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Popular Homedale summer events shelved

**Txoko Ona picnic,
Landa softball won't
happen in 2020**

Two of the biggest summer events in Homedale have been cancelled, even as other events go on as planned.

In its June newsletter, the Txoko Ona Basque Club announced that the annual picnic has been cancelled for the safety of club members and the scores of guests who visit the Basque Center each year.

Another event important to the Homedale community, the 12th annual Conner Landa Memorial Coed Softball

Tournament, also has been cancelled this summer.

Txoko Ona's picnic, games and dancing were scheduled for Sunday, June 28, days after St. John's Eve. St. John's Eve, or San Juan Eguna, takes place each June 23 in the Basque culture. It coincides with the summer solstice and typically is marked by bonfires and

feasts in Basque communities.

This year, with the picnic cancelled, Fr. Antton Egiguren will provide a live-stream Mass at 9:30 a.m., on Sunday, June 28. The Mass officiated by the one-time Treasure Valley-based priest will originate from his new parish in Merced,

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BOCC reviewing off-road access

**Hearing set
for public input
next month**

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider amending an existing county ordinance defining the use of off-road vehicles on county roads.

The meeting will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7, in Courtroom 2 of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78 in Murphy.

County Commissioners Jerry Hoagland (Dist. 1), Kelly Aberasturi (Dist. 2), and Joe Merrick (Dist. 3) will consider the 34 roads that are currently closed to all-terrain vehicles (ATV), utility type vehicles (UTV), and motorcycles, and any roads that may be considered for future closures.

Using input from the meeting, the board will determine which roads, or portions thereof, should be closed to recreational vehicle use and adopt the appropriate ordinance.

Under Owyhee County Ordinance 10-03, enacted in

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Homedale cheer takes advantage of break in the clouds

Anahi Cortez, center, and fellow Homedale High School students practice hurdlers during a cheer workout and instruction session on Thursday at Deward Bell Stadium. The hopefuls practiced various cheers and workouts and learned about schedules and fitness, as well as new coach Jessie Kerbs' expectations. Tryouts are being held this week, and decisions about the cheer team will be made Friday morning in the school's old gymnasium.

Grand View DMV office to temporarily close

**Wiley returns
to OCSO's Idaho
Power beat**

With clerk Madison Burbank's resignation, Owyhee County's Division of Motor Vehicles branch in Grand View closed Monday.

Burbank, who was hired Nov. 12, decided to resign af-

ter seven months on the job so she could continue her education, Owyhee County Assessor Toni Gruenwald said.

"She was an excellent employee," Gruenwald said. "We are very sorry to see her go and wish her the best of luck."

The office, which is located inside Grand View City Hall, will remain closed until July 1 and then only be open on Wednesdays.

Gruenwald has decided to not advertise for the position yet, as she is waiting for construction of the new DMV office in Grand View to finish. Gruenwald said that foundation work for the building will begin soon. The building was delivered June 5 (see photo, Page 11).

Gruenwald said the DMV situation in Grand View depends on how long it will take to get the new building up and

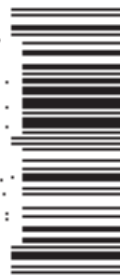
running, particularly in light of hiring a new clerk.

"There may be a possibility that the new person can also do some administration work for the Grand View (sheriff's) deputy," Gruenwald said.

"If that is the case, we are hoping we can get a full-time hire."

The position became a

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Bruneau-Grand View’s complicated consolidation

Bruneau trustee, patrons worry about losing community hub

Culture and community identity are held up on one side of the debate. Operational and educational efficiency is on the other side as the Bruneau-Grand View School District board of trustees considers consolidating elementary schools.

During a June 9 meeting at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, each trustee talked about informal patron polls they had conducted to gauge the temperature for combining the district’s primary student populations.

But Zone 1 Trustee Gary Jones, who lives in Bruneau, gave his personal reasons for wanting to keep Bruneau Elementary School operational heading into the 2020-21 school year.

Jones began teaching and coaching in the district nearly 40 years ago, and he said he chose to buy a home in Bruneau — and send his three children to the elementary school — because of the unincorporated community’s culture.

“The elementary is the hub of the town of Bruneau,” Jones said. “If you take that elementary away, Bruneau loses its identity. I, for one, do not want Bruneau to lose its school, its identity and the small-town Idaho positive influence it has had on my family.”

Consolidating Bruneau with Grand View Elementary is one of several options district superintendent Ryan Cantrell has presented for trustees’ scrutiny.

Other options include consolidating the Grand View school into the Bruneau location, moving elementary students to Rimrock and closing both schools, helping Bruneau create a charter school, or no action at all.

When the trustees may make a decision isn’t clear yet.

What is apparent is the divide between passion and practicality.

The consolidation argument In favor

“While the goal for any school is to provide the best tools, best learning resources and best teachers possible, sometimes there are difficult choices that have to be made due to funding, budget restrictions and factors outside of a school district’s control. My hope is that trustees make the choice that is best for every student in the district and the one that moves the least amount of students the least amount of miles from home, while maintaining a balanced budget and saving funds for future emergency needs.”

— Seth and Elizabeth Thomas, Oreana

“I do not believe we are trying to make the best decision based on the students we are providing for, rather we are having the discussion around what would make the adults in the community feel good. Being able to have each grade be taught by a single teacher would, I have no doubt, increase the quality of education the students are able to be provided. I believe it is only a matter of time before we must consolidate to maintain the level of progress we’ve experienced the last few years ... let’s be proactive and keep the students’ best interests at the heart of our decisions.”

— Alex Meyers, recently appointed district elementary principal, Bruneau

Against

“I fear consolidation would, in the long term, create a divide between the Bruneau and Grand View communities and result in the ultimate failure of Grand View Elementary as well. If we are not careful to preserve these towns and communities by supporting the schools and keeping them open, the community suffers in the long term, which in turn affects the kids. Maybe the statistical data will improve by educational standards, maybe financial markers will improve with consolidation, but I do not feel it will be in the best interest of our children long-term. The Bruneau children will be the ones impacted the most with the least amount of benefit.”

— Holly Black, Bruneau

“It is the job of the board to represent the stakeholders of this district. This board asked the voters to pass a supplemental levy for the 2019 through the 2021 school year, and they did. Closing either of these schools prior to those funds being used for that purpose is contrary to your own core values. I ask you to keep Grand View and Bruneau Elementary schools open for the 2020-2021 school year. Stakeholders have already approved a supplemental levy for that purpose.”

— Sherry Colyer, Bruneau

Sherry Colyer, a longtime Bruneau resident, pointed out that the district is in the middle of a two-year supplemental levy that patrons approved with the understanding that the revenue would help operate three schools. The proposal

on the March 12, 2019 ballot said \$800,000 from the two-year levy would “operate and maintain the district.”

“Mr. Cantrell’s proposal states his reason for consolidation is ... ‘I am encouraging consolidation because it

will provide a better K-5 educational system to the children of the (Bruneau-Grand View) district,’” Colyer said in her address to the board.

“However, the reasons he states for the consolidation are about teachers and administrators. Nothing about the children.”

Colyer said Cantrell put forward consolidation to eliminate combined grades in classrooms, allow one teacher per grade, to have oversight from one administrator — newly appointed primary principal Alex Meyers — and better collaboration as one body of teachers.

“None of the five plans offered are about what is best for the kids,” she said, adding that longer bus rides, longer school days, exposure to more mature behavior from older students, limited gymnasium access, and larger classroom sizes would result from the various options.

Colyer also told The Owyhee Avalanche that she presented the district with a petition opposing consolidation with 192 signatures from patrons in Oreana, Grand View and Bruneau. The Avalanche’s review of the signed petition, provided by the school district, revealed 190 signatures. District officials said some of the signatures appear to be invalid.

Zone 5 Trustee Steve Boren of Oreana said “consolidation makes sense.”

“It’s not what some of the people in the district want, and I understand that,” he said. “But I think it’s what the district needs.”

Boren pointed out that Grand View Elementary has 28 classrooms, making consolidation to that site “a turnkey operation.”

“So it’s not going to take any more funds to get it going if we consolidate to Grand View,” he said. “It’s a central location where everybody is coming from similar distances to get there.”

Boren said considering consolidation now will prevent a re-run of the crisis the

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✓ Consolidation: Trustees could vote in special meeting in next 2 weeks

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district faced nearly a decade ago when consolidation was seen as a fiscal necessity. Sixth-graders were moved to Rimrock from the two elementary schools, district office operations were stationed at Rimrock, and bus routes were altered after patrons rejected a supplemental levy.

“I do look down the road, and I don’t think the situation we have right now is going to be sustainable for much longer,” he said. “It is for this year, and probably is for next year and maybe the year after that, but I think fairly soon we’re going to find ourselves in an unsustainable situation.

“I don’t feel like I would be responsible as a board member if I let us get to the brink of the cliff again and then try to scramble for a solution. A solution to a problem that has been staring us in the face for years.”

Boren said, taking emotion out of the equation, consolidation is best for the district.

“I honestly believe that we can do a better job of educating these kids if we have all of them under one roof, all of our staff under one roof,” he said.

“We lose a lot of efficiencies the way that we’re running right now — both financially

Moving forward

Board chair Scott McNeley said a special meeting to vote on elementary consolidation could be called “within the next two weeks.”

“It is my belief that we need to give direction to the staff and community what the school year is going to look like in the fall,” McNeley said.

Trustee Gary Jones, who opposes consolidation, spoke out against the process.

“All of this is way premature especially with this COVID-19,” Jones said. “I’m going to say it again, this is political suicide. You know how I’ll vote.”

Trustee Allen Merrick agreed action should be swift.

“Some of the stakeholders I talked to stated that whichever decision we made, that we make it quickly so we can make a plan for next year,” he said.

Trustee Raelynn Schkade said: “I will stand behind whatever happens, whether we have a meeting or we don’t have a meeting.”

and intellectually, and people’s time.”

Jones argued that students’ academic progress has improved recently even with the two-school system and grade levels combined in some classrooms. The State Department of Education has provided \$150,000 annually to help the district shore up academic scores, and Jones said the district would lose that assistance if it combined elementary schools.

On Monday, Cantrell clarified that the funding to which Jones referred was actually from a program called Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI Up), and that the district received \$146,157 to help Bruneau and Rimrock students during the 2018-19 school year. If Bruneau is consolidated, the district would lose about \$61,000 of that money according to 2018-19 numbers, but the district would lose rural schools funding (another assistance program) with the closure of either elementary

school, Cantrell said.

Sustainability again came into the argument when Boren reminded Jones that the SDE has made clear that CSI Up funding wouldn’t continue indefinitely.

Board chair Scott McNeley, who represents Zone 4, said Cantrell broached the consolidation idea as a long-term plan for the viability of a district experiencing shrinking enrollment and—consequently — shrinking state funding.

“To me, this is a discussion about, ‘What do we want our elementary and our district to look like in five years or 10 years,’” McNeley said. “And, to me, it’s a discussion about the reality of the changing of communities over time.”

Cantrell’s presentation showed a 50 percent drop in enrollment, McNeley said.

“That’s a big change, and I think that alone justifies a pretty big discussion about what’s the right way to proceed,” McNeley said.

Vice-chair Allen Merrick (Zone 2) was in elementary school when the consolidation of two school districts created Bruneau-Grand View nearly 50 years ago.

“I’m kind of grateful that they did (consolidate) because I feel like that, by being able to attend school with classmates from the three communities that we’re all part of, it not only enhanced my academic career but it enhanced it socially as well,” he said.

Merrick said that his decision would be based on what’s best for the district’s students.

“To begin with, as a trustee, we’re in the business of educating students,” he said. “We have a responsibility as well as a duty to provide the students with the best education that we can.”

Merrick and other trustees praised the professionals the district has hired to educate the children.

Zone 3 Trustee Raelynn Schkade said 28 percent of those patrons who contacted her (or six people) didn’t want to consolidate, while 37 percent wanted to consolidate to Grand View Elementary and another 25 percent wanted to consolidate to Grand View and allow the Bruneau community to use the school building as it sees fit.

— JPB

— *Avalanche Grand View-Bruneau-Oreana reporter*
Mandi Boren contributed to this article.

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Assessor’s office works through budget hearing date SNAFU

Budget hearing information is incorrect on 2020 county property tax assessments the Owyhee County Assessor’s office mailed earlier this month.

County Assessor Toni Gruenwald said that with some of the notices, the budget hearing dates are correct and with others the hearing dates are from 2019.

“How this happened, I do not know,” Gruenwald said. “We typed in the hearing dates and they were all 2020, so how this program could pull a 2019 date is beyond my expertise.”

The program Gruenwald referred to is user-friendly property tax administration software (UAD Web) and is supplied by the state for the Assessment Program. She said the state has been refining the software ever since its introduction three years ago.

“There have been several glitches which the state has

cleaned up,” she said. “With all new programs there are bound to be glitches ... the state does not ignore us, though, and works hard to get these issues fixed.

“They have been very successful in fixing and refining quite a few of the problems that we have come across.”

The correct budget hearing dates and contact information are:

Owyhee County — Aug. 24, Angela Barkell, (208) 495-2421

Marsing Ambulance — Aug. 24, Angela Barkell, (208) 495-2421

School districts — Castlford, tonight, Kris Kline, (208) 537-6511; and Three Creek, July 8, John Knerler, (208) 733-4730; budget hearings for Bruneau-Grand View, Glenns Ferry, Homedale, Marsing, Melba, and Pleasant Valley have already passed

Cemetery districts — Bruneau Cemetery, Aug. 17, Le-

zlie Rahn, (208) 845-2670; Marsing-Homedale Cemetery, Aug. 5, Jeremy Aldrich, (208) 896-4226; Owyhee Pioneer Cemetery, Aug. 4, Nina Bachman, (208) 318-8308; and Riverside Cemetery in Grand View, Aug. 10, Dixie McDaniel, (208) 834-2350

Cities — Homedale, Aug. 12, Alice Pegram, (208) 337-4641; Marsing, Aug. 12, Jolyn Green, (208) 896-4122; and Grand View, Aug. 12, Kathy Brown, (208) 834-2700

Fire districts — Bruneau Fire, Aug. 25, Brandi Lisle, (208) 590-4149; Grand View Fire, Aug. 20, Bob Swenson, (208) 834-2433; Homedale Fire, Aug. 11, Mikeal Parker, (208) 337-3271; Marsing Fire, Aug. 12, Stella Bush, (208) 250-9744; and Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire, Aug. 11, Louis Monson, (208) 590-9967

Highway districts — Gem Highway, Aug. 11, Stella Bush, (208) 896-4581; Homedale Highway, Sept. 2, Terri Uria, (208) 337-3954; and Three Creek Road, Aug. 11, John Knerler, (208) 733-4730

Library districts — Bruneau Valley, Aug. 12, Lyndie Easterday, (208) 845-2131; Eastern Owyhee County, Aug. 13, Tammy Gray, (208) 834-2785; and Lizard Butte, Aug. 13, Catriona Hardy, (208) 896-4690.

Homedale to spend nearly \$150K on sewer

Homedale city councilmembers unanimously agreed to move forward with two wastewater pipe projects west of downtown during their meeting last Wednesday.

The city will spend \$97,000 with Warrington Construction to have a force main driven deeper under Succor Creek.

City engineer Andrew Kimmel from Great West Engineering said the bore must be 22 feet deep — or 17 feet deeper than the existing pipe — to reach solid soil under the creek bed.

The project cost is \$8,000 more than the original projection because the bore is now 120 feet longer than originally designed, Kimmel said.

The city also will pay \$49,000 to have a sewer main on West Idaho Avenue repaired.

Kimmel said the city could receive some funding through the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act if officials can show that the projects are shovel-ready.

The council also authorized Great West to move forward with a wastewater planning grant application.

No permit for fence builder on Kanas Ave.

A question to provide a special use permit for a Homedale couple who want to build fence panels at their Kansas Avenue residence died for lack of a motion last week.

The lack of action came after a contentious public hearing during which Destiny and Curtis Batho’s neighbors spoke out against the idea of the couple continuing to build product for their Treasure Valley Fence Panels firm at their residence.

The home is in a zone that allows commercial activity, but not industrial use.

The Bathos stopped building panels when Homedale Police served a city ordinance violation notice, but the company was allowed to resume operations temporarily when Destiny filed a special use permit application.

In addition to alleging noisy and messy conditions, one neighbor questioned why the Bathos couldn’t lease the old Jump Creek Lumber location at Industrial and Pioneer roads for their business.

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✓ Off-road: Judge’s decisions forces county to re-examine enforcement

December 2010, it’s unlawful to operate ATVs, UTVs, and motorcycles, even though licensed and registered, on certain designated roads.

Exemptions are made for agricultural use and law enforcement.

Hoagland, the BOCC chair, said judicial rulings on previous citations have triggered a second look at the county ordinance.

“Since the commissioners approved the off-road vehicle ordinance, there was a need to enforce but the way a judge reviewed cases kept adding more requirements that the ordinance didn’t address and tied law enforcement’s hands,” Hoagland said.

Hoagland said he and others have witnessed off-road vehicles travelling down paved roads at speeds considerably higher than normal speed limits.

Roads closed

Owyhee County roads, or portions thereof, that are closed to ATV and UTV traffic:

• Wilson Creek Road	• Millet Lane
• China Ditch Road	• Vista Road
• Bailey Road	• Quail Lane
• Upper Reynolds Creek	• 20 Mile Road
• Silver City Road	• Dairy Road
• Trout Creek Road	• A & A Road
• Pleasant Valley Road	• Shoofly Cut Off Road
• Mud Flat Road	• Strike Dam Cut Off Rd.
• Bachman Grade Road	• Black Sands Road
• Missile Base Road	• Mormon Blvd.
• Oreana Loop Road	• Davis Road
• Bates Creek Road	• Cattle Drive
• Lemley Road	• Hot Creek Road
• Parkinsons Road	• Hot Springs Road
• River Road	• Clover Three Creek Rd.
• Beet Dump Road	• Colyer Road
• Alma Road	• Crane Falls Road

The current ordinance also limits access to recreational lands in some places.

“The closed paved roads in the western part of the county were based on recre-

ation safety, and those in the eastern portion were based on agricultural safety,” Hoagland said. “There are some closed roads that prevented recreational access for those off-road vehicles travelling from one open road to another.

“Hopefully, a hearing will identify uses and whether certain paved roads should be open that we can consider.”

He also said certain dirt roads, such as Clover Creek Road, are currently closed but need to be reconsidered and possibly opened.

Another factor is limiting confusion for folks trying to follow the ordinance.

“We will look at whether identifying open roads is simpler to get out to the public or identifying closed, as it is now,” he said.

The county invites all concerned citizens to attend the meeting and have their voice heard regarding the road closures.

For those who are unable to attend in person, the meeting is accessible via teleconference and on the Zoom web-based meeting platform. It can be accessed at <https://zoom.us/j/96994515353?pwd=VlIXU3p0aUhNL2lRNlRCdVg2WE5yZz09>.

Maps depicting the roads currently closed to off-road vehicles are available for viewing at <https://owyhee-county.net/responsible-recreation/>.

For more information, contact the Community Development department at (208) 495-2095, ext. 2, or via mail at Owyhee County Commissioners, P.O. Box 128, Murphy, ID, 83650.

— TK

✓ Shelved: Fair, rodeo, demolition derby, Marsing’s Third all on track

Calif., and will be streamed at www.facebook.com/pg/StPatricksParishCommunity/posts/

Fr. Eiguren has highlighted other Basque communities with Mass because of their cancelled picnics. Fr. Eiguren celebrates Mass for Txoko Ona for members who have recently passed, according to the club newsletter.

• Chris Landa, the father of the softball tournament’s namesake, said organizers decided to shut down this year’s event when the COVID-19 stay-home order was in full effect.

Landa said the decision to postpone the tournament came as efforts to recruit teams and conduct other planning was ramping up.

The tournament has been held each year since 2009 at Sundance Park on the weekend after the Fourth of July. This year, it would have taken place from July 10 to July 12.

“With all the COVID and that, we decided to cancel this year,” Landa said. “All intentions are to bring it back next year.”

• Meanwhile, the Owyhee

County Rodeo Board announced its annual competition will go on as planned between Aug. 5 and Aug. 8 at the rodeo arena during the county fair.

The Owyhee County Fair will be held as planned that week, too.

• The Homedale Lions Club’s 39th annual Fourth of July Demolition Derby is scheduled for the holiday inside the rodeo arena. An Independence parade will be held in downtown Homedale on the morning of the Fourth.

A mandatory drivers meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., next Wednesday at the Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W.

• Marsing’s Third of July celebration is still scheduled, too.

— JPB

✓ DMV: CPA firm retained for fiscal audit

part-time job when the county decided to split from the arrangement with the City of Grand View in which the city clerk also was DMV clerk.

Marsing and Murphy DMV locations are still open by appointment only with the observance of social distancing directives. Only four customers are allowed inside at once.

Gruenwald reminds customers that masks are required for all DMV appointments.

To make an appointment, visit <https://owyheecounty.net/departments/assessor/>.

County sticks with same CPA for annual audit

The county has renewed its relationship with Zwygart John & Associates CPAs to review and audit the Fiscal Year 2020 financial statements.

The new agreement costs \$11,450, the same price the county paid last year. The accounting firm had originally asked for an increase of more than five percent. but County Clerk Angie Barkell negotiated down to last year’s terms.

The agreement, composed by the CPA firm, calls for the company to audit the financial statements of governmental activities, the aggregate component units, each major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information, for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30.

The firm will run analyses to ensure the county is following the correct rules and guidelines if federal grants are received.

Typically, certified public accountant Jared Zwygart delivers the audit report in February or March.

Sheriff’s deputy returns

The sheriff’s office has brought back an experienced former employee to work as a marine deputy and to patrol Idaho Power property at C.J. Strike Reservoir.

Rick Wiley came back into the fold on June 8 at a pay rate of \$16.22 per hour.

Wiley is a retired Nampa Police lieutenant originally hired by then-Sheriff Gary Aman to work at the Idaho Power property. He retired again, after 10 years, in 2017.

Wiley replaces the recently retired Mike Stoddard and must work fewer than 20 hours per week because of Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI) restrictions.

Sheriff Perry Grant has hired a handful of retired peace officers under this same part-time strategy, including Patrol Sgt. Greg Bishop and Deputy Milt Greenwood. Because of PERSI regulations, these part-timers sometimes have to leave the position for a period of time and then be re-hired.

— TK

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Programs slated for Jackson library

The Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library is in full summer mode after the Homedale City Council allowed the doors opened while the construction project is on hold.

On Thursday, two of the library’s three summer reading programs will begin.

The library is located at 121 W. Owyhee Ave., in Homedale.

As reported last week, the annual youth summer reading program, titled “Imagine Your Story!” will begin Thursday. It’ll run from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. each Thursday until July 23.

New this summer are summer reading programs and for adults and teens. Both programs are passive (a k a independent study), and each features prize drawings.

The Adult Summer Reading Program kicks off today and is open to anyone 18 and older.

Each participant can enter their name for a chance to win a prize for every book they read this summer.

Prizes include a D&B gift basket, and Walmart gift card. Homedale-

based Owyhee Candle Co., will donate items for a basket, too, according to a library press release. is donating some items for a basket.

A small prize is also available through adult reading bingo.

Although another passive program, the Teen Summer Reading Program will see participants gather at the library once a month for an activity and door prizes.

Just like the adult program, teens can enter their name to win a prize for every book they complete. Prizes include an Amazon gift card, Roaring Springs day pass w/beach towel, and a gift basket.

Teen Summer Reading Bingo carries a candy bar prize for every bingo a reader receives.

The monthly meetings will take place from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.:

- **June 25** — Mythical Escape Room
- **July 9** — Reptile Adventures
- **Aug. 13** — Harry Potter Night

The youth summer reading program starts today for its season opener dubbed Fairies and

Gnomes.

Children will meet from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., each Thursday between June 18 and July 23.

Other themes include:

- **June 25** — Dragons with Reptile Adventures
- **July 2** — A Knight’s Tale
- **July 9** — Animals in Fairytales with Deer Flat Wildlife Refuge
- **July 16** — Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) in Fairytales
- **July 23** — Magic with magician Kipp Sherry

Families interested in taking part in the program are asked to RSVP by leaving a message on the library’s Facebook page. Registration will take place at the start of Thursday’s program, and families will sit together.

For families who remain uneasy about public gatherings, the stories and guest presenters will be streamed on Facebook Live each week. And those families will have a chance to pick up the craft material at the library each week, too.

HES Bikes for Books winners announced

Two months lost to the soft closure didn’t slow down Homedale Elementary School readers.

Staff modified the rules for the annual Bikes for Books giveaway, and nine students earned transportation in drawings at the end of the reading challenge.

Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 in Homedale donated eight bicycles.

Children read books from March to May to earn entries in the drawings.

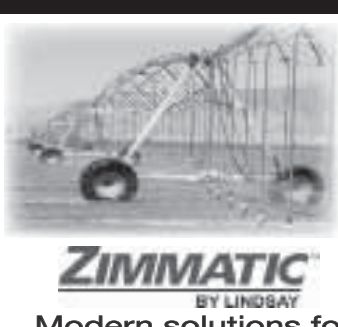
“Even though we were on a soft closure, we continued the competition,” outgoing HES principal Terri Vasquez wrote in her school board report.

“Students had to complete a 21-day reading challenge each month and could earn three tickets per month.”

This year’s winners include:

- Kindergarten** — Anthony Bailey and Camryn Poage
- First grade** — Jace Harkins and Evelyn Sherrill
- Second grade** — Eric Quezada and Jordan Williamson
- Third grade** — Hunter Bell and Charlotte Marston
- Fourth grade** — Wade Ingram

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Year-end awards, contests continue despite COVID-19

*by Ainslee Evans
Chapter reporter*

Because of the phases of reopening the state safely, the Homedale FFA chapter was unable to host the annual end-of-year awards banquet. To give all members competing at state competitions and receiving various degrees proper recognition, the 2019-20 officer team put together a video congratulating all of the hard-working and dedicated individuals who participated in the chapter throughout the year. More than 60 members met the requirements for the four different categories of degrees offered at the state and chapter level.

The first degree a member can receive is the Discovery Degree, which is awarded to seventh- and eighth-graders who are enrolled in an agricultural education class and pay FFA dues. The Discovery

Homedale FFA

Degree is a wonderful way for younger students to jump-start their involvement in the chapter. For 2019-20, Star Discovery Degree recipients are Kinlee Garrett and Brendyn Curt.

The Greenhand Degree is awarded to first-year agriculture students who have demonstrated an understanding of the National FFA Association’s history and purpose and have developed a plan for their supervised agricultural experience (SAE). Not only do these members get a new degree pin for their jacket, they also get the opportunity to place their green handprint on the garage door in the ag shop, a tradition in the Homedale FFA chapter since 2005. The 2019-20 Star Greenhand member is Ashley Stebly.

The highest degree one can earn at the chapter level is the Chapter Degree. After receiving the Greenhand Degree, an active member can apply to receive the Chapter Degree. The member must be enrolled in an agricultural course and have an approved SAE operation in place. They are also required to demonstrate their leadership capabilities and passion for FFA by being thoroughly involved in the chapter, along with completing two semesters of an agricultural science course above the freshman level.

The leadership award is given to members with the highest amount of participation within the chapter. These individuals go above and beyond in our chapter, they compete in leadership events, they are willing to step forward when needed and keep other

members in line. Two members in each grade received this award — seniors Weston Dorsey and Spencer Fisher, juniors Makenna DeWitt and Caitlyn Pate, sophomores Emma Criffield and John Lejardi, freshmen Catherine Decker and Ashley Stebly, and eighth-graders Brendyn Curt and Kinlee Garrett.

The only degree offered at the state level is the State Degree, awarded to 11th and 12th grade members who meet a long list of strict requirements in their record book from their previous three to five years in FFA. They must also pass a test written by the state and pass the record book screening at the district level. This year, with the help of Rachel Rheuby, Shane Wetzel, Tracy Fisher, and Dwayne Fisher, nine members received their State Degrees — Keagen Christensen, Makenna DeWitt,

Weston Dorsey, Ainslee Evans, Maggie Johnson, Madison Miller, Caitlyn Pate, Brooke Pfof, and Wyatt Wetzel.

Even though the annual state leadership convention and leadership development event competitions were ran differently this year, our competing members managed to take home a few awards for our chapter.

Weston Dorsey was the state winner for his forage crop proficiency.

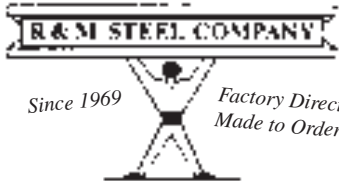
Brooke Pfof got fourth place after competing in employment skills with an online format/

Spencer Fisher received a bronze award for his sheep production proficiency.

Makenna De Witt received an honorable mention for her fruit crop production proficiency.

Homedale’s conduct of chapter meetings team placed fifth in a Thursday competition.

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Grow an extra row in your garden to help food banks

This year, across the country, more people than ever are planting vegetable gardens, many for the first time. At the University of Idaho Extension offices, vegetable-gardening related calls are up significantly from this time last year. Folks want to know how to provide fresh, safe, high-quality, and tasty food economically.

While you may be initially focused on growing food for your own family in your home garden, chances are you will plant too much of something and have extra to give away. If space allows, why not consider planting extra crops on purpose to share with others? Many people don't realize the Idaho Foodbank and many local food pantries can accept donations of fresh, garden-grown produce.

The national Plant-a-Row program launched in 1995 as a public service program of the Garden Writers Association Foundation. Garden writers encouraged their readers/listeners to plant an extra row of produce each year and donate their surplus to local food banks, soup kitchens and service organizations to help feed America's hungry. The premise of Plant-a-Row and Grow a Row programs is that if every household with a garden in the U.S. plants one extra row of vegetables and donates their surplus, a significant impact can be made on reducing hunger.

In years past, the Idaho Foodbank has requested potted herbs, snap peas, carrots, garlic, green onions and other early-spring crops, as well as



Ariel Agenbroad

summer items such as fresh corn, popcorn, winter squash tomatoes, onions, cantaloupe, green beans, cucumber, and kale, etc. The Foodbank has plenty of refrigerated storage and display space to handle even delicate greens like lettuce. They do ask that you refrain from donating your zucchini; they get too much.

These are all crops that grow very well in many Idaho climates. But one question some gardeners ask our office is, "How much food can I really provide in a small space?" Our answer is usually, "More than you think." For example, a planting of tomatoes only 10 feet long could yield 50 pounds or more of fruit. A 10-foot row could also yield up to 80 pounds if planted to winter squash. Think what an extra 25 feet could yield! Even a barrel container filled with bush-type or trailing cucumbers can produce a bumper crop.

The Idaho Foodbank is not your only option for contributing. Share your extras with a local senior center, church or school pantry, or even a neighbor in need! At University of Idaho Extension, we have a summer intern working on creating a map of all the local food pantries in the Treasure Valley, including Owyhee County, that can accept (and distribute) fresh produce. Stay tuned, and if you know of a site that could use donations, please let me know at ariel@uidaho.edu.

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Homedale Senior Center

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Milk available each day
Roll available each day except June 24th
Senior center will re-open on July 1.

June 17: Taco salad (ground beef, cheese sauce, tortilla chips, salsa, lettuce)

June 18: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, mixed vegetables

June 23: Baked ham, hashbrown casserole, carrots

June 24: Beef & bean burrito, rice, mixed veggies

June 25: Pork roast, mashed potatoes w/gravy, creamed spinach

June 30: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, beets

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
Curbside pickup from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or delivery only.
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June 18: Beef stew, green salad, celery w/peanut butter, cheese stick, yogurt, melon, brownies

June 23: Sloppy joe sandwich, whole grain bun, coleslaw w/ pineapple, pudding, fresh fruit

June 25: Swiss steak, baked potato, steamed carrots, mandarin oranges, ½ banana, yogurt, English muffin

E. Owyhee library group holds benefit

The Friends of the Eastern Owyhee County Library's annual yard sale is set for Saturday.

The sale begins at 9 a.m., at the library, 520 Boise Ave., in Grand View, and the adjacent park area.

Anyone who wants to donate sales items can drop off the merchandise at the library between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., on Friday.

Sale proceeds will support the library's needs.

The Friends group also will have forms available for its 2021 community calendar, another library fundraiser.

The library has reopened and is undertaking a summer reading "Grab-n-Go" program.

Call (208) 834-2785 for more information about the library or its programs.

Calendar

Thursday

Children's summer reading

1 p.m. to 2 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

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

Friday

Adrian Community Market

3 p.m., to 7 p.m., Hwy. 21 next to Succor Creek Coffee, Adrian. (208) 709-1391

The Landing teen support group

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

Saturday

Friends of the Library yard sale

9 a.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. Donations accepted from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Friday at library.

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Story Time

10:15 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Wednesday

Demolition derby drivers meeting

7 p.m., The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 866-2629

Thursday, June 25

Children's summer reading

1 p.m. to 2 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Food bank drop-off

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

Homedale Farmers Market

3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Bette Uda City Park

Teens summer reading

5 p.m., to 6 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Cultivate children's program

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, Homedale.

Friday, June 26

Idaho Foodbank drop-off

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

The Landing teen support group

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

Homedale High School graduation

7 p.m., Deward Bell Stadium, Riverside Drive, Homedale.

Monday, June 29

Story Time

10:15 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

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

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

Obituaries

Justin George Smith Jr

Justin George Smith Jr, 90, passed away at his home in Homedale, Idaho, March 22, 2020. A memorial service will be held July 3, at 11 am, at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

Justin was born, April 14, 1929, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Justin Sr and Julia (Whitney) Smith. As a young man, he was known as Sonny or Smitty by family and friends. Justin was an animal lover his entire life. When he was growing up, he was always bringing home bunnies, dogs, horses, or whatever stray he found. He traveled with his parents many times to southern California and back to Idaho.

At the age of 15, Justin followed his dream and went to work as a cowboy on several cattle ranches in Nevada. He loved remembering those days and telling stories of his adventures.

When he was 19, he joined the Army. Serving his country in Korea. He earned 4 Bronze Service Stars, Meritorious Unit Commendation and United Nations Service Medal.

February 14, 1952, he married Caroline Lehn in Elko, NV. They made their home in Twin Falls, Boise, Meridian and retired to raise cattle in Homedale.

They had 5 children: Carol, Pamela, Marshall, Sherry, and



Jeff. He loved his children dearly. He was an awesome Dad. Justin loved to calf rope in amateur rodeos. His children loved to ride/rodeo with him.

Justin was a horseshoer for over 30 years here in the Treasure Valley. He enjoyed his work and loved being in the outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his parents Justin Sr and Julia, wife Caroline, daughter Sherry and Sister Barbara Fender.

Justin is survived by his children Carol Blessing/Terry, Pamela Smith/Tom, Marshall Smith, Jeff Smith.

Grandchildren: Erica Blessing, Kristie Tolley/Joe, Brian Blessing and Marshall Smith/Shanyn.

Great-grandchildren: Braeden, Kailey, Courtney, Alyssa, Jaemin, Jasper, Jarynn, Shyanne and Aurora.

Norma Jo McJunkin

Norma Jo McJunkin, 88, passed away suddenly June 5, 2020, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. She will be greatly missed by all of us who knew and loved her. Norma was born December 31, 1931, in Treece, Kansas; she was the first-born child to Ansel and Hazel Quick. After graduating from Homedale High School in 1949, the family moved to Arkansas where she met Clarence McJunkin. They married on August 15, 1950, in Fayetteville, Arkansas. They lived and worked in Siloam Springs, Arkansas for one year before moving west to Ridgeview, Oregon in 1951. They eventually settled in Huston, Idaho, where they enjoyed farming together for several decades. This is where they raised their two children, Karen and Randy. During their retirement years, they often enjoyed camping and fishing at Horsethief. Norma and Clarence were blessed to have celebrated nearly 66 years of marriage.

Norma was vibrant and full



of life. She loved going to yard sales, tending to the flowers in her garden, and spending time with her family and friends. Norma loved a quick trip to Jackpot, nights at the Bingo House, and the occasional "lucky" lottery ticket. Beginning at the age of 15, Norma faithfully kept a diary. Amazingly, she never missed a single day of writing in it. She always worked diligently to be an immaculate housekeeper. One of her greatest joys was entertaining others in her home, and she never failed

to have something delicious prepared to share with company. She was the perfect hostess and homemaker.

Norma is survived by her sister Margie Shenk and her brother Bill Quick; daughter Karen Smyth (Jim) and son Randy McJunkin (Terri); four grandchildren: Kristin (Doug), Clint (Heidi), Kelly (Jeremy), & Aaron; five great-grandchildren: Ryan, Zachary, Kaitlyn, Ilsa, & Axel; and three step-grandchildren: Crystal, Michael, & David. She was preceded in death by her husband Clarence McJunkin, father Ansel Quick, mother Hazel Quick, sister Mary Pearl, brother-in-law Dick Shenk, and nephew Curtis Quick.

Graveside services were held at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery at 2 p.m., Monday, June 15th, 2020 under the direction of Dakan Funeral Chapel. A memorial fund will be set up at the Deer Flat Free Methodist Church for Children's Camp Scholarships in loving memory of Norma.

Local VFW kicks off gun raffle

Veterans to have tickets, poppies at local stores

The Samuel C. Phillips III Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11065 is gearing up for the next Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy civics competition.

Members of the Wilder-based post honoring a Homedale High School graduate killed during the Vietnam War will settle tickets for a gun raffle at local stores for the next two Saturdays.

The post is giving away a Mossberg varmint hunting rifle. Tickets will sell for \$1 each or \$5 for six.

Ticket sales proceeds will help VFW Post 11065 fund its annual Patriot's Pen essay contest for middle-schoolers and the Voice of Democracy speech contest for high school students.

The winning ticket will be drawn during the year-end banquet at which the essay and speech winners are announced. Ticket sales will continue into the winter.

Post Cmdr. Daniel Carlson said veterans will be on hand

at 9 a.m., each Saturday. This weekend, they will be stationed at Logan's Market at the corner of Main Street and 8th Avenue West in Marsing.

The scene shifts to Albertsons on West Wyoming Avenue on Saturday, June 27.

The VFW will have poppies on hand during both ticket sale drives. Donations are welcome.

VFW Post 11065 meets at 7 p.m., on the second Thursday of each month at the VFW hall, 208 3rd St., in Wilder.

For more information about the VFW or its fundraiser, call Carlson at (208) 649-7006.

Death notices

BRIAN DEAN AUSTIN, 47, of Nampa, a 1991 Homedale High School graduate raised in Wilder, died on Friday, June 5, 2020.

NATHAN HENRY MAURER, 25, of Wilder, died Friday, June 5, 2020. A funeral service was held on Saturday, June 13, 2020 at Deer Flat Church, 17703 Beet Rd., Caldwell.

CON LEE SHEA, 68, who attended Marsing schools, died Thursday, June 4, 2020 at his Pendleton, Ore., home. A recitation of the rosary will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 11, 2020 at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop in Pendleton, followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m., on Friday, June 12, 2020 at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Mission, Ore.

Owyhee County COVID-19 cases:

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New cases, June 9 to June 15: 0
Source: coronavirus.idaho.gov

Malheur County COVID-19 cases:

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Deaths: 1

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Children brave rain for Breshears fishing

Saturday’s rainfall may have decreased attendance, but it didn’t dampen the enthusiasm for the handful of youngsters who took part in 21st annual LeRoy Breshears Kids Fishing Day.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Posse member James Ferdinand said 11 children attended the event at Marsing’s Island Park pond.

“Even if the rain kept all but 11 kids from coming out, those 11 kids had a great time and caught some great fish,” Ferdinand said. “We want to

thank all of our sponsors for helping out with this event, without them, it would not happen at all.”

Ferdinand said two volunteers from Riverence Farms trucked more than 400 trout from Buhl for Friday’s plant.

About eight Posse members and two Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputies were on hand to help the children as well as prepare a lunch of hot dogs, chips and ice cream. Water was also donated for the children.

“We appreciate everyone who came out and volunteered,” Ferdinand said.

Sponsors included:

- The Breshears family
- The Whitehouse Drive Inn
- Logan’s Market
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- Marsing Lions
- American Legion Post No. 128

- City of Marsing
- Idaho Fish and Game
- Owyhee County Child Safety Fund
- Owyhee County Sheriff’s Posse
- Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office
- Kid’s First Cast

“This event means a lot to the Breshears family, and they also wish to thank everyone involved, and all that came out and got soaked helping the kids that were there braving the rain, catch some fish,” Ferdinand said.



Ethan Maybon, 5, of Homedale shows off his catch.



Trenton Rodemack, 10, of Nampa was all smiles and rainwater after getting soaked and landing the largest fish in the boys’ division. His trout weighed 6.15 pounds. He also was the first boy to catch a fish.



Timothy Steinmeyer, 9, (left) and his 5-year-old sister Hope, from Marsing were ready for anything, bringing an umbrella and a tackle box.



Hope Steinmeyer reeled in the biggest fish for the girls. She also was the first girl to catch a fish.

Submitted photos



Youth rodeo season opens at Badiola Arena

Several Owyhee County boys and girls competed in the Gem State Rodeo Association season opener at Badiola Arena in Homedale on Sunday. The original opener, scheduled for May 3, was cancelled. **Left:** Ella McConnell of Jordan Valley posted a 19.947-second run to finish sixth in Pee Wee barrel racing. **Right:** Jordan Valley’s Kelton Mackenzie of Jordan Valley roping in the Mini Mite boys’ dummy roping event.

Other Jordan Valley competitors fared well, including:

- Shailee Rutan teaming with Kuna’s Trevor Burdick to win the Junior Division team roping go-round with a 7.77-second showing.
- Jalee Maestresjuan took fifth place in the Junior Division barrel racing with a 18.973 time.

Sloan McFarlane of Wilder and Homedale’s Sam Saunders were Junior team roping runners-up, roping their steer in 8.29.

According to www.gemstaterodeo.com, there are two-day rodeos planned at the Gem County Fairgrounds in Emmett on July 11-12 and Aug. 22-23. Another rodeo is set for Aug. 2, but the location has yet to be determined.

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Homedale’s Johnson graduates University of Idaho with honors

Homedale High School alum Nash Johnson has graduated with honors from the University of Idaho.

The son of Toby and Shannon Johnson graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Secondary Education.

Johnson finished his first four years of college with a 4.0 grade-point average while keeping active in the sport of wrestling in the Moscow area.

He also was active in the Theta Chi fraternity, serving as philanthropy chairman for one year as the fraternity raised money for the USO. Johnson also served as fraternity chaplain for two years.

He was a three-year member of the university’s Judicial Board of Interfraternity Council and served a one-year term as president of the Vandal Print Guild.

He volunteered to coach Moscow High School wrestlers



as a freshman then was hired as an assistant for the Bears’ squad as a sophomore and junior.

Johnson’s father, Toby, provided this information. The University of Idaho plans to release a full list of its 2020 graduates later this month. — Ed.



County annex shapes up in Grand View
The building to house Owyhee County’s Grand View substation, which would include both Division of Motor Vehicles and sheriff’s office services, has been in place since June 5. Work began this week. Photo by Mandi Boren



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Dean’s List

Locals light up U of I honor roll

Dozens of local residents were among nearly 2,500 students who earned spots on the University of Idaho Dean’s List for the spring 2020 semester.

To qualify for the Dean’s List, students needed to maintain at least a 3.5 grade-point average on a minimum of 12 grade credits during the semester, which ended on May 15.

Adrian — Andrea J. Sorrell, College of Education, Health & Human Sciences, Bachelor’s in Education Curriculum & Instruction

Caldwell — Dillon S. Pfost (Homedale High graduate), College of Business & Economics, Bachelor’s of Science in Business

Homedale — Andrew Martinez, College of Agriculture & Life Sciences, Bachelor’s in Family and Consumer Sciences; **Kylie R. Kerner**, College of Agriculture & Life Sciences, Bachelor’s of Science in Animal & Veterinary Science; **Cindy C. Albor**, College of Business & Economics, Bachelor’s of Science in Business; **Kendall N. Nash**, College of Business & Economics, Bachelor’s of Science in Business, Accounting; **Nallely Gonzalez**, College of Business & Economics, Bachelor’s of Science in Business, Bachelor’s of Science in Business; **Ashleigh A. Evans**, College of Education, Health & Human Sciences, Bachelor’s in Education Curriculum & Instruction; **Kaylee E. DeWitt**, College of Education, Health & Human Sciences, Bachelor’s in Education Curriculum & Instruction; **Michael J. Lejardi**, College of Engineering, Bachelor’s of Science in Computer Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering; **Jacky King**, College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences, Bachelor’s of Science in Psychology/Communication Studies; **Orion S. Cardenas-Ritzert**, College of Natural Resources, Bachelor’s of Science, Ecology, Conservation and Biology, Natural Resources

Marsing — Dalton R. Withers, College of Art & Architecture, Bachelor’s of Science in Architecture, Art and Architecture; **Oscar I. Gonzalez**, College of Science, Bachelor’s of Science in Biological Sciences;

Melba — Kiera M. Packer, College of Agriculture & Life Sciences, Bachelor’s of Science in Agricultural & Extension Education; **Johanna A. Kasper**, College of Business & Economics, Bachelor’s of Science in Business, Accounting; **Karina Acosta Tellez**, College of Letters Arts & Social Sciences, Bachelor’s of Science in Sociology & Anthropology

Murphy — Jessica A. Riley, College of Agriculture & Life Sciences, Bachelor’s of Science in Animal & Veterinary Science

Wilder — Alejandro Jimenez Cortes, College of Agriculture & Life Sciences, Bachelor’s of Science in Plant Sciences; **Alexandra Vega**, College of Art & Architecture, Bachelor’s of Science in Landscape Architecture, Art and Architecture; **Ismael G. Cortez**, College of Engineering, Bachelor’s of Science in Electrical Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering; **Daria T. Paxton**, College of Natural Resources, Bachelor’s of Science in Forestry, Forest, Rangeland & Fire Sciences; **Lindy R. Phariss**, College of Natural Resources, Bachelor’s of Science in Fishery Resources, Fish & Wildlife Sciences

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Homedale UI graduate’s creative hand brings thermodynamics to apparel

Mittens for warmth evolve into gloves with other students’ help

by Ross Wulf
University of Idaho Communications
Morgan Morrisroe’s hands are always cold.
“Since I was little, my hands would lose mobility whenever I was cold,” the University of Idaho graduate from Homedale said.

Twenty percent of adults worldwide have Raynaud’s Syndrome. It occurs when people lose circulation in their extremities because the body’s core temperature is too low.

Morrisroe, who graduated from the U of I’s College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS), began exploring apparel technologies to warm people’s hands and regain fine motor skills lost in their fingers as a result of Raynaud’s.

Morrisroe also started re-thinking the overall designs of traditional hand-warming products and from that, Ember Gloves developed.

“The original Ember Gloves was a mitten that used a unique wrapping system I designed to secure the glove on my hand,” Morrisroe said. “With Raynaud’s, it was often hard and painful to pull my hands in and out of gloves. The mitten’s wrapping design made it easy and comfortable to use.”

There is no cure for Raynaud’s Syndrome, but Morrisroe created a novel, inexpensive and easily reproducible product to relieve its side effects. Soon designers were thinking about others with this shared medical condition and how Ember Gloves might benefit them. Lori Wahl, senior instructor in CALS, suggested Morrisroe take the mittens’ unique wrapping design and desire to help others with Raynaud’s to an entrepreneurship course in the College of Business and Economics (CBE).

Engineering introduces apparel to thermodynamics

The transition from mittens to gloves took place as students with a variety of expertise worked as a team. Meridian’s Dwain Stucker, who graduated from the College of Engineering, proposed heating the mitten with thermistors and micro-controllers. These elements have a long battery life, allow for temperature regulation and eliminate risks for overheating.

“While thermodynamics isn’t my area of expertise, I could see how incorporating the elements Stucker was suggesting could eliminate extra bulk,” Morrisroe said. “Unlike my original mitten design, the current prototype uses thin textiles. The thinner material, even with the added heating components, allows for a flexible glove you can wear while doing just about anything.”

Morrisroe and Stucker’s collaboration allowed Ember Gloves to become a unique, marketable product ideal for pitch competitions associated with entrepreneurship courses. These fast-paced events give students the opportunity to pitch their product to business leaders and investors while competing for cash prizes. To help Ember Gloves qualify for the pitch events, Nicole DeHoog, ’19 CALS, of Parma brought her business skills to the team.

“I worked with the team to create a financial model and business plan using my business knowledge and experience,” DeHoog said. “Each team member brought different specialties to the project, including Talor Sheldon of Ashton, a studio art and design student in the College of Art and Architecture. She was our creative designer and took the lead on videos and pictures for one-on-one and group presentations.”

A breakthrough moment

While the design, financial and business models and marketing pieces were coming together, Morrisroe was discovering first-hand that anyone can be a good entrepreneur.

“Our team was made up of individuals with no entrepreneurship experience, a lack of confidence and one idea,” Morrisroe said. “Struggling at first, it only took us working together with the goal of creating something to help make life better for people. We were starting to achieve more than any of us aspired for individually while working to get Ember Gloves ready for the pitch competitions.”

Maggie Zee of Alamo, Calif., an apparel, textiles and design student in CALS, joined Morrisroe for Boise Startup Week’s pitch competition.

“I was going to Boise for Startup Week and saw Ember Gloves as an



Morgan Morrisroe, left, of Homedale, and teammate Maggie Zee, of Alamo, Calif., took top honors for their Ember Gloves pitch during Boise Startup Week 2019. Photo courtesy of the University of Idaho

opportunity to get a crash course in entrepreneurship.” Zee said. “We rehearsed our pitch beforehand, but it really came together while competing. Morgan and I fed off each other’s energy, made corrections based on feedback from judges and, after a few pitches, had a fine-tuned script, winning Ember Gloves top ratings.”

After Startup Week, Sheldon joined Morrisroe to score another top win for Ember Gloves during CBE’s Idaho Pitch at U of I.

Going beyond an original idea

Ember Gloves’ original target market, consumers with Raynaud’s Syndrome, was pitched at each competition. To Morrisroe’s surprise, potential uses for the product were expanded on by almost every judge.

“Pitching taught me how our ideas are viewed through different peoples’ lenses. Judges told me they could imagine Ember Gloves being used by the timber industry, across the military, on farms and for tailgating

during football season,” Morrisroe said. “Surrounded by entrepreneurship students from different disciplines created a well-rounded product with the ability to go beyond an original idea.”

Morrisroe and the entire Ember Gloves team feel the whole entrepreneurial process around this product has rounded out and brought each of their educations full circle.

“As a designer, I learned how to consider all aspects of a business and why it’s important to think about each of them from start to finish,” Morrisroe said. “Knowing what matters to the consumer, designer, producer, investor and marketer is the key to finding what works best for everyone while taking an idea and making it thrive.”

Morrisroe is currently designing an alternative to Ember Gloves using input from pitch competitions and the same unique wrapping design, but with less technology. This variation on the glove allows Morrisroe to construct them independently while incorporating additional features.



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Deluge of birthday wishes for Homedale woman

Homedale resident Glenis Dunn Atkins celebrated a unique 94th birthday on May 30. Since she couldn't enjoy a traditional birthday, surrounded by family and friends, her family put a notice in The Owyhee Avalanche requesting folks send Glenis birthday cards and the response was overwhelming. She received 173 cards from well-wishers. The "94" made from balloons was crafted by Glenis' great-granddaughter, Sara Martin.

With repairs stalled, Jackson library opens

With no concrete start date for the rehabilitation of the new Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, the Homedale City Council acquiesced to a request to open the new building's doors to in-person activities.

The library, located at 121 W. Owyhee Ave., was open for walk-in business Thursday, hours after the council made a decision in light of the delayed project to rebuild the roof and fix other construction issues with the building.

Story Time now convenes at the library at 10:15 a.m., on Mondays, and the summer reading program will begin at 1 p.m., on Thursday and continue each Thursday into July.

Library board members and librarian Sharla Jensen attended the council meeting last Wednesday underneath the Johnny Krzesnik pavilion at Sundance Park.

"The construction was supposed to start, but — quite frankly — we don't know when it will start," Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said.

Originally, it was believed subcontractor R&S Constructors would begin the mitigation efforts on May 11, but representatives for companies involved in the construction conducted another walk-through 16 days later to get a better idea on the scope of work.

On June 9, using information from the walk-through, R&M Steel drew up a cost estimate of \$24,668 for all the materials needed to complete the job to city leaders' satisfaction. The net cost is \$2,000 less, though, because of another R&M Steel donation. The material could be ready in three to four days, the estimate said.

Still, as late as last Wednesday, according to documents obtained through a public records request, general contractor Chris Waldram of Excelsior Construction Co., was questioning the need to make as extensive repairs as R&M Steel had suggested.

"It appears that R&M Steel Co., has priced not just the items that were identified as deficient on our walk-through on May 27, 2020, but is maintaining that replacement of the entire skin of the building is required," Waldram wrote in a June 10 letter to Architecture Northwest's Matt Garner. "This scope is substantially more than what is described in R&M Steel Co.'s original deficiency scope dated March

30, 2020."

Waldram said that R&M Steel owner Rob Roberts and city councilmembers expanded the scope of the project during a walk-through immediately after an April 29 special meeting that Waldram was unable to attend. Waldram said R&S Constructors representatives left that meeting with the impression that the mitigation would include replacing the roof, the east gutter, window and door trim, and door frames.

"This new scope now being recommended by R&M Steel Co., is more than what is required under our contract," Waldram wrote in his June 10 letter.

Waldram said that the principles arrived a list of needed items after the May 27 meeting.

"Still, with no legitimate reason, R&M Steel Co., wants the whole building skin replaced," Waldram wrote. "That is entirely unreasonable and beyond the scope of what is required."

Two weeks before the May 27 meeting, according to a memo Garner produced outlining the entire ordeal, Roberts had issued a list of corrections that included the re-skinning of the building. That list grew out of discussions at the April 29 meeting, according to the memo.

Garner pointed out that the May 27 meeting was actually moved back 90 minutes because Waldram couldn't meet at the originally appointed time.

Waldram concluded the June 10 letter saying Excelsior "will be required to proceed with a claim for the cost to perform the additional work to remove and replaced (*sic*) portion of the skin that are not defective," if the city adopts R&M Steel's recommendations to re-skin the entire building.

During the April 29 meeting, R&S Constructors owner Clint Shaffer told Roberts and the council that he would do everything necessary to meet R&M Steel's and the city's expectations.

The library was considered substantially completed after a November walk-through resulted in a punch list to be completed before occupancy. Library officials were making plans for a grand opening in early April before the COVID-19 pandemic triggered Gov. Brad Little's stay-home order.

— JPB

Marsing has new council member

New City Hall has change orders; Main St. water meters buried

Marsing City Council has a new face after Brandy Bennett's confirmation last Wednesday in the new City Hall.

Mayor Chad Sevy brought Bennett's name last Wednesday to councilpersons Chris Even, Marie Herman, and Rachael Percifield, who appointed her unanimously.

Bennett will complete Tony Malmberg's unfinished four-year term. Tony Malmberg, who resigned in March for reasons he described as being beyond his control, held the position for just over two years.

A scheduled public hearing to address rezoning Marsing Housing Authority was continued for the second straight month and will be held during the July 8 council meeting. The hearing had originally been scheduled for May but was continued as MHA executive director Luke Ankeny chose to subdivide the property so that just a portion would need to be rezoned commercial so a new office can be built.

Ankeny said he is waiting to

hear from a surveyor selected to reset the boundaries and legal description.

"I've called the surveyor that we used before and sent some emails and haven't gotten anywhere," he said.

Sandbar change orders

City engineer Kirby Cook provided updates on the various projects.

He said the Idaho highway 55 reconstruction is all but done, leaving just the Snake River bridge unfinished.

On Wednesday evening and into Thursday morning, Wadsworth Brothers Construction crews placed the final two bridge girders on the south side of the river. The project should be completed this fall.

Three water meters were paved over on Main Street. The city maintenance crew located the meters, and Wadsworth Brothers has agreed to dig them out and raise them at no charge to the city, Cook said.

There were some changes to the Sandbar/City Hall remodel

project. Basement floor repairs, including seal and stain, amounted to \$3,595. He said replacement or updating of doors throughout the building will cost about \$4,000.

Cook said that even with the change orders from contractor HCD Inc., the city is still paying more than \$10,000 less than Succor Creek Construction's second-lowest bid.

City crew stays active

City maintenance supervisor Joe Heidt discussed his crew's work over the last month:

- Installed new trash cans in Island Park
- Painted Island Park public restroom walls and floor
- Cleaned and removed brush and clutter around Well No. 3 building
- Removed dead trees from the arboretum on the north side of Island Park

Upcoming projects:

- Update maintenance logs on city buildings and vehicles
- Perhaps install new city welcome signs, a \$3,250 purchase OK'd last month.
- Purchase two poles (\$735 cost) for City Park playground equipment

— TK

Today	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 78 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 597

cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 184 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 555,907 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.

Avalanche Sports

Volleyball skills camps planned

Trojans gear fundraiser helps cover fees

Homedale High School volleyball is operating under a new head coach, but Evonne McGuire’s immediate predecessor will be in town next month for a skills camp.

Amber Fouts will serve as an instructor for skills camps for high school- and middle school-aged girls.

The camps will take place between Tuesday and Thursday, July 7 to July 9.

The high school camp will be held from 9 a.m. to noon inside the HHS gymnasium. A post on the volleyball program’s Facebook page said that the camp replaces the Boise State University camp that was cancelled because of NCAA COVID-19 restrictions.

The middle school camp, open to fifth-

through eighth-graders, will be held between 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m., each day.

Other instructors include Donnae Holtry, the wife of HHS principal Matt Holtry, and Katie Knight.

Cost for the camp is \$75, and campers who register by Friday, June 26, will receive a T-shirt. Those signing up after the deadline will have to wait for shirts.

Call Fouts at (208) 284-1253 for more information. Links to registration forms are available on the volleyball program’s Facebook page, “Homedale High School Volleyball.”

The HHS volleyball program also has launched a Homedale Trojan Gear Fundraiser.

Chris Marston has created different gear, and the fundraiser runs through Friday. If a team member is identified during checkout at ckmarstonclothing.square.site, \$5 will be applied to the skills camp fees.



Gracie Dines (left) and Daniel Uranga have been named Homedale High School’s senior athletes of the year. Submitted photo

Dines, Uranga named Trojans’ top athletes

Homedale High School announced its senior athletes of the year early last week — Gracie Dines and Daniel Uranga.

Both athletes have multi-generational ties to the Trojans’ athletic program.

Dines was part of the Trojans’ volleyball and basketball teams.

In basketball, she earned All-3A Snake River Valley conference honorable mention and 3A SRV all-academic mention while being named to the 3A District III senior all-star team.

In volleyball, she was a first-team all-conference pick who later signed to play college volleyball at Walla Walla Community College.

Daniel Uranga quarterbacked the football team to a second

consecutive appearance in the 3A Milk Bowl state championship and helped guide the basketball program to its first district title in six seasons.

In football, Uranga was named the conference offensive player of the year and an El Korah Shrine District III Senior All-Star.

His winter exploits earned a second-team all-conference selection for basketball.

He finished his career as the 3A state champion in golf, too, after the 2020 spring season was cancelled because of COVID-19.

Uranga will attend Duke University in the fall and play golf, making him the first Homedale golfer in more than 25 years to earn a chance to swing the clubs for a Div. I NCAA program.



Huskies girls hit the hard court in scrimmage

Marsing High School’s girls’ basketball Blue team, receives direction from new coach Mike Swanson during Thursday’s Blue and Gold scrimmage. **From left**, Jade Wainman, Alana Larrusea, Mariah Gonzalez, Llee Loucks, Fallon Wasson (obscured), and Mila Astorquia. The White team consisted of Anna Gluch, Emily Vanosdal, Hannah Stimmel, Mikaela Gonzalez, and Delaney Percifield. Submitted photo

HHS sports enter summer season

Homedale High School athletes have started summer workouts with a mind on staying safe.

“COVID(-19) has definitely changed things for this summer, but all coaches and athletes are adapting,” HHS athletic director Casey Grove wrote in a report shared with the board of trustees during its Thursday meeting.

Grove outlined what’s going on:

- He purchased three 1-gallon sprayers. Each is filled with an antiviral solution, and they have been placed at John Jackson Field, inside the weight room and inside the main gymnasium.
- “That way coaches can spray down any areas where athletes are during their practice,” Grove wrote. “I feel we are taking all the necessary steps to prevent any spread of COVID.”
- The weight room is open for sessions twice a day, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., and from 5 p.m., to 7 p.m. The room will be open Monday through Thursday throughout the summer.
- The first two weeks of June are skill development with no contact in practices.
- “The coaches are all on the same page of the introduction plan that has been adopted by the 5A, 4A, and 3A schools in District III,” Grove wrote.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

June 21, 1995

FFA’ers place at state

Ten members of the Rimrock FFA chapter traveled to the campus of the University of Idaho for the Idaho FFA Association State Judging contest, June 5-9.

The team competed against over 50 teams from across the state in several different contests.

The chapter’s Ag mechanics team of Dennis Merrick, Dennis Rutan, and Kyle Colyer placed ninth.

Erica Davis, Angela Merrick and Dennis Merrick make up the meats evaluation and carcass grading team, which placed tenth overall.

The livestock judging team of Justin Tindall, Jason Theodozio, Kyle Colyer and Dennis Merrick, which placed first earlier in the year at the district contest, placed twelfth in the state competition.

The dairy judging team made up of Dana Rutan, Kyle Colyer, Justin Tindall and Philip Law placed twenty-eighth.

The dairy foods evaluation team also did well, placing sixteenth. Team members included Justin Tindall, Kyle Colyer and Philip Law.

50 flags burned in ceremony

The American Legion in Homedale conducted a flag-burning ceremony last week at which 50 flags were respectfully “retired.”

According to Linda Woodhall, it’s a ceremony that the Legion’s done for years, but is fairly unique in this area. Woodhall said the ceremony begins with an official decision on each flag, whether its in condition to be destroyed, or should still be used. When the flags are selected for destruction, the American Legion commander then says “let these flags of our country be retired and destroyed with respectful and honorable rights.” The chaplain then gives a brief prayer, the American Legion members salute, the American Legion standard is dipped, and the flags are burned.

When the flags are completely consumed, the salute is ended, the American Legion standard is raised again, and the company retires.

Organizers: Prepare for Fair and Rodeo parade

Owyhee County parade organizers hope the Fair and Rodeo parade this year will be a smashing success, and they’re asking the community to begin preparing right now.

The parade is scheduled Saturday, August 5.

Local students compete in Special Olympics

Several area students recently took part in the State Special Olympic games held in Moscow, Idaho, thanks to the sponsorship of the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency, a consortium of the Wilder, Notus, Parma, Marsing and Homedale school districts.

Accompanying the students to Moscow were COSSA Special Olympics Coordinator Lois Adair, and coaches Debi Kapicka, Terri Minder, Dorothy Hellbusch, Judy Flowers and Wally Simpson.

Here are athletes from Homedale and Marsing, and the results of their efforts in the games:

B.J. Bell — Gold Medal, standing long jump; 4th place, 50 meters. Daniel Castellanos — Gold Medal, basketball. Larry Gall — Gold Medal, 100 meters; Gold Medal, 200 meters; Gold Medal, basketball. Andrea Weaver — Gold Medal, basketball. Kathy Huntington — Bronze Medal, standing long jump; Bronze Medal, 50 meters. Katy Suing — Gold Medal, standing long jump; Gold Medal, 50 meters. Jason Beus — Gold Medal, standing long jump; Gold Medal, 50 meters.

50 years ago

June 18, 1970



“MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT” awards were presented to three 8th graders at Homedale Junior High School by Principal Herb Fritzley, left, during the year-end awards assembly. From right are Sheryl Quintana, outstanding scholar; Karla Johnson, outstanding citizen; and Doug Takasugi, outstanding athlete.

Outstanding students receive awards at Homedale Jr. High

Awards were presented to the three “most outstanding students in track and Girls’ League” during a year-end awards assembly at Homedale Junior High School. Track letters were presented by Coach Nolan Taggart to Kirk Haylett, Albert Lopez, Dennis Combs, Doug Cook, Riley Howell and David Takasugi, all seventh grade students; George Hyer, Fred DeGeus, Doug Takasugi, Dick Goodloe, Jay Duke, Mike Blessing and Steve Yamamoto, eighth graders. Jack Watson received a letter for serving as manager of the track team.

Girls’ League letters were presented by Mrs. Mary Jo Pottenger, advisor, to Doris Young, Wathena Orr and Mary Garcia, all eighth graders.

Trojan emblems went to Roxie Adamson, Karla Johnson, Karen Kent, Jolinda Murray, Sheryl Lootens, Martha Wood, Judy George, Debbie Fisher, Karen Fisher, Sharon Fisher, Lori Nafsinger, Debbie Frye, Joann Peterson, Patty Degitz, Sheryl Quintana, Judy Watson, Diane Settle, Sharon Schwab, Mackie Tolmie, Helen Lineberger and Becky Wells, all eighth graders.

Monty Simpkins joins HF cattle organization

Monty Simpkins, Marsing, has joined the junior membership ranks of Holstein-Friesian Association of America. Over 13,800 youngsters are now actively enrolled in the breed organization’s program.

To qualify, member candidates must be under 21 and have enrolled in a 4-H or vocational agriculture dairy project. Individual ownership of at least one Registered Holstein is also required.

Homedale Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Douglas, Kelso, Wash., have been visiting at Adrian with his sister, Mrs. Pete Sillonis and family and with Homedale friends. He told The Chronicle that his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Douglas, live at Cathlamet, Wash., and his father, who will be 81 on July 12, operates a “You Pick” Berry Farm, raising red raspberries, blackcaps, boysenberries, etc. The Douglas family lived in North Side community from 1938 to 1957.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Pegram, Mrs. Margie Echevarria and Johnna spent the weekend of June 7 at Sun Valley visiting Mr. Pegram’s brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Pegram.

145 years ago

June 19, 1875

WAS IT A JOKE?—

When Judge Whitson left Lewiston for Silver City a few days ago he had, or at least supposed he had, three hats — an elegant black plug, a very good grey felt, and an old black felt. The two former he packed in a box, and made use of the old black hat on the stage trip from Lewiston to Boise City. Upon reaching the Capital he put on his good clothes and opened his hat box, in order to get his black plug. But imagine his astonishment to find only the grey felt hat and a paper bag containing some crackers. The plug had disappeared. And the Judge is at a loss whether to put it down as a mysterious case of transubstantiation, a joke, or petty larceny. He thinks, however, that stealing a \$10 hat could not properly be called a joke. We give this item that the people here may know why Judge Whitson does not wear a black plug hat.

An item from South Mountain which recently appeared in the AVALANCHE, pertaining to the loss of a flask of whisky between here and that place was construed by some of Mr. Vincent’s representatives as reflecting upon their honesty in the matter. It was not so intended by the writer who should have stated that the liquid in question was missed several miles from Vincent’s Ranch, and was it seems picked up on the road by a wayfarer and carried back to that stopping place. Mr. Vincent’s men are not the kind engaged in such petty pilfering as this.

AT half past six o’clock this morning, a horse dashed down Jordan Street at full speed, with a rope about fifty yards long attached to his neck. One of the early risers at the Idaho came out with the intention of intercepting the animal, and was about to grasp at the dragging rope. He concluded, however, that it was best to “let it slide” for the present.

THE Winnemucca *Silver State* says “a lot of miners from the East, who arrived here last night on the emigrant train, took their departure to-day for Silver City. Some of the new comers came to stay, and were accompanied by their families.”

TO STOP NOSE-BLEEDING.—Two small arteries branching up from the main arteries on each side of the neck, and passing over the outside of the jaw bone supply the face with blood. If the nose bleeds from the right nostril, pass the finger along the edge of the right jaw till the beating of the artery is felt. Press hard upon it five minutes and the bleeding will cease. If the left nostril bleeds, press the artery on the left jaw.

CAMP McDermitt on the road to Winnemucca is undergoing extensive repairs and improvements. An immense amount of lumber and other material have recently reached that post, and the camp will be a lively place during the Summer months.

P.L. FORD came over from South Mountain yesterday. He takes his family back with him from Fairview where they have been living for sometime past. Mr. Ford is the foreman of several of the South Mountain mines.

WE hear of a man who went home full the other night, and gave as an excuse to his wife that he was in a dilemma. “Yes,” replied the dame, “and you’ve taken both horns of it, too.”

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of
common sense
The Missing Link



It arched across the cloudless sky like someone throwin’ chum
But they weren’t fishin’, no my friends, the object was a thumb
It launched from Kenneth’s dally when his heelin’ rope came tight
And whizzed by Eddie’s horse’s head and disappeared from sight.

Eddie did a double take... hors d’oeuvres flashed through his mind,
A little sausage on a stick that looked like Frankenstein.
“Are you OK?” he asked when Kenneth finally took a breath
His ropin’ glove was crimson red, his face was white as death.
“Yeah, help me find my thumb,” he said. “I better go, I think.”
“You go,” said Ed, “I’ll bring it when we’ve found the missing link.”
The next day Eddie got a call from Kenneth’s lawyer friend.
“A suit,” he said, “for negligence is what I recommend.”

Well, Eddie was surprised a bit, “We packed his thumb in ice.
“We emptied out the beer and pop, a real sacrifice
“And put it in the cooler then we rushed it straight on down
“I even got a ticket speedin’ comin’ into town.
“I’ve had some past experience. It’s happened here before.”
“Well, we’ll concede,” the lawyer said, “your service was top-drawer.
“The packing job was excellent, but in the final sum
“In spite of all you did for Ken, you brung us the wrong thumb.”

— 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*.

Gov. Brad Little

From the Statehouse
Idaho leans on fiscally
conservative principles
in coronavirus relief decisions



Idaho was given the chance to once again demonstrate our fiscally conservative values when President Donald Trump and the U.S. Congress directed \$1.25 billion to all the smaller states including Idaho in federal coronavirus relief dollars.
And we answered the call.
We are directing much of those funds back to our citizens and businesses rather than putting coronavirus relief funds toward government budgets.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was intended to mitigate the economic fallout of COVID-19. All our actions have been in lockstep with U.S. Treasury guidance for allocation of the funds.
Our economic rebound will occur more quickly if Idahoans have more of their hard-earned dollars in their pockets.
Early last week, I joined mayors, county commissioners, and my partners in the Legislature in announcing Idaho will leverage federal coronavirus relief funds to cover local public safety personnel salaries and ensure there are no reductions in public safety during these unprecedented challenges. At the same time, we are giving cities and counties the opportunity to pass on the savings to property taxpayers rather than backfilling local government budgets.
The move is expected to result in up to \$200 million in one-time property tax relief. That could mean a 10- to 20-percent reduction in your property taxes this year. Meanwhile, the Legislature will continue to explore ongoing relief to property taxpayers.
Idaho also has led the country in our support of small businesses.
We directed a sizeable chunk of relief funds toward direct cash support to the self-employed and to businesses with fewer than 50 employees.
We listened to businesses large and small, and we’re offering back-to-work bonuses to get folks off unemployment and back to work safely. As of today, 98 percent of Idaho businesses can open their doors and jobs are coming back, but businesses tell me they are having a hard time recruiting employees.
The back-to-work bonuses are based on a basic conservative principle articulated by President Ronald Reagan: “We should measure success by how many people leave welfare, not by how many are added.”

— See *Coronavirus*, Page 17

From Washington
75 years later, American fortitude is foundation of recovery

On May 8, 1945, Americans, with our allies around the world, celebrated Nazi Germany’s surrender ending World War II in Europe. Many American troops stationed in Europe were soon after sent home or to the Pacific Theater. Concentration camps and communities across Europe were liberated, Japan formally surrendered on Sept. 2, 1945, and people turned from the dreadfulness of war to working to heal and rebuild.
In a broadcast to the American people announcing the surrender of Germany, President Harry S. Truman highlighted the need to work to end the war in the East and stated, “We can repay the debt which we owe to our God, to our dead and to our children only by work — by ceaseless devotion to the responsibilities which lie ahead of us. ... We must seek to bind up the wounds of a suffering world — to build an abiding peace, a peace rooted in justice and in law.”
World War II veterans heeded this charge and whether by their own quiet resolve or by an ongoing sense of duty, they got to work in communities across our nation. They helped build America into the greatest nation the world has ever known. We are blessed that many of these servicemembers returned to our great state. I have had the honor of paying tribute to some of these extraordinary Idahoans and other World War II veterans by presenting them with the Spirit of Freedom Award. You can read about them and others on my official website at: www.crapo.senate.gov.

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My staff and I have also had the opportunity to interview Idaho veterans to record their experiences serving our nation for the Library of Congress Veterans History Project (VHP). This includes my conversation with Capt. Lynn B. Richmond, who earned a Bronze Star for his meritorious service in direct support of combat operations in Italy, where he served in artillery for the U.S. Army in World War II. Our conversation was submitted to the Library

of Congress VHP. The Library of Congress recently announced the launch of the “End of World War II: 75th Anniversary,” a new online feature that highlights first-hand accounts of the war’s end, that can be accessed at <http://www.loc.gov/vets/stories/ex-war-end-wwii-75.html>. If you have the opportunity to help collect the stories of veterans you know, the Veterans History Project website, at www.loc.gov/vets/, contains guidelines for conducting interviews and submitting stories to the project.
We continue to honor extraordinary Americans lost in service to our nation. They laid down their lives for all of us — their fellow servicemembers they stood beside, our American ideals, the security of our communities and our friends around the world. As we hold them and their families in our hearts, we can also think about the trials our country has faced over the years and the strength of the Americans who set us on paths of healing.
These are important lessons as we work together in the coming months to mourn and recover from the losses our nation and world have sustained in the wake of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Let us keep the direction from three-quarters of a century ago in mind while we continue to work together to “bind up the wounds of suffering in this world.” Thank you to all of our nation’s servicemembers and their families for setting an exceptional standard in leading this charge.

Commentary

Financial management
Control money, enhance relationships with written budget

Dear Dave,
Some friends recently introduced me to your ideas for handling money. I've got to admit a lot of it makes sense, but I'm not sure why you're so adamant about budgeting. Can't you get a good idea of your finances by checking your accounts and balances online regularly?

— Parker

Dear Parker,
This is a great topic, especially for those who are new to the idea of getting serious about their finances and gaining control of their money. A lot of folks wonder why I'm so intense about budgeting on paper, on purpose, every month.

Part of the reason is they don't understand all the benefits — financial and otherwise — that come with giving every dollar a name.

The financial benefit is a no-brainer, so it's the perfect place to start. I've been teaching people to live on a budget for many years. The reason? It never fails. People who make, and live by, a zero-based budget every month are much more likely to win with money over time. It's not always easy when you're first getting started, but it's worth it.

There's also an emotional benefit to consider. I can't think of many things more stressful than running out of money before the end of the



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month. If you don't keep a detailed accounting of every dollar that comes in, and where it goes, you're inviting an incredible amount of

fear and uncertainty into your life.

Another benefit is where relationships are concerned. Money problems and fights over money are the leading causes of divorce in America. I've seen how proper budgeting principles can bring a sense of healing, hope, and restoration to families. During budget meetings, couples learn to talk to each other like never before. They open up, share their dreams and fears, learn how to draw boundaries, and plan for the future. And this benefit isn't just for the married crowd. Folks who are single can develop more personal discipline, and find accountability. That has an

impact on their relationships, too.

It's tempting to think the idea of "on paper, on purpose" is nothing but a catchphrase. But it's so much more. Budgeting is absolutely the key to gaining control of your finances!

— 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.

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Letter to the editor

Trustees must do right thing, keep Bruneau Elementary open

Stakeholders of the Bruneau Grand-View School District 365 voted in March of 2019 for a two-year supplemental levy. The school board held meetings and had a slide presentation that stated funds were to enable the district to operate three schools (Bruneau Elementary, Grand View Elementary and Rimrock).

On June 9, 2020 they passed a budget to operate three schools. The next item of business was school consolidation. Now the board is discussing moving the Bruneau Elementary children to Grand View.

The board had two Zoom meetings and one regular meeting with a three-minute input for patrons. So much for community interaction. Bruneau Elementary has educated generations for 62 years and is still in very good shape and well maintained. Busing these kids will mean some will have a 75-minute bus ride from their home to Grand View each direction. Driving by a perfectly good school. This issue is not about funding or test scores. Superintendent Ryan Cantrell states

his reason to consolidate is to develop a better K-5 system. They do not even have a projected budget to present for the consolidation, only conceptual. Who knew putting a student on a bus for 75 minutes was a better system?

Hey, school board, what about the supplemental levy we passed and have not completed using the funds till the end of the 2021 school year? The term "Bait and Switch" comes to mind. Look at your Strategic Plan under Core Values. "Ethical in our conduct — We do what is right. Reliable in our actions — We do what we say."

The stakeholders passed the levy to provide children a three-school opportunity through the 2021 school year. Anything less than that is not right and not what you said. Does this mean we get our money back?

Feeling duped.
Sherry Colyer
Bruneau

✓ Coronavirus: Cities, counties can provide taxpayer breaks with funds

From Page 16

We don't want people on unemployment, sitting at home collecting government checks. We want people working. Work strengthens not just the individual and their family, but all of society.

I believe the more than 145,000 Idahoans who filed an unemployment claim since March 1 want to work if they can do so safely. Most of them have never encountered the unemployment line.

But most Americans who are out of work because of coronavirus earn more with the enhanced unemployment benefit than their normal wages — a perk that is expected to expire July 31.

In seven weeks, the extra \$600-per-week unemployment benefit goes away. The bonuses help folks get back to work sooner.

The back-to-work bonuses — \$1,500 for full-time workers and \$750 for part-time workers, paid out

after they return to work — will help get our economy going again. That benefits us all, and it saves taxpayer dollars in the long run.

President Trump, White House officials, and Congressional Republicans are looking at similar programs on the federal level.

I understand the frustration on the part of those who reported to work throughout this time, putting their own health at risk performing services that we all needed. It was and continues to be a stressful time, but many of us are fortunate we didn't have major disruptions in our jobs or income — unlike those who were forced to file for unemployment benefits. Unfortunately, the CARES Act does not allow bonuses to go to those who have kept their jobs, but we are looking at other ways to help this group.

In Idaho, we advocate for low taxes, airtight budgets, transparency in government, and minimal

regulations. The reason we can direct federal relief dollars back to the taxpayers is because all along we have governed conservatively — we put money into savings (rainy day accounts), we maintain a balanced budget, we don't incur long-term debt for government operations, and we keep state agency budgets accountable and lean.

I'm proud of the citizens of Idaho for their collective efforts to effectively slow the spread of coronavirus in our state. With your continued support, our economic rebound will happen more quickly and more robustly than many other places in the country and the world.

— Brad Little (R-Emmett) is in his first term as Idaho governor. He previously served 10 years as lieutenant governor and was a state senator for nearly eight years.

Nampa man’s passenger ends OCSO vehicle pursuit

Quick thinking by a 16-year-old female passenger helped law enforcement put a man behind bars after he eluded police late last Wednesday evening in Marsing.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said that Justin Donahue, 42, of Nampa has been charged with felony counts of driving under the influence and eluding law enforcement, as well misdemeanor charges of possessing an open container of alcohol and driving without privileges.

The DUI charge was his third within 10 years.

Donahue failed to pull over when authorities spotted him driving 48 mph in a 35 mph zone on Bunt Rock Road. The pursuit continued on to Edison Road.

Bowman said that Homedale Police assisted in the pursuit.

Donahue stopped on Edison approximately half a mile north of Thompson Road, but sped off again when the deputy approached his vehicle on foot.

Bowman said the juvenile passenger apparently pulled the keys from the car’s ignition and shifted the vehicle into park to stop the chase.

According to a sheriff’s report, Donahue showed signs of being under the influence of alcohol.

Donahue’s blood-alcohol concentration, which was tested at Owyhee County Jail in Murphy, was .193 percent.

Bowman said Donahue has an extensive arrest history in California.

Donahue appeared at a probable cause hearing on Thursday before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington. He is scheduled for his preliminary hearing at 1:30 p.m., on Monday, in Murphy.

— TK

Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale City Council on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm at Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. Homedale, Idaho.

The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for Special Use Permit filed by New Beginnings Housing, LLC requesting that they be allowed to build a senior housing community consisting of 32 units (six buildings) and a separate clubhouse on South Main St. between Utah Ave and Kansas Ave (parcel number RPA014000A00AB) in the City of Homedale, Idaho.

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Alice E. Pegram
City Clerk
City of Homedale
06/10,17/2020

INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the Board of GEM HIGHWAY DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS invites bids for the following:

Furnishing road oil for approximately 6.5 miles of seal coating. Gem Highway District will furnish cover material in stockpile. Bids should state cost per mile. Work to be completed before September 1, 2020. All bids must be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Gem Highway Commissioners, P.O. Box 453, Marsing, Idaho 83639-0453, on or before 5:00 PM the 13th day of July, 2020.

The right is reserved to reject all proposals, or to accept the proposal or proposals deemed best for the Gem Highway District, and to waive any technicality. Bid packets are available by calling KEITH BERENDS, Road Superintendent, Phone 896-4581, Cell phone 860-6918.

Dated: June 12, 2020
Stella J. Bush
Secretary-Treasurer
06/17,24/2020

SUMMONS
CASE NO. CV-2008-387

TO: Tracy McCreary

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

SUMMONS
CASE NO. CV37-20-00123
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF THE STATE
OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR
THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

M. ASECION C. ALBOR, an individual, Plaintiff v. JOSE LEODEGARIO VILLA ALVAREZ, an individual, Defendant.

TO: JOSE LEODEGARIO VILLAALVAREZ, and any person claiming through association with Jose Leodegario Villa Alvarez.

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY: M. ASECION C. ALBOR in the District Court in and for Owyhee County, Idaho, Case No. CV37-20-00123.

THE NATURE OF THE CLAIM AGAINST YOU IS FOR: a quiet title action with regard to property located at 602 W. Arizona Ave., Homedale, ID 83628.

At 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 the Canyon County Courthouse, 1115 Albany Street, Caldwell, Idaho, 83605, and telephone number (208) 454-7337 and served a copy of your response on the other party, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 1084, Caldwell, Idaho 83606, and telephone number is (208) 454-2974.

A copy of the Summons and Complaint 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.

DATED this 4th day of May, 2020.

Canyon County District Court s:/Rachelle Fahey, Deputy Clerk

06/10,17,24,07/01

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 of the Northwest 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 of the Northwest 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 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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PUBLIC NOTICE

The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho:

57-12014
KAREN STEENHOF
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MURPHY, ID 83650-5006
Point of Diversion SESE S5 T03S R02W OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER
Use: IRRIGATION 01/01 to 12/31 0.06 CFS
Total Diversion: 0.06 CFS
Date Filed: 05-06-2020
Place Of Use: IRRIGATION T03S R02W S5 SESE
Total Acres: 2

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact the Western office at (208)334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s), please see <https://idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRAApplicationResults/>. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 W AIRPORT WAY, BOISE ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 7/6/2020. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director
06/17,6/24/2020



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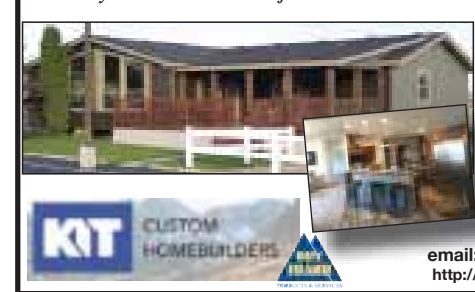
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GV Lions’ greenbelt vision at fruition

Donations welcome as enhancements are planned

by Mandi Boren

For The Owyhee Avalanche

After 15 years of vision and hard work, the Grand View greenbelt project is complete — at least for now.

Grand View Lions Club member Doug Thurman said that the final 380 feet of the paved walkway were completed earlier this month along the front of the new Riverside Cemetery extension.

This final stage completes approximately 1,800 feet of sidewalk along Idaho highway 167 in Grand View going north towards the river. According to Thurman, the project included five different concrete pours.

The vision of this project began more than 15 years ago when community members and the Lions Club got together to form the greenbelt project committee.

Over the years, donations have poured into the project from community members, the Lions Club and local businesses.

The final stage of the project cost approximately \$9,000 and involved donated gravel from Raymond Robison and concrete pouring labor from Kit Bachman of Rangeland Construction.

Thurman was pleased to have the project complete but said his vision has not ended.

Thurman’s future vision includes more sidewalk and even grass around the trees on the new sidewalk.



The final 380 feet of concrete has been placed in the Grand View Greenbelt. Submitted photo

“Eventually we’ll try and do more work towards town as donations allow,” he said.

To donate or become involved in the Grand View greenbelt project, contact Thurman at (208) 834-2442.

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



Marsing Post Office employee to receive award

Deanna Eliason (right) accepts a package from Marsing resident Myra Huerta last month after the Marsing Post Office reopened. Eliason will receive the Postmaster General Award for Heroism this week in recognition of her quick reaction to a fire that started next door at the Wings 2 Fly 123s and ABCs childcare center in late February. Her response to help the center’s staff and children, and to alert emergency dispatch led to USPS picking her to receive the award.

Traffic stop turns up meth in Marsing

A Wilder man faces multiple drug charges after a traffic stop just after 9 p.m., on June 9 in Marsing.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said that 58-year-old Juan Sanchez Diaz was pulled over in front of the Whitehouse Drive Inn on Main Street because of improperly tinted windows on his 2004 Chevy Impala.

According to a report, the responding sheriff’s deputy could detect the alleged odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle, although none was found after a search. The deputy reported Sanchez Diaz showed evidence of intoxication.

Methamphetamine was discovered on Sanchez Diaz’s person, and paraphernalia was found in the vehicle. At total of 11.8 grams of meth was found.

He was arrested on felony controlled substance possession and misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession. He also received infractions for failure to purchase a driver’s license and a window tinting violation.

Still jailed in Murphy, Sanchez Diaz is scheduled to appear before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington at 1:30 p.m., on Monday in Murphy.

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