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Face coverings required at county offices

Commissioners implement COVID-19 safeguard policy

Visitors to Owyhee County offices must wear facemasks according to a new policy adopted last week.

The Board of County Commissioners implemented a COVID-19 policy during its Aug. 17 meeting in Murphy with an eye on limiting the impact of coronavirus on the county's ability to provide government services to its citizens by keeping its employees healthy.

According to the policy, all require-

ments, recommendations, and processes are based on information received from Southwest District Health (SWDH) and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Preventative measures have been implemented:

- Employees must complete a self-assessment each day before coming to

work.

- All members of the public must be screened before entering government buildings. The policy provides a screening questionnaire for citizens.

Visitors will have their temperature taken, and answer a list of questions

— See *County*, page 8A



New way to kick off first day at Marsing school

New Marsing kindergartener Yarrielle Zapata (left) was accompanied by her mother Maria Sanchez and brother Marco Lopez last Wednesday as the girl's new teacher, Brenda Van Horn, conducted orientation and introduced herself inside the gymnasium under the district's new protocol.

New HES principal focuses on continued school improvement

Castleton brings high-level PBIS experience to new job

Tate Castleton may be new to Homedale Elementary School's principal's office, but he's no stranger to rural schools in general, or the town's schools in particular.

The 38-year-old Idaho native grew up in Preston, graduating from Preston High School in 2000.

After obtaining a bachelor's degree in mass communications and



— See *Principal*, page 9A

Tate Castleton

County DMV services return to Grand View City Hall

Two months after asking Owyhee County Assessor Toni Gruenwald to pull Division of Motor Vehicles equipment out of City Hall, the Grand View City Coun-

cil is asking for DMV services to return.

In an apparent change in philosophy, the DMV in Grand View will again be open for business from 9 a.m.

to 3 p.m., every Wednesday inside City Hall.

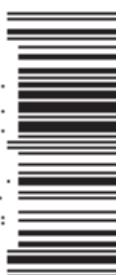
The city council had written a June letter asking for

— See *DMV*, page 8A

Homedale remembers Bette Uda



Memorials have been left at the Bette Uda City Park monument after the longtime community leader died Saturday. The park was renamed in her honor in 2011. Learn more about Uda's extensive service record on *Page 2A*



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Bette Uda’s contributions numerous, unforgettable

When Bette Uda’s family announced her passing on the Facebook page dedicated to the park renamed in her honor, there was no shortage of long-time Homedale residents who chimed in on what the woman meant to them personally and to their hometown as a whole.

“Mentor,” “hard-working,” “priceless,” “sweet,” “icon,” and “amazing” were just some of the words used to describe the woman who was as much the heart of Homedale as Homedale was in her heart.

One Facebook post said Uda was “a great example of how to care and give back to your community.”

That’s exactly what set the woman apart in a town known for chipping in.

“Bette saw what needed to be done, set her mind to it, and didn’t stop until she made it happen and never ever wanted any credit,” Mil Shanley wrote on the Bette Uda City Park Facebook page nearly a decade ago when the park was renamed in her honor.

“Just making Homedale a better place was all the thanks she ever needed. She truly loves Homedale, and for Bette, love is a verb.”

Uda’s achievements were monumental.

• She was the first woman elected to the city council, serving 10 years and leaving only because the family moved out

of the city limits.

Fittingly, she was the parks and recreation department supervisor when she was on the council.

Nearly 50 years ago, Uda launched a newspaper and aluminum recycling program to finance park improvements:

- The concrete pad and a dozen picnic tables at City Park
- Bicycle racks at the parks and the public library
- Stands and canopy at the city pool
- Computers and printers for the public library
- Landscaping at parks and around the city
- Playground equipment
- City Park tennis courts
- The original “Welcome to Homedale” sign

Uda collected cans from city residents and newspapers from The Owyhee Chronicle. She’d also go out into the county and pick up recyclable material from farmers.

She hauled the cache to recyclers in Nampa or Caldwell herself.

“One hundred percent of these funds went to the City of Homedale,” her son, Terry Uda, said in 2011. “She would pay for the gas herself. Sometimes she had so many recyclables, we would have to load up Dad’s (Ben) beet truck.”

Uda’s beautification efforts financed by the recycling stretched beyond her time on



Bette Uda hugs her granddaughter Cassandra during the park dedication ceremony in 2011.

the council. Her son estimated she logged more than 1,000 hours of volunteer time during the 15- to 20-year labor of love.

She often enlisted local teens, hiring them for the summer, to help with improvement efforts.

“I worked for a program when I was about 15 to beautify the city, and Bette was my supervisor,” Homedale Middle School teacher Shannon Johnson reported on Facebook in 2011 (and she was back last

week writing about the woman she called a mentor).

“She was an incredible role model to me, showing me what true hard work looks like.”

Uda’s community service stretched well beyond the recycling program, including:

- Chamber of Commerce secretary
- Credited with starting the Christmas wish list program for Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation residents
- Homedale schools cook for more than 30 years

• A founding figure for the Homedale International Smorgasbord, and more than a quarter-century as Oriental booth chair

- Homedale PTA for several years
- Source of HHS’ Homecoming cape and tiara for a decade

And that wasn’t all. “I couldn’t even begin to talk about what she has done and continues to do for friends and family,” Terry said in 2011.

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Help sought to repaint exterior after hailstorm

Chris Collett, who is serving as spokesperson for the community hall preservation effort, said neighbors' cars

Chris Collett, who is one of the organizers for the restoration, said all the projects have been carried out with volunteer help and "lots of money donations." — JPB

Little more than half of county residents respond to Census

Idaho only
state with 90%
response rate

For example, after the 2010 Census, District 23, which includes Owyhee County was drawn to include all of Elmore County and the rural portion of western Twin Falls County. That redesign occurred only after a fierce battle to keep Owyhee County separate from

According to numbers posted last week at <https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html>, 55 percent of Owyhee County resident had self-reported in response to the 2020 Census. Of that number, 35.5 percent

Misty D. Slater, Census Bureau media specialist for the Idaho-Oregon-Nevada region, said Idaho was one of the first states included in the government's Non-response Follow-up operation in which Census takers went door-to-door. That program's soft launch started on July 16.

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Alleged drunk driver arrested on highway

A Mountain Home man faces a misdemeanor drunk driving charge after he allegedly crossed the centerline of a highway in Grand View.

Edgar Gaona-Flores, 29, was still in Owyhee County Jail on Monday, three days after his arrest late Friday night.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said a deputy initiated contact after spotting a Chevy Silverado driving erratically near the intersection

of Idaho highways 78 and 67, just after 11 p.m., on Friday in Grand View.

Bowman said Gaona-Flores, failed to stop at a stop sign, and that the deputy was parked when he witnessed the man drive over the centerline.

Gaona-Flores admitted to drinking, Bowman said, and he failed a field sobriety test. His blood-alcohol contest was .125 percent. The deputy initiated the DUI examination after smelling the odor of alcohol coming from the pickup, Bowman said.

Gaona-Flores was also clocked driving 55 mph in a 35 mph zone after he was initially spotted.

Gaona-Flores was arraigned before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington on Monday afternoon in a Murphy courtroom.

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Idaho Power provides energy efficiency tools for area seniors

Senior citizens in the Homedale-Marsing area can receive a limited number of energy efficiency packages from the Homedale Senior Center.

Idaho Power representatives dropped off several packages with center coordinator Sandra Ledford on Aug. 18.

Kurtis Hall, a residential and community energy advisor with the utility, and Danielle Ready, an education and outreach energy advisor, made the trip to Homedale last week.

“Kurtis and I had a great time delivering senior goodie bags to our friends at the Homedale Senior Center,” Ready said.

Ready had contacted Ledford a few weeks earlier to arrange visit, and bring items that will help seniors in Homedale, Marsing and Wilder strive for energy efficiency.

Hall and Ready delivered 65 bags stocked with an LED nightlight, LED light bulb, notepad, large-print crossword puzzle and word search, summer energy saving tips, an offer for a free energy saving kit and energy assistance information.

The packages will be distributed through the center’s Meals on Wheels program, or handed out to folks who are picking up meals during the Tuesday-through-Thursday lunch program. Ledford said she would distribute the packages to center employees, too.

The Idaho Power staffers also covered additional program information and left material in both English and Spanish that addresses commonly asked questions about where to go



Idaho Power representatives dropped off energy efficiency tool kits at the Homedale Senior Center last week. Idaho Power photo

for help paying energy bills, energy efficiency, weatherization, Idaho Power programs, how electricity is generated, and senior safety.

“This is just general public outreach,” Idaho Power spokesman Brad Bowlin said. “We have had to look for creative ways to interact with our customers safely during this pandemic.”

— JPB

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School menus

Homedale Elementary

Choice of milk and juice
Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily

Aug. 26: **Breakfast:** Chocolate chip muffin **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garlic toast, green beans

Aug. 27: **Breakfast:** Bug bite grahams w/yogurt **Lunch:** Chicken tenders, steamed carrots

Aug. 31: **Breakfast:** Cereal bar **Lunch:** Crispito, corn

Sept. 1: **Breakfast:** Toast and sausage patty **Lunch:** Hot dog, macaroni & cheese, baby carrots

Sept. 2: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes **Lunch:** Orange chicken, steamed rice, broccoli, fortune cookie

Homedale Middle

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese
Cereal option and PB&J offered daily
Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily

Aug. 26: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch:** Beef taco, corn

Aug. 27: **Breakfast:** Apple breakfast bites **Lunch:** Crispito, mixed vegetables

Aug. 31: **Breakfast:** Frudel **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, green beans

Sept. 1: **Breakfast:** Apple jammer or cereal **Lunch:** Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes w/gravy, hot roll

Sept. 2: **Breakfast:** Tornado or cereal **Lunch:** Pizza hot pocket, steamed carrots

Homedale High

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese
Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily
Cereal option, grab ‘n’go items each day

Aug. 26: **Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito or filled cereal bar **Lunch:** Hamburger or cheeseburger w/potato wedges

Aug. 27: **Breakfast:** Donut or yogurt parfait **Lunch:** Beef taco or burrito w/corn and cookie

Aug. 31: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or cinnamon pull apart **Lunch:** Orange chicken w/steamed rice and egg roll or chicken filet sandwich w/chips, and fortune cookie

Sept. 1: **Breakfast:** English muffin breakfast sandwich or cinnamon roll **Lunch:** Crisпитos w/refried beans or deli sandwich w/chips

Sept. 2: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick or mini waffles **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken, cheesy breadstick or pepperoni pizza ripper

Marsing

Each meal includes choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables
Elementary School each day: Breakfast: Cereal option
Middle/High School each day: Hot Grab-n-go line: Chicken sandwich, Cheeseburger
Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sandwich, salad

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

Aug. 27: **Breakfast:** Chicken waffle, yogurt **Lunch sides or alternatives: Classic Line:** Pepperoni pizza, pineapple tidbits, carrot stick, Jell-O **Hot Grab-n-go:** Cherry chicken rice bowl

Aug. 31: **Breakfast:** Pop tart, cereal, cheese stick **Lunch sides or alternatives: Classic Line:** Chicken nuggets, whole-grain roll, steamed carrots **Hot Grab-n-go:** Buffalo chicken pizza

Sept. 1: **Breakfast:** Pop tart, cereal, cheese stick **Lunch:** Beef tacos, PB&J, refried beans, Spanish rice

Sept. 2: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick or mini waffles **Lunch:** Mac-n-cheese, PB&J, green beans, hot roll, snickerdoodle cookie

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily

Aug. 26: **Breakfast:** Pancakes **Lunch:** Taco salad, whole grain tortilla chips, refried beans

Aug. 27: **Breakfast:** Biscuit & jelly **Lunch:** Hamburger on a bun, potato wedges, broccoli, chocolate chip cookies

Aug. 31: **Breakfast:** Apple frudel **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes & gravy, steamed broccoli

Museum looks to Christmas after Harvest Fest cancelled

Director welcomes donations as another Murphy-based fundraiser is shelved

The Owyhee County Historical Museum has cancelled next month’s planned Harvest Festival fundraiser.

Museum director Eriks Garsvo said he pulled the plug on the event, which was planned for Saturday, Sept. 26, when he realized a low number of vendors would be present because of COVID-19 concerns. He suspected that fewer vendors meant fewer attendees.

Garsvo decided he’ll focus on the Owyhee County Historical Society’s next fundraiser, the Christmas bazaar and Charlie Brown Christmas tree sale.

The bazaar and Christmas tree sale is scheduled for Dec. 5.

But Garsvo has his sights on another innovative event with the first-ever Murphy Christmas tree lighting set for 5:30 p.m., on Friday, Nov. 20.

There is a tree on the museum campus that will serve as the Christmas tree, and Garsvo envisions carriage rides, hot cocoa and cookies.

Scrapping the Harvest Festival means a second museum fundraiser has gone by the wayside.

The annual Outpost Days was cancelled in June, but the raffle prizes from that event were recently awarded.

The museum did pull off an ice cream social and classic car show last month.

Garsvo said even without the big fundraiser of the year, the museum is staying afloat for the time being.

He credited a grant obtained by museum employee Vivian Good with supplying some of the operational revenue.

“We’ve kind of lucked out,” Garsvo said. “Vivian Good was able to get a grant, and that kind of substituted the Outpost Days income. Otherwise we’d really be hurting.”

The museum picked up another \$3,000 in contributions during the annual Idaho Gives fundraising drive in May.

Donations have been received, and Garsvo always encourages more cash contributions to help with the various irons he has in the fire on Basey Street in the

county seat.

“We’ve got some donations here and there,” he said. “Our budget is looking good.”

But there are projects on the horizon and in progress.

Garsvo is in the process of converting a former storage area at the rear of McKeeth Hall into the Outpost Saloon complete with a new floor, a tin-copper ceiling and an L-shaped bar.

The museum annex also needs some work, Garsvo said.

Garsvo is hoping to see some more donations when the new year begins and has plans to start a restoration project on the Marsing Depot in conjunction with the Marsing Chamber of Commerce.

And, of course, there is always the ongoing plans for next year’s Outpost Days.

Next up at the museum is “A Night to Remember at the Museum” during the Friday, Sept. 18 OCHS general membership meeting.

The special presentation will run from 6:30 p.m., to 8 p.m., inside McKeeth Hall, and gives Garsvo the opportunity to share his extensive research about the RMS Titanic.

According to a calendar listing on the museum’s website, <http://owyheemuseum.org/>, the presentation will include replica first-class china, soap, telegrams and ship models of various sizes.

Garsvo’s presentation covers the years before the maiden voyage, discussing the start of construction in 1909, the April 1912 voyage, and the White Star Line and sister ships Olympic and Britannic.

A three-dimensional modeling of the ship will allow meeting attendees to see great detail of the ship and see areas never before revealed.

The museum, located at 17085 Basey St., in Murphy, is open from 10 a.m., to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

— JPB

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Record-setting county Jr. livestock sale brings nearly \$500K

The dust from the 2020 Owyhee County Fair has settled, but Junior Livestock Sale activity is far from over. The sale set records in many categories, and add-on money continues to come in. While the final totals are still a few weeks away, here are some of the details:

There were 262 animals sold in the 2020 sale. This is four more than sold in 2019 but down 11 from the record set in 2018.

The sale-only total set a record at **Scott Jensen** \$427,300. To date, we have received \$122,965 in add-on money for the youth.

There were a record number of beef steers with 50 head sold. The steers averaged \$3,279 per head or \$2.52 per pound. The grand champion steer sold for \$7,500 and was purchased by Mountain Home Auto Ranch. The reserve champion brought \$3,750 and was purchased by Perfection Repair. Reynolds Creek Calf Ranch, Wilson Creek Feeders, Hepton Livestock, Advantage Veterinary, and Agar Transportation all combined to add money on to bring any steer that sold for less than \$3,000 up to that amount.

Sixty-nine market lambs sold for a record average of \$1,148 per head and \$8.79 per pound. The grand champion sold for \$2,600 to Tamura Inc., and the reserve brought \$2,100 and was purchased by Wilson Creek Feeders. Les Schwab stores in Homedale, Caldwell, Nampa, and Mountain Home combined to add-on money for any lambs that sold for less than \$800

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and bring them up to that amount.

There were 116 swine sold. Swine set records of \$1,378 per head or \$5.13 per pound on average. The champion pig sold for \$2,500 to Mike Majors, while the reserve brought \$1,375 with a split purchase by Advantage Veterinary and Performix Nutrition Systems.

Twenty-seven goats were sold for an average of \$898 per head or a record average of \$10.53 per pound. The grand champion sold for \$1,600, and the reserve champion brought \$1,100. Both were purchased by Wilson Creek Feeders. The Owyhee Soil Conservation District provided add-on money to bring all goats up to a minimum of \$800.

I express sincere appreciation to all the buyers and contributors that make the sale possible each year! It is amazing to generate over a half-million dollars for the kids on a hot Saturday afternoon in August in Owyhee County. Special thanks to our excellent team of auctioneers — Kyle Colyer, JB Salutregui, and Zack Zumstein.

Perhaps the most important question from the youth exhibitors' perspective remains. When will the checks be mailed? The short answer is just as soon as we have the money collected!

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



Grand champion steer brings big price

Bruneau resident Piper Colyer's grand champion steer brought \$7,500 at the Owyhee County Junior Livestock Sale on Aug. 8 in Homedale. The Auto Ranch network of car dealerships purchased the animal, and a representative from the Ontario store holds Piper's awards. Piper is the 14-year-old daughter of Kyle and Bobby Jean Colyer. She started her freshman year at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School on Monday. Submitted photo



Floor spotter Steve Purdom (right) acknowledges a bid as Homedale FFA member Sigmund Goode brings his grand champion sheep into the auction ring during the Aug. 8 sale.

Calendar

Today

No events scheduled

Thursday

Homedale Farmers Market

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

Food bank drop off

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

Friday

Idaho Foodbank drop-off

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

The Landing teen support group

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

Saturday

Snake River Country Market

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., The Spot pavilion, 12 Sandbar

Ave., Marsing. (208) 989-2273 for vendor info

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Tuesday

Writing group

9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale.

Wednesday

Homedale Highway District meeting

7 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale

All veterans coffee

9 a.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

Grand View Fire commissioners meeting

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

Thursday, Sept. 3

Owyhee County Fair Board meeting

7 p.m., Owyhee County Community Center, 423 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3888

Friday, Sept. 4

The Landing teen support group

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

Tuesday, Sept. 8

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Writing group

9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale.

American Legion Post 128 meeting

7 p.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

Gem Highway District meeting

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

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

Obituaries

Dora “Jewell” Baker

April 22, 1935
- August 22, 2020
Dora “Jewell” Baker, born April 22nd, 1935 in Fort Collins, CO, died August 22nd, 2020 in her home in Wilder, ID. Born to Mary and William Beam in a snow drift, she was 1 of 14 children.



Jewell moved to Homedale at the age of 14 where she met and later married Coffee “Bill” Baker on August 8th, 1952. Together they had nine children, nineteen grandkids, and multiple great- and great-great grandchildren.
Jewell was preceded in death by her four brothers; her husband of 66 years, Bill Baker; her son, Thomas Baker, her two daughters, Patricia Miller and Joetta Reuby; her three grandsons; and her two great grandsons.
Jewell is survived by her four sisters, June Miller, Opal Ward, Alice Ames, Molly O’Connor; her two sons, Robert Baker and Edward Baker; her four daughters, Dorren

Wittenborn, Delores Chrislip, Billie Rochester, Denise Baker; her numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.
There will be a small potluck at the family home in Wilder at noon on Saturday, August 29th.
In lieu of flowers and cards, donations to the Homedale Senior Center Meals on Wheels program would be greatly appreciated.

Death notices

EDUARDO CASTELLANOS, 82, of Homedale, died Thursday, Aug. 20, 2020. Funeral Home: Dakan Funeral Chapel
BETTE UDA, Homedale’s first city councilwoman, died Saturday, Aug. 22, 2020.

RONALD VANCE, 82, of Homedale, died Monday, Aug. 24, 2020, at Grace Assisted Living in Caldwell. Services are pending.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center
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Sept. 1: Salisbury steak w/onions & mushrooms, mashed potatoes & gravy, peas & carrots
Sept. 2: Taco salad w/ground beef, cheese sauce, tortilla chips, salsa & lettuce, rice

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Ruth Knox



Ruth Knox, 96, died August 13, at the family home in Grand View, Idaho surrounded by her husband and family. She was born December 24, 1923 in Creswell, Oregon the daughter of Matthew & Frances Wilson Kirkpatrick.
She attended Creswell schools until her Senior year when her family moved to Springfield. Even though she graduated a member of the 1942 Class of Springfield High School she always considered herself a member of Creswell High School Class of 1942 and she enjoyed attending the annual Creswell community class reunions with her sisters and brothers.
Upon Graduation from Eugene Business College she was hired by the City of Eugene where she was the only female employee in Eugene City Hall. She would laugh and say, “I did everything, I wonder what they all do now?”
May 5, 1944, she and Clifford Knox, of Springfield, were married in Eugene, OR when his ship, the USS Saratoga, came into Bremerton Naval Yard for WWII damage repairs.
In 1952 they moved to Shoshone Falls, near Twin Falls, ID then to C. J. Strike Power Plant near Grand View in 1956. She worked for Gem State

Utilities, (Telephone Company) in Grand View. When the company was purchased by Century Tel, she accepted the position of manager, which she held until her retirement.
She enjoyed all card games and was an excellent Bridge, and Pinochle player. She treasured time at the Oregon coast; Lighthouses & Watermelon. Most important to her were her family and time with them.
Ruth is survived by her husband of 76 years, Clifford of Grand View; Daughter Carol Swenson (Bob), Grand View; Son, Glenn Knox (Diana), Springfield, OR and Brother, Jerry Kirkpatrick (Gladys), also of Springfield, OR. Grandchildren Wendy & Eric Swenson; Pam & David Knox; Great-Grandchildren, Logan & Regan Stansell; Katelyn & Nathan Knox. Her Grandchildren, along with their good friends affectionately called her “Gang”. In addition to her

parents Ruth was preceded in death by her two sisters: Helen Brush, & Doris Miller; three brothers: Donald, Eugene & Carroll Kirkpatrick.
Private family services were held at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery, Boise, Idaho. Arrangements entrusted to Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, in Mountain Home, Idaho.
In appreciation for their Kind, Excellent service, Memorials may be given in Memory of Ruth Knox to the Grand View Ambulance Service, P. O. Box 191, Grand View, ID 83624 or to the Rimrock Senior Center, P. O. Box 453, Grand View, ID 83624.
Special Thank You for the support and love given by transitional care providers Tiffany Mederios, RN BSN, Annie Rutherford, RN, & Jenny Settlemeyer, CNA with First Choice Home Health and Hospice.

OCD meeting available via teleconference

The public can listen in through a teleconference again as the Owyhee Conservation District board of supervisors meet.
The board’s next monthly meeting will begin at noon on Thursday, Sept. 10.
The board will meet inside the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.
The public can access the meeting by teleconference only.
Call 888) 844-9904 and use access code 2792764.
The board has been meeting at the Extension Office after the normal meeting place, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center at 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., in Marsing, was closed to public access because of federal COVID-19 safeguards.

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What is a COVID-19 death?

The federal Centers of Disease Control list only deaths of people with COVID-19. It does not list deaths caused by COVID-19. The average number of comorbidities (the simultaneous presence of two chronic diseases or conditions in a patient) per person dying with COVID-19 is 3.0. The median age of people who have died with COVID-19 is 78-79. The United States life expectancy is 78-79. According to CVC National Vital Statistics System (NVSS) number from Feb. 1 to Aug. 1 of this year, the total deaths of people with COVID-19 is 142,164, while the total number of deaths of people without COVID-19 is 1,590,944. Here are more statistics related to COVID-19 as compiled from NVSS statistics:

AGE	DEATHS W/ COVID*	TOTAL DEATHS	DEATHS W/O COVID	DEATHS W/ COVID AS % OF AGE GROUP DTHS	POPULATION	CUMULATIVE DEATHS W/ COVID PER 100,000 POP.	CUMULATIVE DEATHS W/O COVID PER 100,000 POP.	AGE GROUP % OF POPULATION	AGE GROUP % OF ALL DEATHS W/ COVID	AGE GROUP % OF ALL DEATHS W/O COVID	SUMMARY
Under 1 yr	15	8,832	8,817	0.2	4,128,810	0.36	213.55	1.2	0.0	0.6	
1-4 yrs	10	1,690	1,680	0.6	16,438,858	0.06	10.22	4.9	0.0	0.1	AGES 0-24 YRS
5-14 yrs	20	2,611	2,591	0.8	41,008,879	0.05	6.32	12.3	0.0	0.2	0.2% OF DEATHS WITH COVID*
15-24 yrs	225	16,353	16,128	1.4	43,106,877	0.52	371.41	12.9	0.2	1.1	
25-34 yrs	1,074	33,993	32,919	3.2	46,889,936	2.29	70.2	14.0	0.8	2.3	AGES 25-64 YRS
35-44 yrs	2,728	48,090	45,362	5.7	46,627,776	6.4	106.41	12.7	1.9	3.1	20.2% OF DEATHS WITH COVID*
45-54 yrs	7,239	89,394	82,095	8.2	40,841,936	17.87	201.01	12.2	5.1	5.7	
55-64 yrs	17,583	206,614	189,031	8.5	43,019,365	40.87	439.41	12.2	12.4	13.0	
65-74 yrs	29,870	313,826	2,837,756	9.5	33,075,174	90.31	857.91	9.9	21.0	19.6	AGES 65 AND OLDER
75-84 yrs	37,495	385,341	347,846	9.7	16,639,323	225.34	2,090.51	5.0	26.4	24.0	
85 + yrs	45,845	484,400	438,555	9.5	6,726,530	681.55	6519.78	2.0	32.2	30.3	79.6% OF DEATHS WITH COVID*

✓ County: Sick leave guidelines put in place for ill and caretakers

regarding symptoms (feverish, difficulty breathing, sore throat, loss of taste and smell, etc.). They will also be asked if they or anyone in their household has come into contact with anyone that has COVID-like symptoms or has tested positive for the virus. If the visitor answers “yes” to any question, they will not be allowed inside the building. The policy also urges county department supervisors to restrict public access to county offices to by appointment only, when possible, if the county is in SWDH’s red or orange alert levels. The county remains in a the red health alert level based on the daily incidence rate of COVID-19 measured over a 14-day running average. On Monday, the incidence rate was 9.7. Anything above 5.0 puts the county in the red level. The policy includes physical protection guidelines:

- Face coverings during a yellow or gray alert level will be recommended, while they will be required during orange or red. Face coverings must cover the mouth and nose and can be a commercially produced mask or cloth face covering.
- Employees are required to wear a mask when in proximity with the public or other employees, unless there is a physical barrier between the employee and visitor, there is more than 6 feet separation, or when the employee is temporarily eating or drinking.
- Departments and offices will clearly mark and enforce physical distancing requirements for the public and provide signage to explain those measures.

The policy also reads that the public should wash

Confirmed Owyhee County
COVID-19 cases:

264

Aug. 18 to Aug. 24 statistics:
New confirmed cases, 9
Deaths: 4 (New: 0)
Health alert level: Red
Probable cases, 26 (New: 0)
Source: coronavirus.idaho.gov

Malheur COVID-19 cases:

1,044

New cases, Aug. 18 to Aug. 24: 128
Deaths: 16 (New: 1)
Negative tests: 3,986 (New: 267)
Source:
govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19

their hands or use hand sanitizer regularly to prevent COVID-19 spread. Guidelines for departmental supervisors include:

- Employees should be sent home if they report COVID-19 symptoms or have had contact with someone who has tested positive. The supervisor bears responsibility to facilitate work-from-home, if possible.
- Employees should be tested for COVID-19, and must self-isolate until completing the 14-day quarantine.
- Supervisors will recommend employees seek medical assistance.
- Supervisors will ask employees to notify county emergency management of the status of their testing.
- Supervisors must sanitize an employee’s work area and anywhere else that the employee worked if they have been in the building for the previous week.
- Privately notify other employees of potential exposure.

Ultimately, the decision to allow an employee to leave isolation or quarantine falls to SWDH. The following criteria must be met before employees can return to work:

- No fever for 72 hours
- Other symptoms (e.g., cough and shortness of breath) have improved.
- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared or 14 days have passed since a confirmed COVID-19 positive sample was taken.

Employees who must take leave receive:

- Two weeks (80 hours) of paid sick leave at the employee’s regular rate when the employee is quarantined and/or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and seeking a medical diagnosis
- Two weeks of paid sick leave at two-thirds of the employee’s regular pay because the employee is caring for someone in quarantine or to care for a child whose school or child care provider is closed for COVID-19 related reasons

The county’s policy will be updated to reflect changes in CDC guidelines.

— TK

✓ DMV: Assessor’s office employee will staff GV branch once a week

the removal of equipment and cessation of services as Owyhee County officials prepare a satellite office elsewhere in Grand View to house DMV and sheriff’s office personnel and services. In an Aug. 13 email to the assessor’s office, city clerk and treasurer Kathy Brown said

that the city council “would be happy to have (DMV supervisor Lesli Hinton) come once a week to run the DMV out of City Hall.” Hinton has other duties in the assessor’s office, too, including mapper and deed clerk. Brown also said in the let-

ter that the city requested no DMV clerk training be carried out at the office because of the close quarters and COVID-19 concerns. In the June 22 city council letter to Gruenwald, it was requested that the county refrain from staffing the DMV office and remove all of its

equipment from the building until construction of the new county annex is completed. In a June response to the city council, Gruenwald said the county had planned to offer DMV services every Wednesday to help citizens living in the east end of the county until the new office

was open, but would close the DMV immediately in honor of the council’s request at that time. The assessor said that she is not exactly sure what the current status is on the construction of the new building.

— TK

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✓Principal: Superintendent says Castleton PBIS “expert”

journalism from Boise State University in 2008, he pivoted and entered education.

He worked in the Vallivue School District as an English teacher (six years) and an instructional coach (two years) before joining Boise State’s Center for School Improvement and Policy Studies.

In the past two years, he has grown close to the Homedale school system in his role as a statewide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Tier 1 coordinator. He helped Homedale and 39 other schools implement PBIS framework.

And his experience at Homedale pushed him toward coming back to rural schools as the grant money for the BSU program begins to fade.

“Homedale schools have an outstanding reputation for excellence all over the state,” he said.

“In my role with Boise State, I had an opportunity to get to know this staff and work with them. They are amazing, hard-working, friendly, and dedicated to kids and this community.”

Castleton knew Homedale would be a good fit, and he accepted the principal position in April after his predecessor, Terri Vasquez, announced plans to retire.

“My wife (Emily) and I feel very fortunate that this opportunity opened when it did, and we hope to be here for many years to come,” Castleton said.

The Castletons have been married 15 years. They have five sons, including 12-year-old Aiden, McKay, 9, Parker, 6, Jackson, 19 months, and Nash, who was born on Aug. 13, seven weeks early.

On the heels of the challenge and stress of his youngest boy’s premature birth, Castleton walks into his first full year as HES principal with a support group of sorts already in place.

He says Homedale’s exposure to the PBIS philosophy, and his previous work with the district helped make the decision to change jobs easy.

“It played a critical role in my decision to come here,” he said. “Because of my work with Boise State, I knew what I was signing up for.

“I was able to develop working relationships with teachers, principals and administrators throughout the district, and that helped influence my decision

to come to HES.”

Homedale district superintendent Rob Sauer knows the value that Castleton’s PBIS experience will add to the district and its goal to improve life in the classroom for its students.

“Tate is one of the experts and leaders of PBIS in Idaho,” Sauer said, echoing the new principal’s thoughts on how the previous relationship would help the transition.

“He is well-respected in that arena, and we’re very excited to have our own resident expert.”

Castleton earned Master’s degrees in Education (2010 from the University of Phoenix) and Education Leadership (2014 from Western Governor’s University), and now he is completing a doctorate focused on rural K-12 schools.

The doctorate, which will be completed in the fall of 2021, focuses on how a rural school’s physical environment influences school climate.

“Very little research has been done on PBIS in rural schools and its impact on school culture and student achievement, so we’re very excited to do some of this work and learn how best to help and serve rural schools everywhere,” Castleton said.

He will continue to work with the Boise State program until it closes, and — of course — he’ll continue implementation and refinement in his new school.

“In my role as a PBIS Tier I statewide coordinator, I have visited elementary schools all over the state of Idaho. I’ve seen what works and what doesn’t in schools just like ours,” he said.

“I’m excited to work with my staff to continue finding ways to make PBIS a central part of what we do at our school to strengthen our school culture and improve student achievement.”

Castleton views teamwork as a vital component to achieving those goals.

“I borrow my leadership philosophy from Simon Sinek, who said ‘Leadership is not about being in charge. Leadership is taking care of those in your charge,’” Castleton said.

“More than ever, we need to work together, look for the best in each other, and be kind. When we do this, we are always going to be better together.”

— JPB

Homedale FFA’s clean up at fair

by Ainslee Evans
Chapter reporter

The Homedale FFA chapter took on the 2020 Owyhee County Fair with big smiles and dedicated mindsets, which earned many of our members blue ribbons and shiny trophies.

On Wednesday, Aug. 5, our sheep and goat showers took home multiple awards.

In goat showmanship, Brandon Hurt won his senior class and went on to receive reserve grand champion goat showman. His peer, Willy Haun, finished third in the overall showmanship run-off and was awarded grand champion market goat.

Our sheep showmen came to impress, and that is exactly what they did. Sigmund Goode

worked hard this past year, and it showed when he took home grand champion showman and grand champion market lamb. Chase Cooper’s hard work paid off when he won reserve grand champion market lamb. Alongside Cooper and Goode, Brayden Christoffersen and Ainslee Evans represented Homedale FFA in the market run-off.

In the senior showmanship run-off, the Homedale chapter flooded the ring with blue corduroy jackets with Ainslee Evans and Sigmund Goode (first in their class), Ryker Johnson, Amaia Aberasturi, and Brayden Christoffersen (second in their class).

On Thursday morning, Aug. 6, Ashley Stebly took second in her beef showmanship

class and went on to represent Homedale FFA in the senior showmanship drive.

Our pig members worked all day Friday, Aug. 7 and did an exceptional job. In showmanship Belisia Larzelier and John Lejardi won their class, and Jasmine Mounts took second place, with John Lejardi going on to win reserve grand champion showman. In the market division of the pig show, Kambell Garrett, Belisia Larzelier, Kenna McKay took first in their class, and all went on to show in the championship market drive. Bailey Purdom took second in her class, and Keagen McKay won his feeder class.

Congratulations to all participants. We can’t wait to do it again next year.



Pictured front row: Gavin Parker, Sheila Matteson, Rhonda Pickett, Rich Pickett
Second row: Rebecca Schuck, Dwayne Werre, Jace Pickett, Tucker Hyde, Bo Pickett, Gia Gugino, Colton Pickett, April Pickett, Staff not pictured: Kelly Vincent, Leslie Nash, Saulo Luna, Jack Pascale, Dave Cardenuto

Pickett Auction Service Celebrates One Year Anniversary & Ribbon Cutting

One-year anniversary celebrated by Pickett Auction Service and completion of the new and expanded online auction facility. The move started August 1 of 2019. While under construction a dedicated staff and portable office units bridged them temporarily until the finish of phase one. The spacious 2000 sq. ft. office is open to greet and help customers daily Monday thru Friday 9 am to 5 pm. The covered shop area of over 11,000 sq. ft. is available for equipment and weather sensitive auction items. Preview for customers is welcome.

Pickett Auction Service had a grand opening and ribbon cutting scheduled in March for public viewing of the entire facility but was postponed due to the Coronavirus. The Pickett’s were looking forward to welcoming many customers and the opportunity to thank the contractors & businesses that contributed to the completion of this new business site. On August 18th Homedale Chamber of Commerce assisted with a private ribbon cutting keeping in line with normal business practices and celebrations. Gavin Parker & Sheila Matteson were the presenting members of the Homedale Chamber. Homedale Chamber of Commerce meets monthly at noon on the fourth Tuesday of each month at The Bowling Alley. Their (Homedale Chamber) mission “*is to promote and effect positive change in our community’s economic environment and quality of life.*” Thank you, Homedale Chamber, for welcoming our business into the community and the ongoing local support of community.

“We are excited to have Pickett Auction Service as Homedale Chamber of Commerce members. Small businesses are the lifeblood of our economy and Pickett Auction Service is a prime example of this. They

meet a need in our local community and we are lucky to have them,” said Gavin Parker, Chamber President.

Pickett Auction Service would like to publicly thank the numerous contractors & businesses that have imprinted their expertise and grateful for the completion. These can be recommended for any of your building or remodeling needs.

* A-Core Inc * A-Gem Supply * Bowen Floor Covering * Crossfire Fencing * Desert Sage Wall Systems LLC * EC Plumbing & Mechanical * Franklin Building Supply * G & R Rental * Gem State Doors & Millwork LLC * Jake Salinas Design * Jay Greenwood Inc * Josh Shippy Construction * Keely’s Drywall Inc * McLaughlin Owyhee Shops Inc. * Mike’s Metal Fab * Owyhee Heating & Cooling * P.D. Saunders * Prime Construction & Asphalt * Rick & Lori Church * Rod Rhoades * S & S Gutters * Steve Dugger Construction * Superior Paint & Glass * Ted & Stephanie Hagler * The Sign Shoppe LLC * Thueson Construction Inc. * Tracy Quality Concrete * Treasure Valley Steel * Title One * Twin Cities Electric/Mick Cowger * Uria Pump & Sewer * Valley Glass * Valspec Painting * Waterpro Well Drilling * Western Specialty Structures * Wilder Fire Dept. * Also to the team of cooperative county & permitting & inspections & utilities efforts.

Pickett Auction Service welcomes consignors, bidders, and curious future customers to the auction site at 20217 Hwy 95 Wilder Idaho during operating business hours to take a look. You may go to the website location to view upcoming auction information www.pickettauctions.com or contact our office 208-455-1419.

Man allegedly caught with joints in vehicle

Familiarity led to a marijuana possession arrest late Friday evening in Marsing.

Abraham Romero Martinez, 20, of Marsing received misdemeanor citations and was released after an Owyhee County's Sheriff's deputy found nine joints and drug paraphernalia in the man's car.

OCSO Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said the deputy recognized Romero Martinez's vehicle and pulled the man over to discuss a previous case with the man.

The deputy reported the smell of marijuana emanating from the 2006 Honda Civic as Romero Martinez drove past him near Marsing City Park on 2nd Avenue West.

Romero Martinez admitted smoking the drug and a search of the vehicle turned up nine marijuana cigarettes, as well as paraphernalia.

The citation charges marijuana and paraphernalia possession.

— TK

Courthouse report

A list of felony and misdemeanor dispositions recently completed at courtrooms in Murphy and Homedale. Infractions are not included:

- Aug. 17**
- Michael Edward Brown, Eagle** — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, over weight (4,001 pounds and over, exceed allowable gross loads: \$50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
- Skyesuhaw M. Costen, Nampa** — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, general logbook violation: \$43.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs
- Laird James Eastman, Boise** — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, general logbook violation: \$43.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs
- Ronald J. Schofield, Caldwell** — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (amended from misdemeanor marijuana possession; plea deal): \$102.50 in fines, \$247.50 in court costs
- Steven L. Smith, Melba** — Misdemeanor animal livestock violation, unlawful ranging of hogs or goats in towns or settlements: \$42.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

- Aug. 13**
- Derrick Allan Boswell, Compton, Calif.** — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 53 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 120 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 201 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 379,437 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.

Homedale city officials get word on library completion

R & S Constructors equipment sits in front of the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library on Saturday. Homedale City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said subcontractor Clint Shaffer told her Monday morning that the project to replace the roof and fix exterior walls would be completed Tuesday after The Owyhee Avalanche's deadline.

Pickett Auction Service celebrates anniversary

An Aug. 18 ribbon cutting at Pickett Auction Service marked the company's one-year anniversary in Wilder and the opening of a new and expanded 2,000-square-foot online auction facility.

Above, from left: Chamber president Gavin Parker and secretary Sheila Matteson and auction house owners Rhonda and Rich Pickett stand with Pickett staff at the ribbon cutting.

Second row, from left: Rebecca Schuck, Dwayne Werre, Jace Pickett, Tucker Hyde, Bo Pickett, Gia Gugino, Colton Pickett, and April Pickett. **Not pictured:** Kelly Vincent, Leslie Nash, Saulo Luna, Jack Pascale, and Dave Cardenuto.

Right: Parker and Matteson present the Picketts with their Homedale Chamber of Commerce membership certificate. Submitted photos

Tiny Pleasant Valley School adapts to new environment

Pleasant Valley School is open for the school year and taking special precautions for its 11 students.

The grade school, located in southwest Owyhee County southeast of Jordan Valley, serves kindergarteners through eighth-graders.

Acting superintendent Rene Maestrejuan said the school opened Monday for face-to-face instruction.

“Even though Owyhee County is in Category 3 (for COVID-19 precautions), we are able to open as we are opening because we have no cases here,” Maestrejuan said.

School officials have taken extraordinary steps to keep the children safe.

“We’re doing social distancing, and extra cleaning and sanitization of the building when the kids aren’t here,” Maestrejuan said.

She said the children will be “doing a lot of hand-washing.”

“When the children are social distanced, they don’t have to wear a mask,” she said. “If they get up and move around, they are encouraged to wear a mask.”

There are a variety of face coverings the children can use, including shields, gaiters, paper masks and cloth masks.

Class has moved into the gymnasium, which was built in the 1980s, to provide more space for social distancing while learning.

Painters’ tape has been used to mark off 8-foot squares and 3-foot aisles, creating what Maestrejuan calls a “maze.”

“They can get up and leave their square and be in the aisles and still not be in anyone else’s space,” she said.

Alicia Bruce has begun her seventh year teaching at Pleasant Valley. She lives two miles from the school, which Maestrejuan said strengthens the bond with the children who see “Mrs. Bruce” out in the community and outside the classroom.

“When you can connect with kids in and out of school, it really helps,” Maestrejuan said.

This year, there are children in kindergarten, first grade, third grade, fourth grade, sixth grade, and seventh grade.

Abbi Gibbens, a 2015 graduate of Homedale High School, is starting her second year as a teacher’s assistant.

Maestrejuan wears many hats besides acting superintendent. She’s the clerk of the board of trustees, school secretary, school administrator, and she even handles ground-keeping duties.

— JPB



There were no injuries when this SUV flipped. Submitted photo

Driver falls asleep, flips SUV on Idaho 19

A 17-year-old Homedale resident was uninjured after a rollover last week on Idaho highway 19.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said the juvenile, who hasn’t been identified because of his age, was on his way to work on the morning of Aug. 18 when the accident occurred west of Homedale near Gulley Road.

Bowman said the boy told authorities that he was driving westbound on Idaho 19 when he must have fallen asleep.

When he woke up on the wrong side of the highway, he overcorrected and the 2002 Chevrolet Suburban he was driving flipped.

The vehicle came to rest on its side, and first-responders were dispatched at 6:46 a.m..

Bowman said the driver was checked out by Homedale Ambulance crewmembers and didn’t require transport to the hospital. No citations have been issued.

Next Marsing market moved up two weeks

Organizers of the Snake River Country Market have moved up the date of the next event.

According to a Facebook post, the next session will be held from 10 a.m., to 2 p.m., on Saturday at The Spot pavilion, 12 Sandbar Ave., in Marsing.

The next market was supposed to be held on Sept. 5, but that’s Labor Day weekend.

Call (208) 989-2273 for more information about the first-year market, including how to become a vendor.

Homedale Hwy. meeting changes

The Homedale Highway District board of commissioners has changed its September meeting time.

Larry Prow (chair), Scott Salutregui, and John Demshar will convene at 7 p.m., next Wednesday at the district office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., in Homedale.

The board typically meets at that time and hour on the second Wednesday of the month.

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Commentary

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On the edge of common sense
Duck and Run Olympics

When the crew came toward the cookhouse Hazel shut and locked the door.
“Don’t you even think about it! Looks like y’all been in a war.”
And though Hazel didn’t know it, she was not far off the track
They’d been workin’ pasture cattle, and them critters could fight back!

All that grass that they’d been eatin’ lubricated their insides
Plus those cows were full as dog ticks and a little loose besides
So when squeezed in some tight corner they could aim their guns at will
And bombard that crew of cowboys with recycled chlorophyll.

Now it’s only grass and water as you’ll hear the pundits say,
But I’m here to tell ya, pardners, their performance on that day
Was a duck and run Olympics, a projectile Superbowl,
A team of Dutch boys at the dike who couldn’t find the hole.

Willie got hit when his hot shot caught a big one by surprise.
With one long blast she turned him into split pea soup with eyes.
Big Sam looked like seaweed when his beard took several shots
And Pedro’s fancy brand new hat got covered with the trots.

A broadside fired from point-blank range went down O’Malley’s shirt.
He emptied out the vaccine gun, she matched him squirt for squirt.
Then Frank got trapped behind a gate and watched with some concern
While the bunch backed up and measured him and each one took a turn.

It was hangin’ off their hat brim, it was drippin’ off their clothes
It was in their eyes, in their ears and prob’ly up their nose.
Not a cowboy was untainted, not a dog escaped the muck,
Not a standin’ stick, a saddle horse, a whip or chute or truck

Was immune to their propellant. They resembled works of art
Like guacamole statuettes or cow pie *al a carte*.
Hazel backed ’em to the spigot and stood beside the trough,
“Though we’ll never change your cowboy ways, we’ll hose the outside off.”

Sam was lookin’ at O’Malley, “Is this what they really mean
“When an Irish cowboy celebrates the wearin’ of the green?”
“I don’t think so,” said O’Malley, “But when I see cows eat grass
“I’ll always be reminded of that phrase, ‘This too shall pass.’”

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

From Washington
Idaho’s heroes step up in pandemic response

Idahoans have met the challenges of the pandemic with thoughtful, determined efforts to help others. Instead of being overwhelmed by circumstances, Idahoans were busy assisting others and shining bright lights of hope through these difficult times. Since the threat became apparent, individual Idahoans have worked together to help meet the needs of vulnerable residents. Here are just a few examples:

- Families across the Treasure Valley who opened their homes to foster veterans with medical issues to

prevent them from needing to go to long-term care facilities.

- Bonneville Joint School District 93 and Idaho Falls School District 91, as well as many other districts throughout Idaho, have offered free breakfast and lunch for students of all ages. Homedale and Marsing school districts did likewise in Owyhee County.
- Early on, student-athletes from Jerome helped a local grocery store restock shelves and handed out food

— See *Response*, Page 13A

Center for Rural Affairs
Congress can help lessen direct-buy burden on local meat processors

by Johnathan Hladik

One of the great benefits of living in a rural community is our ability to enjoy food grown locally. Families appreciate easy access to high-quality nutrition. Many farms and ranches depend on these local sales.

Like so much of our daily life, this system was disrupted by COVID-19. When work is interrupted at industrial processing facilities, commodity producers flood local meat lockers with their product. With already limited reservation space being taken up by large growers, those who depend on direct-to-consumer sales were left out.

Longtime customers are now being asked to schedule orders up to one year in advance. This can threaten the direct-to-consumer business model and limit the ability of families to purchase food grown locally.

These families have joined forces with farmers, ranchers, and entrepreneurs to ask Congress for help.

The Small Meat Sector Resilience Act offers a solution by creating a framework for local meat lockers to

expand their operations. This legislation uses cost-share programs, technical assistance, and targeted grants to increase processing capacity and add additional storage. It also makes it easier for these entrepreneurs to meet state and federal inspection requirements.

Higher prices at the grocery store have motivated families to look locally for a better deal. Farmers and ranchers cannot meet this demand without increased processing capacity. Right now, the opportunity is slipping by.

The Small Meat Sector Resilience Act will boost economic development and help families support local farms. In our book, that is a winning combination for rural communities.

— Johnathan Hladik is a policy director at Lyon, Neb.-based Center for Rural Affairs, a private, non-profit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.

Letters to the editor
Letter carriers urge Congress to provide stimulus help for U.S. Postal Service

We are your Idaho rural letter carriers.

When our rural communities suffer, we suffer with them. This motivates us to go to work each and every day helping to ease some anguish and deliver normalcy.

We provide support by delivering essential items, such as stimulus checks, Social Security checks, election ballots, census forms, toilet paper, medicine and smiles.

We set ourselves apart from the other delivery companies because we care for our customers.

Our mission remains the same: Binding our nation together and connecting people with the world through personal, educational and business correspondence.

We are an integral part of every mailbox across Idaho whether in the city or the wilderness. We are proud to serve our customers during this stressful time and are very grateful for your support.

Unfortunately, the U.S. Postal Service has not been immune to the economic and financial impact caused by recent events. We need financial assistance

similar to what other industries have received from stimulus packages. We are asking our customers to take a stand and demand action by contacting Idaho’s U.S. congressmen in support of funding this crucial service:

- U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) — 239 Dirksen Senate Bldg., Washington, DC 20510; phone: (202) 224-6142; fax: (202) 228-1375; email: <http://crapo.senate.gov/contact/email.cfm>

— See *Letters*, Page 13B

Commentary

Financial management

Student with marketable degree, big savings on good path

Dear Dave,
What advice do you have for college students who want to plan for the future and start building wealth? I'll finish my master's degree in marketing in less than two years, and I've been pretty lucky so far because my parents have paid for school. I bring in about \$2,200 a month at my job, and I have \$24,000 in savings.
— Alex

going to school, and piling up cash, you're going to be able to put that marketing know-how to work in a big way. You'll be able to use some of the cash you've got stored away to set yourself up in your new life. What you're doing right now, in your situation, will give you a better return mathematically than a mutual fund.

Do you get what I'm saying? An education that is *usable* is more valuable to you at this stage of the game than investing. Now, when you finish school and start living life in your new career, good growth stock mutual funds are what I'd recommend for retirement. And at that point, if you've got an extra \$30,000 or \$40,000 sitting there, that's even better.



done anything with in a while. I've got about \$30,000 in it, and I believe I read where the government said there will be a mandatory withdrawal at age 72. If this is true, what should I do with that money?
— Danny

have some fun with the money. In any case, talk to your investment professional before taking action. If he has the heart of a teacher and cares about your best interests, he'll look at your overall financial situation and guide you in making the right decision.
— Dave

Dear Alex,
If I were you, I'd get really good at the whole marketing thing. At this stage of the game, *you* are your best investment. You're a go-getter, so just keep on going and getting it.
If you continue on this path, and by that I mean working,

Great start, Alex. Well done!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
I'll be 72 in October, and I have a Roth IRA I haven't

Dear Danny,
I'm not positive there are mandatory withdrawals on a Roth IRA. I think that applies to traditional IRAs, but double-check with your investment advisor to make sure.
If it does apply to Roths, I'd take the required minimum distribution and move that amount to other investments. Or, since it's only \$30,000, if you've got another nest egg you plan to live on, you could just

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

✓ Response: First-responders, volunteers around the state do their part

From Page 12B
at a local foodbank.

- Similarly, Ucon firefighters helped eastern Idaho residents run errands, delivering much-needed items such as groceries and medications.
- The Pocatello Senior Activity Center organized curbside pickup for free meals for those over 65 years old.

Public health providers and first-responders have worked tirelessly to adapt responses.

- Heather Alfred, a wife, mother, nurse and graduate student serving as emergency services director at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston, has worked 12- to 16-hour days organizing the hospital's COVID-19 response. For a time, she self-isolated from her family by parking an RV at the hospital. Her actions are reflected and repeated by many of her colleagues throughout Idaho's health care system.
- Moscow Fire Chief Brian Nickerson's early planning was instrumental in implementing emergency operations plans for the city. He collaborated with Latah County, the University of Idaho, Gritman Medical Center, area nursing homes and many other entities providing information to keep the community and county safe.

- Lorrie Panzerie and Brandie Thomson supported Homecare and Hospice residents and staff by organizing and participating in parades for Ada County assisted living communities, dressing up in various costumes, creating chalk art and bringing miniature horses to visit residents to share cheer and comfort during this isolating and lonely time.

Additionally, local small businesses have stepped in to meet the challenges of the pandemic.

- Salli's Back Porch Fabrics in Shoshone served as headquarters for the "Masked Bandits." This group makes hundreds of cloth masks for folks throughout Lincoln County. Members of the team also delivered "cookie bombs" to frontline/essential workers throughout the pandemic.
- Gus Georgilakis and his family, owners of Romio's Greek and Italian Restaurant in Boise, kept his business running and everyone on his staff earning their usual wages by pivoting his business to takeout and delivery. Gus bonused his employees for staying with him and working through the difficult disruptions. He invested in technology, training and prevention to ensure his staff and his patrons stay healthy. He hired additional staff, including people

who had been laid off by other restaurants. Other restaurants throughout the state worked to accomplish the same.

- In March, Interfaith Sanctuary and the Riverside Hotel worked together with the City of Boise and Ada County to provide vulnerable people with a place to stay.

There are many, many more examples of Idahoans meeting the challenges we face. The determination to tackle them head-on and extend a helping hand is so abundant throughout our great state; it is an inherent Idaho trait. These efforts are inspirational as work continues in Congress to provide needed resources to health care providers, advance vaccine development, and provide for other response efforts. Thank you to all those who are helping others throughout the pandemic response. All of you propelling our recovery shape our communities for the better.

— 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.

✓ Letters

From Page 12B

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- U.S. Rep. Russ Fulcher (R-Idaho) — 1520 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510; phone: (202) 225-6611; email: www.fulcher.house.gov

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Idaho Rural Letter Carriers' Association board
Patti Upton, president
New Plymouth

Your Census count matters to your community

The deadline to complete the Census is Sept. 30. If you don't fill out the Census, you don't count. Based on Census counts, our federal taxes return to our communities to help with roads, schools, hospitals, and much more. If you don't count, you will be reducing the amount of needed funds coming to your community.

Also, our voting districts are determined by the Census count. If you choose not to be counted, not only will your community miss out on literally millions of dollars over the next 10 years, but your voting district could be enlarged, including more people from surrounding areas to equal the number of people in the other districts in the state. That means your vote will be diluted and thus will count less.

It is estimated that only six out of 10 households

in the nation have responded to the Census. The goal is to reach 100 percent, so please do your part before the deadline.

Take 10 minutes of your day and go to 2020Census.gov or call (844) 330-2020 to fill out your Census. You, and every member of your family, matter. And you count, but only if you fill out your Census.

Kathy Dawes
Moscow

According to the latest calculations by the U.S. Census Bureau, Idaho has the highest response rate (91.7 percent; seven points higher than any other state or territory), including a 68.4 percent self-reporting rate and a 23.4 percent Census taker follow-up rate.

— Ed.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

August 30, 1995



Crazy class

Homedale Elementary’s new teacher, Mr. David Hann, enjoys the diversity of the students in his class. The 24 students have named themselves “The Crazy Class,” and they plan to use a work-hard-play-hard learning approach this year.

New teacher brings new ideas to sixth graders

The first week of school brings new faces, new lessons and new goals to the Homedale Elementary School. The first week of school also brings a new sixth-grade teacher.

Meet Mr. Hann.

This 10-day Homedale resident recently made his trek from Logan, Utah, where he received his degree in elementary education at Utah State University in 1992.

Hann has been combing the western states looking for a space to fill on the elementary level. After submitting applications at various schools in Arizona, Nevada, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Alaska and Idaho, the first-year teacher found himself in Homedale.

Friends of the family kept the lines of communication between the USU grad and the Homedale School District open.

Hann enjoys the diversity of people that make up the small community in Owyhee County, and he is excited to see the variety spill into his classroom.

“The different kinds of people who make up this community and this class are great,” Hann said. “There are a lot of spicy kids here who can contribute.”

Hann’s choice to be an elementary teacher stems from the enormous energy the younger group generates.

Archaeologists confirm stone cabin theory

Archaeologists with the Bureau of Land Management and a private firm accomplishing excavation work for Kinross DeLamar Mining Company on Florida Mountain near Silver City confirm that the stone cabin providing a namesake for the Stone Cabin Mine could be the century-old home of Owyhee pioneers Michael Jordan and Colonel Dewey.

An article published by early tunnel surveyor Kinton B. Stevens states that the cabin — made of slabs of shale — is the one occupied by the famous pair in the earl 1860s. Stevens said the two built the cabin near the top of Florida Mountain shortly after Jordan led a gold discovery party to the area in 1863. Jordan was later killed by Indians, but Jordan Creek, and Jordan Valley were subsequently named after him.

Dewey went on to become a leading mining promoter in the area, raising money to develop a huge tunnel complex under Florida Mountain, the ore from which was all fed through a huge 20-stamp mill at the town of Dewey. Dewey was also instrumental in funding the creation of Swan Falls Dam and later building the Dewey Palace in Nampa.

Yet in 1865, the two famous individuals lived alone in a small, lonely rock cabin on top of Florida Mountain in the middle of a talus slope.

50 years ago

August 27, 1970



SLICING BARBEQUED beef at the Old Timers Day and beef barbecue were Paul Zatica (center) and Dorwin Drum

Old Timers given recognition at barbecue

C.M. Van Slyke, 80, Boise, was the oldest person present who attended the dedication of the old bridge. Mr. Van Slyke homesteaded in Central Cove and lived on his farm there until recently. He is a former Canyon County commissioner.

Mrs. Roy Rowland (Laura Benham), 58, was the oldest woman present born in Owyhee County. Oldest man present born in Owyhee County was Harvey Pegram, 62.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Barnett were the longest-married couple. They were married Oct. 10, 1910, at Fullerton, Neb., and have lived in the Homedale area for 37 years.

Mr. Barnett, 86, was the oldest man present.

Mrs. Sigrid Tollefson, 87, was the oldest woman present. She is the mother of Mrs. Arthur Kiester and is visiting here from West Allis, Wisc.

C of C grosses \$1,920 on stand, Old Timers feed

Gross receipts of about \$1,920 were reported from the Old Timers Barbecue and the pop stand operated by the Homedale Chamber of Commerce during the fair and rodeo.

More than \$700 of this amount was represented in tickets sold at the barbecue Saturday when an estimated 1,500 adults and children were served, Secretary Cliff Turner reported at the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Chamber held Tuesday noon at the Owyhee Lanes café.

Darryl Warwick, chairman, and co-chairman Les Carter thanked Chamber members for their work and support. Special thanks were given to Ron Roland, who conducted the pop stand. Others, both organizations and individuals, were praised for their work.

The Chamber voted \$21 to Mr. and Mrs. Shade Combs for clean-up work following the barbecue.

Mayors hosted at Saturday morning brunch

Hostesses at the Mayor’s brunch Saturday morning were Mrs. Bill Blackman, Mrs. Jim Duncan, Mrs. Paul Ban and Mrs. Bob Cook.

Drivers of autos in the parade included Lynne Kushlan, Sue Wilson, Val Carson, Eileen George, Debbie Dexter, Suzan Chadez, Pat Chadez, Becky Carter, Vicki Cook, Cindy Uria, Barbie Linder, Shauna Carson, Tresa Johnson, Faith DeGeus and Jodine Silveria.

A special “thank you” to all others who helped make the parade brunch and parade a success was expressed by members of Beta Sigma Phi.

145 years ago

August 28, 1875

SOUTH MOUNTAIN MINES.—A correspondent of the San Francisco Mining and Scientific *Press* writing from South Mountain says: “The Mono and Scandia have prospect shafts down about fifty feet, with fine bodies of ore in sight, and from fifteen to twenty-five tons of ore on the dump. These mines, and others equally as good, can be bought cheap for cash or bonded on reasonable terms. I believe those three mines (including the Disappointment) would supply ore sufficient to keep a fifty-ton furnace running steadily. I believe that if these mines that are undeveloped, owing to the want of capital, were under the management of a good substantial company that meant business, they would pay dividends in a short time and prove a ‘bonanza’ to the stockholders.”

TWO miners were yesterday holding a lively debate on Jordan Street relative to the future prospects of this camp. One of them said he thought it was “going down.” The other replied, “I thought so three years ago, and went away and came back again. The fact is I have found this the best camp on the coast, when a man once gets established here.” He was right.

WE hear of a lazy carpenter who fell from the roof of the new building at the Oro Fino mine recently, escaping with only a few scratches. He was probably too slow to fall fast enough to hurt himself.

A GUEST at the War Eagle found a lady’s night-gown in his room one night last week, and went to Frank Blackinger with it saying: “Look-a-here, mister, this is a hollow mockery, a delusion and a snare. If you can’t fill it up, I don’t want the thing in my room.”

(From Friday’s Daily.)

GONE FOR GAME.—A party consisting of Frank Hunt, Joe Short, Russ Carter and A.J. Stucker left this morning for the Cow Creek lake intending to be absent for several days. They intend to scour the woods in that vicinity for game and exhaust the streams of their supply of fish. They are well equipped for an extensive campaign, having the following commissary outfit with them viz: four gallons Cutter whisky, three bottles of cock-tail, one bottle Mostetter’s Bitters, a demijohn of ale, two dozen Seidletz powders, one bottle old Cognac, half gallon of gin, two boxes cigars, one box sardines. A half dozen crackers, one dozen lemons, six bottles mineral water, one loaf of bread, a sandwich and nothing else. Joe Short will run the commissary department and do the measuring for the party. Russ Carter will superintend the piscatorial operations, and Frank Hunt will be boss of the game district. Stucker will hold himself in readiness to fill either one of the positions and expects to be constantly occupied by reason of the indisposition that is liable to prevail among the trio.

A NEW PREACHER COMING.—Rev. William Glenn Simpson, late of Harvard Divinity School, has been recently appointed pastor of the M.E. Church in Silver City, and will arrive here in time to preach his first sermon on Sunday, September 12th, on which day there will be services at 11 o’clock A.M., and 8 o’clock P.M. Mr. Simpson is a young man, unmarried and said to be an eloquent preacher. He is expected to arrive here, in company with Rev. L.G. Strong, Presiding Elder, on Thursday, September 9th.

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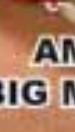
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Above: Homedale High School sophomore quarterback Jaxon Dines puts a throw over a pass rusher's outstretched hand during Friday's Red and White Scrimmage at Deward Bell Stadium. **Below:** Mason Strong makes his way toward the end zone after catching Dines' pass during one of the varsity's first drives Friday.

Trojans adjust to changes, keep moving forward

Holtry, staff look to maintain momentum with new skill players

Every football coach strives to achieve a consistency and flow in a program that extends year-to-year.

Homedale High School's Matt Holtry and his assistants have created a system that has resulted in two consecutive 3A state championship game appearances and a reputation for solid defense and explosive offense.

Versatile athletes have been the key to that success, and most people outside Homedale were curious how the team would keep up the momentum with the



departure of a strong group of seniors led by three-year quarterback Daniel Uranga, 2019 3A Snake River Valley conference Offensive Player of the Year, running

back Karsen Frelove, and linebacker Spencer Fisher.

"Those are big shoes to fill for us," Holtry said of Uranga specifically, but undoubtedly that referred to the other seniors who contributed to another conference championship and state final appearance.

But true Trojans fans probably didn't worry too much. They're well aware that waiting in the wings is a group of players who have won two consecutive junior varsity conference championships.

And Uranga's heir-apparent — sophomore

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Huskies' new football coach high on season outlook

Team opens against first-year 11-man program Valley Vikings

Mike Nunnelee, Marsing High School's fifth football coach in as many seasons, takes over a team that has seen a great deal of struggle the past several seasons.

In fact, Nunnelee was hired only after Marsing School District trustees voted in late January to maintain the status quo for the program. The school board chose to maintain a program with a varsity team playing a full 2A West-

ern Idaho Conference schedule. A junior varsity schedule also has been released a year after the Huskies didn't field a lower-level squad.

The idea of halting the program was met with testimony from teammates, parents and concerned community members.

Nunnelee inherits a program that was winless from 2014 to 2016 and has won just one game in each of the past three seasons.

His coaching staff includes Guillermo Gonzalez, Justin Freeman, and Pat Liskey.

Despite the trials that the program has endured,

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Marsing High School's new football coach Mike Nunnelee addresses his players as assistant coaches look on during a summer get-together.

Most state qualifiers still running with Melba

Melba High School's cross country team comes back strong with top-performing runners from the state meet returning.

The girls finished fourth in the 2A state meet behind three top-25 individual finishes.

Sophomore Rozzlyn Cazier leads a young group of girls for 16th-year coach Conrad Evanow. She finished 21st in the state meet last season.

"(Cazier) had a strong season last year as a freshman, but there is a strong pack of runners," Evanow said.

The Mustangs' top finisher in the 2019 girls' state championship race — Marissa Cole — has graduated.

Melba's top two finishers in the boys' state title race — Josh Leavitt and Reagan Manzer — return this season. Leavitt was 16th in the state meet last year, and Manzer took 29th.

Kaleb Zavala, who finished 35th at State, received his diploma in the spring.

"(Leavitt and Manzer), who are both seniors, should lead a strong group," Evanow said.

Brooklyn Dayley and Ravio Manzer are freshmen to keep an eye on, the coach said.

The season starts Thursday at the New Plymouth Invitational.

The 2A state meet is scheduled for Halloween at Eagle Island State Park.

HHS athletics in yellow; fans OK

Spectators will be allowed at this week's Homedale High School athletic events.

Athletic director Casey Grove announced during the weekend that the school district is in the COVID-19 yellow level, even though Southwest District Health still lists Owyhee County in the red alert health level overall.

According to the state coronavirus information website, the county's seven-day rolling incidence rate continues to fall, but as of Monday was 10.9. Anything over 5.0 is considered in the red level. SWDH doesn't break down Owyhee County's incidence rate by ZIP code as is done for some other counties in the district.

According to the school district's return to

play protocol, fans can attend events during the yellow level.

"Fans are allowed to attend sporting events. Masks are not required but recommended," Grove wrote in his weekly scheduling email.

The Trojans' varsity volleyball team played the Melba Jamboree with just organizers, officials and athletes in the gymnasium Thursday.

The football team opens the season at home at 7 p.m., on Thursday against non-conference foe Emmett.

First-year coach Evonne McGuire's volleyball team has its home opener at 6:30 p.m., today against Melba and will play New Plymouth at home at the same time Thursday.

Sports

Enthusiasm percolates through HHS volleyball

New coach molds roster with several returners

For the third time in as many seasons, the Homedale High School volleyball team starts the season with a new coach.

While the person at the top has changed frequently over the years, the enthusiasm for success always seems to be at the same level.

Evonne McGuire, who takes over from Amber Fouts and slides over from the HHS cheer program, is no different.

“We have a completely new coaching staff, and each of us are extremely excited to get our season underway,” she said.

McGuire had coached the cheer squad for two seasons before shifting gears. One subvarsity coach, Kaylee Brown, has experience with her charges after a year as the JV girls’ basketball coach in 2019-20. Chelsea Johnson will coach the frosh soph volleyball squad.

“As a new coaching staff, we are looking forward to the season and the success it brings,” McGuire said. “We have a talented group of girls, on all three teams, and are excited to begin playing.”

That enthusiasm may be



All-conference honorable mention libero Katilyn Missamore digs a ball last season against Fruitland. She’s back in the same role this year.

heightened given the tenuous nature of sports in the fall of 2020.

“We feel blessed to be able to coach these girls and are especially happy to still have a season during this COVID-19 pandemic,” McGuire said.

The coach also appreciates the fortune to have enthusiasm running through her players, too.

“The girls are smart, and excited to get on the court,” she said. “I am really looking forward to this season, and our future as a program.”

Two All-3A Snake River Valley conference players graduated in the spring —

middle hitter Gracie Dines and setter Abbie Gray — after serving on last season’s No. 3 seed team that went 0-2 in the 3A District III Tournament. The Trojans finished 10-11 after a four-set loss to eventual state qualifier Weiser one match from a third consecutive 3A state tournament appearance.

Middle hitter Gracie Dines, whom McGuire called an “all-around player,” has moved up to play at Walla Walla Community College in Washington state.

Dines was a first-team All-3A Snake River Valley conference player.

“Filling in her shoes this

year will be the two middle hitters, Jacy Parker and Laney Swallow,” McGuire said. “These two have worked hard in the off-season to improve and are ready to take on this season.”

Parker is a sophomore, and Swallow is a junior.

Parker and outside hitter/defensive specialist Katie Christofferson were players who shuttled between the JV and varsity as freshmen last year.

“It will be exciting to see them exclusively at the varsity level,” McGuire said. “I expect really great things from both of them. Katie is a great all-around player, and Jacy is explosive at the net.

“I can’t wait to see how they grow these next few years.”

The front line will include Swallow, and two of the team’s five seniors — outside/right side hitter Bella Smith and outside hitter/defensive specialist Ainslee Evans.

“They are strong, talented young ladies who will do some great things for us,” McGuire said.

The first line of developing the offense falls to a pair of new setters in juniors Belisia Larzelier and Amaya Aberasturi.

“It is a new position for both of them, but they have been improving each and every

practice,” McGuire said. “I expect them to really take the lead as they get more comfortable in the position.

The team will run a 5-1 defense anchored by Kaitlyn Missamore, an all-conference honorable mention last season, and Kenzie Miller.

“Kaitlyn Missamore returns as our libero, and as expected, she has done a great job,” McGuire said. “Kenzie Miller has proven to be a strong defensive specialist and has been doing great work.

“Both young ladies are seniors, and I think they are eager to fight for every point. Their combined talent will make for some exciting matches.”

Lizzy Hergesheimer, an 11th-grader, is another defensive specialist on the roster this season.

McGuire is excited for the season, but she also has her expectations.

“Our Mantra this year (is) ‘Be Phenomenal or Be Forgotten,’” she said. “I have said it more times than I care to admit. “For us it means that I want the girls to always come out ready to fight for every point and finish each fight.

“If they play their best each and every time we step out onto the court, I expect us to have a great season.”

— JPB

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Sports

Homedale cross country strives for breakthrough

Seasoned freshmen join state qualifiers

Building a cross country program with depth may be seen as a unique challenge in high school athletics. Although there is a team, it takes individual fortitude and — in some cases — years of athletes building stamina through lower ranks. Some programs hit a wall. Some eventually thrive. Even after losing top-line athletes such as four-time 3A state qualifier Matthew Randall, it sounds like second-year Homedale High School coach Sean McCrackin is on the verge of a breakthrough despite what he calls “a pretty young team.”

“Last year, we had several veteran seniors graduate, but have had a large number of new freshmen join,” the Trojans’ second-year coach said. “We are starting to see the real benefits of having a strong middle school feeder program.” Machele Randall, Matthew’s mother, enters her first season as an assistant coach, and she will focus on the middle-schoolers. McCrackin started out coaching at the middle school before assuming the top job prior to last season. He was able to work with some of this year’s ninth-graders previously.



Senior Giovanni Aguilera and his brother Christopher, a junior, will try to lead Homedale’s boys back to the state meet this season. File photo by Machele Randall

The “strong group,” as the coach describes it, includes five boys and two girls. “While they might be young, they are familiar with how cross country works and what to expect, which is already half the battle when it comes to cross country meets,” McCrackin said. The season has already had its ups and downs, before the first

gun even sounded. COVID-19 cancellations has decimated the schedule, but HHS athletic director Casey Grove told supporters in a weekend email that a revamped schedule could be expected this week. The Trojans will start that season with memories of a full boys’ team qualifying for last year’s state meet, and the promise of returning brothers

from that effort. Along with girls’ state meet qualifier Savannah Turner, Giovanni Aguilera returns for his senior season. Giovanni’s brother, junior Christopher, had a personal-record time of 18 minutes, 11 seconds as an 11th-grader. Big brother’s best time was a 19:44. “Both these boys are positioned to be among the top runners in the district this season,” McCrackin said. “They bring experience and competitiveness to our otherwise fairly young boys’ team.” Turner’s best 2019 time was 23:23, and McCrackin expects her to be in contention for a top-five time in the 3A District III this season. “She brings an incredible work ethic and competitiveness to help push the other girls on the team,” he said.

McCrackin expects freshmen Trinity Neeser and Katie Device to also push Turner to new heights. The Aguilera brothers will see challenges from newcomers, too. “Both freshmen Brock Johnson and Liam Koon ended their middle schools extremely well and are going to be battling it out with (junior) Ryker Johnson and the Aguilera boys for the top spots on the team,” the coach said. Brock Johnson ran a PR of 11:45.1 over three kilometers at the Winston Tilzey Invitational in October, shaving

nearly 40 seconds off his previous season best. Koon ran an 11:44.9 at the Tilzey, beating his previous best by 30 seconds. While youth is an obvious hurdle for the Trojans because of steeper competition and longer races for the ninth-graders, McCrackin sees a way to overcome. “The biggest strength we have as a team is our work ethic,” he said. “Cross country is as much, if not more so, a mental sport as it is a physical one.” “The runners we have on this team are incredibly hard-working athletes and motivated to push themselves.” Success against district powers Parma and Fruitland will determine whether the younger Trojans will reach the state meet. “While both teams graduated several seniors that were in top positions last year, they still have a number of strong runners returning this season,” McCrackin said. The coach said the Grizzlies’ Atticus Andersen and the Panthers’ Trenton Hemry will battle Chris Aguilera for the top spot in the boys’ ladder. Fruitland junior Emma Hillam is back to defend her district championship. McCrackin anticipates that the Aguilera siblings and Turner have good chances at making a return to the year’s final meet. — JPB

✓ Huskies: Seniors anchor Marsing program that almost wasn’t in 2020

From Page 1B Nunnelee feels that there are reasons for optimism among the team and fans. He said he feels that a great strength for this season is an experienced and aggressive group of linebackers and offensive backs. One big get for the Huskies this season is 5-foot, 8-inch, 185-pound senior running back Isai Arriaga, who enters his first season taking hand-offs. “(Arriaga) will be an amazing and strong running back and hits like a Mack truck,” Nunnelee said. The coach expects big things from his returners, in-

cluding seniors Nico Acosta (OL/DL, 6-1, 220 pounds), Cody Floyd (RB/LB, 5-11, 150), and Kolton Scott (QB/LB, 5-10, 210). Nunnelee also expects good production from junior running back James Hance (5-9, 195), who transferred from Centennial High School. On offense, the expected starting roster includes:

- QB — Scott
- RB — Arriaga
- RB — Floyd
- RB — Hance
- WR — Austin Pool (sr., 6-1, 165)
- TE — Domminik Dreyer (sr., 6-1, 195)
- C — Jacob Goins (sr., 6-3,

215)

- OL — Acosta, Ryan Orndorff (jr., 5-9, 240), Bowen Campbell (sr., 5-11), and Kail Wyman (fr., 5-10, 200)

Nunnelee said the team will miss key contributors from last season Caden Freeman and Justin Ineck, both of whom graduated in 2020. Nunnelee said that the plan for the season will be to operate out of both tight run formations and spread offense set-ups. The gameplan will depend on their opponents’ defensive tendencies. On defense, the team will run, predominately, a traditional 4-4 setup.

Nunnelee said that the Huskies’ conference figures to be strong this season. He sees Melba and Nampa Christian as the cream of the crop because both have a good number of returning starters. Teams in the rest of the conference lost many starters from a season ago, and conference champion and 2A state runner-up McCall-Donnelly moved up to the 3A Snake River Valley conference because of an increased enrollment. The Huskies will play host to Valley High School of Hazelton on Friday. The Vikings have jumped from eight-man football in 2019 to Class 2A

11-man ball this season. “Transitioning from eight-man to 11-man is very difficult, but Valley has great coaching and tradition,” Nunnelee said. “They mix pass and run very well and return many of last year’s starters.” Nunnelee believes that the Huskies have put in a great deal of work to be competitive this season. “The team worked very hard over the summer, and our confidence is high right now,” he said. “We need to continue our work ethic and good attitude through the season.” — TK

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Sports

Homedale High School football coach Matt Holtry gives instructions before the varsity takes to the field for Friday's Red and White Scrimmage at Deward Bell Stadium.



✓Trojans: Talent from back-to-back JV title teams settles in to assume mantle

Jaxon Dines — comes with that group of champions. “We have a strong, talented group of young players that are coming off of back-to-back JV conference championships,” Holtry said. “Jaxon Dines will be stepping in at quarterback and has a lot of natural talent that we’re excited to work with.” Dines, whose father Brad played on Homedale state championship teams of the past, showed pocket awareness, mobility and a quick trigger during Friday’s Red and White Scrimmage at Deward Bell Stadium. And, as a sophomore, he has the potential to be the Trojans’ third three-year starter at quarterback since 2013, following Uranga (who split time in his first year with Jake Deal) and Lawsen Matteson. Holtry likens Dines’ style and athleticism to Trey Corta, who led the Trojans in 2010 and 2011. Dines and fellow sophomore Mason Strong are two of the youngsters joining veteran players who have gained experience through back-to-back 11-1 seasons that ended with losses to Sugar-Salem in the 3A Milk Bowl. “We also have a strong group of players that are upperclassmen that have been waiting for an opportunity to get on the field,” Holtry said. Included in that cluster is Hayden Kincheloe, younger brother of 2019 graduate and fellow running back Mason Kincheloe, who signed to play at Linfield College in Oregon. The younger Kincheloe steps in to try to fill the void left by the bruising Frelove, who is now in the University of Idaho stable along with Fisher. Other members of the group champing at the bit for their own chance at glory are offensive linemen carrying on what has become something of a Trojans tradition.



Homedale High School sophomore running back Hayden Kincheloe tries to break out of a defender's foothold during Friday's Red and White Scrimmage at Deward Bell Stadium.

“Everything starts with the offensive line play,” Holtry said. “If we can get our offensive line going and get them working on the same page, then our entire offense will go. “We return three starters there and a starting tight end. They will set the foundation to our success.” Seniors John Breshears and Blake Walker are back as well as junior Obed Palacios. Breshears was an all-conference performer as a junior. Throw in All-3A SRV tight end Thomas Symms, another senior, and the Trojans could be tough in the trenches. “We feel good about our offensive line as of right now,” Holtry said. “We have some great returning players on the offensive line along with our tight end position in Thomas Symms. “We are looking forward to the addition of 6-foot, 3-inch, 270-pound Todd Beatty, another offensive lineman/defensive lineman that will be a great addition.” Beatty transferred into the district from small school Ripon Christian, which went unbeaten in 11 games before losing in the California Interscholastic Federation

Div. VI Sac-Joaquin Section semifinals. Kincheloe, Symms, Palacios, Beatty and Walker will head up the defensive front, while Breshears is back as an all-conference linebacker. Breshears and senior Dawson Fox will try to carry on the controlled aggression of departed players like Fisher. “We graduated a strong senior class, and some of these current juniors and seniors are ready to step into those starting roles,” Holtry said. With new skill position players stepping up, the coaching staff has huddled to tweak elements to their strengths, but Holtry says fans will see no wholesale changes. “I don’t think we will stray far from what we already do,” the 12th-year coach said. “It will be more so in the play-calling and the type of plays that we will be running. As any good program does, you grow with your personnel, and so that is what we will be doing this year. “We feel good about our foundation and our base of what we do, but we may have some new wrinkles based on some of the skill sets of our players.” — JPB

Percifield softball tournament raffle winding down

Drawings set for Facebook Live next week

Organizers got creative to supplement the fundraising when COVID-19 canceled this year’s Percifield Memorial Coed Softball Tournament. Continuing a 34-year tradition of raising money for Marsing youth and scholastic athletics, a raffle is underway. Tickets can be purchased until 9 p.m., on Sunday. Winning tickets will be drawn in real-time at 7:30 p.m., next Wednesday on Facebook Live. Tickets cost \$50 for one or \$100 for three, and can be purchased through Venmo online or by sending a check to

Amy Chadez at P.O. Box 155, Marsing, ID, 83639. All money must be received by Aug. 30 to be eligible for the drawing. There are four prize packages listed on the Percifield Tournament’s Facebook page: • **Prize 1** — CBC Industries CHS1 Patrol Rifle AR-15 • **Prize 2** — Deluxe 22-inch Weber charcoal barbecue grill, blue & gold macramé chair, leather earrings, cooler • **Prize 3 and 4** — Custom OC cornhole boards, Titan 50-can rolling cooler, \$20 OC Coffee gift card Proceeds from the tournament — and now the raffle — are donated to Marsing Youth sports and Marsing school athletics to pay for uniforms, equipment, registration fees, and field and building improvements.

Fish and Game sets sage-grouse seasons

Idaho’s 2020 sage-grouse hunting season and rules were finalized Thursday. The Idaho Fish and Game Commission decided to keep part of Owyhee County closed to hunting. In Zone 2, which is the area south of the Snake River and east of Mud Flat-Juniper Mountain Road in Owyhee County, the season will run from Sept. 19 to Sept. 25. The usual limits of one bird per day and a two-bird bag limit will

be enforced. The area west and north of Mud Flat-Juniper Mountain Road in Owyhee County, which is part of Zone 1, remains closed to hunting. Zone 3, which includes the eastern part of the state north of the Snake River, is open for a restrictive two-day season on Sept. 19-20 that will also have a limit of one bird per day and two birds in possession. Zone 3 had been closed for the past two years.

Grand View youth soccer signups conclude Monday

Registration is open until Monday for Grand View Little League soccer. The six-week season begins Sept. 1 and runs through Oct. 17. The cost is \$30 per child, and the league is in need of players and volunteer coaches. The league is open to kindergarten through fifth-

graders. The league fees and registration form can be dropped off with either Mandi Boren or at the Grand View Elementary School office. The registration fee includes the cost of a personalized shirt. For more information, contact Boren at (208) 834-2136.

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Sports

Aggressive Melba volleyball team hopes to stay healthy

Coach: Depth
a concern after
key graduations

The play and health of Melba High School’s returning core of strong front-line players could be the key to volleyball success this season.

The Mustangs have three hitters back from last year’s 2A state tournament fifth-place squad.

But, fourth-year coach Nichole Bunnell, says team depth is a concern.

“We do not have a bench,” Bunnell said. “If a player goes down, we will struggle.”

On the flip-side, there could be reason for optimism given the Mustangs’ work ethic.

“Our strengths will be how hard these girls work and how much effort they

put in every day,” the coach said.

Melba was 2A District III runner-up to Nampa Christian last season behind talented athletes. Two of those standouts have graduated, including first-team all-conference outside hitter Maycee Spence and three-year setter Katelyn Young.

Spence drilled 237 kills as a senior.

“She was a big presence on the front row,” Bunnell said.

Three other front-row contributors return, including second-team all-conference performers Kate Clark, a 5-foot, 7-inch senior outside hitter, and sophomore middle blocker Keylee Wilson, who at 5-10 is one of five Mustangs who stand 5-10 or taller.

“(Wilson) has matured and is really becoming a huge threat in the front row, but if needed can play back row,” Bunnell said.

The coach also called Clark a ver-

satile asset.

“Kate Clark has a strong presence in the front and back,” Bunnell said. “She will be a key component in our success in defense.”

Senior Madisen Bunnell (5-1), an All-2A WIC first-teamer at libero, is another crucial cog in the defense.

“She will not let a ball drop without effort and leads our team with a strong serve,” Nichole Bunnell said.

Sophomore outside hitter Kendall Clark (5-11) continues to improve as a varsity player.

“She grew into a big threat on the front row towards the end of our last season,” the coach said. “We are excited to see what she brings to the team.”

A third-year varsity player, 5-7 senior Kayla McCoy, inherits the setter responsibilities from Katelyn Young.

“She is a gifted athlete and very court

smart,” Bunnell said.

Tallea Speed is senior who could make an impact at the net.

“She has a big block and a powerful swing,” Bunnell said of the right side hitter/middle blocker.

The coach also mentioned two other varsity newcomers:

- Hallie Arnold, so., 5-10, middle blocker — “She is quick and can jump high,” Bunnell said. “I’m excited to see what she will bring to the team.”
- Laura Forsgren, jr., 5-6, defensive specialist and outside hitter — “She is the workhorse on the team and will be a huge help on our defense,” the coach said.

Of the Mustangs’ tenacity, Bunnell said: “We will never give up and will be aggressive on the net.”

Melba opens the season at 6:30 p.m., today on Homedale’s court in a non-conference match.

— JPB

Youth a focus for Huskies’ cross country athletes

A young, inexperienced squad will hit the trails this season for the Marsing High School cross country team.

The Huskies’ team is comprised of five freshmen and one sophomore, all of whom have little or no experience running the 5-kilometer races.

The green 2020 Marsing group will open its season on Thursday at the New Plymouth Meet in the high school in Payette County. The starting pistol will ring out at 5:15 p.m.

First-year coach Clint Thomas, who coached the school’s track and field team in the spring, seems encouraged with the Huskies’ early showing.

“The team is looking great,” Thomas said. “The goal is for the kids to have a positive experience.”

This year’s crew consists of:

- **Mikaila Gonzalez, so., transfer from Nyssa, Ore.** — “Brings experience and maturity by example,” Thomas said.
- **Mariah Gonzalez, fr., transfer from Nyssa, Ore.** — “She has a fun personality and exerts 100 percent everyday,” Thomas said.
- **Sal Mattivi, fr.** — “She has great energy and is a hard worker.”
- **Tyson Campbell, fr.** — “He pushes himself everyday to get better.”
- **Jesus Ramirez, fr.** — “He

lightens up the hard practices, always bringing a smile to practice.”

- **Nacho Margarito, fr.** — “He sets the tempo for most runs (and) is a supportive teammate that encourages everyone to push themselves.”

Thomas said that the Gonzalez sisters ran in middle school.

Since the whole team consists of new athletes, Thomas said he is not really sure yet who the standouts will be.

“It’s hard to say,” he said. “All of the kids are working hard.”

With so much inexperience, the major challenge the team will face this year will be other schools’ older, more experienced runners.

Marsing is scheduled to play host to the 2A Western Idaho Conference meet on Sept. 17, and Thomas is looking forward to the experience.

“We hope the community can come out and support the kids,” he said.

The course will take runners around the school grounds and adjacent property.

The cross country schedule has seen some changes recently. The Melba Quad Meet, which was originally scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 8, has been changed to Oct. 7. Also, the Winston Tilzey Invitational, hosted by Nampa Christian at West Park in Nampa, will now have 2A WIC athletes only.

Thomas also said that the

team is really trying to build interest in the program and boost the number of athletes that come out. He said that he and his assistants are encouraging kids students from the middle and high school to join.

“Kids are still welcome to join the program until Sept. 3,” he said.

Thomas believes that a strength for the team looks to be the ability to be supportive of each other and provide a positive experience for building the program.

“The kids have been great to start the year,” he said. “They are working hard at being committed runners.”

— TK

Melba football ready for another run at 2A state berth

Juan Colunga is back in another attempt to return Melba High School football to past glory.

Colunga was a two-way standout for the Mustangs during their 2002 2A state

championship season.

And he led Melba into the 2A semifinals last season before a 40-8 loss to eventual champion West Side.

The Mustangs (8-3 overall in 2019) finished second in the

2A Western Idaho Conference to McCall-Donnelly. The Vandals suffered a narrow 14-13 loss to West Side in the state championship game.

But Melba won’t have to worry about McCall-Donnelly

this year. The school moved into the 3A Snake River Valley conference after enrollment-based realignment.

The Mustangs open the season at 7 p.m., on Friday on the road against non-conference

opponent Fruitland.

Colunga’s stint at Melba is the third varsity head coaching job of his career. He started his head-coaching experience at Rimrock before moving on to Columbia.



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Sports



Bryson Seal, Mini Mite boys' all around and barrel racing champion



Devon McDaniel, Senior boys' calf roping champion



Markie Mcleod-Lee, Pee Wee girls' all around champion



Oakley Mackenzie, Mini Mite girls' all around and barrel racing champion



Tayler Eiguren, Senior girls' all around, breakaway roping and pole bending champion



Pace and Houston Bruce. Pace was runner-up and Houston won the Pee Wee boys' goat tail tying. Submitted photos



Carlee Mackenzie, daughter of Sam and Lacey Mackenzie of Jordan Valley, rides out of the arena after a 24.39-second run in Pee Wee pole bending. Photo by Cherie Rolland / Cherie Rolland Photography

Jordan Valley Junior Rodeo results

Held Saturday, Aug. 15
Owyhee County Fairgrounds,
Homedale

Mini Mite Girls
All around — Oakley Mackenzie
Goat tail untying — 1. Oakley Mackenzie; 2. Kadee Carson; 3. Rhenlee Noble; 4. (tie) Hazel McGinn and Riley Herman
Flag race — 1. Jetta Steele; 2. Kadee Carson; 3. Lila Green; 4. Riley Thomas
Barrel racing — 1. Oakley Mackenzie; 2. Riley Thomas; 3. Kate Weldon; 4. Allison White; 5. Lila Green

Boys
All around — Bryson Seal
Goat tail untying — 1. Reece Carson; 2. Myles Macedo; 3. Bryson Seal; 4. Kash Mackenzie; 5. Jess Riley
Flag race — 1. Bryson Seal; 2. Reece Carson; 3. Myles Macedo; 4. Klay Lequerica; 5. Whitlock Swan
Barrel racing — 1. Bryson Seal; 2. Myles Macedo; 3. Whitlock Swan; 4. Reece Carson; 5. Kelton Mackenzie

Pee Wee Girls
All around — Markie Mcleod-Lee
Goat tail tying — 1. Markie Mcleod-Lee; 2. Macardy Babcock; 3. Bradee Blu Swan; 4. Ryelin Noble; 5. Payton Erickson
Barrel racing — 1. Markie Mcleod-Lee; 2. Josie Jett Warrick; 3. Shaney Marts; 4. Presley Seal; 5. Bradee Blu Swan
Pole bending — 1. Bradee Blu Swan; 2. Carlee Mackenzie; 3. Avery Painter; 4. Harper Cox; 5. Collins Mulroney

Boys
All around — Colt Crockett
Goat tail tying — 1. Houston Bruce; 2. Pace Bruce; 3. Riggin McGinn; 4. Case Crockett; 5. Blayze Painter
Flag race — 1. Case Crockett; 2. Colt Crockett; 3. Eli Jennings; 4. Blayze Painter; 5. Rozin Mason
Pole bending — 1. Colt Crockett; 2. Pace Bruce; 3. Houston Bruce; 4. Rozin Mason; 5. Bryer Cornell

Junior Girls
All around — Sloan Macfarlane and Halle Morey
Goat tying — 1. Sloan Macfarlane;

2. Clara Seiders; 3. Halle Morey; 4. Bre Rose Carter; 5. Abilene Joslin
Barrel racing — 1. Celie Davis; 2. Bailey Robinson; 3. Bre Rose Carter; 4. Payton Beckley; 5. Halle Morey
Pole bending — 1. Halle Morey; 2. Sloan Macfarlane; 3. Shayn Miller; 4. Clara Seiders; 5. Bailey Robinson

Boys
All around — Kreece Powell
Breakaway roping — 1. Colt Byrd; 2. Mason McDaniel; 3. Kreece Powell; 4. Luke Jennings; 5. Porter Swan
Flag race — 1. Trey Macfarlane; 2. Stetson Mackenzie; 3. Mason McDaniel; 4. Hunter Metcalf; 5. Kale Cornell
Calf riding — 1. Kreece Powell; 2. Ryker Layne; 3. Cope Christensen; 4. (tie) Trell Macfarlane and Trey Macfarlane

Senior Girls
All around — Tayler Eiguren
Breakaway roping — 1. Tayler Eiguren; 2. Ally McDaniel; 3. Millie Greenwood; 4. Brenna Brown; 5. Lacy Yates
Barrel racing — 1. Cassidy Crockett; 2. Kelsey Gluch; 3. Harley Warrick; 4.

(tie) Cassity Gluch and Grace King
Pole bending — 1. Tayler Eiguren; 2. Taylor Hack; 3. Cassity Gluch; 4. Lacy Yates; 5. Maddy Erickson

Boys
All around — Birch Eiguren
Calf roping — 1. Devon McDaniel; 2. Birch Eiguren; 3. Luke Brannon; 4. Cooper Iveson
Breakaway roping — 1. Sean Schnabele; 2. Jake Greenwood; 3. Donovaun Rose; 4. Birch Eiguren; 5. Kase Schaffeld
Cow riding — 1. Jayden Lopez; 2. Corbyn Medley; 3. Coy Schaffeld; 4. Ryker Layne; 5. Kase Schaffeld

Open team roping
1. Millie Greenwood and Sean Schnabele; 2. Trell Macfarlane and Kreece Powell; 3. Tayler Eiguren and Birch Eiguren; 4. Mason McDaniel and Devon McDaniel; 5. Sean Schnabele and Trevor Fillmore

Note — The Aug. 19 article previewing the Jordan Valley Junior Rodeo was incorrect. There were 225 contestants for this year's rodeo, and the championship buckle maker is Tres Rios Silver based out of New Mexico.

Sports

More Jordan Valley Junior Rodeo photos



Homedale Middle Schooler Ryker Lane was runner-up in the Junior boys' calf riding with a 63-point performance. He also competed in Senior boys' cow riding.



Above: Charlee Mackenzie, the 3½-year-old daughter of Sam and Lacey Mackenzie of Jordan Valley, competed in her first rodeo on Aug. 15 as part of the Mini Mite girls' division. **Right:** Homedale Elementary third-grader Karlee Smith, the daughter of Tyler and Annie Smith, rode her horse Cash in Pee Wee Division events.



Photos by Cherie Rolland / Cherie Rolland Photography

Sports

JUNIOR ROUGH STOCK ASSOCIATION QUALIFIER IN HOMEDALE

Wilder rider heading back to Junior Rough Stock World Finals

Youngsters grab spotlight in Homedale direct qualifier

Two boys who finished in the top 10 at previous Junior Rough Stock Association World Finals are heading back to the big time. Wilder’s Shayde Volk and Emmett’s Sterling Rogers led six young cowboys who won direct qualifiers Saturday at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale.

Blue Music Ranch Bucking Horses of Wilder presented the event.

Volk won the Junior bareback qualifier. He finished tied for eighth at last year’s World Finals.

Rogers captured the Novice bareback qualifier. He was seventh in the world at last year’s finals.

Other qualifiers from Saturday’s event include:

- Grant Bayes of Emmett in Senior bareback
- Bo Biggers of Sweet in Senior saddle bronc
- Michael Page in Junior rookie saddle bronc

This year’s World Finals for Junior, Senior and Novice division competitors takes place Dec. 3-7 at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

Elias Rogers won the Pee Wee bareback qualifier Saturday.

According to the World Finals website, <https://juniorroughstockworld.com/>



Shayde Volk

finals championship events for Pee Wee and Rookie competitors have been delayed because of COVID-19.

Entry information on the Junior World Finals will be posted at the organization’s website no later than Oct. 15.

Saturday’s competition also included local events:

- Charlie Barrett and Frankie Beam won the wild pony race.
- Cody Catches of Owyhee, Nev., won the Junior ranch bronc championship.
- Tyler Elsner of Jordan Valley took home the Senior ranch bronc title.



A competitor gets animated while he hangs on to his mount during Saturday’s competition inside the Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena. Photo by Niki Cox



Left: A young bronc rider takes all safety precautions and heads out of the gate while a judge keeps the stopwatch on him during Saturday’s rough stock events. Photo by Niki Cox

Right: This ride kicked up plenty of dirt and got a reaction out of the horse during Saturday’s competition. Photo by Chance Cooney / Free Range Photos



Public notices

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

ORDINANCE NO. 215
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO, AMENDING SECTION 8-6-4 OF THE MARSING CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR RIGHT OF WAY IMPROVEMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL USES; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
WHEREAS, The City of Marsing has determined that certain commercial and industrial uses may require right of way improvements due to the impact of the particular development.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO:
SECTION 1: That Title 8, Chapter 6, Section 4 is hereby amended to add the following subsection:
K. The construction of commercial and/or industrial uses may require right of way improvements. All such proposed construction shall be reviewed by the City Engineer to determine if improvements will be required. If improvements are required, a certificate of occupancy shall not be issued until such improvements are inspected

ORDINANCE NO. 427
AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1,2020, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$4,596.332.00 TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR, AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A SUFFICIENT TAX UPON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY AND SPECIFYING THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSED FOR WHICH SAID APPROPRIATION IS MADE.
BE IT ORDAINED **by** the Mayor and Council of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho:
Section 1: That the sum of \$4,596,332.00 is, and the same is appropriated to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020,
Section 2: The objects and purposes for which such appropriation is made, and the amount of each object and purpose is as follows:
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:
GENERAL FUNDS
Administrative \$1,062,959.00
Local Improvement \$42,844.00
Law Enforcement \$642,222.00
Streets & Highways \$283,217.00
Park & Recreation \$189,442.00
Library \$87,480.00
Airport \$210,030.00
Irrigation \$195,107.00
Sanitation \$138,700.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS: \$2,852,001.00
DEDICATED FUNDS
Water \$897,557.00
Sewer \$846,774.00
TOTAL DEDICATED FUNDS: \$1,744,331.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES: \$4,596,332.00
Section 3: That a general tax levy on all taxable property within the City of Homedale is levied in an amount allowed by law for the purpose for said City, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020.
Section 4: All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.
Section 5: This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force upon its passage, approval and publication in one issue of the Owyhee Avalanche, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Homedale, and the official newspaper of said city.
PASSES under suspension of rules upon which a roll call vote was taken and duly enacted an Ordinance of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho at a convened regular meeting of the City of Homedale’s City Council held on the 12th day of August, 2020.
s:/Gheen Christoffersen, Mayor
ATTEST: s:/Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk/Treasurer
08/26/20

and approved by the City.
SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.
SECTION 3: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval, and publication in the official newspaper of the City.
APPROVED by the Mayor and City Council this 13th day of May, 2020.
CITY OF MARSING
Owyhee County, Idaho
s:/Chad Sevy, Mayor
ATTEST:
s:/Jolyn E. Green, City Clerk
08/26,09/02/2020

NOTICE OF MEETING CHANGE
The regular Homedale Highway District meeting scheduled for September 9th, has been changed.
The next regular meeting of the Homedale Highway District will be held on Wednesday, September 2nd, 2020, at the Highway District office located at 102 E. Colorado in Homedale, at 7 p.m.
Dated this 12th day of August, 2020
s:/Terri Uria
Secretary
Posted at the Highway District office on August 12, 2020
08/26/20

NOTICE OF ELECTION
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to IDS 43-201 to 43-207, inclusive, the election of one Director from Division 1 for a term of three (3) years of the Gem Irrigation District, will be held on November 3, 2020 from the first of January 2021, and until their successors are elected

and qualified.
Nomination for Director may be made by Petition, signed by at least (12) electors of the District qualified to vote for the candidate nominated and filed with the Secretary of the District not less than 40 days nor more than 60 days before the date of the election. Petitions may be obtained from Sherry Maxwell, Secretary of the District, 118 S. 1st Street W., Homedale, Idaho. (Petition due date is September 24, 2020)
In the event more than one (1) candidate is nominated within a Division, notice of the time and place of election will be posted as is required by IDS 43-206.
Dated August 17, 2020
Gem Irrigation District
Sherry Maxwell
Secretary
08/26,09/02/2020

LIEN SALE
Unit D-14, Victor Morris, 1402 Chickasaw Dr, Enid Oklahoma. Unit contains an ice cream display case, small chest freezer, wood shelves. Sealed bid auction will be held September 5th between the hours of 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. Unit can be viewed any time during normal business hours prior to the auction. Cash only sale and all items must be removed from the unit and unit must be swept out. All sales are final. The unit is located at The Hwy 95 Self Storage, 3685 Hwy 95 Homedale Idaho.
08/26,09/02/20

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

ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE
CITY OF MARSING
ORDINANCE A-217
AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020 APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$2,692,025.00 TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF MARSING FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR, AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A SUFFICIENT TAX UPON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY AND SPECIFYING THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSE FOR WHICH SAID APPROPRIATION IS MADE.
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSING, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.
SECTION 1: That the sum of **\$2,692,025.00** be, and the same is appropriated to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Marsing, Owyhee County, State of Idaho for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020.
SECTION 2: The objects and purposes for which such appropriation is made, and the amount of each object and purpose is as follows:

<u>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES:</u>	
GENERAL FUNDS:	
Administrative	\$ 676,466.00
Streets & Highways	\$ 264,275.00
Parks & Recreation	\$ 110,800.00
Planning & Zoning	\$ 125,500.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS:	\$ 1,177,041.00
SPECIAL FUNDS:	
Water	\$ 696,555.00
Sewer	\$ 594,524.00
Irrigation	\$ 108,805.00
Sanitation	\$ 115,100.00
TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS:	\$ 1,514,984.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES: \$ 2,692,025.00	

SECTION 3: That a general tax levy on all taxable property within the City of Marsing be levied in an amount allowed by law for general purpose for said City, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020.
SECTION 4: All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.
SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force upon its passage, approval and publication in one issue of the Owyhee Avalanche, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Marsing, and official newspaper of said City.
PASSED UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES, upon which a roll call vote was duly taken and duly enacted as an Ordinance of the City of Marsing, City Council held the 12th day of August, 2020.
/s: Chad Sevy Mayor
Attest: /s: Jolyn E. Green, City Clerk-Treasurer
08/26,09/02/2020

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.
A D D I T I O N A L 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

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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 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
HAWLEY TROXELL ENNIS & HAWLEY LLP
P.O. Box 1617
Boise, ID 83701-1617
Telephone: (208) 344-6000
08/19,26,09/02,09/2020

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

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

<i>BUDGETED ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS</i>	<i>Proposed Budget Oct.1, 2020 to Sept. 30, 2021</i>
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

<i>BUDGETED PROPOSED EXPENDITURES</i>	
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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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

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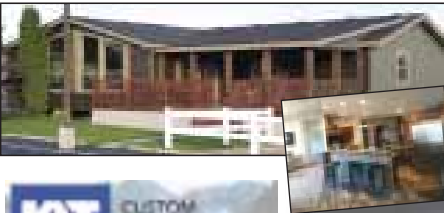
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Sports

Marsing volleyball brings wealth of experience

Second-year coach excited about versatile players, team improvement

Despite a district tournament play-in win over Vision Charter in October, Marsing High Schools struggled to a 3-15 record in volleyball last season.

Amy Chadez and her team have put in hard work over the summer to prepare themselves physically and mentally for the upcoming season, which begins Thursday at home against Liberty Charter of Nampa. The junior varsity match starts at 4:30 p.m., and the varsity match will follow.

The Huskies will feature eight girls on varsity and 10 on JV.

Despite the loss of team captain Emily Loucks, who will play volleyball at Louisburg College in North Carolina, Chadez looks forward to an improved Huskies team.

Marsing returns a significant number of contributors from last season, including:

- **Delaney Percifield** (sr., outside hitter) — “She is versatile and consistent in her play,” Chadez said. “She understands the game and how to read the defense to find a spot to put the ball away.”
- **Hannah Sevy** (sr., middle blocker) and **MarDee Hall**

(jr., MB) — “They will give a strong swing and block.”

- **Regan Stansell** (jr., setter) and **Lexi Loucks** (jr., S) — “Both girls are coming into the roles with fire and working hard to set up our attackers consistently.”
- **Hailey Christiansen**, (sr., right side) — “Hailey can provide a solid block and is a positive leader on our team.”
- **Fallon Wasson** (sr., libero) — “(Wasson is) a transfer from Melba. She is a solid player all around, and we are thrilled to add her as our defensive leader.”
- **Mila Astorquia** (so., OH) — “Mila is a workhorse in all she does. She has a strong swing, and we are excited to see her develop in this role and as she continues to work on being competitive all around the court.”

Chadez said that she believes team strengths include chemistry and leadership roles that she sees developing. She said the defense and serve receive is much improved from last season, which will allow the offense to attack more effectively.

Several players have switched positions from the



Marsing High School volleyball coach Amy Chadez met with her players, many for the first time, during a June gathering in the hall outside the high school gymnasium.

2019 season, which can pose some challenges. Percifield has moved from setter to outside hitter, Christiansen from blocker to right side, and Loucks, who played multiple positions on the JV and varsity teams, has settled into the setter role.

“They are open to adjusting their previous roles for the sake of the team to allow us to be more competitive,” Chadez said. “We have girls that have a strong swing with the

opportunity to put balls away, and our serving has become more competitive.

“We are scrappy this year, which excites our coaching staff.”

The assistant coaches, who like Chadez are starting their second season, are Brandi Chadez and Ruben Rodriguez.

The usual group of conference foes figures to be tough this year, including Melba, Nampa Christian, and Cole

Valley Christian. The 2A WIC also welcomes newcomers Ambrose Charter and Compass Charter to its ranks.

“We like the way we match up and feel we will surprise some people with our play,” Amy Chadez said.

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Thursday, Aug. 27 at New Plymouth meet, 5:15 p.m.

Volleyball
Varsity
Thursday, Aug. 27, home vs. Liberty Charter, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 1, home vs. Payette, 6:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Thursday, Aug. 27, home vs. Liberty Charter, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 1, home vs. Payette, 5:30 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Thursday, Aug. 27, home vs. Liberty Charter, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 1, home vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.

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