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A SIGN OF HOPE



Double rainbow emerges from the storm

A double rainbow frames a ranch truck in Oreana after last week's latest spring rains moved through the area. Photo by Steve Boren

Homedale students graduate academies

Two Homedale High School alumni are finishing their careers at U.S. military academies this week.

Midshipman 1st Class Victoria Nash, a 2015 HHS graduate, will graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., on Friday.



Dylan Burks, a 2016 Homedale grad, will graduate from the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., on Saturday.



A Homedale native, Nash is

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County ordinance would set specific fees for solar arrays

Public meeting on proposal scheduled

The rise in popularity of small-scale solar power development has led officials to reconsider Owyhee County's permit fee schedule.

The current Community Development fee schedule

requires a \$3,000 conditional use permit fee for any solar development. Community Development administrator Mary Huff explained that the CUP fee was established years ago as part of an umbrella "all other uses" category.

But, taking into consideration the proliferation of solar projects, the Board of County Commissioners asked Huff to draw up an ordinance and fee

schedule specific to those developments earlier this year.

Next Wednesday, the Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a meeting to gather input on the proposed ordinance.

The public meeting starts at 2 p.m., in the Owyhee County Courthouse Annex building, 17069 Basey St., in Murphy.

The meeting will be held at the

— See *Ordinance*, page 4

Full steam ahead for Owyhee County Fair

Board chair to receive \$1K for water truck use

University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension educator Scott Jensen led off the May 7 fair board meeting with the question that is running through many people's minds: Will there be a fair in 2020?

"Rumor is we're not hav-

ing a fair," Jensen said. "You know how many people have called and sent emails about this?"

At this point, rumors of the fair demise are greatly exaggerated.

Currently, the board is making plans with the assumption that the 2020 Owyhee County Fair & Rodeo is a go for Aug. 3 through Aug. 8.

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Search continues for new Marsing councilperson

Labor camp rezone hearing continued to June

For the second straight council meeting, Marsing city is down one councilperson.

Mayor Chad Sevy said that he has received three applications from people interested in filling the position vacated by Tony Malmberg’s resignation in April. Malmberg had served since January 2018.

Sevy has conducted two interviews, and will meet with the third applicant today. He expects to have a decision by Friday.

During its regular meeting last Wednesday, the city council chose to continue until June 10 a scheduled public hearing on an application to rezone from residential to multiuse the Marsing Agricultural Labor Sponsoring Committee (MALSC) property on 8th Avenue West.

City engineer Kirby Cook said that a lot split is required to rezone just one portion of the property, which is part of the labor camp. The rezone application included the whole property. MALSC executive director Luke Ankeny is working on a lot split.

“He’s working on getting that little part separated off so we can rezone just a piece of the property instead of the whole section, which would make his building, as of right now, non-conforming use and he wouldn’t be able to add anything to it,” Cook said. “He could rebuild, but that would be about it.”

Ankeny seeks a rezone so that a new office can be built on the housing authority’s property.

- After another public hearing, council members unanimously amended Marsing city code to address right-of-way improvements for commercial and industrial use.

The vote added an ordinance subsection, which reads, “The construction of commercial and/or industrial uses may require right-of-way improvements ... if improvements are required, a certificate of occupancy shall not be issued until such improvements are inspected and approved by the city.”

City attorney Stephanie J. Bonney said the amendment was just a matter of house-keeping.

“To be honest, we already have the authority to do this,” she said. “We’re just putting it into code to give people a

heads-up.”

City Hall project price increases

Council approved a change order for at least \$14,827 for the new City Hall remodel, located in the old Sandbar Restaurant with a Cause.

Other elements of the change order have yet to be priced.

The change order addresses issues that were discovered by project contractor HCD, Inc., including repairs to the concrete floors in the basement, placing rubber tread on the stairs leading to the basement for safety, and rerouting and replacing a section of the water main.

After floor mats were removed downstairs, Cook said it became apparent that previous concrete repairs had been damaged.

“It can’t be buffed out and made to look nice,” he said, noting chips in the finish.

Cook said the water main has to be rerouted because it is in the way of construction work. A section of the pipe is cracked and needs to be replaced, too.

Cook also informed council members that the sidewalk project down Main Street, from 8th Avenue West to 14th Avenue West, is complete.

The mayor has sent a final acceptance letter to the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) to close out the job.

New code enforcement officer introduced

Sevy introduced the city’s new code enforcement officer, Cory Callison.

Callison thanked the mayor and council for the opportunity and said that he has been spending the previous couple weeks learning the details of his job and meeting people around town. He is from Arizona and only just recently moved to the area.

“My training was canceled, so I’m kind of learning on the fly,” he said. He has reached out to code enforcement officers from Homedale and Caldwell for advice and guidance.

Dog waste stations built at Island Park

Marsing maintenance supervisor Joe Heidt told the council that two dog waste stations have been installed on the north side of Island Park. The stations include refuse bags and a trash can.

“Getting people to actually use the stations will be a test,” Marsing City Clerk Jolyn

Green said.

The stations cost \$560.

Councilmembers authorized the purchase of bark for Island Park, the installation of a man gate at the wastewater treatment plant (\$580), and new “welcome” signs for the city (\$3,250).

A request for a new lawn mower was tabled, and Cook is researching repair work for the elevated water tank.

Heidt said that the city irrigation system is online, as are the sprinkler systems at both city parks.

City to donate \$500 to Leroy Breshears fishing

Mayor Sevy recommended a \$500 donation for the LeRoy Breshears Memorial Fishing Derby, which will be held later this year at Island Park.

The council also approved to pay \$1,325 to Brown Bus Co., for three shuttles to transport Third of July celebrants.

Council members decided to wait until the remodel on the new city hall is done before parting ways with the old one. A value must be assigned to the property, and it must be put up for auction. If no bids are received, it then could be put on the market.

— TK

Free summer meals for youth start Tuesday in Homedale

Thursday is the final school day for Homedale students, but the school district will quickly jump into its summer food service program.

District food service director Vicki Eby has announced the summer lunches will be available for pick-up each Monday through Thursday for a month beginning Tuesday.

Free meals will be provided to all children 18 and younger.

Meals will be distributed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Txoko Ona Basque Center parking lot, 333 S. Main St., and the elementary school, 420 W. Washington Ave.

The program continues through June 5.

The Canyon-Owyhee School Service summer food service program begins on June 1 in Wilder.

Breakfast and lunch will be served at the campus, which is located at 109 Penny Lane.

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Restaurants, salons open in Owyhee as Phase 2 begins

For the first time in about two months, Owyhee County residents had the opportunity Saturday to go out for a bite to eat — in a restaurant.

Gov. Brad Little and the state Department of Health and Welfare director Dave Jeppesen issued an order moving the state into Phase 2 of the Rebound Idaho plan in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Moving into Phase 2 allowed restaurants, hair salons

Owyhee County COVID-19 cases:

8

New cases, May 11 to May 18: 0

Source: coronavirus.idaho.gov

and indoor fitness centers to join the list of businesses that can open to the public.

The order went into effect at midnight Saturday, and some Owyhee County restaurants and hair salons are now open.

Bars, nightclubs and large venues must remain closed.

Gatherings should be limited to 10 or fewer people.

Even as Phase 2 gets under-

way, there are precautions.

Establishments opening in Phase 2 must ensure employees comply with social distancing and sanitation requirements as much as possible.

Even with the opening of restaurants and salons, social distancing guidelines are still in place, so folks not from the same household must maintain a 6-foot physical distancing.

When the physical distancing is not possible, people are urged to wear face coverings in public.

Citizens should continue to wash their hands and use hand sanitizer and perform other hygienic steps such as cover coughs and sneeze, regularly clean high-touch surfaces, and avoid shaking hands.

Everyone who feels sick should stay home.

State officials also recommend people in high-risk groups stay home.

Malheur businesses can re-open under Oregon guidelines

Adrian, Jordan Valley and rest of Malheur County has been cleared to begin Phase 1 reopening under Oregon's COVID-19 guidelines.

Under the plan, restaurants and bars, hair salons and fitness centers can open.

Local gatherings must be limited to 25 people.

Guidelines for restaurants and bars include:

- Tables spaced at least six feet apart to allow the social distancing between individu-

Malheur County COVID-19 cases:

19

Negative tests: 469 (126 new)

New cases, May 11 to May 18: 5

Source: govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19

als, including when customers approach or leave tables.

- All employees must wear cloth or disposable face coverings, to be provided by the employer.
- On-site consumption of food and drink must end by 10 p.m.

Guidelines for hair salons and other personal care services (including massage):

- Make appointments with a pre-appointment health check
- Maintain a customer log
- Maintain six feet social distancing between clients
- Remove magazines, newspapers, snacks and beverages from waiting areas
- Depending on services provided, require face coverings for employees and clients

Fitness centers guidelines include:

- Limit maximum number of customers according to build-

ing space

- Enforce physical distancing and sanitation

The Oregon Health Authority reported five new cases of COVID-19 between May 11 and May 18. During the same seven-day period there were 126 new tests that were negative for the virus.

Overall, OHA has reported 19 COVID-19 cases in Malheur County and 469 negative tests. There have been no deaths reported.



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✓ Ordinance: Meeting starts process

tail end of a busy day of permit hearings for the P&Z board.

Huff said the ordinance vetting process, culminating perhaps with approval by the county commissioners, should take between 60 and 90 days.

She enlisted advice from Idaho Power program specialist Patti Best, who testified during the May 11 county commissioners meeting.

“Idaho Power has a set of rules, called a tariff, that allow people to install on-site generation to their home; primarily we’re seeing solar,” Best said. “The purpose is to let a customer help offset their own use.

“It’s not designed to necessarily give power back to Idaho Power and make money. The real purpose is to allow them to offset their own use.”

Residential customers are allowed to install up to 25 kilowatts (kW) per metered location, Best said of the program’s rules.

“The average home would only need a system of 7-9kW to offset all of their own use,” Best said. “There could be customers that have a much larger load.”

The proposed ordinance outlines solar development as well as how large of a solar array would be allowed by right. Larger systems would be subject to CUPs governed by an associated fee schedule.

Under the proposed amendment, net-metering solar systems that produce less than 10 kilowatts would be allowed in all land use zones (agricultural, residential, multi-use, commercial and industrial) with no CUP required.

Developers would have to obtain an administrative permit to allow an array of 10kW or less in all zones but residential. This would pertain to all roof-mounted systems and ground-mounted systems covering 800 square feet or less.

Systems over 10kW would need a CUP.

Permit fees will be set at reasonable rates related to the cost of administration, according to the ordinance. The county commissioners would establish the fee schedule by resolution.

Under the proposal, there would be no fees for any non-commercial net-metering project that was up to 800 square feet and less than 10kW.

Roof arrays between 10kW and 25kW covering 800 to 1,200 square feet also would not carry a fee. However, ground-mounted arrays in the same category would require a \$750 fee.

The rest of the proposed fee schedule includes:

- **1,200 to 2,000 square feet between 25kW and 40kW** — \$1,000 for roof mounted or ground mounted.
- **2,000 to 2,800 square feet between 40kW and 75kW** — \$1,200 for either mount type
- **More than 2,800 square feet and larger than 75kW** — \$1,500 for either mount type
- **Commercial arrays** — \$4,000 for either mount type

“We know that it costs \$1,200 in hard fees to run a public hearing,” Huff said during the May 11 Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Solar arrays intended for historic buildings would still require approval from the county’s Historic Preservation Commission.

The ordinance also includes other requirements, such as setbacks.

The proposed ordinance can be reviewed at www.owyhee-county.net in the Community Development section. Interested parties can also request that a copy be sent.

Copies of the solar ordinance also are available for review at the Community Development office in Murphy.

Call (208) 495-2095, ext. 2 for more information. — JPB

County official clarifies CAFO siting process

The action taken by the Board of County Commissioners regarding a proposed confined animal feeding operation is standard procedure, according to Owyhee County Community Development administrator Mary Huff.

County commissioners asked the Idaho State Department of Agriculture to form a site suitability team to analyze Dan Mori’s application to expand the Little Valley Land Co., feedlot from 7,500 head to 50,000 head of cattle. The feedlot is located in the Bruneau area.

If approved, the expansion would occur gradually over the next 10 years, Huff said.

An article in the May 13 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche incorrectly reported the current number of cattle allowed at the lot.

Because of a typographical error in the county’s resolution asking the ISDA to form a site suitability team, Dale Van Es was incorrectly included as part of the Little Valley Land Co., application.

Huff said the site suitability team request is standard procedure when the county receives an application for a new CAFO or a CAFO expansion.

The team includes representatives from the ISDA, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, and the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

The team visits the site to analyze the suitability then makes a recommendation to the county on the application.

Huff said the county doesn’t incur a cost for the team’s work; each state agency involved pays for their representatives’ time and services.

— JPB

Bachman Grade, SC roads to open

Winter road closures are being lifted on Friday in Owyhee County.

The Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution rescinding the closures of Bachman Grade and Silver City roads during its Monday meeting.

The commissioners close the roads during the winter months annually for safety purposes and reopen typically in May.





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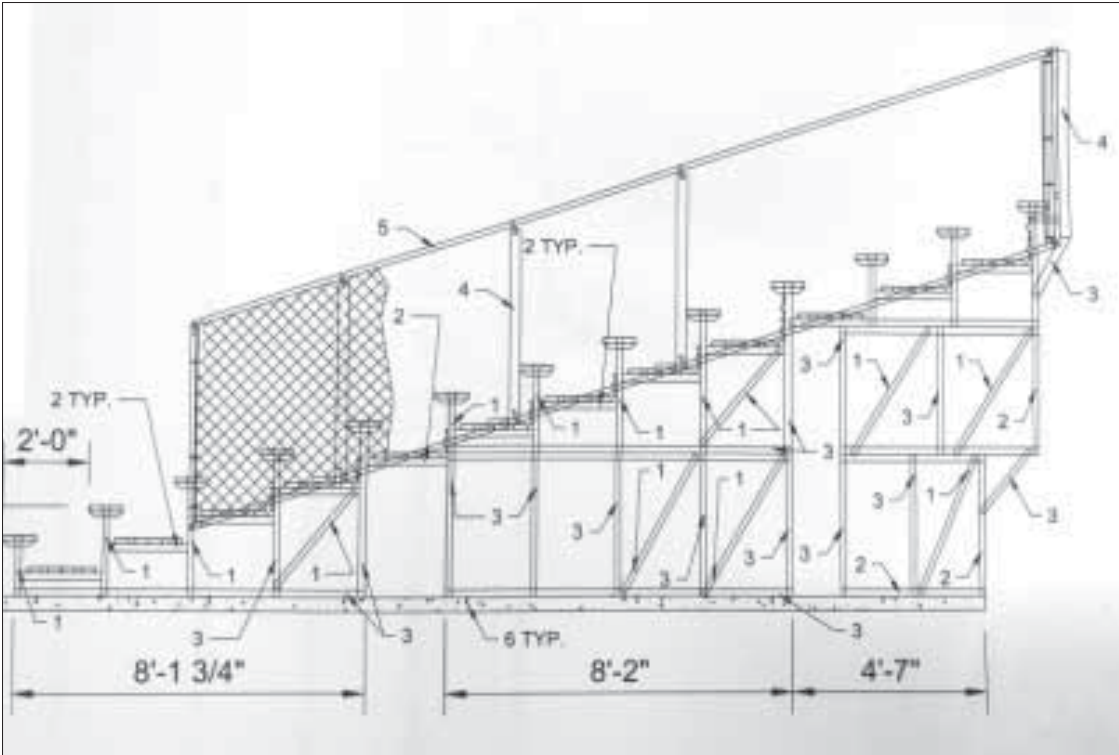
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The company that installed the rodeo arena bleachers last year will return sometime in the coming months to add three rows of seating to the top of the new structure. Diagram by Bleachers International

✓ Fair: More bleachers to be added soon

“We’re planning full steam ahead,” Jensen said.

Jensen said that, unless there is big coronavirus outbreak and Gov. Brad Little makes more restrictions to community gatherings, he anticipates decisions concerning the fair would be made locally.

Despite the fact that involvement by the county’s 4-H clubs is down, fair board member Doug Rutan said public interest to buy animals raised 4-H’ers and FFA’ers would still be strong.

“I’ll bet you our buyers will still show up and will be more than happy to support the kids,” he said.

Rutan reiterated that buyers would still support the 4-H children when fair manager and secretary Ginger Loucks suggested, tongue-in-cheek, that maybe buyers would have to look at animals through virtual means.

With board approval, the Extension Office will hold a swine, goat and sheep field day in Homedale on June 15, which is the first day the fairgrounds are eligible to be reopened.

The Extension staff had planned on holding the event at Canyon County Fairgrounds, but it won’t be open to the public in time.

Board chair offers free use of water truck

Fair board chair Lath Callaway offered to donate the use of his water truck to help with dust suppression during the week of the fair, but the board ultimately decided to pay him \$1,000.

Last year, the fair and rodeo boards paid \$5,500 to rent a water truck during the fair. Callaway said that the price was raised from \$2,300 in 2018 to \$5,500 last year.

More bleachers to be added to rodeo grounds

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners approved paying \$18,600 on Monday to have three more rows of seating added to aluminum bleachers that were installed at the rodeo arena last year.

The three new rows will add 150 to 175 additional seats for visitors, Loucks estimates. The current net seating capacity is 589.

The project will be carried out by Bleachers International, from Denver, the firm that engineered, delivered, and installed the existing bleachers last year. That project cost \$50,000.

Loucks said that when fair board members made the decision to replace the bleachers last year, they needed to fit inside the same space as the original grandstand. At that time, the bleacher cover was a deciding factor regarding the

number of rows that would be installed, as the board didn’t want seats to go beyond the cover.

But an inspector condemned the existing grandstand cover last year as the ground and concrete was being prepped for the new bleachers.

The old cover was removed, and fair board members agreed that the roof is not likely a project for this year.

It hasn’t been determined when the additional seating will be delivered and installed.

“Hopefully, this addition will make its way here before the Fourth of July,” Loucks said, referring to the Homedale Lions Club Demolition Derby held annually at the rodeo grounds on Independence Day.

The derby is scheduled for the Fourth of July, but Lions Club leaders have put a contingency date of Aug. 22 in place in case the COVID-19 situation warrants it.

— TK

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Sheriff's personnel saluted for service
Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant recently presented belt buckles commemorating long careers to three veteran deputies at a county commissioners meeting. **From left:** Kenny Hoagland and Karlene Madsen (20 years each), and Bev White (25 years). Grant said Madsen retired from her dispatcher position earlier this year. Submitted photo

Idaho Power opens more C.J. Strike, Swan Falls access

Idaho Power’s phased re-opening continues at C.J. Strike Reservoir near Bruneau.

On Friday, the company opened boat launches at North Park and Jack’s Creek. Dispersed campsites were opened as was the day-use area at North Park.

Developed campgrounds at the reservoir remain closed.

Downstream campsites at Swan Falls are opened, but the recreation site’s downstream boat launch is still closed.

Idaho Power asks the public to give its field employees at least six feet of space. Visitors are encouraged to follow social distancing guidelines, and the company said some sites will be monitored to avoid overcrowding.

Restrooms remain closed, but portable toilets have been installed at most locations.

Other sites at Hells Canyon, Milner, the Hagerman area and American Falls also have opened.

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Homedale council green lights tire recycling

Conservation district seeks funding for event

The Owyhee Conservation District is moving forward with plans to hold a tire recycling event in the fall.

The OCD board of supervisors sent a letter to other local governments Monday seeking funding assistance for the project, which the district board of supervisors approved during a teleconference Thursday night.

The board’s approval came a day after the Homedale City Council authorized use of city property south of the municipal airport for the location of trailers that will be used to collect and haul off the tires.

District administrative assistant Debbie Abel previously had said that the recycling event probably will take place

after the harvest to give farmers an opportunity to clear their land of unwanted tires and also provide a good volunteer base to help organize and load tires throughout the day.

District officials began discussing the idea of a household hazardous waste disposal day. After polls on both the Marsing and Homedale Community Awareness Facebook pages turned up a preliminary number of 1,900 tires pledged for disposal in just two days, Abel said the idea morphed into a tire recycling drive for Owyhee County residents only.

“We’re trying to find a project that would involve more than one farmer getting a pivot,” district board chair Andrea McRae told the city council during last Wednesday’s meeting at Sundance Park.

“We want to do something that would benefit the whole district.”

Getting tires out of the en-

vironment appeals to farmers as a “fantastic” idea, McRae said.

The costs of the tire drive would include \$325 to deliver a trailer to the site and \$1,350 per load, McRae said. For 1,900 tires, it would cost \$4,375.

According to a letter circulated to the mayors of Homedale and Marsing and the Board of County Commissioners, the total project could cost about \$5,000 to include equipment rental and meals for volunteers.

The tires would be recycled as Tire Derived Products (synthetic turf, landscaping products, automotive coatings and tire sealants) or Tire Derived Fuel, Abel said.

Abel is seeking the grant, which is usually used to help build pivots, to limit the direct cost to the district.

The goal of recycling tires is to reduce the number in land-

fills and discourage dumping on public lands as has been a problem in the past.

“I think it’s a great idea,” Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said.

Christoffersen pointed out that unwanted tires also are discarded on the side of the road and in the city’s alleyways.

Fewer tires piled on properties in the district would reduce the risk of large and virtually uncontrollable tire fires. One such fire burned for about 10 hours two weekends ago on Market Road, McRae said.

McRae said that the district hopes that other government entities — such as Homedale, Marsing and Owyhee County — would be willing to pitch in to share the cost of setting up the recycling event.

“It’s a project we’re excited about, and hopefully it all falls into place,” McRae said.

— JPB

County, state report record absentee ballot requests

The deadline to request a mail-in ballot for the primary election has passed, and now voters have until 8 p.m., on June 2 to submit their completed absentee ballots.

Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell said that her office had processed and mailed 2,272 ballots as of Friday. Voters had returned more than half of those (1,149), she said.

Statewide, as of Thursday, voters had requested nearly 350,000 ballots, eclipsing the 2018 record of about 275,000 absentee ballots, according to a graphic Ada County Clerk Phil McGrane emailed to fellow county clerks with an op-ed about the effort.

Results from the primary election cannot be released until 9 p.m., on June 2.

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Homedale man receives probation for drunk driving

Woman arrested after running red light while drunk

A Homedale man has lost his driving privileges for 90 days after his conviction for drunk driving.

Mikel D. Mavey, 25, was sentenced on May 6 in Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington’s Homedale courtroom.

Darrington gave Mavey credit for one day served in Owyhee County Jail after his Feb. 8 citation.

Mavey is on unsupervised probation for a year. He must also pay \$397.50 in fines and \$234.50 in court costs.

Darrington issued a withheld judgment, meaning Mavey can petition the court to expunge

his record after completing his sentence.

Homedale Police stopped Mavey at Idaho Avenue and Main Street shortly after 2 a.m., on Feb. 8. According to court records, Mavey’s blood-alcohol concentration was .168 percent (more than twice the legal limit) as measured by a breath test administered on scene.

• **Kelsey Castledine, Nampa** — Driving through the red light in the construction zone near Old Bruneau Highway and Main Street in Marsing triggered a traffic stop and a drunk driving arrest.

The 21-year-old woman received a withheld judgment during a May 6 sentencing on a misdemeanor driving under the influence charge.

Castledine served one day in Owyhee County Jail after

her arrest shortly after 11 p.m., near the intersection of Main Street and Riverview Drive.

Castledine also must undergo an alcohol education program within the next year as well as perform community service within the next five months. She also was placed on a year of unsupervised probation.

A \$202.50 fine and \$422.50 in court costs were levied, too.

Her driver’s license is suspended until June 2.

Castledine was pulled over after she ran the red light at the bridge while driving a 1990 Chevrolet C-15 pickup.

Her blood-alcohol concentration measured .144 after a breath test was administered at the county jail.

She also received an infraction for running the stoplight.

BLM Great Basin plan comment period ongoing

Comments on the federal government’s plans to reduce fuels in the Great Basin will be accepted until Tuesday, June 2.

The public still has the chance to participate in a virtual public meeting on the Draft Fuels Reductions and Rangeland Restoration Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the Great Basin. More than 450 people have visited the meeting website. Sign in on the Welcome page at <https://www.virtualpublicmeeting.com/frrr-peis>.

This programmatic analysis is intended to help the federal agency more efficiently restore sagebrush communities in the

Great Basin that have been degraded by cheatgrass and wildfire.

Sagebrush communities are home to more than 350 species of wildlife, including the Greater Sage-grouse, and provide livelihood for ranchers and are valued for hikers, hunters, ranchers and environmental groups.

The PEIS proposes ways to increase the agency’s capacity to restore and better protect the resource from wildfires.

The PEIS is available for review at <https://go.usa.gov/xdfgV>. Questions may be submitted BLM_PEIS_Questions@blm.gov, and comments sent to BLM_PEIS_Comments@blm.org.

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Memorial Day 2020

Remember those who served others on Memorial Day

by the American Legion

Every crisis has new heroes. During the 9/11 attacks, they were the first-responders running into burning and crumbling buildings as others ran out. Now, during the coronavirus pandemic, the most visible heroes are the healthcare professionals, who are saving others and risking their own lives while doing so.

These heroes have much in common with the people that we honor Monday — America’s fallen veterans. They are men and women who have sacrificed their own lives so others could live. They are both elite and ordinary. They are elite in the sense of character. Giving your life so others could live is the ultimate definition of selfless.

They are ordinary in the fact that they represent the diverse fabric of our country. They are rich and poor, black and white, male and female. They come from every ethnicity and background. In short, they looked like anyone of us.

As we celebrate the selfless and untiring performances of the healthcare workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, it brings to mind the military medics, doctors and nurses who sacrificed their lives while treating others on the battlefield.

One such hero was Pharmacist Mate Third Class Jack Williams. The Navy Reserve corpsman was only 20 years old when he landed on Iwo Jima 75 years ago.

On March 3, 1945, James Naughton, a Marine in Williams’ unit, was wounded by a grenade. While under intense enemy fire, Williams dragged Naughton to a shallow depression and treated his wounds. Williams used his own body as a screen and was shot four times. Yet he continued.

After he treated Naughton, Williams dressed his own wounds. He then proceeded to treat another Marine, despite his own immense pain. While heading to the rear, he was hit by a sniper’s bullet and killed. For his actions, Petty Officer Williams was awarded the Medal of Honor.

We also remember Army veterans like Lt. Sharon Lane.

According to her biographer, Philip Bigler, Lt. Lane threw herself into her work as a nurse. While serving in Colorado, she requested a transfer to Vietnam.

“There, at least, you are busy 12 hours a day, six or seven days a week,” she said in a 1968 letter to her parents.

Her dedication was obvious, even as she treated enemy Viet Cong soldiers who would return the favor by kicking, cursing and spitting at their American captors.

In the early morning of June 8, 1969, Sharon’s tour of duty ended. A Soviet-built rocket struck the hospital. Lt. Sharon A. Lane was killed in action at age 25.

If she were still here, her skills as a nurse might still be benefiting us during the current crisis.



Veterans ready to honor departed comrades in arms

Members of American Legion Post 128 will perform the annual Memorial Day ritual of placing American flags at the graves of military veterans at 5 p.m., on Thursday at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

But not all of the heroes working during the COVID-19 pandemic are in the healthcare industry. Grocers, first-responders, delivery workers and drive-through restaurant employees are just a few of the many people that we rely on to provide vital services for society while risking their own safety.

The military also has heroes in every occupational field. Truck drivers, cooks and administrative clerks have all paid the ultimate price. At sea, on land or in the air — military service requires great risk.

Roy Knight, Jr. was a pilot in the U.S. Air Force. On May 19, 1967, he was shot down while attacking a target on the Ho Chi Minh trail in Laos. He was posthumously promoted to colonel. Last year, a joint team from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency discovered and later identified Col. Knight’s remains.

When his remains arrived at Dallas’s Love Field, a

crowd had gathered to witness the dignified transfer of the flag-draped casket from the Southwest Airlines jet into the receptive arms of the military honor guard. One observer reported that the entire crowd fell silent.

The Southwest flight was piloted by another Air Force veteran, Col. Knight’s son, Bryan. Bryan Knight was only 5 years old when he said goodbye to his father as the elder Knight left for Vietnam.

This is yet another legacy that these heroes leave behind. A legacy that includes their sons, daughters, grieving parents, grandparents and friends.

Their heroic acts are sometimes performed to protect those with whom they serve. Cpl. Jason Dunham was a squad leader with the Third Battalion, 7th Marines in Iraq.

On April 14, 2004, his squad approached a Toyota Land Cruiser. After his squad discovered AK-47s in the vehicle, the enemy insurgent exited and engaged in hand-to-hand fighting with the unit. The driver dropped a grenade.

To save his fellow Marines, Cpl. Dunham made the ultimate sacrifice. He threw himself on the grenade and tried to use his helmet to shield the blast. Severely wounded by the grenade’s fragments, Cpl. Dunham was taken off life support eight days later.

Cpl. Dunham died so other Marines could live. He, too, was awarded the Medal of Honor for his gallantry.

Approximately 1 million men and women of the U.S. military have lost their lives in defense of our nation since the founding of this great Republic.

Not all have died from enemy fire. Some have died from diseases that have too often festered around war zones. Often times, deaths from disease and accidents outnumbered casualties caused by enemy weapons.

During the Spanish American War, 60 soldiers of the all-black 24th Infantry Regiment volunteered to serve as nurses. Thirty-six of them would later die of yellow fever or malaria.

A generation later, the flu would kill nearly 16,000 U.S. soldiers in France during World War I. Another 30,000 American servicemembers died in stateside camps. These men and women could have isolated safely in their homes. But they knew they had an important job to do. A mission to accomplish. They were all on a mission to serve.

Even when the enemy is an invisible virus or a microscopic germ, the sacrifices made are just as meaningful. The U.S. military has already lost servicemembers to COVID-19.

This Memorial Day as we continue to honor those who fell for us in battle, let’s also pause to remember those who have also sacrificed their lives while serving others.

May God bless them and may God bless you for remembering them.

Government offices, services close for Memorial Day

Government offices in Owyhee County and some local businesses will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day.

All offices at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy will be closed, including the Division of Motor Vehicles. DMV branches in Marsing and Grand View also are shuttered.

Emergency services will be available, including 911 dispatch, police and sheriff’s pa-

trol, and fire and ambulance.

The Board of County Commissioners meeting, which is typically held on Mondays, will be moved to 9 a.m., on Tuesday because of the holiday. The commissioners meet in Courtroom 2 at the courthouse in Murphy but will still only be available to the public virtually through Zoom. Contact the Owyhee County Clerk’s office at (208) 495-2421 for accessibility information.

The city halls in Marsing, Homedale, Grand View, Jordan Valley, and Adrian will be closed, too.

The Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library in Homedale, Lizard Butte Library in Marsing, Bruneau Valley Library in Bruneau, and Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View will be closed.

Homedale Drug will be closed on Monday.

Albertsons in Homedale and Logan’s Market in Mars-

ing will both be open during regular business hours. Sav-On pharmacy inside Albertsons will be closed.

Logan’s Market has returned to its regular winter hours, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., on Sunday, while Albertsons has returned to its regular daily hours of 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

All county post offices will be closed.

US Bank branches in Marsing and Homedale will be

closed.

The University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office will be closed, too.

Westowns Disposal Inc.’s residential garbage pickup will be delayed one business day because of the holiday.

The Owyhee Avalanche’s office will be closed on Monday. Friday deadlines will be at noon for classified advertising, display ads, legal notices, news items, and letters to the editor.

Obituary

Petra Nava Flores

Petra Nava Flores, 96, of Homedale, Idaho passed away on Thursday, May 14, 2020 in Nampa, Idaho. Petra was born in Martindale, Texas and raised in Monterrey Nuevo Leon, Mexico where she married and had 4 children.

Petra was a seamstress and taught home economics in Mexico for many years. She became a widow and later remarried and moved to Texas where she had 6 more children. Eventually she and her husband began migrating to Idaho for work, and in 1963 she moved to Homedale where she settled and raised

her family.

For many years, she worked for JR Simplot until she retired. Petra dedicated her retirement years to her family and caring for her grandchildren. She was instrumental in guiding them to lead productive and positive lifestyles. Petra had a very giving heart and was always willing to lend a helping hand. Among Petra’s hobbies were gardening; she had a green thumb that produced a yard full of colorful flowers every year. Petra also loved to embroider and sew and spent many hours lovingly making quilts that she gifted to family and friends.



She lived life to the fullest and will be deeply missed. She loved cooking and enjoyed everyone coming over and cooking and eating with friends and

family. Petra also was very religious and loved attending church and would strictly observe Lent each year.

Petra is survived by her daughters Arcelia (Sabino) Hernandez of Spokane, Washington, Dolores Castilleja of Homedale, Idaho; sons Tony (Gloria) Castilleja of Ontario, Oregon, Eligio Castilleja (Juanita Settle) of Caldwell, Idaho, Marcos Castilleja of Homedale, Idaho, Jesse Flores (Mirella Reyna) of Star, Idaho, Frank (Yolanda) Flores of Nampa, Idaho, Mike Flores of Nampa, Idaho and numerous grandchildren and great-grand-

children. She was preceded in death by her husband, daughter Maria Flores, sons Raymond Flores and Manuel Castilleja, parents, and siblings.

A viewing will be held Wednesday, May 20, 2020 from 5-8 pm at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 10:00 am at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Caldwell. Burial will follow at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery in Marsing. A celebration of life will be planned for a later date. Condolences can be given at www.flahiff-funeralchapel.com

Marsing library now open with restrictions

Libraries in Marsing and Homedale have faced challenges meeting patrons’ needs during the state’s stay-home order with very different immediate outlooks.

As non-essential businesses begin to open their doors again, Lizard Butte Library staffers in continue to do what they can to keep customers safe.

The library, located at 111 3rd Ave. W., in Marsing, which had been shut since March 17, re-opened on Monday. The library will observe normal business hours, noon to 6 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday, noon to 7 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday.

There will be changes to their business protocols, though:

- Only eight patrons will be allowed inside at a time.
- The library has three computers available for customers to check email, apply for jobs, or for educational purposes. Computers can be used for 30 minutes at a time. If more time is needed (in the instance of job applications), more time can be granted.
- The library will not take any reservations for the community room until July.

These guidelines from the library’s board of directors will be in effect until June 26.

Call the Library at (208) 896-4690 with any questions.

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May 28: Pork roast, mashed potatoes w/gravy, beets

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May 26: Sweet & sour chicken, fried rice, green salad, jello, pineapple & mandarin oranges, Chow Mein noodles, cottage cheese
May 28: Baked potato bar w/chili, cheese, sour cream, olives, onions, salsa, fresh melon, wholegrain tortilla chips, cookies

Calendar

Today

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

Homedale School Dist. budget workshop
6 p.m., district boardroom, 116 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. Potentially meeting virtually on Google Meets. (208) 337-4611

Friday

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

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

Monday

Adrian High School graduation
8 p.m., Adrian High School parking lot, parade to follow. 9:15 p.m., ceremony shown at Parma Motor-Vu.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday, May 28

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

Friday, May 29

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

Monday, June 1

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

Tuesday, June 2

Marsing Disaster Auction annual meeting
8 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 80 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 690 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 189 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 575,093 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.

County P&Z board to hear solar, residential projects

Cell tower sought outside Bruneau

Hours before the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission holds a public meeting on a proposed solar development ordinance, an applicant will bring his proposal to the board.

The next round of P&Z public hearings will take place beginning at 9:30 a.m., next Wednesday at the Owyhee County Courthouse Annex, 17069 Basey St., in Murphy.

Paul Neill has filed a conditional use permit request to install a 17-kilowatt ground-mounted solar array on Good Day Road. The 3.5-acre parcel

in the Ferry Heights subdivision is located in a multi-use zone.

Under the current county fee schedule, it costs \$3,000 to apply for a CUP for a solar array. Neill’s administrative permit would cost \$750 under the fee schedule in the proposed solar ordinance.

Neill’s hearing starts at 10:30 a.m.

At 9:30 a.m., the P&Z commission will review and make recommendations on a short-plat application for a six-lot residential subdivision on Dunlap Road outside Marsing.

Grace Landing is located on 12 acres of residential-zoned property about 1½ miles northwest of Marsing.

Lamon Loucks has filed the application.

After lunch, the commission will reconvene at 1 p.m. to hear a CUP application filed by Random Investments LLC. The firm wants to build a wireless communication tower northwest of Bruneau on 40 acres owned by Gary and Mary Gill.

The tower would be situated near the southwest corner of Mormon Boulevard and Idaho highway 78 seven miles from Bruneau.

Copies of the proposed projects are available for review at the Planning & Zoning office in Murphy. Call (208) 49-2095, ext. 2 for more information.

Crews begin striping U.S. 95 at border

Roadwork on U.S. Highway 95 through Jordan Valley was supposed to start this month.

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) announced in a press release last week that it would be applying durable striping for the first 66 miles of the federal highway in

Oregon.

Motorists can expect lane closures, reduced speeds and delays of up to 20 minutes as crews stripe 66 miles of U.S. 95 from the Idaho border to Burns Junction.

The project should be complete in July.

University of Idaho Extension

Fresh, local nutrition delivered: Community Support Ag option

If you don’t grow a garden of your own this summer or have a farmers market open near you, you can still enjoy fresh local vegetables by signing up to join a “CSA.”

CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture, and it is a type of farm marketing that connects consumers directly with local farms. You pay up-front for a seasonal subscription of farm products, assuming some of the farms’ risk but sharing in the rewards, too. CSA has been growing in popularity across the country and in Idaho. Many local farmers market vendors offer a CSA in addition to their weekly market stall. For some, delays or closures of farmers markets have led some Idaho producers to shift their marketing strategy to CSA this year.

There are plenty of reasons you might choose to join a CSA: for health, convenience, to try new foods, or simply to support local family farms.

Farm fresh products, in season, are typically provided on a weekly basis during the summer and fall. Some may include fruits, flowers, eggs, meat or honey. Each CSA will be unique, but most offer home delivery, a central weekly pick-up point location, or on-farm pickup. Many CSAs will include recipes or tips for enjoying the produce.

Some CSA farms are certified organic through the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Organic Program. Producers will choose whether or not to certify based on their market and the demands of their shareholders. Most CSA

farmers will be very open and honest about their practices and enjoy communicating with their customers.

The cost of a CSA share varies widely depending on the variety and quantity of products and the length of product availability. Price for a produce CSA typically ranges from \$300 to \$600 per season and may vary from 12 weeks to six months depending on the growing season. Some CSAs deliver weekly, others have pick-up days on the farm or at a pre-determined location, sometimes even at a farmers market.

Many CSA farms begin advertising and selling shares in winter and early spring, but many still have shares available now. You want to join the CSA that best fits your needs. When deciding on a CSA, don’t be afraid to ask the producer questions before signing up about the history of their CSA, the types and quantities of products in the shares, payment options, or even for references from former shareholders.

To find a CSA in our area, search www.localharvest.org or www.idahopreferred.com.

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Homedale school trustees look ahead

Homedale’s 2020-21 school year will start on Monday, Aug. 24.

The school district’s board of trustees approved next year’s calendar while also amending the current calendar during a May 11 meeting.

The school year will start a week later than usual come fall, but superintendent Rob Sauer said that wasn’t planned.

“It’s the way the calendar worked out,” Sauer said. “It wasn’t the plan going into developing the calendar to start a week later.”

Sauer said no contingency calendar for an extension of the COVID-19 crisis was created because “there are too many unknowns to have a current backup calendar.”

Without changes, the 2020-21 school year will end on Wednesday, June 2. The Class of 2021 graduation ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, May 27.

The school closure because of the outbreak led trustees to alter the current calendar, too.

The last day for all students is Thursday. The original calendar had 12th-graders ending their school year on Thursday with kindergartners through 11th-graders continuing until May 27.

Feeding program to continue

Although the school year ends Thursday, the district will continue its feeding program through June 25.

Sauer told the board in his monthly report that district staff and volunteer first-responders served 13,630 meals in April (6,815 each of breakfasts and lunches).

Four food service staffers work each day, and health precautions include taking those employees’ temperatures each day when the work at Homedale Elementary and in the Txoko Ona Basque Center parking lot.

The school district received \$5,000 from a No Kid Hungry grant, and the United Way also provided a \$1,000 mini-grant to help with the meal program.

— JPB

HMS staffers plan final-day student salute

Homedale Middle School staff will celebrate the end of the school year next Wednesday and encourage students to join in.

Staff and teachers will stand in front of the school at 3437 Johnstone Road between 5:45 p.m., and 6:15 p.m., next Wednesday ready to wave at students as their parents drive them by the campus.

Next Wednesday is the official last day on the Homedale school calendar.

Nearly all Homedale school ’20-21 personnel changes finalized

Schools are closed, but the Homedale district board of trustees is still gearing up for the 2020-21 year.

During last week’s monthly meeting, the board finalized several personnel moves.

Heidi Zanotelli resigned as a first grade teacher, and Camille Heck will succeed her in the classroom. Heck is being reassigned from the part-time kindergarten post she held this year.

Elementary teacher Melanie Harper will begin teaching third grade after her previous pre-first grade teaching position was moved to the higher level.

Nicole Rennaker will move from the middle school, where she taught sixth-grade students this year, to a third-grade classroom at the elementary.

Current fifth-grade Kristie Sitts teacher will move into a sixth-grade class for the fall.

Sixth-grade teacher Wesley Mowry has resigned as has high school science and health teacher Liddy Renner.

District superintendent Rob Sauer said a high school delegation has begun the process to find Renner’s replacement.

“As of (last Wednesday), we have a fifth-grade opening and a sixth-grade opening,” Sauer said. “Hopefully we get those filled in the next two weeks. (Middle school principal Moss Strong) will be leading that effort.”

The board also signed off some new personnel during its May 11 meeting:

Amber Campos has been hired as a middle school physical education teacher.

Paula Allen is the new part-time elementary school music teacher, taking over after the retirement of Robbianne Busse.

There were some changes in the coaching ranks, too:

- **Kortney Ford** has resigned as junior varsity volleyball coach.
- **Machele Randall** has been appointed an assistant for the high school and middle school cross country teams.
- **Jessica Kerbs** will take over the cheer advisor role in the fall and winter after Evonne McGuire accepted the volleyball head coach position.
- **Darren Uranga** is the new seventh-grade football coach.

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Deidrie Briggs Colter
Marsing
College — Pacific University, Forest Grove, Ore.
Degree — Doctor of Optometry
Awards — GP Lens Institute Contact Lens Clinical Excellence Award
Extra-curricular — Beta Sigma Kappa Honor Society
Future plans — Private practice in Eugene, Ore.
Community service — Student liaison to the Forest Grove Lions Club (won club's community service award); volunteered for Amigos eye care in Belize, 2017
High school — Marsing, Class of 2012
Parents — Jim and Muriel Briggs



veterinary program; completed first two years of vet school at Utah State; official graduation date, May 9

Hailey (Pearson) Burbank Bruneau
College — Idaho State University
Degree — Bachelor's of Science in Dental Hygiene
Graduation honors — Magna Cum Laude
GPA — 3.83
Dean's List — Eight times
Future plans — After passing dental hygiene board exams, she'll move to North Carolina with her husband, Pfc. Kaleb Burbank (Fort Bragg Army base), and work as a dental hygienist.
High school — Rimrock, Class of 2016
Parents — Joel and Sariah Pearson



Sociology and Anthropology with minors in Business, Art & Design, and Natural Sciences
GPA — 3.5
Dean's List — 2019 and 2020
Extra-curricular — Kappa Kappa Gamma (vice-president of business), choir, and volunteer for Idaho Foodbank
Future plans — Pursue a career in social work, counseling, or legal advocacy
High school — Homedale, Class of 2016
Parents — Laura and Joe Egurrola



Treasure Valley
High school — Homedale, Class of 2014
Parents — Luke and Lori Lee
Other — Bachelor of Health Science, Boise State, 2017; official graduation date, May 8



Courtney (Bennett) Briscoe
Grand View
College — Washington State
Degree — Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine
Future plans — Join a mixed animal veterinary clinic in Mountain Home and live in Grand View with her husband, Jake.
High school — Rimrock, Class of 2012
Parents — Scott and Lori Bennett
Other — Bachelor of Science in Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences, Utah State, 2016; accepted into WSU



Connor Carter
Homedale
College — George Fox University, Newberg, Ore.
Degree — Bachelor's of Science in Business Management
Dean's List — Yes
Extra-curricular — 4 years baseball
High school — Homedale, Class of 2016
Parents — Chad and Denise Carter



Joseph V. Ineck
Marsing
College — Treasure Valley CC
Degree — Associate's in Industrial Manufacturing
GPA — 3.8
Dean's List — All six trimesters
Extra-curricular — 1 year wrestling
High school — Marsing, Class of 2018
Parents — Jason and Kelly Ineck



Michael Lejardi
Homedale
College — University of Idaho
Degree — Bachelor's in Computer Engineering
Future plans — Work as a product engineer for Micron in Boise
High school — Homedale, Class of 2016
Parents — Steve and Margaret Lejardi
Other — Through scholarships, such as the National Science Foundation Career Launch Scholarship, Lejardi graduated college debt-free. ... Micron intern as a dynamic random-access memory (DRAM) product engineer. ... during sophomore year, engineered musically synchronized holiday light show for community; in 2019, the display across the exterior of the Greek fraternity FIJI lasted over an hour and included 8,500 LED bulbs programmed to flash to the beat of 25 songs.



Shelby Ann Lee
Homedale
College — Eastern Washington University
Degree — Doctor of Physical Therapy
GPA — 3.73
Future plans — Working in the



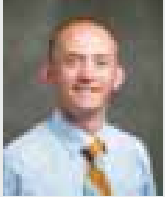
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Locals earn degrees from Boise State

Five local students received degrees from Boise State University earlier this month. The commencement ceremony and congratulatory messages from students and faculty is available online at boisestate.edu/commencement. In all, 2,785 students were eligible for degrees. Local graduates include:

- **Bardo Martinez, Marsing** — Bachelor's of Art degree in Social Work
- **Jessie Payton, Marsing** — Master's degree, Business Administration
- **Alicia Rebeschke, Marsing** — Bachelor's of Science degree, Psychology
- **Michelle Shaffer, Homedale** — Bachelor's of Science, Nursing RN

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Saluting the 2020 college graduates

From previous page

Derek Pfost
Homedale
College — University of Idaho, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Degree — Bachelor's in Ag Economics, business emphasis, minor in marketing
High school — Homedale, Class of 2016
Parents — Darin and Jane Pfost



Justine Belle Rose
Homedale
College — University of Idaho, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Degree — Bachelor's in Crop Science
High school — Homedale, Class of 2016
Parents — Martin and Trish Rose



Miguel Angel Salazar
Homedale
College — Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Prescott, Ariz.)
Degree — Bachelor of Science Aerospace Engineering concentration: Aeronautics with minor degrees: Unmanned Aircraft Systems and Propulsion Systems
Graduation honors — Magna Cum Laude
GPA — 3.766
Dean's List — All 10 semesters
Future plans — Engineer at Lockheed Martin Corp.
High school — Homedale, Class of 2015
Parents — Angel and Esmeralda Salazar

Adrianna Carmen Salutregui
Homedale
College — University of Idaho
Degree — Bachelor of Science,



Animal & Veterinary Science: Production from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
GPA — 3.0
Dean's List — Spring semester of junior year
Extra-curricular — Club softball and softball, dodgeball, volleyball, football intramural
Future plans — Find a job in the agriculture field
High school — Marsing, Class of 2016
Parents — Scott and Wendy Salutregui

Jordan Stuart
Homedale
College — The College of Idaho
Degree — Bachelor's in English Literature with Journalism, History, and Environmental Science minors
Future plans — Pursue career that utilizes degree and Journalism minor
Extra-curricular — Piccolo in Yotes Marching Band, 2016-17; Yotes color guard 2018-19; flute in Yotes



wind ensemble, 2016-19
Faculty comment — “This is among the best pieces for this or any class that I have received as a teacher. The language in this piece is dramatic; the emotion, real and the writing, poetic and the result is an exceptional piece.” — Prof. Minischoff, Journalism 401
High school — Homedale, Class of 2016
Parents — Brenda and the late Bob Stuart
Note — The College of Idaho will hold a virtual graduation ceremony at 10:30 a.m., on Saturday, May 23, 2020 on C of I's Facebook and YouTube channels (and archived for later viewing). C of I plans a traditional in-person graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020 during the 2020-21 academic year.
These biographies were supplied by family members of the graduates. U of I's full graduation list isn't available yet
— Ed.



From page 1

✓ Academies: Nash commissioned officer; Burks in top 15% of class

the daughter Heidi and Ryan Nash of Homedale.
She will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in General Science and a commission as an ensign in the U.S. Navy.
Nash's first assignment will be as a surface warfare officer aboard the USS Ashland in Sasebo, Japan. She will serve at least five years as a commis-

sioned naval officer.
A standout softball player for the Trojans, Nash continued her successful career at the Academy, playing catcher for the reigning two-time national championship Navy club softball team in 2017-18 and 2018-19.
• Dylan Robert Burks will receive a Bachelor's of Science

degree in Economics and will be stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, Colo., in the fall.
He will receive a wreath signifying him as part of the top 15 percent of the academy's 2020 graduating class.
The son of Wilder residents Brian and Michelle Burks ends his time at West Point as a

Cadet platoon leader. He previously served as a Cadet captain and regimental supply officer for a unit of 1,150 cadets.
Burks, who is the grandson of Bob and Mary Sonke and Denny and Carol Burks, won numerous awards while at West Point, including:
• Recondo Badge: Military Excellence, including small-

unit tactics and expert qualification on the Army Marksmanship Test;
• Master of the Sword: Physical excellence, including max scores on the Army Physical Fitness Test and Indoor Obstacle Course
He also served two years on the academy's investment team.

Adrian graduates coming to the silver screen

Adrian High School's 20 graduates from the Class of 2020 will hit the big screen.
The high school will hold a "drive-in" style graduation ceremony at 8 p.m., on Monday in the high school parking lot.
The ceremony will be live-streamed on the Adrian School District No. 61 Facebook page.

After the ceremony, there will be a parade of the graduates.
The parade will start at High Street near the high school and head south. Community members are encouraged to line the streets as the seniors parade through town.
At 9:15 p.m., the graduation celebration will shift to the Parma Motor-Vu drive-in theater on U.S. Highway 95 in Parma.
About 30 minutes after sunset, the graduation ceremony will be shown.
Organizers ask that people attending the Parma Motor-Vu showing leave the first few rows of parking for the families of graduates.
McKenzie Schulthies, the

18-year-old daughter of Stoney and Maria Schulthies, and McKenzie Sorrell, the 17-year-old daughter of Kody and Andi Sorrell, are co-valedictorians.
Riley Bradford, the 18-year-old son of Ryan and Judy Bradford is salutatorian.
Find out more about the Class of 2020 and its honor graduates in The Owyhee Avalanche's Class of 2020 special section in next Wednesday's edition.

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Sports

Marsing, Melba athletes named 2A WIC all-academic

A week after the state’s academic team champions were released, the 2A Western Idaho Conference saluted its top student-athletes.

Individuals from Melba and Marsing were placed on the conference’s All-Academic spring teams for maintaining a 3.75 grade-point average while playing in varsity sports.

Marsing’s picks include:

Softball — Mila Astorquia, Sadie Clover, Alana Larrusea, Emily Loucks, Lexi Loucks, Delaney Percifield, Karla Salazar, and Emily Thoene

Baseball — Colton Brown, and Braeden Davis

Track and field (boys) — Jacob Ankeny, Caden Freeman, and Robert Salazar

Track and field (girls) — Emily Vanosdall

Golf (girls) — Regan

Stansell

Melba picks are:

Softball — Annabelle Dickard, Owyhee County resident Kennedy Mickelson, Ashlie Shaffer, Keylee Wilson, and Emily Zavala

Baseball — Dillon Bodily, Owyhee County resident Trace Stimpson, and Caleb Storaci

Track and field (boys) — Tyler Arnold, Cody Dickard, Quinton Hill, Joshua Leavitt, McKoy Richardson, and Brayden Volkers

Track and field (girls) — Hallie Arnold, Rozzlyn Cazier, Kate Clark, Kendall Clark, Owyhee County resident Jordan Dayley, Whitney Draper, Laura Forsgren, Mazie Hansen, Melina Helm, Erika Hunter, Lacey Leavitt, Gentry Malloy, Kayla McCoy, Braelyn Scott, Faith Svedin, and Meya Young



Huskies’ volleyball stalwart to play at North Carolina school

Marsing High School senior Emily Loucks signed a letter of intent last Wednesday to play volleyball at Louisburg College in North Carolina. Joining Loucks in her moment were, behind from left, sisters Ashley and Lexi, father Lamon and mother Melissa. Cousin Lcee Loucks was there for the occasion, as well. Louisburg College is the oldest two-year college in the nation, at 232 years old, its website claims. **Read the May 27 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche for more on Loucks’ decision.**

Nampa man sent to prison after DUI, drugs at jail

Rider programs initiated for other felony drug convictions

Several felony drug sentences were handed out on May 8 in a Murphy courtroom.

All five convictions resulted in state prison terms, although some of the defendants were given a chance to avoid lengthy sentencing through the Idaho Department of Correction rider program.

• **Tyler Curtis Bartlett, Nampa** — Bartlett was the only one of the defendants sentenced on drug charges May 8 who didn’t receive a retained jurisdiction option.

The 27-year-old will spend one to six years in the state penitentiary after entering a guilty plea to felony drug possession and misdemeanor drunk driving as part of a plea agreement.

Bartlett also has 50 days left on a six-month jail sentence after serving 130 days since his Dec. 24 arrest. His driver’s license was suspended 30 days, too.

As part of the plea deal, Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey Phillips dropped a felony count of grand theft and a misdemeanor charge of attempting to elude a peace officer.

According to the Owyhee

County Sheriff’s deputy report, Bartlett was pulled over while driving a vehicle belonging to someone else on Idaho highway 78.

He originally was spotted acting erratically as he entered his vehicle at a convenience store in Canyon County then headed toward the Snake River.

The drug possession charge arose from the fact that Bartlett dropped a small bag of methamphetamine while he was being booked into county jail.

Bartlett’s pregnant girlfriend was also in the vehicle. She was transported to West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell for a check-up, and Caldwell Police arrested her after a Canyon County warrant was discovered.

• **Kevin Ray Dillon, Homedale** — Sentenced after his conviction on a felony charge of controlled substance possession with intent to deliver, Dillon is one of those convicted who has been placed on a rider program. If the 28-year-old successfully completes his rider, he could avoid a prison sentence of between two and 11 years.

Dillon must pay \$1,000 in fines and \$479.50 in court costs.

The 28-year-old was arrested after 2 a.m., on Nov. 4 after a sheriff’s deputy found a Subaru Legacy parked with its lights on in the 100 block of East Idaho Avenue in Homedale.

According to court records, a subsequent search of the vehicle turned up methamphetamine, heroin and marijuana. A scale and plastic bags were also discovered, leading to an original charge of felony drug trafficking.

Phillips dismissed another felony drug possession charge and counts for misdemeanor possession of pot and paraphernalia.

• **Michael Everett Peltzer, Caldwell** — The court retained jurisdiction in Peltzer’s case when he was sentenced for felony methamphetamine possession with intent to manufacture of deliver.

Peltzer must successfully complete the rider program to avoid a prison sentence of between three and 10 years. He also must pay \$1,500 in fines and \$479.50 in court costs.

The 47-year-old was originally charged with felony drug trafficking after he was arrested during an afternoon traffic stop on June 10 west of Marsing on U.S. 95.

According to court documents, Peltzer was arrested after a sheriff’s office K-9 unit alerted on the black BMW he was driving. An OCSO deputy’s probable cause statement said Peltzer was pulled over for driving the vehicle without a front license plate. The deputy reported that Peltzer appeared intoxicated and subsequently failed a field sobriety test. A records check also revealed he was driving on a suspended license.

A subsequent search of the car turned up a handgun, drug paraphernalia (scales, pipes and baggies) and 35 grams of methamphetamine in various forms. Oxycotin and Oxycodone were also found.

Peltzer agreed to plead guilty to the felony drug charge. Original charges including two counts of felony meth possession and three counts of misdemeanor paraphernalia possession weren’t included in the amended court complaint Phillips filed.

• **Joshua Sands Weisel, Boise** — Also placed on a rider program, the 22-year-old Sands was arrested after an afternoon traffic stop on Feb. 22, 2019 about five miles from the Oregon border on U.S. 95.

Sands was sentence to between one and six years

in state prison on a felony conviction of controlled substance possession or manufacture with intent to deliver. The charge was amended from felony marijuana trafficking after a plea deal.

Sands was stopped in a gold-colored Honda Accord because the vehicle’s window-tinting was too dark, according to an OCSO probable cause statement.

After Sands said he was in possession of a vape pen containing CBD oil, which is illegal in Idaho, a K-9 unit was called in to search the vehicle.

Fourteen pounds of marijuana and 300 vials of THC/CBD vape pen oil and a glass jar of THC wax were found in the car.

Sands was sentenced on an amended charge because of the plea agreement. He was originally booked into county jail on a felony trafficking charge.

Sands also must pay \$800 in fines and \$673.50 in court costs. The amended criminal complaint against him didn’t include original charges of misdemeanor pot possession and two misdemeanor counts of drug paraphernalia possession.

— JPB

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

May 24, 1995

Reservoir full, spilling

The unexpected happened, the Owyhee Reservoir completely filled this week and is now spilling a couple thousand acre-feet of water down the Glory Hole every day.

South Board officials said they were surprised when it filled so suddenly this past week, gaining more than 18,000 acre-feet in a week for a maximum capacity of 715,000 acre-feet. The ground in the higher elevations was saturated, they said, and a good snowpack lent itself to a lot of water.

The extra water can't be all dumped down the Glory Hole, though, because it could damage property down-river from the Owyhee dam. Currently 2,463 acre-feet is being dumped through the ring per day, yet with a 6,569 acre-feet inflow, the Owyhee Project managers are trying to put the extra water into the canals and eventually dump it down wasteways into the Snake River.

Homedale council sets sights on junk

The amount of trash and debris in and around the alleys in Homedale has prompted city leaders to again consider taking action against those who refuse to clean up their acts.

Mayor Paul Fink outlined several alleys that he thought were particularly bad, and City Service Supervisor Larry Bauer mentioned a couple more. One city resident even came to the meeting expressly to complain about the state of the alley behind his home.

Those members of the council present, Roy Jackson, Harold Puri and Tammy Payne, agreed that Homedale is filled with an inordinate amount of junk, but Puri was reluctant to jump immediately into action.

"What's junk to me may not be junk to you," he said, noting people don't always agree on what's unsightly.

Nevertheless, Homedale already has an ordinance which allows the city to cite residents who create eyesores of junk and other miscellanea around their homes or businesses. It's just never been enforced.

Spring turns into 'dream season' for HHS

Calling the 1995 Homedale High School spring sports program "successful" is about like saying landing a man on the moon was "neat."

Out of the five spring sports — softball, baseball, boys track, girls track and tennis — three secured district championships, and individuals in the other two sports either won district titles or will advance to state.

Team-wise, the Trojan boys track team rebounded from a one-point loss to Parma in the Western Idaho Conference A-3 Meet to defeat the Panthers 127-111, and the Trojan softball and baseball teams both went undefeated in their respective district tournaments and now have legitimate shots at state titles as well.

Kelly Smyth became the District III Division B girls singles tennis champion after going 20-0.

Marsing enters state tourney through back door

The Husky softball team played an incredible seven games last week before finally running out of steam versus Parma on Saturday.

Marsing took an 8-4 lead in the top of the seventh, but that's when Husky hurler Kari Tullis started to tire. Before MHS coach Janet Cooney thought to give her a rest, the game was over. Parma had won 9-8.

Although the loss ended the district tournament for the Huskies, it didn't end their season. Marsing lasted just long enough to claim the fourth and final District III seed to the A-3 state fast-pitch softball tournament.

50 years ago

May 21, 1970



KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIPS of \$100 each went to Leora Zanks and Danny Uranga, members of the Homedale Senior Class, and were presented by Gail Tuttle, Kiwanis president, and Dick Davies, chairman of the boys and girls committee at the banquet for National Honor Society members recently. The pair was selected on the basis of scholastic record, leadership, character and service.

Cub Scouts give May baskets to shut-ins

Den 4 Cub Scouts made May Day baskets and delivered them to the nursing home May 8 in time for Mothers Day.

The cubs were Kevin Reich, Randy Davis, Pat Dexter, Kris Kubosumi, Tom Pegram, Ronnie Baigrie, Brent Maggard, Tim Duke, Tab Cahill, Kelly Stewart, Dwayne Settle, Jody Rose, Greg Hulse.

Den Mother is Cleo Kubosumi. Helpers were Iris Rose and Mary Ann Pegram.

Music students to be heard in recitals

Hollis Selders Cooke and Judy Phelps will present students in two recitals Tuesday evening in the music room of the high school.

All younger students will perform in the earlier recital at 7:30 and the high school seniors will present their program at 9 o'clock that same evening.

Mrs. Phelps' pupils who will be performing are, Robin and Mara'd Arima, Maida Auker, Janet Cegnar, Mary Chadez, Jane Eidemiller, Roy Eiguren, Clara and Debbie Fujikawa, Carey Inouye, Randee Metzger, Suzy and Jenny Pottenger, Bonnie and Diane Takasugi, Gary Tanikuni, Mackie and Janiece Tolmie and Tami Uda.

Mrs. Cooke's students are:

Allen Echeverria, Kenny Kubosumi, Lori Larsen, Debbie McPherson and Ginny Phelps.

Those seniors appearing in the later program are Debbie McPherson, Bonnie Takasugi, Carey Inouye and Roy Eiguren.

Trojans place third at State Class A-3 track

Homedale's Paul Pearson picked up a double victory in the weights at Twin Falls to help spark the Trojans to third place in the state A-3 track meet.

Pearson tossed the shot 50-6¾ and hurled the discus 149-0.

Homedale's 440-yard relay team lost a close race to Glenss Ferry when the Locomotives posted a 44.8 performance, just one-tenth off the existing A-3 record.

Stan Zatica won a third in the high jump and Danny Uranga a third in the shot put.

145 years ago

May 22, 1875

ANY OCCUPATION is honorable that is honest. We sometimes notice a disposition on the part of men to put on airs and appear superior to others in consequence of earning more salary, wearing better clothes and the like. No man ever need feel discouraged if he is earning a livelihood from a legitimate avocation. He can by his own conduct dignify such a calling and will have no trouble in making it respectable.

THE AVALANCHE is appreciated at South Mountain as it is in Silver City, and, in fact, all other places where it is taken. When the tri weekly mail arrives from here at S. M. the subscribers are always anxiously waiting for their papers, which are "gobbled" and read promptly, this business taking precedence of every thing else. We like to work for such an appreciating class of readers.

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SAFETY CAGE.—A safety cage for the Poorman mine is on the way here from San Francisco and will arrive in a few days. We believe it is the first institution of this kind that has yet found its way to this camp.

THE OWYHEE (Idaho Territory) AVALANCHE comes to our sanctum this week for the first time, and is a welcome exchange. We would tell what a spicy little journal it is, but the modest Mr. Hay who is managing the AVALANCHE temporarily, might feel embarrassed; hence we forbear. THE AVALANCHE charges down upon us from his mountain fastnesses of snow and ice, with bayonet fixed and labels his first volley.—"Spunky."—Stockton Leader.

Silver City Markets.

The following are the current prices at this date, May 19: EGGS-40¢ to 50¢ per doz., BUTTER-60¢ to 75¢ lb and very scarce., CHEESE-25¢ TO 30¢ per pound., POTATOES- 6¢ per pound., ONIONS-10¢ per pound., APPLES GREEN-20¢ per pound., APPLES DRIED-20¢ per pound., PEACHES-Unpaired 25¢ per pound., PLUMS-Dried 38¢ per pound., CURRANTS-25¢ per pound., CRANBERRIES-\$1.25 per gallon., PRUNES-25¢ per pound., ALDEN APRICOTS-None in market., CHICKENS-Live \$1 each., CABBAGE-10¢ per pound., TURNIPS-4¢ per pound., BEETS-5¢ per pound., CARROTS-5¢ per pound., PARSNIPS-8¢ per pound., HAM-90¢ per pound., SHOULDERS-28¢ per pound., BACON-22¢ per pound., PORK-15 to 18¢., COFFEE C.R.-87 ½ ¢ per pound., TEA-75¢ to \$1 per pound., SUGAR-20 to 25¢ per pound, very scarce., BEEF-10 to 20¢ per pound., WOOD-\$7 per cord.

ED. AVALANCHE: As it has been some time since you had any items from this part of the country, I tho't it would be well to give you a few: The road to Beaver Creek, Gold Hill and Banner District is now open for pack animals and will be passable for wagons in about two weeks. As the snow will be out of the way by that time, G.W. Crafts proposes then to resume operation in the erection of his quartz mill at Banner and will push it to completion at the earliest possible moment. Then we will know whether the Banner country contains any wealth.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of
common sense
Second Time Around



We must sell it, I told Mother, for we really have no other choice. The price is much too dear to harbor any doubt. And though I know we'll miss it the time has come to kiss it goodbye and find another place a little further out.

When the Indians sold Manhattan to a Dutch aristocrat in fancy breeches for a blanket and a twenty dollar bill It presaged a corrosion, an urban sprawl erosion that covets all the fertile ground and overruns us still.

It's not givin' up, I told her, just that we are gettin' older and besides, the country's really not the country anymore. We're surrounded by construction that has zoned the mass destruction of our pastures and our neighbors and our never lockin' door.

Why, just look at that horizon where we watched the sun arisin' after milkin' on those mornin's when the air was clear and still. Now the houses clone each other, everyday, it seems another, as they creep a little closer like a stain upon the hill.

But there's no way we can change it. No way to rearrange it that would suit us 'cause the truth is, they'd plow us underground. So we take the offer made us, be thankful that they paid us enough to make a better start the second time around.

And we'll find a place less crowded, where the air is still unclouded, where the country still is friendly to our kind of pioneers. Though the homeplace still might beckon, they will ravage her, I reckon, so we're better off just movin' while we've got a few good years ... And are able to think clearly and can still hold back the tears.

— 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.

Glenn Mollette, syndicated columnist

Enduring COVID-19
Find ways to make
journey bearable



Most of America has been addled from our normal lifestyle. Today, we aren't for sure what normal is anymore. COVID-19 has been and is like a walk in a wilderness where we have never ventured before.

While we are wandering through this new wilderness in our lifetime, here are some suggestions for you. Use your telephone or Facetime every chance you have. Put voices or even faces with voices in your life. Reacquaint yourself with some old friends or make some new friends. We live in a texting, messaging age. Messaging is good, but a real voice and even a face is nice when it's possible.

Clean out your closet, attic or garage. You'll feel better if you can de-clutter some of the stuff you never use. Put it in the trash. Put it on the street with a note that says, "free." Or, give it away to the first charity that becomes available.

Leave a message at your beauty or barbershop. Tell them to call you as soon as they're available. There will be a line of people making appointments, and you don't want to be delayed two more weeks.

Have your car serviced. Most auto repair places are still open. This is someplace you can go to. Have the oil changed in your car or your wheels balanced.

Pay bills. You probably just got your stimulus check. Now is the time to try to unbury some from utility bills and other bills due. This is not a time to

waste any money. If you are still out of work, be careful about how you spend your stimulus.

Be nice to those people you are around. Keep your voice down and calm. Be kind. Be helpful and over-considerate. Make a personal commitment to be easy-going and go with the flow.

Don't stress or panic. Wash your hands. Wear your mask. If you feel sick then stay home. If you start having an anxiety attack then pause and breathe. Walk some around the house. Hug your spouse, child or whoever is in your home or close by.

Find ways to exercise. Keep moving your body during the day. Clean your house. Walk. Do sit-ups or pushups. Walk in your neighborhood or around your house or apartment building.

Practice on your favorite instrument. Listen to the radio. Dance. Sing a little.

Card games, Monopoly, checkers, chess are interesting for a change.

Write your congressman or senator. Bend their ear some. Send them an email or a letter.

Write your president. Someone will look at it. Write your governor. How do you like how he or she is handling your state?

Work on your faith. More than 200,000 people worldwide have died from COVID-19. Death is real, and COVID-19 might not bother you much

— See *Journey*, Page 17

Officials pull together to help Idahoans during COVID-19

Even in these uncertain times, as the pandemic has torn across our world taking lives and livelihoods, Idahoans are moving forward. I have been proud to work closely with Gov. Brad Little and fellow members of Idaho's Congressional Delegation, Sen. Jim Risch and Reps. Mike Simpson and Russ Fulcher, to support Idahoans throughout the state's response to the pandemic.

From the beginning, the Idaho Congressional Delegation worked with the Governor's office to assist with testing capabilities for our state and cut through federal red tape to obtain needed medical supplies, such as masks and personal protective equipment (PPE). We navigated conflicting federal guidelines to help get a shipment of KN-95 masks into the country for St. Luke's Health System. We partnered to obtain White House Coronavirus Task Force recognition of the serious need for certain testing in rural areas, such as those in Idaho. Elevating this to the attention of the Task Force, led by Vice President Mike Pence, was important to ensure tests were directed to rural areas more in need of critical testing than larger, more populous states with bigger hospital systems and more testing capacity.

To help ensure agricultural producers in Idaho and across the country had the necessary workforce to

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo
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grow our nation's food supply, we urged the timely and legal processing of H-2A visa requests, the nation's temporary agriculture worker program, while implementing protocols to protect public health.

Together, we have worked to help bring home dozens of Idahoans. Our initial repatriation efforts began with individuals stranded on the Grand Princess

cruise ship off the coast of California in mid-March. We communicated with those in quarantine at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar to ensure access to novel coronavirus (COVID-19) tests and other resources to facilitate a safe return.

When pandemic concerns heightened globally in March, our offices worked quickly to help get Idahoans abroad safely home. For example, a mother from eastern Idaho contacted me about her son, who was in Morocco when the pandemic hit. We helped ensure her son made it home. His mother wrote, "It was very comforting to know I had people working towards a solution." Similarly, Idahoans with travel plans gone awry amid the pandemic have also been assisted with travel vouchers or refunds for canceled travel.

We have also been working quickly with Idahoans to help navigate the various elements of emergency federal assistance enacted during the pandemic. This includes addressing questions about whether individuals, including veterans and Social Security beneficiaries, qualify for individual payments, how a small business owner or agriculture producer can qualify and apply for a Paycheck Protection Program

— See *COVID-19*, Page 17

Commentary

Financial management

Consider age, wear of home when creating repair budget

Dear Dave,
Do you have a rule for calculating how much money to set aside for home repair and maintenance?
— Bobby

Dear Bobby,
I don't really know of a formula to determine this sort of thing. I'd suggest looking at your checkbook over the previous year, and see what you spent on maintenance and repair issues. Home maintenance is kind of like car maintenance in that it's going to depend on the age and general condition of the house. If you're driving an older model car, you expect to put more into it over time, right? It's kind of the same principle with houses. The

older the structure, the greater the likelihood you'll have to pump some money into it.
Make sure you look at things from a realistic point of view. You probably won't need a new roof anytime soon if you had one installed in the last couple of years. But give your house a good going over, inside and out, every six months or so. This will go a long way in assessing what's needed — and what might pop up in the future!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
I feel truly blessed. Even with everything that is going on these days, I still have a steady job and a good income. I'm thinking about taking some money out of my savings account in order to completely



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pay off my credit card debt. How do you feel about this idea?
— Erin

Dear Erin,
It's not a bad plan if you've

come to a point where you understand a few things. The credit card and the debt aren't the real problems. They're symptoms of buying things you probably don't need with money you don't have. You need to take a long look in the mirror, because the person who's looking back at you is the real problem.

If you can accept this, and are committed to changing yourself and your financial habits, I'd say go for it. Just don't wipe out your savings in the process. Leave plenty of cash in there, especially right now when so many things are uncertain. Also, make sure you cut up that credit card, close the account, and make a promise to yourself that you'll never use those things again.

Once you do all this, and start living on a written, monthly budget, rebuild your savings as quickly as possible. Saving money is always a good thing. And everyone needs an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses for the unexpected stuff life throws at you!

—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.

✓ COVID-19: Work will continue as recovery steams along

From Page 16
loan, where to get information about health care, and many other subjects. Each win for Idahoans, and there are many more than mentioned here, has been encouraging as we pull together to overcome this pandemic.
There is no doubt recovery will take considerable time and ongoing effort and resources. We face significant challenges in the months ahead. Our work will continue as the Idaho Congressional delegates are in daily contact with each other and Gov. Little. My website, www.crapo.senate.gov, has contact details and updated information to help answer questions people may have, and we will continue to post information as we get it.
We are here to help Idahoans with anything we can regarding this pandemic, so please reach out if you need help.

✓ Journey: Plenty of ways to grow during pandemic restrictions

From Page 16
or it might take you out of this world. Why not get to know God a little better now?
Hang tough as we journey through this wilderness experience.
— Syndicated columnist and author Dr. Glenn Mollette is the founder of Newburgh Theological Seminary in Newburgh, Ind. His latest book is "Uncommon Sense," and he also has music available through iTunes and all music dealers. Visit www.glennmollette.com www.facebook.com/glennmollette.

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Municipalities
Homedale City Hall
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Mayor — Gheen Christoffersen
City council — Mike Aebischer, Jerry Anderson, Steve Atkins, and Aaron Tines
Meetings — 6 p.m., on second Wednesday
Marsing City Hall
425 Main St., (208) 896-4122
Mayor — Chad Sevy
City council — Chris Even, Marie Herman, Rachael Percifield (1 seat vacant)
Meetings — 7 p.m., on second Wednesday
Grand View City Hall
425 Boise Ave., (208) 834-2700
Open noon to 4:30 p.m., Mon.-Thurs.
Mayor — Danny Martinez
City council — John Morrison, Tom Payne, Opal Ward and Jon Pennington
Meetings — 6 p.m., on second Wednesday

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Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale City Council on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 4:00 pm at Sundance Park, 500 S 1st St. West, Homedale, Idaho.

Please notice changes in time/location of meeting. We have changed these to ensure that we can accommodate social distancing protocols for COVID-19.

The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for Special Use Permit filed by Destiny Batho requesting that she be allowed to build fence panels for commercial sale at her residence at 22 Kansas Ave. in the City of Homedale.

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Alice E. Pegram
City Clerk
City of Homedale
05/20,27/2020

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the members of the MARSING COMMUNITY DISASTER FUND, an association will be held at eight (8:00) o'clock p.m., Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at the MARSING COMMUNITY CENTER for the purpose of electing (1) director-at-large for a term of 3 years, (2) area directors for a term of 3 years. One (1) each from the communities of South Marsing area, Opaline area, and Director-at-large Bob Carter. Director-at-large from within the Association boundaries, area directors, for the election of officers for the Association and any other business relative to the Annual Meeting.

Jessica Showalter
Association Secretary
05/20,27/2020

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. Apetition to change the name of Caylee Lynn Derrick, an adult, now

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING Bruneau-Grand View School District No. 365 Elmore and Owyhee Counties, Idaho

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at the regular meeting of the qualified voters of the Bruneau Grand View Joint School District No. 365, will be held Thursday, June 09, 2020, 7:00p.m. at Rimrock Jr./Sr. High School Library, 39678 State Highway 78, Bruneau, Idaho 83604 at which time there will be a public hearing on amending the 2019-2020 maintenance and operation budget and on the proposed maintenance operation budget for the 2020-2021 school year. The proposed student lunch fee increases of over 5% for the coming school year. These budgets, as presently determined by the Board of Trustees, is available at Bruneau Grand View School District Office, 39678 State Highway 78, until the regular meeting and budget hearing as provided by law. **This regular meeting and budget hearing is called pursuant to section 33-801, Idaho Code, as amended.**

	BRUNEAU GRAND VIEW JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT 365 SUMMARY STATEMENT 2019-2020 AMENDED BUDGET AND PROPOSED 2020-2021 SCHOOL BUDGET							
	GENERAL M & O FUND				ALL OTHER FUNDS			
	Prior Year	Prior Year	Amended	Proposed	Prior Year	Prior Year	Amended	Proposed
REVENUES	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Beginning Balances	-\$1,251,325.00	-\$1,441,106.00	-\$156,480.00	-\$197,907.00	\$1,038,428.00	-\$1,011,593.00	-\$1,352,833.00	-\$1,592,267.00
Local Revenue	-\$792,781.00	-\$568,425.00	-\$443,089.00	-\$458,200.00	\$437,213.00	-\$261,974.00	-\$430,499.00	-\$434,908.00
County Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
State Revenue	-\$3,080,643.00	-\$3,234,773.00	-\$3,632,257.00	-\$3,598,687.00	\$101,277.00	-\$135,032.00	-\$161,987.00	-\$136,478.00
Federal Revenue	-\$164,091.00	-\$72,172.00	-\$213,949.00	-\$150,000.00	\$487,026.00	-\$423,303.00	-\$503,901.00	-\$576,051.00
Other Sources	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$338,503.00	-\$333,353.00	-\$69,078.00	-\$18,145.00
TOTALS ***	-\$5,288,840.00	-\$5,316,476.00	-\$4,445,775.00	-\$4,404,794.00	\$2,402,447.00	-\$2,165,255.00	-\$2,518,298.00	-\$2,757,849.00
EXPENDITURES								
Salaries	\$1,456,490.00	\$1,571,486.00	\$1,818,089.00	\$1,831,953.00	\$269,334.00	\$231,383.00	\$343,991.00	\$310,871.00
Benefits	\$459,416.00	\$515,191.00	\$585,034.00	\$611,575.00	\$77,210.00	\$67,950.00	\$113,626.00	\$112,282.00
Purchased Services	\$1,289,932.00	\$1,184,339.00	\$1,385,902.00	\$1,531,422.00	\$363,696.00	\$272,886.00	\$371,787.00	\$413,247.00
Supplies & Materials	\$166,268.00	\$168,274.00	\$218,038.00	\$296,265.00	\$149,030.00	\$170,441.00	\$130,744.00	\$176,832.00
Capital Outlay	\$106,282.00	\$99,374.00	\$66,602.00	\$76,038.00	\$1,460.00	\$30,721.00	\$20,985.00	\$17,163.00
Debt Retirement	\$650.00	\$715.00	\$1,003.00	\$1,005.00	\$492,755.00	\$282,894.00	\$328,208.00	\$328,145.00
Insurance & Judgments	\$30,193.00	\$30,376.00	\$32,378.00	\$38,391.00	\$389.00	\$0.00	\$736.00	\$736.00
Transfers	\$338,503.00	\$333,353.00	\$69,078.00	\$18,145.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Contingency Reserve	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Unappropriated Balances	\$1,441,106.00	\$1,413,368.00	\$269,651.00	\$0.00	\$1,048,571.00	\$1,108,980.00	\$1,208,221.00	\$1,398,573.00
TOTALS ***	\$5,288,840.00	\$5,316,476.00	\$4,445,775.00	\$4,404,794.00	\$2,402,445.00	\$2,165,255.00	\$2,518,298.00	\$2,757,849.00

2020-2021 Fee Increases:

School Lunch increase- Elementary-\$2.55-2.65 Rimrock Jr./Sr. High \$2.80-\$2.90

JayDene Aquiso, Assistant Business Manager
Bruneau Grand View Joint School District #365
39678 State Highway 78
Bruneau, Idaho 83604
May 20, 2020

05/20/2020

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
04/29,05/6,13,20/2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
CASE NO. CV37-20-00136

In the Matter of the Estate of SUSAN GAIL ROBERTSON, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DAWN M. ROBERTSON was appointed Personal Representative of the above-named Decedent. All persons having claims against the Decedent's estate is required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims against the Decedent's

estate must be presented to the undersigned attorney for said Personal Representative, Larry C. Ashcraft, of the firm ASHCRAFT LAW PLLC, at PO Box 506, Mountain Home, Idaho 83647-0506, and filed with the Clerk of this Court.

DATED May 7, 2020.
ASHCRAFT LAW PLLC
s:/Larry C. Ashcraft
05/13,20,27/2020





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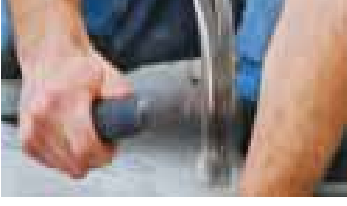
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“This is a good reminder that fire season is fast approaching. Are you prepared?” the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District social media post said. Photo from MRW Facebook page

Out-of-control burn barrel scorches private, BLM ground

Fire crews tackled the first significant brush fire of the season shortly before on May 11 near Murphy Flat Road.

Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire and Bureau of Land Management fire crews responded. MRW Fire Capt. Louis Monson estimates the fire burned eight to 10 acres on both private land and BLM ground.

A controlled burn inside a burn barrel got away from a landowner and spread from private ground to BLM acreage, Monson said.

The MRW response included heavy brush and quick attack units as well as three water tenders.

A BLM crew with a brush engine and tactical tender also fought the fire, Monson said.



Still in service

This 1994 Ford F-350 ambulance has served two emergency medical service agencies in Owyhee County. As featured in last week’s Looking Back from 1995, Homedale Ambulance acquired the vehicle brand new. In October 2009, the Homedale agency donated the ambulance to what was then Central Owyhee Quick Response Unit — now known as Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson QRU. MRW Emergency Medical Technician and Fire Capt. Louis Monson said the rig most recently went on a lift assist call in Sunrise Skypark near the ambulance’s Givens base last Wednesday. The vehicle is used for response only because the QRU is not authorized to transport, but Monson said it could be used to supplement other area ambulances in the case of a breakdown or a mass transport incident. Submitted photo

Bruneau Sand Dunes star-gazing on hold

Although Bruneau Sand Dunes State Park is open for day use, the Owyhee County attraction remains closed to overnight camping until May 30.

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation clarified Thursday that the park’s weekly star-gazing event remains cancelled through May, too.

Starting up the program will be re-evaluated next month, according to a post on the state park’s Facebook page.

Star-gazing began on March 20 and is supposed to last through Oct. 17.

Typically the event is held on Friday and Saturday evenings, and the viewing fees are \$5 for an individual, \$20 for parents and their minor children, \$3 for seniors 62 and older, and free for children 5 and younger.

A motor vehicle fee of \$5 is required to enter the park.

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