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BACK TO CLASS AT LAST



Bruneau-Grand View parents' chalkings welcome back students

Junior Logan Field (left) and senior Hector Garcia and their classmates returned to school at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School on Monday for the first time since school closed in March. Parents adorned the walkways at Bruneau-Grand View schools with motivational sayings welcoming the students and staff back. Parent Kelly McNeley said she enjoyed decorating at Grand View Elementary School and hoped the messages would make the students feel welcome, safe and happy. Some of the chalked messages read: "Be a rainbow in someone else's cloud"; "It's easy to stand in the crowd but it takes courage to stand out"; "Change your thoughts and you change your world," a quote from 20th century American minister Norman Vincent Peale; and "One simple act of kindness can change a life." Photo by Mandi Boren

Homedale ready for online, in-person start on Monday

District-wide safety measures, mitigation plan in place

Homedale schools open Monday, and parents have an option of sending their children to class or attending online.

"We want to support parents' choice and provide both opportunities for our students," district superintendent Rob Sauer said. "We will have safety measures in place for the students that attend in person."

Safety measures include hand sanitizers and plexiglass shields. The cost of those measures and online support will be reimbursed through the CARES Act, Sauer said.

According to the district's COVID-19 plan, schools appear to be opening under a yellow alert level. Although face coverings are encouraged, they are not required. The district does plan to provide masks for

staff and educate students on the proper cleaning and care of face masks.

Sauer said the online option is available for "those that feel more comfortable with that option right now."

He anticipates a better idea of what the attendance make-up will look like after school registration concludes.

"Those numbers will help determine with more detail our staff assignments this fall," he said.

One staff assignment that

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County leaders fear lean times may last a couple years

FY 21 budget has some layoffs, other tightening

For the first time in more than a decade, Owyhee County's proposed budget will be smaller than the current appropriations.

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2021 budget at 10 a.m., on Monday inside Courtroom 2 at the county courthouse in Murphy.

The proposed \$10.9 million budget represents a 5.26

percent reduction from the FY 20 budget of \$11.5 million. Revenues are projected to be down more than 4½ percent, which is a drop of nearly \$236,000 from the current year.

All department heads were asked to cut spending wherever possible.

The last time an appropriations package was smaller than the previous year came in 2008 when the FY 2009 budget was set at \$7.48 million, more than \$1.3 million leaner than the FY 08 budget.

The commissioners reduced

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Marsing begins school year with traditional instruction

District lays out COVID-19 sports protocol

Marsing students are back in school today under the in-person instruction plan established by the school district in July.

Superintendent Norm Stewart said that because the district is in yellow status according to Southwest District Health's health alert code, the district will begin with the traditional model of being on campus for all instruction.

The decision for in-person instruction was finalized during last Wednesday's school board meeting.

Stewart said that, according to SWDH, the 83639 ZIP code for Marsing is cur-

rently receiving 1 to 2.5 new daily cases per 10,000 people, which is considered low risk to the community.

He said district staff and students will observe social distancing when possible, and he strongly encourages the use of masks.

Also coming out of the school board meeting was the district's athletics COVID-19 safety plan. Because Marsing schools are returning using the traditional format (category 1), the sports safety plan corresponds to that model.

According to the plan, categories 1 and 2 utilize the same safety procedures. Likewise, coaches and athletes observe the same protocols as all students.

Students and staff will be

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Expect Thursday street closures in Homedale

Chip seal project to start; city gets sewer grants

Road crews will carry out a chip-seal project on some Homedale streets Thursday.

Public works supervisor Bret Smith said the work will begin in the morning and take all day.

Portions of North 2nd Street West, South 4th Street West, East Owyhee Avenue, and North 2nd Street East will get chip seal.

Smith said the crew will complete two to three blocks at a time, and delays can be expected. There will be flaggers helping with traffic control.

Smith expects each two- to three-block stretch to take about a half-hour to complete, and the streets will be closed during that time.

A total of 12 to 15 blocks will be resurfaced.

Once the road is open, motorists can drive on the new surface, but Smith cautions that folks take it slow to prevent excess rock from breaking loose and possibly damaging windshields and paint jobs.

- The Succor Creek force sewer main replacement project has begun and will continue this week, according to a report from Great West Engineering representative Andrew Kimmel.
- Kimmel said that the East Idaho Avenue wastewater main repair job will start as early as the middle of September.
- The City of Homedale has received a pair of grants to

help pay for the development of a wastewater facility plan. During last Wednesday’s meeting Kimmel announced that the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality had awarded a \$40,000 grant, and it was announced that U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development had provided a \$25,000 grant. The city will have to come up with the remaining \$15,000 to round out the cost for the facility grant.

A facility grant is needed before a government can be eligible to receive capital improvement grant money.

- Councilman Steve Atkins told Smith that he was getting “absolutely barbecued” with complaints about irrigation outages. Residents have reported burned up pumps because water service ends unexpectedly and without warning.

Smith said communication about service outages will be improved. The outages are typically posted on the city’s Facebook page.

“We want to take the steps to reach the most people that we can,” Smith said.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen suggested putting the news on the town’s reader board at the top of East Idaho Avenue, too.

Smith said he would like to add valving to the irrigation lines, much like was added to the water system years ago, to cut down on the number of service connections affected when the water has to be shut off for repairs.

— JPB

Confirmed Owyhee County COVID-19 cases:

255

Aug. 11 to Aug. 17 statistics:
New confirmed cases, 14
Deaths: 4 (New: 1)
Health alert level: Red
Probable cases, 26 (New: 2)
Source: coronavirus.idaho.gov

Malheur COVID-19 cases:

916

New cases, Aug. 11 to Aug. 17: 112
Deaths: 15 (New: 2)
Negative tests: 3,719 (New: 219)
Source:
govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19

Audience mum as Homedale airport lease hike, budget OK’d

With no public input given, the Homedale City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2021 budget and doubled lease rates at the municipal airport last Wednesday.

No one spoke up during the two public hearings staged at Sundance Park, meaning the city will operate under an appropriations package totaling nearly \$4.6 million.

The council also voted unanimously to increase hangar leases from five cents per square foot to 10 cents per square foot. Tie-down rates were also raised at the airport.

The increased airport revenue will help fulfill a long-standing wish for those who run businesses or store planes at the airport — building a fund to carry out some long-overdue improvements at the riverside airstrip.

The first big project could come in the spring 2021 as the city plans to revive the stalled perimeter fence project.

Fencing is needed to keep people and animals who frequent the recreational area along the Snake River from taking shortcuts across the Homedale runway.

The plan is to make access for recreationists safer, not cut off access, a Great West Engineers representative said during the meeting.

“We are really trying to work with all the people who are going to be involved — recreational users and airport users,” Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said. “There is a problem with vehicles, people and animals on the runway.

“When it’s done, we hope it works for everybody. That is the big concern.”

- The city council also accepted a \$9,546 estimate from Owyhee County-based Air Now to upgrade the air conditioning and heating system in a portion of City Hall.

The city’s computer server room, breakroom, storage and police offices are all too hot, threatening to shorten the lifespan of the server.

- The city council also gave its blessing to a return of the Homedale Assembly of God car and bike show, which will take place on Saturday, Sept. 26 at Bette Uda City Park.

— JPB



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Westowns Disposal Inc. to change hands Sept. 1

Pastoor sought community-minded buyer for Homedale company

Bill Pastoor was on his daily constitutional on North Main Street, talking about a recent huge decision in his life, when he stopped, picked up a food container, and deposited it into a nearby trash cart.

Later on, he stopped in at Tolmie’s Ace Hardware to tell an employee that, yes, her garbage had indeed been picked up that week.

That attention to detail is how Pastoor has run his Homedale-based Westowns Disposal Inc., for 26 years.

And that’s the attitude he was looking for when he decided to sell the company to Republic Services Inc.

“I was impressed with Republic because they want to be part of the community and keep all my guys,” Pastoor said at last Wednesday’s Homedale City Council meeting at Sundance Park.

A man of faith, Pastoor said the decision came after “a lot of prayer and reflection.”

Republic Services, which serves several other cities in the Treasure Valley, is scheduled to take possession of the local business on Sept. 1. There was more than one suitor looking to take over the Homedale company.

“It’s time,” Pastoor said of his decision.

“Other companies wanted to move the facility,” he added, citing a key factor in choosing Republic.

Pastoor has been slinging garbage cans for decades and, even with his constant walks and great physique, the work has taken its toll on his body.

Besides, he wants more time to spend with his wife of 33 years (Sue) and their four grown daughters.

He remains loyal to his employees, though. Pastoor said the workers in the field and the office staff will have jobs after the transition.

And Pastoor really isn’t going anywhere. He’ll just be home before 7 p.m., now.

Republic will keep him on as a customer service liaison of sorts, tapping into his decades of local knowledge.

Pastoor made the rounds last week, telling the Owyhee County Commissioners and city councilpersons in Homedale and Marsing of the transaction. He also introduced Republic Services local general manager Bob Bennett.

“In the short term, nothing changes,” Bennett told the council. “We’re going to keep Bill because he is more tied-in than we are.

“Our intent is to not rock the boat.”

Pastoor, who will turn 57 in November, bought the company from Paul Tiddens in 1994. He became only the third man to own Homedale’s garbage service in many decades.

“The people in this community have been a blessing,” Pastoor said of the way Homedale’s residents have accepted the Chicago-area native and his company.

Westown’s also serves Wilder, Greenleaf, Parma and Notus as well as rural areas

in parts of both Owyhee and Canyon counties.

Republic Services already has a presence in the Treasure Valley, providing service in Meridian, Eagle, Boise, Nampa, Caldwell and rural Canyon County.

Pastoor said the transfer station he constructed at his Industrial Road headquarters was an attractive component for Republic.

“We definitely wish you the best, and you’ve done a stellar job for our community,” Councilman Steve Atkins told Pastoor.

“You guys care about the community, and it shows in your work ethic.”

— JPB

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- Aug. 10**
Stephen Michael Diggs, Boise — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$300 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor marijuana possession, misdemeanor injury to child
- Aug. 5**
Steve Zack Brooks, Caldwell — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, operating vehicle without 120-hour permit to increase gross weight: \$174.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
Melissa Dawn Evans, Homedale — Misdemeanor petty theft (plea deal): \$157.50 in court costs

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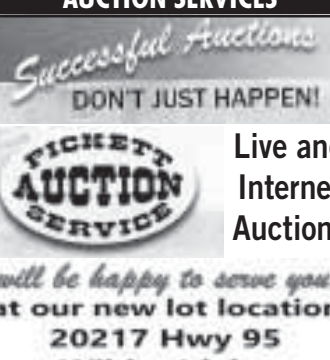
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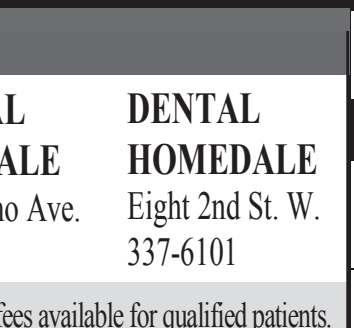
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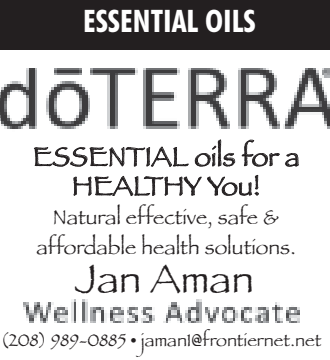
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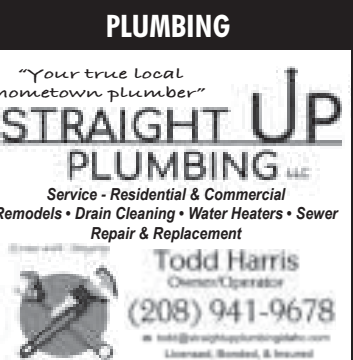
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Homedale Elementary

Aug. 24: **Breakfast:** Apple Jammer **Lunch:** Corn dog, tater tots
Aug. 25: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch:** Hamburger, French fries
Aug. 26: **Breakfast:** Chocolate chip muffin **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garlic toast, green beans

Homedale Middle

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese
Cereal option and PB&J, vegetable and Fruit choices daily
Aug. 24: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza **Lunch:** Corn dog, baked beans
Aug. 25: **Breakfast:** Filled cereal bar **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, French fries
Aug. 26: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch:** Beef taco, corn

Homedale High

Aug. 24: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick or apple jammer **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets w/mozzarella bites or pizza hot pocket
Aug. 25: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich or bagel w/cream cheese **Lunch:** Crisпитos w/refried beans or deli sandwich w/chips
Aug. 26: **Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito or filled cereal bar **Lunch:** Hamburger or cheeseburger w/potato wedges

Marsing

Aug. 19: **Breakfast:** Tx toast or cereal **Lunch sides or alternatives:** **Classic Line:** Calzone, green beans **Hot Grab-n-go:** Buffalo chicken pizza or walking taco
Aug. 20: **Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito/sandwich **Lunch sides or alternatives:** **Classic Line:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, corn **Hot Grab-n-go:** Garlic French bread
Aug. 24: **Breakfast:** Bread slice, cereal **Lunch sides or alternatives:** **Classic Line:** Corndog, potato wedges **Hot Grab-n-go:** Buffalo chicken nugget, garlic chicken flat bread
Aug. 25: **Breakfast:** Pancake **Lunch sides or alternatives:** **Classic Line:** Spaghetti, green beans **Hot Grab-n-go:** Mozzarella sticks w/marinara
Aug. 26: **Breakfast:** Breakfast scramble, cereal **Lunch sides or alternatives:** **Classic Line:** Dutch waffle, sausage patty, hash browns, strawberries **Hot Grab-n-go:** Pepperoni pizza

Bruneau/Grand View

Aug. 19: **Breakfast:** Breakfast wrap **Lunch:** Nachos, whole wheat tortilla chips, refried beans/salsa, corn
Aug. 20: **Breakfast:** Bagel & cream cheese **Lunch:** BBQ pulled pork on a bun, potato wedges, fresh cauliflower, orange smiles
Aug. 24: **Breakfast:** French toast **Lunch:** Chicken & noodles, tossed romaine salad, steamed carrots
Aug. 25: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garden spinach salad, peas
Aug. 26: **Breakfast:** Pancakes **Lunch:** Taco salad, whole grain tortilla chips, refried beans

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

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Aug. 19: Grilled ham & cheese sandwich, tomato soup, salad
Aug. 20: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, beets
Aug. 25: Chicken & noodles, country trio veggies
Aug. 26: Hot dog on bun, tater tots/fries, California veggies

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Aug. 20: Beef enchilada, refried beans, Spanish rice, green salad, pears, fresh melon cottage cheese
Aug. 25: Ham & beans, cauliflower & pea salad, fresh fruit, corn bread, pudding

Homedale trustees round out 2020-21 advisors, coaches

The Homedale School District board of trustees signed off on several personnel moves ahead of the new school year during an Aug. 10 meeting.

Most of the personnel decisions pertained to athletic programs at both the high school and middle school, but there were a few that dealt with other aspects of school:

- Kim Portwood returns as the middle school’s Future City advisor.
- Michelle Parr is back for her second year as middle school Academic Bowl advisor.
- Starla Bender continues as the middle school’s Memory Book advisor.
- Karen Liebschwager resigned as the middle school activity director and Kristie Roseborough will succeed her in that position.

Other decisions affect several athletic teams:

- Tyler Pearson resigned as the boys’ basketball coach for the eighth-grade B team, and Mike Frank will take over that post after being reassigned from his position as a seventh-grade coach.
- Kristie Sitts is moving from the seventh-grade girls’ basketball program to coach the eighth-grade B team.
- Frank will move from the eighth-grade girls’ B team to the seventh-grade girls’ B squad.
- Benji Sorenson is moving to the eighth-grade boys’ basketball A team after coaching the seventh-graders’ top squad.
- Rob Sauer, who was the eighth-grade A boys’ coach, will assume duties in the seventh-grade program.
- Jake Levinski (wrestling) and Cam Long (boys’ basketball) had their varsity coaching contracts renewed.
- Josh White returns as the junior varsity football head coach, and he’ll have Randy Lyons as an assistant. Charlie Shephard and Angel Cardenas were hired as JV assistants, too.
- Long and Tony Uranga return as varsity football assistant coaches, and Terry Moore was hired as part of coach Matt Holtry’s staff.
- Volleyball subvarsity coaches have been hired, including Kaylee Brown for the junior varsity and Chelsee Johnson for the frosh-soph.
- Other middle school hires include Ryan Nash as wrestling coach and Joe Egusquiza as assistant coach.
- Raymond Smith will coach the eighth-grade girls’ basketball A team.
- Dave Hann will coach both eighth-grade volleyball squads.
- Bender returns as an assistant track and field coach for both the high school and middle school teams.
- Several volunteers were approved for the football program, including Jaime Mertz, Chad Packer, Darren Uranga Football, Randy Fox, Matt Strong, and Draydon Julian.
- Payton Kerbs was approved as a volunteer assistant for the cheer squad.

Calendar	
Today No activities planned	
Thursday Homedale Farmers Market 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, Homedale	Thursday, Aug. 27 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
Friday The Landing teen support group 6 p.m., Rising Light Farm Ministry, 5189 N. Old Bruneau Hwy, Marsing. (208) 807-0680 Owyhee County Ducks Unlimited Sportsman’s Party 6 p.m., to 9:30 p.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2 nd St. N., Marsing. www.ducks.org	Friday, Aug. 28 Idaho Foodbank drop-off 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W, Homedale. (208) 473-9331 The Landing teen support group 6 p.m., Rising Light Farm Ministry, 5189 N. Old Bruneau Hwy, Marsing. Contact Iliana Bialy (208) 807-0680
Saturday Shoe-drive pick-up 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Treasure Valley Fence Panels, 31 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-1484	Saturday, Aug. 29 No activities scheduled
Sunday Community prayer time 6 p.m., Bette Uda City Park, East Idaho Avenue, Homedale	Sunday, Aug. 30 No activities scheduled
Monday Board of County Commissioners meeting 9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421	Monday, Aug. 31 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.
Tuesday Writing group 9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6 th St. W., Homedale.	Tuesday, Sept. 1 Writing group 9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6 th St. W., Homedale.

New policies, virus trigger pared-down county budget

Two elected officials' salary requests denied

Through two layoffs and a reduction in hours for other employees, Owyhee County Commissioners want to make sure it is known they are grateful for the dedication of the county staff.

“For the most part, there are some pretty dog-gone good employees,” Dist. 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick said. “(Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi) used the right word: ‘Excellent employees.’”

But the restrictions COVID-19 has put on in-person customer service has affected the size of the county workforce in some departments.

One of the layoffs came in the Marsing Division of Motor Vehicles branch.

“For the Assessor’s Office, the biggest thing is, with this COVID thing, having four people down at the (Marsing) DMV,” Aberasturi said. “It’s such a drain on the taxpayer dollars.”

With more motorists conducting business online and by mail and a lighter workload because of the DMV going to an appointment-only format, there was room for reduction.

Even with the new appointment system, there are many no-shows.

“There’s just not the workload down there,” Merrick said.

With the closure of the Grand View DMV office, the Murphy DMV branch has seen an influx of mail-in business, the commissioners said.

Commissioners also took steps to reduce overtime and holiday pay in some departments.

- Sheriff Perry Grant reduced

his Fiscal Year 2020 sheriff’s department budget by more than \$19,500 by cutting back on his fuel appropriation and creating hourly employees where there once was a contract.

Commissioners said the sheriff’s fuel budget was cut by \$5,000 because fuel prices have gone down compared to what Grant prepared for ahead of FY 20.

The commissioners budget line includes a \$20,000 reduction in the professional services line used to pay for legal counsel regarding the RS 2477 validation issue.

- The board denied Coroner Aaron Tines’ pay raise request and also cut \$3,000 with reductions in the fuel and tires budget and the education budget.

With some carryover, though, the commissioners could pull the trigger on replacing Tines’ 2008 pickup.

Jeffrey Phillips’ request for a pay increase of approximately \$4,000 was denied, and the prosecuting attorney also reduced other personnel costs to cut about \$37,000 out of his budget. A digitized records system purchased last year helped lessen the workload for Phillips’ clerks.

The commissioners said that during the interview process to find Douglas D. Emery’s replacement, all prosecuting attorney candidates indicated they were comfortable with the possibility of not receiving a salary increase right away.

“We wanted to kind of hold the line on all the raises,” BOCC chair Jerry Hoagland said.

- The jail budget was actually increased nearly \$31,000 over what Grant had requested. But the \$871,493 appropriation does not include anything related to emergency dispatch because those lines were broken out into a new \$344,000

budget.

“Dispatchers were using up all the overtime,” Barkell said. “Just to have a better handle, I thought it was easier (to make a new line).

“I recommended they split those out.”

The commissioners added \$10,000 to the jail’s medical budget after Grant sought a \$5,000 reduction. The BOCC felt a \$60,000 appropriation was more prudent.

“We’ve had to transfer money (into the line) for the last three or four years,” Barkell said. “With COVID, what if there is an outbreak?”

Another factor in beefing up the medical line was the fact that the jail probably will hold more state prisoners now that the Idaho Department of Correction has halted accepting new inmates because of COVID-19 concerns.

Aberasturi said a change in detention policy was one reason Grant had reduced his medical budget.

The county’s new policy aligns with Canyon County. In all possible instances, a deputy won’t arrest a suspect until after they have visited the hospital — if necessary. In the past, the suspect was taken into custody and then transported to the hospital, which makes the county responsible for the cost of any medical care.

“That saves a tremendous amount of money,” Aberasturi said.

- The Murphy airport budget has shrunk because of the paving project was carried this year and won’t be needed for another five years.

This year’s project included a fog coat and change in the rock material used on the runway that stretches parallel to Idaho highway 78 across from the county courthouse.

Commissioners said the fog

coat will help preserve the surface, while the consistency of the new rock chips won’t be as hard on the tires of airplane landing gear.

- A reduction in caseload and a moratorium on jury trials have led to smaller court budgets.

The Idaho Supreme Court has put an end to jury trials for the time being because of COVID-19 concerns.

“My guess is the Supreme Court of Idaho is not going to allow any trials until the COVID deal is done and we have a vaccine,” Barkell said.

The county’s professional legal services and law clerks budget has shrunk because of the decrease in the number of Third District cases.

“Our caseload went down in district court because we have more public defenders and a judge that’s more engaged, maybe,” Barkell said.

The juror mileage budget for the magistrate courts has been reduced because of the lack of jury trials as well.

- The county museum budget was reduced because of less salary because of a new museum director in Eriks Garsvo. Modern lighting in the museum also has helped cut the electricity bill.

Garsvo has overseen several exhibit upgrades in the museum in the short time that he has been in charge.

“Our bang for the buck has just been fantastic,” Merrick said.

- Another criminal justice-related budget reduction comes in the Indigent and Charity fund.

Because the capital crime cases against Nicholas Blake Vandenberg, Montanna Rae Reed, and Willie Keith Rabey have wrapped up, the county has reduced \$90,000 from a capital crimes line. It’s now

\$10,000 in case there are lingering expenses, Barkell said.

The public defender budget has ballooned from \$50,000 to \$180,000 because of stae rules that require a cap on the workload for any one public defense attorney. Bill Wellman is a long-standing defense attorney contracted by Owyhee County, but other attorneys have been added to the pool to keep the individual workloads within state regulations.

- The medical portion of the county’s Indigent and Charity fund is still at FY 20 levels despite the Medicaid expansion.

“We didn’t change the line because the state hasn’t decided how they will fund that,” Barkell said. “We may have to give them a could hundred thousand to fund that.”

Aberasturi said giving the counties more control over health districts is one idea to deal with Medicaid expansion. Nearly doubling the funding counties pay into the health districts (from the current 16 percent to about 34 percent), would get the State of Idaho out of the regional health districts, Aberasturi figures.

“That would basically fund what they’re looking for for the Medicaid expansion,” he said. “It would make it a lot easier having one less entity (involved).”

- The county’s solid waste budget will increase \$30,000 to a little more than \$346,000.

Population growth and an influx of recreationists are the culprits.

“We’re just seeing so much more trash,” Merrick said.

He added that the COVID-19 stay-at-home phenomenon is also a factor.

“A lot of people are coming home, and they’re cleaning up their mess,” Merrick said. “They’re cleaning up their yards.”

— JPB

Adrian Boosters' fun run fundraiser back on track

The long-term fundraising effort to build an athletic track at Adrian High School continues next month with the rescheduled Owyhee Off-Road Challenge.

The sixth annual foot race will take place Saturday, Sept. 26. The original event set for March 28 was postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to www.owyheeffroadchallenge.com, anyone who already registered

for the March date has been automatically enrolled into the field for the September fun run.

The Adrian Sports Boosters is operating the fundraiser, which begins at 10 a.m. at Two Rivers Community Park, 106 Owyhee St., in Adrian.

There are three foot races available — a half-marathon, a 10-kilometer race, and a 5K.

Runners and walkers are both welcome. Competitors must complete the half-marathon in

four hours or less.

Day-of registrants must be prepared to pay by cash or check.

Packet pick-up will be available from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on race day at the Two Rivers Community Center.

The half-marathon will start at 10 a.m., with the 10K starting a half-hour later, and the 5K starting at 11 a.m.

All participants will reserve a long-sleeve shirt.

Entry fees are:

- Half-marathon — \$50 if registered by Friday, Sept. 11; \$55, from Sept. 12 to Sept. 24; and \$60 on race day.
- 10K — \$40 by Sept. 11; \$45, Sept. 12-24; and \$50 on race day.
- 5K — \$30 by Sept. 11; \$35, Sept. 12-24; and \$40 on race day.

Individual online registration is available until midnight on Thursday, Sept. 24. Team registration ends Friday, Sept. 4.

For information on the race, volunteering or sponsorship or to get questions answered, visit the event’s website or email race director Nickie Shira at adrianboosters@gmail.com.

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Marsing council approves slimmer FY21 budget

Rooster amendment tabled to September

Marsing City Council approved the city’s proposed budget for fiscal year 2021 during a public hearing last Wednesday at the city’s future City Hall at 18 Sandbar Ave.

The budget calls for total expenditures of \$2.692 million, a 34.4 percent decrease from the current budget’s \$4.1 million expenditures.

According to Marsing City Clerk and Treasurer Jolyn Green, the primary reason for the pronounced decrease in budget is that she found several fund line items where the budgeted amount had not been adjusted over the years.

“This year, FY21, is a correction year,” she said.

The funds that saw the greatest decreases were water, which saw a drop of nearly 50 percent, from \$1.39 million to \$696,555. The city’s sewer budget dropped 43 percent, from \$1.04 million to \$594,524.

Proposed code amendment continued to September

The council decided to take a longer look at a proposed amendment to city code concerning roosters within city limits.

Despite wording in the amendment

that would require citizens to apply for a conditional use permit to keep roosters in town, conversation between council members and the mayor prompted the amendment to be continued to the Sept. 9 meeting.

Council president Chris Even and councilperson Rachael Percifield said they had heard from several concerned citizens about noise levels associated with roosters in populated areas.

According to Even, eight of the nine Marsing residents with whom he spoke didn’t support the amendment, even with a CUP.

He said that roosters are capable of emitting sounds that reach 130 decibels, which is a noise level equivalent to a jackhammer or power drill, for a few seconds.

“I’m here to be the people’s voice,” Even said.

Percifield said she received similar input from citizens.

City Hall work nearly complete

City engineer Kirby Cook, from Civil Dynamics, updated council on the remodel of the former Sandbar Restaurant with a Cause, soon to be the new Marsing City Hall.

Cook said that a pair of doors leading from the front of the building to the council chambers need to be replaced because they were noticeably

too short. Project contractor HCD, Inc., will be responsible for buying the doors and getting them delivered, Cook said.

He said that the final walk-through should be in about two weeks, and the new city offices should be ready to open before September’s council meeting.

Cook also said that he has been working with public works superintendent Philip Gibson on reducing sludge in the city’s lagoons. The sludge has decreased since Gibson put bacteria-eating enzymes into the lagoons.

Cook and Gibson are pursuing other means to reduce the sludge issues and will bring more concrete data and plans to the next council meeting.

Public works projects, repairs

Gibson reported that he and Mayor Chad Sevy are conducting interviews to fill a part-time position on the public works crew. A decision was expected last Friday after the interviews wrapped up.

The part-timer would succeed Tina Lemmon, who announced she would retire at the end of the month.

Gibson also reported that his crew has been prepping for a chip seal project on multiple roads in Marsing, totaling more than two miles. Buhl’s Winn and Co., could start work

Tuesday. Curtis Clean Sweep has been contracted to clean up the excess rock after the work is complete.

Gibson said his crew was able to fix a coolant leak on the backup generator at the wastewater treatment plant in-house. He said it was a fairly simple fix, and no outside assistance was needed.

He also received a nod from the council to increase his spending limit from \$500 to \$1,000. He asked for the increase so that he won’t have to bother the mayor and council for every trivial and standard item he has to purchase, such as fertilizer and gloves.

Discussion for a new diesel tank for the wastewater treatment plant generator was tabled to next month.

Mayor’s report

After discussion, the council decided to purchase holiday hams and turkeys for employees as well as Cook and city attorney Stephanie J. Bonney.

The council voted to provide a letter to support the Terry Reilly Health Services application for an American Dental Association grant to help pay for community dental health coordinators. The coordinator would provide outreach in smaller communities like Marsing, including things like going to the schools to teach proper dental hygiene.

— TK

County DU fundraiser set Friday

The Owyhee County Ducks Unlimited Sportsmans Party dinner and gun giveaway will be held from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., on Friday inside the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

Idaho Ducks Unlimited plays host to the event, which will feature drawings and a dinner catered by Grubbin’ BBQ.

Dinner tickets are available online at www.ducks.org/idaho until Thursday. Search for “Owyhee County.”

Ticket prices include:

- \$40 per person
- \$60 per couple
- \$25 for youth
- \$120 single with \$100 raffle
- \$140 couple with \$100 raffle
- * \$75 discount \$100 raffle package
- \$800 Teal level table for eight
- \$1,400 Mallard level table for eight

For more information, contact Owyhee County DU chair Elmus Miles at (510) 385-4400.

State grant kicks off jail security upgrade

Community center parking upgrade starts next month

An Idaho Office of Emergency Management grant will help bring new cameras to the Owyhee County Jail in Murphy.

The Board of County Commissioners approved a \$4,254.16 quote from M2 Automation for the cameras during its Aug. 10 meeting.

During an earlier special meeting to discuss the Fiscal Year 2021 budget, commissioners told The Owyhee Avalanche that M2 will carry out more upgrades on doors and locks in the jail, too.

County emergency manager Jim Desmond applied for the grant for the cameras on Aug. 10 and by last Wednesday received confirmation of award.

The grant will cover the total cost of the cameras and installation, with no matching amount required from the county.

Desmond said that the county has received grant money from IOEM in the past to im-

prove courthouse, courthouse campus, and jail security.

As part of the contract, M2 will provide three 6-megapixel fisheye cameras, cabling, licensing, installation and programming.

The FY 21 jail budget lists \$20,000 in an “other expenses” line.

Commissioners said that the money is slated to pay for a security system controller that would operate cameras, lights and electronic door locks in the jail complex. The money would also pay for ongoing annual maintenance and upgrades as they become available.

“We have to do it to protect our employees and our inmates,” County Clerk Angela Barkell said during the commissioners’ budget briefing with the Avalanche.

Center parking lot project pact finalized

The next phase in the devel-

opment of the Owyhee County Fairgrounds will begin some time in September.

County commissioners approved Thueson Construction’s contract for the \$124,060 project to build a paved parking lot for the Owyhee County Community Center in Homedale.

The project will be paid for from the county’s Payments In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) trust. PILT funds are federal payments to the county to offset losses in property taxes because of nontaxable federal lands within its boundaries.

Civil Dynamics engineer Kirby Cook said he hasn’t received a confirmed start date from Thueson yet, but he expects to hear word soon.

The details of the project include:

- Excavation — \$23,000
- 434 tons of six-inch minus uncrushed aggregate — \$17,360
- 570 tons of crushed aggregate — \$23,940
- 111 square yards of thickened edge sidewalk — \$6,660

- 94 yards of sidewalk — \$5,640
- 95 linear feet of concrete valley gutter — \$2,850
- 382 tons of pavement — \$30,560
- ADA thermoplastics and parking striping — \$3,000
- Sign — \$550
- Construction survey — \$4,000
- Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) — \$6,500

Assessor’s deputy clerk assumes permanent role

An Owyhee County Assessor’s office employee has moved out of her probationary period and assumed a regular, full-time role.

Robin Monahan received a pay raise with the change in status, from \$13.95 to \$14.50 per hour. The effective date of the change was Aug. 3.

Monahan, who was described by Assessor Toni Gruenwald as “an excellent and dependable employee,” works as a roll clerk and deed processor.

— TK

Johnstone Road chip-seal starts

With warmer temperatures, the Homedale Highway District crew has embarked on a chip-sealing project.

Crews began chip-sealing Johnstone Road on Monday.

The project will continue through the end of the week on

a 14-mile stretch. The plan is to be done before school starts, Subdistrict 3 Commissioner Scott Salutregui said.

Obituaries

Joni Hagler

Joni Hagler, 34, of Milton-Freewater, Oregon, formerly of New Plymouth, Idaho, passed away unexpectedly Sunday August 9, 2020.

Joni was joyfully welcomed into this world January 17, 1986 in Grangeville, Idaho. Her parents, Jim and Gayle, and brother John are a close-knit family who treasured watching the beautiful little girl grow into a capable, independent, and kind woman.

Joni began her life in Riggins, Idaho surrounded by her loving great-grandparents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. The family moved to New Plymouth, Idaho where Joni attended school, graduating high school in 2004.

Joni continued her education at Walla Walla Community College, where she had a rodeo scholarship, and went on to develop a passion for dental care. Joni truly enjoyed her career in the dental field, and treasured her relationships with patients, and co-workers alike.

Joni worked hard, played harder and never missed an opportunity to make the most of life with unbridled enthusiasm. She loved to be on horseback and it was always a good day to go roping or help friends brand. She built relationships throughout her education, career, rodeo, and roping that would leave her, and all who knew her, with many wonderful memories



and stories. When she wasn't riding a horse, Joni enjoyed spending the day fishing with Bo, golfing, playing with

her dogs, and gathering with friends and family. Joni was blessed with a contagious sense of humor and an unforgettable smile. Although she left us much too soon, hers was a full, spirited life, filled with love and adventure.

Joni is survived by her parents Jim and Gayle Hagler, brother John Hagler (Marni), fiancé Bo Sickler, grandparents Dolly Gill, Betty Hagler, Shorty and Fay Hagler, Godmother Mary Panzeri, and numerous beloved aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Joni is joining her beloved Grandpa Deward Gill, as well as her great-grandparents Johnny and Pearl Carrey and Olive Burke in heaven.

Graveside services will be

held at Riggins Cemetery
Thursday August 20, 2020 at
11:00 MST with a gathering
to follow at Salmon Rapids
Lodge.

Due to limited parking at the Riggins Cemetery there will be a shuttle leaving Salmon Rapids Lodge at 10:30 MST.

Memorials may be made in Joni's name at either Rodeo Bible Camp, or through Herring Funeral Home, 315 W. Alder St., Walla Walla, WA 99362.

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Margie Pegram Echevarria Isaguirre

Margie Pegram Echevarria Isaguirre was born in Homedale, Idaho on October 4, 1930. She entered Heaven's gates on August 8, 2020.

Margie was predeceased by her parents Harvey and Hazel Pegram. Margie is survived by her daughter Johnna Hite (Joe Hite), her son Rick Echevarria, her stepdaughter Josie Lance, eight grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. Margie was educated in Homedale and graduated in 1948. In the fall of 1948 she married John Echevarria and later divorced.

In 1971 Margie met and married Rufo Isaguirre and

later divorced in 2017.

Margie was active in her community and involved in many different organizations and groups. She was Owyhee County Heart chairman in 1959; the funds collected that year greatly surpassed the county's goal. In 1961 she was named chairman of region three for the Heart fund. Her duties not only included Owyhee County territory, but also Adams, Canyon, Gem, Payette and Washington Counties. Margie received a certificate of merit from the Heart association lauding her for the outstanding service given in advancing the heart program and stimulating



public support of the fight against heart diseases and circulation.

In 1962 Margie was named the Owyhee County Parade chairman for Owyhee County and was greatly involved in organizing the parade and presenting trophies to the winners of each groups.

Margie received her Idaho Real Estate Salesman license in 1966, her broker's license four years later, and in 1987 she became a realtor. She owned a Real Estate office and many rental properties. Margie enjoyed her rental properties and loved helping many people who were down on their luck. She always said, "I just do the best I can. If I can't help them I'll find

someone who can.”

Margie was most excited when she became Owyhee County's Marshal for years of caring in 2014. This was exactly what Margie was known for in her hometown of Homedale, Idaho — her kindness and giving soul.

Margie loved oil painting and painted some beautiful paintings for 30 years. She would give many of her paintings to charity, to friends and family.

Margie was laid to rest on August 13, 2020 at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. In respect for Margie's last wishes, there were no services.

Death notices

PETER DELMAR AUSTIN, 79, of Homedale, died Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2020. Cremation: All Valley Cremation, 1538 11th Ave. N., Nampa. (208) 899-9361

DONALD “DON” L. BURDINE, 79, of Homedale, died Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020 at a local hospital. Services: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 459-0833

Service notice

DANIEL JOSEPH “JOE” NELSON, 89, of Homedale, died on Tuesday, June 23, 2020. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m., on Friday Aug. 21, 2020. A live stream of the services may be seen at msngr.com/

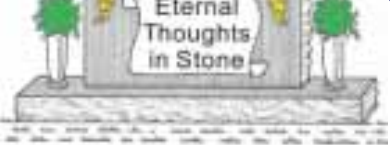
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This NAPA Auto Parts work truck collided with an unoccupied Ford F-350 parked on the side of U.S. Highway 95 on Friday. The driver was transported to West Valley Medical Center.

Reason for U.S. 95 wreck unknown

A Wilder man was transported to a local hospital after a two-vehicle accident Friday south of Homedale.

According to an eyewitness report, Timothy Deal, 41, veered off U.S. Highway 95 shortly before noon and hit a pickup truck parked on the side of the road.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said Deal was driving a NAPA Owyhee Auto Parts Ford Ranger work truck northbound on U.S. 95, just south of Market Road, when he drove into a Ford F-350 the driver of which, Kyle Rogers, had pulled over to the side of the road with engine issues.

A witness driving behind Deal said that the man veered suddenly off the shoulder and smashed into the rear driver's side of Rogers' pickup, Bowman said.

Rogers was outside his vehicle at the moment of the crash.

Deal complained of back and leg pain and was transported to West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell for treatment.

Bowman said that the reason that Deal veered off the highway is still unknown.

No citations were issued as a result of the incident.

— TK

WEED WATCH



Photos by Clint Shock

From Jordan Valley CWMA coordinator Eric Morrison (Modified from *Selected Noxious Weeds of E. Oregon*, Gary Page)

Name: Rush skeletonweed (*Chondrilla ujncea*)

Description: An herbaceous perennial ranging from one to four feet tall, with a deep taproot. Rosettes are very similar in appearance to dandelion. The mature plants are dark green, with many sparsely leaved aerial branches, giving it a skeleton-like appearance. A distinguishing characteristic is the presence of coarse, downward-pointing brown hairs near the stem base. All parts of Rush skeletonweed contain white latex. Yellow flowers are found individually or in clusters of two to five. Mature, vigorous plants can produce 1,500 flower heads, with the capability of producing 20,000 seeds. Each seed has a pappus, again similar to dandelion, capable of carrying seeds on wind currents many miles. Rush skeletonweed also spreads by root shoots, making cultivation a major source of spread once it is established. Very aggressive invader in rangeland and extremely damaging to production agriculture. Losses of native plant habitat and their associated wildlife are well documented in the U.S. Rush skeletonweed is very expensive to control. This weed can quickly make management costs unbearable.

Habitat: Mostly confined to the dry rangeland of Eastern Oregon and Western Idaho. Tends to prefer gravelly or sandy soils, but can be found nearly anywhere, most recently agricultural fields.

Origin: Rarely found in its native habitat, except where overgrazing is common. Scattered across a wide swath from western Russia east to Mediterranean Africa and Europe.

Control: Huge volume of seed production and high percentage of viable seed plus its ability to reproduce from root shoots gives this weed a huge advantage. The only effective method of control has been from the use of residual herbicides over multiple years, specifically Picloram (Tordon22K). Best results have been achieved by applications in late fall before the ground freezes for the winter, then into the following early spring. Aminopyralid (Milestone) has been used at bud stage with control similar to Tordon. There are several biological controls in use, and they are widely distributed; however, their effectiveness is not satisfactory.

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

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

Jordan Valley — Eric Morrison, (541) 586-3000

Northwest Owyhee — Jodie Dickerson, (986) 888-1664 or jodieray2002@yahoo.com

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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 56 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 117 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 203 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 399,606 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.



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Downtown Homedale business collects shoes for children

Families can register until Friday, pick up Saturday

A Homedale business, working locally for just a couple months, is quickly endearing itself to its new community. Treasure Valley Fence Panels, which has had its doors open at 31 W. Idaho Ave. since June, is hosting its second annual Shoes for Kids drive. The business has partnered with DC Construction for the event. Those in need of children’s shoes can sign up from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., each day through Friday at the business location on West Idaho Avenue. Shoes will be dispersed from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. The shoe giveaway took place in Boise in 2019, prior to the business moving to Owyhee County. The company’s owners, Curtis and Destiny Batho, have been buying shoes for

the event all year long. They also have offered customers five percent discounts if they are willing to donate a new pair of shoes for the event. In all, Curtis estimates that they have purchased more than 1,000 pairs of shoes and have received more than 100 pairs from customers. The Bathos ask community members who have children at home, from infant through high school age, to come into Treasure Valley Fence Panels and register each child. All children must be registered by 6 p.m., on Friday to receive a new pair of shoes. Curtis said that last year’s shoe drive giveaway involved free lunches and bounce houses, but COVID-19 concerns have put the kibosh on those plans this year. In the interest of keeping



Treasure Valley Fence Panels owners Destiny (left) and Curtis Bathos have purchased more than 1,000 pairs of shoes for the company’s second annual shoe drive on Saturday.

everyone safe, the Bathos and their employees ask those receiving shoes to arrive through the alley behind the business and pull up along the east side of the building. The appropriate shoes will be brought out to each car. “This is something that’s really important to us,” Destiny said. “We’re part of this community now.” The Bathos estimate they gave away around 800 pairs of shoes to children in need last year. For more information about the shoe drive and how to register, contact the Bathos at (208) 337-1484. — TK

Fire strikes E. Wyoming Ave. house under renovation



Online fundraiser started for firefighter

Homedale Fire Department volunteers responded to a house fire shortly before 4 p.m. last Wednesday afternoon at 123 E. Wyoming Ave. Fire Chief Dennis Uria told The Owyhee Avalanche last week that he was unsure what caused the fire, but KTVB NewsChannel 7 later reported that the fire sparked in cables in the basement. The home used to house the Planting Seeds daycare. It’s currently unoccupied as new owner Chris Goodnight performs renovations to turn it back into a private residence. Goodnight is a firefighter in Meridian. Uria said that six HFD vehicles and 10 firefighters responded to the call. Three Homedale Police Department officers responded, as well. Uria said that there was a brief flare-up in the house’s rafters about 20 minutes after responders left the site. He said a small crew of firefighters made quick work of the second fire. A GoFundMe account has been set up for Goodnight to help with fixing the damage done to his house. For those interested in helping him out as he works toward restoring his home, visit <https://gf.me/u/yqrj68>. — TK



Above: Chris Goodnight’s home received extensive smoke damage after a fire started last Wednesday in Homedale. Goodnight was not in the house when the fire started, but has been renovating the residence for months. **Left:** Three Homedale volunteer firefighters prepare to make entry into the home in the 100 block of East Wyoming Avenue. **Right:** A Homedale volunteer firefighter vents the metal roof to let heat and smoke out of the house as the fire smolders.



Old Bruneau mishap leads to DUI charge

A Homedale woman who allegedly drove off the road in Marsing to avoid hitting a cat finds herself in hot water.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said that Debora McDowell drove a 2010 Volkswagen Tiguan off an embankment on North Old Bruneau Highway, near the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, late Saturday night.

McDowell climbed out of the vehicle and walked to a friend's house nearby. When a sheriff's deputy reported to the scene, McDowell allegedly smelled of alcohol.

She failed a standard field sobriety test, and Homedale Police were called to administer a Lifeloc breathalyzer test. She tested at .20 percent blood alcohol content. The legal limit in Idaho is .08 percent.

Bowman said that McDowell received a misdemeanor driving under the influence citation and was released.

— TK

Community prayer planned at Homedale park

As has become a tradition in Homedale, a community prayer will be held Sunday.

Homedale Friends Church is coordinating the time of prayer, which will be held at 6 p.m., at Bette Uda City Park.

The time of prayer is for the schools, churches, police officers, community and country, according to a Facebook post about the event.

The first day of school in Homedale is Monday.



Harry and Leora Zanks' children stand behind their parents' memorial bench after the Aug. 10 unveiling. **From left:** Leora Summers, Harry Zanks, Aimee Stocks, Mary Cahoon, SuZ Hume, Mandie Snow and daughter-in-law Dena.

Children honor longtime residents with Riverside Park memorial

Zanks bench added to Homedale's new playground

The children of Harry J. and Leora U. Zanks placed a poignant centerpiece at the new Riverside Park playground last week.

A memorial bench was unveiled, paying tribute to the longtime Homedale residents and giving folks visiting the town's newest playground a place to relax and reflect.

"We'd like to thank the city and (Clerk and Treasurer) Alice Pegram for the pretty bench and for helping out," daughter Mandie Snow said. "And we'd like to thank Danny Harkins for the good advice."

Harkins created a memorial bench for his parents a couple years ago. It now sits facing the Snake River at the Homedale boat dock a few hundred yards from the Zanks memorial.

The Zanks bench faces west toward the playground equipment near the corner of North 2nd Street East and East Washington Avenue.

There are several aspects in the metal bench's backrest that pays tribute to the Zankses as well as the life they built after moving to Homedale in 1962.

- The dragonflies recall a hatch that the family witnessed at Stanley Lake and the symbolism of ascending to heaven. It was as if "Their souls went straight up," daughter SuZ Hume recalled.
- Each child's first initial — Leora, Harry, Aimee, Mary, SuZ, and Mandie — is listed under a series of musical notes that symbolize "You Are My Sunshine."
- There's a fish jumping

out of the water, which pays homage to Harry's love for angling. In fact, he passed away at the age of 77 while fishing in a Marsing pond on Feb. 25, 2000.

Leora died at the age of 84 on Oct. 8, 2016.

The couple moved with their family from New Jersey to Homedale after school district superintendent Deward Bell offered Harry a job. He would retire from the Fruitland School District as a counselor after also spending time in the Meridian district.

"Homedale was a great place to grow up," Mandie said. "We learned a lot of wonderful things here."

The siblings agreed that the bench was a great spot, allowing them to come down and sit and remember not only their parents but all the good times they had playing at Riverside Park.

— JPB



Jr. rodeo kicks off busy weekend

Kash Mackenzie, 5-year-old son of Homedale residents Ryan and Shari Mackenzie, puts the finishing touches on his fifth-place showing in the Mini Mite boys' goat tail untying Saturday during the Jordan Valley Junior Rodeo. He finished in 3.75 seconds. The rodeo was held at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale. More photos and results from the rodeo will be published in the Aug. 26 edition of *The Owyhee Avalanche*. Photo by Cherie Rolland / Cherie Rolland Photography



IGRA visits Homedale

Above: Ellie Brunko of Homedale posted a 23.724-second run time in pole bending at Sunday's Idaho Girls' Rodeo Association meet. **Left:** Another Senior Division competitor from Homedale, Mary Waite, ran a 19.277 on her barrel racing pattern. Photos and information from Cherie Rolland / Cherie Rolland Photography

Owyhee County Fair Awards

- Open class**
Agriculture
Grand champion — Cylus Wardle
Reserve grand champion — Bobbie Weir; Emery Kirk
- Adult**
Champion — Mindy Gebaur
Reserve champion — Jason Sevy
- Beans and peas**
Beans, green bush, wax or pole — 1. John Peterson
- Tomatoes**
Table variety — 1. Craig Clapier
Any variety — 2. Craig Clapier
- Potatoes**
Any variety — 1. Mindy Gebaur; 2. Russ Erwin
- Peppers**
Hot, any variety — 1. Craig Clapier
- Squash**
Crookneck — 1. Craig Clapier
Winter — 1. Craig Clapier
- Cucumber**
1. Jason Sevy; 2. Craig Clapier
- Field crops**
Corn — 1. John C. Ineck
- Uncategorized** — 1. John C. Ineck; 2. John C. Ineck
- Other rooted vegetables**
Beets, any table variety — 1. John Peterson
- Largest**
Squash — 1. Craig Clapier
Cucumber — 2. Craig Clapier
- Berries**
Raspberries — 2. Bobbi Weir
Any other — 2. Russ Erwin
- Senior**
Reserve champion — Debbie King
Judge's choice — Judy Pascale
- Cucumber**
1. Neil Durham
- Peppers**
Hot, any variety — 1. Neil Durham
- Onions**
Any variety — 1. (tie) Debbie King and Judy Pascale; 2. Neil Durham
- Potatoes**
Any variety — 1. Judy Pascale
- Beans and peas**
Beans, green bush, wax or pole — 1. Judy Pascale
Uncategorized — 2. Neil Durham
- Other rooted vegetable**
Radishes — 1. Judy Pascale
Uncategorized — 1. Neil
- Tomatoes**
Table variety — 1. Neil Durham
- Pears**
Any variety — 1. Neil Durham
- Nuts**
Any variety — 1. Neil Durham
- Berries**
Blackberries — 1. Neil Durham
- Youth**
Squash
Zucchini — 1. Emily Loucks
Crookneck — 1. Emily Loucks
- Child**
Champion — Emery Kirk, Landry Kukla and Levi Loucks
- Superintendent's choice** — Ryland Gebaur
- Largest**
Sunflower head — 1. Cylus Wardle
Tallest stalk of corn — 1. Levi Loucks
- Onions**
Any variety — 1. Landry Kukla; 2. Landry Kukla
- Cucumbers**
2. (tie) Emery Kirk and Ryland Gebaur
- Peppers**
Hot, any variety — 1. Emery Kirk
Other, any variety — 1. Emery Kirk
- Other rooted vegetables**
Radishes — 1. Emery Kirk; 2. Landry Kukla
Beets, any table variety — 1. Landry Kukla
Carrots, any table variety — 1. Levi Loucks
- Apples**
Any — 1. Emery Kirk
- Pears**
Any — 1. Emery Kirk
- Berries**
Raspberries — 1. Emery Kirk
- Potatoes**
Any variety — 1. (tie) Levi Loucks and Ryland Gebaur
- Tomatoes**
Cherry — 2. Ryland Gebaur
- Pumpkins**
Any table variety — 1. Ryland Gebaur
- Photography**
Grand champion — Sarah Rossman
Reserve grand champion — Daryce Franzen
Reserve champion — Daniel Kirk
Superintendent's choice — Ava Ewing
Judge's choice — Caleb



Ruth Rubelt won the Hobbies and Crafts grand championship and the Adult Division championship for this piece of furniture.

- Adult**
Champion — Sarah Rossman
Birds — 1. Ader Hill; 2. Sue Cassidy
Other — 1. (tie) Darla Wintermote; Amber Hill
Babies — 1. Bobbi Jo Kirk
Owyhee County scene — 1. (tie) Cheyenne Hackney and Wendy Hackney
Agriculture — 1. Cheyenne Hackney; 2. Wendy Hackney
Weather — 1. Cheyenne Hackney
Cowboys — 1. Cheyenne Hackney; 2. Jeannie Binyon
Selfies — 1. Cheyenne Hackney
Bugs — 1. Chris Hopper; 2. Cheyenne Hackney
Flowers — 1. Darla Wintermote; 2. Cheyenne Hackney
People — 1. Daniel Kirk; 2. Shania Kengas
Action — 1. Daniel Kirk; 2. Jason Sevy
Landscape — 1. Daniel Kirk; Joy Caisse
Monochrome — 1. Daniel Kirk; 2. Jacquie Hall
Portrait — 1. Jason Sevy; 2. Daniel Kirk
Water/ice — 1. Wendy Hackney; 2. Darla Wintermote
Sunrise/sunset — 2. Deidre Erwin
Humorous — 1. Jacquie Hall; 2. Jeannie Binyon
Still life — 1. Jacquie Hall
Seascape — 1. Jason Sevy
Farm animals — 1. Kelsie Peterson; 2. Jeannie Binyon
Pets — 1. (tie) Kelsie Peterson and Sarah Rossman
Wild animals — 2. (tie) Lance Bell and Wendy Hackney
Human interest — 1. Sue Cassidy; 2. Shania Kengas
- Senior**
Division champion — Daryce Franzen
Action — 1. Daryce Franzen; 2. Keri Gibbs
Sports — 1. Daryce Franzen
Farm animals — 1. Daryce Franzen; 2. Keri Gibbs
Horses — 1. Daryce Franzen
Pets — 1. Daryce Franzen; 2. Keri Gibbs
Architecture — 1. Daryce Franzen
Sunrise/sunset — 1. Daryce Franzen; 2. Keri Gibbs
Water/ice — 1. Daryce Franzen; 2. Justina Milburn
People — 1. Daryce Franzen
Portrait — 1. Daryce Franzen
Manipulated image — 1. Daryce Franzen
Monochrome — 1. Daryce Franzen; 2. Keri Gibbs
Macro — 1. Daryce Franzen; 2. Keri Gibbs
Other — 1. Daryce Franzen; 2. Mack Tolmie
Still life — 1. Daryce Franzen
Fair theme — 1. Daryce Franzen
Bugs — 1. Daryce Franzen
Wild animals — 1. Keri Gibbs; 2. Daryce Franzen
Owyhee County scene — 1. Judy Pascale; 2. Daryce Franzen
Seascape — 1. Keri Gibbs; 2. Daryce Franzen
Human interest — 1. Keri Gibbs; 2. Daryce Franzen
Abstract — 1. Keri Gibbs; 2. Daryce Franzen
Agriculture — 1. Keri Gibbs; 2. John Ineck
Humorous — 2. John Ineck
Cowboys — 1. Judy Pascale
- Landscape** — 1. Justina Milburn; 2. Keri Gibbs
Weather — 1. Keri Gibbs
Selfies — 1. Keri Gibbs
Birds — 2. Keri Gibbs
Flowers — 2. Keri Gibbs
- Youth**
Division champion and reserve champion — Bailey Ready
Cowboys — 1. Alexis Blalock; 2. Ainsley Erwin
Still life — 2. Ainsley Erwin
Architecture — 1. Alexis Blalock
Portrait — 1. Alexis Blalock; 2. Caleb Hall
People — 1. Caleb Hall; 2. Alexis Blalock
Bugs — 1. Bailey Ready; 2. Elaine Eells
Pets — 1. (tie) Bailey Ready and Tyler Thompson; 2. Caleb Hall
Sunrise/sunset — 1. Bailey Ready; 2. Gianna Palma
Manipulated image — 1. Bailey Ready
Water/ice — 1. Rya Buckingham; 2. Bailey Ready
Wild animals — 1. Bailey Ready
Horses — 1. (tie) Bailey Ready and Tyler Thompson
Humorous — 2. Bridie Ewing
Sports — 1. Brady Williams
Other — 1. Caleb Hall; 2. (tie) Bridie Ewing and Tyler Thompson
Agriculture — 1. Caleb Hall; 2. Tyler Thompson
Monochrome — 1. Caleb Hall; 2. Rya Buckingham
Birds — 2. Caleb Hall
Farm animals — 2. Caleb Hall
Flowers — 1. Elaine Eells; 2. Caleb Hall
Human interest — 1. Rya

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Owyhee County Fair Awards

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Buckingham; 2. Caleb Hall
Weather — 1. Caleb Hall;
2. Rya Buckingham
Selfies — 1. Gianna Palma
Landscape — 1. Levi Ewing
Owyhee County scene — 1. Rya Buckingham
Landscape — 2. Rya Buckingham
Abstract — 2. Rya Buckingham

Child

Reserve grand champion — Wyatt Bell
Champion — Wyatt Bell
Farm animals — 1. Ava Ewing
Landscape — 1. (tie) Ava Ewing and Scottie Beaver
Flowers — 1. Wyatt Bell; 2. Ava Ewing
Sports — 1. Bailey Ready
Pets — 1. Wyatt Bell

Hobbies and crafts

Best of show — Bridger Sessions
Grand champion — Ruth Rubelt
Reserve grand champion — Luke Cloud

Adult

Champion — Ruth Rubelt
Judge’s choice — Andrea Jerome
Tole painting — 1. Luke Cloud; 2. Andrea Jerome
Woodworking
Furniture — 1. Ruth Rubelt
Home décor
1. Ruth Rubelt
Plastic canvas
1. Sarah Aebischer
Paper crafts
Other — 1. Sue Cassidy
Other crafts
Nature — 1. Bobbi Jo Kirk

Senior

Champion — Jerry Rubelt
Reserve champion — Judy Pascale
Metals — 1. Jerry Rubelt; 2. Judy Pascale

Youth

Champion — Ian Davis
Tole painting — 1. Faye Jerome
Metals — 1. Ian Davis
Woodworking — 1. Levi Ewing
Paper crafts
Other — 1. Lily Thoene
Legos
Made without a kit — 1. Samantha Bachman

Child

Division champion — Alex Worley
Division reserve champion — Ava Ewing



Marsing resident David VanWassenhove took home a couple ribbons for his entry into the Items Made by Man contest.

Metals — 1. Alex Worley
Yard art — 1. Ava Ewing
Home décor — 1. Ava Ewing
Woodworking — 1. Drake Jerome
Textile paint — 1. Emery Kirk
Other crafts — 1. Emery Kirk

Legos

Made without kit — 1. Bridger Sessions; 2. Hunter Bell
Vehicles — 1. Jordan Ineck; 2. Hunter Bell

Arts

Champion and reserve champion — Jolene Sevy
Adult
Champion and reserve champion — Jolene Sevy
Oil
Landscape — 1. Andrea Jerome
Acrylic
Animal — 1. Andrea Jerome
Landscape — 1. Jolene Sevy

Pencil

Cowboy — 1. Jolene Sevy

Youth

Champion — Evelyn Sevy
Reserve champion — Faye Jerome
Superintendent’s choice — Hailee Meyers
Judge’s choice — Hailee Meyers

Oil

Still life — 1. Brielle Ewing
Seascape — 1. Brielle Ewing
Landscape — 2. Brielle Ewing

Acrylic

Landscape — 1. Evelyn Sevy
Abstract — 1. Brielle Ewing
Animal — 2. Faye Jerome

Pen & ink

Fair theme — 1. Emery Kirk

Charcoal

Landscape — 1. Faye Jerome

Pencil

Cowboys — 2. Faye Sevy
Abstract — 1. Katelyn Sevy

Child

Acrylic

Animal — 1. Ava Ewing
Pencil
Action — 2. Josephine Adanson
General — 1. Bridger Sessions

Multimedia

Animal — 1. Jordan Ineck
Other
Animal — 1. Mackenzie Sevy

Pantry and kitchen

Grand champion — Andrea Jerome, Marjorie Anderson
Reserve grand champion — Brielle Ewing
Superintendent’s choice — Brielle Ewing
Judge’s choice — Marjorie Anderson

Adult

Division champion — Andrea Jerome, Russ Erwin
Division reserve champion — Heidi Smith-Takatori

Pies

Apple — 1. Andrea Jerome; 2. Kim Shippy
Cherry — 1. Marjorie Anderson; 2. Jolene Sevy
Berry, any kind — 1. Marjorie Anderson
Other — 1. Marjorie Anderson

Dried fruit

1. Russ Erwin

Cookies

Chocolate chip — 1. Elena De La Concepcion
Oatmeal — 1. Elena De La Concepcion
Other — 1. Andrea Jerome; 2. Elena De La Concepcion

Quick bread

Zucchini — 1. Bobbi Jo Kirk; 2. Elena De La Concepcion

Candy

Candy — 1. Russ Erwin
Others — 1. Heidi Smith-Takatori

Yeast

Any other — 1. Matt Paxton

Youth

Champion — Brielle Ewing
Reserve champion — Bailey Purdom

Cookies

Peanut butter — 1. Bailey Purdom
Frosted — 1. Bailey Purdom

Pies

Other — 1. Bailey Purdom
Cakes
White cakes/yellow — 1. Brielle Ewing

Child

Champion — 1. Bailey Purdom

Cookies

Peanut butter — 1. Bailey Purdom
Chocolate chip — 1. RJ Garcia; 2. Morgan Field
Oatmeal — 1. RJ Garcia

Quick bread

Banana, lemon, orange, pumpkin bread — 1. (tie) Kinley Shanley and RJ Garcia

Canning

Grand champion — Andrea Jerome; Elena De La Concepcion
Reserve grand champion — Andrea Jerome; Elena De La Concepcion

Adult

Reserve champion — Andrea Jerome; Elena De La Concepcion
Superintendent’s choice — Elena De La Concepcion

Fruit

Any — 1. Elena De La Concepcion

Sauce — 1. Elena De La Concepcion

Other — 1. Andrea Jerome

Jams, Butters and Con-serves

Any jam, fruit or vegetable — 2. Andrea Jerome

Any conserve — 1. Elena De La Concepcion

Others — 1. Elena De La Concepcion

Jellies

Any — 1. Elena De La Concepcion

Vegetables

Any — 1. Elena De La Concepcion

Pickles and relishes

Bread & butter pickles — 1. Elena De La Concepcion
Pickles vegetables — 1. Elena De La Concepcion

Child

Grand and reserve champion — RJ Garcia
Judge’s choice — RJ Garcia

Pickles and relishes

Others — 1. RJ Garcia

Flowers

Grand champion — Bobbi Weir, Lavada Loucks
Award — Lavada Loucks

Adult

Grand champion — Andrea Jerome
Reserve champion — Andrea Jerome
Superintendent’s choice — Bobbi Weir
Judge’s choice — Andrea Jerome

Annuals

Sunflower — 1. Andrea Jerome; 2. John Peterson
Any other — 1. and 2. Kelsie Peterson

Perennials

Salvia — 1. Bobbi Weir
Any other — 2. Kelsie Peterson
Uncategorized — 1. Bobbi Weir

Herbs

Culinary — 1. Bobbi Weir
Medicinal — 1. Bobbi Weir
Collection — 1. Bobbi Weir

Dahlias

Blends (variegated bicolor) — 1. Bobbi Weir

Petunias

Single, purple or orchid — 1. Bobbi Weir

Roses

Single bloom, red — 1. Heidi Smith-Takatori; 2. Smith-Takatori
Single bloom, orange/orange blend — 1. Heidi Smith-Takatori

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Owyhee County Fair Awards

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Single bloom, peace — 1. Heidi Smith-Takatori
Single bloom — 1. Donna Marose
Bouquet — 1. Donna Marose
Spray — 1. (tie) Bobbi Weir and Donna Marose (twice)
Spray, other — 1. Heidi Smith-Takatori
Miniature, yellow — 1. Heidi Smith-Takatori
Special arrangements
Cut flowers, Take a Break (coffee mug) — 1. Andrea Jerome; Bobbi Weir; 2. Bobbi Weir
Cut flowers, Good Morning Sunshine! — 1. Bobbi Weir
Cut flowers, fair theme — 1. Bobbi Weir

Senior
Champion and reserve champion — Neil Durham
Houseplants
Succulents — 1. Lavada Loucks
Gladiola
Buff or orange — 1. Neil Durham
Medium or dark pink — 1. Neil Durham
Perennials
Black-Eyed Susan — 2. Neil Durham
Day lily — 1. Neil Durham
Uncategorized — 1. Neil Durham
Peppers
Any other variety — 1. Neil Durham



Carolyn Rees won a Judge's Choice ribbon for her Historical Division entry.

Youth
Champion — Levi Loucks
Houseplants
Succulents — 1. Levi Loucks
Child
Reserve champion — Cylus Wardle
Special arrangements
Cut flowers, Good Morning Sunshine! — 1. Cylus Wardle
Needlecraft
Best of show — Kathy Hagler
Grand champion — Lori Emry
Reserve — Kathy Hagler

Adult
Champion — Laura Aebischer, Lori Emry, Trena Felty
Reserve champion — Danielle Miller, Marlia Gordon
Judge's choice — Carolyn Rees; Laura Aebischer
Machine-quilted quilts
1. Laura Aebischer; 2. Trena Felty
Appliqued quilts
1. Marjorie Anderson
Pieced patchwork
1. Marlia Gordon
Other quilts
1. (tie) Lori Emry, Marjorie Anderson, and Trena Felty
Home sewing
1. Lori Emry

Knitting
1. (tie) Danielle Miller and Donna Marose; 2. Holly Cornell
Infants
1. Donna Marose
Pieced patchwork
2. Donna Marose
Crocheting yarn
1. Linda Malmbery
Senior
Champion — Florence Paxton
Reserve champion — Kathy Hagler
Superintendent's choice — Florence Paxton
Judge's choice — Debbie

King
Potholders
1. Debbie King
Tea towels
1. Florence Paxton
Doilies
1. Kathy Hagler
Crocheting
Thread — 1. Kathy Hagler
Slippers, socks, mittens — 1. Kathy Hagler
Child
Reserve champion — Mason Miller
Other quilts
1. Mason Miller
Historical
Superintendent's choice — Carolyn Rees
Judge's choice — Carolyn Rees
Adult
Household items
Any variety — 1. Mindy Gebaur
Senior
Household items
All — 1. Heidi Smith-Takatori
China — 1. Carolyn Rees
Uncategorized — 1. Lavada Loucks
Owyhee County
1. Carolyn Rees
Child
Owyhee County
1. Meteo Black

— Results and names were compiled from a spreadsheet provided by Owyhee County Fair personnel.

Even with smaller budget, expect more road maintenance

Commissioners look ahead to major rehab projects

About \$450,000 has been shaved from Owyhee County's road and bridge district budgets for Fiscal Year 2021. The ongoing Reynolds Creek Road project may be pushed into another year for economic reasons, the Board of County Commissioners revealed in a session with The Owyhee Avalanche earlier this month. The District 1 budget has been reduced nearly \$535,000 to \$1.406 million. The construction materials appropriation has been slashed \$125,000, and that means paving Reynolds Creek Road may not be done this year. "From the cemetery to the summit, we will have a road base, and oiling will be done this year," Hoagland said. There are other road rehabilitation projects in

the commissioners' sights, including Oreana Loop Road, Pleasant Valley Road, Bachman Grade Road, and Wilson Creek Road. Dist. 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said the commissioners would like to start building up funds for those road projects once the Reynolds Creek Road work is completed. The Wilson Creek Road will be a unique private/public endeavor. In order to receive permission to expand his feedlot, Wilson Creek Feeders owner Jon Hepton agreed to create a fund to build road reconstruction money. After five years, the commissioners will match whatever is in the kitty and rebuild the road. The county

already has applied for a grant to cover its half of the construction cost. In both road and bridge budgets, Owyhee County is anticipating less fire rehabilitation assistance from the Bureau of Land Management. The federal agency has provided money each year to help maintain vegetation around roads and to avoid a repeat of the 2015 Soda Fire. While the District 1 budget shrunk, the Road and Bridge District 3 appropriation will increase by nearly \$80,000. There is an increase in the part-time salary line because county commissioners are preparing for the retirement of two full-time employees within the next 18 months. "Instead of throwing someone in off the street only to find that's not a good fit, we're going to hire part-time help to find someone who can

take the job and run with it before we find a replacement," Dist. 3 Commissioner Joe Merrick said. The District 3 road materials budget was reduced for FY 21 because the county purchased two piles of crushed gravel from Western Construction in Elmore County. The only expense for the county would be the fuel and manpower to transport the gravel to a worksite. The expense of paying a third party to crush and move the gravel has been eliminated. The county paid \$51,000 for 2,200 cubic tons of gravel, which works out to about \$24 per ton. Aberasturi said the price tag to buy the shovel-ready gravel that's piled one mile inside of Elmore County is comparable to the cost of having a company find, crush, load and haul the rock. The county owns two other

gravel piles in District 1 just over the border in Oregon and out near Bruneau Canyon in District 3. Shifting appropriations away from new projects will be a benefit to motorists, Merrick said. "We're even trying to get a little bit more done," he said. (Road and bridge employees are) going to have more time to sit on a road grader and maintain these roads rather than road construction itself."

— JPB

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Avalanche Sports

HHS officials scrambling to fill virus-wracked schedules

Football loses 3 games vs. Oregon squads; COVID-19 protocols in place

Homedale High School athletes are preparing for a fall season with the spectre of COVID-19 already wreaking havoc on schedules and procedures.

Homedale's volleyball team, under the guidance of new coach Evonne McGuire, will start the season Thursday in Melba at a jamboree. No fans are allowed in the gymnasium, but the action can be viewed on Melba's video network. There is a fee, and the jamboree is available at <https://www.nfh-network.com/events/melba-senior-high-school-melba-id/gam7f23a17130>

The volleyball team has lost one game off its schedule (Baker, Ore., on Sept. 11) and the first six weeks of the football season has been turned upside-down after the Oregon School Activities Association announced that there would be no fall sports.

The OSAA's decision wiped out three consecutive non-conference football games for the Trojans as well as Homedale's cross country season opener.

"Oregon has completely switched their sports seasons

around," HHS athletic director Casey Grove wrote in his Aug. 10 report to the school board.

"Because of that we will most likely not play any Oregon school this year in sports. It will be difficult to find replacements."

There have been more changes to the football team's schedule:

- The annual Nampa Jamboree, where Trojans' 12th-year coach Matt Holtry matches wits with his former assistant and brother Dan Holtry (who took the Nampa squad to the state semifinals last year), was cancelled. It had been planned for Friday.

- Homedale's intrasquad Red/White Scrimmage, which was supposed to take place last Saturday, was postponed.

- The Trojans' opener was scheduled against Class 4A Caldwell at Deward Bell Stadium on Aug. 28. The Cougars have delayed their season, so Homedale went out and scheduled former 3A Snake River Valley conference foe Emmett, another 4A squad.

- Holtry and Grove are hard at work trying to fill Sept. 11



Homedale High School's football players began practice last week as did all fall sports teams in the area.

and Sept. 18 slots in the schedule, which originally were filled by Oregon schools Baker and Nyssa, respectively.

- A year after former HHS offensive coordinator Erik Johnson left Ontario, the Trojans had scheduled a game against the Tigers on Sept. 4. Now, Homedale will tackle the challenge of Boise's Bishop Kelly, another 4A team coached by Treasure Valley stalwart Tim Brennan.

"Anytime you can schedule up (a division) and get solid competition early, it is good," Holtry said. "It will allow us to see where we are at as a team and identify areas we need to improve on as we head into

conference play."

The Trojans are supposed to open the 3A SRV season against new conference member McCall-Donnelly at home on Sept. 25.

"It worked out nice for us as we were already playing on that bye week," Holtry said. "It just means a new opponent for us."

"We are excited to have them on the schedule as they have been a power in the 2A the past couple of years."

In addition to the schedule shuffle, the school board learned of — and adopted — a COVID-19 athletics protocol on Aug. 10.

With the district starting the

school year in a yellow health alert, extra-curricular activities will be allowed, but there will be restrictions.

- Social distancing measures are in place, and masks are strongly recommended.

- Attendance for football games and cross country events won't be limited, but attendance will be limited to 33 percent capacity in gymnasiums for volleyball or other events.

- Because of social distancing recommendations, fans will be asked to leave the gymnasium at the end of the contest they attended to allow

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COVID delays all but one local athletes' college football seasons

At this point, only one of the Homedale High School graduates playing college football will step on the grid iron this fall.

The majority of programs that have welcomed Trojans alumni have pushed their football seasons to the spring — some through unilateral decisions and others through decisions by their conferences.

"Unfortunately they won't be playing this fall," HHS coach Matt Holtry said. "But they are all staying positive and looking forward to what the spring holds for them."

But Carson Brown, a sophomore wide receiver, is on track to play fall ball for Dordt University in Sioux Center, Iowa.

The Defenders began fall sports practices Saturday, and the first football game is sched-

uled for Sept. 12 against Midland in Fremont, Neb.

Dordt sports information director Mike Byker said last Wednesday that all plans were still in place.

Brown appeared in two games as a true freshman in 2019. He recorded a tackle.

The Spokesman-Review on Aug. 7 reported that the University of Idaho will try to cobble together a non-conference schedule for the fall even though Big Sky Conference games have been put on hold.

Running back Karsen Frelove and linebacker Spencer Fisher are freshmen in the Vandals' program after completing their high school careers at Homedale.

The rest of the Trojans alumni will wait until spring to play:

- The most recent decision

to push games back to the spring came at The College of Idaho.

While the Montana schools in the Frontier Conference decided to play a fall season of round-robin games, the Coyotes and non-Montana conference members shifted to the spring after the NAIA announced all of its fall championships would be played in 2021.

Three local athletes are on the Coyotes roster, including returning starting offensive lineman Clayton Wolfe from Homedale, redshirt freshman Zeke Quintero from Jordan Valley, and true freshman defensive back Jake Collett, another Trojan.

Wolfe started the final three games in his freshman season,

— See *College*, Page 22

Huskies to kick off seasons next week

As Marsing schools start the 2020-21 school year, the high school's sports teams are moving full-speed ahead, despite COVID-19 hanging over everyone's heads.

The cross country schedule is the only one affected by the virus. With the Crosby Invite at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore., cancelled, the Huskies have added a four-way meet in Melba on Oct. 8.

The Oregon School Activities Association shuffled all fall sports until later in the year, eliminating a lot of non-conference border crossings that Idaho schools make regularly to get the year going.

Clint Thomas is in his first year as the Huskies' cross country coach. He takes over the reins from Robin Simpson,

who stepped down after last season. Thomas was Marsing's track and field coach in the spring.

The Huskies open their season at 5:15 p.m., on Thursday, Aug. 27, at the New Plymouth meet.

Marsing football fans probably are rejoicing with the coming season, because a team even taking the field was in doubt before the school board decided in February to keep things status quo. District leadership had concerns about team turnouts and the safety of the athletes.

The team will hit the gridiron with an Aug. 28 home opener against Valley High School from Hazelton. Valley made the jump from Class 1A to 2A

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

August 23, 1995

Washington Street turns one-way tomorrow

Eight Homedale police officers will regulate traffic in front of Homedale Elementary School before and after school.

Council members approved the motion to make Washington Street between North 3rd Street West and North 6th Street West a one-way street heading westbound to assist in protecting the safety of school-bound children during periods of high traffic flow.

The officers will help to regulate the direction of vehicles traveling on Washington for the first few days of school.

126 animals sold at county fair

Figures from the 1995 Owyhee County Fair Livestock Sale are in.

A total of 126 animals were auctioned off on the final day of the Owyhee County Fair. The numbers are considerably smaller than last year's 219.

This year's results:

- 37 sheep sold for a total of \$10,871.60.
- 34 steers sold for a total of \$48,557.45
- 35 swine sold for a total of \$25,454.60

Governor to name Sept. 2 Bruneau Snail Day

Today members of the Bruneau Valley Coalition meet with Idaho Governor Phil Batt when he will issue a proclamation naming September 2 Bruneau Snail Day in support of the Coalition's Snail Race.

The race will be the third of its kind since the original 'listing' of the pinhead-sized Bruneau Hot Springsnail as an endangered species in 1993. Numbered ping-pong balls are floated down Buckaroo Ditch in Bruneau to raise money to combat an 'illegal' listing.

The Coalition says the original listing did not follow the public process correctly, was illegal, and was not based on sound science.

HHS football must step up

The city of Homedale is buzzing about the varsity football team's new coach as Jim McMillan ends his successful career as the Trojan coach.

"I know I have big shoes to fill, but I try not to think too much about it," Leo Mendelsohn said.

Instead, the Montana transfer looks to the future and focuses on the team, which is one of the smallest in recent Trojan history.

"I know I will do the absolute best I can do," Mendelsohn said. "I will put the players in the best position possible."

Last year's team of 35 players has dwindled down to 14 seniors, eight juniors and one sophomore. 23 Trojans in all need to step up for this season.

"We will be tough but if injuries hit us, that's when we'll see trouble," Mendelsohn said.

For now, though, they are healthy and have virtually no injuries as they head into the season.

MHS football future bright

A bigger, stronger Marsing football team is looking forward to the coming season.

The Huskies are comprised of returners Troy Denton (offensive guard), Carl Steinman (offensive tackle) and Beau Showalter (tailback) along with 25 other players who plan to take advantage of the size and experience of their offensive line.

Coach Don Heller is excited to see the increase in strength and numbers. "The future looks good," Heller said.

50 years ago

August 20, 1970



Silver City in early 1900s (after construction of Swan Falls power plant and a line to the town.)

Old Timers' Barbecue to award plaques

The 15th annual Old Timers' Barbecue will begin at 11 o'clock Saturday following the parade at the Homedale City Park.

General chairman is Darryl Warwick and co-chairman is Les Carter.

Barbecued beef will again be the main dish along with potatoes, beans, coleslaw, ice cream and coffee.

Old Timers' Awards, Everett Colley. Mrs. Estelee Tuttle will again handle registration and be assisted by Mrs. Judy MacKenzie, Mrs. Grace Colley and Mrs. Verda Johnston.

Plaques will be awarded to:

1. The oldest person present who attended the dedication of the old bridge in 1920.
2. The oldest woman present born in Owyhee County.
3. The oldest man present born in Owyhee County.
4. The oldest married couple present from Owyhee County.
5. The oldest woman present at the Old Timer's barbecue.
6. The oldest man present at the Old Timers' barbecue.

Succor Crik Sam Sez:

"Guess I'll mosey over to the bridge dedicashun. Theys been a lot of water under the bridge since the old one was dedicated."

Records check reveals facts on Owyhee Highway

Upper Owyhee County residents are seeking to get the state highway department to take over the Owyhee Highway — almost 100 miles of county road stretching from Marsing to the Indian Cove bridge at Hammett.

The road was originally built with the help of a bond issue floated by Owyhee County about 16 years ago. It was designed to tie the county together by providing a paved highway along the south side of Snake River, giving quicker and better access to the county seat at Murphy from both ends of Owyhee County.

Citizens of Homedale and the Gem District voted strongly in favor of bonding the county to provide matching funds for constructing the road as a secondary highway project. In Homedale the vote was 333 to 11 in favor. Marsing voted 343 to 10 in favor. Total county vote was 1,207 for and only 32 against.

Parcel post rate hike encourages early mailing

An increase in postage on parcel post will go into effect Nov. 14, Postmaster Victor T. Uria said today.

The increase of 15.4 per cent was authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission July 16 but is being delayed by the Post Office Department as an encouragement for the early mailing of holiday gifts.

145 years ago

August 21, 1875

THE printing office has proved a good college to many boys in having turned their minds to a good practical use. There is no better school for developing talent in young men who, if they are careful observers, will gain more knowledge than can be obtained from almost any other source.

A GOOD JOKE.—The assertion of the Boise City *Statesman* that the AVALANCHE is jealous of that paper! We shall probably soon hear that Whitelaw Reid, Murat Halstead, Henry Watterson and Sam Bowles are jealous of Milton Kelly's ability as a journalist.

WE heard a man recently boasting that he never felt the need of brains. This is generally the boast with those who are not fortunate enough to be supplied in this respect.

A PIONEER.—Hugh McGraw, a well known old pioneer of Owyhee, arrived from San Francisco by this morning's stage attracted thither, no doubt, by the rich mining developments that are being brought to light in this vicinity. "Hughby" has been absent a good many years and will find many an old friend to extend him a hearty hand-shake "for auld lang syne"

(From Friday's Daily.)

LECTURE.—Mrs. Gaylord delivered her third lecture here at Champion Hall last evening, entitled "What a Woman Can Do." In answer to this question and in illustration of her subject the lady gave a description of a visit formerly made by her to various sections of the Pacific States and Territories in which she referred to the habits of the people, the resources of the country, incidents of travel and other matters. She was listened to quite attentively and frequently applauded. Miss Ella Gaylord sang several airs, with which the audience also seemed much pleased.

THIS YEAR'S ASSESSMENT ROLL.—The assessment roll of Owyhee County for the current year shows the total valuation of property assessed to be \$849,240.50, an increase of \$153,052.50 over that of last year. This, of course, is exclusive of the subsequent list which will doubtless swell the amount to a round million of dollars. None of the property in eastern Owyhee has yet been assessed, and there are a number of wealthy stock-raisers on Raft River and in that vicinity, whose assessments will come in on the subsequent list. Our county is rapidly advancing in population, wealth, business activity and enterprise, all of which is pleasant for us to contemplate, more especially as we cast our lot with this camp in its pioneer days, and stuck to it through "thick and thin," always in the firm belief of a bright and glorious future.

SICKNESS.—There is considerable sickness in Silver City at present. Mrs. McCleary is suffering from congestion of the lungs; Mrs. Ira Corp is very low of intermittent fever; Mrs. E. Leigh was taken suddenly ill about midnight and is reported to be dying to-day; Mrs. Biggenstaff was very ill last night; Mrs. Breck's baby is very sick. We positively believe that cucumbers and other wilted green fruits and vegetables that have glutted our market of late has much to do with the prevailing sickness in this camp.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Mobile cow catcher



There is a common belief among many urban folks that a cowboy rides around all day and sings to cows. John Wayne and Tom Mix added “Drifting Ranch Saver” to their résumé. “Don’t worry, Nell, Black Bart will never get your ranch as long as Silver and I remain compassionate!” Marlboro turned him into a person who chases horses all over the place and relaxes around the chuckwagon in a yellow slicker. We cowboy poets have augmented the picture of the cowboy as a Shakespearian throwback with green stuff wedged between his heel and sole.

And though these portrayals are not all that bad, they miss the point. My favorite description that defines a cowboy is someone who can replace a uterine prolapse in a 1,000-pound cow on the open range armed with nothin’ but a rope and a horse.

The combination of skills required to accomplish that feat speaks volumes about a real all-around cowboy.

Of course, the kind of cowboyin’ required depends on the job. Gatherin’ wild cattle in Arizona is as different from checkin’ feedlot pens in Nebraska as drivin’ a NASCAR entry is from operating a backhoe. But if a cowboy can rope and ride and knows cattle, they could soon learn each other’s job.

By the end of the Rancher-Sodbuster Wars, the cowboy often found himself in the employ of farmers. As soon as diesel replaced alfalfa as fuel, farmers eliminated horses from their livestock operations. Squeeze chutes, calf tables, pens, aluminum gates, four-wheelers and semis took the place of the cowboy, his rope and his horse.

And the farmer/cowman conversion is still occurring. A rancher in Saskatchewan invented “The Mobile Cow Catcher.” It is an amazing piece of winter shop time genius. The Mobile Cow Catcher attaches to the side of a pickup. It looks like a prop from the movie Waterworld. If you didn’t see that, it might be best described as a “swing set, orthopedic hospital bed and supermarket automatic door-opener” combination.

You run the cow down with yer pickup, capture it like pickin’ up a winrow, then leap out and attend to her problem.

The rancher, Mr. Halyung of Robsart, Saskatchewan, figured his invention would save a lot of cow wrecks, especially for those cow people who aren’t too handy with a rope and a horse.

And he may be right. Someday we may see Batman in a movie sayin’, “Don’t worry, Nell, I’ll catch yer cow and replace that prolapse. Robin, fire up the Mobile Cow Catcher ... We’ve got to remain compassionate!”

— 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.”

Election 2020

Small legislative change would make November election smoother

by Idaho’s county clerks

America has seen times of civil and world war, economic turbulence and pandemic. Through these difficult and disruptive times, elections have always been preserved. Today, we face very real difficulties conducting elections in the midst of this global pandemic. As in the past, we must meet these challenging times with smart solutions that build on our existing election laws. With the support of our community, we are fully committed to making sure the November election is carried out safely, with integrity and public confidence in the results.

Even without the complexities of the coronavirus, the presidential election is going to be challenging, because of high interest and turnout. The seismic shift in voting behavior in such a short time, along with the constraints placed on voting by the pandemic, means this will be an election unlike any that we have ever encountered.

Typically, in Idaho, only 10 percent of voters cast a ballot by absentee during a presidential election. Given the current pandemic, we anticipate that as many as 75 percent of voters will take advantage of the absentee ballot process this November. As we experienced during the May Primary, shifting to a large absentee election presents its own challenges. We do not have the ongoing infrastructure to simultaneously run an absentee election of that scale, along with an in-person election.

Yet absentee voting provides a safe and secure way for Idahoans to vote, and has long been used by

Election letters

The Owyhee Avalanche will accept letters to the editor pertaining to the Nov. 3 general election until noon on Friday, Oct. 23.

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

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

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

overseas citizens and military personnel and their families. To vote absentee in Idaho, a voter must request a ballot, unlike a universal vote-by-mail system, wherein ballots are mailed to all registered voters automatically. Many security measures are in place with absentee voting, including (but not limited to) reviewing ballot signatures on each returned ballot.

To handle the unprecedented volume of absentee ballots that we are anticipating, we are calling for a simple legislative change to allow county clerks to open and scan ballots in advance of Election Day.

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From Washington

U.S. Postal Service continues mission through COVID-19 crisis

As participants in the decisions made in Congress, Idahoans contact me with valuable input about the issues our country faces. One of the issues Idahoans have contacted me about is the 2019 novel coronavirus, COVID-19, and the United States Postal Service (USPS). The following is my response:

I share your support for reliable and efficient mail service. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to spread across the U.S. and affect all aspects of American life. The outbreak has infected over 5 million people in the U.S., with confirmed cases in all states. On Jan. 31, 2020, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared the outbreak a public health emergency for the United States in order to aid the country in responding to COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is continuing to monitor the outbreak of COVID-19. Congress and the Administration have taken a series of decisive actions to respond to this health and economic crisis.

On April 2, 2020, the USPS released the actions it is taking to protect the safety of its employees and customers while it continues to provide its essential service to all Americans. The USPS has created a COVID-19 Command Response leadership team and continues to follow the recommendations of the CDC and public health

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departments. Among implementing other policies, the USPS is providing millions of masks, gloves and cleaning and sanitizing products for the (more than) 30,000 USPS locations, and has updated cleaning procedures in response to CDC guidance. For more information on measures the USPS is taking, a link has been provided: <https://about.usps.com/newsroom/statements/>

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Commentary

Financial management

Be deliberate on decision to accept in-laws’ “loan”

Dear Dave,
My in-laws have very generously offered my wife and I \$250,000 to help with a down payment on a home. I know the amount exceeds the IRS’s yearly gift allowance, but they want to structure it as a family loan and have already told us they don’t care if we pay it back. If we accept, we technically owe them a lot of money. If we say no, they may be offended. What do you think about this and how it might impact the relationship?
— James

Dear James,
Well, it makes sense your wife would be onboard with the whole thing. It’s *her* dad making the offer, so of course she would be a lot more comfortable with

the idea than you are.
This is a big deal, and it’s something you two should have a very serious conversation about. Get on the same page in every regard. Also, I’d recommend making sure you get *everything* in writing. See to it, as well, that it can be forgiven at the maximum allowable annual gift rate.
In addition, in the event of death make sure it’s included in the estate, it’s forgiven, and there will be zero call on the note. In effect, that would make it an advance on your inheritance instead of debt. Under no circumstances should they, or any other heirs, have grounds to call the note.
That’s a good question, James. And a nice gift!
— Dave



Dear Dave,
I have a full-time job, but I also have a side job providing firewood to help pay off debt. I make \$600 to \$1,000 a month with this project. My log splitter went down recently when a

hydraulic line burst, and the machine caught on fire. I’m not sure how much it will cost to get it going again. Should I invest in a new one that will increase my productivity and help me pay off debt faster?
— Chris
Dear Chris,
If I’m in your shoes, I’m going to fix the old one. Even it means duct tape and glue, I’m going to try to find a way to repair it instead of spending a bunch of money or going deeper into debt.
If you can’t do that at a reasonable price out of pocket, I’d be in the market for a decent, used log splitter. And pay cash! I get your line of thinking when it comes to increasing productivity. Splitting wood

is real work. But don’t try to justify buying an expensive, new piece of equipment when it’s just not necessary.
If you’re making that much with a side hustle, you can make your money back on a used splitter in a month or two — three at the most. Be smart about it, Chris!
— 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.

✓ November: Idaho’s county clerks urge permissible “voting centers”

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This simple change would significantly aid us in our efforts to count ballots and provide timely results.
At the same time, we are also committed to those Idahoans who want to cast their ballots at the polls, while ensuring the process is safe for the voters and poll workers. Some counties have already encountered difficulty finding polling places that allow adequate space for social distancing. Poll worker recruitment is also challenging, as many of our poll workers worry for their own health and for the health of the public gathering at polling places.
We have a unique opportunity to both provide greater convenience to voters and address some of the polling place concerns with the concept of vote

centers; however, legislation is needed to make vote centers possible. The anticipated shift from in-person voting to absentee in November will result in fewer voters at polling locations. Should a county decide to utilize vote centers, it would allow any voter to go to any voting location in their county to cast their vote. Imagine the ease of being able to pop in to the nearest vote center at your convenience on Election Day to cast your vote and avoid lines. Voting centers in large venues would allow voters to maintain social distancing and would require fewer staff.
As we work to conduct a challenging and complex election in November, we are asking for the support, patience, and understanding of our community, our governor, and our Legislature. As your local elected

clerks, neighbors, and fellow Idahoans, we are dedicated to safeguarding elections in Idaho. Small changes to existing Idaho election laws will make a big difference in helping us provide a smooth and safe voting experience for every eligible Idahoan in November, whether someone votes early, via absentee, or on Election Day.
— Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell and Canyon County Clerk Chris Yamamoto are among the 43 county clerks who co-signed this united call to action distributed by the Idaho Association of Counties. Camas County was unable to sign because Clerk Korri Blodgett died of cancer on July 26 and a successor has yet to be appointed.

✓ Mission: USPS financial challenges ongoing

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usps-statement-on-coronavirus.htm
Further, H.R. 748, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the third phase of legislative efforts to help the United States in its fight against COVID-19, was signed into law on March 27, 2020. This comprehensive legislation takes a number of bold steps to preserve and protect the economic foundations of our nation and includes a \$10 billion Treasury Department loan for the USPS.
Even before the current COVID-19 crisis, USPS has been facing significant financial challenges in recent years in light of declining mail volumes, decreased demand for mail services and high fixed costs. While USPS continues to implement its own measures to reduce costs and consolidate excess capacity in its distribution system, it is clear that major structural reforms are needed for the organization to return to financial health.
Any reforms to the USPS need to be thoroughly and transparently debated before Congress. I remain committed to ensuring the USPS remains an organization synonymous with efficiency, reliability and financial responsibility, and am working with my colleagues on policies that

achieve that end. While it is clear that fundamental reforms are necessary to ensure the continued viability of the USPS, such efforts must not negatively affect the needs of the American people, especially during this unprecedented time.
To access information about some of the important issues of interest, please visit my website, www.crapo.senate.gov. The website also provides information about how to contact me to share your views via email, phone and mailing addresses. News about recent activities and information about accessing my Facebook and YouTube pages and following me on Twitter can also be found on the website. Links to legislation and other resources to assist Idahoans who need help with federal agencies can also be accessed on the website. The messages you send me help to shape my approach on a number of important matters. Please continue to contact me and share your thoughts and ideas.
— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho’s senior member of the U. S. Senate. He is in his fourth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - OWYHEE COUNTY

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO WILL MEET ON AUGUST 24, 2020 AT THE HOUR OF 10:00AM AT OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COURT ROOM 2, MURPHY, ID. FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING AND FIXING A FINAL BUDGET AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO EACH OFFICE, DEPARTMENT, SERVICE AGENCY OR INSTITUTION AND FUND FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR AT WHICH TIME ANY TAXPAYER MAY APPEAR AND BE HEARD UPON ANY PART OR PARTS OF SAID BUDGET; AND THAT THE FOLLOWING TABLE SETS FORTH THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED TO EACH DEPARTMENT FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR, THE CURRENT YEAR, TOGETHER WITH THE AMOUNTS EXPENDED FOR "SALARIES", "BENEFITS", AND "OTHER EXPENSES" DURING THE TWO PREVIOUS YEARS BY THE SAID DEPARTMENTS, TO WIT:

	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES				BUDGETED EXPENDITURES			
	FISCAL YEAR ENDING 9/30/2018		FISCAL YEAR ENDING 9/30/2019		CURRENT BUDGET FY ENDING 9/30/2020		TENTATIVE BUDGET FY ENDING 9/30/2021	
	SALARIES	BENEFITS	OTHER	TOTAL	SALARIES	BENEFITS	OTHER	TOTAL
CURRENT EXPENSE								
CLERK / AUDITOR	316,071.96	140,606.25	8,425.63	465,103.84	329,397.48	144,577.81	17,415.86	491,391.15
ASSESSOR	203,566.35	85,062.95	8,937.93	297,567.23	212,259.42	87,572.12	8,764.71	308,596.25
TREASURER/TAXCOLLECTOR	112,622.85	43,147.74	10,224.67	165,995.26	116,330.59	45,801.25	9,425.28	171,557.12
SHERIFF	705,253.64	275,074.92	373,839.01	1,354,167.57	749,390.96	275,179.45	353,022.36	1,377,592.77
COMMISSIONERS	82,587.18	40,023.24	70,880.40	193,490.82	85,065.24	40,339.80	60,788.73	186,193.77
CORONER	23,294.96	12,108.48	27,380.13	62,783.57	23,996.96	12,220.27	50,496.94	86,714.17
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY	261,031.02	63,216.02	25,849.92	350,096.96	233,540.35	64,263.26	24,175.93	321,979.54
BUILDING AND GROUNDS	26,110.07	14,864.96	83,959.92	124,934.95	27,659.54	14,703.37	110,812.19	153,175.10
CIVIL DEFENSE	0.00	0.00	23,895.15	23,895.15	0.00	7,695.57	7,695.57	0.00
COUNTY AGENT	71,946.44	28,170.78	36,921.47	137,038.69	78,696.68	29,857.31	31,237.11	139,791.10
ELECTIONS	9,135.00	0.00	11,671.40	20,806.40	13,644.00	0.00	5,368.79	19,012.79
BUILDING DEPARTMENT	37,226.64	16,085.20	4,675.66	57,987.50	37,596.00	15,744.14	4,495.15	57,835.29
PLANNING AND ZONING	74,389.78	30,675.64	8,923.58	113,989.00	76,616.49	31,129.14	11,058.57	118,804.20
GENERAL	0.00	0.00	160,834.44	160,834.44	0.00	175,525.26	175,525.26	0.00
TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT	0.00	0.00	174,359.58	174,359.58	0.00	210,022.72	210,022.72	0.00
JAIL	606,430.93	224,491.24	231,166.11	1,062,088.28	662,294.92	245,916.50	239,129.58	1,147,341.00
DISPATCH CENTER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CURRENT EXPENSE	2,529,666.82	973,527.42	1,261,945.00	4,765,139.24	2,646,488.63	1,007,304.42	1,319,434.75	4,973,227.80
ROAD AND BRIDGE	316,701.85	141,059.64	712,057.64	1,169,819.13	334,383.79	141,898.49	1,309,105.98	1,785,388.26
AIRPORT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DISTRICT COURT	0.00	0.00	97,742.18	97,742.18	0.00	66,641.75	66,641.75	0.00
FAIR, COUNTY	18,952.00	0.00	29,109.83	48,061.83	17,653.65	0.00	32,568.17	50,221.82
FAIR, GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS	0.00	0.00	100,733.53	100,733.53	0.00	95,720.88	95,720.88	0.00
PROBATION	97,151.56	45,563.33	22,547.28	165,262.17	96,493.42	41,695.78	28,601.71	166,790.91
HEALTH DISTRICT	0.00	0.00	54,683.00	54,683.00	0.00	55,921.00	55,921.00	0.00
HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM	36,206.94	14,982.46	11,799.46	62,988.86	33,517.75	13,116.75	20,476.97	67,111.47
INDIGENT AND CHARITY	38,766.00	15,754.06	891,446.35	945,966.41	39,916.84	15,950.00	844,735.02	900,601.86
JUNIOR COLLEGE TUITION	0.00	0.00	68,650.00	68,650.00	0.00	0.00	23,350.00	23,350.00
PEST	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
REVALUATION	134,062.65	53,010.91	38,765.89	225,839.45	129,608.43	51,074.19	17,473.52	198,156.14
SOLID WASTE	39,878.70	9,399.15	230,526.60	279,804.45	40,932.01	8,834.49	215,157.94	264,924.44
TORT	600.00	0.00	124,046.26	124,646.26	200.00	0.00	130,965.52	131,165.52
VETERANS MEMORIAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
WEEDS	0.00	0.00	26,366.43	26,366.43	0.00	0.00	28,019.91	28,019.91
911	0.00	0.00	140,071.56	140,071.56	0.00	0.00	110,323.78	110,323.78
COUNTY VESSEL FUND	0.00	0.00	5,965.85	5,965.85	0.00	0.00	17,066.61	17,066.61
WATERWAYS FUND	13,942.50	2,158.57	10,051.40	26,152.47	20,432.95	2,283.57	923.83	23,640.35
OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES	17,919.35	2,942.76	8,089.95	28,952.06	2,249.60	1,074.37	4,527.99	7,851.96
TAXING DISTRICT ELECTION FUND	1,923.00	0.00	81,645.49	83,568.49	2,131.50	0.00	60,356.98	62,488.48
Grand Totals:	3,245,771.37	1,258,398.30	3,919,743.70	8,423,913.37	3,364,008.57	1,283,232.06	4,386,072.31	9,033,312.94

ESTIMATED REVENUE					
THE ESTIMATED REVENUE FOR 10/01/2020 TO 09/30/2021 IS AS FOLLOWS:					
FUND	BUDGETED EXPENSES	CASH CARRYOVER	OTHER REVENUE	PROPOSED TAXES	TOTAL REVENUE
0001 CURRENT EXPENSE	5,530,279.95	1,310,730.00	2,573,669.00	1,645,880.95	5,530,279.95
0002 ROAD AND BRIDGE	2,328,936.00	657,545.00	1,285,086.00	386,305.00	2,328,936.00
0003 AIRPORT	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	7,000.00
0006 DISTRICT COURT	185,650.00	73,020.00	112,630.00	0.00	185,650.00
0007 FAIR, COUNTY	63,979.00	2,631.75	10,525.00	50,822.25	63,979.00
0009 FAIR, GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS	114,500.00	50,838.00	10,462.00	53,200.00	114,500.00
0010 PROBATION	158,430.00	31,298.46	96,350.00	30,781.54	158,430.00
0011 HEALTH DISTRICT	59,087.00	10,747.00	8,734.00	39,606.00	59,087.00
0012 HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM	72,133.00	19,738.00	9,812.00	42,583.00	72,133.00
0016 INDIGENT AND CHARITY	809,859.00	73,294.74	170,900.00	565,664.26	809,859.00
0017 JUNIOR COLLEGE TUITION	60,000.00	45,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	60,000.00
0019 PEST	3,500.00	662.00	0.00	2,838.00	3,500.00
0020 REVALUATION	277,791.00	96,858.00	39,120.00	141,813.00	277,791.00
0023 SOLID WASTE	346,743.00	63,274.00	283,469.00	0.00	346,743.00
0024 TORT	191,749.00	85,696.00	20,444.00	85,609.00	191,749.00
0025 VETERANS MEMORIAL	1,200.00	923.00	0.00	277.00	1,200.00
0027 WEEDS	60,000.00	12,775.00	800.00	46,425.00	60,000.00
0028 911	411,171.00	0.00	411,171.00	0.00	411,171.00
0030 COUNTY VESSEL FUND	15,500.00	5,500.00	10,000.00	0.00	15,500.00
0031 WATERWAYS FUND	33,410.00	7,851.00	25,559.00	0.00	33,410.00
0032 OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES	28,236.00	16,736.00	11,500.00	0.00	28,236.00
0033 TAXING DISTRICT ELECTION FUND	140,950.00	75,950.00	65,000.00	0.00	140,950.00
	10,900,103.95	2,648,067.95	5,160,231.00	3,091,805.00	10,900,103.95

08/12,19/2020

NOTICE OF TAX SALE
Pursuant to Idaho Code §31-808, and pursuant to the Order of Sale recorded with the Owyhee County Recorder on August 10, 2020; Owyhee County will offer for sale on Monday, October 5, 2020, at 10:00 A.M. in Courtroom 2 of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, the following properties:
Property known as **Lots 3 & 4, Block 6 Pattons Sub, 3 2N 4W, City of Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho.** Said property

was taken by tax deed, August 10, 2020, from **Belle M Bond**, parcel **RPB0380006003A**.
A minimum bid of **\$8,338.32** is required which will include delinquent taxes; late fees; interest and costs, plus current year’s taxes and all other accruing costs.
Owyhee County offers the above properties for sale without warranty or representations of any kind and is sold “as is”, “where is” without warranty or representations as to marketability, fitness for a particular purpose

or representations concerning compliance with any Federal or State regulations. Owyhee County offers above properties for sale subject to any rights limitations, claims, easements, or rights of way that may exist.
It is the responsibility of prospective bidders to inspect the sale properties and to make themselves aware of any issues or potential issues concerning the sale of the properties.
The sale is an auction open to the public and will be sold to the highest bidder, payable at the time

of the sale in lawful currency of the U.S. Treasury Department in cash or certified funds such as a cashier’s check.
The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids or offers.
Dated this 10th day of August, 2020.
/s/ Jerry Hoagland, Chairman,
Owyhee County Commissioners
/s/ Angela Barkell, Clerk, Board of County Commissioners
8/19,26, 9/02, 09/2020

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Public notices

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Marsing Ambulance District will meet on the 24th day of August, at 10:30 am, at the Owyhee County Courthouse, Courtroom 2, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, for the purpose of considering and fixing a final budget and making appropriations for the 2021 Fiscal year, at which time any taxpayer may appear and be heard upon any part or parts of said budget. And that the following table sets forth the amount appropriated for the 2021 Fiscal Year.

MARSING AMBULANCE DISTRICT
FY 2021 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

REVENUE:	
2020 PROPERTY TAX LEVY	\$ 120,912
SOLAR REVENUE	4,264
TOTAL:	
125,176	
EXPENSE:	
CONTRACT FOR EXPENSES	\$ 125,176
2019 Expenditures: \$ 89,919.27	
2018 Expenditures: \$ 84,497.01	

Dated this 12th day of August, 2020
Marsing Ambulance District Board of Commissioners
08/19/2020

LIEN SALE

Unit M-9 Susan West, P.O. box 233 Marsing Idaho 83639 containing china hutch, air conditioner microwave and misc. household items

C-1 Carl Ruddock, 5689 West Fork Rd, Darby Montana 59829 containing oil heating stove, gooseneck hitch.

B-28 Carl Ruddock 5689 West Fork Rd, Darby Montana 59829, shop tools, ie, compressor, saws

Sealed bid auction will be held at The Hwy 95 Self Storage at 3685 Hwy 95, Homedale Idaho 83628, on 8-22-2020, Cash only and items need to be removed in a timely manner, and swept out. Cash only. Units may be viewed during regular hours.

08/12,19/2020

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(I.C. §15-3-801(a))
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF
THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN
AND FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE
CASE NO. CV37-20-00212

In the Matter of the Estates of MARTHA ELLEN INGHAM, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that PAUL V. INGHAM was appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must both be presented to the undersigned at address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

Dated this 16th day of July, 2020
s:/Todd A Rossman, ISB #4023

Todd A. Rossman, P.A.
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5660 E. Franklin Road, Suite 220
Nampa, Idaho 83687
Tel: (208) 475-3150/Fax: (208) 546-0741
08/05,12,19/2020

NOTICE
OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
On Tuesday, November 3, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., on the front steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, ID 83650, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Successor Trustee (the

“Trustee”), will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, 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:

Lots 12 and 13 in Block 42 of Homedale Townsite, as shown on the amended plat thereof on file in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho, Together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements and fixtures; all easements, rights of way, and appurtenances; all water, water rights and ditch rights (including stock in utilities with ditch or irrigation rights); and all other rights, royalties, and profits relating to the real property, including without limitation all minerals, oil, gas, geothermal and similar matters; (the “Real Property”).

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 203 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale, ID 83628, may sometimes be associated with said Real Property.

The Trustee’s sale shall be made pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust (defined below) to satisfy obligations secured thereby. The sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrance. The Deed of Trust referred to herein was executed by RYAN L. WILSON and LISA E. WILSON, husband and wife, as Grantor, to Pioneer Title Company of Owyhee County, as original Trustee, for the benefit and security of FIRST INTERSTATE BANK, successor by merger of Idaho Independent Bank, as Beneficiary, dated November 5, 2018, and recorded November 14, 2018, as Instrument No. 297812, official records of Owyhee County, Idaho (“Deed of Trust”). Alliance Title & Escrow Corp. has been appointed as Successor Trustee, pursuant to an Appointment of Successor Trustee dated May 27, 2020, and recorded June 12, 2020, as Instrument No. 303673, records

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Homedale Highway District Board of Commissioners will meet September 2, at 7 p.m., at 102 East Colorado Avenue, Homedale, Idaho to consider and adopt a final budget for 2020– 2021 Fiscal Year. A Public Hearing will be held for the enactment, of said budget at that same time and place. The proposed budget is available for the public to inspect at the Office of the District, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Terri Uria-Secretary/Treasurer

HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT – PROPOSED BUDGET
OCTOBER 1, 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021
Publish Aug. 19 and 26 in Owyhee Avalanche Post: Aug. 17, 2020

BUDGETED ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS	Proposed Budget Oct.1, 2020 to Sept. 30, 2021
Balance Carryover FY 2019 - 2020	500,000.00
Agricultural Replacement / Personal Property Replacement	3,514.00
Highway User Funds	575,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue and Permit Fees	4,500.00
Sales Tax/Surplus/Personal Property Replacement	12,000.00
Penalties and Interest	500.00
Property Tax	95,179.00
Rental Income	2,000.00
Transfers and Adjustments	- 16,196.00
TOTAL REVENUE	1,176,497.00

BUDGETED PROPOSED EXPENDITURES	
Professional Fees: Legal	3,000.00
Commissioner’s Salary	15,984.00
Contingency Fund	30,000.00
Dues and Subscriptions (IAHD)	3,500.00
Engineering Fees	1,000.00
Equipment Lease/Purchase	100,000.00
Equipment Rental	2,000.00
Gas, Oil and Tires	20,000.00
Insurance [General]	6,500.00
General Supplies and Miscellaneous Expenses	8,000.00
Materials/Construction Expense	511,013.00
Mileage	500.00
Office Supplies	1,000.00
Payroll Benefits and Taxes	30,000.00
Health/Dental Insurance	29,000.00
Phone Expense	2,500.00
Professional Fees: Audit	5,500.00
Repairs & Maintenance and Tools	25,000.00
Salaries and Wages	150,000.00
Signs	500.00
Utilities	3,500.00
Weed Control	20,000.00
Workmen’s Compensation	6,500.00
Advertising Expense	1,000.00
Training and Education	500.00
Ending Fund Balance	200,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,176,497.00
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of Owyhee County, Idaho.

THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THE GRANTOR IS, OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The defaults for which this sale is to be made are Borrower has:

- (i) failed to pay the entire balance due and owing on the Note at the maturity date of February 5, 2020, which is the sum of \$107,210.82, as of June 10, 2020, and includes maturity late charges of \$4,772.77, together with accruing interest until the date of sale, and attorneys’ fees and costs;
- (ii) failed to pay delinquent Real Property taxes for the first half of the year 2019, together with penalties and interest; and
- (iii) failed to pay Real Property taxes for the second half of the year 2019, which are payable, but not yet delinquent;
- (iv) caused third party liens to be filed against the Real Property (defined below); and
- (v) caused Beneficiary to incur foreclosure costs, trustee’s fees

and attorneys fees.

The loan amount as evidenced by the Promissory Note dated November 5, 2018 executed by Idaho Electrical Service, Inc. as Borrower, in favor of Beneficiary (“Note”), has a principal balance due as of June 10, 2020 of \$94,991.70. The balance owing under the Note as of June 10, 2020, which is secured by the Deed of Trust, is \$107,210.82, and includes principal, accrued interest, and maturity late charge, but excludes delinquent property taxes, and subsequent costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations under the Loan Documents or in connection with this sale, such as trustee’s fees and/or reasonable attorney’s fees, as authorized in the Loan Documents.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

DATED this 12th day of June, 2020.

ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW CORP.,
Successor Trustee
By: Bobbi Oldfield

Name: Bobbi Oldfield
Its: Asst. Secretary
Sheila R. Schwager
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Public notices

NOTICE OF LETTING
Idaho Federal Aid Project No. A019(999), in Owyhee County, Key No. 19999; for the work of replacing a culvert.

Sealed proposals will be received only at the office of the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, 3311 WEST STATE STREET, BOISE, IDAHO 83703, ATTN: ADVERTISEMENT AND AWARD. Bids may also be submitted electronically through Bid Express (www.bidx.com). All bids must be received by two o'clock p.m., on September 15, 2020.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: PROJECT MANAGER ALEX DEDUCK at (208) 334-8343 for any design related questions.

Digital copies of the Plans, Proposals, and Specifications must be downloaded for a fee of \$15.00. Bidders must appear on the plan holders list for their proposal to be accepted by the Department. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdninfo.com for assistance in downloading and working with this digital project information.

General Bidding information and Specifications may be obtained from the Idaho Transportation Department website at <http://itd.idaho.gov/business/>

In an effort to achieve ITD's DBE Annual Participation Goal (APG) of 8.3% utilization, ITD requires responder to utilize certified subcontractors and suppliers listed on its DBE Directory located at: <https://itd.dbesystem.com/>. For this project, it has been determined that there is a DBE availability of 9.0% or more. For more information regarding ITD's DBE Program please go to <https://apps.itd.idaho.gov/apps/ocr/ocrDBEPROGRAM.aspx>

This contract requires full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which protects persons from being denied the benefits of or excluded from participation in programs or activities; or subjected to discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, Limited English Proficiency or

economic status. The Contractor is encouraged to utilize the goods and services of disadvantaged firms in accomplishing the tasks or providing the services of this agreement, and to provide equal opportunity to all sub-bidders and suppliers.

08/19,26/2020

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

51-13137
ACE BLACK RANCHES,
28892 HOT SPRINGS RD,
BRUNEAU, ID 83604-5007
Point of Diversion NENW S31 T06S R06E OWYHEE County Source BRUNEAU RIVER Tributary SNAKE RIVER
Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 to 11/15 4 CFS
Total Diversion: 4 CFS
Date Filed: 07-09-2020
Place Of Use: IRRIGATION T06S R05E S25 NESW, NESE, NWSE, SWSE, SENE, SESW, SESE
T06S R05E S36 NENE, NWNE, SENE
T06S R06E S30 NESW, NESE, NWSW, NWSE, SWNE, SWNW, SWSW, SWSE, SENW, SESW, SESE
T06S R06E S31 NENW, NWNW
Total Acres: 200 within a 703 acre ppu

This application proposes to appropriate trust water and will be evaluated in compliance with Section 42-203C, Idaho Code, and IDWR's Water Appropriation Rules, IDAPA 37.03.08.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT
TRANSFER NO. 83899
ACE BLACK RANCHES,
28892 HOT SPRINGS RD,
BRUNEAU, ID 83604-5007
has filed Application No. 83899 for changes to the following water rights within OWYHEE County(s): Right No(s). 51-10252, 51-27B, 51-28B, 51-29B, 51-30; to see a full description of these rights and the proposed transfer, please see <https://research.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/waterrights/querynewtransfers>.

The purpose of the transfer is to change a portion of the above rights as follows: The transfer proposes to change the points of diversion, change the place of use, and establish a permissible place of use in combination with water rights involved in transfer 83900 for water rights 51-27B, 51-28B, 51-29B, 51-30, and 51-10252 to accompany pivot irrigation systems developed directly off the Bruneau River in Owyhee County.

TRANSFER NO. 83900
ACE BLACK RANCHES,
28892 HOT SPRINGS RD,
BRUNEAU, ID 83604-5007
has filed Application No. 83900 for changes to the following water rights within OWYHEE County(s): Right No(s). 51-13127, 51-7318, 51-7319; to see a full description of these rights and the proposed transfer, please see <https://research.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/waterrights/querynewtransfers>. The purpose of the transfer is to change a portion of the above rights as follows: The transfer proposes to change the place of use and establish a permissible place of use in combination with water rights involved in transfer 83899 for water rights 51-7318, 51-7319, and 51-13127 to accommodate pivot irrigation systems directly off the Bruneau River in Owyhee County. 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/WRApplicationResults/>. 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 WAIRPORT WAY, BOISE ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 9/8/2020. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director
08/19,26/2020

Sports

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✓ Schedules: Homedale picks up game vs. 4A BK

room for fans to attend the day's subsequent matches.

There are other elements to the protocol:

- Masks will be strongly recommended but not required for athletes and coaches traveling by bus to road contests.
- Ticket-takers and game help volunteers will be required to wear masks and gloves.
- Social distancing lines will be in place at ticket lines, restrooms and concessions stands.
- The plan includes guidelines and instructions for the return to action for athletes who contracted COVID-19. A health care professional must clear the athlete because of concerns for the effects the

disease can have on the cardiovascular system.

- Athletes must fill out an extracurricular COVID-19 release, and all coaches and athletes will be screened prior to each workout.
- Pregame and postgame handshakes have been suspended.
- Game balls will be switched out frequently.
- It's highly recommended that coaches, officials and other game personnel wear masks.
- Cross country athletes are encouraged to work out in pods, and it's recommended that meets have staggered starts.

— JPB

✓ College: Idaho, Oregon schools push season to spring

including C of I's two national playoff games. He missed the first nine games of the season because of an injury, but the Coyotes' running game averaged 316 yards per game for the three games in which he appeared.

Quintero watched C of I home games from the sidelines during his freshman season and was slated to suit up this year.

Collett signed to study at C of I and play football after playing the Homedale's second consecutive 3A Milk Bowl state championship final appearance.

The C of I season was scheduled to start Sept. 12 at Carroll College in Montana with a the home opener set for Sept. 19 in Caldwell against Montana State-Northern.

No specific spring schedule

has been released yet.

- Boise State redshirt sophomore Scott Matlock figured to see a lot of action at defensive tackle this fall, but the Mountain West Conference decided to move its season the spring.

The former HHS standout has played in 14 games in two seasons with the Broncos, including 12 last season.

He has three assists and has helped out on a tackle for loss during his career thus far.

- Mason Kincheloe saw a little bit of action for Linfield College in 2019, rushing twice for five yards against Willamette on Oct. 19.

Still listed as a freshman eligibility-wise, Kincheloe will have to wait until next year to run the ball again.

Linfield has postponed its football season until spring.

— JPB

✓ Huskies: XC meet nixed

this season.

The Huskies are under the leadership of new head coach Mike Nunnelee, who previously coached at Murtaugh High School, among other places.

The volleyball team will

take to its home court on Aug. 27, facing Liberty Charter. The Huskies will play four of their first five matches at home.

Second-year head coach Amy Chadez leads Marsing into the season.

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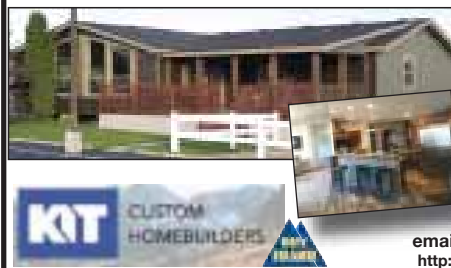
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✓ Homedale: New elementary principal has ties to Boise State program

Homedale schools COVID-19 plan
Under a yellow alert level, mitigation measures include:

- Daily health screenings of staffers and students when they enter a building. This will include screening questions and a checklist for students as they enter class for the first time each day.
- The student will be sent to a “health staging area” for additional screening if an additional risk is indicated.
- Parents are encouraged to take their child’s temperature and assess for symptoms every day before leaving the house.
- Staff and students will be screened at school if they become ill or experience symptoms after arriving for the day. Those who show symptoms will be isolated and sent home.
- A protocol also will be in place to screen visitors and volunteers.
- Staff and families are encouraged to self-report to the school if they or their student have COVID-19 symptoms, have received a positive test result, or were potentially exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days. Privacy and confidentiality will be maintained.
- Sick staff and students will be advised to stay away from school until they have met the federal Centers for Disease Control criteria to discontinue home isolation.
- Areas of buildings used by a sick person will be closed and clean and disinfected.

is set in stone is the arrival of new elementary principal Tate Castleton.

Castleton succeeds Terri Vasquez, who first retired then opted to take the Adrian grade school administrator job when it opened.

Castleton most recently worked as the statewide Tier 1 coordinator for Boise State University’s Positive Behavioral and Interventions Supports (PBIS) program. In that position, he coached 40 rural schools around the state — including those in Homedale — as they implemented the PBIS framework.

Prior to that, he served in several roles — including as a secondary school principal — in the Caldwell and Vallivue school districts.

“We are very excited about Tate joining our team. Tate brings a wealth of educational experience from elementary to the university level,” Sauer said. “He is a calming presence who truly cares about kids and people in general.”

“I’m confident our staff, students and parents will very much enjoy working with Tate. He was a great hire for our district.”

According to Castleton’s report for the Aug. 10 board of trustees meeting, the elementary school’s three-week online pre-registration netted 66 kindergarten students and 107 first- through fourth-graders.

Online registration and in-person registration, which is available by appointment only, continues this week. Call (208) 337-4033 for more information.

Castleton told the board that the traditional “Meet the Teacher” Night has been scrapped because of ongoing social distancing recommendations because of the COVID-19 situation.

School staff has been working on a “Welcome Back” video that will be available on the school’s social media platforms and the district website.

Video components include greetings from each teacher and Castleton, a virtual tour of the building, and an update on what the school is doing to safely welcome children back to school.

Principal Matt Holtry wrote a letter to parents to share the high school’s progress toward the new school year.

“In order to ensure that we are able to provide both face-to-face as well as online instruction, it has taken some adjusting, manipulating, as well as some sacrifices in order to be ready for each possibility,” he wrote. “Our teachers are actively preparing for the various formats of instruction, and we are encouraged by their positive attitudes.”

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