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Woman's kidnapper sentenced

Victim, husband face trials on unrelated abuse charges

The final defendant in the December 2018 false imprisonment of a Homedale woman has been sentenced.

But Homedale resident Mikal J. Christensen could spend as few as seven months behind bars.

Third District Judge Thomas W. Whitney retained jurisdiction when he sentenced Christensen on May 22 in Murphy. That typically means Christensen could avoid a lengthy stint in the state penitentiary if he successfully completes a rider program that frequently includes counseling and other therapy.

Whitney imposed a state prison sentence of between two and seven years on a felony



Mikal Christensen

— See *Kidnapper*, page 6



Local officers carry special flame

Above: Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller pulls away while hoisting the Special Olympics torch and heading to the next Law Enforcement Torch Relay handoff Thursday.

Below: Sgt. Mike McFetridge carries the torch with one of several Special Olympians who walked the route. For more photos, see *Page 12*.



Home sales drive valuation increases

New assessment notices mailed

Property sales from last year have caused valuations to rise significantly, according to Owyhee County Assessor Toni Gruenwald.

Assessments were supposed to go in the mail Monday, and Gruenwald wants property owners prepared when they open the envelopes.

Ranchers who own dry graze parcels will get sticker shock, too. Gruenwald said the Idaho State Tax Commission changed the way dry graze valuations are computed.

"In using the new formula, dry graze doubled. I do not like this," Gruenwald said.

"We were represented in the rules committee by several assessors; however, this is where it stands. By state statute, I have to follow this formula."

She explained why residential property assessments have risen.

— See *Valuation*, page 6

Conditions ripe for Mormon cricket population explosion

Owyhee native: Worst infestation in lifetime

They're baaaack!

If it's spring in Owyhee County, there must be Mormon crickets. And after a mild winter and relatively little precipitation in the months following, the native insects have once again invaded.

"Is it worse than last year? Yes, it appears to

be," rancher Paul Nettleton said. "(They're) more widespread. I'm not sure I have ever seen them this bad this early."

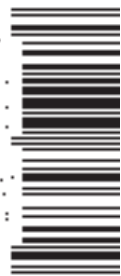
In a Facebook post, the lifelong Owyhee County resident warned that the infestation stretches across the Owyhee Front from U.S. Highway 95 to Bachman Grade.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) says

— See *Cricket*, page 2



Mormon crickets cover a rock and float in a creek near Silver City last summer. Owyhee County native Paul Nettleton says the infestation is worse this year.



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Election caps voting changes

Owyhee County citizens have faced a lot of firsts in the past few months.

Adapting to a world in which the spread of COVID-19 has dominated so many aspects of their lives has forced a change to many things folks have taken for granted.

One such change is the way in which the county's citizens participated in the primary election.

For the first time in history, Idahoans took part in an election that consisted of mail-in ballots only. No voting could be done in person.

The process has been difficult and taxing to folks learning to adapt to the new system, as well as to the county employees who are learning it, too.

"The entire process has been stressful for voters and elections workers alike," Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell said. "Thanks to everyone for their patience as we were getting the ballots out and answering calls."

Citizens were originally given a May 19 deadline to request a ballot, but a lawsuit by Idaho 1st Congressional District Republican candidate Nicholas Jones prompted U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill to extend mail-in ballot requests to Tuesday, May 26.

Barkell said the county received fewer than 100 ballots after Winmill's order.

Jones claimed many voters were unable to request ballots in the days leading up to the May 19 deadline because the Idaho Secretary of State's IdahoVotes.gov website crashed in the days before the original deadline.

Although the ballot request deadline was extended, the deadline for returning ballots to the county remained the same: 8 p.m., on Tuesday.

The earliest the clerk's office could post results was 9 p.m. Visit www.owyheeavalanche.com or The Owyhee Avalanche's Facebook page for results of the county primaries and the voting totals for legislative races.

There have been a few hiccups along the way. The county clerk's office learned of a couple instances in which ballots were mailed to addresses where voters lived years ago.

"Another one today had a different person's address on the absentee ballot page than was on his registered voters page," Barkell said. "The absentee address was for his cousin that lives on the other side of the county and has never been associated with his name."

One person received two ballots. The envelopes were returned so the clerk's office could investigate what went wrong.

"(A request) in itself does not cause an issue, returning the ballots in time to be counted could be an issue," she said.

Barkell also said her office mailed out 2,544 ballots, meaning that 47.5 percent of the county's 5,359 registered voters requested ballots. The voter turnout record is 66.3 percent, reached in November 2018 when 3,478 of 5,247 voters cast ballots.

"If you think about it, our office is doing the work of all the poll workers," she said. "We average between 40 and 50 workers each election."

Barkell hopes that the process can return to normal by the next election.

"Overall, we have been able to remedy (issues) that have been reported to us," she said. "I think people like going to the polling locations to vote, so I'm really hoping we can offer them that choice in November."

— TK



New playground finally unveiled

When supervisor Bret Smith and his public works crew took down protective barriers and signs around Homedale's playgrounds on May 22, it marked the official opening of the city's newest playground in Riverside Park. A section of the grounds still has a fence up to protect areas of turf that have been recently seeded.

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Who needs an observatory when you have South Mountain on a clear night? The Milky Way shone brightly above a communications tower at about 3 a.m., on Memorial Day. Photo by Delwyne Trefz



C.J. Strike, Swan
Falls rec sites reopen

Scout Park is still closed, but several other Idaho Power campgrounds at C.J. Strike Reservoir are available again after the latest wave of reopenings on Friday.

Idaho Power announced plans to reopen several campgrounds throughout the state late last week.

In addition to C.J. Strike facilities, there are Swan Falls sites that are open again.

The recreational facilities closed in March because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Scout Park and access across Swan Falls Dam and to the museum are still closed because they are close to Idaho Power facilities where power plant employees are most likely to come into contact with visitors.

An updated list of which sites are open is available at idahopower.com/whatsopen.

Visitors should check the company’s website to make sure their destination is open before traveling, as dates could change.

C.J. Strike sites that are welcoming visitors again include:

- Cottonwood Park boat access
- Crane Falls East boat access

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- Jack’s Creek boat access and dispersed campsites

- Loveridge Bridge North boat access

- Loveridge Bridge South boat access

- North Park boat access and day-use area, but overnight camping isn’t available yet.

Swan Falls sites now open include:

- Reservoir boat access
- Downstream boat access
- Downstream dispersed campsites

Visitors are urged to follow social distancing guidelines, especially when using common spaces such as docks and picnic areas. Portable restrooms will be available. Campground restrooms and showers will remain closed for now.

“We look forward to welcoming visitors back to our campgrounds and other public recreation facilities,” Idaho Power’s recreation supervisor Fred Noland said.

“The early phases of our reopening have gone smoothly, and we appreciate everyone’s patience and their efforts to follow the health guidelines with respect to social distancing.”



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Correction

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Rimrock graduates get individual moments in the sun

Bruneau-Grand View School District board of trustees chair Scott McNeley handed out diplomas in private ceremonies for each Rimrock High School graduate's family after Saturday's parade. **From left:** Ian Burbank, Hannah Field, and Christian Sharek. Different events were shared live on Facebook, too. Bruneau-Grand View School District photos



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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 81 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 727 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 182 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 576,471 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.

Man to be sentenced in St. Clair's death

Mark Wayne Warner, who was involved in the Nov. 15 shooting death of a Marsing farmer, has reached the sentencing stage of his case.

Warner on May 22 pled guilty to felony aggravated battery and aggravated assault with a persistent violator enhancement.

Third District Judge Thomas W. Whitney will sentence Warner at 10:30 a.m., on July 24.

In January, Warner entered not guilty pleas to involuntary manslaughter, aggravated battery, aggravated assault, and malicious injury to property. The manslaughter and vandalism charges were not addressed in Warner's plea hearing.

In November, Warner was accused of using Marsing farmer Rod St. Clair as a human shield in a late-night incident. Warner allegedly rushed out of some bushes at St. Clair's home and attacked the man with a flail.

During the scuffle, St. Clair was accidentally shot in the back by his daughter-in-law, Debra Thompson. Warner, identified as a member of the Owyhee County chapter of outlaw motorcycle gang Vagos, was shot twice in the stomach.

— TK

Island Park access road closed until Monday

The Idaho Transportation Department's project to replace the Snake River bridge in Marsing is inching closer to completion.

The rebuilding of the bridge, undertaken by Utah's Wadsworth Brothers Construction, began in February 2019. The majority of work on the south side of the bridge has been completed, and the north side now has most of the attention.

The access road between the north and south sides of Marsing's Island Park is currently closed and will remain that way through the weekend.

The boat launch on the north side of the bridge and the park on the south side will remain open. Both access roads from Idaho highway 55/Main Street are open.

Access to Island Park is limited while crews work on the bridge deck.

When construction is done, there will be a completely new bridge over the Snake River, including a widened shoulder on both sides, and an additional access road on the north side with a sidewalk into Island Park.

According to ITD's website at <http://itdprojects.org/projects/marsing55improvements/>, the project should be completed by late summer or fall.

— TK



Bars, restaurants ready for the rush

Gov. Brad Little modified the state's reopening stages in a Thursday press conference, saying that bars and restaurants will be able to welcome customers inside beginning Saturday. No more than 50 people are to gather at one time. An hour before Little's press conference, beverage distribution vehicles lined West Idaho Avenue in Homedale and deliverymen scurried about dropping off beer and hard seltzer at local establishments. More trucks arrived Friday morning. Bars, restaurants and movie theatres weren't scheduled to welcome back customers until Phase 4 before Little move them into Phase 3.

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Owyhee County COVID-19 cases:
8
New cases, May 25 to June 1: 0
Source: coronavirus.idaho.gov

Malheur County COVID-19 cases:
32
Negative tests: 722 (379 new)
New cases, May 25 to June 1: 4
Source: govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19

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✓ Kidnapper: Christensen given credit for 17 months already served

controlled substance conviction. The judge also ordered two years in state prison on an amended misdemeanor charge of assault by threatening to do violence through an act to create fear that the violence is imminent.

Whitney also gave Christensen credit for the 17 months he has spent in Owyhee County Jail in Murphy, meaning there's a chance the man could be out of prison by the end of the year.

That misdemeanor charge originally was filed as felony second-degree conspiracy to commit kidnapping.

Original felony charges not included in the final disposition include burglary, second-degree kidnapping and unlawful weapon possession by a convicted felon.

Christensen was the last of three defendants connected to the kidnapping and imprisonment of then-Homedale resident Melissa Transue, who escaped captivity from a property between Homedale and Marsing in late December 2018.

In November, felony charges of aiding and abetting a second-degree kidnapping and burglary were dismissed against Tressa Marie Sipes.

Chancey Baker, who was accused in the kidnapping and also of sexual assault of Transue's child, committed suicide while in state custody in September.

Transue and her husband Duncan have since been charged with four felony counts each of injury to child alleging she abused her children and they imprisoned them.

The Transues, who now live in Parma, entered not guilty pleas in Third District Court in February.

Melissa is accused of striking and choking her 12-year-old child.

The couple are also accused of chaining their children — ages 12 and 10 — in a trailer with insufficient food and water.

Melissa has been out of jail after posting a \$100,000 bond. Third District Judge Andrea Courtney vacated a jury trial scheduled for early May because of COVID-19 restrictions.

The trial is now set to start Dec. 8.

Duncan was released on his own recognizance in March. His jury trial, previously vacated because of COVID-19, is set to start Oct. 20 before Whitney.

— JPB

✓ Valuation: Sale prices above assessments helped values skyrocket

"People were paying a lot more for residential property than we had them assessed for," she said.

State law requires Gruenwald to place property values between 90 percent and 110 percent of market value. Because property sale prices went up, the property valuations must follow.

"I fell way short," Gruenwald said of the criteria ordered by state law. "Since 2015, values have gone up. This year was a hard hit, though."

Gruenwald said property owners from Homedale to Oreana will see at least a 20 percent increase "depending on the area."

Some neighborhoods assessed even higher, she said.

Those valuation increases barely reached the 90 percent threshold, though, Gruenwald said.

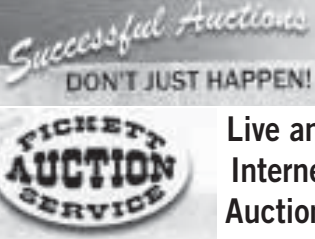
Grand View and Bruneau valuations rose at a lower rate.

"I don't have enough sales in those areas to justify a big increase in value," Gruenwald said.

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Homedale FFA officers revealed after online sifting

by Ainslee Evans
Chapter reporter

Even through the tough times facing our country, the Homedale FFA chapter has been able to shed some light in their members’ lives through online meetings and officer interviews.

Last week, 11 hard-working and dedicated individuals participated in online interviews with hopes of being selected for the 2020-21 Homedale FFA officer team. This year, the chapter selected eight individuals as opposed to the usual seven because of the addition of a co-historian to help with the chapter scrapbook for the 2021 state convention.

The new chapter president is Makenna DeWitt, daughter of Chad and Aundra DeWitt. She has been a member for six years and previously served as the chapter secretary.

The newly elected vice-president is Madison Miller, daughter of Walter and Kiley Miller. This is her sixth year in FFA, and she previously served as chapter reporter.

The chapter secretary is Wyatt Wetzel, son of Shane and Amber Wetzel. This is his sixth year as an FFA member.

The chapter reporter is Ainslee Evans, daughter of Oscar and Clara-Leigh Evans. She has been a member for six years and previously served as

the chapter’s junior advisor.

The newly selected treasurer is John Lejardi, son of Steve and Margaret Lejardi. He has been in FFA for three years.

The chapter’s new sentinel is Robert Salazar, son of Angel and Esmeralda Salazar. Robert has been in FFA for three years and previously served as the chapter treasurer.

The two co-historians are Catherine Decker, daughter of George Decker and Jocele Skinner, and Rylan Love, son of Josh and Lindsey Love. They have both been a part of the FFA chapter for four years.

The newly elected junior advisor is

Caitlyn Pate, daughter of Christi and Ed Pate. Caitlyn has been in FFA for six years and previously served as the chapter historian.

The Homedale FFA chapter would like to thank past officers and wish the senior members good luck as they continue on their road to success and happiness.

Up next for Homedale FFA is the online awards banquet put on by our 2019-20 officer team. The event will be posted on the Homedale FFA page on Facebook and Instagram.

Congratulations to the new officer team and good luck throughout the next school year.

Man leads deputies on two car chases in four hours

Nampan died Saturday in unrelated police pursuit

A Nampa man who led Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputies on an on-again, off-again high-speed chase on May 23 is dead after a second pursuit with Idaho State Police in Twin Falls.

Twin Falls television station KMVT on Monday identified 61-year-old Terry Cook of Nampa as the man who died when he crashed a 2014 Jeep Compass into an irrigation pivot stanchion early Saturday morning while leading ISP on a pursuit.

Seven days before the chase, Cook engaged OCSO personnel in a pair of chases on U.S. Highway 95 south of Marsing before he was arrested on felony and misdemeanor charges.

Cook was released from Owyhee County Jail in Murphy on a \$10,000 bond after being booked on felony fleeing or attempting to elude a peace officer and misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession.

Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said the initial pursuit began

when Cook was spotted driving a 2011 Ford Explorer at an estimated speed of 80 mph in a 65 mph zone on U.S. 95 near Pershall Road south of Marsing.

The chase continued at a high rate of speed before Cook stopped at milepost 23 and aggressively jumped from his vehicle, Bowman said.

When a deputy pulled out his weapon and yelled at Cook to stop, the man returned to his vehicle and sped off, reaching speeds of nearly 110 mph southbound on U.S. 95. The deputy terminated the chase when the pursuit arrived at the Oregon border.

Several hours later, Cook was again spotted northbound on U.S. 95. Homedale Police prepared for pursuit before they made contact with Cook parked on the side of the highway.

Cook complied with law enforcement commands and was taken into custody.

Bowman said a marijuana pipe was found during a search of Cook’s vehicle.

The deputy involved with the original pursuit identified Cook when he was arrested, Bowman said. — TK



Terry Cook

Free summer meals under way

Three school districts have begun serving free summer meals to all children 18 and younger.

Homedale School District began distributing breakfast and lunch last month at the Txoko Ona Basque Center parking lot, 333 S. Main St., and the elementary school, 420 W. Washington Ave.

The meals are available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Homedale meals will be distributed until June 25.

Marsing School District started serving lunches in three locations on Monday. The meals will be available through July 31 at:

- City Park, 2nd Avenue West and 2nd Street, from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Labor camp, 5758 Hwy. 78, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
- Middle/high school, 209 8th Ave. W., from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m.

The Canyon-Owyhee School Service summer food service program also began Monday at the school campus, 109 Penny Lane, in Wilder. Breakfast is served at 8:30 a.m., and lunch service begins at 11:30 a.m. The program runs through June 26.

WEED WATCH

From Jordan Valley CWMA coordinator Eric Morrison

Name: Poison Hemlock (*Conium maculatum*)

Description: An herbaceous erect biennial, occasionally a winter annual. During the first year of growth, poison hemlock forms a large rosette and usually remains in the vegetative stage. It can easily grow to 7 feet on a rigid central stem that branches towards the top. Its stem is hollow except at the nodes, the points at which the leaf attaches. Leaves are clasping on a stout stalk and are deeply divided. Plants progress from a shiny deep green to a dull light green as they mature. Mature stems will exhibit red to purple splotches especially from ground to the mid-point. Close clusters of white flowers at the branch ends near the top form an umbrella shape. All plant parts are extremely toxic **USE CAUTION WHEN HANDLING**. A number of people are poisoned each year in North America, some fatally.



Photo by Clint Shock

Habitat: Usually found in areas that remain moist, developing very dense stands. Field edges, ditch banks, roadsides, floodplains and all watercourses are common habitat.

Origin: Of Central to Eastern European origin. Possibly brought as an ornamental during the mid-1800s.

Control: Can be somewhat difficult to manage usually because of a large seed bank in the soil. Hand removal is possible but persistence is required. Poison hemlock remains toxic for several years after being pulled, especially the roots. Biocontrol agents are present and active. Poison hemlock is sensitive to most common herbicides, however the key to good control is early treatment, usually by early to mid-April. Planting and maintaining hardy perennial grasses usually prevent further encroachment.

When using herbicides always read and follow label directions on any chemical. It’s the law!

Information modified from “*Selected Noxious Weeds of Eastern Oregon*,” by Gary Page, Malheur County Weed Inspector.

For more information on noxious weeds contact your local CWMA or County Weed Department

For more information on noxious weeds, contact your local cooperative weed management area (CWMA) or county weed department.

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Death notice

MICHAEL CLARENCE FERRELL, 60, of Marsing, died Saturday, May 30, 2020 at a local hospital of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

Senior menu

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June 9: Salisbury steak w/mushrooms & onions, mashed potatoes & gravy, Brussels sprouts
June 10: Hot dog on bun, chili fries, tater tots, peas & carrots

HHS graduate inducted into college honor society

Kaden Henry, a 2018 Homedale High School graduate, has been inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

The son of Isaac and Camille Henry of Marsing, Kaden is a student at Boise State University.

Phi Kappa Phi is the nation’s oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society.

Henry is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann, who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines.

Today, there are chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and the Philippines.

Homedale grad finishes Air Force flight school

A Homedale High School graduate has entered into a new and exciting phase in his life after completing U.S. Air Force pilot training in April.

After finishing his course at Laughlin Air Force Base in Texas, 2nd Lt. Neil Doyle, a 2010 HHS graduate, moved on to Altus AFB in Oklahoma. At Altus, Doyle will learn how to fly the Boeing KC-135 Stratotanker, which fuels military planes mid-flight.

Doyle, the son of Homedale residents Paddy and Shalla Doyle, began school in Homedale in the third grade, having moved from North Pole, Alaska. He began his career in the military with the Idaho Air National Guard nine years ago in munitions.

He is currently attached to the Alaska Air National Guard. When he finishes his KC-135 training, he will be stationed at Eielson Air Base, southeast of Fairbanks.

Doyle and his wife, Taylor, have been married for one year.

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Obituary

Lee Edd Green

Lee Edd Green born January 8, 1941 to Bonner Warren, and Lily Lucile Green in Sulphur Springs, Texas where he lived until he was 7. Lee traveled with his parents/siblings between California, Arizona, and Idaho for work until marrying.

In 1959 Lee married Nancy Duvall, and had one child, Jimmy Lee Carver (Debbie.) In 1963 Lee married his current wife Vicki Sue Fegert, and was married 57 years. They have 4 children: Bonnie Kent (Lucky), Lee Green, Jr., Keith Green, and Victor Green (Rosa).

Lee worked his adult life at Symms Fruit Ranch, where he retired at 72 years of age.

In his younger years Lee was quite a horseman. He was a diehard Dallas Cowboy fan. He enjoyed camping and fishing with his family. He was a collector of everything John Wayne. He loved his dogs.

Lee is survived by his wife, Vicki, all his kids, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery at 2 p.m., Tuesday, June 2, 2020.

Condolences can be given at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com



Calendar

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

Thursday
Homedale Farmers Market
3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Bette Uda City Park
Cultivate children’s program
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, Homedale.
Owyhee County Fair Board meeting
7 p.m., Owyhee County Community Center, 423 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3888

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

Monday
Board of County Commissioners meeting
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421. Call (208) 495-2421 for accessibility options.
Story Time
10:15 a.m., Homedale City Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. Accessible with Facebook Live.
Homedale city budget workshop
4 p.m., Sundance Park, 500 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-4641

Tuesday
Gem Highway District meeting
6 p.m., district office, 1016 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4581
American Legion Post 128 meeting
7 p.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

Wednesday
Melba school board meeting
5 p.m., district office, 511 Broadway, Melba. (208) 495-1141
Grand View City Council meeting
6 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2700, noon to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday
Homedale City Council meeting
4 p.m., Sundance Park, 700 S. 1st. St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-4641
Jordan Valley Ambulance meeting
6 p.m., ambulance hall, 706 Main St.
Marsing Fire Commissioners meeting
7 p.m., Marsing Fire Hall, 303 Main St., Marsing.
Marsing City Council meeting
7 p.m., Sandbar Restaurant, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 896-4122 for accessibility options
Homedale Highway District meeting
7 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale
Marsing School Board meeting
7 p.m., school district office boardroom, 301 8th Ave W, Marsing. (208) 649-5411 for accessibility options

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Safely handling food from the garden to the shelf

With the weather starting to heat up to the highs of summer, it is crucial for us to remember the importance of handling food safely from harvest to consumption. This spring has seen an increase in home gardening interest and home food preparation and food preservation practices. While this is great news to hear that so many individuals are exploring their food options, it is even more important to make sure that this food is handled in the right way to reduce foodborne illness risks.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) tracks foodborne illnesses that are associated with food consumption. According to a recent published study, a three-year analysis found that the occurrence of foodborne illnesses in the United States has not decreased, and that some even increased. While there are times that foodborne outbreaks do occur within the food supply system, there are still many things that can be done in the home to reduce the potential risks that can be associated with our food.



Suriñe Greenway

University of Idaho Extension

Luckily, there are many different factors we can implement in our home garden and kitchen to make our fresh food not only taste great but be safe as well. For the best quality food, it is highly recommended that food be harvested and washed before storage. Some produce that is stored in the refrigerator does not benefit from washing and storing, as it can remove debris from the produce. For unwashed produce, refrigeration can provide the moisture necessary for enzymes to break down and increase food spoilage. This is most common in more delicate foods such as berries. Reduce the chance of spoilage by washing the berries in cool running water, removing as much excess moisture as possible, and storing the food with paper towels. This same method applies to freshly picked mixed greens.

The next biggest way that food can become contaminated is through the food handling process. With the increasing temperatures, it becomes even more important to make sure that when preparing foods, cold foods should be kept cold (0-40°F) and hot foods should be kept hot (140°F and

above). When holding foods between 40-140°F, it provides an ideal environment for many different pathogens to grow on our food source. Reducing the desired environment decreases the necessary elements for many different foodborne illnesses.

Lastly, with so much interest in food preservation, it is important to understand necessary safety factors before preserving foods for shelf-stable storage. Knowing the importance of density, acidity and heat penetration factors necessary for home-food preservation can greatly reduce the risk associated with improperly home-canned product. The most important recommendation is to obtain a research-based recipe that is intended for canning. With a surge in home-canning interest, several individuals have attempted to take a fresh-made recipe and use it to process and store foods on the shelf, which can be a major food safety risk for you and your family. Please make sure your recipe is intended for canning, and when in doubt, please contact our office and we can walk you through your questions and recipe.

For more information on some gardening recommendations, as well as harvesting and storing produce, check out this University of Idaho Extension

publication. The information is intended for individuals maintaining a school garden, but all of the recommendations still apply to home gardening: <https://www.extension.uidaho.edu/publishing/pdf/BUL/BUL937.pdf>

A full list of Food Preservation and Safety Publications & Resources from University of Idaho: <https://www.extension.uidaho.edu/youthfamilyhealth.aspx>

The National Center for Home Food Preservation is an additional research-based resource that can be found online with different sections that can be viewed, downloaded or printed at home. Please visit this site for access to this publication: https://nchfp.uga.edu/publications/publications_usda.html

— Suriñe Greenway is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educator. For more information, you can reach the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing. Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, May 2020, https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6917a1.htm?s_cid=mm6917a1_w&deliveryName=USCDC_921-DM26943

South Board of Control irrigation meetings online for third month

For the third consecutive time, the round of monthly regular meetings for southern Owyhee Project irrigation governors will be held online.

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The monthly meetings for directors from the Ridgeview and Gem Irrigation districts and the South Board of Control will be on Zoom on Tuesday. The Ridgeview directors will convene at 7 p.m. The Gem board meets at 7:15 p.m. The South Board of Control,

which includes all Gem directors and the chair of the Ridgeview board, meets at 7:30 p.m. Anyone who wants to attend the meetings can obtain a link by calling the SBOC office at (208) 337-3760. Those who don't have a computer or an internet-capable phone can call the office to obtain an alternative method of attendance. Water users who want to keep up-to-date with emergency notices or other news can visit www.southboardofcontrol.com.

OCD board to judge students' posters

Supervisor elections will be in focus during the next Owyhee Conservation District board meeting. The board will meet at noon on Thursday, June 11 at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing. No public will be allowed to attend the meeting because of social distancing guidelines, but they will be able to sit in telephonically. The call-in number is (888) 844-9904, and the access code is 2792764. Board chair Andrea McRae will call for public comments at

some point during the meeting, OCD administrative assistant Tammie Hedges said. In addition to board elections, the supervisors will judge entries from the OCD's student poster contest. The contest was conducted strictly via email because of the COVID-19 stay-home order. Also on the agenda is discussion of a 50/50 grant awarded to a Jordan Valley landowner to remove junipers from 100 acres. For more information on the meeting or access, call (208) 896-4544, ext. 102.

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Three Creek School emerges from soft closure full of pride

Students clean up in academic goals, during roadside project

Three Creek School students celebrated the end of the year with a roadside cleanup competition on May 21.

Students who were able to attend school on Johnny Horizon Day spent time cleaning up trash along the road in front of the Three Creek School.

Johnny Horizon Day pays tribute to the former mascot used between 1970 and 1982 to promote Bureau of Land Management Clean-Up America projects.

Students also got a chance to check out new technology in Idaho State Police Trooper Michael Hausauer's patrol car. The trooper was on hand to ensure safety during the cleanup, but he also showed the children a laser light used to measure crime scenes.

"(Hausauer) patrolled the area while the Three Creek Highway District placed signs, cones, and sentries at each end (of the cleanup zone) to slow down traffic and keep our students safe," Three Creek teacher Dena Pollock said.

The group picked up 84 pounds of trash in about two hours. The team cleaning the east side of the road won the cleanup competition with 52 pounds. The west side squad collected 32 pounds.

"(Highway district supervisor) Joe Keel and his crew weighed and disposed of the trash for us," Pollock said.

The schoolchildren also embarked on a recycling drive. Two large wooden bins by a dumpster near the school were filled with cans and metal.

"Our students sorted out the garbage and began stomping the cans flat when the highway district brought out their roller," Pollock said. "It had been in the shop and was repaired in time to smash our cans."

The children laid out the cans and watched them flatten under the roller.

"Picking up smashed cans



From left: Teacher's assistant Tammie Jones, teacher Dena Pollock, students Elli and Addy Brackett, Sarah and Belle Brackett, and Idaho State Police Trooper Michael Hausauer. Photos by Kimberly Brackett



Left: Signs were placed to warn motorists of the children who were at work. Right: Three Creek Road foreman Joe Keele (pictured) and ISP Trooper Hausauer patrolled to keep the students safe while they performed their roadside cleanup.



and bagging them shortened the time and effort on our part considerably," Pollock said.

With the end of the school year, seven girls were promoted to higher grade levels.

Pollock said many goals were met, too, including:

- Belle and Sarah Brackett read more than 3 million words this year as counted by the Accelerated Reading program. Belle totaled 3,933,287 and Sarah was close behind with 3,543,508.

- Brooklyn Kaplan completed 46 math topics before ending her year at Three Creek.

- Lilly Brennan and Cheyenne Higgins mastered 109 Accelerated Math objectives and completed all topics for Kindergarten math.

- Addy Brackett completed Level 4 reading and language arts and finished her Level 3 math program.

- Elli Brackett completed both Accelerated and Envision math work for Level 1.

"We are very proud of our students this year as our school returned from spring break to the soft closure of schools in the state of Idaho," Pollock said, adding that each

household received a laptop for at-home work.

"Though we are a remote district, we were able to have some communication with our students during our last quarter," Pollock said.

By the end of the school year, one family was allowed into the school each day.

"This allowed testing to be uniform. Our focus became to complete the reading and math programs," Pollock said.

"Since our students work on different levels depending upon their mastery of topics, we are happy to announce our

students were able to complete their individual work in math and reading."

Now the children can focus on their summer vacation.

"We are excited for summer break and to be able to return in the fall to a normal school calendar," Pollock said.

— JPB

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Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Relay



Above: Homedale code enforcement officer Liset Llamas carries the torch with Homedale resident Jonathan Page as his father Samuel (behind) accompanies him and mother Robyn (far left) records the occasion. *Right:* Officer Justin Herman dances along East Wyoming Avenue on the way to Bette Uda City Park.



Above: Officer Danny Zenor leads the parade down East Wyoming Avenue, holding the Special Olympics Torch with another Country Coyotes team member. *Left:* Officer Kevin Bean and a Country Coyotes athlete complete their leg of the torch relay.

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The Homedale Police force stands behind Homedale-area resident Garrett Evans at the end of Thursday's Law Enforcement Torch Relay for the Special Olympics. From left: Kevin Bean, Andrew Arnold, Justin Herman, Liset Llamas, Karl Kingston, Danny Zenor, and Mike McFetridge. Chief Jeff Eidemiller had zipped away to hand off the torch to the next leg of the relay.

Sports

High school rodeo returns



Heeler Trevor Fillmore (left) tries to loop a steer after Jordan Valley teammate Jace Grenke did his job as header during Sunday's fourth-place showing in the District II high school rodeo at the Payette County Fairgrounds in New Plymouth. The pair notched a 10.47-second run. Local winners included Jordan Valley's Birch and Tayler Eiguren both Saturday (8.73) and Sunday (8.65) in team roping, and Adrian's Sydney Davis, who was Sunday's barrel racing champ with a 17.029 run. Homedale's Sage Badiola clocked a career-best 17.759 barrel racing run on Sunday. The rodeos were the first of the spring for District II, which will hold three days of finals rodeo Friday (6 p.m.), Saturday and Sunday (10 a.m., each day) at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale this week. The state finals rodeo takes place June 13-20 in Pocatello.



Adrian's Celie Davis was runner-up in the Junior High Division goat tying on Saturday, tying her goat in 11.29 seconds.



Ellie Brunko of Homedale competed in three events in the girls' rodeo. In addition to pole bending (pictured), she also took part in barrel racing and breakaway roping.

Photos and information by Cherie Rolland

of Cherie Rolland Photography

Marsing athletics undergo coaching changes

Marsing High School will have some new faces next school year and one that can be found in a new position.

Clint Thomas, who was track and field coach before the season ended prematurely because of COVID-19, will take over the reins of Robin Simpson as cross country coach this fall.

Simpson resigned as coach in November.

Thomas has resigned as track coach.

The position has been posted internally, and Huskies athletic director and high school principal Tim Little said that, if it has not been filled by the end of the week, it will be posted externally.

The Huskies have a new top dog on the football field, too. Mike Nunnelee was hired in March to replace Dan Charters, marking Marsing's fifth head coach in five years.

Charters resigned his position prior to a special school board meeting in January during which it was decided to continue football as a full varsity sport, despite low turnout of athletes and safety concerns.

Marsing girls' basketball coach Gloria Nagel resigned in March and was replaced by an assistant, Mike Swanson.

Swanson began summer practices this week.

— TK

Summer high school basketball workouts under way

New Marsing girls' coach creates practice-at-home curriculum

High school basketball summer programs kicked off this week with workouts announced for Homedale's boys' team and Marsing's girls' squad. HHS coach Cam Long has announced a summer schedule after the state sanctioning body released guidelines. All June tournaments have been cancelled, but the Idaho High School

Athletics Association signed off on summer workouts. The Trojans started their second summer under Long on Tuesday. Practices will be held every Tuesday and Thursday during June. Incoming freshmen and eighth-graders practice from noon to 1:45 p.m., and high school players work out from 2 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. "The first half of June will be strictly skill development and a lot of shooting," Long wrote in an email to parents and players. Small-scale scrimmages could break out later in June with 5-on-5 scrimmages

in July, Long said. There could be jamborees in July. Long and HHS football coach Matt Holtry are syncing up their schedules to prevent burnout for those athletes who play both sports. According to a Facebook post by a Marsing girls' basketball coach, the program began its workouts on Monday with a two-hour afternoon practice. Because of current guidelines, only players and coaches are allowed in the gym, new varsity girls' basketball coach Michael Swanson wrote on the Marsing Lady Husky Basketball social

media page. "The guidelines in place (are) requesting all participants to bring their own water bottles and not share," Swanson wrote. "Also, locker rooms are going to close down for the time being." Swanson said he is working on scheduling games after June 13. He also will craft home workouts for any parents or guardians who are uncomfortable with allowing their student-athlete to attend practice. "This is not a mandatory situation, and there will not be any negative consequences for not attending summer basketball," he wrote. — JPB

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Hind speak

“Hey buddy, maybe you’ll rope better after your horse foals. Ha ha!”

“Thanks, pal. I had a horse like yours once. But his brain was so small his head caved in and he bit his own ears off! Look it’s starting in yours... see that indention?”

The quick retort. That clever comeback, the snappy rejoinder that puts the annoying smart mouth in his place. The French call it *Esprit d’Escalier* — the wit of the stairway. In my case, it would be better called *Esprit d’ Much Later*. I don’t think of what I wished I’d said till I’m tossing and turning at two o’clock in the morning.

My normal response to the roping chide would have been more like, “Huh? Oh. It’s a gelding. Yeah, I guess you know, I get it. Ha, ha. Duh!”

The trick is to let the tormentor step into his own trap:

“My gosh, Bill, if I had a bull that threw calves like that I’d sell ’im as quick as I could!”

“You had... you did. I bought him at yer yearlin’ sale two years ago!”

“This is ridiculous havin’ to nearly undress to get through airport security.”

“I’ve never heard anyone say that who’s been hijacked.”

“I’ve been tryin’ to call you for three weeks to tell you about this great networking investment opportunity. How do you expect people to get a hold of you if you have an unlisted phone number?”

(A visual Esprit d’Escalier ... the raised eyebrows)

“How can you live without a computer?”

“Somebody’s gotta think up all that stuff you read on that little screen.”

“Ugh ... how can you wear that fur coat?”

“I’m doing research on lunatics, and this seems to be good bait.”

“Dear, why do you always under cook my bacon? You know I like it crisp.”

“Yer mother always cooked it crisp and said you were difficult to potty train. I don’t want you to revert.”

“I hope you don’t mind us joining you. Looks like yer catchin’ all the fish.”

“Not a bit, have y’all been vaccinated for leprosy?”

“I run every day. Are you familiar with running?”

“Yeah, I saw ‘The Fugitive.’ ”

“How could anyone be so stupid?”

“Maybe it’s the company I keep.”

Now that you’ve got the idea, try this on...

“Did you make that bridle yourself or is your kid learning leatherwork in kindergarten?”

— 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*.

Tony Hoshaw, M.Div., Ph.D.

COVID-19 perceptions Practice freedom to fight misinformation, safely reopen



The Homedale Community Awareness page on Facebook is typically filled with posts from people looking to keep their business in the Homedale area or sending out the alert about someone’s lost pet. The page is well managed and the best of my hometown is so very often displayed there. The page also allows those of us who have moved away to stay in touch with our hometown. In a recent thread, celebrating the potential opening of bars on May 30, I felt compelled to address the baseless statements being made about COVID-19 (coronavirus).

It is clear that the majority of Idahoans are doing the right thing: taking the governor’s orders seriously, physical distancing, wearing a mask (when necessary and possible). That is why Idaho is among the states seeing a sharp decline in COVID-19 cases. Nonetheless, we cannot let people make wildly irresponsible claims about the virus without any challenge whatsoever from an informed and engaged public.

When commenters compare government orders meant to keep people healthy and alive to Hilter’s Germany and praise certain law enforcement officials for disobeying the orders of a duly elected governor,

we should speak up for law and order. When folks reject any evidence from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (or any other reputable organization), we should ask them to cite their sources. When people argue that we “have been had,” we should remind them of the 90,000-plus people who have lost their lives as a result of COVID-19 (Of course, these commenters also think that death certificates are being manipulated, just as many of them believe President Obama’s birth certificate was faked). When people use the geographic origins of a virus as an excuse to make racist statements, we should correct them: COVID-19 is not a “Chinese virus”; it is a virus. When people say it is “their right,” a matter of liberty, not to wear a mask in public or not to physical distance from those they are not living with, we should remind them of history. Freedom in the U.S. has always entailed a balance between the individual and the group, between states and the United States. Each of our constitutionally guaranteed freedoms is qualified. For example, you enjoy the freedom of speech right up to the point you use it to

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From Washington Struggle continues to support counties dependent on PILT funding

As Congress works with the Trump Administration to consider the next phases of federal support to address the impacts of the pandemic, I am advocating for getting resources to smaller communities to ease recovery. Enacting a long-term solution for the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act (SRS) and Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) programs is a priority to provide much-needed certainty to rural communities.

In April, I co-led a bipartisan letter with Sens. James E. Risch (R-Idaho), and Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) to Senate Leadership stressing that enactment of long-term SRS and PILT programs legislation provides an opportunity to further stabilize local government funding in rural counties throughout America. In the letter signed by 26 senators, we wrote, “The stop and start authorizations and payments under SRS and PILT have wreaked havoc on rural America for decades, and now, with the COVID-19 pandemic, the budgets of these rural counties are decimated. These two programs fund roads, schools, law enforcement, and essential county services, such as public health programs. With inadequate funding and now additional demands on their resources, rural communities and counties are at the breaking point.”

A similar effort is underway in the U.S. House of Representatives. Fellow Idaho Congressional Delegation members Reps. Mike Simpson and Russ Fulcher sent a letter with 61 of their colleagues to House Leadership urging the inclusion of long-term funding certainty for SRS and PILT programs in the next round of COVID-19 relief.

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo
Republican (term expires 2022)

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Chief deputy whip



In December, Congress passed and President Trump signed into law a two-year extension of SRS funding. Idaho counties will receive a total of \$23.9 million in payments this year under the SRS program. Without the extension, SRS program counties would have been subject to payments based on the outdated 25 percent receipt formula.

The extension enables counties to provide essential services while work continues to enact a long-term solution. To end short-term or retroactive reauthorizations of the SRS program, Sens. Wyden, Risch and I reintroduced the bipartisan S. 1643, the

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Commentary

Financial management
Gift to son can open door for financial behavior lesson

Dear Dave,

A good friend of mine passed away recently. In his will, he left me a couple of items and some money, and I'd like to share the money with my son. He is 25, and a good kid, but he is still impulsive with his finances. Do you have any advice for handling this in a way that will do him the most good?

— Frank

Dear Frank,

It's tough enough losing a close friend without having to worry about a grown son with money issues. I'm sorry you're going through all this.

To be honest, I don't like the idea of just handing him money when you already know he's impulsive. I learned a long time ago that handing money to someone who's financially irresponsible is not a good idea. Lots of people think other folks would be fine, and all their problems would be solved, if they just had more money. That's not generally the case. You need to ask yourself if giving this young man a bunch of cash would really, truly *help* him. More than likely, the answer is no.

You obviously love this kid, and you've got a generous heart.



But under the circumstances, it might be a good idea to attach a few strings to any

cash. Don't make him jump through a bunch of hoops for no reason, though. I'm talking about teachable moment-type things that will help train and educate him to handle his finances in a more responsible and productive way.

There are lots of paths you could take. You might require that he start living on a written, monthly budget that the two of you go over together for the first few months. Sitting down with a good financial coach — one with the heart of a teacher — is something you might consider throwing out there, as well.

In my mind, this approach

is fair to everyone involved. It allows you to help him help himself, instead of just handing him something that may or may not be a blessing.

— Dave

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

✓ Reopen: Keep risks in mind, wear masks to keep businesses open

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incite violence.

Let me offer one, concrete example of how we can speak up in these circumstances. When we face commenters on awareness pages or elsewhere who demand that businesses open up for good and that life get back to normal, we can begin by making a connection. I agree with many of these commenters about the importance of opening our small businesses. Guess what? The surest way to keep that from happening or happening for long is to reject the science

about the risk COVID-19 poses to health and life. Yes, let's get businesses open, and let's help them to stay open by using our individual freedoms for the good of the whole. What does that mean? It means wearing a mask when we frequent small businesses. It means demanding more testing and tracking. It means getting vaccinated as soon as it is possible to do so. If you care about small businesses and freedom (your own and that of others), then you should also care about the science that clearly explains the threat COVID-19 poses to each of those things and the

actions we can take to eliminate it. But what's the point of challenging people who make false and reckless comments about COVID-19? I agree: These folks are unlikely to change their minds about science, freedom, history, any of it. Yet, even if all we can do is make it more difficult for them to fill the void, that is enough. The alternative is that when the wider public thinks of Idaho, they don't just think Iowa, they think Ammon Bundy. — Tony Hoshaw is a 1998 Homedale High School graduate now living in Cary, N.C.

✓ Counties: Dependent governments can't afford another payment lapse

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Forest Management for Rural Stability Act, that would establish a growing endowment to provide funding needed for schools, road maintenance, law enforcement and other essential services. We also introduced and co-sponsored legislation to extend SRS payments, and reauthorize and improve the PILT program. Lands managed by the federal government cannot be taxed by local or state governments, and the Bureau of Land Management oversees about 76 percent of Owyhee County's acreage. Laws have been enacted providing payments to mitigate the impact of the presence of non-taxable lands. PILT payments are received for lands managed by the U.S. Department

of Interior. The U.S. Forest Service compensates counties through SRS payments. Critical services in federal forested counties have historically been funded in part with a 25 percent share of timber receipts from federal U.S. Forest Service Land. As those revenues fell because of reduced timber harvest, SRS was enacted in 2000 to help bridge the gap to keep rural schools open, provide road maintenance and support search and rescue efforts and other essential county services. In the 20 years since the establishment of the Secure Rural Schools program, Congress has reauthorized and adjusted the program multiple times. Too often, the program has lapsed and left counties in limbo as fellow senators, representatives and I have pressed

for program funding to meet the federal government's responsibility to rural communities housing our federal lands. Lapses and short-term reauthorizations have created massive uncertainty for counties as they budget for basic county services. As I advocate for the needs of Idaho communities, I will continue to press for enactment of this much-needed legislation that will help meet the federal government's responsibility to rural counties housing federal lands. — Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U.S. Senate. He is in his fourth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.

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Municipalities
Homedale City Hall
31 W. Wyoming Ave., (208) 337-4641
Mayor — Gheen Christoffersen
City council — Mike Aebischer, Jerry Anderson, Steve Atkins, and Aaron Tines
Meetings — 4 p.m., on second Wednesday (Sundance Park during COVID-19 order)
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 (via Facebook Live during COVID-19 order)
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, Jon Pennington and Opal Ward
Meetings — 6 p.m., on second Wednesday (no online access or in-person access available during COVID-19 order)

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

June 7, 1995

City poised for expansion

A construction boom looms on the Homedale horizon — its southern horizon, that is.

Developers have proposed three new subdivisions containing potentially as many as 87 new lots, all of them just outside the city’s current southern limits.

With Homedale cramped for room to grow and demand for housing high, according to real estate agent Marilyn Huter, those subdivisions should fill quickly.

Business starts also evidence of growth

Whether it’s a result of recent population growth, an invigorated Idaho economy or a combination of both, business activity is noticeably on the rise in northern Owyhee County.

Nowhere is that fact more evident than in Homedale, which has gradually filled up many of its vacant shops on Idaho Street.

Over the last year, E-Z’s Auto Repair, Integrity Motors, Homedale Pawn, Homedale Variety and Ken’s Custom Tent and Canvas have all opened their doors in Homedale, and after taking the winter off California Clothing is back in business as well.

Other Homedale businesses, like Owyhee Realty, have grown internally, while still others, like Tolmie’s Furniture and Appliance, have plans to diversify (they’ll soon sell hardware as well).

HHS finds new sideline general

It’s not official yet, but Homedale High School believes it’s found a new head varsity football coach to fill the shoes of Jim McMillan, who hung up his cleats last winter after 12 seasons of calling the shots from the Homedale sidelines.

At its Monday meeting, Superintendent Dick Peters will recommend to the Homedale School Board that it hire Leo Mendelsohn, who most recently coached football at Saint Labre High School in Ashland, Montana, to take on the job.

As a player, Mendelsohn’s resume includes two years at Palomar Junior College in California and another two years at Chadron State College in Nebraska.

According to Peters, he has an excellent work ethic and “took a program that was completely flat and built it up to being respectable” at Saint Labre.

That’s completely opposite the situation he’ll inherit at HHS, where football teams set the goal of another state championship virtually every year and the community follows their attempts with passion.

Sprint boats returning to Marsing this weekend

Call them the little deuce coupes of the water: Sprint boats are fast becoming the vehicle of choice for speed enthusiasts across the West, and maybe soon the nation.

About 40 of the country’s top racers are expected in Marsing this Saturday to take part in the town’s second annual stop on the national sprint boat circuit.

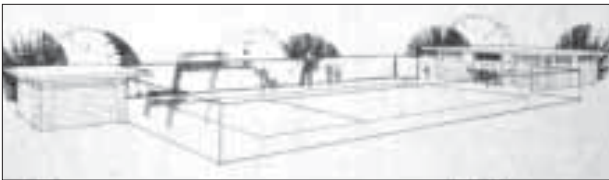
One of them is Marsing resident Bob Aldrich. “I’ll try to keep the hometown boat off the bank this year,” Aldrich jokes, in reference to a crash he experienced at last year’s races.

Sometimes, however that isn’t as easy as it sounds.

According to Aldrich sprint boats are generally between 12 and 15 feet long and weigh about 800 pounds. Much of that mass is taken up by Chevrolet V8’s that give the boats between 400 and 600 horsepower — enough to propel them at speeds of up to 60 and sometimes even 80 miles per hour.

50 years ago

June 4, 1970



Proposed Homedale community swimming pool

The proposed swimming pool will be in the City Park Complex, located near Homedale High School’s new Football Stadium. The Pool will be 32’x75’ with pleasant dressing rooms and office.

Some of the special features of the Pool will be:

1. Vacuum cleaning system which will be of great assistance in keeping the pool clean and sanitary.

2. An automatic chemical induction system to control the amounts of chemical additives necessary to meet state health standards.

3. The new pool is of adequate size for high school swimming meets which will provide our young people with a wonderful new activity.

The school system will use the pool for P. E. programs.

4. A complete recirculation and filter system will be included to provide rigid control over germ and chemical contents. This is a real exciting modern feature.

5. The water will be heated to make swimming comfortable and as protection against the swimmer becoming chilled or catching cold.

6. Area fencing will provide the lifeguards with control of swimmers entrance and will also be a safety feature against persons going into the pool when NO lifeguard is present.

Estimated cost of construction is \$62,500.00. The construction will be financed by a \$62,500.00 loan from Farm Home Administration. This loan has been approved on a term of 40 years at 5% interest. This requires annual repayment of \$3,642.00 per year. Annual maintenance costs are estimated at \$7,000.00

U of I graduates include number from this area

The 75th annual commencement of the University of Idaho was held in Moscow, Sunday, May 31, for a class of 1,506 graduates which included from this area:

Homedale — Dennis K. Robinson, BA, College of Letters and Science; Donald J Frank, BA, College of Business Economics; Ronald W. Cegnar, master of science; Douglas D. Eier, doctor of philosophy.

Wilder — Brenda L. Kochis, Jay F. Olsen, BA, College of Letters and Science; Roy Alan Christie, BA, College of Engineering; Stephen K. Garman, BA, College of Education.

Marsing — Kenneth R. Collett, master of arts in teaching.

Bruneau — Mary M. Tindall, BA, College of Letters and Science; George C. Turner, BA, College of Agriculture.

Jordan Valley winners announced

Lonnie Wright of Caldwell was named the Outstanding Cowboy at the 12th annual Jordan Valley Rodeo held Saturday and Sunday.

Big Loop Contest, Bud Greeley and Dick Shenk, Jordan Valley; Rollin Ruby and Tony Bailey, Jerome; Mike Maher, Homedale and Walt Love, Caldwell.

145 years ago

June 12, 1875

(From Monday’s Daily)
SOUTH MOUNTAIN.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN, JUNE 6.

Here I am ensconced in a branch office of the AVALANCHE improvised for the occasion. I rather “like it” as the girl said. South Mountain comes more than up to my expectations. I like its locution, I like its pure and invigorating air, I like the water of its limpid streams, but above all I like the whole-souled and generous people who dwell within the precincts of this lively camp. They have literally made it *warm* for me since I have been here, and I find it requires some nerve to stand up under the pressure. Hospitality scarcely expresses it. Everybody seems to want to entertain the AVALANCHE in some shape or form, and what with this exuberance of liberality and good feeling that crops out on every side, I manage to be in good spirits, and cannot certainly say of them as the “prophet of old” or some other man did that “I was a stranger and ye took me not in.”

MARRIED.—At the residence of Mrs. F. B. Britten, in Silver City, Idaho, Saturday evening, June 5th, 1875, by Rev. Thos. E. Dickey, Mr. Prosper Tyler to Miss Minnie E. Dyer, both of this place.

A generous supply of cake, ice cream, etc. accompanied the above notice. We congratulate the newly married pair upon the auspicious event, and wish them a long life of health, prosperity and happiness. May they have pleasant sailing over the sea of matrimony and may their children’s children rise up and call them blessed.

PLACERVILLE, I.T.
JUNE 3RD, 1875

EDITOR AVALANCHE: The most important events of the week are the temporary closing of the Gold Hill mill and mine and the sale of the Iowa mine and mill. The former after the almost unparalleled run and continuous work for six years, on Monday night last ceased for the time being; the old whistle was set going, and, as if in exultation for the great success of the Company, kept up its blast for nearly half an hour. Just as soon as the 200-foot shaft and incline are sunk work will be prosecuted with renewed vigor and double the number of men employed.

FARE AND FREIGHT REDUCED.—As will be seen by reference to his advertisement elsewhere, Dow Vincent has reduced the fare to South Mountain to \$5 and the price on freight to 3 cents per pound. He writes that he is on his way from San Francisco with new coaches, etc., with which to make a first class stage line.

South Mountain Mines.

From Chief Superintendent Wessels, whom we interviewed during the present week at South Mountain, we gained many important particulars relative to the history and progress of mining operations in this camp. The S.M.C.M. Company commenced operations in August last, and work was then formally commenced both at the furnaces and mines. At that time there were but two or three cabins in the camp, and matters generally had a rather *blue* complexion. Up to that time, the mines had been meagerly prospected, and the developments were not remarkably promising, the rich discoveries now being operated having come to light since.

Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

On June 24, 2020, the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public meeting to hear testimony in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St., Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below. In consideration of those who cannot attend in person, **we will also offer this meeting and hear testimony by teleconference and web-based meeting using the Zoom platform. If you are interested in participating, please use the following link:** <https://zoom.us/j/95475479759?pwd=NXVWMzhzTUptRHpTTjZpdkhKWtJMdz09>

If you need assistance getting familiar with Zoom, please call the Planning & Zoning office. All information and details regarding this meeting are available by calling us at 208-495-2095 ext. 2 or on our web page at: <https://owyheecounty.net/departments/community-development/public-hearing-documents/>

Beginning at 9:30 am, the Commission will hear application Z20-23 a request for a conditional use permit filed by **Joe Aman** seeking approval to install a 16.38 kW ground mounted solar array located on an approximately 12.5-acre parcel. The subject parcel, RP03N06W362460, is located at 5464 Sage Creek Place Homedale, Idaho in an agricultural zone in a portion of the N½ of the NW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 6 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 10:00 am, the Commission will hear application Z20-24 a request for a conditional use permit filed by **John and Stacy Gulley** seeking approval to install an 11.2 kW roof mounted solar array located on an approximately 4.3-acre parcel. The subject parcel, RP03N04W344450, is located at 6697 Red Rock Road Marsing, Idaho in a residential zone in a portion of the SE¼ of the NW¼ of Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Beginning at 10:30 am, the Commission will hold a second public meeting to get input on a proposed solar ordinance for Owyhee County. The proposed ordinance has changes incorporated from the first public meeting. The proposed ordinance outlines solar development and would allow up to a certain size solar system to be allowed by right with larger systems subject to conditional use permits with an associated fee schedule. If you would like to review a copy of the proposed ordinance, it is available on the county website under Community Development, or you can request a copy be sent to you.

Copies of the proposed projects are available for review in the Planning and Zoning office. For additional information please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2.
06/03/2020

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

April 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2020
April 6
Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds:
Current Expense \$233,903; Road and Bridge \$17,404; District Court \$1,200; Fair, County \$50; Fair, Grounds and Bldgs. \$163;

NOTICE OF FEE INCREASE HEARING MARSING JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #363 OWYHEE AND CANYON COUNTIES, IDAHO

June 10, 2020 at 7:00pm
District Board Room “The Hub”
205 8th Ave. W. Hwy 78, Marsing & Live-Streamed Board Meeting

The Marsing Joint School District No.363, Owyhee and Canyon Counties, Idaho, has proposed to increase the fees listed below effective July 1, 2020, for the 2020-21 school year. The proposed fee increases are outlined in the following schedule:

Lunch Price Increases: (due to Federal Guideline)	Current Price	Proposed Price	Percent Increase
Elementary Students	\$2.00	\$2.00	0%
Middle School Students	\$2.25	\$2.75	22%
High School Students	\$2.50	\$2.75	10%
Adult Lunches	\$3.00	\$3.00	0%
Middle School Activity Card: (tax now included)	\$30.00	\$31.80	6%
Secondary Yearbook: (tax now included)	\$20.00	\$21.20	6%

All citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the increased fee request. The Hearing will be held on June 10, 2020, at 7:00pm at the District Board Room “The Hub” located at 205 8th Ave. West, Hwy 78, Marsing, Idaho 83639.
Linda Troyer, Clerk
Marsing Joint School District #363
Owyhee & Canyon Counties, Idaho
Posted: Friday, May 22, 2020
Publish: Wednesday, May 27. 2020
Wednesday, June 3, 2020
05/27,06/03/2020

Probation \$783; Health District \$4,604; Historical Society and Museum \$952; Indigent and Charity \$18,765; Jr. College Tuition \$1,000; Revaluation \$815; Solid Waste \$16,859; Tort \$65,255; Weeds \$10,774; 911 \$54,696; County Vessel \$846; Waterways \$50; Off Highway Vehicles \$542; Taxing District Elections \$652; Auditors Trust \$11,447; County Vessel Trust \$50

Approved the Capital Crimes bills for Indigent and Charity in the amount of \$1,403.50.

Approved the Bruneau Wastewater Project pay request #4 in the amount of \$17,840.00.

Approved the minutes from the March 23, 2020 meeting.

Approved the minutes from the March 26, 2020 meeting.

Approved the minutes from the March 30, 2020 meeting.

Approved the Reynolds Creek paving project final agreement.

Approved the Reynolds Creek paving project Notice to Proceed.

Approved a letter to be sent to Marsing Mayor Sevy, Homedale Mayor Christoffersen and Grand View Mayor Martinez regarding a Disaster Declaration due to the Coronavirus.

Approved the temporary solid waste hire of Larry Sellars to begin March 20, 2020 at \$12.40 per hour.

Approved the full time hire of Luisa Basabe as Sheriff’s Administrative Assistant at \$20.18 per hour, approximately 30 hours per week, and approve sick leave for the time as a contract employee.

The Marsing to Sinker Creek Re-Zoning Final Decision public hearing was held. Resident Porter Parr spoke via teleconference. Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the re-zoning maps and prepare a resolution for approval at the April 13, 2020.

Approved the Haz-Mat Grant awards in the amount of:

Grand View Ambulance: \$22,280; Bruneau Fire Protection District: \$14,999.62; Murphy Reynolds Wilson Fire District: \$1,400

Denied requests for Haz-Mat Grants to the Homedale Police Department and the City of Marsing, as the requests did not meet the criteria to be funded by Haz-Mat funds.

Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity case 20-11.

Approved Indigent and Charity case 20-11.

Indigent and Charity hearing for case 19-62 was held and continued on May 26, 2020 at 11:0 a.m.

April 13

Designated the polling places for the May 19 Primary Election. Due to the COVID-19 Governors stay at home order, all polling places will be closed and all voting will be done via mail in absentee voting: Owyhee County Courthouse, PO Box 128, Murphy, Idaho 83650. Mail ballot precincts will remain the same.

Approved Resolution 2020-14: Amending Owyhee County Land Use Zoning Map – Marsing to Sinker Creek.

Approved the University of Idaho College of Natural Resources Research Team Proposal to the Salazar Connectivity Challenge regarding a land use study.

Approved the new Solid Waste temporary hire of Roy Joiner to begin April 6, 2020.

Approved the Conflict Public Defender contract with Shondi Lott.

Approved the Assessors road name change for Bass Run Lane in Marsing.

Approved the 2022 United States Post Office lease renewal for the Murphy Post Office.

Indigent and Charity hearing for case 19-58 was held. Overturned the December 2, 2019 decision and approve Indigent and Charity case 19-58.

April 20

Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds:

Current Expense \$33,421; Road and Bridge \$20,066; District Court \$490; Probation \$20; Historical Society & Museum \$930; Indigent & Charity \$16,599; Revaluation \$85; Solid Waste \$4,237; 911 \$4,847; County Vessel \$726; Off Highway Vehicles \$148

Approved 2 Retail Liquor Licenses for the Jacksons Food Stores.

Approved the TitleOne Service Agreement allowing them to remotely dial in to the system for recording searches in the amount of \$1200.00 per year.

Approved a certificate of residency to the College of Southern Idaho for student #20-2.

Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity case 20-12. Seconded by Commissioner Aberasturi and

carried.

Denied Indigent and Charity case 20-12 per Idaho Code 31-3506 – Owyhee County is not the obligated county.

Approved Indigent and Charity case 20-13.

April 27

Approved the Disbursement Agreement with the Idaho State Department of Ag for the benefit of the Northwest Owyhee Cooperative Weed Management Area.

Approved an agreement between Owyhee county and Canyon County for use of refrigerated trailers in the event additional morgue space is needed due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Approved a Fair Housing Proclamation, declaring April as Fair Housing Month in Owyhee County.

Approved sending a letter to Lance Okeson, Boise District BLM, regarding the Tri-State Fuel Breaks Project.

Approved rehiring of part time dispatcher K. Lathrop at the rate of \$16.74 per hour.

Approved a Road Use and Maintenance Agreement for Silver City Road with Earll Excavation.

Approved a certificate of Residency to the College of Western Idaho for student 2020-07.

The complete minutes can be viewed online at www.owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk’s office.
06/03/2020

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 7, 2020, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, located at the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, Murphy, Owyhee County, Idaho, the Trustee, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

A part of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 1 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:
COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of Section 14, Township 1 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho; thence South 89°14’45” East 1327.39 feet, along the North line of said Section 14 to the Northwest corner of the said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence continue South 89°14’45” East 663.70 feet along the said North line to the Northwest corner of the said East half Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 0°43’50” West 999.39 feet, along the West line of said East Half of the Northeast Quarter to the INITIAL POINT of this description; thence South 89°19’11” East 663.11 feet, to a point on the East line of the said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter;

thence

South 0°45’50” West 332.85 feet, along the said East line, to the Southeast corner thereof; thence North 89°20’40” West 662.91 feet, along the South line of the said East Half of the Northeast Quarter to the Southwest corner thereof; thence

North 0°43’50” East 333.13 feet, along the West line of the said East Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter to the INITIAL POINT of this description.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM all oil, gas, gravel, mineral and geothermal rights as reserved in the deed recorded January 14, 1988 as Instrument No. 194136, Owyhee County Records.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above described real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 12726 TRAIL DRIVE LANE, MELBA, IDAHO, may sometimes be associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made, without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust made and entered into on September 11, 2007, by and among MARTIN DE LA RIVA, a married man as his sole and separate property, as Grantor, and ALLIANCE TITLE AND ESCROW, as Trustee, and HOPKINS U.S. FUND L.L.C., an Idaho Limited Liability Company “as trustee for the benefit on a parity for all Series “US” Debenture Holders,” as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust having been filed of record on September 12, 2007, as Instrument No. 262395, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The terms of said Deed of Trust and a companion promissory note were modified under a Modification Agreement to Deed of Trust and Promissory Note dated October 18, 2011, and recorded November 10, 2011, as Instrument No. 275988, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho, and re-recorded November 22, 2011, as Instrument No. 276085, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The terms of said Deed of Trust and a companion promissory note were further modified under a Modification Agreement to Deed of Trust and Promissory Note dated January 9, 2014, and recorded January 22, 2014, as Instrument No. 283129, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The naming of the above Grantor(s) is done to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4) (a); no representation is made as to the responsibility of Grantor(s) for this obligation.

The default for which the sale is to be made is that the current Beneficiary has declared that the Grantor is in breach of the terms and conditions of the obligation secured by the deed of trust, which terms are set forth in a Promissory Note dated September 11, 2007. The nature of the breach is Grantor’s failure to pay, when due, monthly payments of principal, interest, and, if applicable, escrow requirements of \$229.19 for each of the months

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of November 2019 through March 2020, together with all subsequent payments, costs, advances, attorney’s fees and costs, and trustee’s fees and costs accruing until the date of sale, full satisfaction, or reinstatement of the obligation.

The balance owing as of the date hereof on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is the amount of \$16,559.19 in principal; plus accrued interest at the rate of ten and one-half percent (10.5%) per annum from March 9, 2020; plus default interest pursuant to the Note at the rate of five percent (5%) per annum from March 8, 2020, until the default is cured; plus service charges, late charges, and any other costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure as provided by the Deed of Trust or Deed of Trust Note, or by Idaho law.

Dated this 7 day of April, 2020.

By: Mark D. Perison, P.A. – of the Firm

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NOTICE OF AMENDED 2019-20 BUDGET HEARING AND PROPOSED 2020-21 BUDGET HEARING AND FEE INCREASE HEARING MARSING JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #363 OWYHEE AND CANYON COUNTIES, IDAHO JUNE 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm District Board Room “The Hub” 20S 8th Ave. W. Hwy 78, Marsing, ID & Live-Streamed Board Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Marsing Joint School District No. 363, Owyhee and Canyon Counties, Idaho, will be held on June 10, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the District Board Room “The Hub” located at 20S 8th Ave. W. Hwy 78, Marsing, Idaho, (and live streamed meeting) at which meeting there shall be a public hearing on the revised fiscal year 2019-2020 maintenance and operation budget. The live-stream link will be posted to the Agenda on the Marsing School District #363 Website. There shall also be a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2020-2021 maintenance and operation budget and proposed fee increases for the forthcoming school year.

A copy of the amended FY 2019-20 budget, a copy of the proposed fiscal year 2020-21 budget and a copy of the proposed fee increases for fiscal year 2020-2021, as determined by the Board of Trustees is available for public inspection at the Marsing School District Office, located at 20S 8th Ave. W. Hwy 78, Marsing, Idaho, between the hours of 9:00 am to 12:00 noon (Monday through Thursday) from the date of this notice until the date of the hearing. This budget hearing is called pursuant to Section 33-801, Idaho Code as amended.

Linda Troyer, Clerk
Marsing Joint School District #363, Owyhee & Canyon Counties, Idaho
Posted: May 29,2020
Published: June 3, 2020
06/03/2020

**SUMMONS
CASE NO. CV-2008-387
TO: Tracy McCreary**

SUMMARY STATEMENT 2020 - 2021 SCHOOL BUDGET ALL FUNDS MARSING JT SCHOOL DIST #363									
GENERAL M & O FUND					ALL OTHER FUNDS				
	REVENUES	Prior Year Actual 2017-2018	Prior Year Actual 2018-2019	Current Budget 2019-2020	Proposed Budget 2020-2021	Prior Year Actual 2017-2018	Prior Year Actual 2018-2019	Current Budget 2019-2020	Proposed Budget 2020-2021
	Beginning Balance	682,156CR	686,559CR	687,131CR	473,000CR	1,699,802CR	1,362,357CR	4,262,367CR	2,148,627CR
	Local Revenue	269,840CR	650,254CR	369,200CR	369,256CR	666,182CR	587,217CR	1,888,565CR	1,942,500CR
	County Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	State Revenue	4,385,349CR	4,419,000CR	5,286,162CR	5,140,283CR	67,733CR	58,912CR	412,977CR	394,777CR
	Federal Revenue	8,363CR	8,869CR	0	0	1,321,798CR	1,388,666CR	1,038,866CR	1,004,404CR
	Other Sources	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transfers	170,884CR	154,528CR	5,279CR	5,279CR	382,766CR	328,866CR	117,887CR	117,887CR
	TOTALS ***	5,515,853CR	5,827,690CR	6,632,870CR	6,673,732CR	4,018,274CR	3,748,841CR	8,946,811CR	4,766,208CR
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	100	Salaries	2,567,839	2,576,238	3,475,000	3,395,314	773,560	808,504	599,547
	200	Benefits	744,333	865,798	1,071,615	1,057,842	203,050	249,362	225,896
	300	Purchased Services	1,888,561	1,673,372	1,212,136	1,099,481	218,284	347,661	250,484
	400	Supplies & Materials	187,374	310,820	362,486	273,780	342,644	486,761	718,241
	500	Capital Outlay	2,716	2,552	11,625	10,739	125,323	406,123	3,238,763
	600	Debt Retirement	0	0	0	0	466,993	1,252,943	2,876,877
	700	Insurance & Judgments	37,734	41,141	44,626	45,099	0	0	0
	800	Transfers	382,766	328,866	117,587	117,587	176,884	164,826	1,490
		Contingency Reserve	0	0	812,442	387,804	0	0	0
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Linda Troyer, Clerk, Marsing School District #363
Posted: May 29, 2020
Publish: June 3, 2020

06/03/2020

You have been sued by Pepper McCreary, the Respondent, in the District Court in and for Jerome County, Idaho, Case No. CV-2008-387.

The nature of the claim against you is for Modification of Decree.

Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this Summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the case number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 233 W. Main St. Jerome, ID 83338, (208) 644-2600 and served a copy of your response on the other party, whose mailing address and telephone number are: 229 Sage

Rd. E. Jerome, ID 83338.

A copy of the Summons and Petition/Motion can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the other party. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

Date: 5/11/2020
Jerome County District Court
s:/Melanie Mani, Deputy Clerk
05/27,06/03,10,17/2020

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Trustees learn Bruneau-GV consolidation options

Still no plan of action recommended from superintendent

by Mandi Boren

For The Owyhee Avalanche

As ongoing talk of elementary school consolidation continues in the Bruneau-Grand View School District, superintendent Ryan Cantrell provided outlined options in an open email to trustees on May 19.

Cantrell has still not made a suggestion as to a possible consolidated location. However, in his email outlines multiple courses of action trustees could choose from in the decision-making process along with pros and cons of each.

- Plan A: Take no action
- Plan B: Consolidate two elementary schools to Bruneau Elementary
- Plan C: Consolidate two elementary schools to Grand View Elementary
- Plan D: Consolidate two elementary schools to Rimrock

Jr.-Sr. High School

- Plan E: Assist the town of Bruneau in transitioning to a charter school

Although he hasn't made a suggestion on a consolidated location, Cantrell said he didn't recommend Plan A of no action.

"I am encouraging consolidation because it will provide a better K-5 education system to the children of the BGV district," Cantrell said.

Plan B would send all elementary students to Bruneau Elementary School.

"Bruneau residents have indicated a preference to continuing the use of BES facilities," Cantrell said.

Disadvantages listed with Plan B were increased bus time (25 minutes) for students in Oreana (who are already on the bus roughly one hour), increased travel time for staff

members who commute from the Treasure Valley and a "tighter fit for our students and staff."

Plan C involves all elementary students at Grand View Elementary School. According to the letter, this plan's disadvantage would include a 25-minute increase in bus time for Bruneau students. The advantage he outlined with this plan was the ability of the Grand View facility to accommodate 200-plus students.

Cantrell said Plan D "poses the greatest logistical challenge" to the district. Moving both schools to Rimrock could involve converting a library, moving students to portables and leaving two empty elementary buildings.

Plan E would allow the district to assist Bruneau Elementary School to transition to a Local Education Agency (charter school).

In previous years, some Bruneau community members

have expressed interest in a charter school. Cantrell, who has experience working with charter schools, would assist with the transition, if the board chooses this option.

In his letter to trustees Cantrell noted "Idaho statute requires that petitions (for charter schools) be submitted ... no later than Sept. 1 in order to open the following year."

BGV began talks of consolidation during the April 14 board meeting where Cantrell outlined a steady decrease in enrollment in the district. Projected elementary enrollment for the 2020-21 school year is around 78 students in Grand View and 37 in Bruneau.

Cantrell acknowledged that BGV's declining enrollment triggered the consolidation discussion but emphasized that the primary reason he recommends consolidation is to "develop a better K-5 education system."

Cantrell feels confident that

a one-school scenario would allow one teacher per grade, one administrator overseeing the program and better collaboration "as one body of elementary teachers."

Patron input is still being sought through trustees.

The next scheduled board meeting is set for 7 p.m., on Tuesday inside the Rimrock auditorium. Agenda items for the meeting, which may see a return to an in-person format, should be announced Thursday. If the meeting is held outside of the online format used recently because of the COVID-19 stay-home order, the number of attendees would be limited to 50 people in accordance with the State of Idaho's latest phase for re-opening.

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

OCSO deputies make drug busts

Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies have been busy with drug-related offenses in recent days.

- A Marsing man faces multiple charges after a car crash at the U.S. 95 and Idaho 55 highways Sunday morning.

Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Jeremy Madrid, 38, crashed a 2002 Dodge Caravan into a 2019 Ford F-550 driven by Dakota Boring, 19, of Kuna.

Boring was turning south on to U.S. 95 when he spotted

Madrid drifting into his lane. Madrid admitted he had been looking for his cell phone at the time of the accident.

A 5-year-old male was riding in Madrid's vehicle.

During a search of Madrid's vehicle, an altered Pepsi can was discovered with a substance that tested presumptive positive for methamphetamine.

Madrid was charged with inattentive driving and possession of paraphernalia, both misdemeanor charges.

Although the minor had a

gash on his head, everyone involved refused medical treatment, Bowman said.

Madrid passed a standard field sobriety test.

- Jesus Rodriguez, 45, of Homedale, was found sleeping in a Subaru Legacy last Wednesday afternoon near the NAPA Owyhee Auto Parts store in Marsing.

Upon approaching the vehicle, a sheriff's deputy detected the odor of marijuana, Bowman said.

Rodriguez was cited for

misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance and an open container.

Bowman said a search turned up an unknown amount of marijuana, a vape cartridge, an empty syringe, and an open container of alcohol.

- Eva Spikes, 43, of Caldwell, faces three drug charges — including a felony — after a May 25 traffic stop at 3rd Avenue West and Old Bruneau Highway in Marsing.

Bowman said that a deputy pulled over Spikes, who was driving a 1998 Nissan Altima with no plates. Spikes informed the deputy that she

has been unable to renew the plates because of COVID-19 restrictions.

The deputy found bags containing 7.7 grams of marijuana .7 grams of meth.

Spikes was booked into county jail in Murphy on felony and misdemeanor charges.

- Sawyer Heery, 24, and Keith Heery, 58, both of Hendersonville, N.C., were cited for marijuana and paraphernalia possession after they ran the boat check station at the U.S. 95-Idaho 55 intersection west of Marsing.

— TK

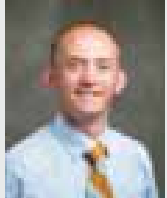
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