine Biology." This took place on Catalina Island for two weeks.

Mary Lou Sproul and Jo Anne Karpach, Boise, "Mountaineering '69" and featured a 6-day back pack through the high Sierras.

The traditional "Dimes for Daisy" march was featured, which helps with "overseas opportunity" expense. Songs were sung by all the girls led by Julia Townsend, and the flags were retired.

Mrs. Doris Jereb was general chairman of the dinner with Brownie Leaders Gypsy Jackson and Juanita Johnstone and Junior Leaders Jacquie Auker, Elaine Burnett and Margaret Hobson taking charge of decorating.

Cadette Troop 303 with leader Donna Tolmie arranged the program.

145 years ago

April 3, 1875

(From Monday's Daily)

ATTEMPTED ESCAPE.—

Miller, who is in jail awaiting the action of the next grand jury for drawing a pistol on night-watchman Haas last August, made an unsuccessful effort to escape about 4 o'clock on Saturday evening. Deputy Sheriff George Stoddard had let Miller out to bring a bucket of water from an adjacent spring, while he (Stoddard) busied himself throwing some wood out of the shed in the rear of the jail. The prisoner not returning in due time, Stoddard looked out and saw him traveling about half way up the mountain side behind the jail. He immediately alarmed the Sheriff, who was at the Idaho Hotel, and both of them started in pursuit. They rapidly gained on the fugitive and, when within a couple of hundred yards of him, called out to him to halt, which being unheeded, they fired five or six shots from their revolvers at him, causing him to stop and cry out, "Don't shoot any more; I will go back."

DECLINED.—

We are in receipt of two "poems" from South Mountain—one from "R." and the other from "Let 'er Rip." We respectfully decline to publish either of them, as the subject matter of the first has already been sufficiently noticed in the AVALANCHE, and the latter is calculated (unintentionally, no doubt,) to wound the feelings of innocent parties.

THIS paper has a larger circulation in Idaho Territory than any other published within its limits. We also have good lists of subscribers in Oregon, Nevada, Utah and points along the Central and Union Pacific Railroads.

(From Wednesday's Daily)

The passengers by the South Mountain stage yesterday from that place were treated to an entertainment "not down on the bill." When about two miles out the veteran driver, Mr. Vincent, was overtaken by a man on horseback who had an account to settle with the "old man." Quite a dispute arose between the two, and it looked very squally at one time, weapons making their appearance, and work for the undertaker being promised. The breeze however blew over in a short time and the stage proceeded on its way, the passengers having much sport over the matter and one of them who is a rural poet "shot off" any amount of doggerel on the occasion.

THE latest reliable intelligence from the Silver City Nimrods reports them shipwrecked near the Stage Company's ranch in Jordan Valley. One of the wheels of their wagon had broken down, and Dave Edgerton was flying a signal of distress from an adjacent mountain peak, while the balance were firing minute guns. They were short of provisions, each man being put on an allowance of a quart of whiskey, a plug of tobacco and one "hard tack" per day. Tom Walls, of Wagontown, went to their rescue this morning.

The business of the OWYHEE AVALANCHE office, says the *Oregonian*, has increased so much that "Old Hill," as the proprietor is called, has taken a partner in the management of the paper, in the person J.S. Hay, Esq., a journalist of considerable experience in the Eastern States. We welcome Mr. Hay to the field of journalism on the Pacific slope.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense
The Vet Wife's Refrigerator



A scream from the kitchen. The thud of a faint.
She sighs and arises and walks with restraint.
Her neighbor lays peaceful, eyes fixed in a stare
She's passed out in front of the new Frigidaire.

She looks at the rack with eggs in its keep
Winking up at her's the eye of a sheep.
There's a bottle of PenStrep near the Swanson's
Pot Pies
And down in the crisper's a bagful of flies.

The butter tray's filled with test tubes of blood
Marked, "E.I.A. samples, from Tucker's old
stud."
High on the shelf near a platter of cheese
is a knotted, but leaking, obscene plastic
sleeve.

Fecal containers are stacked, side by side,
With yesterday's piece of chicken, home-fried.
The freezer's a dither of guts, lungs and spleens
Scattered amongst the Birds Eye green beans.

Her home's a museum of animal parts.
Lymphomatous lymph nodes, selenium hearts.
Enough tissue samples to hold up a bridge
But why do they always end up in the fridge?

But she doesn't worry or turn up her nose,
She's the wife of a vet; it's the life that she
chose.
But maybe he'd worry at lunch if he knew
He might just be dining on Whirl-Pack stew!

— 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.

Election letters

The Owyhee Avalanche will accept letters to the editor pertaining to the Nov. 5 election until noon on Friday, Oct. 25.

The usual letters to the editor guidelines apply, including letters must be no more than 300 words and letters must include contact information, including a phone number, of the letter-writer. Submit by:

- Email to jon@owyheeavalanche.com
- Mail to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
- Or drop off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale

For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee
Let's not go viral



Owyhee County has its first case of COVID-19, aka coronavirus.

We found out through a Facebook post by an elected official, new Marsing Mayor Chad Sevy.

Not from the health department. Not from any other state official.

A Facebook post before any official announcement was made.

Sevy's pronouncement caught even one of his own city council members off-guard. As I was on the phone with Owyhee County Clerk Angela Barkell trying to get to the bottom of Sevy's post, I received a series of phone calls from said Marsing council member Saturday afternoon. That elected official was responding to a flurry of texts received after Sevy's Facebook post.

It was an irresponsible post, with no context or official attribution, that set the local social media community afire with various responses — including "time to blow the bridges."

I'm sure the mayor had every good intention in essentially blurting out "fire!" in a crowded theater. After all, no official word was meted out by Southwest District Health or state health officials until about 30 minutes before noon on Sunday, so Sevy basically "broke" the news.

But the ensuing reaction — and confusion — is exactly why we should take a measured approach to this threat.

The state isn't giving many details whenever a new case is announced — age, gender and county of residence only. That leaves enough holes for folks to panic already. What part of the county? Where did the person travel? Have I possibly come in contact? So little detail — especially in large, rural counties such as Owyhee — leaves a lot to the imagination.

And in the Facebook age of finger-pointing, conspiracy theories and kneejerk 140-character

reactions, imaginations rapidly run wild.

Many folks are worried about slippery slopes and have visions of the suspension of constitutional rights dancing in their heads in the wake of Gov. Brad Little's 21-day stay-home order and extreme emergency declaration.

Idaho Freedom Foundation executive director Wayne Hoffman alternately praised Little and blasted him for his response. Frankly, the governor could have handled the roll-out of the order better. For one, the order could have been available when he held his press conference last Wednesday — not hours later.

But to hype this as a civil liberties crisis is a bit much. The governor simply is trying to keep our vulnerable populations healthy by knocking down the curve and limiting community spread. If Homedale is a microcosm, it appears very few businesses have actually shut.

The fact that the state's COVID-19 cases basically doubled in one week — whether that is from increased testing or not — justifies the governor's order. Now, a misdemeanor is a bit much for anyone who "violates" the order because that simply gives law enforcement another revenue stream to exploit — and many agencies might. (In all honesty, perhaps the misdemeanor would be justified for the hordes of out-of-county folks that bolt to the back country with no regard for pristine public lands or the strain on local resources as was the case in Owyhee County. Of course, the Bureau of Land Management Boise District could cut some of this activity by following the example of the Vale District and closing the Owyhee Front to most recreational activity).

Flattening the curve is important. That means we all must do our part, just as Homedale Mayor

— See *Viral*, page 13

Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen

From City Hall
Homedale will rally and build stronger community



I know that most of you are concerned about, or have been affected by COVID-19. I, as the mayor, want to ask that we follow all guidelines put out by the federal and state government agencies.

The City of Homedale has the health and safety of our citizens as our greatest priority. We are committed to being as prepared as possible to respond to the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

On March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 a pandemic, and on March 13, 2020 President Trump issued an emergency declaration for the country in response to the increasing number of cases within the U.S. Also on March 13, 2020 Gov. Brad Little signed a declaration of emergency for the State of Idaho in response to concerns that cases of COVID-19 were imminent in Idaho.

I am asking that we as the citizens of Homedale and surrounding areas do our part by making sure

that we wash our hands and disinfect when possible. Practice social distancing by staying at least six feet apart and in groups no larger than 10 people. Limit your visit to stores and other public places.

If you are well and willing, the Red Cross is in need of blood donations.

As we find ourselves amid a new challenge, we will find out more about ourselves. We need to come out of this stronger and more united as a nation, county and city! We need to look out for our neighbors and the elderly or homebound members of our community.

I will continue to monitor and supply any pertinent information as needed. Homedale is a great community that I love dearly! Let's come out of this even better and stronger!

Thank you for your cooperation.

— Gheen Christoffersen is in his second term as mayor of Homedale.

Commentary

Financial management

Lean out your budget to only necessities during uncertain time

Dear Dave,
In light of recent events in our country, do you have suggestions for things people should think about and plan for if they get laid off from their jobs?

— Sam

Dear Sam,
It's no secret that things are shutting down all across the world. If your workplace has closed its doors and isn't offering pay, then it's time to regroup and get some things in order. The thought of being without a paycheck can be overwhelming, but a little thought and planning can help you get through times like these.
Start living on a budget, if you aren't doing so already. Making a monthly budget will show you exactly where your money is going. Without it, you can't use every dollar to its fullest potential, because you

don't even know how much money you have to work with. Plus, your budget will show places where you can cut back and save money.
If you don't have any income right now, make a budget based on the amount of money on hand. If you have \$600 left to your name, budget out exactly where each of those dollars will go. It's time to squeeze every last penny out of what you've got. If you still have cash coming in from a spouse's job or some other source, then adjust your budget to reflect that. Maybe the two of you usually bring in a combined \$5,000 a month. Adjust your budget to live off that one income for the time being.
When the going gets tough, you need to focus on the things you really need to survive — food, utilities, shelter, and transportation. I call these the Four Walls. If there's any



money left over after you take care of the Four Walls, make a list of what else you need to pay, and tackle those in order of importance. Reach out to anyone you can't pay, and explain the situation. They might be able to work something out, but they can't help if they don't know. Be up front with them, and pray for

the best.
When you're just trying to make it to another day, you don't need to pay extra on debt. Instead, focus on piling up cash. Once life gets back to normal and everything is OK, you can pick up where you left off with your debt snowball. If it's within your budget to keep making minimum payments on your debt, go for it. But the Four Walls come first. This is also the time to sell anything and everything you don't need to make some extra cash.
With so much being shut down right now, there might not be as many traditional ways to make extra money. So, look into driving for Amazon, delivering takeout food, or dropping off grocery orders. Even if one of those doesn't work out, you can still take up odd jobs around your neighborhood. Be on the lookout for opportunities that will add a few extra bucks to

your pocket. Don't forget to cut back on unnecessary expenses, either. Stop or pause your subscriptions. Call your cable, internet, and cellular providers to see if there's anything they'll do to work with you.
Finally, in times of real need, don't be too proud to ask for a helping hand. Many churches and community groups in your area exist for situations just like this.
God bless you all!

— 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.

Letters to the editor

Primary 2020: The devil is in the details and the memes

With primary elections quickly approaching in Idaho, it's important to consider the choices we will make in this first step toward electing our representatives and government officials. The candidates are busy putting up signs, posting on social media and the truly good ones are wishing there were more opportunity to meet with the people and discuss vision and ideas.
Unfortunately some of the least effective candidates and lobbyists are much more comfortable and look much better on social media than actually discussing ideas with the people. In this modern age of information overload, we often operate on bad, inflated or simply wrong information. Many of the same people who will quickly correct you if you dare refer to our country as a democracy will also fire up the webcams, keyboards and memes to support their candidate, their bills or their otherwise weak ideas in a very populous and democratic fashion. Some will claim to "not endorse" candidates but spend thousands of dollars promoting their chosen.
Lobbyists have many tools and are very active in the campaign cycle. The most common and commonly hated is money. There are many other tactics to sway the discussion including scorecards, questionnaires, and of course, advertising. All are

valid tools if used properly. But we as a voting public need to ask a few simple questions beyond the surface: Has a lobbyist already committed, endorsed or promoted a candidate? If so, should we expect the other candidates to answer to them? Should the lobbyist at least be forthright about their support and not pretend to be objective?
This cycle will be particularly challenging to discern fact from fiction. We need to make very intentional efforts to raise the level of discussion from the nicknames, labels and schoolyard bullying tactics to discuss issues as well as candidate qualifications and records.
Oscar Evans
Homedale

Richards has collaborative experience needed in Senate

Collaboration is an important quality and especially important in an elected official. This letter is in support of Brenda Richards and her race for the Idaho Senate seat vacated by Bert Brackett.
Brenda has worked on several collaborative efforts, the primary one being the Owyhee Initiative. She has worked on the Owyhee Initiative for over 15 years and has served as chairman of that organization for the last four years.

For seven years, Brenda served on the Boise District Bureau of Land Management Resource Advisory Council, three of those years as vice-chair. For over 25 years, she has been involved in public land issues.
We are fortunate to have such a qualified candidate willing to run for this seat. Please join me in supporting Brenda Richards in the May 19th Primary Election.
Doriene Knight
Past president, Idaho Federation of Republican Women
Filer

Ray Mansisidor: A great example for all of us

With the passing of Ray Mansisidor, Owyhee County lost a shining star and native son. Ray never knew a stranger, making friends wherever he went.
As a member of the Greatest Generation, he set an example for others to follow. Extremely patriotic, Ray was active in many community activities.
Owyheans extend condolences to his wife Mary and family.
This is a loss that we all share.
Michael F. Hanley IV
Jordan Valley

✓ Viral: Do your part to flatten curve and hysteria over COVID-19

From Page 12
Gheen Christoffersen thoughtfully pointed out during Thursday's special city council meeting (held outdoors and with council members six feet apart).
Essentially, the mayor said look out for your neighbors both with supplies if needed (and by not hoarding) and by following other health guidelines,

including social distancing.
Our churches are doing that, and were doing that before Little's order, with online services, phone trees and cards to stay in touch.
Our elected officials are doing that by setting up meetings online, basically giving citizens better access to the machinations of their governments. This,

by the way, would be a wonderful thing to continue even after we emerge from this cautionary time.
Given today's political and — oftentimes — social climate, it's easy to be pessimistic that anything positive will be gained from this experience. But if we unite to get through this, and keep up the sentiment, things may very well be better when all this is over.

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 PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

On April 22, 2020, the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold an electronic public meeting to hear testimony on the below matters. **In accordance with the Governor’s Stay at Home order, we currently plan to hold this meeting by teleconference and web based meeting. If you are interested in participating, register in advance for this meeting: https://zoom.us/join/join?j=5AsdeyoqTgsAXRhK9_RV14AWkSySehyQ**

The information for this meeting is available at our web page link listed below with a clickable link. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting by phone or video. If you need assistance registering for the meeting, please call the Planning & Zoning office. As the COVID-19 situation is changing daily, please be aware that these details may also change, or this meeting may have to be postponed. All of the latest information is available by calling us at 208-495-2095 ext. 2 or on our web page at: <https://owyheecounty.net/departments/community-development/>

If the Stay at Home order and public gathering restrictions are lifted, the meeting will be held in person at the following location. Live phone conference audio will be held in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St., Murphy, Idaho at the times listed below.

Beginning at 9:30 am, the

Commission will hear application Z20-20 a request for a conditional use permit filed by **Zachary Sevy** seeking approval to establish a second single-family residence on a 10-acre parcel owned by Kenneth & Sarah Sevy located at 8250 Sommercamp Road approximately 7.5 miles south of Marsing. The subject parcel, RP01N04W120350, is in an agricultural zone in a portion of the NE¼ of the NE¼ of Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 10:30 am, the Commission will hear application Z20-19 a request for a conditional use permit filed by **Sandy Skinner** seeking approval to establish a second single-family residence on a 1-acre parcel located at 120 State Hwy 78 Grand View. The subject parcel, RP05S03E210010, is in a multi-use zone in a portion of the NE¼ of the NE¼ of Section 21, Township 5 South, Range 3 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 1:00 pm, the Commission will hear application Z20-16 a request for a conditional use permit filed by **Gary & Tynagh Rupp** seeking approval to establish a single-family residence on an approximately 1-2 acre parcel to be divided from an approximately 96-acre parcel located on Succor Creek Road at the Oregon border approximately 3.5 miles southwest of Homedale. The subject parcel, RP03N06W141208, is in an agricultural zone in a portion of the SWNW¼, SENW¼, SWNE¼, NWSE¼, NESW¼, and NWSW¼ of Section 14, Township 3 North, Range 6 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 2:00 pm, the Commission will hear application Z20-17 a request for a conditional use permit filed by **Leslie & Lavada Loucks** seeking approval of a gravel pit on a 20-acre parcel located on Trap Shoot Road approximately 3 miles south of Marsing. The subject parcel, RP02N04W210650, is in an agricultural zone in the E½ of the NW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 21, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 3:00 pm, the Commission will hear application Z20-18 a request for a conditional use permit filed by **Kelly Comber** seeking approval to establish a second single-family residence on an approximately 3-acre parcel owned by Brittany Bonson located at 8157 Poison Creek Road approximately 5 miles southwest of Marsing. The subject parcel, RP02N05W145300, is in an agricultural zone in a portion of the NE¼ of the SW¼ of Section 14, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Copies of the proposed projects are available for review in the Planning and Zoning office. Please call in advance if you wish

to schedule a time for review. For additional information, please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2.
04/01/2020

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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GARY SPACKMAN, Director
04/01,08/2020

Bruneau Sand Dunes open for day use only

A week after reporting that most camping activities are still available, the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation closed all state park campgrounds, including those at Bruneau Sand Dunes.

The camping ended at 5 p.m., on Friday, two days after Gov. Brad Little’s stay-at-home order.

Day-use recreation is still open at the state parks.

The camping closure will last through May 15, but the shutdown could be extended depending on the status of the COVID-19 outbreak. No new campsite reservation are being taken.

A combination of factors led to the closure decision, IDPR director David Langhorst said.

Besides the stay-home order, concerns arose over the ability to maintain social distancing within concentrated campsites.

Also, some communities expressed concerns about attracting out-of-area visitors and the potential for increased virus transmission.

Despite the camping closure, outdoor activity is encouraged — but Gov. Little and public health officials urge people to recreate close to home — and to follow best practices, such as keeping six feet away from others and avoiding groups of 10 or more persons.

Hiking, biking and running can relieve stress for those who are in good health and seeking a physical outlet.

In addition to the camping closure, the department will suspend its recreational education programs for boating and off-highway vehicles to observe social distancing and avoid bringing groups together. Before last Wednesday, classes had been restricted to 10 people.

Idaho Power closes all C.J. Strike rec sites

The COVID-19 pandemic has moved Idaho Power to closed its recreational facilities, which include campgrounds and boat ramps at C.J. Strike Reservoir near Bruneau.

The utility said boat ramps, parks and day-use areas are closed. The company’s campgrounds have been off-limits since March 16.

The full closure came after the governors of Idaho and Oregon announced increased restrictions in an effort to slow the spread of coronavirus through social distancing. Signs, and in some cases physical barriers, will be installed. Visitors who do not comply with the closure may be subject to trespassing citations from local law enforcement.

The closures will remain in effect at least through mid-April. Little’s 21-day stay-at-home order ends April 15.

Idaho Power will continue to evaluate the situation and follow guidance from state and federal health officials when determining when to reopen the recreational sites.

“We recognize the impact that these closures have on the public. They come at a time when we’d all like to be spending more time outside,” Idaho Power recreation supervisor Fred Noland said.

“But this is a necessary step to protect our employees, our customers and the communities we serve while focusing on our core mission, which is to keep the lights on.”

Idaho Power owns and maintains more than 50 recreational sites along the Snake River, from American Falls downstream to Hells Canyon, as part of its requirements under federal licenses to operate its hydroelectric projects.

Marsing Lions Club cancels Easter egg hunt, final bingo

The annual Easter egg hunt and the final bingo night of the 2019-20 season, both set for April 11, have been cancelled, the Marsing Lions Club announced last Wednesday.

“We’re just trying to be

conscientious of the coronavirus risk,” club member Sharon VanWassenhove said.

A few days earlier, club member Herb Churruca had said the events would go on as planned.

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Owyhee Conservation District’s April meeting cancelled

Ag scholarship application deadline extended to May 31

The Owyhee Conservation District has cancelled this month’s board of supervisors meeting.

The meeting, which was scheduled for noon on Thursday, April 9, was cancelled in the wake of Gov. Brad Little’s 21-day stay-home order. Little issued the order last Wednesday in an effort to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

The next OCD board meeting is scheduled for noon on Thursday, May 14 at the University of Idaho Owyhee

County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

OCD administrative assistant Debbie Abel stressed that the meeting is tentative based on what happens with the COVID-19 situation.

Currently, the Extension Office is closed to the public because of the governor’s order.

The conservation district also has extended the application deadline for its college scholarships, too.

Because of the statewide closures of schools until April 20, high school seniors now have until May 31 to submit their applications for the OCD ag scholarship.

The conservation district 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 better.

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.

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Stay-at-home order doesn’t stymie county land use revamp

The statewide stay-at-home order to battle COVID-19 has put a wrinkle in public meetings — both those that had been scheduled and those that will be scheduled.

Monday’s final public meeting to review changes to the county’s land use map for the area between Marsing and Sinkers Creek will go on as planned.

But with no members of the public allowed into Courtroom 2 at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy, the Board of County Commissioners has established an online link for interested parties to join the meeting.

Anyone who wants to register to take part in the meeting can visit <https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/v5YscOqgqDgvtOAEh-jtb08XRtBkl-RsFw>. After registration, you’ll receive an email containing information about joining the meeting.

The public hearing will begin at 10 a.m., as part of the commissioners’ regular weekly meeting. Public comment, if any, will be taken after the commissioners recap the rezoning process.

The proposed changes, which are available for viewing at www.owyheecounty.net, will affect only the unincorporated area of the county outside city limits.

County Community Development administrator Mary Huff said the second phase of an overall re-examination of the county’s land use zones actually triggered more public

meetings than the first revamp, which covered the Homedale area.

If there are no large changes triggered by public comment, the BOCC could adopt the proposed amendments by the end of April, Huff said.

Work already has begun on the third phase of the land use review with property owners in the unincorporated area between Oreana and Indian Cove receiving surveys to get an initial reading on what land use preferences there are.

The survey and area maps as well as a public comment form also are available on the county website under the Community Development tab.

The county Planning and Zoning Commission’s monthly series of hearings on current permit applications will be held online on Wednesday, April 22.

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