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Future of OCSO in Marsing to be discussed

New city hall could host senior lunch; New Meals on Wheels organization to come?

With city offices fully moved into their new digs, the Marsing City Council will hold its first meeting of a new era at 6 p.m. tonight at 18 Sandbar Ave.

The meeting will begin with a conversation with Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant addressing the future of his deputies' presence in Marsing.

The council appropriated no funds in the fiscal year 2021 to support a full-time OCSO presence within the city.

During Mayor Chad Sevy's report, the council will attempt to iron out details to put the old city hall building at 425 Main St., up for auction. The building must be appraised, and the

council must agree on a minimum bid for the building, which also must be declared surplus property.

The council also will hammer out the policy for public use of the Sandbar Community Room, which is required under the city's purchase

— See *OCSO*, page 3A



Homedale City Hall's exterior freshened up

Marco Quebrado from Valspec Painting applies a coat of paint last Wednesday to the west side of Homedale City Hall. Valspec put a blue-and-white color upgrade on the building, with white walls and blue doors and trim.

Part of Homedale's West Nevada Ave. could be sold

Peterson Park hearing slated for tonight

The City of Homedale could put a vacated street near the fairgrounds up for sale.

At their next meeting, city councilmen are scheduled to discuss and possibly put on

the sale block a portion of West Nevada Avenue between North 3rd Street West and North 4th Street West.

The meeting takes place at 6 p.m., today next Wednesday at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. The meeting originally was scheduled for Sundance Park, but was moved back to the magistrate courtroom after

— See *Homedale*, page 5A

County COVID rate continues to drop

Owyhee County's COVID-19 incidence rate is decreasing, according to Southwest District Health.

The health district released summaries on each county late Friday afternoon ahead of the Labor Day weekend.

According to the synopsis, Owyhee County remains in

the orange health alert level with incidence rates falling for the third week in a row and for a decrease in cluster outbreaks as a result of "essential gatherings," which SWDH media liaison Katrina Williams characterized as

— See *COVID*, page 4A

Confirmed Owyhee County COVID-19 cases:

284

Aug. 25 to Aug. 31 statistics:

New confirmed cases, 8

Deaths: 5 (New: 0)

Health alert level: Orange

Probable cases, 29 (New: 1)

Source: coronavirus.idaho.gov



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Irrigation board candidate filing period begins in Idaho, Oregon

Men and women interested in serving on irrigation boards throughout Owyhee County can submit nomination petitions.

The filing deadline for the Gem Irrigation District Div. 1 director election is Sept. 24 according to a legal notice appearing in the next two editions of The Owyhee Avalanche.

Rick Smith of Marsing, who is serving as the Gem Irrigation District board chair this year, will see his three-year term expire on Dec. 31. He currently serves as chair of the South Board of Control, too.

Petitions are available through district secretary Sherry Maxwell at the South Board office, 118 S. 1st St. W., in Homedale.

In the Ridgeview district, both chair Mark Aman and vice-chair Bret Nielson will have terms expiring at the end of the year. Oregon water users vote by mail, and candidate petitions can be picked up at the district's Homedale

office beginning Friday. All nominations must be received by Oct. 7 to appear on the ballot. Completed ballots must be received by Nov. 10.

No election will be held if any of the districts' positions receive only one candidate.

The SBOC office in Homedale is also the Ridgeview business office.

The South Board of Control, Gem and Ridgeview boards meet on the second Tuesday of the month in Homedale.

- There are two possible elections in the Opaline Irrigation District as terms expire for vice-chair Charles Robertson (Div. 4) and Div. 1 director Zenaido Ponce.

Those wishing to run for the seats have until Sept. 21 to file nomination papers, according to that district's legal notice.

For more information, contact secretary Pam Howard at (208) 896-5273 or opalineirrigationdistrict@hotmail.com.

The board meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7300 Opaline Rd., outside Marsing.

- Vice-chair Lou Sanchez, who lives in Division 2 of the Reynolds Irrigation District, is the only director up for re-election for that board.

Contact district secretary Brad Huff at (208) 495-2950 for more information.

The board meets on the first Thursday of the month at the Wilson School House on Idaho highway 78 and Johnston Lane.

- Div. 2 director Buster Ridley is the only person facing re-election in the Grand View district.
- Ron Ridley, the Div. 1 director and vice-chair, is up for re-election on the Snake River Irrigation District board.

Contact Dixie McDaniel at (208) 834-2350 for information on either position.

The Grand View district board meets on the first Tuesday of the month, and the Snake River district directors meet on the first Wednesday of the month. Both meetings take place at the Grand View Irrigation District Office, 645 Idaho Ave., in Grand View.



City of Homedale public works superintendent Bret Smith lowers the flag at Bette Uda City Park in honor of the park's namesake, who passed away on Aug. 22 at the age of 95.

Family: Remember Bette Uda with city parks donations

Bette Uda's family has asked those wanting to pay tribute to her to consider a donation to the City of Homedale.

The request was made in her obituary, which appears on Page 7A this week, and in a post to the Facebook page dedicated to her namesake park,

City officials have agreed to use any memorials to finance updates to the city's tennis courts or other park facilities.

Send donations to Homedale

City Hall, P.O. Box 757, Homedale, ID 83628.

No public services are planned at this time because of the coronavirus pandemic, but the family said a public celebration of life will be held at Bette Uda City Park when the crisis has subsided.

Homedale public works supervisor Bret Smith lowered the U.S. flag at Bette Uda City Park to half-staff in the woman's honor on the morning of Sept. 1.

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Change in scope may jeopardize county broadband project

Coordinator learns fiber won't be available in time to complete work

Owyhee County's plan to move ahead on a project to provide broadband access to rural citizens between Marsing and Rimrock High School has apparently hit a major snag.

The Idaho Department of Commerce had approved three grants totaling nearly \$6.2 million to fund the ambitious project.

But the lack of available infrastructure equipment could jeopardize the grants.

The state money, seeded by the federal CARES Act, was to provide capital for everything that was needed to bury fiber optic cable along the Idaho highway 78 corridor.

But the project hit a wall of sorts when Owyhee County Sheriff's dispatch manager and 911 coordinator Sarah Kipper, the primary force behind obtaining the grants, learned that the fiber necessary would not be available for about two months — possibly as late as the second week of November.

All CARES Act-funded projects must be completed by Dec. 15.

Kipper said requesting a deadline extension is not an option because the CARES Act expires on Dec. 30.

Furthermore, Kipper said the state department could theoretically pull the grants because using microwave is contrary to the application's proposed fiber design.

Now, Kipper is pursuing a possible solution to the problem. Tekfinity, the internet provider with which the county would be working, provides microwave internet to the Marsing and Bruneau-Grand View schools, and the technology could be used in the county's broadband project.

Although microwave is a viable alternative, Kipper said, it is not her first choice for a solution.

"Things change daily (but) fiber is absolutely still the goal," she said. "We are still working to come up with a better solution."

Kipper said that taking the microwave route will deliver the same availability and speeds promised; it just changes the technology that

"Things change daily (but) fiber is absolutely still the goal."

— Sarah Kipper
OCSO dispatch manager and 911 coordinator

delivers the internet connectivity. The micro-PoPs (points of presence, or access points) used to transmit the internet also would use microwave.

Kipper said microwave is cheaper, but a huge downside would be no fiber would run to Murphy (or anywhere, for that matter) that could be utilized by the county for future projects.

Kipper is firmly convinced that the county can get the project completed by the Dec. 15 deadline.

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners discussed the matter further during Tuesday's meeting in Murphy, which was held after The Owyhee Avalanche's deadline.

— TK

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✓ OCSO: City council removed funding for patrol contract from FY 21 budget

agreement with the Marsing Senior Center Inc. board of directors.

The council will address and potentially approve an ordinance to amend city code to end the prohibition of keeping roosters within the city limits. If the amendment is approved, residents could keep roosters within the city limits if they receive a conditional use permit. The amendment was discussed during the August council meeting, but the topic was tabled without a decision.

Grant Jones, from Metro Meals on Wheels, will meet with Sevy and the city council about his organization bringing meals to Marsing seniors. Metro may possibly serve congregate meals in the Sandbar Community Room.

Currently, the Homedale Senior Center provides Meals on Wheels service to Marsing-area shut-ins, but no local congregate meal is available.

Marsing city engineer Kirby Cook from Civil Dynamics will give updates on the completion of The Sandbar/City Hall project, work to control sludge in the sewer plant, and repairs to be done on the city's water tower.

Council members will also hear monthly reports from city attorney Stephanie J. Bonney, code enforcement, law enforcement, and public works superintendent Philip Gibson.

Gibson is expected to discuss the recent hiring of Ira Porter, who is filling an open, part-time position, and the completion of a recent chip-sealing project. He will also share information about public works projects planned over the next month.

A public hearing to address Marsing Ag Labor's request to rezone part of its parcel on 8th Avenue West to multiuse will likely be continued to the council's Oct. 14 meeting. It will be the fifth time that the hearing will be continued.

— TK



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Assembly of God pastor anxious for car show’s return

Rare chance to show off chrome in Homedale

Like everyone else, Ivar Moore is looking for a distraction these days. Conveniently, the Homedale Assembly of God pastor is right in the middle of planning the church’s sixth annual car and bike show. “It’s about defeating coronavirus and providing hope,” he said of his wishes for what the event can bring to the community. “We just want people to come out and have something to enjoy to avoid all the junk that’s out there right now.” The classic car and motorcycle show and shine will take place on Saturday, Sept. 26 at

Bette Uda City Park. Car and bike owners can register their cars from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration costs \$10. The show will be going from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., when raffle prizes will be given away and show awards doled out. “It’s a blessing to the community and to those that love cars,” Moore said of the event. He’s seeking donations for raffle prizes, too. Proceeds from the entry fees and the raffle will benefit The Refuge, the Assembly of God youth center on the southwest corner of North Main Street and West Montana Avenue. The Youth center is open on Wednesdays and Sundays for activities and programs, but Moore said there is still work to be done on the complex. The yard has to be cultivated, the basement finished and window coverings and flooring updated. Moore said the space is also available for anyone who is holding a special event. For information on the youth center, the Assembly of God, or the car and bike show or to donate prizes, contact Moore at (208) 412-2946 or ivarcmoore@gmail.com. — JPB

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✓ COVID: Southwest District Health’s next alert level change could come today

grocery stores, household clusters and workplace clusters. Non-essential gatherings are defined as social events and community events. As of Saturday, the county’s daily incidence rate was 1.21 cases per 10,000 people. Owyhee County’s population is around 11,800.

That would put Owyhee County into the yellow, or low-risk, zone. But SWDH keeps a county in a certain health alert zone for two weeks before officially moving it up or down according to incidence rate.

Even in at the yellow level, Southwest District Health still recommends social distancing or face covering when social distancing is not possible.

Although workplace and household clusters are apparent, epidemiologists are less concerned with those developments, the synopsis said.

Overall, the daily incidence rate is dropping across the district with Owyhee, Washington and Gem counties dropping in to the orange level two weeks ago.

“Many thanks to the businesses and residents who are doing their part to help slow the spread of COVID-

Malheur COVID-19 cases:
1,249
New cases, Aug. 25 to Aug. 31: 70
Deaths: 20 (New: 1)
Negative tests: 4,399 (New: 236)
Source:
govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19

19,” SWDH director Nikki Zogg said.

Canyon and Payette counties remain in the red level, although the next health alert level update will come today. Adams County has been in the gray level (signifying low risk) since SWDH began its color-coded alert system.

Southwest District Health recommendations remain in place:

- Maintain physical distancing and stay six feet apart from people not in your household
- Wear a face covering when physical distancing cannot be maintained
- Gather outdoors with a small group
- Sanitize and wash your hands often
- Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces often

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Anniversary

Salisburys mark 50th with family campout

Jim and Marsha Salisbury are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year.

The couple was married on Aug. 25, 1970 in the Idaho Falls Temple. They have five children: Kimberlie, Tasha, Kari, Thomas, and Karla, 21 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

They met at a family function of Marsha's when they were little. Jim was the neighbor boy that played with the kids back then. Years go by, and a friend Marsha's brought Jim to her house for a blind date with her sister. Jim and Marsha had the connection, so they began accompanying one another to church dances until she was 16, when she could date. They dated until her senior year. When Marsha was 17, and Jim was 19 and had just finished his college freshman year, they got married.

The couple lived in Homedale, Jim working at



Jim and Marsha Salisbury, 1970

Arvin Millwork (now Boise Cascade) and Marsha continuing her schooling.

In the anniversary announcement, the couple's children wrote "Life was not always easy, but with their faith in the Lord and Mom's loyalty to the church teachings, they fought back and have continued for 50 years. To say it was wedding bliss would not be completely truthful but like Mom says, 'You must work at marriage



Jim and Marsha Salisbury, 2020

and continue working at it, giving up is not an option.' "

The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a campout in the Owyhees with family and close friends.

"It was our chance to give back to the two that started it all and made it all possible," their children wrote. "We love you both and thank you for all the life lessons and unconditional love. Congratulations on 50 years and here's to another 50."

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The Homedale City Council will consider selling this vacated portion of West Nevada Avenue near the Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena during tonight's meeting.

✓ Homedale: Meeting returns to City Hall

Southwest District Health dropped Owyhee County from the COVID-19 red health alert zone to the orange zone.

Under that status, face coverings are still recommended in situations where social distancing of at least 64 square feet (an 8-foot box) cannot be maintained.

Owyhee County is among two suitors for the narrow vacated portion of West Nevada Avenue that stretches past the county fairgrounds rodeo arena stock yard. The county could use the property

for additional fairgrounds parking.

No information is available on the second prospective buyer.

Today's meeting also includes a public hearing that could be the catalyst for the city applying for a \$250,000 Idaho Community Development Block Grant.

The city wants to use state Department of Commerce-allocated funds to develop Peterson Park, which is being called an extension of Riverside Park. The two open

spaces would be adjoined by Riverside Drive at the foot of North Main Street.

The council will take public input on the plan to develop the park during the hearing. Citizens can send written comments to City Hall until 5 p.m., or give input at the meeting.

The meeting will also include departmental reports, including the city library, police department, public works, engineering and attorney reports.

— JPB

School menus

Homedale Elementary

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

Sept. 9: **Breakfast:** Apple cinnamon Texas toast **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garlic toast, green beans

Sept. 10: **Breakfast:** Breakfast bites **Lunch:** Uncrustable, PB&J sandwich, potato chips, baby carrots, rice krispie treat

Sept. 14: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Corn dog, tater tots

Sept. 15: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza **Lunch:** Chicken patty sandwich, coleslaw

Sept. 16: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon pull apart **Lunch:** Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes w/gravy, hot roll

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

Sept. 9: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll **Lunch:** Spaghetti & garlic bread, green beans

Sept. 10: **Breakfast:** Mini donuts **Lunch:** Taquitos, corn, cookie

Sept. 14: **Breakfast:** Mini waffles **Lunch:** Pepperoni calzone, green beans

Sept. 15: **Breakfast:** Chocolate chip muffin **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, French fries

Sept. 16: **Breakfast:** Apple cinnamon Texas toast **Lunch:** Chicken taco, corn

Homedale High

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

Sept. 9: **Breakfast:** Sausage plate or mini pancakes **Lunch:** Pulled pork sandwich or hamburger/cheeseburger, tater tots

Sept. 10: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or pop tart **Lunch:** Chicken taco or corn dog, corn

Sept. 14: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon burst bread slice or Dutch waffle **Lunch:** Boneless buffalo wings or taquitos, breadstick, coleslaw

Sept. 15: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich or Benefit bar **Lunch:** Chicken patty, hamburger/cheeseburger, French fries

Sept. 16: **Breakfast:** Biscuits & gravy or pancakes **Lunch:** Pepperoni calzone, garlic toast or cheesy chicken sub, steamed carrots

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 (spicy or regular), cheeseburger, garlic French bread pizza

Cold Grab-n-go line (most days): Wrap, sub sandwich, salad (various)

Sept. 9: **Lunch:** Super nachos (elementary), PB&J, refried beans, potato, tots/gems. **Hot grab-n-go alternative:** Walkin' taco.

Sept. 10: **Lunch:** Pepperoni calzone, PB&J, green beans, potato wedge. **Hot grab-n-go alternative:** Walkin' taco

Sept. 14: **Lunch:** Whole grain corn dog, PB&J, potato wedge, hot roll, whole grain chocolate chunk cookie. **Hot grab-n-go alternative:** Buffalo chicken nuggets

Sept. 15: **Lunch:** Spaghetti, PB&J, green beans, potato tots/gems, whole-grain cheese-filled breadstick

Sept. 16: **Lunch:** Dutch waffle, sausage patty, PB&J, hash brown patty, seasoned fries, strawberries w/topping. **Hot grab-n-go alternative:** Pepperoni pizza.

Bruneau/Grand View

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

Sept. 9: **Breakfast:** Biscuit & gravy **Lunch:** Beef & bean burrito, romaine salad/salsa, corn

Sept. 10: **Breakfast:** Bagels **Lunch:** Corn dog, tater tots, baby carrots

Sept. 14: **Breakfast:** French toast **Lunch:** Chicken & noodles, tossed romaine salad, steamed carrots

Sept. 15: **Breakfast:** Breakfast wrap **Lunch:** Chicken patty on a bun, mashed potatoes & gravy, steamed broccoli

Sept. 16: **Breakfast:** PB & J **Lunch:** Nachos & whole wheat chips, refried beans/salsa, corn

Calendar

Today

Lizard Butte Library Board meeting
4:30 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Melba school board meeting
5 p.m., district office, 511 Broadway, Melba. (208) 495-1141

Grand View City Council meeting
6 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2700, noon to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday

Homedale City Council meeting
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641

Marsing City Council meeting
6 p.m., City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 896-4122. Meeting accessible on the City of Marsing Facebook page

Marsing Fire commissioners meeting
7 p.m., Marsing Fire Hall, 303 Main St., Marsing.

Marsing school board meeting
7 p.m., school district office boardroom, 301 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411

Thursday

Owyhee Conservation District board
Noon, U of I Owyhee Extension office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. Meeting accessible by teleconference only, (888) 844-9904, access code 2792764.

Teens & Tweens
5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Riverside Park, Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting
5:30 p.m., City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. Check Facebook for updates. (208) 859-2087 or marsingchamber@gmail.com

Library board meeting
5:30 p.m., Lizard Butte Library community room, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

VFW meeting
7 p.m., Samuel Phillips III Post 11065, 208 3rd St., Wilder. (208) 250-7780

Saturday and Sunday

No activities planned

Monday

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

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

Homedale school board meeting
7 p.m., school district boardroom, 116 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4611

Tuesday

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

Thursday, Sept. 17

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

Volunteers make Owyhee County 4-H program possible

Volunteers are the heart of any 4-H youth program in Owyhee County, and throughout the United States and worldwide. Volunteering is an act of an individual generously giving of their time and energy for their community.



Janelle Thompson

4-H volunteers truly have the best interest of youth as their major consideration. their reason for volunteering with 4-H is the joy of watching youth grow and mature into productive young adults. 4-H is a place for every child and for every volunteer to grow in a safe environment.

Leadership in 4-H doesn't depend on the amount of knowledge you have about a project. It relies on the willingness and desire to help youth learn. While a young member's project might be photography, horses or sewing, the leader's project is always the youth. Leadership is the ability to get along with people; to tackle a job and see it through. 4-H volunteers are valued partners and the key to the success of a member's learning, experience and continuing interest in 4-H.

University of Idaho Extension

One of the great benefits of 4-H is that there are many areas for a volunteer to help our youth. From being the club's organizational leader, the leader of a specific project, that helpful parent that plans the club fundraiser or helps with the gate at fair. Everyone that volunteers is a very valuable and important part of the Owyhee County 4-H program. Thanks to all our volunteers in Owyhee County; 4-H would not be possible without you.

The most meaningful form of recognition preferred by 4-H volunteers, is a thank you from the youth and family they have helped through the year. So, take a minute and thank that volunteer that made your year special.

A great volunteer is hard to find, difficult to part with and impossible to forget!

— Janelle Thompson is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension 4-H coordinator. For more information, you can reach Thompson at the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.



Marsing resident Sharla Jensen, a leader of Barnyard Brigade 4-H club and the wife of University of Idaho Extension Educator Scott Jensen (background), was honored during the Owyhee County 4-H Awards for 20 years of volunteer service with the organization.

4-H volunteers

Milestone leaders

20 years — Sharla Jensen, Barnyard Brigade

10 years — Jackie Engle, Keepin' It Country; and Brandie Campbell, Owyhee Silver Spurs

5 years — George Decker, Country Kids; Tony Fisher, 4-H horse and fair superintendent; Heather Packer, Keepin' It Country

1 year — Neita Helm and Jared Scott, Owyhee Outlaws; Kelsi Skinner, South Mountain Livestock; Kimi Hotchkiss, Shoofly Livestock; Dusty Kukla, Lizzie Kukla, and Lucas Cossel, Wilson Butte 4-H; Cameron Mulrony and Stacey Wolfe, Country Kids; and Laura Gonzalez, Snake River Livestock

Other leaders

Bruneau Canyon — Russell and Deidre Erwin

Country Kids — Carina Purdom,

Florentina Badiola, and Marcy Hibbs

Great Basin Buckaroos — Nick and Mandi Roland

Owyhee Outlaws — Joanna Christensen

Owyhee Ruff Riders — Greg and Amber Clay

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Obituary

Bette (Shigeko) Uda

Bette (Shigeko) Uda passed away peacefully on August 22, 2020 in Eagle, Idaho at the age of 95. Bette was born on December 6, 1924 to Chiyono Shimizu Arima and Niroku Arima at the family home in Boise. She was the youngest of 3 children, with sister Mary Chiyoko and brother Tom Shizuo. When Bette was 2, her family moved to Cascade to operate the Boston Café. Bette, with her siblings, worked at the café and on their stepfather's (Sam Akichika) farm on W. Mountain Rd. Bette enjoyed playing with friends, riding her bike, taking tap dance lessons, writing fiction and poetry, and picking huckleberries. She was also a sportswriter for the Cascade high school newspaper. Prior to her senior year, Bette's family moved to Homedale, where she completed her high school education. At both schools, she was involved with several student clubs and activities including the yearbook staff, cheer, basketball, track, and softball.

After high school, Bette went to Boise to find work, first as a housekeeper then as a developer at Fox Photography Studio. It was in Boise that Bette became well known as a talented jitterbug dancer. It was also in Boise where she met her future husband of 59 years, Ben, on a blind date. Eventually Ben and Bette decided to start a



farm next to her brother Tom, so they moved to Homedale where they raised 3 children who followed in their mother's footsteps by participating in numerous school sports and activities.

Bette joined the PTA in 1952 and was also a Room Mother for all 3 kids. To raise funds for the PTA, Bette helped start the International Smorgasbord, which ran annually for 50 years as the PTA's largest fundraising event. Bette was an active PTA member for 17 straight years and only missed 6 meetings during that time. She was awarded a Lifetime Membership to the PTA.

As a den mother for her son's scout troop she began sending updates of scout activities to the local newspapers. Soon after, she received a call from the Idaho Press-Tribune's regional editor, who offered



her a correspondent job, covering Homedale and Owyhee County. Bette loved this job and strived to highlight the positive activities of the local youth. She took photographs, developed the film, and authored her articles for over 25 years.

Bette always found ways to give back to her community. She was the Secretary/Treasurer of Homedale's Chamber of Commerce for many years and was an honorary life member. Bette was also the 1st woman to serve on Homedale's City Council where she managed the city's Parks & Rec Dept. During her tenure on the council, Bette never used city funds to pay for Parks and Rec projects. For almost 19 years, she raised funds by collecting/recycling aluminum and newspapers by the truckload. She also

successfully applied for several grants on behalf of the city. Using funds from her recycling efforts and from the grants, she was able to finance projects such as tennis courts, welcome signs, park benches, tables, awnings, landscaping, and bleachers. She also used these funds to pay for programs such as adult ed classes, summer rec leagues, and arts & craft classes. Bette empowered local youth by assisting them with city beautification projects. In 1980, Bette's 30+ years of public service were recognized by the Treasure Valley Chamber of Commerce with the Outstanding Citizen Award. That same year, she also received the Thomas Jefferson Award for community service. In 2011, the City of Homedale renamed the local park in honor of Bette's lifetime of giving back to the community she loved.

Bette was an accomplished cook and hostess. With sister Mary and sister-in-law Molly, she hosted the family's famous New Year's Day feast every year and was always ready with a delicious, 3 course meal for any visitor to her home. She also enjoyed working as a middle and elementary school cook for over 20 years.

Bette was preceded in death by husband Ben Uda, father Niroku Arima, mother Chiyono "Mary" Arima-Aki-

chika, stepfather Sam Akichika, sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Guy Yamashita, brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Molly Arima, sisters-in-law, Fusaye Fujii, Sada Yamada and Mary Ogsbury. Bette is survived by her 3 children and their spouses, Joni & Kathy Uda, Tami & Kent Takeshita, and Terry & Charito Uda. Her sister-in-law Alice Vetter, brother-in-law Stan Ogsbury, 8 grandchildren, and 14 nieces and nephews.

Bette's family would like to extend a warm thank you to everyone who has supported them including Bette's many friends, extended family, caregivers, her St. Luke's Hospice care team, and her niece and nephew, Dorothy and Norio Kojima. They would also like to thank the citizens of Homedale who have lifted their spirits with words of love and support. Due to the pandemic, Bette's family has chosen to hold private services, but once the pandemic crisis has subsided, the family plans on holding a Celebration of Life in Bette's park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Homedale City Hall, in Bette Uda's name. The city has agreed to dedicate these donations to fund future updates to the city tennis courts and other park facilities. Address: City of Homedale, P.O. Box 757, Homedale, ID 83628.

Death notice

JAMES JOHN HOWARD 77, who owned a cabin and maintained an airstrip in Oreana, died on Sunday, July 12, 2020. A memorial take place at Hesitation Airport in Oreana at a later date. Arrangements: Bowman Funeral Directors, 10254 W. Carlton Bay Dr., Garden City. (208) 853-3131

Service notice

PATRICK (PAT) HENRY STANFORD, 62, of Jordan Valley, died on Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020. A memorial service and potluck dinner will be held at 1 p.m., on Sept. 10, 2020 at the Jordan Valley Community Park in Jordan Valley, Ore.

Senior menu

Homedale Senior Center

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Sept. 10: Baked ham, mac & cheese, sweet potatoes
Sept. 15: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, beets
Sept. 16: Pasta primavera (ham, white sauce, pasta), Calif. blend veggies

Sr. center parking lot sale planned

The Homedale Senior Center remains closed to the public, but that doesn't mean there isn't a need for fundraising.

The center has had its thrift store at 224 W. Idaho Ave., open in recent weeks to give folks a place to shop for bargains while helping out the organization.

And, of course, center staff

members still provide meals three days per week (Tuesday through Thursday) in a to-go format at the center as well as making twice-weekly Meals on Wheels deliveries to dozens of shut-ins in the Homedale-Marsing area.

All this still must be paid for, and center coordinator Sandra

Ledford announced that the thrift store will hold a parking lot sale later this month.

The sale will take place at the center's parking lot at the corner of West Idaho Avenue and North 3rd Street West. The sale will be held from 9 a.m., to 4 p.m., on Friday, Sept. 18 and Saturday, Sept. 19.

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Great Open and Shut Country: The story of the 1950 Census in Owyhee County

Mildretta Adams' recollection of her job as a 1950 census taker, first imparted in "Owyhee Cattlemen 1878 to 1978: 100 Years in the Saddle," continues. (Reprinted with permission)

After I had finished my urban enumeration to which I was first assigned, South Homedale and all of Marsing, I was schooled in agriculture and sent out into the farther precincts, "the great open and shut country." Shut one gate, and it's time to open and shut another one. I was lucky to always have one of my daughters with me, or my sister to drive the pickup or open the gates. We would like to stay on friendly terms with the folks who own the fences, so I won't go into any lengthy discussion of what we think of them. The fences, that is.

The people were wonderful. We took along our bedroll and grub-box, just in case, but we were never permitted to use them.

We had all kinds of weather from the first day out until the last, but it was a beautiful April day when we started. We skimmed along Highway 95 about 35 miles, then took a dirt road leading east. No one was at the house when we reached our first ranch, so we walked a mile or so down in the field and found Jim Harvill and his wife irrigating the meadow, making the most of the early spring runoff. Finding a dry spot of ground, we all sat down and I began to fill in the blanks. We got along fine until we hit production questions, and it was necessary to go onto the house and look up records. By this time, all the wood ticks on the 640 had been alerted and were gathering in droves to get their



Reminiscing Owyhee memories

by
Mildretta
Adams

first square meal of the season off my well-padded bones, so I was glad to get a chance to move. Later that night, I discovered that several of the ticks had decided to go along with me.

One nice thing about going to the house to complete the enumeration, it was so near the noon hour when we finished we had to stay for lunch. And what a meal you get at a ranch! Besides the regular fare of meat, gravy and potatoes, there was honest-to-goodness cottage cheese, golden ranch butter and "she musta knowed we wuz comin' 'cause she'd baked a cake."

By 7:30 p.m. of my first day out, I was practically through with my first rural precinct, and I learned several things. People are friendly, interesting, glad to have company, happy to give all the answers required, have cupboards full of antique dishes, old guns, Indian relics, pretty rocks, but I dare not linger very long. Just mosey on over to the next place and ask all the questions again and make all the crosses in the right squares.

At the Ralph Stanford ranch on Jackson Creek, we saw a buckboard in the yard with an

old hand-pieced quilt thrown over the seat. Upon inquiry if it was still in use, we were told that the teacher, Mrs. Omer Stanford, and her family drove it from their place up the creek every school day and left it there and tied the horse in the barn. The little red-roofed schoolhouse was only a quarter of a mile down in the field from there.

The rural schoolteachers of later years were nearly always married with children of their own who helped make a sufficient number of pupils to maintain a school.

One rainy day we were driving a jeep borrowed from Frank Maher, and we came to the Cliffs schoolhouse about 11 o'clock. I hated to interrupt classes, but I knocked and asked the teacher for a few minutes of her time. She graciously dismissed her 10 pupils and sent them out to play. At least she tried, but it required an unusual amount of time to put on their wraps, and they all seemed to be exceedingly thirsty for such a damp day. They made numerous trips to the galvanized water pail on the bench, and slowly quenched their thirst, eyeing me up and down over the brim of their tin cups, which they hung back up, 10 in a row over



An illustration of the author closing a gate while working her way cross country to perform duties as a 1950 census enumerator.

the bench.

Anxious to get out of the way, I sat by the stove and begin to write the teacher's name and her own four children. When I asked her age, there was such a long pause I looked up to see why she didn't answer. Trying to hide a smile she was looking at the door of the tiny coatroom where one red-ribbon pigtail of the only girl in the school, Anita Maher, was protruding.

"Now," the teacher told her, "after getting four drinks and taking so long with your wraps, you are still excused to go outside for awhile."

Then the teacher told me that all the pupils were trying to find out her age, and she was not going to let then find out in that way.

The teacher apologized for the fact that saddles, bridles, blankets and small chaps were piled in the schoolhouse, but she didn't want the kids to ride home in wet saddles.

— This is the second of four parts in a serial excerpt. Part 2 will appear next week. Owyhee County native Mildretta Adams, who died in 1987, authored books looking at the history of the Owyhee country, including "Sagebrush Post Offices: A History of Owyhee County," "Historic Silver City: The Story of the Owyhees," and "Owyhee Cattlemen 1878 to 1978: 100 Years in the Saddle," from which this serial was excerpted. Most of Adams' books are available at The Owyhee Avalanche office. She lived in Homedale with her husband Walt, a World War I veteran, but they also had a homestead below Wagontown early in their marriage. The couple also owned a house in Silver City, and operated a museum at the schoolhouse. Mildretta was a charter member of the Owyhee County Historical Society.



Lighting-caused fire burns near JV

Fire crews got a wildfire southeast of Jordan Valley under control last Wednesday.

Lightning sparked the Twos Fire and between 100 to 150 acres overnight on Aug. 29 about 37 miles from Jordan Valley near Two Springs.

The fire was creeping with isolated runs through grass, brush and juniper in rocky and steep terrain.

Authorities contained the fire at 6 p.m., on Monday, and had it under control by 6 p.m., Wednesday, according to information from the Bureau of Land Management Boise District.

About 60 personnel were on the fire, including 18 smoke jumpers, two Type 1 hand crews, an air attack, two single-engine airtankers (SEATs), four heavy airtankers and one helicopter.

The smoke jumpers were necessary because of the remote access to the area that was burning. BLM reported that the difficult terrain complicated suppression efforts.

Left: An aerial view shows smoke from the Twos Fire wafting as firefighters begin their assault. BLM Boise District photo

Highway district keeps costs down with new ideas, inter-governmental cooperation

City chip-sealing accomplished with Homedale district machine

Getting private agricultural operations to help rebuild roads in the Homedale Highway District could be difficult, but board chair Larry Prow said the district is experimenting with a technique to strengthen roads.

Most of the truck traffic tearing up roads in the district travels from dairies outside the district, the Subdistrict 1 commissioner said, and that makes it difficult to consider a plan such as what Owyhee County has devised with the Wilson Creek Feeders feedlot to keep roads up to par.

Dairies from outside the Homedale district ship manure to spread on fields in the district. The heavy loads and speeds at which the trucks travel has contributed to the deterioration of certain roads.

Part of Cemetery Road is gravel and a long stretch of Nielsen Lane is gravel because the district doesn't have the funding to rebuild the roadways. Johnstone Road miles south of Homedale Middle School is another example of a road that has seen its share of abuse because of heavy truck traffic.

The highway district crew performed chip seal work on miles of 19¼ miles Johnstone Road last month at cost of \$13,848 per mile (or a total of \$266,574). Director of Highways Dan Herman operated a recently purchased machine to lay down the

rock.

A large-scale rehabilitation, including rebuilding the roadbed and putting down a new surface, is far too expensive.

But the district is coming up with ways to preserve what work it can afford. In early October, the crew will be out again putting a fog seal on Johnstone and River roads to preserve the seal coat. During last Wednesday's meeting, Prow and Subdistrict 3 Commissioner Scott Salutregui decided to wait until the next fiscal year to perform the work in order to preserve a nearly \$500,000 fund balance at the end of Fiscal Year 2020. Subdistrict 2 Commissioner John Demshar was absent from the meeting.

The fog seal job will be performed on a Friday to minimize impact to middle school-bound traffic.

The commissioners aren't opposed to creative private/public arrangements, if the situation is right.

Prow said that if a feedlot owner or dairy or other agriculture producer wanted large-scale pavement work done on a particular road, the commissioners would consider a cost-share program.

For now, though, the district continues to experiment with ways to stretch what little revenue is received.

"We are trying a new system, and so far it's working," Prow



The Homedale Highway District maintenance crew, including Director of Highways Dan Herman, manned a machine to lay rock chips down on East Owyhee Avenue recently in a joint City of Homedale-HHD project.

said.

The latest laboratory was a short stretch of River Road, on which crews completed a project last month.

Workers pulled up the old pavement and raised the roadbed 12 inches by adding pit run and crushed road mix.

After compaction, a special oil blend is sprayed as a seal coat. Two applications are applied a week apart after the initial seal coat.

The process is cheaper than sophisticated road rehabilitation because the work doesn't involve a 2- to 3-inch layer of asphalt.

"It was just kind of a test," Prow said. "We're trying to figure out some way to do stuff cheaper, and so people aren't

running into potholes."

If the work holds up, then the commissioners may consider trying it on sections of Nielsen and Cemetery.

"Golden Gate (Highway District in Wilder) put it in, and it held up really well," Prow said. "We're trying some way to get these roads fixed up."

Prow said the innovative projects are just part of the story as the district tries to keep costs down and fight the need to ask taxpayers for a levy increase.

"We've cut our costs down quite a bit," he said. "We bought our own chip-sealer last year, and it paid for itself last year."

With its own chip-sealer, the district doesn't have to

outsource the work, and the in-house equipment helps neighboring entities keep their costs down, too.

A day after chip-sealing Johnstone Road on Aug. 19, district Herman was back on the machine running chips on some of the City of Homedale streets.

Homedale public works supervisor Bret Smith said the city will receive a bill from the district for the crew's wages, and time for the machine and other costs. The city pays for the rock and oil used on the project.

But labor is also traded; a city worker helped the district with the Johnstone Road project outside the city limits.

— JPB

Nearly half of district budget aimed at road materials, work

Commissioners: Sheriff could curtail Market Road speeders

The Homedale Highway District board of commissioners passed a \$1.176 million budget last Wednesday.

The Fiscal Year 2021 appropriations were approved, 2-0, after a public hearing at which no input was received.

Chair Larry Prow and Subdistrict 3 Commissioner Scott Salutregui approved the budget. Subdistrict 2 Commissioner John Demshar was absent.

The budget includes a \$500,000 fund balance brought forward from the current fiscal year. District commissioners allocated \$511,013 for

materials and construction. For context, more than \$260,000 was needed to chip-seal less than 20 miles of roadway in the district's most recent FY 2020 project.

Another \$150,000 is planned for salaries and wages. The commissioners approved a \$1-per-hour wage increase for a road crewmember during the meeting. No other raises are forthcoming.

The commissioners also allocated \$100,000 for equipment lease or purchase, but put the brakes on an brought last Wednesday by Director of Highways Dan Herman to

purchase a roller. The cost of the roller is a couple thousand dollars more than the budget allocation. Herman said the roller could be purchased for three annual payments of \$35,500.

Further discussion and a possible decision were tabled until the commissioners' October meeting.

Board: OCSO could enforce speed limit

Ron Rose, a resident on a stretch of East Market Road, pleaded with highway commissioners to lower the speed limit in his area to improve safety for nearby families and children.

Rose said that traffic has increased, and speeding

agricultural trucks also add to the danger.

The commissioners and Herman pointed out that the speed limit on the stretch of road that concerns Rose is already at 35 mph. The problem is motorists who speed up as they approach a 50 mph zone just past the area.

Prow said the 50 mph zone past the area was once changed to 45 mph, and "everybody screamed."

Rose asked the commissioners to move the 50 mph zone further west to Hogg Road.

"Then I can at least go to law enforcement and tell them to enforce it," Rose said.

Prow said the commissioners would take it under advisement, but Salutregui pointed out that

a speed limit sign won't make much difference.

"The problem is we could make it 25 mph over our whole district, and if the police don't enforce it (people will still speed)," he said.

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office is responsible for speed limit enforcement in the highway district.

"You say they're going 50 ... where it's 35 mph," Salutregui said. "That's a law enforcement issue."

The commissioners also told Rose that at least one dairy owner has instructed his truck drivers to obey the speed limit. If the drivers receive tickets, the company won't pay them.

— JPB

OCHS meeting won't include Titanic showcase

Director's presentation moved to March meeting

A planned Owyhee County Historical Society membership meeting detailing the ill-fated maiden voyage of the Titanic has been postponed until spring.

The presentation was scheduled for Sept. 18 in Murphy. The meeting will still go on as planned, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the museum, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy.

Museum director Eriks Garsvo had been preparing a presentation detailing the HMS Titanic disaster called "A Night to Remember — Titanic at the Museum," but it has been postponed until March 19,

During the Sept. 18 meeting, Garsvo will update members on, among other topics, two projects he and his staff have been working on.

First, he has been transforming a room in McKeeth Hall into the Outpost Saloon. He said that the saloon is well on its way to having new flooring, which is already at the

museum. A new grid ceiling has been installed, and new lighting will be added soon.

He said that he hopes to have a bar built inside the saloon, with a tap installed.

"My goal is to have it ready to go by next year's Outpost Days," Garsvo wrote in the membership newsletter.

Work on the Museum Annex is ongoing, too. The lobby currently has no lights, and Garsvo plans to have eight trusses span the entry room to create "an inside barn feel." He also wants to hang old western lights and artifacts to create an old Owyhee County farming ambience.

Future OCHS events include the Murphy Christmas Tree Lighting and Museum Holiday kickoff at 6 p.m., on Nov. 20, the annual Christmas Bazaar and Charlie Brown tree sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Dec. 5, and the Membership Christmas Party at 6 p.m. on Dec. 11.

— TK



New Bruneau-Grand View elementary principal Alex Meyers (right) sits with his wife, second-grade teacher Britnie, and their twin daughters. Submitted photo

Rimrock grad takes the lead as new elementary principal

by Mandi Boren
For The Owyhee Avalanche

Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School alumni Alex Meyers has seen plenty of first days of school in the halls of Grand View Elementary School, but this year Meyers was the one doing the welcoming as the district's new elementary principal.

Meyers was raised in Grand View, attended Grand View Elementary and graduated from Rimrock. After graduation, Meyers attended the University of Idaho where he studied elementary education.

After receiving his degree from Idaho State University, Meyers said it was natural to return to the Bruneau-Grand View School District.

"It is where I was raised, and it just made sense to come back to help the community in some way," he said.

Meyers first accepted a middle-school position at Rimrock where he worked for three years. He then spent another four years teaching at Bruneau and Grand View elementary schools.

Meyers and his wife Britnie, who teaches second grade at Grand View Elementary School, live in Bruneau and are the parents of twin 2-year-old daughters.

Meyers said his passion for education began in third grade when his elementary school received the internet and his teacher showed the students how they could use it to learn whatever they wanted to learn.

"Our teacher really let us take charge of what we wanted to learn ...," he said. "Having that excitement made me want to provide that to other people."

As for his vision for the two elementary schools, Meyers said he is just focused on continuing the growth the district has seen in the past five years.

"We've worked really hard to turn things around, so I really want to help continue that growth," he said.

Meyers said in his opinion COVID-19 is currently presenting the biggest challenge to the district's elementary program.

To address these challenges BGV offers a blended learning environment, which allows parents to choose an online learning model for their students. Although there are only a handful of students attending online, Meyers said the option creates significant amount of additional for

teachers and staff.

At the August school board meeting, trustees shortened school days by 45 minutes to allow additional teacher prep time to operate Google Classroom for online learners.

Meyers said he believes the experience last school year helped the district prepare for this year. The district already had to adjust the first week of school after a teacher fell ill with the virus shortly before school began. In response, class members were moved to a two-week online model.

In regard to the challenges COVID-19 presents, Meyers speaks highly of his staff.

"I couldn't imagine trying to be a principal during our current times with a different group of people," he said. "They all are working harder than anyone could have hoped for ..."

Bruneau and Grand Elementary open houses are planned from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., on Wednesday, Sept. 23.

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

Courthouse report

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

- Aug. 31**
Wallace Page Stegner, Truckee, Calif. — Misdemeanor controlled substance possession: \$300 in fines, \$200.50 in court costs
- Aug. 28**
Preetinder Singh Sidhu, Stockton, Calif. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, false logbook (serious offense): \$263.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
Anthony Villa, Marsing — Felony aggravated battery: 30 days in jail (5 days served, 25 to serve), 3 years felony probation, \$175 in fines, \$920.50 in court costs. **Withheld judgment:** Defendant can petition to have record expunged after completion of sentence.
- Aug. 26**
Harjinder Singh, Ceres, 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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Hanley book back in print

A second printing of Owyhee Graffiti, Vol. 1 has been released.

The book of local, historical anecdotes was first published in 2000.

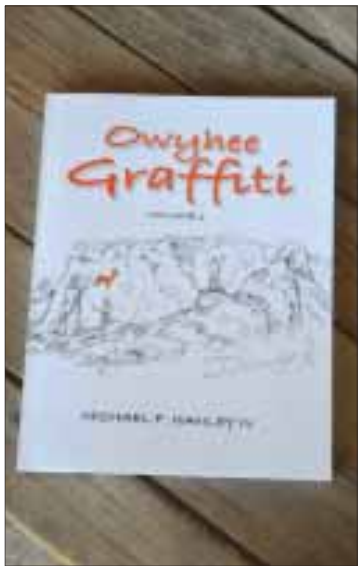
Jordan Valley historian, author and rancher Michael F. Hanley IV's 175-page book is available through The Owyhee Avalanche office for \$24.95 plus tax.

"It's been revised, and I think it has some pretty great things

added to it," Hanley said.

"Of course, I'm the author, so I naturally think it turned out pretty great. I think it turned out really good. We put a new cover on it. Looks great."

There is updated content that introduces folks to Oregon-based film documentarian Claire McKay, honors the late Frankie Dougal, and highlights Nicholas Maher, Jordan Valley's own Congressional Medal of Honor winner.





New Homedale restaurant debuts to rave reviews

Above: Homedale residents Ada Connell (left) and Alyce Shenk (right) order a couple pies from Trojan Take & Bake Pizza employee Amelia Brown (second from left) and owner Sarah Goettling during the restaurant's second day of business on Saturday.

Left: Heidi Heng (left) and Deonna Barnard create culinary art on Saturday.

The new Homedale restaurant at 222 W. Idaho Ave. opened its doors on Friday. Hours are 2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., on Friday and Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., on Sunday. Call (208) 337-7151 to place an order.

Cunningham grant provides support for Homedale library

Friends plan book sale on Sept. 19

The Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library in Homedale has received another boost from a Boise-based benefactor to improve services for local patrons.

The Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation awarded a \$3,000 grant to the library during its most recent grant cycle.

Director Sharla Jensen said the library intends to use \$1,200 of the funds to buy new books and DVDs, \$1,000 for a new computer and carrel, and \$800 for tables and chairs for the meeting room inside the old library.

The library's meeting room can be reserved for free to non-profit organizations or for \$25 for private events. Call (208) 337-4228 for information and reservations.

In addition to helping out libraries, the Cunningham foundation has provided grants for more than 50 years for myriad causes, including after-school programs, field trip bussing, and providing breakthrough technologies and improving medical access to rural communities throughout Idaho.

Library provides card registration incentive

September is "Sign up for a library card month" and the library is doing its part to pro-

mote the drive. Anyone who renews or signs up for a library card in September can enter their name in a drawing for a Chick-fil-A gift basket. The winner will be determined on Oct. 1.

Friends to hold book sale

The Friends of the Homedale Library will hold its semi-annual book sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19 at the old library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

Jensen said that the library has received multiple book donations over the past several months and that money received from the book sale will go toward supporting the Gypsy Jackson library.

Proceeds from last year's sale helped pay for a new fax machine, provided funds for a "Literacy for a Lifetime" grant through Usbourne Books, and helped pay for food and water for volunteers that helped with moving materials from the old library to the new one in February.

— TK

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Boat stations provide county, state waterway security

No fouled boats in Owyhee for a decade

Two Owyhee County watercraft check stations have made it through the season thus far unscathed.

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture is required by law to make 20 stations available throughout the state to check watercraft for aquatic invasive species, such as quagga and zebra mussels. Through Aug. 27, inspectors at stations in Bruneau and Marsing checked out 5,606 boats, and no mussels had been found.

The Bruneau River Soil Conservation District board is in charge of Owyhee County's two stations, which like all other stations in Idaho, will stay open until Sept. 30.

According to program manager Rayola Jacobsen, the Bruneau station inspected 3,504 and hotwashed 15 of them. All boats coming from high-risk water, such as Lake Mead in Nevada, Lake Havasu in Colorado, the Colorado River, and the Great Lakes system, are automatically hot washed.

Law enforcement returned 175 boats that had passed the stations. Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies are dispatched by an attempt-to-locate call whenever any vehicle carrying a watercraft fails to stop for inspection.

The Marsing station inspected 2,102 boats and hot washed 22 boats. Deputies escorted 261 individuals who had failed to stop.

Statewide, 111,891 boats have been inspected with 4,120 hot washes. Law enforcement has returned 2,097 to the 20 stations.

Protocol for watercraft inspections include:

- Out-of-state watercraft receive a paper certificate of inspection.
- Local boaters will often



Above: Watercraft check station manager Rayola Jacobsen (right) provides instruction to new inspector Anthony Clegg (left) on Aug. 31 at the Marsing station at the intersection of U.S. Highway 95 and Idaho highway 78. Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy James Ferdinand assists as the two inspect a boat owned by Marsing resident Jim Bell. **Below:** Jacobsen stands by an electronic sign alerting motorists of the checkpoint ahead.

have a passport that will be stamped by the inspector.

- If it floats, it has to be inspected — canoes, rafts, kayaks, jet skis, paddleboards, and boats

A total of 26 fouled boats were found from stations at Malad in Oneida County near the Utah border, Cotterel in Cassia County, and Cedars on Interstate 90 near Coeur d'Alene. Those three stations typically see boats coming in from the Colorado River and Great Lakes systems.

Mussels have been found dead on boats, but if they make it through the check stations they could give a false positive result when waters are tested for the presence of mussels.

All Idaho waters have tested negative for aquatic invasive species, and they were re-checked last week. CJ Strike Reservoir in Owyhee County was tested 70 different times



last year.

"I'm continually impressed with the story of people who continually pull into the stations and tell the officer and inspector 'thank you' because we don't want these (mussels) in our waters," Jacobsen said. "If we get them here, it will inhibit our hydroelectric ca-

pabilities.

"I've heard if (the mussels) get in irrigation systems, they're done."

All Idaho stations will be open until Sept. 30. The Duck Valley Shoshone-Paiute Reservation checkpoint in Owyhee, Nev., will remain open through the end of October.

In order to ensure boats don't bypass Bruneau, personnel does outreach at local campgrounds to ensure boats there have been inspected.

Also, when boats enter the water from Black Sands Resort and Campground at CJ Strike Reservoir, sheriff's deputies who manage the boat launch there ensure boats have been inspected. If the watercraft doesn't have an inspection sticker, the owner must trailer to the Bruneau checkpoint before entering the water.

"The sheriff's office has been wonderful to back us up," Jacobsen said.

The county checkpoints have been in operation for 12 years. In the second year, Jacobsen said two live fouled boats were discovered at the Bruneau site. In the third year, two were found in Marsing.

Overall, five dead fouled boats have been discovered at the two stations in the program's history.

And the Owyhee checkpoints see boats from all over the nation.

"Boats from Florida, Delaware ... I now realize that these guys cover more miles than rodeo cowboys," Jacobsen said.

She praised the work of the inspectors and the sheriff's office and the job they have done to keep Idaho waterways safe.

"They're the first line of defense, and they're defending the water and taking it very, very seriously," she said. "I can't say enough about them."

— JPB and TK

Farm family's nomination garners grant for Homedale FFA

by Ainslee Evans
Chapter reporter

The Homedale FFA chapter would like to thank the Purdom Family for nominating our chapter to receive the America's Farmers Grow Communities grant.

The \$2,500 grant will benefit agriculture education efforts of Homedale High School teachers Shane Wetzel and Rachel Rheuby.

"This money will be used to support

our agriculture education program and to provide much needed supplies for mine and Mrs. Rheuby's classrooms," Wetzel said.

The goal of this grant is to make a positive impact on nonprofits in rural areas.

To receive this grant, eligible farmers can enroll for a chance to support a local nonprofit organization in their hometown with an America's Farmers Grow Communities grant sponsored by the Bayer Fund. This year, the Purdom

family nominated the Homedale FFA chapter to receive a grant.

The Homedale FFA chapter and Agriculture Education students are extremely thankful for the support and encouragement given to us by the whole community and the Purdom family.

Since 2010, more than \$35 million has been awarded to thousands of organizations.

National awards earned

The Homedale chapter has earned national FFA awards.

Weston Dorsey received a Bronze award for his Forage Crop Production Proficiency project.

Homedale's National Chapter Applications earned three stars.

The local chapter shared the news on its Facebook page late on Sept. 1.

County coroner backs new mental illness awareness website

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Idaho has launched a new website with tools and outreach as part of its recognition of September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

The website namiidaho.org features a calendar for support group meetings across the state, including four regions — Far North (Sandpoint), Treasure Valley, Wood River Valley (Hailey/Ketchum) and Upper Valley (Idaho Falls).

Owyhee County Coroner Aaron Tines welcomes the new tool to help Idahoans cope with mental illness challenges as well as strive to lower the suicide rate in the state.

“Any resources that are available are a great asset to those who are facing a mental health crisis,” Tines said.

“They are also a great asset to those friends and family who need guidance on how to deal and cope when dealing this someone who is undergoing a mental health crisis.”

Idaho’s mental health support groups are now online. Meetings had been curtailed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to the NAMI press release introducing the new website, the new online support group access allows Idahoans in remote areas to access someone to help. NAMI affiliates have support groups for persons living with mental health challenges and others for the families. The Wood River Valley affiliate even has a Spanish speaking family support group: “Grupo de Apoyo para Familiares de NAMI.”

“This was a necessary adjustment to COVID-19 and a silver lining to an otherwise dark cloud,” the press release said about the online resources.

Tines is pleased to see the new website, but says that coping with mental illness and striving for suicide prevention should be a community effort.

“I think Idaho is moving in a good direction with prevention and education, but there is always work to be done,” Tines said. “But this is not just a one person battle. This is a team effort. We have to be able to recognize when someone is in a mental health crisis and be willing to act to get that person the help that they need.”

Find out
What’s happening
Read Calendar each week
in the Avalanche

Suicide warning signs and triggers

According to the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare website, here are signs that someone could be contemplating suicide or harming themselves:

- Threatening suicide
 - Talking or writing about suicide
 - Isolation or withdrawal (from family, friends, activities, etc.)
 - Agitation, especially combined with sleeplessness
 - Nightmares
 - Previous suicide attempt(s)
 - Seeking methods to kill oneself
 - Feeling hopeless or trapped
 - Co-occurring depression, moodiness and hopelessness
 - Unexplained anger, aggression or irritability
 - Recent loss of family member or friend through divorce, suicide or other death
 - Changes in eating, sleeping, personal care or other patterns
 - Increased alcohol or drug use
 - Taking unnecessary risks/recklessness
 - No longer interested in favorite activities or hobbies
 - Chronic headaches, stomach aches or fatigue
 - Sudden, unexpected loss of freedom or fear of punishment or humiliation
- For those who are already highly suicidal, a triggering event may push them closer to making an attempt. Other triggering events may include:
- Acquiring lethal means (firearms, pills, etc.)
 - Being expelled from school or fired from work
 - A recent unwanted move
 - Loss of any major relationship
 - Public embarrassment
 - Serious financial issues

The county coroner’s office has investigated two suicides this year and currently is looking into a third death to rule out suicide as a cause.

Tines urged people to look for warning signs in their friends and loved ones who might be suicidal.

“We cannot turn a blind eye or have the mindset of ‘We will get the help later,’ ” he said. “The help needs to happen immediately to prevent someone from harming themselves or others.”

The Idaho Suicide Prevention and Crisis line is available by phone call or text at (208) 398-4357

The NAMI Idaho website have information on resources available during a crisis and others for responding to issues before they are a crisis.

Throughout September, NAMI, the national organization, will continue to amplify its “You Are Not Alone” campaign, which builds awareness with digital tools and storytelling that make connection possible during a climate of physical distancing.

Learn more here: nami.org/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Suicide-Prevention-Awareness-Month.

— JPB

Insurance office leaves Homedale after 40 years

Independent insurance agents Dick Downum (left) and Duane Henson stand outside Downum’s office building on East Idaho Avenue in Homedale during Monday’s move. Downum has sold his business and will be working part-time at the WAFD Insurance office, 513 Cleveland Blvd., in Caldwell. Downum, who owned and operated Emerald Insurance in Homedale and Marsing since 1980, said his office manager, Jennifer Downum, will also make the move to the Caldwell office. Contact information will remain the same for Jennifer at (208) 337-3161 or jenniferd@wafdinsurance.com. Another contact for the business is Cindy Commons at (208) 377-4433 or cindyc@wafdinsurance.com.



Man sentenced for brass knuckles assault in Marsing

A 19-year-old Marsing man is on probation for striking a man in the head with brass knuckles.

Anthony Villa was sentenced on Aug. 28 in the Third District courtroom of Judge Thomas W. Whitney in Murphy.

Villa must complete a 30-day jail term and pay \$175 in fines and \$920.50 in court costs.

He already spent five days in Owyhee County Jail after his Nov. 23 arrest.

Villa must serve three years of felony probation.

Villa’s record can be expunged after successful completion of his sentence.

The man was charged with felony aggravated battery and misdemeanor malicious injury to property after an incident outside a party at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center.

According to witnesses, Villa struck a 33-year-old man in the back of the head with brass knuckles.

Brass knuckles recovered from Villa had green paint transfer that matched the color of a pickup truck in the Legion hall parking lot. That truck had dents and scratches and smashed glass in the rear window and a passenger-side window.

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25 years ago

September 13, 1995



Leader of the pack

Husky wide receiver Justin DeVelbiss is too swift for the pack of Bulldogs behind him.

Marsing thumps Nyssa 28-14

The Marsing Huskies cracked the win column just two games into the season Friday night, and they did it with full-on power.

The Huskies used a balanced offensive attack and a strong defense to beat the Nyssa JV Bulldogs 28-14 in Marsing.

Beau Showalter rushed for 158 yards and a touchdown on 24 carries. Quarterback Adam Percifield connected on 10 of 19 passes for 211 yards and three touchdowns.

Two of Percifield’s touchdown passes went to tight end Gustavo Carreon. Corey Percifield had four catches for 104 yards and a touchdown.

“Our passing game looked better, more confident,” Marsing coach Don Heller said. “Our pass blocking looked better. If we can keep a running and passing balance, we’ll be a good team.”

Teachers share classroom, goals

It was all a matter of being at the right place at the right time for time-share teachers Kathy Potter and Beck Metcalf.

Kathy Potter moved to the Homedale area from Kimberly, Idaho last August and was interested in continuing her career as an elementary school teacher.

Beck Metcalf recently moved from Vancouver, Washington where she was a teacher with the Battleground School District for Home Lind, a tech-center for Homed Schooling Families.

Each shared a passion for teaching, and both had the desire to maintain careers in the field of education. However, both Potter and Metcalf have two young children, and full-time jobs would invade important family time.

Friends and connections to the Homedale School District brought the two together to share an available kindergarten teaching position at Homedale Elementary School.

Silver City homes to be open to public

The quiet charm of Silver City living will be on display at the September 16 and 17 Silver City Open House.

The turn-of-the-century mining town was once the hub of Owyhee County. Residents of the boomtown were some of the first in Idaho to enjoy electricity, and at one time, the thriving city featured big-city living and offered an opera house, two hotels, churches, a newspaper and a city water system.

50 years ago

September 10, 1970

OCHS members see ‘Rock Slides’

MURPHY—A unique presentation of the hidden beauty of Idaho rocks was presented to members of the Owyhee County Historical Society at their regular August meeting held last Friday night in Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. James McClure of Nampa, avid Idaho rock collectors, presented “Rock Slides,” the rocks being cut “thin as a dime” and mounted in slide frames and shown on the screen. The beautiful colorings and designs found in the stones showed on the screen as any slide picture would. The slides resembled blazing fires of many colors, clouds and leaves.

At the meeting, presided over by Al Waldradt, a report was given of the recent “Outpost Day” held in Murphy. A total net receipt of \$2,031.21 was announced by Mrs. Paul Evens of Caldwell. The proceeds of the event will be used to purchase larger space for the Owyhee County museum.

Trojan eleven wins opener handily

Homedale’s Trojans blasted off the 1970 season Friday night with a nine-touchdown display that carried them to a 64-0 victory over McCall-Donnelly as they began a spirited defense of their Southwest Idaho conference crown.

Joni Uda and Alan Echevarria were the chief offensive guns for Coach Ken Kellum’s HHS machine, but the Red Terrors were devastating through-out their roster as they posted the school’s third 64-0 win since mid-season of a year ago.

Uda scored four times — on runs of one and five yards and on two punt returns of 70 and 35 yards. Meanwhile, Echevarria delivered scoring passes of 20 and 45 yards to Paul Pearson and Monte Duncan, respectively, and tallied twice himself on a 38-yard run and interception run-back of 40 yards.

Freshman Doug Takasugi registered Homedale’s other six-pointer on a four-yard run.

Kellum, who now has a 26-2 record at the start of his fourth year at the Homedale helm, got a good line on his squad’s potential due to the game being so one-sided.

Comet is visible in early evening, conditions right

Comet 1970g, Called Abe in honor of its discoverer, is visible in the night sky and will reach maximum brilliancy Sept. 15, Richard Nall, Jerome, a member of the Amateur Astronomers Society, said Tuesday.

The comet is much less bright, however, than Bennett’s comet which was observed last spring. Comet 1970g has a visual magnitude of 6.0, which is the minimum naked-eye brightness. It was discovered July 3.

The orbit, projected from observations since that date, places Abe’s position now in the constellation Cepheus, faintly visible in the northeast in the early evening. From there, Nall said, it will move each night to maximum brilliancy in the constellation Hercules, then into the Corona Borealis.

“Unfortunately,” Nall said, “bright moonlight a few days before and after the 15th full moon will interfere with viewing at that time.

“Comet Abe will again be visible from Sept. 21 through early October in the Western sky for a couple of hours following sunset.”

145 years ago

September 11, 1875

- (From Monday’s Daily.)
- Gold closed in New York yesterday at 114¼.
 - In San Francisco legal tenders are 87 buying and 87¼ selling.
 - The Postoffice Department at Washington has perfected arrangements for a fast mail train.
 - The railroad bridge near Bedford, Indiana, was burned on Friday night.
 - Caledonia, Chollar Potosi, Crown Point and Mexican levied assessments last Saturday, \$3, \$5, \$1 and \$1 respectively.
 - The transfer books of Consolidated Virginia were closed on Saturday until after the dividend of the 11th.
 - A petition for the pardon of E. S. Stokes, convicted of shooting Jim Fisk, has been sent to the Governor of New York.

THE SALARY of the President of the United States is equivalent to about \$137 per day, each day of the year. This is equivalent to \$5.70 an hour, or 9½ cents compensation for each and every minute of official existence. Every second foots up a trifle less than the one-sixth of a cent — not a bad thing to take in, and probably there is a big crop of patriots throughout the country who would agree to “run the machine” at a much lower figure.

IDAHO CITY, I.T., Sept. 8, 1875

Editor Avalanche:

The past week has been an eventful one in the Basin. First there was the robbery of the house of Beverly Willis, about two miles from town, of all the blankets, tools, provisions, etc., belonging to the owner and Mr. Stewart, who lives with him. The stolen articles were valued at \$150. In the search for the stolen goods Willis and Stewart handled some suspected Celestials pretty roughly for which they were arrested at the insistence of the Deputy District Attorney and brought before Judge Moore on a charge of assault. The Judge very wisely discharged them.

THE Magnolia Mining District in Boulder County, Colorado, is being much talked of by prospectors and miners.

The place is comparatively easy of access and some of the specimens of quartz taken from the new mines have assayed upwards of \$20,000 to the ton. It is pronounced a much better field for operations that the famous Black Hills, where not one specimen, it is claimed, has reached \$75 to the ton. There is a probability that many who have exhibited so much enthusiasm concerning the prospects of the Black Hills are not prepared to go so much on that country now as they did a few weeks ago.

BOISE CITY ITEMS.

We glean the following from the *Statesman* of the 9th:

John S. Gray has been appointed City Attorney, and J.G. Peck City Justice.

A letter from Warren’s Diggings says they are taking out very rich ore there, some of which will pay from \$25 to \$50 per pound, by crushing in a hand mortar.

The case of Louis Wahl, Christian Wahl, E.A. Kelly and Jacob Reeser vs. the Valley Gold Mining Company, of Idaho, tried at Rocky Bar, Alturas County, at this term of court, has been decided

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Wendell High School's Bodey Cutler finally pulls down Marsing senior running back Carter Clay after a 33-yard run late in the second quarter Friday.

Marsing shackles Wendell

Program gets first
back-to-back victories
since 3-0 2013 start

The Marsing High School football team continued its impressive start to the season with a rough-and-tumble 38-11 victory over Wendell on Friday night at home.

It was the fourth consecutive year the two have met in a non-conference matchup, with the Huskies (2-0) emerging victorious in three of those games.

Friday's win also marked the first time in

seven years that a Huskies team had won back-to-back games in a season. The 2013 Marsing squad won its first three games and finished 5-3 a year after reaching the 2A state semifinals under then-coach Jaime Wood.

Penalties by both teams marred Friday's first half.

"Penalties absolutely killed us all night," first-year Huskies coach Mike Nunnelee said. "Eleven in total and over 100 yards rushing called back."

"Penalties were the only thing that

— See *Marsing*, page 3B

Bishop Kelly out, Middleton in for HHS football foes

Team plays
on artificial
turf Friday

The juggling act continues.

Homedale High School athletics officials announced last week that what would have been a landmark game against Class 4A Bishop Kelly, scheduled for Friday, had been called off at the request of the Boise Catholic school's administration.

Days later, HHS football coach Matt Holtry announced that the Trojans (1-0) would be making a trip back to the scene of his first appearance in the 3A Milk Bowl state championship

game.

Although Homedale lost its chance to play Friday, a sudden bye week that was supposed to be a non-conference game to replace one of the three contests against Oregon schools that had to be cancelled, the Trojans are now focused on taking on another 4A squad in Middleton, which reached the 4A state quarterfinals last season.

Homedale will play the Vikings on their synthetic turf field at 7 p.m., on Friday.

The junior varsity teams will face off at 6 p.m., on Thursday at Deward Bell Stadium. The JV added another game on the road against the Kuna frosh

— See *Football*, back page

Dropped by Weiser, Huskies clock solid times at Lakeview

In its apparent desire to accommodate COVID-19 safety protocols, Weiser High School cut Marsing from the roster of teams participating at Thursday's Weiser Invite cross country meet.

"We were (scheduled to participate) until Weiser trimmed the teams for social distancing," Huskies coach Clint Thomas said.

With that competition removed from its schedule, the team hooked up with schools taking part in the Nampa Christian-hosted Western Idaho Conference Canyon County Classic at Lakeview Park in Nampa.

Freshman Nacho Marga-



Sal Mattivi

rito cut his 5-kilometer time down by 2 minutes, 21 seconds from his season-opening run at the New Plymouth meet, crossing the finish line Thursday at 26:08.

Margarito wasn't the only Marsing athlete to improve his time. Freshman Tyson Campbell finished at 35:44, two minutes better than a week earlier.

— See *Huskies*, page 2B

Mustangs beat two more SRV foes

Melba High School is off to a perfect start in volleyball with three victories over 3A Snake River Valley conference opponents.

The latest non-conference triumph came Thursday on the road in a four-setter against Fruitland.

After evening the match in the second game, the Mustangs (3-0 overall) worked overtime for a 20-25, 25-21, 26-24, 26-24 non-conference triumph.

Maddi Bunnell and Keylee

Wilson served five aces each in the victory, and Wilson led the offense with nine kills.

Bunnell came away with 31 digs, while Kendall Clark added six kills and Kate Clark put down five kills and fired three aces.

Kayla McCoy dished 24 assists.

Sept. 1: Melba def. Weiser, 3-1 — In another four-set non-conference match, the visiting Mustangs survived a trip to Washington County and

found out what the 3A Snake River Valley conference may soon learn: Weiser could be a challenge.

Melba's transition game shone in a 25-18, 25-19, 22-25, 24-26, 16-14 victory over the Wolverines.

McCoy dished 34 assists, and Bunnell led the defense with 37 digs.

Wilson was a force at the net with 14 kills and four blocks.

Kate Clark notched 11 kills, and Kendall Clark added six.



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Sports

Pilgrims capitalize on Trojans' mistakes

New 3A SRV team McCall visits Thursday

Miscues got Homedale High School off on the wrong foot in its only volleyball match of the week.

The Trojans lost the first two sets in a 25-19, 25-21, 22-25, 25-16 non-conference setback to host New Plymouth on Sept. 1.

“New Plymouth came out strong,” first-year HHS coach Evonne McGuire said. “It is hard to dig out of a hole when we give up so many unforced errors.

“We need to work on our consistency all the way around.”

McGuire said that Homedale (1-2 overall at week’s end) made some great plays and put together some strong rallies.

The coach credited Kaitlyn Missamore and Katie Christofferson with good play on defense.

“Laney Swallow did great work at the net and served really well,” McGuire said. “We just need to put all the pieces together.

“We will get there. It will take time, but that’s to be expected.”

The team’s busy week already started with a non-conference match on the road against Melba after deadline Tuesday.

The Trojans visit Marsing for another non-conference contest today before opening the 3A Snake River Valley conference season at home against first-year member McCall-Donnelly on Thursday.

✓ Huskies: Home meet next

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Jesus Ramirez, also a freshman, kept his time identical from the previous meet, 34:23.

On the girls’ side, Sal Mattivi finished the 5K with a time of 29:19, 32 seconds behind her pace at New Plymouth.

Mikaila Gonzalez, a sopho-

more and the only non-freshman on the Marsing squad, finished the route in 34:59.

Gonzalez’s sister Mariah ran a 36:54.

After taking this week off, the Huskies play host to a 2A Western Idaho Conference meet on Thursday, Sept. 17.

— TK

Mustangs run near the front in WIC Canyon Classic

Josh Leavitt appears to be in a cross country form similar to last season.

The senior finished third, and freshman teammate Rozzlyn Cazier was a runner-up for the second week in a row for Melba High School at Thursday’s Western Idaho Conference Canyon County Classic.

Both Mustangs teams were third in the team standings after a pair of 5-kilometer races at Lakeview Park in Nampa.

Cazier ran 48 seconds behind individual champion Cameron Moore of The Ambrose School. The Melba sophomore’s 21-minute, 19-second effort highlighted the team’s third-place finish, just six points behind Victory Charter and nine points behind meet champion The Ambrose School.

Owyhee County’s Brooklyn Dayley, a freshman, ran a 10th-place time of 23:47 for Melba.

A junior, Mazie Hansen, took 12th in 24:13, while sophomore Braelyn Scott was 16th in 25:40.

Leavitt clocked in a 17:21 in the boys’ race, more than a minute behind individual champ Grady Nylander (16:18) of Nampa Christian. The junior edged Victory Charter sophomore Ian Stockett by a second for the gold medal.

Another Melba senior, Reagan Manzer, also grabbed a top-10 finish with an eighth-place 18:30.

The rest of the top-flight Mustangs finished in a pack between 20th and 26th position.

- Reuben Manzer, jr., 20th in 19:47
- McKoy Richardson, so., 21st in 19:51
- Tyler Arnold, sr., 24th in 20:12
- Grant Svedin, so., 25th in 20:13
- Ravio Manzer, fr., 26th in 20:16

Freshmen run first HHS races

Brock Johnson finished 16th in his varsity cross country debut for Homedale High School on Thursday.

The freshman ran the Rolling Hills Golf Course layout in 23 minutes, 12.89 seconds to snag the highest finish for a Trojans athlete in the Weiser Invite.

The Homedale boys finished fourth out of five teams.

The Trojans’ best finish in the girls’ 5-kilometer race came from Savannah Turner.

The senior took 17th in a time of 29:58.62.

Three of Homedale’s four girls finished in a pack: Sophomore Alaina Cook was 18th in 30:00.73, and ninth-grader Trinity Neeser was 19th in 30:02.14.

Senior Gracie Rotter, Homedale’s other female competitor, crossed the line in 32:26.89 for 24th place.

There were 32 runners in the girls’ race.

Two freshmen finished together in the boys’ meet as Trenton Cook took 19th in his first 5K in 24:22.91.

Liam Koon was 20th in 24:23.52.

The rest of Homedale’s boys’ squad were freshmen: Alex Zamudio was 28th in 26:38.64, and Elias Tines finished 31st in 27:17.71.

This year’s freshmen ran 3-kilometer races in middle school.

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Football

Rylan Binford, so., RB

3 catches, 80 yards in varsity debut vs. Emmett (Aug. 26)



Volleyball

Kaitlyn Missamore, sr., libero

Helped defense with 17 digs in loss to New Plymouth



Cross country

Trinity Neeser, fr.

Top 20 finish in her high school debut in Weiser



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Football

Varsity

Friday, Sept. 11 at Middleton, 7 p.m.

Junior varsity

Thursday, Sept. 10, home vs. Middleton, 6 p.m.

Volleyball

Varsity

Wednesday, Sept. 9 at Marsing, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 10, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 6:30 p.m.

Cross country

Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 3A Snake River Valley conference tri-meet vs. Weiser, Fruitland at Fruitland

Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 3A SRV conference tri-meet at Parma

Football

Varsity

Tuesday, Sept. 15 at Fruitland, 6:30 p.m.

Junior varsity

Wednesday, Sept. 9 at Marsing, 5 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 10, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 5:30 p.m.

Frish-soph

Tuesday, Sept. 15 at Fruitland, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 10, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 15 at Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.

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Sports

✓ Marsing: Huskies’ defense stifles Wendell to set the tone in first half

From Page 1B
stopped us.”

Nunnelee noted that his team had to punt one time after an illegal procedure penalty and personal foul negated back-to-back plays.

The Trojans from the 2A Canyon Conference (0-2) took the opening kickoff to the Huskies’ 40-yard line. Several miscues and a tough Marsing defensive line pushed Wendell back into its own territory, and on fourth down and 25, the Trojans booted the ball away.

The Huskies took over at their own 12-yard line. A couple short runs by senior Isai Arriaga moved the ball forward before a false start penalty pushed the ball back yet again.

Then Nunnelee decided to gamble.

With the Huskies facing a fourth-and-short situation deep in their own territory, Arriaga busted through a hole for a first down.

One play later, quarterback Colton Scott connected with a wide-open Austin Pool on a 67-yard touchdown. No Trojan player was within 15 yards of Pool as he crossed the goal line.

The Huskies led, 6-0, after the two-point conversion failed with 1 minute, 39 seconds left in the first quarter.

The Trojans got on the board halfway through the second quarter, closing to within 6-3 on sophomore Dakota Slade’s 30-yard field goal.

Moment later, the Huskies were deep in Wendell territory after a nice kickoff return and a 33-yard run by senior Carter Clay put the Huskies deep into Wendell territory just moments later.

Scott connected on a nifty screen pass to Pool, who stretched to the one-yard line.

Arriaga took it from there, plowing through the middle for a hard-earned touchdown.

Another failed two-point conversion put the score at 12-3 with 4:19 left in the first half.

Wendell again put together a long drive, before stalling at the 30-yard line with four seconds left in the half. Slade’s field goal attempt sailed right, and the teams went into the break 12-3.

An injury early in the third quarter sent senior center Jacob Goins to the hospital with a suspected neck injury. According to a Marsing Huskies Football Facebook post later Friday evening, Goins had been cleared and released from the hospital. There was also no sign of concussion.

Nunnelee said because of injuries “and other issues,” the Huskies were down to their fourth center by the end of the game.

The third quarter also featured another Arriaga touchdown run, and defensive back Nacho Montes intercepted Wendell quarterback Joey Ward.

Just five minutes into the third quarter, the Huskies led 28-3.

The Huskies would tack on 10 more points, including a touchdown run by Scott.

The Trojans tallied a late TD to wrap up the scoring.

Arriaga finished with 92 yards and two TDs on 14 carries.

“Isai was our workhorse again,” Nunnelee said.

Clay had a huge night against the Trojans. He ran for 114 yards on eight carries, a 14.3-per-play average.

Junior running back James Hance ran for 35 yards and Scott picked up 16 on the



Wide-open senior receiver Austin Pool pulls in a pass from quarterback Colton Scott, in the midst of his 67-yard scoring play in the first half.



Marsing senior linebacker Isai Arriaga pulls down Wendell's senior quarterback Joey Ward for no gain late in the first quarter.

ground. Scott also went 6-for-9 through the air and a TD.

Overall, the Huskies tallied 257 yards on the ground, an 8.3-per-carry average.

“Can’t wait to until this team puts a full game together,” Nunnelee said. “The kids did great, even with the self-induced errors.”

Marsing travels for another non-conference game at 7 p.m., on Friday in Payette. The Pirates (0-1) opened the season with a 48-7 loss to New Plymouth on Friday.

— TK

Other scores

Football

Melba (0-1)

Friday — Idle

Next game

Friday — vs. Parma (0-2), 7 p.m.

Rimrock (1-1)

Friday, Aug. 28 — Raiders 56, Greenleaf Friends Academy 0

Friday — Murtaugh 52, Raiders 18

Next game

Friday — vs. Glenns Ferry (1-1), 7 p.m.

— Coaches can email results and comments to jon@owyheeavalanche.com. Call (208) 337-4681, ext. 102 for more information.

Rimrock’s Ella Boren takes 9th at Valley

The Rimrock High School cross country girls’ team opened the season last Wednesday with a sixth-place finish at the Valley Invite.

Sophomore Ella Boren was the top-finishing Raiders athlete, grabbing ninth in 23 minutes, 40.6 seconds.

Ninth-grader Lloyd Boren, Ella’s brother, was 26th in 20:49.7 for the Rimrock boys’ best finish.

Other female finishers for Rimrock included:

- Goya Lemus, fr., 36th, 27:30.4
- Lizbeth Ayala, fr., 40th, 27:49.9
- Ashten Moore, fr., 44th, 28:22.5
- Dayanara Hurtado, so., 58th, 36:09.3
- Cristal Araujo, so., 63rd, 38:50.8

Other Raiders boys competing were:

- Juan Alamilla, jr., 37th, 21:35.0
- Cooper Raymond, so., 56th, 23:39.2
- Garrett Kunsky, fr., 73rd, 28:28.4

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Avocado rustlers



Catching avocado rustlers is sort of a cross between the COVID virus, wildfires, exchange students bearing addictive goodies and coon hunting.

“All right, come down outta that tree and drop that avocado. Frisk him, Ken, and don’t forget to check for lemons.”

In the southern California county of Ventura, you will find the occasionally fractious co-mingling of densely populated residential areas and intensive orchard and truck farming. I’m sure there was a time when farmers gladly supplied their neighbors with enough lemons, strawberries and avocados to keep ’em in guacomole and shortcake each growing season.

But as urban pressure increased, uninvited pickers began to take advantage. “I’m only takin’ two or three. They’ll never be missed.” Unfortunately it eventually became, “I’m only takin’ 1,200 pounds. They can grow more.”

Farmers complained. They reported their losses, but by the time it got to court the evidence had turned black and the district attorney’s office had bigger fish to fry. “Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, my client, the defendant, is accused of stealing 12 avocados. He was having a party, wearin’ masks, of course. Safeway was 10 miles away, and it was two o’clock in the morning! C’mon get serious. We’re letting felonious shoplifters out on the street!”

The Farm Bureau organized, and by working with the sheriff’s department, was finally able to convince the proper politicians that the once-minor shoplifting of an avocado had grown into a thriving black market and was causing significant losses.

First they passed laws with teeth. Stealing avocados can be a felony punishable by up to one year in prison or a \$5,000 fine.

They implemented a chain-of-evidence procedure that established a value on the stolen goods immediately so the avocados did not have to sit in the evidence room until the time of trial.

Farmers signed up with the National Property Registration Service, O. A. N. It enabled them to report a theft at 3 a.m. The sheriff’s office punched in their number, which had been expanded to include explicit directions to any of the farmer’s groves. Reflective numbered markers, like street signs, were posted at the exact locations. Sheriff’s deputies, including their canine corps and helicopter, could then converge on the location in a matter of minutes.

With the thumping helicopter overhead lighting the area and snarling dogs in hot pursuit, the midnight thieves soon found themselves treed, tried and trundled off to San Quentin.

Results have been better than expected. Theft is down substantially, and the Farm Bureau and sheriff’s office have established a mutually beneficial relationship.

It strikes me that Ventura’s example might be inspiration for other counties around the country where people think “pick yer own” applies to them. Midnight sweet corn thieves, watermelon felons or protesting pilferers would think twice.

However, I don’t think theft has ever been a problem for growers of zucchini. I know we can’t give ours away. It’s like givin’ away kittens. I’ve never seen anyone try and steal one.

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Oscar Evans, Homedale

COVID-19 fear The risk of risk fixation



Are the people we hire, elect or trust focused on the overall mission? Or are they so fixated on one or two risk factors that they’ve lost sight of the mission altogether?

The single-biggest threat in aviation is the ground or ocean. But we don’t stop flying because there’s a 0.00232 percent chance of a mishap (in military aviation). We train, we assess the risks, implement measures to avoid, minimize or eliminate the risks and then we take off to accomplish mission.

The same principles apply to business, industry, government, schools, organizations and individuals. All exist for a purpose. All are exposed to risks. There are certainly times when the risks are significant enough from a probability of occurrence, level of damage, or both that the reward — the results of the mission — are not high enough to take the risks.

Americans are increasingly so risk-averse that decision-makers (I intentionally don’t call them leaders) are willing to cancel all operations, all attempts to accomplish the mission just to avoid the risks. This is not leadership. It’s really not even good management.

Too many decision-makers today are taking not only the path of least resistance, but also the path of least risk — or worse yet, the path of no risk. Many companies I’ve worked with are totally fixated on the goal of ZERO accidents. It’s a laudable goal, but how much risk avoidance is required to achieve it?

Sometimes the answer is actually “too much to accomplish the mission.” But most of the time, there is a way to accomplish the mission and minimize the risk.

In the age of COVID-19, far too many decision-makers are so fixated on one risk factor or one threat, that they’ve lost sight of not only the mission but all of the other risks that enter the equation while avoiding that one risk.

Shutting down schools, businesses and our entire economy might reduce (not eliminate) the spread of COVID-19. But is the risk of COVID-19 so overwhelming that it should be avoided at all costs? Because the costs are substantial. We’re losing jobs, income, wealth, productivity, learning, and that’s just the beginning.

The biggest impact of the total avoidance mindset is hard to calculate. It’s the loss of education, of purpose, of community, of competition, and I would even submit, of reality. It’s not realistic to avoid risk altogether, and it’s not realistic to continue in perpetuity with a mindset of total avoidance. Airplanes would never fly, athletes would never play, teachers would never enter a classroom, businesses would never produce, and many would never leave home.

It’s time to leave the “ZERO” mindset in life.

— See Risk, Page 5B

From Washington Setting the record straight on the U.S. Postal Service

Most of the inaccurate, partisan narrative regarding allegedly new changes at the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) are part of long-term efforts from multiple administrations to improve its solvency. The Postal Service is not being disassembled and no efforts are underway to hinder the efficient handling of election mail. The Postal Service can effectively handle the increased volume of ballots facilitated via mail expected from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Trump Administration’s actions, most of which are continuations from previous administrations, are intended to ensure the Postal Service’s long-term viability and efficiency.

- The Postal Service has faced more than \$78 billion in losses since 2007.
- To streamline the USPS’s operational footprint, the USPS has reportedly removed more than 30,000 collection boxes from around the country over the past 10 years — approximately 3,500 per year. To compare, 1,463 have been removed this year, roughly the same as the 1,467 removed in 2016.
- The Government Accountability Office’s 2012 report noted since 2006, the USPS has consolidated mail-processing operations to reduce excess costs. According to the USPS, it uses letter-sorting equipment roughly one-third

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of the time, meaning it has ample letter sorting capacity to handle election mail today.

- According to Postmaster General Louis DeJoy’s testimony, he has only implemented two changes since he started in June: requiring trucks to run on schedule and realigning the Postal Service’s reporting structure.

Even with increased voting methods via mail,

— See Record, Page 5B

Commentary

Financial management

Pay off big debt whenever you have cushion in savings

Dear Dave,
My only debt right now is a car payment. I still owe \$12,000 on the vehicle, and currently I have \$25,000 in savings. I'm in a very stable line of work, but my income can vary somewhat from month to month. Should I hang on to my savings, or pay off the car?
— Erik

with the money you'd free up, you could rebuild your savings in no time. Pay off the car, dude!
— Dave



wondering where it went.
Staying out of debt and saving as much money as possible are two other great ideas. Remember, your income is your biggest wealth-building tool. If you're saddled with a bunch of debt, your money goes to creditors — not into your pocket. Saving prepares you for the future and all the unexpected things, both good *and* bad, life will throw at you.
Even though you're young, investing is a key component in creating a stable financial outlook for yourself. In your 20s, just \$100 a month invested properly in good growth stock mutual funds can make you a millionaire by the time you're ready to retire.

Like I said, these are all simple things. But they'll make a huge difference in your financial situation now and in the years to come!
— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Dave Ramsey Show, heard by more than 16 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

Dear Dave,
With COVID-19 and all the resulting economic problems, do you have any advice for what a young person can do to prepare for the future?
— Kyle

Dear Erik,
Debt is a bad thing to have in your life, especially when your income can vary from paycheck to paycheck. You're in good shape, except for the car note, though. It's like a ball and chain around your neck. You'd still have \$13,000 left if you paid off the car. And

Dear Kyle,
Regardless of the coronavirus or any economic situation that might arise, there are always a few smart, simple things people can do to protect themselves financially. The No. 1 thing is to live on a written, monthly

budget. When you give every dollar a name, and write it down on paper, you're telling your money what to do, instead of scratching your head and

✓ Risk: Local officials to be commended for opening schools, allowing extra-curricular

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Let's stop hiring, electing and appointing "safe" people and get back to leadership. We need to implore the current decision-makers to step back from the COVID fixation — or any fixation that is proving to be a bigger risk to the mission — and reassess the big picture.
We in Owyhee County are fortunate that our local school districts along with their coaches, teachers and staff are working hard to focus on the mission of education through classroom study, sports and extra-curricular activities to the maximum extent possible. Theirs is not an easy task or decision matrix. But they seem to recognize and realize that the cost of a "ZERO" risk approach far outweighs the extremely low risk and outcome of COVID

transmission. I am confident they will continue to assess the situation, make informed decisions based on facts and stay focused on the big mission instead of the little threats.
— Operation Excellent President Oscar Evans, a Homedale resident, is a retired U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel who flew F/A 18 Hornets in the U.S. Navy for 14 years then transitioned to the F15 Eagle in the Louisiana Air National Guard. He flew more than 3,000 hours and amassed almost 400 carrier landings. Since his retirement in 2010, he has been helping businesses hire, train and develop people in leadership, safety and operational excellence. He is also a former Republican candidate for the Idaho Legislature.

✓ Record: Election outreach began in late winter

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millions of Americans are expected to exercise their right to vote in-person at local polling locations. Participation in the electoral process is one of the most fundamental rights enjoyed by Americans, and I support protecting U.S. elections and our democratic system.
The Postal Service began outreach to states in February, before DeJoy became postmaster general, to collaborate on realistic expectations for ballot delivery timeframes and deadlines as states prepare for the 2020 general election. While general elections for federal office are set by federal law, state and local laws dictate the dates for primary elections and means for casting ballots for federal, state and local offices. Eligible voters who wish to vote via absentee ballot can minimize strain on the USPS by requesting a ballot and returning it to an appropriate elections drop box or mailbox as soon as possible.
Furthermore, the USPS has stated it has the capacity to handle the 2020 election. Even if 100 million votes were cast via mail in 2020 (about 33 million were cast in 2016), it would represent a small fraction of the mail volume handled by USPS. For example, the USPS estimated in 2019 it processed and delivered nearly 2.5 billion pieces of First-Class Mail the

week before Christmas — its busiest time of the year. Moreover, in the CARES Act, Congress and President Trump provided an additional \$10 billion in loan authority to the Postal Service to assure its efficient operation.
I am the son of a former postmaster in Idaho, and I have great respect for postal employees. Postal employees in Idaho connect Idahoans to family, friends and markets across the U.S. and around the world, especially as Americans do their best to social distance. The USPS can only do so much under its own authorities to cut costs and improve efficiency to uphold this important service, and reform legislation is likely needed. Any USPS reforms need to be thoroughly and transparently debated before Congress to ensure they do not negatively affect the needs of the American people, especially during this unprecedented time. The overarching bipartisan goal is to ensure a reliable, efficient and viable Postal Service that serves all Americans in perpetuity.
— 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.

Letter to the editor

SC homeowners work to make town enjoyable for all

Last year the Silver City Property Owners (SCPO) voted not to have an open house in September this year. It was a good decision even though we knew nothing about COVID at that time.
This last July the SCPO voted again not to have open house in 2021. We are still in the process of trying to solve problems with traffic and parking issues, and many homeowners have grown weary with opening their homes. It seems more and more visitors do not respect people's private property.
We appointed a Road Committee this year to come up with proposals that will help make people's (and homeowners') visit to Silver City more enjoyable.
This last Labor Day weekend the Road Committee made flyers available to all visitors. The flyers provided information about Silver City, a map, parking and requested that visitors park and walk so that everyone's visit would be more enjoyable.
This fall and winter, we will be meeting with Bureau of Land Management and Owyhee County officials in a collaborative effort to come up with solutions to lessen the impact of visitors to Silver City.
We have seen a significant increase in all types of off-road vehicles visiting the area. As previously stated, we request everyone park and walk while in Silver City.
Clarence Orton
Silver City Property Owners president

Letters to the editor

Must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer's address and daytime phone number by noon Friday.
Letters can be submitted in these ways:
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• Mail: to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
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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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED GRANT ACTIVITIES
The City of Homedale is submitting a proposal to the Idaho Department of Commerce for an Idaho Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$250,000. The proposed project is to make the following improvements to Peterson Park: Installation of underground sprinklers, laying sod, construction of restrooms that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), two pavilions, electrical upgrades, and assorted amenities such as picnic tables, bike racks, and benches. The hearing will include a discussion of the need of the project; the application process; and the project’s scope of work, location, funding/budget, schedule, and expected benefits. The application,

related documents, and ICDBG Application Handbook will be available for review.
The hearing has been scheduled for 6:00 pm, September 9, 2020, at 31 West Wyoming, Homedale, Idaho 83628. Verbal and written comments will be accepted before and at the hearing.
Per Idaho’s COVID-19 “Stay Healthy Guidelines – Stage Four,” those who attend the public hearing are required to wear face coverings, maintain at least six (6) feet minimum physical distancing from other individuals, wherever possible, and cover coughs and sneezes. If you feel sick, please do not attend the hearing instead submit written or verbal comments via email or over the phone.
Special accommodations for persons with disabilities will be available upon request, five (5) days before the hearing in a format that is usable to persons with disabilities. For more information or to submit comments, contact the City of Homedale’s City Clerk & ADA Coordinator, Alice Pegram at (208) 337-4641, TDD: 1-800-337-3529, voice 1-800-337-1363, or cityofhomedale@cablone.net.
Gheen Christoffersen, Mayor
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09/09/20

NOTICE OF ELECTION OPALINE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to IDS 43-201 to 43-207, inclusive, the election of one Director from Division 1 and 4 of the Opaline Irrigation District, will be held on November 3, 2020 to elect a Director of the term of three (3) years from the first of January 2021 and until their successors are elected and qualified.
Nomination for Director may be made by Petition, signed at least six (6) electors of the District, qualified to vote for the candidate nominated and filed with the Secretary of the District, not less than 40 days before the date of election. Petitions may be obtained from Pam Howard, Secretary of the District, Ph. 896-5273. (Petition due date September 21, 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
Opaline Irrigation District
Pam Howard, Secretary

09/02,09/2020

NOTICE OF ELECTION GRAND VIEW IRRIGATION DISTRICT
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to IDS 43-201 to 43-207, inclusive, the election of one Director from Division 2 of the Grand View Irrigation District, will be held on November 03, 2020 to elect a Director of the term of three (3) years 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 six (6) 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 election. Petitions may be obtained from Dixie McDaniel, Secretary of the District, 645 Idaho Street, Grand View, Idaho. (petition due date September 24, 2020) by 3:30 p.m.
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 27, 2020
Grand View Irrigation District
Dixie McDaniel, Secretary
09/02,09/2020

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Countryside Park & Storage will sell to settle delinquent account of:
Units of **Sherrell McLay 18233 Short Cut Road Oreana, ID 83650-5091**
All contents of the Unit are sold to the public via a yard sale on Saturday the 26th day of September at 10:00am at Countryside Park & Storage, Grand View, Idaho. Disposal is subject to redemption prior to September 26th. This sale is conducted according to Idaho Law, Title 55, Chapter 23, and may be cancelled without notice any time prior to disposal.
09/09/20

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
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Tributary COLUMBIA RIVER
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Place Of Use: IRRIGATION
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SWSE,L1(SESE),
T01N R03W S7 NWNE
Total Acres: 6

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact the Western office at (208) 334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s), please see https://idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRApplicationResults/. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 W AIRPORT WAY, BOISE ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 9/21/2020. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.
GARY SPACKMAN, Director
09/02,09/09/2020



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Sports

Huskies rally, but Pilgrims sweep non-conference match

Despite showing improvement compared to its season-opening performance, Marsing High School lost a volleyball match on the road Thursday.

Host New Plymouth prevailed in three sets, 25-19, 25-20, 27-25, in a non-conference match between a pair of 2A Western Idaho Conference members.

Second-year coach Amy Chadez said the Huskies (0-2 overall) showed a great deal of improvement against the Pilgrims (2-1).

The Huskies rallied mightily in the third set, sending the game past its regulation point total.

“We dug ourselves in a hole in both the first and third sets (but) I was proud of our team for fighting back,” Chadez said. “We played good despite a few miscues.”

“I was thrilled with senior Hailey Christiansen’s play (on Thursday), finishing with three kills and she was a great presence at the net.”

Junior Lexi Loucks and senior Delaney Percifield both finished 100 percent from the service line, with Percifield scoring three aces.

Junior MarDee Hall had four kills and four aces.

Senior Fallon Wasson recorded 14 digs on the night.

Marsing plays host to intracounty rival Homedale in a non-conference doubleheader today. The junior varsity match starts at 6 p.m., and the varsity match will follow.

— TK

✓ Football: Middleton sets spectator limits for non-conference game

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team set for 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 17.

“I think it’s a great opportunity to go play on turf against a solid 4A team,” Holtry said of the varsity matchup against Middleton. “It is a win-win for a lot of reasons, but we are seriously just excited to have a team willing to play us and for that team to be a great opponent.”

Bill Brock’s squad finished fourth in the 4A Southern Idaho Conference in 2019. Middleton went 8-4 overall and won five of eight conference games.

This isn’t the first time a Holtry Homedale team has played in Middleton.

The Trojans lost the 2018 3A Milk Bowl to Sugar-Salem, 30-22, on the Middleton artificial turf.

Years ago, before the new Middleton High School was built, Homedale faced off in a neutral-site non-conference game against Nampa Christian.

With Canyon County still in the Southwest District Health-designated red health alert level for COVID-19, admission to the Middleton stadium will be limited.

Each football player, cheerleader, coach, or support staff was allowed to give two names of people who will be allowed to buy tickets.

Only folks who are on that list will be admitted.

“If you plan on showing up and are not on the list, you will not be allowed in the game,” Grove wrote in an email to boosters. “That is Middleton (School District) policy. Homedale has nothing to do with what their rules are.

“I know that is an inconvenience for all of those fans who will not be on the list, but we should all be thankful that our kids get to play a football game.”

The game will be broadcast live on www.idahosports.com. There is a nominal fee to view the game.

The Homedale fan parking and fan entrance is located on the west side of the Middleton campus. From Emmett Road, turn right on to Willis Road then turn right on to 9th Street and proceed to the parking lot.

The Middleton district has provided game-day COVID-19 guidelines:

- Fans who are sick or have symptoms need to stay home.
- Fans are asked to social distance by at least six feet, and social distancing markers will be placed in high-volume areas.
- Fans are asked to bring a facemask, and they are recommended if social distancing cannot be maintained. Masks must be worn in concessions lines and the restrooms.
- The concession stand will have limited items available.
- Exit and entry areas are one-way.
- Hand sanitizer stations are set up.
- The school district disinfects the stadium and high-touch surfaces frequently.
- Parents are asked to leave the facility promptly at the end of the game and meet players in the parking lot.

COVID-19 cancels Bishop Kelly game

Homedale’s highly anticipated home game against non-conference foe Bishop Kelly apparently was scrapped by the Boise school’s administration because Ada County remains in a high-risk category for the spread of COVID-19.

Holtry told The Owyhee Avalanche he didn’t have a clear picture as to why Bishop Kelly cancelled the game, which was to be played Friday and was lined up to replace the Trojans’ lost contest against an Oregon school.

An email to Bishop Kelly AD Tom Shanahan received no response before deadline, but Shanahan told the Idaho Press last week that the game was cancelled because of Central District Health guidelines.

Later in the week, Shanahan told KTVB that the school’s board of directors decided to delay the start of all fall sports until this week to focus on preserving in-person learning at the Catholic school.

Homedale coaches continue to watch health alert levels as the season moves on.

Southwest District Health last Wednesday lowered Washington County — home to 3A Snake River Valley conference opponent Weiser — to orange. Payette County, which is home to a pair of 3A SRV teams (Fruitland and Homecoming game opponent Payette) remains in the red zone, as does Canyon County (Parma).

— JPB

MARSING HUSKIES

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT



Football
Austin Pool, sr., WR
67-yard TD reception vs. Wendell



Volleyball
Fallon Wasson, sr., libero
First-year transfer from Melba



Cross country
Nacho Margarito, fr.
26:08 finish at 2A WIC Canyon County Classic

Football
Varsity
Friday, Sept. 11 at Payette, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Sept. 10, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m.

Cross country
Thursday, Sept. 17, home for 2A Western Idaho Conference meet

Volleyball
Varsity
Wednesday, Sept. 9, home vs. Homedale, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 10 at Payette, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 15, home vs. Vision Charter, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity
Wednesday, Sept. 9, home vs. Homedale, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 10 at Payette, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 15, home vs. Vision Charter, 6 p.m.



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