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Honoring the Class of 2020

With help from Homedale School District maintenance and transportation director Danny Aberasturi, high school principal Matt Holtry and athletic director Casey Grove hung two 6-foot-by-10-foot banners downtown to honor the Class of 2020. The banners were the latest gesture educators and community members have undertaken to honor students who won't have a traditional end to their school year and careers. A second banner was placed at the main entrance to town.

Teachers' motorcade coming to children

Homedale Elementary School teachers will cruise through town Thursday afternoon to reconnect in some way with their students stuck at home.

"We miss our students," HES principal Terri Vasquez said.

Led by veteran third-grade teacher Robyn Chandler, teachers will drive their decorated vehicles through town beginning at 2 p.m., on Thursday.

The parade route starts at the elementary school, 420 W. Washington Ave., and will weave along the town's streets and avenues as well as into the mobile home parks to ensure

— See *Teachers*, page 6

Clerk swamped with absentee ballot requests

May 19 is last day to ask for ballot; vote by June 2

More than two weeks before the request deadline, Owyhee County's election office has shattered the previous absentee ballot request record.

Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell said her staff spent a full day last Wednesday stuffing envelopes with absentee ballots so some of the approximately 5,000 registered voters in the county can take part in the primary election.

"We folded all day Wednesday and stuffed envelopes," Barkell said. "We processed 900 on Wednesday."

Barkell said those who have requested ballots should see them early this week.

As of Friday, the clerk office staff had handled 1,151 requests for mail-in ballots, nearly triple the number of ballots that were processed for the November 2018 general election.

This year's numbers are skewed, of course, because of the decision to conduct a statewide mail-in absentee

— See *Ballot*, page 6



Gutters stacked on the east-side walkway at Homedale's new Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library are part of the construction project that has yet to be completed.

Library construction issues centerpiece for special meeting

Contractor balks at meeting with city council

The City of Homedale's sparkling new Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library is under a cloud these days.

It has nothing to do with the building sitting idle because of COVID-19 stay-home restrictions.

The city council has yet to close out the construction project because of what the structure's designer calls subpar craftsmanship after the building erector didn't follow the manufacturer's details and plans.

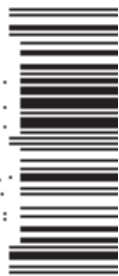
But city officials hope to take steps toward resolution during a special meeting at 1 p.m., today on-site at the library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

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Owyhee County COVID-19 cases:

8

New cases, April 20 to April 27: 4 (see story, Page 2)
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Owyhee COVID-19 cases double; community spread detected

Community transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19 has been detected as Owyhee County’s confirmed cases doubled in seven days from four to eight.

Southwest District Health spokesperson Katrina Williams confirmed four new cases Monday.

All eight patients are female, and four of them (two in their 40s, one in her 30s and another in her 20s) have improved, according to Williams.

Four other women — in their 30s, 50s, 60s, and 90s — are recovering at home.

Health district officials have not released specific locations of the cases as part of privacy guidelines.

Also Monday, Williams announced the community spread, which is defined as when health officials cannot specify an origin for an infection, such as tracing it to specific travel or contact with a specific individual.

Half of the counties that have reported cases have also reported community spread, including Canyon, Elmore and Ada counties.

Malheur County has seven cases with 229 negative test results, according to Oregon’s coronavirus website.

Owyhee residents may call the Southwest District Health COVID-19 call center at (208) 455-5411 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare’s COVID-19 hotline (1-888-330-3010) is available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday with information on essential businesses, mental health, childcare, and small business loans.

County clerk anticipates budget revenue fall-off

Senators make push to solidify PILT future

COVID has probably been the number of out-of-county recreationalists we are seeing,” Barkell said.

“(Sheriff Perry Grant) has called in extra staff to help patrol the waterways, back country and various BLM parks that seem to be overflowing with folks.”

The Bureau of Land Management has promised \$15,000 to help pay for the extra manpower, but Barkell pointed out that the same pledge was made in the wake of the Soda Fire in 2015 with no follow-through on the part of the federal agency.

Sens. Mike Crapo and Jim Risch from Idaho and Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley from Oregon were part of a 22-member group that sent a letter to Senate leadership calling for action on Payment In Lieu of Taxes and Secure Rural Schools stability plans to provide financial certainty during the COVID-19 crisis.

For years, both Owyhee County and Malheur County have received checks to make up, in part, for lost revenue because of tax-exempt federally administered lands within their borders. Owyhee County doesn’t receive SRS money, which is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on behalf of the Forest Service in forested counties that rely on logging receipts to fund services.

Owyhee County traditionally had put PILT money in a building trust, but during uncertain economic times has had to apply some of the annual payments to fund essential services.

“The stop-and-start authorizations and payments under SRS and PILT have wreaked havoc on rural America for decades, and now, with the COVID-19 pandemic, the budgets of these rural counties are decimated,” the senators wrote.

In their letter to Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) and Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.), the senators pushed for, “a long-term solution for the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (SRS) and Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) programs at the next possible opportunity.”

— JPB

Homedale officials OK plant sale

Plans for online purchase portal in the works, too

With a nod to social distancing and an embrace to the online shopping world, the Homedale Farmers Market spring plant sale will hit Bette Uda City Park on Saturday.

Market board president Denise Dixon said Monday that an online buying option would be available by Tuesday or today for people who don’t want to attend the sale in person.

Although she gave no further details in Monday’s email, Dixon earlier said the online portal would be available through the organization’s website, www.homedalefarmersmarket.com. Call Dixon at (208) 840-0440 for more information.

The live sale will take place between 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., on Saturday after Dixon said Mayor Gheen Christoffersen and city council members approved that the event go on as scheduled.

“Precautions will be in place to make sure everyone is safe,” Dixon wrote in an email. “The vendors will be wearing masks and gloves, if they choose. The customers are welcome to wear masks and gloves as well.”

Social distancing will be accomplished with each booth featuring a table in front of it and a 6-foot-line.

“The vendors will have two people working the booth, one to handle money and one to handle the plants,” Dixon wrote. “This will decrease contamination.”

Plant sale inventory will include:

- Garden plants from market vendors
- Flowers, plants and more from the Owyhee Garden Club
- The Homedale FFA chapter also will provide product. The FFA’s greenhouse sale apparently will start next week.

Dixon also said she will list items that will be sold on Facebook.

The vendor fee is \$20 plus five percent of sales. Dixon said the plant sale is a separate event from the market season and will not be included in farmers market vendor fees.

Dixon previously issued other details of the safety precautions:

- No more than 50 people will be allowed in the park at one time, and they must adhere to the 6-foot social distancing guideline.
- Spray-painted lines at 6-foot intervals on the grass will help shoppers maintain that distance.
- There will be signs at each booth letting folks know where the waiting line begins.
- A hand-washing station will be set up, too.
- Farmers market board members not selling products will serve as volunteers the day of the sale helping maintain the safety precautions.

The plant sale will be held two days after Gov. Brad Little’s extended stay-at-home order is supposed to end. Agriculture operations, such as farmers markets, have been deemed essential under the governor’s original order.

— JPB

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EDUCATOR
As a teacher at Mountain Home High School, I was selected as the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) State of Idaho High School Civics Teacher of the Year, for 2019-2020.

Marsing district maps out rest of school term, grad scenario

High school graduation could happen July 31

Owyhee County students and schools continue to navigate through uncharted waters. Marsing School District’s Board of Trustees held a special meeting April 20 to make some difficult decisions hours after the Idaho State Board of Education’s extension of the soft closure and release of re-opening criteria. Trustees also discussed grading protocols for students during the closure. When graduation would be held and what it would look like was another topic. Marsing superintendent Norm Stewart said he had contacted other area districts to get an idea of what they were doing in regards to assigning students work, what the vision for the remainder of the school year looks like, and grading. Stewart offered two options for the trustees to consider:

- Grades from Quarter 3 roll over to semester grades. Students could complete assigned work issued through packets or online to improve their grade but work not turned in wouldn’t negatively affect their grades.

Students could also complete missing assignments from the third quarter in order to improve grades. Teachers would continue to assign work, finishing up the last two weeks of assignments, which were sent out on Tuesday.

- A workload reduction to approximately 20 to 30 minutes per day in each subject area, four days a week. Teachers assigned packets or online instruction on Tuesday, with no new work after May 7.

Students would be held accountable, and would be graded accordingly, for all work that has been provided since the March 17 closure. This would include students receiving zeros on assignments for work that has not been turned in by the end of the school year. Ultimately, the board decided to use a hybrid of the two options. The district will use all of Option 1 plus instructors will reduce student workload to approximately 30 minutes per subject per day. That model would mean that middle- and high-school students could complete all their work in about three hours a day. High school dual credit courses will continue with regular expectations, and students will be informed that

they need to complete the assigned work, as the grade they receive will be on their college transcripts.

Graduation plans

The board also discussed what Marsing’s 2020 high school graduation could look like. Seniors responding to an April 17 survey with multiple options for graduation voted to delay commencement until Friday, July 31, as long as social distancing orders are in effect. “If something were to happen dramatically and all social-distancing guidelines were to go away, which I can’t really see happening, (graduation) could potentially happen on the originally established date,” Stewart said. Before the COVID-19 stay-at-home order, Marsing’s graduation was scheduled for Friday, May 29.

Food service staff busy

High school principal Tim Little announced that the district’s food service provided more than 5,000 meals to students last week alone, including breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The food pantry, located in The HUB, distributed food boxes to 45 area families.

— TK

Marsing has been without a post office for:
61 days

Marsing Post Office operations to resume Monday morning

After more than two months, the Marsing Post Office is scheduled to open for business Monday. The post office at 210 W. Main St., closed after Feb. 28 after smoke damage resulted from a nearby residential fire. The U.S. Postal Service closed the Marsing outpost officially on March 3. Operations and post office boxes were shifted temporarily to the Homedale Post Office, and customers also were advised they could do counter business in Huston. Marsing boxes will be available at the reopened post office after 11 a.m., on Monday. Any remaining P.O. Box mail diverted from Marsing to Homedale prior to Monday will be available at the Marsing location after 11 a.m., on Tuesday. After reopening, the Marsing Post Office can be reached at (208) 896-5054. Post office retail hours will be 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., on Monday through Friday.

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Marsing eatery changes hands after decades in family

New owners make cosmetic changes, keep same menu

The Whitehouse Drive-In has been a staple of Marsing cuisine for decades, a familiar place for families to indulge in fried food and ice cream. Voss and Janie Nielsen owned the establishment since 1998 after buying it from Voss' parents, who had owned it since the 1970s. Voss recently passed away, and the restaurant was sold to Ashley and Lance Houweling.

The Houwelings do not currently live in Owyhee County, but they own Marsing-area property where they plan to build their primary residence.

Ashley Houweling said that prior to considering the purchase, the couple did not have a relationship with the Nielsens but she did enjoy her limited time with them during the purchase.

Ashley said that she happened to notice that the business was being sold and knew the agent that listed it. After researching the purchase with her husband and sister, she pulled the trigger.

"My sister and I have said for years we would like own an establishment together," Ashley said. "This is a step in that direction."

Ashley's sister, Melissa Hogan, has a background in restaurant work and will manage the business.

"It is our hope that some day she will partner in it as well," Ashley said.

The Houwelings and Hogan have made changes and upgrades to the building. They

have replaced the flooring, degreased and painted the kitchen walls, painted the dining room, replaced doors, replaced the tablecloths with red-and-white checkered ones, and put red curtains in the windows. She said that they are also in the process of making minor changes to the kitchen area to allow for a little more workspace.

Something that won't see any change, at least in the near future, is the Whitehouse's menu.

"As of now, we do not intend to make changes to the menu," Ashley said. "People like what the Whitehouse offers. We have bounced around some ideas of possibly adding some items in the future, but that would be down the road a little bit."

However, Ashley does not intend to reinvent the wheel when it comes to the business.

"(The Whitehouse) has been an icon in the community for years, and we want it to continue to be that way," she said. "We are just doing some updates."

Ashley and Lance own and farm land in the Marsing area and said that they made many visits to the Whitehouse.

She said that she and her husband plan on building their primary residence late this year or beginning of next year, should all things go well with the business, including the roadblocks thrown up by the spread of the coronavirus.

"We spend a lot of time in



Above: The Whitehouse Drive-In has begun a new era after a change in ownership April 1. **Below:** Ashley Houweling (left), who owns the restaurant with her husband Lance, and new manager Melissa Hogan.

Owyhee County for farming and recreation," she said. "We love it and are excited to be a permanent resident in the near future."

Ashley and Melissa grew up in Elgin, Ore., a small ranching and timber community in the northeast part of the state. Ashley attended Eastern Oregon University in La Grande and originally came to Idaho to work at Tamarack Resort.

After meeting Lance, Ashley moved to the Treasure Valley, as he was from Nampa. His family owns a small dairy in the area.

The Houwelings have a 2-year-old daughter, Cassidy, and Hogan has a 12-year-old son, Dekota.

Hogan just recently moved to Idaho from Elgin to help the Houwelings run their new business. — TK





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Them (darn) dogs

My first day as Marsing city superintendent was quite memorable. As I was settling in at my desk and getting my first feel of things, City Councilman Gene Showalter burst through the door and said “When are you going to do something about them (darn) dogs?”

It was 1994, and I did not know specifically what Gene was talking about but, in general, I had a very good idea. I had lived most of my life around Marsing and remembered when critics called it Dog Town.

During WWII, it seemed every family in town had at least one dog. This by itself is not a bad thing, but there were many sheep ranchers around the area. At that time in our history, synthetic materials were not well developed, and wool (the prime material for military uniforms) was a valuable commodity. Anything that furthered the war effort took top priority hence the large herds of sheep in the valley.

Our dogs are our best friends until they assimilate into packs. Then they can soon revert back to the traits of the wolf. Friendly Fido would join up with other local dogs and raid the sheep flocks. Reed Larsen, an area farmer at that time, was one of the armed guards watching over the flocks at night to stop the marauding dogs.

Our cocker spaniel was too small to participate, but my cousin John’s part-collie Shep was a possible offender. The security check was in the morning. My cousin would check Shep’s teeth for wool because if a dog has bitten a sheep, there would be wool fibers between the dog’s teeth.

Shep always passed inspection, and as time went by, most of the sheep and their owners moved on into history. But Marsing still had a dog problem. In 1994 it was mainly dogs running at large.

By then, the city had ordinances — sometimes called the Leash Law — requiring owners to contain their dogs with fencing. Off the property, dogs had to be on a leash. In spite of it all, stray dogs turned wolf killed several sheep on a farm one mile west of town in 2017.



Reminiscing Owyhee memories

by
John Larsen

Soon after that first-day visit from Gene Showalter, I and the other city workers, Jesse Hance and Lynn Averman, decided to soldier up and “Do something about them (darn) dogs.”

Most citizens respected the ordinance and kept their dogs fairly well contained, but there were always a few who would let their pets run loose. Also there were cases where some owner got tired of Fido, dumping the mutt off inside the city limits.

A pole with a snare on the end worked to catch a dog — once. It was hard to get close enough twice. We came up with a trap that would trap the dog when it came inside for some bait. This allowed us to catch one particular part-collie, part-Labrador that had been the source of many complaints to City Hall. The repository for the captured dogs was a pen alongside the city shop.

One morning while celebrating our capture of the wayward hound at our strategic planning session (morning coffee), we noticed the pen was empty.

When this happened a second time, we figured it out.

Neighborhood kids would see the doggies in the pen and come at night and turn them loose.

To solve this problem, we had to construct a new and larger kennel (doggie jail) down at the sewer lagoons where the jail was safe behind locked gates.

Once a dog was apprehended, the ordinance specified a fine and boarding costs for each day of confinement. If the owner did not redeem the dog, it was taken to the veterinarian in Homedale and put up for adoption for

\$10. The accumulated fees might run \$60 or more.

One citizen made little effort to contain his dog, which was not appreciated by the city or any of his neighbors. This offending owner figured out the system and would ignore his dog until it was put up for adoption. Then he would go pay \$10 and adopt the dog back. I finally had a talk with the rebellious owner, and he stopped the offenses.

We had situations like a dog we called Old Stinky. Stinky was at least part German shepherd. He would get loose from his backyard, and we would find him, pick him up and take him to jail.

The owner would redeem him, and soon he was out again. Evidently we fed better than home; it became a predictable occurrence that Stinky would come to city hall and sit until we came with the pickup. We would open the door, and he would jump in ready for a trip to the doggy jail. The owners finally tired of paying the fine and found him another home. I guess that was easier than fixing the fence.

Not all the doggies were friendly and cooperative. Some were hostile and even dangerous. One citizen used his deer rifle to put an offending dog down, which of course violated ordinances about discharging a firearm inside the city limits.

At a morning strategic planning session, we decided to talk to the city council about buying a tranquilizer gun to fire darts. Before long, we had our prize weapon and began firing empty darts at straw bales to hone our marksman abilities.

Ready to strike back

against invading dogs, we asked for the tranquilizer, and were told it had to come from a veterinarian.

The veterinarian said we could not buy tranquilizer as it was a controlled substance — the wrong people could use it for a date rape drug. We assured them we were trying to police the dogs, not take them out for a date, but we had to get certified to purchase the drug.

Jesse volunteered for training from the proper authorities, which was the Canyon County Animal Shelter.

At the end of Jesse’s first day at the shelter, I asked how it went.

He replied with a weary look on his face, “I spent the whole day putting dogs down.”

After some thought I responded, “I guess if they are dead they are easier to catch.”

Jesse was weary after several trips to the Humane Shelter. We were told if we were going to be firing the gun inside city limits, one of us needed to be deputized as a deputy sheriff. By now, Lynn was disgusted. We said, “OK, we know when we are licked,” and gave the gun to the deputies who were using a room at city hall as their local office.

I retired as superintendent in 1997 but stayed on with the city for 17 more years as a consultant. At that time, I only knew of one incident where the deputies used the gun.

At my last city council meeting, I stood before the council and asked the resonating question that had been on my lips for months

“Ladies and gentlemen I have just one question: When are you going to do something about them (darn) dogs?”

— John Larsen lived most of his life in Marsing. He is a member of the Owyhee County Historical Society and is well-known for his portrayal of Col. William H. Dewey during Outpost Days in Murphy. The former Givens resident is also a musician who has played Idaho folk songs at Owyhee County Historical Museum gatherings.

Homedale library searching for intern

Homedale’s Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library will again use an Idaho Commission for Libraries grant to employ a summer intern.

For the second year in a row, the library is looking for someone to work on Fridays and Saturdays, and possibly Mondays during Story Time and Thursdays during the Summer Reading program.

The position pays \$10 per hour and will begin June 1 and run through the last week of August.

The program duration depends on developments in the statewide COVID-19 stay-home order.

“Obviously, I am not sure when the library will be full open, but hopefully we will by then,” library director Sharla Jensen said.

Jensen said that she is looking for a Homedale High School student 17 or older, with good math skills who works well with children and is savvy with technology. She said that it is also preferable that candidates speak Spanish.

Applicants will need to be able to help patrons with computer issues, such as searching websites, printing items off the internet, helping troubleshoot computer problems, and to be able check people in and out on the library computer.

“Good math skills (are) very important as we have a manual (transaction) till, and (the intern) will need to count cash back to customers,” Jensen said. “That is actually what has disqualified a number of applicants in the past.”

Those who are interested can call the library at (208) 337-4228, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, to pick up an application.

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From page 1

✓ Teachers: Parents can park near river to view, too

that all the schoolchildren get a chance to wave at their favorite teacher.

“We will also have the Trojan (mascot) in a car for kids to see,” Vasquez said.

The principal said that families can also park along Riverside Avenue across from Deward Bell Stadium, and — with social distancing in mind — wait for the procession.

“We’re trying to hit as many families as we can,” Vasquez said.

— JPB

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election, but Barkell is hopeful that the trend will continue even with life gets back to normal after the COVID-19 health precautions.

“I think it would save money and time, and I think (it’ll catch on) once the voters go through this process and see how effective it really can be and that they have more time to vote,” Barkell said.

“It would be a sustainable way to do it, and it would save the county money in the long run.”

Citizens have until 5 p.m., on May 19 to request an absentee ballot from either the county clerk’s office in Murphy or online at idahovotes.gov.

“We’ll accept them by email, fax or hand-delivery,” Barkell said of ballot requests.

Completed ballots will be accepted until June 2.

Barkell said applications postmarked on May 19 but received after that date won’t be allowed.

Although absentee ballots will roll into the courthouse throughout the next few weeks, election officials won’t be allowed to unseal ballots until June 2.

There is a ballot box for each Owyhee County precinct inside the courthouse in Murphy, Barkell said, and clerks will deposit the sealed ballots in the proper ballot box each day they are received. But nothing will be opened until the June 2 “election day.”

Citizens can register to vote at idahovotes.gov, and they can also request a ballot at the site. Some primary candidates have also mailed ballot applications as part of their campaign.

Barkell said there are safeguards in place to ensure that folks are unable to request more than one ballot considering the influx of applications.

There have been some duplicate requests, but voters can check online to see if their requests have been received and track the progress of a ballot heading their way.

Each return envelope in a ballot request form carries a unique barcode to ensure only one ballot is counted for each voter.

“When they come in through the mail, we scan that, and that updates the system that says your ballot has returned,” Barkell said.

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Disaster Auction meeting rescheduled

Already rescheduled once because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Marsing Disaster Auction Committee’s annual meeting is moving again.

The meeting will be held at 8 p.m., on Tuesday, June 2 at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

Usually held on the first Tuesday in April, the meeting was first postponed to May 5 when Gov. Brad Little issued his 21-day stay-home order.

The committee decided to move the meeting again after Little extended his statewide order to April 30.

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April 30: Roast pork, mashed potatoes w/gravy, mixed veggies
May 5: Salisbury steak w/mushrooms & onions, mashed potatoes w/gravy, broccoli
May 6: Sausage & biscuit, mashed potatoes w/gravy, mixed veggies
May 7: Chicken patty, hashbrown casserole, California blend veggies
May 12: BBQ pork, baked potato, peas & carrots
May 13: Ham & cheese on roll, tatertots, beet salad

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Water technique, sensible grazing can help control weeds

Weeds can technically be defined as any plant that is growing out of place or growing where it is not wanted. Weeds cause issues as they compete for resources (soil nutrients, water, sunlight) with desirable plants and can significantly reduce forage quality and production. If weeds are a concern in your pasture, the following steps can help remedy the problem.



Scott Jensen

First, you need to know what is there. Take a walk through the pasture and identify each plant. If you need help, I suggest obtaining a copy of “Weeds of the West.” This book is an excellent resource. There are several plant and weed identification apps that can also be helpful.

Note the locations of specific weeds. Ask the question, “Why is that weed growing there?” Weeds are often just a symptom of a problem such as too little or too much water. Weeds on neighboring properties or along irrigation water canals or ditches can be a source. Over-grazing can also be a contributing factor.

Once the weeds and source are identified, determine how to prevent the introduction of new weeds and/or seeds. For example, I noticed a large patch of whitetop on my neighbor’s property a few years ago. I visited with him and asked if he minded if I sprayed it for him. He had no objections, so I took my sprayer over and treated the area. I figured that it was better to stop it on his side of the fence! Oftentimes a collaborative effort with our neighbors will be more effective at reducing weeds.

In irrigated pastures, water issues can greatly contribute to weed problems. Efforts should be made to resolve

any issues that prevent even water distribution. Timing is also important. Depending on ambient temperatures, pastures should be irrigated every seven to 10 days or more frequently when hotter and less frequently when cooler. Irrigation sets longer than 12 hours are likely pushing moisture beyond the effective root zone of the plants. Shorter sets should allow for a shorter return interval (meaning that you can irrigate the entire field and start over again with fewer days in-between).

Grazing management can have a significant impact on pasture quality and weeds. Do not allow animals to graze desirable plants too short. Desirable plants should be left with a minimum of four inches of residual plant height. This will maintain sufficient leaf area for them to capture solar energy and regrow more rapidly. It will also allow the roots to be healthy and fill in the interspaces between plants rather than allowing open spaces for weeds to get started. Residual plant height can best be managed by dividing pastures using temporary fencing and instituting a rotational grazing program.

Good irrigation and grazing management practices will treat the causes of most pasture weed problems. The symptoms (the weeds themselves) can then be treated with appropriate herbicides, mechanical, or other treatment methods.

If you have specific pasture weed issues that you would like to discuss, please give me a call at the Owyhee County Extension Office.

— Scott Jensen is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension educator. He welcomes questions on livestock care. The U of I Owyhee County Extension office is located at 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing and can be reached at (208) 896-4104. Contact at scottj@uidaho.edu.

Death notice

IRENE DE ROSE, 85, of Caldwell, died Thursday, April 23, 2020, at a local care facility in Nampa. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

Obituary

George Theodore “Ted” Payne

Ted Payne, 75, passed away, Sunday April 19, 2020, peacefully at rest at his home in Jordan Valley, OR. The celebration of Ted’s life will begin with a viewing at Flahiff’s Funeral Chapel, 624 Cleveland Blvd. Caldwell, Idaho on Friday, May 1, 2020 at 4pm. Funeral service will be immediately following, also at Flahiff’s Chapel. Ted will be buried in the Jordan Valley Cemetery at a later date.



George Theodore Payne was born at the Maher ranch near Cliffs, ID on July 15, 1944, to Elbert Dallas “Tex” & Agnes Amy Maher Payne. Agnes rode horseback the approximate 10 miles to her parents’ home, with son Pat on behind, to have this baby. Ted’s arrival was quite an ordeal and Agnes said she would never put her parents through another home birth. Doctor Jones had been called and he arrived in time to say that Ted was healthy and weighed 10 lbs. As the little family prepared to return home, Agnes & baby Ted rode

together and Tex planned to carry 3 year old Pat on his horse. However, Tex’s horse started to buck with the threat of an additional rider and Tex leaned out to safely deposit Pat onto a sagebrush which ended up causing him to get bucked off.

Ted had many adventures as a child on the mountain and growing up at the Lowry. He had an old bicycle that he rode off the North Fork (on the old road) with no brakes. Ted started his first colt, Sun Down,

at the age of eleven. He and Pat attended a one-room grade school at Cliffs, ID. It was a long ride each day throughout the summer and fall. They kept their horses in a wire lot down by the creek while they did their studies. Challenges included the hunters taking the 5 gallon buckets that they used to get on with, at each gate. Also, they could trot to school, but they had to ride home carefully and not let their horses get too warm or they would have to answer to their dad. Ted graduated from high school in Jordan Valley, then later went to work for Bill & Nita Lowry, when they were still over in Prineville, OR. He had a lot of respect for them both and often recounted pleasant memories of that time.

As a young man, he also worked at Yellow Pine, ID on the Cox Dude Ranch for Lafe & Emma Cox. Spring was spent repairing fences and

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Calendar

Today

Marsing community pantry

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

Friday

The Landing teen support group

6 p.m., Rising Light Farm Ministry, 5189 N. Old Bruneau Hwy, Marsing. Contact Iliana Bialy (208) 807-0680

Saturday

Homedale Farmers Market plant sale

10 a.m., to 2 p.m., Bette Uda Park, Homedale. (208) 840-0440 www.homedalefarmersmarket.com

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. Call (208) 495-2421 for accessibility options.

Story Time

10:15 a.m., Homedale City Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. Stories read on Facebook Live. (208) 337-4228

Wednesday

Marsing community pantry

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

Grand View Fire commissioners meeting

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

Friday, May 8

The Landing teen support group

6 p.m., Rising Light Farm Ministry, 5189 N. Old Bruneau Hwy, Marsing. (208) 807-0680

Monday, May 11

Board of County Commissioners meeting

9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. Call (208) 495-2421 for accessibility options.

Homedale school board meeting

7 p.m., school district boardroom, 116 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. Board will meet virtually on Google Meets. (208) 337-4611

Tuesday, May 12

Gem Highway District meeting

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

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

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

Obituary

George Theodore “Ted” Payne

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clearing trails, and summer & fall were spent packing lots of horses, mules and guests in to remote camp sites. Ted shared lots of good memories from this time, too. He also hauled sheep to Dixon, CA for Simplot and drove logging trucks in Montana and often credited God for sparing his life more than once on treacherous and icy roads.

In 1968 and 1969, Ted worked for his aunt, Gertrude Anderson, taking care of her cattle out on the desert, west of the Owyhee River and south of Rome. He generally did the buckarooing by himself. Ted would take a pack horse and his camp with him, staying in a cave or cow camps along the way. During this time, he had several encounters with the Owyhee River that he also credited God for bringing him out of alive. Ted hated water, and he had a very serious respect for the river.

Ted would go home and help his parents on the Lowry ranch when he could, and it was during this time that Ted had the good fortune of meeting Dorothy Pauline McKay. Dot was from Harper, OR, but she and her sisters and cousins were there gathering cattle off the White Horse allotment for her uncle, Don McKay. In those days, everyone camped at the Maher ranch where Ted was born and rode out to gather each day.

The couple was married on June 12, 1970 in Vale, OR at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church. Ted & Dot loved each other dearly, and shared lots of laughter, and some tears in their nearly 55 years of marriage. They bought the Lowry Ranch on Juniper Mountain from Ted’s parents. The Lowry was their home, and where they raised their family. The modern road that exists today was built in 1970, the same year they were married. Ted & Dot always celebrated their wedding anniversary the day before riding started on White Horse, which was always June 13th. Dot would

wrangle the horses early that morning and Ted would spend all day shoeing enough horses for the entire family to have 2 head a piece for the days ahead.

One time, early in Ted & Dot’s marriage, he was riding Cherokee and as they were going through a huge pile of rocks, Dot thought it would be funny to pull Cherokee’s tail and watch Ted put on a good bronc ride. Only problem is, Ted got bucked off and then Dot felt so bad, she told him how sorry she was for pulling his horse’s tail. It was a story that was retold and laughed about for years, and Ted always said he still hadn’t gotten even with her for that, although he halfheartedly tried.

Ted always rode tough horses and made them into very good horses. No fancy training, he just rode them. When he started a colt, he put the saddle on and a blindfold if necessary, and got on. A few times around the corral and he was out the gate. Ted had the natural ability to ride a bucking horse and very seldom was he ever thrown. His children remember unloading on the top of the North Fork, before daybreak when it was cold and dark. Everyone was quick about getting on and being ready to go because Ted would lead his horse out into a huge pile of rocks, use the blind to get on, and they were off, headed to Three Forks or somewhere in between, in a hurry.

Another story, that Ted told often, was about Dot and a bay mare, named Nutmeg. Ted was in the shop, and he saw her get on carelessly. The mare bucked her off and she hit her head on the side of the chicken house. Ted pretended he didn’t see what happened and pretty soon, Dot brought the horse over and said “Will you get on her?” He protested, but put on his spurs and got on Nutmeg. He said she blew up again, bucked all the way up the hill, around the house and back down off the steep yard hill and through the big ditch. Ted

was committed to the ride, but he was afraid Nutmeg would lose her footing bucking down that hill. She did not. Nutmeg finally quit bucking. Dot said “thank you”, got her hobbles down and then got on Nutmeg carefully, the correct way, and away they went at a gallop.

Those who knew Ted had a lot of respect for his straight up way of doing business, his integrity and his willingness to help people in need. He would give the shirt off of his back to anyone who asked for it. He never seemed to look down on anybody. Ted was a good neighbor and a good friend to all who knew him. He had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh with a twinkle in his eye. It wasn’t always fun to be the subject of his mischievousness, but he always made people laugh.

Ted was a brilliant writer. He kept a daily diary as his grandfather Ambrose Maher did. Ted was quick to think, slow to speak. He had so much wisdom and would share that wisdom with you, if you asked. Ted could solve a problem that no one else could, by circling around it and approaching it from another angle. He always came up with a solution.

Among his many talents, he was a fine truck driver, and taught his children how to drive and shift by listening to the engine, and never touching the clutch. Ted was an amazing mechanic, by necessity. As his children got older and began driving and tearing up vehicles and equipment, he would make them repair what they broke, in hopes that it would teach them to be more careful. He loved old tractors and old trucks. In his high school years, he took an abandoned chassis off the flat near Cliffs, and a transmission and engine from

other places, and put his 1928 Model A Ford together so he could have his own wheels. It is the beautiful green car that he recently had restored.

Ted had a passion for improving the range. He and his brother Pat made beautiful pastures of native species where no grass had existed before. Together, they developed springs, built miles of fence and worked hard to remove Juniper trees. Just last September 2019, Ted was able to see his lifelong dream come true as the BLM did a huge prescribed burn on Juniper Mountain.

Ted and Dot began to retire about 2012, and to hand the reins of the ranch and the cattle operations over to their children. They leased some of their cattle out, sold some, and were enjoying a little less work on the ranch. Ted spent more time in the shop mechanicing, and Dot could still be seen saddled up, somewhere on the mountain. Ted & Dot enjoyed passing their knowledge on to their children and grandchildren. Their grandchildren were a real joy to them both. Changes came in the spring of 2014 when Dot was diagnosed with cancer. As always, Ted was by her side daily for the next year, as she fought her battle away from home. On May 2, 2015, Ted lost the love of his life. Those who knew them can take great comfort in knowing that Ted & Dot are together again in heaven with our Lord and Saviour.

Ted was preceded in death by his wife, Dot; his parents, Tex & Agnes Payne; his sisters-in-law, Michelle McKay Mackenzie, Danice Brown Payne; brother-in-law, Rod McKay; his grandparents, Chauncey & Francis Payne

and Ambrose & Ethel Maher; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins that he loved dearly.

Ted is survived by his children and grandchildren, daughter, Polly, her husband, Cody Baldwin and their children, Ellie & Jonathon Brunko, Rossin & Fallyn Baldwin, of Homedale, ID; daughter, Rena & her husband, Rick Britton of Homedale, ID, and their children Rickey & Sue Britton, Nathan & Kim Britton and Stacy Soelberg; son, Jack & his wife, Rachel Casey Payne and their children, Emily & Garrett Payne of Fallon, NV; and son, Paul J. McKay of Boise, ID. Also survived by brother, Pat Payne and his children, Terry & Jerry White and Gary Payne, all of Jordan Valley, OR; and aunt, Alice Maher; brothers and sisters-in-law, Mary Barbara McKay, Rena Uhalde, Gracian Uhalde, Karen & Bob Skinner, Joe & Joyce McKay, Bob & Karla McKay, Mark & Julie Mackenzie, Kate & Mike Autio; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews that he thoroughly enjoyed.

Last but not least, Ted is survived by many wonderful friends & neighbors.

Ted’s family would like to express their deepest appreciation to the ladies who helped him out at home in the last year: Joni Williams, Rena Uhalde, and Nancy Grubaugh. The family would also like to offer a special thanks to Dr. Jocene Skinner. Ted was very appreciative of the kindness shown to him by each of you.

Memorials may be made to the JV Lions Den, PO Box 344, Jordan Valley, OR 97910 for the new Community Event Center Fund, or to a favorite charity.

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Prom for two

Mothers, others rally to make HHS seniors’ memories

by Clara-Leigh Evans
Every day that I go for a run, I pass this peaceful spot where three mature fruit trees shade the fringe of a rolling field with the Owyhee Mountains as the backdrop.

I have always admired this oasis along the roadside, but then a couple days before the scheduled date for the Homedale High School Prom, as I ran I reflected for miles the ways our children and their classmates and friends have been affected, the idea came. Sure, my daughter Ainslee and Joseph Egisquiza cannot go to a traditional prom this year, but I imagined this place I passed would be the perfect spot for a different type of prom in light of the COVID-19 disappointments.

Sarah Egusquiza (Joseph’s mom) and I planned the “Prom for Two” over a call, then went to work with great joy in doing something to somehow bring some more joy to our children’s lives. Of course, we checked first with the landowner, who was very gracious. Friday night, Sarah and I met and staged the battery-powered candles, a card table and chairs with white linens and Ainslee’s grandmother’s sterling silver utensils, crystal plates and glasses on loan from friend Lori Idsinga, an ice bucket with sparkling grape juice and lemonade, and a small



Clara-Leigh Evans found the perfect spot for the intimate prom during and evening run, and she and Sarah Egusquiza planned the event and decorated the scene. Photo by Clara-Leigh Evans

Albertsons deli cake. Joseph’s grandmother made a lovely corsage for Ainslee. Ainslee’s older sister, Addie, made Joseph’s boutonniere and even contacted local photographer, Lauryn Fisher, and arranged for her to be on site before the prom guests, all two of them, arrived.

All Joseph and Ainslee knew is that they had to dress in their absolute finest and be ready for photos by 8 p.m. Joe Egusquiza (Joseph’s dad) brought Joseph to the prom a few minutes before Oscar (Ainslee’s dad) brought blindfolded Ainslee to the prom where the photographer began capturing

the moments as Ainslee’s blindfold was removed. After much photography, the two families and photographer headed away and the hundreds of tea lights and lanterns illuminated the canopy of the fruit trees while music played and the attendees enjoyed dinner prepared by Sarah Egusquiza

and tunes brought to them by Bose and Apple Music. In a time that is unlike most anyone in America has ever experienced, we have to remember that while much seems lost, it is for us as parents and friends to look for new ways to not just notice, but to also create new types of memories.



Left: Ainslee Evans and Joseph Egusquiza enjoyed a prom for just themselves during the weekend. **Above:** The Homedale High School seniors’ families gathered for a photo before the couple had a dinner and dance to themselves. **From left:** Ainslee’s parents Clara-Leigh and Oscar; Ainslee and Joseph, and Joseph’s parents Sarah and Joe. Photos by Lauryn Fisher / Kylee Olivia Photography

Marsing 4-H’ers receive dairy heifers sight unseen

Virus creates unique project selection process in Caldwell

Three Reynolds Creek 4-H club members recently received fair animals through the Treasure Valley Dairy Replacement Heifer Program. Because of social distancing protocol, none of the 4-H’ers — Marsing siblings Alicia Worley, Alex Worley and Andrew Worley — even saw their dairy project animals until they were out of the sale yard and on the road after the April 18 selection event. The children and their mother, Reynolds Creek 4-H leader Michelle Parr, pulled over on the side of the road to check out Vanilla (Andrew’s heifer), Star (Alex’s animal) and Buttercup (Alicia’s heifer) after leaving the Treasure Valley Livestock yard. “It was certainly exciting for them, to say the least,” Parr said. Parr and her three children waited in their vehicle after arriving at the livestock yard as University of Idaho Canyon County Extension employees loaded the heifers into the trailer. The process was modified to ensure limitations on how many people were gathered trying to get the animals loaded. All replacement heifer program participants drew numbers from a hat to select their animals. The project animals will be shown over an 18-month period

at Meridian Dairy Days, the Owyhee County Fair and the Western Idaho Fair. The heifers will be sold at the end of next year’s Western Idaho Fair. “The Treasure Valley Dairy Replacement Heifer Program provides a one-of-a-kind experience for youth,” Parr said. “They are able to learn about caring for and showing their heifers, and keeping accurate records as well as the importance of the Idaho dairy industry. “They are then able to help teach others about farming and proper animal husbandry. The program is a lot of work but very rewarding.” Alex said he came back for a second year because he had fun in his first year. He likes that the program helps people understand that dairies and farmers take good care of their animals. He also had advice for 4-H animal project first-timers. “I would definitely say to work with them (your heifer) every day and give them lots of treats,” Alex said. The blind draw because of COVID-19 social distancing precautions was a new experience for Alex, who was able to pick his own animal last year. He’s still satisfied with his heifer, though. “I am very happy with her because she’s not too big and

not too small,” he said. “She is half white and half black and is in good condition and top quality.” Andrew Worley is a first-time participant in the replacement program, but only because of his age. “I heard about it last year and wanted to join, but I was too young,” he said. Andrew is new to showing animals, so he has a quick goal in mind. “My goal this year is to learn showmanship before Meridian Dairy Days,” he said of the June event. Andrew was interviewed after working with his animal for less than a week. “I am happy with her because she is doing really well, and this is only the fourth day that I have been working with her,” he said. Alicia is the Reynolds Creek 4-H reporter and third club member to take part in the heifer replacement program this year. “I am very excited about the program,” Alicia said. Alicia has been training her Jersey heifer and looking forward to showing her at the three livestock shows. “She is doing really well, and I can catch her easily,” Alicia said. — Reynolds Creek 4-H club reporter Alicia Worley, a Marsing Elementary second-grader, conducted the interviews that helped shape this article.



The 4H’ers and their projects (from top): Alex Worley and Star, Alicia Worley and Buttercup, and Andrew Worley and Vanilla. Submitted photos

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Jordan Valley CWMA's weed fight doesn't take a break

Whitetop treatment announced; meetings on hold

Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area monthly meetings have been postponed, but coordinator Eric Morrison is still working out of the border-town office.

In a recent newsletter, Morrison said meetings have been postponed until the COVID-19 stay-at-home orders in both Oregon and Idaho are lifted.

"I am working in the office," Morrison wrote in the mailing. "I am working in the office. Call before coming to town to be sure I am in, or call in your questions."

Morrison can be reached at (541) 586-3000 or by email at jvcwma@qwestoffice.net. The CWMA office is located at 508 Swisher Ave.

In what usually would be a pre-meeting newsletter/agenda, Morrison provided land owners and weed fighters with "items to ponder."

He reported that state grants from Oregon and Idaho have been signed and are ready to help start the 2020 weed-fighting campaign.

He also said that it was time to treat whitetop (hoary cress) and Scotch thistle as well as start up a puncturevine pre-emergent treatment program.

The CWMA newsletter also provided information on identifying and treating whitetop.

The information, as always, was gleaned from "Selected

Noxious Weeds of Eastern Oregon."

Description: Whitetop is a herbaceous perennial that spreads mainly through creeping rhizomes producing root shoots. Also called hoary cress, each plant produces hundreds of seeds. Hoary means "grayish," and cress refers to its use as a salad green in medieval Europe.

Draba is the most common of the three species in far Eastern Oregon. Draba seed pods are heart-shaped and leaves are 1 to 3 inches long with slightly toothed margins near the tip.

White flowers develop at stem ends and form a canopy, and each has four petals opposite.

The weed is closely related to broccoli and in fact has a similar taste but with a spiciness and heat. The seeds are hot and spicy, as to be expected from the mustard family.

Habitat: The weed prefers disturbed areas and places with deep sub-moisture. Whitetop will infest hay and pastures, and it has been extending into rangeland in recent years.

Control: Plant competition is an effective way to prevent whitetop invasion.

Successful control depends on spraying the right time with an aggressive reapplication program:

- There is no bio-control for general release presently
- Telar, Escort or MSM 60 can be used pre-bloom to bloom
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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 84 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 927 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 182 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 600,900 acre-feet of water on Monday.

— Information compiled from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Helena Chemical in Homedale.



Two-year-old Gus Kirkland, accompanied by his grandmother, Homedale Elementary third-grade teacher Jan Silva, receives a blue spruce seedling from an HES staff member on Thursday at the school. Homedale School District received 150 of the tree starters from the Owyhee Conservation District to distribute along with school lunch.

Conservation district distributes spruce seedlings to area families

The COVID-19 pandemic prompted the cancellation of many Arbor Day celebrations Friday, resulting in an overabundance of Colorado Blue Spruce seedlings for the Idaho Forest Products Commission (IFPC).

But, thanks to the Owyhee Conservation District, scores of those seedlings are getting into the hands of local families.

The commission frequently offers the seedlings to Idaho cities during Arbor Day observances. They also offer them every spring at The Home Depot and other corporate sponsors to promote planting trees.

But this year, according to the IFPC, the organization had 21,000 seedlings without homes because of restrictions



Taylor (left) and Malone Spencer picked up a couple seedlings and educational material on Marsing in Friday. Taylor is in the second grade at Marsing Elementary. Submitted photo

because of the pandemic. So the commission donated 400 young trees for the Owyhee Conservation Dis-

trict (OCD) to distribute.

The district sent 150 seedlings to Homedale Elementary School to hand out to students on Thursday when they picked up their lunches and educational packets. The remainder of the trees was kept at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center in Marsing and passed out on Friday to families in that town.

In addition to the seedlings, OCD administrative assistant Debbie Abel put together some educational materials to hand out. She said that she placed an "honor bucket" with the trees outside the office on Friday, and monitored it from her desk.

Although the IFPC donated the trees, a shipping fee of \$55 per 160 trees was required. The seedlings were shipped from the Pitkin Nursery, at the University of Idaho, in Moscow.

IFPC estimates that the seedlings may last until the end of May, but if they can be planted by the beginning of the month, the success rate of the trees would be much higher.

— TK

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Motorists line Main Street in Grand View waiting for their chance to enter the Rimrock Senior Center parking lot and receive a care package from Bruneau-Grand View School District personnel. Submitted photo

Bruneau-Grand View district launches mobile food pantry

Idaho Foodbank helps provide monthlong program

A long line of motorists waited last week to receive commodities from a mobile food pantry in Grand View.

Bruneau-Grand View School District staff joined forces with the Rimrock Senior Center and Idaho Food Bank to provide nearly 150 food boxes. Community volunteers also helped distribute food in the senior center parking lot.

District superintendent Ryan Cantrell said Earnie Lewis, the district’s capacity builder via the state Department of Education, worked with Idaho Foodbank nutrition services

coordinator Alexa Barney to ensure community members’ needs are met during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The drive-up delivery was one part of school staff’s collaboration with the Idaho Foodbank. A temporary food pantry scheduled to last four to six weeks during Gov. Brad Little’s statewide stay-at-home order will be available.

“Under the governor’s order, both school staff and (Idaho Foodbank) staff are considered essential,” Cantrell said. “This provides a way for us to partner together in ensuring community needs are met during this time.

“As this partnership develops, Bruneau-Grand View will provide information to our community on how these services will be provided in the coming weeks.”

Virus precaution alters HES kindergarten sign-up procedure

Homedale Elementary’s kindergarten registration and screening for the 2020-21 school year will have a new look.

Principal Terri Vasquez said changes have been made because of the ongoing statewide stay-home order and social distancing guidelines.

Families can pre-register their students online by using a Google Form at <https://forms.gle/fanTiuJy2F79RCeq8>. Vasquez said the information will be entered into next year’s student information system in preparation for August’s regular registration session.

While registration is available online, officials are still working on a screening plan.

Only students who will turn 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020 are eligible to begin kindergarten for the 2020-21 school year.

Vasquez said data provided through the online registration will give officials a idea of how many students will be starting their education in the fall and lessen the workload for secretary Shelley Townsend during the August registration.

Parents of incoming kindergarteners still must bring their child’s birth certificate, Social Security card, immunization record and proof of residency to the school during the August enrollment period.

Proof of residency can be either utility bill listing the place of residence or a rental agreement. Bills that won’t

work include insurance bills, cellphone bills or any bill for a service not directly used by the residence.

Vasquez has put the information on the school’s Facebook page and the Homedale Community Awareness page on Facebook.

The link also will be available to parents with current students in the district through the REMIND communication system.

“Hopefully people will share the links and information,” Vasquez said.

Questions can be directed to Townsend, who is in the school office between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday and can be reached at (208) 337-4033.

County museum receives help

The Owyhee County Historical Museum is taking part in this year’s Idaho Gives program, seeking to offset the loss of revenue because of its closure during the COVID-19 stay-home order.

According to museum director Eriks Garsvo, the hope was to raise at least \$1,000 to cover monies lost during the

past month. As of Monday afternoon, the museum had raised \$1,020, from 16 donors since the online giving period began at noon Thursday.

The Idaho Gives fundraising drive runs through the end of the day on Thursday, May 7.

Idaho Gives is a program of the Idaho Nonprofit Center and is designed to raise money and

awareness for Idaho nonprofits. IdahoGives.org provides an easy platform for donors to search for organizations to support through donations.

For information about the program, visit IdahoGives.org.

For information about the Owyhee County Historical Museum, call (208) 495-2319.

Drivers cited during rash of car wrecks

Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputies had a busy week, responding to a trio of non-injury car crashes in multiple locations across the county.

- Grand View resident Samantha Elizondo-Rodriguez, 18, received infractions for no insurance and failure to yield to a driver while turning left on April 21, in her hometown.
- Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Elizondo-Rodriguez was driving a 2006 Chrysler 300 and turning left off Roosevelt on to Main Street when she crashed head-on with Marilyn Dean, 78, also of Grand View. Dean was driving a 2017 Subaru northbound on Roosevelt at the time of the crash.
- Elizondo-Rodriguez had two female minors and one male minor passenger in her vehicle.
- Misty Ellis, 20, of Homedale, received an infraction for passing within

100 feet of an intersection on April 20, west of Homedale.

Ellis was driving a 2008 Dodge Avenger west on Idaho highway 19, following Randy Eddy, 50, Parma, who was at the wheel of a 2009 Chevy Silverado. Ellis attempted to pass Eddy as he was turning left on to Southside Road and drove into the back of his pickup.

- Also on April 20, Brandon Sullivan, 29, of Garden Grove, Calif., was driving north on U.S. Highway 95 and started to merge onto Idaho highway 55 when he attempted a U-turn without noticing the vehicle behind him.

Hunter Vetter, 19, of Reno, Nev., driving a 2008 Toyota, collided with Sullivan’s vehicle during the failed U-turn.

Both drivers reported pains but refused treatment from Marsing Ambulance personnel.

No citations were issued.

— TK

Snake River water trail event cancelled

A weeklong Snake River paddling excursion, set to visit both Homedale and Marsing during an eight-day span over summer has been cancelled in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Organizers of the 2020 Water Trail Expedition, originally set for June 27 to July 4, announced the cancellation in an email.

“Our top priority during these times is to keep our local communities safe,” Laura Barbour wrote in the email.

Barbour is an outdoor recreation planner and water trail coordinator with Canyon County Parks, Cultural and Natural Resources.

“We came to the realization that moving forward with the river trip, in conjunction with the planned public events at sites along the river, would pose a public health risk,” Barbour wrote.

The organization is planning at Water Trail Expedition in 2021.

On behalf of the Water Trail Steering Committee, Barbour thanked everyone involved in planning the aborted 2020 event, including the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

“Planning for next year’s Expedition will commence when we’re all able to reconvene as a Steering Committee, either virtually or in person,” Barbour wrote.

The trip is geared to celebrated the Snake River Water Trail, which allows recreationists to paddle from Three Island Crossing in Glens Ferry to Farewell Bend in Oregon. The route includes floating through the Owyhee County stretch of the river past Givens Hot Springs, Marsing and Homedale as well as Adrian in Malheur County.

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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
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Farm Service Agency employee Gwen Miller (right) accepts a 30-year award from FSA West District director Jon Mills. Submitted photo

Longtime FSA technician to retire

A woman who began her U.S. Department of Agriculture career in Marsing 30 years ago is retiring.

Gwen Miller will be leaving her post as program technician with the Canyon/Ada/Owyhee office of the USDA Farm Service Agency.

Miller spent the first 22 years of her FSA career in the Marsing office on Old Bruneau Highway.

Miller moved to the Caldwell office in August 2012 when the federal government merged the Owyhee office with the Ada and Canyon offices.

Most recently, Miller has been the agency’s key program technician, serving as a resource person for the entire state in price support programs and livestock programs.

“Gwen has been a great asset to the Caldwell Office and will be greatly missed by the staff and the producers of Owyhee, Canyon and Ada counties,” FSA county executive director Kyla Pearson said.

Miller’s last day is Thursday, but an open house will not be held because of office restrictions and social distancing requirements as part of the government’s COVID-19 response.



First-responders pass out meals

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller (left) and Carri Cooper of the Homedale Ambulance crew transfer milk cartons to a cooler during meal distribution at the Txoko Ona Basque Center parking lot Thursday.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

May 3, 1995



Shake-down cruise

Jim Kershner, Mike Hanley, and another helper harness a four-horse team to Hanley’s stagecoach for an exercising run prior to this weekend’s big trip. Hanley will drive the coach from Jordan Valley, Oregon to McDermitt, Nevada and will stop at an old stage station along the way for a dedication ceremony. Kershner and Hanley sometimes hook up the horses for a family trip to the Basque Inn in Jordan Valley for ice cream.

Local youth wins Congressional Award

Homedale youth Matt VanderBoegh gained possession of something just a handful of Idahoans (one of them is his big brother Lee) have ever earned: a Bronze Congressional Award.

The Congressional Award Program is in its second year in Idaho, and from across the state VanderBoegh was one of just four people who earned an award this year.

How prestigious is that achievement?

Consider for a moment that the program’s co-chairmen include Idaho’s entire congressional delegation: Senators Larry Craig and Dirk Kempthorne and Congressmen Mike Crapo and Helen Chenoweth, and that Kempthorne and Crapo also both spoke at a recent ceremony honoring the for youths at the state Capitol.

If nothing else that provides a measure of the program’s difficulty and of the determination required of the teens to succeed.

Homedale man lands 47-inch pike

Ray Harr of Homedale reeled in a 31-pound, 47-inch Northern Pike last month from the waters of Lake Coeur d’Alene in northern Idaho.

The catch concluded a 10-day trip to the lake for Harr, who also caught a “throwaway” two -foot specimen the week before.

Harr was using steel leader (to defeat the fish’s tough and multiple teeth), 30-pound test, two treble hooks and mackerel smelt for bait.

Rimrock students take all in Elks essay contest

Several seventh graders in Ms. Madison’s English class at Rimrock Jr. Sr. High School entered essays into the Elks Lodge Essay Contest. The students wrote on the subject: “Why it is important to vote.”

The seventh graders competed against students from Mountain Home and the Air Force Base. The Rimrock students took all the prizes.

Winners of the contest were Josh Whitworth, Kelli McBride, Cassandra Bednorz, Mark Moss, Josh Miller and Laura Ness.

They will attend a banquet at the Elks Lodge on Tuesday, May 2 to receive their awards.

50 years ago

April 30, 1970

Trojan trackmen first at Southwest Idaho meet

Four records fell last Thursday on Homedale’s new cinder speedway as the Trojans staved off a strong challenge by New Plymouth to win the Southwest Idaho League track meet by 2½ points.

Homedale finished the day with 80½ points to 78 for the Pilgrims as the two teams outstripped the remainder of the conference.

Scott Justice put New Plymouth on top right away by tying the meet record, 15.6, in the 120-yard high hurdles to open the competition.

Homedale didn’t pick up a win until Joni Uda won the 100 in 10.7 against a strong quartering wind, the first of a total of eight first places the Trojans harvested.

Homedale High School seniors to receive diplomas

An outdoor graduation ceremony at 8 p.m. at the Homedale High School athletic stadium is being planned for the 61 seniors who will graduate on May 22.

No speaker has been obtained and a program is being arranged with class members taking part, Principal Darrell Reisch indicated.

Seven seniors, with grade point averages ranging from a straight of 4.0 to 3.48 will be honored.

The seven top students are Betty Eidemiller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Eidemiller, Rt. 1, Wilder; Bonnie Takasugi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Takasugi, Rt. 1, Homedale; Roy Eiguren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Eiguren, Homedale; Steve Breshears, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Breshears, Rt. 1 Homedale; Sally Cantrall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cantrall, Rt. 1, Wilder; Patti Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Deward Bell, Rt. 1, Wilder; LeAnda Johnstone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Johnstone, Rt. 1, Marsing.

Trojans place 1st in subdistrict A-3 track tourney

Homedale High School trackmen proved the best wind battlers Tuesday and rolled up 104 points at the subdistrict A-3 meet at Middleton to qualify a total of 14 boys into Saturday’s district finals at Weiser.

Battling a near-gale, a total of 19 schools participated on the Middleton High oval with the top six finishers in each event advancing to the finals.

Kuna High surprised with a strong second, collecting 69 points, and New Plymouth ranked third with 67½ points.

Beside the 14 individual placements, Homedale also landed two relay teams.

New Plymouth rated second with 13 individuals and three relay teams while Kuna placed eight and three relay squads.

Rimrock High’s Rollie Woolsey scored a triple for the day when he captured the 100-yard dash in 10.4, the 220 in 25.1 and the quarter-mile with a 54.2.

Surveys indicate good year for sage grouse

Early reports from sage grouse booming site surveys indicate another bumper year for sage grouse according to Dick Norell, regional game manager for the Idaho Fish and Game Department.

Norell said, however, final tabulations will not be made until after batching later in the summer. He said most of the surveys were made in Owyhee County.

145 years ago

May 1, 1875

FIRE.—

The roof of the store of Mr. Labrecht caught fire to-day from a defective stove pipe which was too close to the shingles. As soon as discovered the neighbors came to the assistance of Mr. L., and by carrying several buckets of water to the roof, the fire was extinguished. Some damage was done by the water dropped inside. Had this fire occurred in the night, or during a heavy wind, most of the town would probably have been laid in ashes, and as the buildings are all uninsured, the loss would have been very serious.

Such lack of vigilance as this, displayed by property owners, is grossly culpable, and we hope it will be a warning to all to be on the look out for such blemishes hereafter.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.—

At the War Eagle Hotel, the following gentlemen left their autographs yesterday, Thos. McDonald, H. Meddlecott, G. Griffeth, James and William Richards.

At the Idaho Hotel—O.S. Wright, Peterson; W.S. Baker, San Francisco; Simon Harris, Geo. Jeffrey, Geo. R. Young, Fairview; A. Lackey, City.

(From Monday’s Daily)

BREVITIES—

Stages late yesterday.

Fine weather for promenading.

Fishing will be good in a few days.

Climbing the foothills is said to be good to develop the calves.

The boys are beginning to find plenty of dry spots for their favorite sport with marble.

Milt Tregaskis has gone to Idaho City to spend a few days. He has a sweetheart there.

The dust is making a speedy exit from various houses while the carpets are taking an airing outside.

A young lady in this town wants to know why one of the compositors in the AVALANCHE office calls it an “impression” every time he kisses her. It is the force of habit, dear.

It is a good time to organize a street cleaning brigade.

Dr. COLMACHE returned from Jordan Valley last night where he has a patient. He had the misfortune to break his collarbone while down there and is laid up in bed to-day. The doctor has no desire to renew the trip before the roads improve.

ARRIVED.—

A number of George Baker’s teams arrived in town yesterday bringing a supply of spring goods for our merchants. There was quite a procession of them. Shop keepers will be able to make a fresh display in their windows in a day or two.

A PERSON stepped into one of our stores here a few days ago, and was told if he didn’t see what he wanted to ask for it. He said he wanted a ten dollar bill and remarked that he “didn’t see it.” The clerk aptly replied, “neither do I.”

A special dispatch to the AVALANCHE from San Francisco this morning says that the Silver Cord Mining Company have levied an assessment of \$1 per share, amounting to \$24,000, delinquent May 31st.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Nature films

“Here we are friends, on the Serengeti Plains in the wilds of Serengeti.” As the crowd leans in closer to the television, we see the swaying boab trees ... an endless sea of grass waving off into the horizon. We hear the quiet buzz of tsetse flies humming strains of “Baby Elephant Walk.” Just as we are becoming mesmerized into the peaceful surroundings on the screen, a lone gazelle suddenly bursts on the scene! It leaps and dives, with graceful arcs, nimble footwork, and darting back and forth like a cockroach wearing cleats. Then, out of the savannah, like a big shoe, streaks the jungle’s answer to LeBron James: Charlie the Cheetah. Charlie pounces on the gazelle and drags him to the ground.

Another example of nature’s survival of the fittest. But did you ever wonder how the film crew happened to be there at that exact moment? As you may have heard, nature programs are always under close scrutiny. The filmmakers are accused of staging scenes, of using tame animals or zoo animals and of staking out “prey” for the predators to pounce on.

But may I point out to those who are shocked by this revelation that this is television. Movies. Show Business! The media of revisionist history, docu-drama, infomercials and reality shows. A business where the facts are altered and endings changed to make a more entertaining program.

Wanton acts of animal cruelty should be avoided. But filming an anteater licking the inside of a termite mound from the termite’s point of view takes a little more planning. I mean, how long can a cameraman wait inside a termite’s living room? Anybody that’s ever tried to get a dog or kid to repeat a trick while you run and get the camera knows how hard it is to film spontaneous acts.

I’ve always assumed nature films were staged. I figured the crew gathered after breakfast and drove to a carefully selected spot. They arrive when the lighting is just right. From the back of a used stock truck (with Nairobi plates) they unload an old antelope, a gnu with foot rot and six crippled rabbits. The director points to the truck driver, and the prey limps out. Then the director points to the animal trainer. He releases his leopard. Cameras roll ... the leopard bounds toward the hobbling gnu, leaps for his throat and throws him to the ground.

“Cut!” Cries the director. The leopard helps the gnu up, dusts him off, and they go back to the truck. Everybody packs up and gets back to the hotel by cocktail time. Isn’t that how they filmed Jurassic Park?

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

Letters to the editor: Election2020

Richards is the most qualified District 23 Senate candidate

Brenda Richards is the correct person to fill the vacant Senate seat for District 23.

Brenda will enter the Senate with the ability to work with the other legislators from Day 1. She has built working relationships with legislators and other elected officers in the state during her service as Owyhee County treasurer and her service with the Public Lands Council.

She has experience working with federal bureaucrats and knows how to deal with them in a manner that will limit federal intrusion into the state. She has a full understanding of issues related to public land use, including grazing, endangered species, recreation, and fire control. She will protect the private property rights related to public land use, and Idaho’s interests related to public lands.

Brenda is an expert on property taxes after serving 12 years as Owyhee County treasurer. She has the expertise to work on property tax relief that is meaningful and would stay within the confines of the Idaho State Constitution. She will work to find the balance to create property tax code that will provide for the essential service of school and county needs, while protecting the taxpayer.

Brenda is a strong advocate of the 2nd Amendment and will work to protect that right. She believes in

Election letters

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

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.

Right to Life and the values that make Idaho the great state that it is.

She will represent all citizens of District 23 and will not pander to the approval of a single group just to gain their approval.

Brenda will be there to make a difference. Vote Brenda Richards for District 23 Senate.

Shawn and Annette Dygert
Owyhee County

Zito will fight for freedom, conservative principles

Christy Zito has served Idahoans as state representative from Legislative District 23 for the last four years. She has proven herself as an intelligent, dedicated lawmaker who has never wavered in her support of the constitution and bill of rights.

Christy has many achievements as a lawmaker; among them being a champion for the unborn and 2nd Amendment rights. Thanks to her leadership, Idaho has a “constitutional carry” law, making our state one of the most gun-friendly in the nation. Christy has also earned the respect of many colleagues and constituents. She’s garnered awards and recognition

from freedom-loving organizations such as the American Conservative Union and Idaho Freedom Foundation.

Having proven herself as a principled, servant leader in the Idaho House, Christy is now running for a seat in the Idaho state Senate. During these trying times, proven, competent leadership is more important now than ever.

Please join me in supporting Christy Zito for Idaho state Senate, Legislative District 23.

Russ Fulcher
Congressman, Idaho’s First District

Richards will bring rural voice, sound reasoning to Senate

Please join me in voting for Brenda Richards for the open District 23 Senate seat. Brenda, her husband Tony, and their three sons have ranched in Owyhee County for years.

As you know, our district is largely agricultural, and we need someone who truly understands this livelihood to represent us. Brenda’s varied experiences makes her very well qualified. For 12 years she was elected as the Owyhee County Treasurer. She has worked on the Owyhee Initiative for 15 years, serving as chairman for the last four years.

Sixty-one percent of our state is owned by the federal government. Brenda’s seven years of service

(three as vice-chair) on the Boise District Bureau of Land Management Resource Advisory Council and two years as National President of the Public Lands Council gives her unique insight into representing our agricultural issues and private property rights.

I have known Brenda for years. She hears. She listens. She weighs all sides. She responds with tact and diplomacy.

Please support Brenda Richards in our May primary by going to Idahovotes.gov or by requesting an absentee ballot.

Jeanne Gannon
Buhl

Richards has depth of knowledge, wisdom to serve Dist. 23

I am writing to encourage your support and vote for Brenda Richards as Idaho District 23 Senator. I have known and worked with Brenda in various capacities for the last 16 years. This includes her service on the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association board, Idaho Cattle Association, president of the National Public Lands Council, Owyhee County Treasurer, University of Idaho Extension programs, and the Idaho Rangeland Conservation Partnership.

Brenda Richards is a strong conservative voice for rural Idaho. She is a person of high integrity with a broad understanding of the issues in Idaho

and beyond. She has experience working on local, state, and national levels. Willingness to take a stand is important; however, knowing when to take that stand is just as important. Brenda has the wisdom to choose the right battles.

Brenda is a supporter of your Second Amendment rights, has strong family values, and is pro-life. She believes in the value of education and is a supporter of local control for our schools. Brenda has also been a supporter and collaborator of University

Commentary

Financial management

Be emphatic but sympathetic when helping kin get debt-free

Dear Dave,
I'm debt-free except for my home, and it is all because I started following your plan four years ago. I'm even on track to pay off my mortgage in eight years. With all the scary economic news out there, I'd love to talk to my family about following your advice, too. Do you have any suggestions for doing this without sounding like a know-it-all or that I am bragging?

— Lacey

Dear Lacey,
It has been my experience that when it comes to family, words don't always do the trick. There's an old saying

that goes, "Those convinced against their will are of the same opinion still." Some people have been brainwashed into believing credit cards and debt are an unavoidable part of life. They're stuck in their ways, and nothing anyone can say or do is going to change that.
I've been fortunate enough to help millions of people change their lives, get out of debt, and take control of their finances. But there are millions more who will never listen. They'll just keep going deeper and deeper into debt, and never realize the real problem is the person they see in the mirror every morning.
The truth is, you can make

irrefutable arguments against



credit cards. People who use them spend more than those who use cash or debit cards. Research has proven this. You

don't need one to rent a car, get a hotel room, or buy airline tickets. A debit card will do all those things without piling up debt. For an emergency fund, you can simply save up cash. It takes some discipline and hard work, but relying on credit when things go wrong is a really bad idea. It's a trap.
If they won't listen to all these truths, try telling them your story. Let them know you understand from experience how hard breaking old habits can be. Emphasize how amazing your life has been since you made the decision to actively control your money, instead of allowing a lack of money to control you.

Congratulations, Lacey. I'm proud of you for working so hard and being disciplined. I hope you can be an influence on others in your family, and help lead them to a place of financial peace, too!
— Dave

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

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programs and research. She is fiscally conservative and understands the importance of budgets and accountability.
I believe that Brenda Richards is the best choice for Idaho District 23 Senator. Please join me in voting for Brenda Richards.
Scott Jensen
Marsing

Richards has proven record of protecting freedoms

Friday, April 17, 2020, was a day to remember. The Idaho Freedom Foundation, Idaho Second Amendment Alliance, and Health Freedom Idaho organized a rally that a fairly large group (more than 10) attended. This rally was held at the State Capital in defiance of Gov. Little's stay home order.
They were exercising their freedom and right to gather and continue to spread the COVID-19 virus, as there are many who are silent carriers. In their selfish actions and defiance, they have taken away the freedoms of the elderly, compromised health patients, cancer patients, first-responders, and all health care workers, by spreading COVID-19 virus to everyone they come in contact with.
What happened to the freedom of those who contract COVID-19 through no fault of their own because of the selfish actions of others? Please, do your part and practice social distancing and wear your protective gear for your protection and the protections of everyone around you.
We are all in this together and pray it will soon be over. We all want life back to normal as soon as possible.

We will soon be voting. Brenda Richards is the best person to protect everyone's freedoms in District 23 and all of Idaho. She has a proven record. Vote Brenda Richards, Senate District 23.
Joe Merrick
Owyhee County Dist. 3 commisssioner

Brenda Richards will listen to people's needs as senator

It is an honor to write a letter of support for Brenda Richards for the Senate seat of Legislative District 23. I had the privilege to work with Brenda for over 10 years in the Idaho Association of County Treasurers. I have always known Brenda to be honest, intelligent and forward-thinking.
Brenda served as chair of the Idaho Association of Public Lands Steering Committee and was Idaho's delegate to the Western Interstate Region, as well as serving on the National Association of Counties Public Lands Steering Committee. She has served as the Owyhee County treasurer and has been involved in several organizations and leadership roles within these organizations.
Brenda will listen to the needs of the people of Idaho and stand strong for the values she believes in. Her proven leadership and conservative values are a perfect fit for the vacant Senate seat in Legislative District 23.
It is because of these strengths and qualities I am encouraging the voters in Legislative District 23 to vote for Brenda Richards.
Don't forget to go to idahovotes.gov to request your absentee ballot.
Tine Wines
Gooding County treasurer
Gooding

Submit letters to the editor by noon Friday

Contacting elected officials

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Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REZONING FOR MUTIUSE CITY OF MARSING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Wednesday, the 13th day of May, 2020, at the hour of 7:00 o'clock p.m., at Marsing City Hall, 425 W. Main St, Marsing, Idaho, the City of Marsing will hold a public hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments regarding the proposed rezoning for Marsing Agricultural Labor Sponsoring Committee located at 5758 Highway 78, Marsing. ID 83639 in regard to make it a multiuse zone. The City Council will consider and hear all comments thereto which may also be made in writing and filed with the City Clerk on or before said time.

04/29,05/06/2020

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT OF SECTION 8-6-4 OF MARSING CITY CODE CITY OF MARSING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Wednesday, the 13th day of May, 2020, at the hour of 7:00 o'clock p.m., at Marsing City Hall, 425 W. Main St, Marsing, Idaho, the City of Marsing will hold a public hearing to take testimony on the proposed amendment to section 8-6-4 of Marsing City Code to provide for right of way improvements for commercial and industrial uses. The City Council will consider and hear all comments thereto which may also be made in writing and filed with the City Clerk on or before said time.

04/29,05/06/2020

GRAND VIEW WATER FACILITY PLAN REQUEST FOR BID and STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

The City of Grand View, Idaho, (City) is soliciting bids and Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) from qualified professional engineering firms for the Grand View Water Facility Plan. The Grand View Water Facility Plan scope of work generally includes: A description of the existing drinking water system. City's population growth and future water demand projections. Evaluations of the city's water system supply, distribution, condition of existing facilities and operation and maintenance programs.

The Grand View Water Facility Plan shall also include system nitrate mitigation plans. All parts or work not specifically mentioned that are necessary in order to provide a complete water

facility plan shall be included in the bid and shall conform to all local, State, and Federal requirements. The Grand View Water Facility Plan project will be funded with an Idaho Department of Environmental Quality grant funds and local sources.

The City of Grand View is accepting sealed bids and SOQ, to be submitted to City Hall at 425 Boise Avenue, Grand View, Idaho 83624. Mailing address: City of Grand View, PO Box 69, Grand View, Idaho 83624. Sealed bids and six (6) copies of the SOQ must be clearly marked "Bid and SOQ Enclosed – Grand View Water Facility Plan". Bids and SOQs will be accepted by the City until 2:00 p.m., MST, Wednesday, May 13th, 2020, for the following project: Grand View Water Facility Plan. Bids and SOQ received after the deadline will not be considered. The complete facility plan bid and SOQ information request is available from Kathy Brown, City Clerk, and may be requested in writing or by phone, (208) 834-2700.

Kathy Brown
City Clerk
04/22,04/29/2020

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON
NAME CHANGE
CASE NO. CV14-20-03268
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT FOR THE STATE
OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR
THE COUNTY OF CANYON**
IN RE: CAYLEE LYNN DERRICK Legal name. A petition to change the name of Caylee Lynn Derrick, an adult, now residing in the city of Caldwell, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Canyon County, Idaho. The name will change to Caylee Lynn Derrick Elordi. The reason for the change in name is: I want to take my biological father's name.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 9:00 o'clock a.m. on June 03, 2020 at the Canyon County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: April 16, 2020
s:/Marisa Spencer, Deputy Clerk
04/29,05/06,13,20/2020

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(I.C. 15-3-801)
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY
OF OWYHEE
CASE NO. CV37-19-419**
In the Matter of the Estate of ANSELMO "SAM" ZAMUDIO,

Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, 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 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 7th day of April, 2020.
s:/Aaron Howard
State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare
By: AARON HOWARD,
Bureau Chief
Bureau of Financial Operations,
Div. of Medicaid
04/15,22,29/2020

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON A PERMIT APPLICATION AND PROPOSED PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT WITH A PRE-PERMIT CONSTRUCTION APPROVAL REQUEST

In compliance with Sections 58.01.01.209 and 213, Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho, notice is hereby given that US Ecology Idaho, Inc., Grand View, has applied to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for a permit to construct with a pre-permit construction approval request. The project P-2008.0162 Project Number 62415 is for a permit modification to construct a new waste stabilization building and drum storage canopy. The facility, a solid and hazardous waste disposal facility, is located at 20400 Lemley Road, Grand View, ID. A public comment period on the proposed permit will be provided if a written request is submitted on or before May 14, 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 29th day of April, 2020.
Whitney Rowley
Air Quality Division
04/29/20



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- Christy Zito



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Nevada woman perishes in head-on crash on U.S. 95

A Nevada teenager died in a head-on collision Thursday night south of Marsing.

Idaho State Police reported that 19-year-old Kaitlyn Torres of Eureka, Nev., succumbed at the scene to injuries suffered in a two-vehicle crash on U.S. Highway 95 about 11 miles from the Oregon border.

ISP began investigating the accident shortly before 10 p.m.

Troopers report that Torres was driving a 2017 Subaru Legacy southbound on U.S. 95 when at milepost 11 her vehicle went left of center and collided head-on with a 2017 Freightliner tractor-trailer driven by 62-year-old Robert Pierce of Fernley, Nev.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said it was "one of the most horrific crash scenes" he has witnessed in his time with the agency.

Pierce was taken by ambulance to Caldwell's West Valley Medical Center.

The roadway was blocked in both directions for about 6½ hours as crews cleared the scene. Lanes were re-opened early Friday morning.

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✓ Library: R&M Steel itemizes incorrect construction procedures

City officials are trying to get general contractor Excelsior Construction Co., of Meridian to correct mistakes made in the building process, and today's meeting is designed to bring together council members and construction principals to discuss the situation.

R&M Steel donated the pre-engineered metal building (PEMB), components for which were fabricated at its Caldwell factory. R&S Constructors of Kuna did the on-site erection as a subcontractor for project lead Excelsior.

Today's meeting is the latest step in a process that included site visits in mid-March by R&M Steel representatives, according to a string of emails The Owyhee Avalanche obtained through a public records request.

But Excelsior president

Chris Waldram has suggested an approach that would eliminate the public meeting and — essentially — remove the council's ability to have direct knowledge and oversight of the construction principle's solution.

Waldram told Homedale clerk and treasurer Alice Pegram in an April 21 email that "We cannot meet with the city council and the press," so it is unclear if his company will participate today.

In his email, Waldram suggested that the construction principles meet with R&M Steel reps to resolve the situation on-site — and report back to the city council afterward.

After today's meeting was announced to the principles through an email from Pegram, Waldram issued another email Friday morning reiterating

that the companies involved "agreed" that the only necessary meeting would include his company, R&M Steel, Architecture Northwest (ANW), and R&S Constructors.

"We can get these issues resolved directly to R&M's satisfaction as the designer of record for the metal building," Waldram wrote. "We do, however, need ANW and the City of Homedale to agree that if the issues are resolved to R&M's satisfaction (that) ANW and the City of Homedale will sign off on that."

In a March 30 email to Architecture Northwest's Matt Garner, R&M project manager Marla Gammett Hartley identified several problems with the building construction:

- Improper screws in down spouts and gutters
- Improper installation of window trim and jamb trim on windows
- Improper installation of gable trim at low side and high side eave gaps
- Improper installation of high side and low side eave trim. Apparently high side trim was used on the low side resulting in insufficient roof overhang.

"In closing, trim work and overall craftsmanship is subpar due to not following details and plans supplied by R&M Steel Co.," Gammett Hartley closed her email.

Photos attached to the R&M Steel email showed dinged and damaged panels, which Excelsior earlier had said arrived on site in that condition.

"Part of the resolution would include gutters and downspouts on the east side of the building but not replacement of the dinged panels at the southwest corner of the building," Waldram wrote in his April 21 email to Pegram, the city council and other construction principles.

Gutters have been stacked on the east side of the new property for weeks awaiting installation.

In a meeting earlier this year, the council learned of leaks in the new roof, too.

The problems Gammett Hartley itemized were apparently discovered during R&M Steel's on-site inspection in mid-March.

"In phone calls and email correspondence (R&M Steel reps) assert that if left in the current condition there could be significant roof leaks that could develop in the future," Haverfield said in an April 16 email to Waldram.

In a March 26 estimate, R&M Steel owner Rob Roberts provided R&S Constructors owner Clint Schaffer and the city with a quote on the cost to replace the upper and lower portions of the roof. In an April 21 email, Haverfield pointed out concerns about whether the building would be properly sealed against inclement or windy weather.

Roberts' estimate for material to replace the roof — minus company donations totaling \$3,850 — was \$4,890.

"I understand there is some trim issues, but I'm not understanding why anyone thinks the roof needs replaced," Schaffer wrote to Architecture Northwest last week. "These are not warranty issues. They are craftsmanship issues."

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