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Virtual victory for Grand View woman

Friends, family and Rimrock High School cross country team members celebrate with Raiders coach and Grand View resident Melissa Raymond as she jubilantly crosses the finish line of her virtual Boston Marathon. Raymond completed the marathon in 3 hours, 48 minutes. She qualified to run in the 124th annual Boston Marathon over a year ago, but the April 20 event was cancelled because of COVID-19. Raymond hopes to re-qualify for the 2022 event at the Beaver Canyon Marathon in Utah on Oct. 3. The fate of the 2021 Boston Marathon is still undecided. Photo by Rainy Day Photography

Marsing, OCSO to go month-to-month with service contract

City has started stashing money for its own PD

in Fiscal Year 2021 revenue to be placed into a fund in preparation for establishing a city police department in the future.

Despite opting to not continue an annual contract with the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office that would ensure a dedicated deputy, the City of Marsing has been assured that law enforcement will always be available to its citizens.

Marsing and the sheriff's office first entered into a contract in 2014 in which a deputy would have a presence as a school resource officer. The deputy is available on a part-time basis to the city and works 40 hours per week during summer and Christmas

Meanwhile, the city council has appropriated \$75,000

— See *Marsing*, page 9A

Bruneau Round-Up to honor Eric Davis

Open rodeo takes place Saturday, Sunday

the event than rodeo.

Longtime Bruneau rancher Eric Davis has been tabbed as the Bruneau Round-Up grand marshal.

A barbecue is scheduled for 5 p.m., on Saturday inside American Legion Post 83 Hall in Bruneau, and a dance will be held from 8 p.m., to 1 a.m., on Saturday at the Bruneau park. Jeff Palmer Band, well-known from its performances at the Owyhee County Fair, will provide live music.

The 37th annual open rodeo takes place Saturday and Sunday at the Bruneau Rodeo Grounds, but there is more to

The rodeo will start 12:30

— See *Round-Up*, page 5A

Vast majority of Homedale students are in class

One positive COVID-19 test since school began

Less than 10 percent of Homedale School District's student population has opted for online learning with the start of the new school year.

Superintendent Rob Sauer said all but 110 of the district's 1,217 students are learning in-person with the start of the 2020-21 school year in the shadow of COVID-19 fears.

"We've heard from many parents who appreciate the fact that we are meeting in-person while providing the choice of online for those that currently prefer that option."

— Rob Sauer

Homedale School District superintendent

"There are not enough online students for individual teachers to be assigned and only teach online," Sauer said, referring to a possible modification

of teaching assignments that was discussed in the weeks before the school year began.

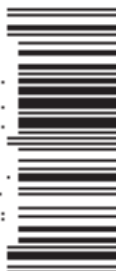
"Students are assigned to teachers

that are providing in-person and online instruction."

Sauer said some district staffers received positive tests for COVID-19 during the summer break, but all recovered before classes began.

The superintendent confirmed last Wednesday that Homedale did have one student test positive since the school year started. Five days earlier, Southwest District Health had reported the positive test among Owyhee County students, but following its

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Idaho’s first 2020 human West Nile cases found in Owyhee

Health department urges precautions to reduce mosquitoes

The annual occurrence of West Nile Virus has landed in Owyhee County.

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare reported last Wednesday that the state’s first locally acquired human virus infections for 2020 were found in two Owyhees older than 50.

One patient was diagnosed with West Nile fever, while the second was identified through a blood donor screening.

West Nile Virus activity has been detected in six Southwest Idaho counties, a Health and Welfare press release reported. Mosquito traps testing positive for West Nile had been found near Wilder.

“The detection of West Nile virus-positive mosquitoes has increased significantly during the last few weeks, and we strongly encourage Idahoans to fight the bite of mosquitoes to protect themselves and their families,” state public health veterinarian Dr. Leslie Tengesels said.

“Confirmation of human

infection makes it increasingly important for all of us to take protective measures. This includes wearing insect repellent and protective clothing in addition to reducing standing water around our gardens and homes where mosquitoes can lay their eggs.”

WNV is usually contracted from the bite of an infected mosquito; it is not spread from person-to-person through casual contact. Symptoms of infection often include fever, headache, body aches, nausea, and sometimes swollen lymph glands or a skin rash. Infection can result in severe illness, especially in people 50 years and older. Talk to your health-care provider about testing for WNV.

Last year, 13 human WNV infections were reported statewide. WNV activity was reported in 12 counties in mosquitoes, horses, and people. The virus’ impact from year-to-year is difficult to predict. In 2006, Idaho led the nation with WNV illnesses — al-

most 1,000 infections and 23 deaths.

To protect against WNV infection, people should avoid mosquitoes, particularly between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active. In addition, everyone should:

- Cover up exposed skin when outdoors and apply DEET or other EPA-approved insect repellent to exposed skin and clothing. Carefully follow instructions on the product label, especially for children.
- Insect-proof your home by repairing or replacing screens.
- Reduce standing water on property; check and drain toys, trays or pots outdoors that can hold water.
- Change bird baths, static decorative ponds, and animal water tanks weekly to reduce suitable mosquito habitats.

WNV does not usually affect domestic animals but can cause severe illness in horses and some species of birds. Although there is no vaccine for people, there are several vaccines for horses, which should be vaccinated annually.

For more information, visit www.westnile.idaho.gov.

Confirmed Owyhee County COVID-19 cases:

291

Sept. 8 to Sept. 14 statistics:
New confirmed cases, 7
Deaths: 5 (New: 0)
Health alert level: Orange
Probable cases, 30 (New: 1)
Source: coronavirus.idaho.gov

Malheur COVID-19 cases:

1,420

New cases, Sept. 8 to Sept. 14: 171
Deaths: 22 (New: 2)
Negative tests: 4,645 (New: 246)
Source: govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19

County’s COVID-19 incidents still dropping

SWDH’s initial weekly roundup incorrectly reports school cases

Owyhee County remains in the COVID-19 orange health alert level, but the incidence of cases continues to plummet.

Southwest District Health released its latest health alert level report for the counties within its boundaries last Wednesday. Owyhee County remained in the orange zone for the second consecutive week.

Under SWDH guidelines, a county must stay in a designated health alert zone for two weeks before being considered for a new level, which is based on the daily incidence rate and other factors.

Monday night, Owyhee’s seven-day moving incidence rate per 10,000 people inched upward but remained below 1.0 again, according to the state data website www.coronavirus.idaho.gov.

The 0.97 incidence rate would qualify the county for the yellow zone when levels are announced today, if all other parameters line up.

Southwest District Health’s weekly update, released

Thursday, erroneously reported there were “sporadic, imported cases of COVID-19 with no known outbreaks.”

The county’s school superintendents told The Owyhee Avalanche there was currently only one student COVID-19 case and no staff cases.

On Friday in answering the newspaper’s request for clarification, SWDH spokesperson Katrina Williams said that the district’s report implying more than one case in the schools was incorrect.

No corrected press release was issued to the valley’s media outlets, however.

— With the seven-day rolling incidence rate falling consistently, and inconsistent information from health districts, The Owyhee Avalanche will discontinue its weekly update boxes for Owyhee County and Malheur County COVID-19 numbers after this week. The Avalanche will continue to publish updates to health levels, etc., when appropriate.

— Ed.

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Marsing Homecoming more than Friday football

Bridge work alters Thursday's parade route

Marsing High School celebrates Homecoming this week — with one notable change to how things have traditionally unfolded.

This year's festivities didn't include the popular bonfire, which in the past would have been held upon the conclusion of Tuesday's volleyball matches.

This year's Homecoming theme for activities and Friday's dance is "Cities around the world."

Thursday's Homecoming parade will take a different route than it has in the past because of ongoing construction of the Snake River bridge. The parade will begin at 2:20 p.m. at the high school's Ag shop on 8th Avenue West. The procession will then wind north before turning west on Main Street to 9th Avenue West, where it will turn south to the football field.

The parade is open to all classes, clubs and organizations, with a sponsored prize for the best float. Following the parade will be a spirit rally at 2:40 p.m. at the football field.



The Homecoming court candidates were introduced after The Owyhee Avalanche's deadline during the intermission between Tuesday's junior varsity and varsity volleyball matches.

This year's candidates include:

King — Domminik Dreyer, Austin Pool, Carter Clay, Isai Arriaga, and Jacob Goins

Queen — Mazzi Roper, Hailey Christiansen, Gabby Cuevas, Karla Salazar, and Alana Larrusea

Prince — Coupe Urrutia, Jonathan Ineck, and Colton Brown

Princess — MarDee Hall, Emily Thoene, and Lexi Loucks

Duke — Jeremy Dreyer and Gene Showalter

Duchess — Jaci Sotelo and Llee Loucks

Other activities for Homecoming week include:

Tonight:

• He-Man volleyball — 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium

• Powder Puff football — 7 p.m. (after He-Man volleyball)

• Tug-o-War — on the football field after Powder Puff football

Thursday:

• Parade — 2:20 p.m., beginning at Ag shop

• Pep rally — 2:40 p.m., football field

Friday:

• Royalty procession onto the football field (including court announcement) — 6:15 p.m.

• Homecoming football game — 7 p.m.

Saturday:

• Homecoming dance — 7 p.m., to 11 p.m., school district cafeteria

— TK



Top: Marsing High senior Annie Miller paints a die on Friday that would be used to decorate the senior's hall for Homecoming. Above: Domminik Dreyer hangs a sign representing the senior class outside the old main office of the high school.

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Homedale officials plan to spread park grant around

Several improvement ideas covered in ICDBG application

The City of Homedale will try to make improvements on more than one park if a state grant is received.

After conferring with Craig Erickson of Great West Engineering during last Wednesday's meeting, the city council decided that asking for less money and spreading it around more would be the best way to get started on what looks to be a multi-year plan to bring upgrades to the city's parks.

The decision to seek an Idaho Community Block Development Grant (ICDBG) came after Erickson phoned in to participate in a public hearing on what originally was billed as a plan to use grant money to start development of the Peterson Park extension of Riverside Park.

Erickson said he would have a grant application ready by Monday's submission dead-

line.

The preliminary plan was to ask for the full amount of a single grant (\$250,000) to start development of the riverside property the Peterson family had donated to the city for open space several years ago.

But after last Wednesday's public hearing, it became clear that asking for a smaller bite of a \$750,000 apple and developing an Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant restroom and parking space and a basketball court were more likely to catch the eye of the state's Economic Development Council.

Erickson said his conversation with Idaho Department of Commerce ICBDG program manager Dennis Porter provided a revelation about what would give Homedale the best chance to get some assistance.

Essentially, Porter said the city would score well if the council sought a smaller grant, provided some in-kind work as part of the project, and used the money on smaller projects.

With a 3-0 vote (Councilman Steve Atkins was absent) later in the meeting, the council decided to move forward with the grant application to fund elements of the city's parks capital improvement plan.

Although a dollar amount wasn't included in the motion nor were specific projects mentioned, deliberation revealed the city could seek \$150,000 and potential targets for the grant would be an ADA parking space near West California Street to go with an ADA restroom at what will become the Peterson Park extension.

Other goals could affect Bette Uda City Park: Converting a dilapidated fifth tennis court into a basketball court and installing fall protections and ADA upgrades at that park's playground.

A diverse game plan and a smaller budget with in-kind contributions is more attractive, according to Erickson.

"My experience as a grant writer is funding agencies receive that very well," he said.

There are several potential projects listed in the parks improvement plan, evidently.

Narrowing the request in scope and monetary amount also could curry favor for future grant applications, which is an important factor because Homedale has several more ideas.

At the Peterson extension alone, city officials would like to put sod down, build a sprinkler system, create parking, and erect pavilions to create picnic and family gathering spaces, which Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said are lacking in town.

A new swing set at one of the parks is another in-kind project that the city could use to bolster its grant chances, city engineer Andrew Kimmel,

another Great West representative, said.

Christoffersen hinted at other elements of the Peterson Park extension that could be put in motion later, including a walking path and a well for the irrigation system.

Two residents who live near the proposed green space voiced concern about increased traffic, encroachment on private property and illicit activity if the park was developed.

"Once it's done, I think it will bring a better element than it does now," Christoffersen said, stressing the need for residents to remain vigilant to any illegal goings-on in their neighborhoods.

Erickson also defended the idea of developing the park extension.

"Studies show that the property value of homes within 500 feet of a park typically go up by five percent," he said.

"Generally speaking, being close to a park is viewed as a positive thing." — JPB

Correction

Ron Rose told the Homedale Highway District board of commissioners that a dairy owner told him that he had instructed his drivers to obey the speed limit on East Market Road. The Owyhee Avalanche incorrectly attributed the statement to the highway district commissioners.

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Quarantine accounts for some Marsing online learners

Nearly 90 percent of students are in classroom

Some of the more than 80 Marsing School District students learning from home so far this year are absent from the classroom as a precaution.

Superintendent Norm Stewart said 11.2 percent of the district’s student population is staying home because of families’ COVID-19 concerns.

“To our knowledge, we have had zero students test positive for COVID,” Stewart said. “However, multiple students have stayed home in quarantine due to a parent testing positive.”

In all, 83 students are taking advantage of online learning. There are 742 students enrolled in Marsing’s two schools.

At the elementary, 36 of the schools 330 kindergarteners through fifth-graders are at home.

The online students are split between online-only and those who are home for a temporary time.

“At the elementary school, we have a teacher assigned to all online-only students,” Stewart said.

“Students who are home for isolation purposes but are registered in the traditional face-to-face model are provided materials from their classroom teachers through packets and Google Classroom services.”

At the secondary school (sixth through 12th grades), 47 of the 412 students are studying online.

“At the secondary school, each teacher is responsible for the content of their traditional classroom as well as students enrolled in their online only format,” Stewart said.

Stewart said the district had only one staff member test positive for COVID-19, but that occurred before the start of the school year.

Stewart said higher-than-usual elementary school absences are affecting academic performance, but the district is taking steps to stem the slide.

“We are working to provide work for students that are missing by either sending packets home for grades K-2, or utilizing Google Classroom and packets to make up for missed instruction in grades 3-5,” he said.

Absences have increased in the middle school and high school buildings, too, but Stewart isn’t sure about any academic impact yet.

“At this point, it is difficult to assess at the secondary level,” he said.

“We have had an influx in absences, which can negatively impact academic performance, but teachers are working to provide academic support that is close to if not the same as what is occurring within the classroom.”

Stewart also said that students, parents and staff are adjusting well to the protocols in place to limit the spread of the virus.

“We are dealing with situations as they arise, and we are maintaining contact with Southwest District Health to ask questions as things change and develop,” he said.

There is an isolation room for students who feel sick, and outreach to parents is ongoing.

“... We continue to have discussions with parents regarding expectations of who should be in school and who should stay home until symptoms are gone or until a quarantine period has expired,” Stewart said.

— JPB

Bruneau-GV tweaks school day for remote learners

Like their colleagues in other school districts in Owyhee County, Bruneau-Grand View teachers are seeing nearly 90 percent of their students face-to-face.

Superintendent Ryan Cantrell said the return to school is going “as well as expected” with about 12 percent of the students navigating a blended learning experience.

The other 88 percent are in class four days a week.

But the district has modified the school day to make sure that teachers have enough time to teach both in-person students and those that are opting for remote education.

“We shortened our school day by 45 minutes in order to allow our teachers the last 1 hour and 15 minutes of the day to ‘teach’ our online learners via Google Classroom,” Cantrell wrote in an email to The Owyhee Avalanche.

Cantrell said that the procedures instituted to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 have been “generally accepted.” Some district staff have tested positive for the virus, but Cantrell said no students have tested positive.

One component that has been affected by the new learning environment is lower English Language Arts scores in the district’s elementary schools compared to the start of the 2019-20 school year.

— JPB

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✓ Homedale: Nine percent of district student body learning from home

confidentiality policy, didn’t identify which school district the child attended.

Sauer said the district’s hybrid learning environment has been well-received.

“We’ve heard from many parents who appreciate the fact that we are meeting in-person while providing the choice of online for those that currently prefer that option,” he said.

The school-by-school breakdown shows that parents with younger students are favoring distance learning more than students in the secondary schools:

- **District** — In-person: 1,107; online: 110. Online percentage: 9 percent
- **High school** — In-person: 346; online: 18. Online percentage: 5.2 percent
- **Middle school** — In-person: 355; online: 42. Online percentage: 10.6 percent
- **Elementary school** — In-person: 406; online: 50. Online percentage: 10.9 percent

The biggest challenge teachers face in the first semester is closing a larger-than-usual “summer slide,” the term given when students lose retention of lesson learned in the previous school year.

Although students did engage in remote learning during the final three months of the 2019-20 school year, Sauer said there is still evidence of learning loss.

“We are seeing gaps in literacy and numeracy scores in our fall benchmark testing,” he said. “We have hired an additional half-time staff member to focus on literacy in grades K-1.

“As a district we are continuing to identify best practices to help mitigate gaps and accelerate learning.”

— JPB

✓ Bruneau: Children have a shot at buckles with roping on both days

p.m., on Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens 65 and older, \$4 for children 7 and older, and children 6 and younger get in free. Parking is also free.

Eric Davis was named an Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association Honorary Life Member at the ranching organization’s 2019 summer meeting.

He’s the son of Gene Davis and uncle of Don Davis, who arrived in the Bruneau Valley in 1949 and former a partnership — the Perle Davis Co. — that became the Bruneau Cattle Co., in 1959 with a merger with William I. Turner and Sons.

Eric Davis was OCA president in 1986 and headed up the Idaho Cattle Association in 1988. Seventeen years ago, he served a term as the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association president.

Eric is a 1971 graduate of Bruneau High School, and he earned a bachelor’s degree in Animal Science from the University of Idaho in 1975.

Bruneau Round-Up hats will be on sale for \$25 each.

Rodeo entries closed on Sept. 8.

Events include:

- Bull riding
- Saddle bronc
- Ranch-style dally calf roping
- Team roping
- Local team roping
- Barrel racing
- Stock saddle bronc, which featured a top-five ride-off Calcutta and \$1,000 added purse
- Women’s steer stopping
- Women’s breakaway roping
- Hide race
- Mutton busting
- Wild cow milking
- Wild horse roping
- Saddle cow riding
- Junior steer riding (contestants must be 14 or younger as of Jan. 1)

• **Wild West Roping** — Children 11 and younger on Saturday, and 12 and older on Sunday. Contestants can win a buckle for roping a sheep.

Homedale residents Ben and Lori Badiola are providing steers for open team roping.

Homedale’s King Cattle Co., is supplying the stock.

For more information about the rodeo, call Will Aquiso at (208) 807-3299.

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School menus

Homedale Elementary

Choice of milk and juice
Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily
Sept. 16: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon pull apart **Lunch:** Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes w/gravy, hot roll
Sept. 17: **Breakfast:** Mini donuts, string cheese **Lunch:** Pepperoni calzone, green beans
Sept. 21: **Breakfast:** Apple jammer **Lunch:** Nachos, corn
Sept. 22: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch:** Hamburger, French fries
Sept. 23: **Breakfast:** Chocolate chip muffin **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garlic toast, green beans

Homedale Middle

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese
Cereal option and PB&J offered daily
Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily
Sept. 16: **Breakfast:** Apple cinnamon Texas toast **Lunch:** Chicken taco, corn
Sept. 17: **Breakfast:** Donut **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper
Sept. 21: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza **Lunch:** Corn dog, baked beans
Sept. 22: **Breakfast:** Filled cereal bar **Lunch:** Chicken patty, potato wedges
Sept. 23: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garlic bread, green beans

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. 16: **Breakfast:** Biscuits & gravy or pancakes **Lunch:** Pepperoni calzone, garlic toast or cheesy chicken sub, steamed carrots
Sept. 17: **Breakfast:** Breakfast calzone or French toast **Lunch:** Crispito, refried beans or mini corn dogs
Sept. 21: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick or apple jammer **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper or corn dog
Sept. 22: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich or bagel w/cream cheese **Lunch:** Pork chop or chicken filet, mashed potatoes w/gravy, dinner roll
Sept. 23: **Breakfast:** Homedale breakfast burrito or filled cereal bar **Lunch:** Spicy chicken patty sandwich, hamburger/cheeseburger, potato wedges

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
Sept. 16: **Lunch:** Dutch waffle, sausage patty, PB&J, hash brown patty, seasoned fries, strawberries w/topping. **Hot grab-n-go alternative:** Pepperoni pizza.
Sept. 17: **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, PB&J, pineapple tidbits, carrot sticks, potato wedge, jello w/topping. **Hot grab-n-go alternative:** Cherry chicken rice bowl.
Sept. 21: **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, PB&J, steamed carrots, hot roll
Sept. 22: **Lunch:** Beef taco, PB&J, refried beans, carrot sticks, Spanish rice, potatoes tots/gems. **Hot grab-n-go alternative:** Pepperoni pizza.
Sept. 23: **Lunch:** Homemade mac-n-cheese, PB&J, green beans, seasoned fries, whole grain snickerdoodle cookie. **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. 16: **Breakfast:** PB & J **Lunch:** Nachos & ww chips, refried beans/salsa, corn
Sept. 17: **Breakfast:** Waffle **Lunch:** BBQ pulled pork on a bun, fries, fresh cauliflower
Sept. 21: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Pizza, tossed romaine salad, baby carrots
Sept. 22: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garden spinach salad, peas, breadstick

Federal government extends schools’ free meals for all into fall

Federal flexibility will allow school districts like Homedale and Marsing to continue their free meals program into the fall.

Homedale food service director, Vicki Eby, and Teresa Bettleyon, Marsing’s child nutrition director, announced their district’s participation in the extended program in a joint press release last week.

“We are very pleased that every student will be able to receive free breakfast and lunch, as many families who might not qualify for free meals are still going through a tough time and are worried about keeping food on the table,” Eby said.

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue announced new flexibility through the end of the year for the U.S. Department of Agriculture food service program to help families provide children with nutritious meals as the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

“These newly extended waivers will ensure that the children of our community have access to healthy meals,” Bettleyon said.

Bettleyon stressed that the funding for the program will end no later than Dec. 31, but federal money for the subsidies could run out sooner.

Marsing and Homedale districts will continue to collect free and reduced meal applications from the students that have rolled over from last year’s eligibility status because when the special program funding runs out, the student’s individual eligibility status will resume and those students will then be on the paid eligibility status.

Program applications can be found online at each school districts’ website.

Contact the Marsing district at tbettleyon@marsingschools.org or Homedale at foodservice@homedaleschools.org to get more information or have questions answered.

Calendar

Today

No events scheduled

Thursday

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

Friday

Thrift store parking lot sale
9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale
The Landing teen support group
6 p.m., Rising Light Farm Ministry, 5189 N. Old Bruneau Hwy., Marsing. (208) 807-0680
Owyhee County Historical Society meeting
7 p.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. Open to public. (208) 495-2319

Saturday

Homedale FD golf scramble
8:15 a.m., registration, 9 a.m., shotgun start, \$65 per person, \$250 for four-man team, \$10 lunch to follow, River Bend Golf Course, 18539 Fish Road, Wilder. homedalefd@cablone.net or (208) 573-4993
Thrift store parking lot sale
9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale
Snake River Country Market
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., The Spot pavilion, 12 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 989-2273

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.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Grand View Elementary open house
5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Grand View Elementary

School, 205 First St., Grand View. (208) 834-2775
Bruneau Elementary open house
5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Bruneau Elementary School, 28541 Benham Rd., Bruneau. (208) 845-2492

Thursday, Sept. 24

Food bank drop off
1 p.m., to 3 p.m., (weather permitting; holidays could change date), Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206 or (541) 586-2562
Teens & Tweens
5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Friday, Sept. 25

Idaho Foodbank drop-off
9 a.m. to 11 a.m., First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W, Homedale. (208) 473-9331
The Landing teen support group
6 p.m., Rising Light Farm Ministry, 5189 N. Old Bruneau Hwy, Marsing. (208) 807-0680

Saturday, Sept. 26

Car and bike show
9 a.m. to 3 p.m., register until noon, \$10, Bette Uda City Park, East Idaho Avenue, Homedale. (208) 412-2946 or ivarcmoore@gmail.com
OCA summer meeting
12:30 p.m., registration, 1 p.m., meeting, 5 p.m., social hour, Owyhee County Community Center, 423 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale.

Monday, Sept. 28

Board of County Commissioners meeting
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
Story Time
10:15 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Tuesday, Sept. 29

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

Death notices

RONALD MAXEY LUNA, 67, of Homedale, died on Thursday, Sept. 10, 2020. Cremation: All Valley Cremation, 1538 11th Ave. N. Ext., Nampa. (208) 899-9361

DEE WAYNE MESSICK, 72, of Grand View, died at home on Monday, Sept. 7, 2020. Arrangements: Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, Mountain Home. www.rostfuneral.com

Senior menu

Homedale Senior Center

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Sept 17: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, mixed veggies
Sept 22: Stir-fry chicken & vegetables, rice
Sept 23: Tuna casserole, broccoli
Sept 24: Pork roast, mashed potatoes w/gravy, Brussels sprouts
Sept 29: Beef stroganoff, Calif. blend veggies
Sept 30: Hotdog on bun, chili & cheese, tater tots/fries, country trio veggies

Hope House fundraising barn sale set this week

Hope House is planning another barn sale to help raise money to operate the Marsing-area youth home.

Donations are also accepted for the sale, which will begin at 8 a.m., each day on Friday and Saturday.

The sale hours end at 5 p.m., on Friday, and at 2 p.m., on Saturday. Items will be found inside buildings on the Hope House campus, 7696 Old Bruneau Hwy.

After 11 a.m., on Saturday, most sale prices will be reduced by 50 percent.

Shoppers should bring their own bags. Only cash will be accepted.

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- Hunting, fishing, and camping equipment
- A new camping bunkbed
- Power tools and hand tools
- Cookware
- Kitchen items
- Small kitchen appliances
- Large appliances
- Collectibles and antiques
- Jeans priced at \$3, and shirts priced at \$2
- Shoes and boots
- Baby clothes
- Headboards and bed frames
- Aluminum boat with motor
- Large motorhome
- Lamps
- Linens, throw pillows and towels
- Books
- Framed prints and pictures and wall art
- Seasonal décor, including Christmas-themed items
- Pet supplies
- Computer monitors and printers
- Garden items
- Toys, puzzles, and games
- Antique dolls
- Stuffed animals
- ^a Home-school desks and furniture
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- Canning jars

For more information on Hope House, visit www.ahome2come2.com.

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Obituary

Kermit E. Carr

Kermit Carr, 83, of Caldwell, Idaho passed away at his home on September 12th. Our beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather was born on June 10th, 1937 in Caldwell, Idaho to Thomas Milton Carr and Ida Isobel Soper Carr. Kermit was the oldest son to Tom and Isobel. He had a younger brother (Gayland) and two half-sisters (Thelma and Doris).

Kermit was raised in Caldwell and graduated from Caldwell High School in 1955. Kermit was involved in lots of activities during his youth. He loved horses and participated in the Junior Riding Club and Rodeo. He also participated in Boys Federation and the Musicals. During his senior year of high school, he had the lead role of Curly in “Oklahoma.” He loved baseball and was the manager of the varsity team.

After high school Kermit worked for his Father’s Construction Company and then at Blacker’s Furniture. On July 8th, 1958, he married his high school sweetheart, Ruth LaRee Pincock in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. Brent was born on September 13, 1959. Soon they bought their first home on Savannah Street on Canyon Hill in Caldwell. Jolene was born June 20, 1961 and Maurine was born July 12, 1963. In 1964, Dad got a job with Morrison-Knudsen Company and the family moved to Coalville, Utah where Dad



worked on bridge projects. In 1966, Dad was promoted with MK to be Foreman on a job in St. George, Utah. Mark was born in St. George on January 11, 1967. Later that year they moved back to Idaho and lived in Fruitland and then moved to Caldwell in 1968. Kermit and Ruth built their dream home in 1973 where they raised their family at “El Rancho Costa Mucho”, on five acres southwest of Caldwell.

Kermit had a successful career in the Construction Industry. He began working for Tom Carr Construction and later for Morrison-Knudsen Company. He became an expert in concrete construction and then made a career change to sell concrete construction supplies. He worked for ICP, Champion, Protex, and Master Builders. He retired in July 1999 at age 62 and was ready

to begin his golden years. Unfortunately, those years got cut short as Ruthie died on September 22, 2001. After 42 years of marriage, that was a difficult time for Kermit and the entire Family. He then married Linda Wheeler on February 23rd, 2002. Kermit and Linda enjoyed spending time between their home in Nampa and their Cabin in Cascade. Linda passed away on March 3, 2017. Dad moved back to Caldwell and enjoyed his time on Chicken Dinner Road. He loved spending time with family and friends, going on lots of Razr rides all over the beautiful mountains of Idaho.

Kermit is survived by his brother Gayland (Barbara) Carr of Nampa; his son Brent (Lorri) Carr of Boise; Jolene (Joe) Wheeler of Nampa; Maurine (Eric) Wise of Pasco, Washington; Mark (Tayna) of Alpine, Utah. He has 19 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be under the direction of Dakan Funeral Chapel in Caldwell. The Family will greet friends on Friday, September 18th from 6 pm to 8 pm at Dakan Chapel. The Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, September 19th at 11 am at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on Kimball Avenue in Caldwell.

Condolences may be shared with the family at www.dakanfuneralchapel.com

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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)

Outside again, I looked for the horses and finally could see them tied in a brushy juniper tree close by. Cutting out the limbs of the large tree had made stalls for the horses, and they were well-protected from the weather. The kids in that country learn self-reliance early. At the Frank Maher ranch where we stayed the previous night, the boy and girl who attended school were 9 and 10 years old. They were out early and wrangled their own horses, saddled up and rode out ahead to open the gates for us.

People, who knew that we were in their neighborhood, and whose roads were very bad, came out to meet us. Some took blanks home, filled them out and brought them back to where I could pick them up.

Complications arose when the Idaho-Oregon line passed "smack-dab" through the property involved. At the Mr. and Mrs. Ed Maher house in Pleasant Valley, my sister ate dinner in Oregon, on one side of the dining room table, and I sat across from her in Idaho. The line goes through the house at the "Stateline" Ranch, east of Jordan Valley, and the C Ranch, in the Junipers.

Most cattle and sheep



Reminiscing Owyhee memories

by
Mildretta
Adams

ranchers have grazing maps, with little colored squares representing sections of land owned or leased by them or others. Many evenings I spent hours poring over these maps with the owners, to find out where I was, or was not, going next.

One man I learned about, Oley Scampfer lived way out across the desert floor where the deer and the antelope play, at Bull Basin. It would be a wonderful horseback trip to get him about mid-June, after the Owyhee River had gone down at Three Forks.

My host, Sam Ross, in Jordan Valley, spent several hours telling me of the five or six people who had drowned in trying to make the crossing. My hair stood straight on end when he advised me to always take the bridle off my horse when swimming a river so that I wouldn't pull him over on me when we got in midstream. My dreams were troubled that night as I tried to sleep. Finally, I decided that I would rather be a live

coward than a dead hero, and I was going to forget about going out to the crossing. I reasoned that "Uncle Sam" wouldn't gain anything if one enumerator drowned while trying to get one man counted on my papers. I found out later that Sam was having some fun at my expense.

Next day as I was leaving Jordan Valley, Oregon, who should cross the street but Oley, getting ready to board the stage for Cliffs and the back country. (Only he lived further back.) I was overjoyed to get him so easily. Which all goes to show that we shouldn't cross streams until we get to 'em.

One young couple, Tex and Agnes Payne, and two boys came after us in a jeep and took us back across the north fork of the Owyhee River to their beautiful little ranch: The Lowry, nestled at the foot of Juniper Mountain. The next day we all journeyed by a little Army jeep around the mountain to contact the ranchers on the other side.



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

Ours was the first vehicle over the road that spring, and now I realize that the jeep was a godsend to the people who live in the hills.

I was quite perturbed, as we jounced along skirting the boggy places, after Tex informed me that one rancher that I had to get (one of the five) might not talk to me. It would depend on what mood he was in, Tex said. Fortunately, for me, it was one of his better days, and I didn't have any trouble in asking him all his business.

— This is the third of four parts in a serial excerpt. The conclusion 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.

Owyhee County Oktoberfest planned in Marsing

Organizers say more than two dozen vendors are signed up and they seek more for the Owyhee County Oktoberfest.

The inaugural event is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Saturday, Oct. 17 at The Spot pavilion on Sandbar

Avenue in Marsing.

The Owyhee Candle Co., and Snake River County Market are teaming up to present the event, which will feature more than 30 vendors. Wine and beer will be available as will food trucks, face-painting, and music.

The Oktoberfest plans were announced in a Facebook post during the weekend.

Organizers said they are hoping to help small businesses that have suffered lost revenue this year and to drum up future support by showing the value of Owyhee County.

Organizers are also looking for pumpkins, volunteers and ideas for children's activities.

For more information on the event, including how to get involved as a vendor or how to help out, email owyheecandleco@gmail.com.

There are three Snake River Country Market dates remaining in the inaugural 2020 schedule, including Saturday, Oct. 3 and Oct. 17. The market runs from 10 a.m., to 2 p.m., at The Spot pavilion on the first and third Saturday of each month.

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Homedale Assembly of God plans yard sale, car show

Proceeds benefit youth center in Homedale

The Homedale Assembly of God is planning a pair of fundraisers to benefit its youth programs, including The Refuge youth center.

The first fundraiser is a yard sale scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Saturday at the church, 15 W. Montana Ave.

Pastor Ivar Moore and fellow organizers Doug Stump and Randy Friedley also are putting

together the sixth annual car and bike show for Saturday, Sept. 26 at Bette Uda City Park.

Proceeds from both events will help continue renovation of the church's youth center, which is located on the southwest corner of North Main Street and West Montana Avenue.

The public can view dozens of classic cars and motorcycles for free. Car owners can enter the event for \$10.

Registration will take place from 9 a.m., to noon. Awards will be announced at 2 p.m.

There will be a raffle, and chili, hot dogs and onion rings

will be sold.

For more information, call Moore at (208) 412-2946, Stump at (208) 695-3232, or Friedley at (208) 859-6999.

The Assembly of God offers Sunday services at 9 a.m. (traditional) and 11 a.m. (family and online services). The online service can be viewed on You Tube.

Wednesday services for adult, youth and children are held at 7 p.m.

The youth group's Facebook page can be found by searching "TRU-UTH Homedale A.G. Youth Group."



Proceeds from upcoming events will benefit the Homedale Assembly of God youth center, The Refuge.

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✓ Marsing: Deputies must respond to crime regardless of contract status

breaks.

The current contract with OCSO expires with the end of the current fiscal year on Sept. 30, but at last Wednesday's council meeting Sheriff Perry Grant informed Marsing's elected officials that he would accept a month-to-month contract, making his deputy available while the city mulls over options.

Contract details have not yet been worked out, but as it's currently laid out, the city pays for one-quarter of a deputy's pay.

Grant estimates it will cost the city close to \$90,000 to contract for a full deputy. That cost includes base pay, benefits, training, and the use of a vehicle.

Under the soon-to-expire contract, the city paid \$35,000 for the use of a deputy during

Fiscal Year 2020.

Marsing Mayor Chad Sevy said that during this year's budget the city began a program to set aside \$75,000 each year to build a capital base to establish a police department. A contract with the sheriff's office for a part-time deputy would drop the FY 21 money set aside down to \$40,000.

"The idea is that when school is not in session, the school resource office would go and help out the city more," Grant said.

The sheriff said that the contract details have always been ironed out by the city in the past.

"We have always left it up to the city, if they want to pay for a full deputy," he said. "We (have been) basically a stop-gap. I always felt the City of Marsing would want its own

police force ... and if you feel you can do it now, OK. I don't know your finances.

"We've always been there if you wanted to add more manpower, full police force, marked cars, stuff like that."

Council member Rachael Percifield said that the city is currently in a three- to five-year plan to obtain its own police department and that this year's \$75,000 appropriation begins the saving process for that purpose.

"That's our concern," Sevy said. "With that three- to five-year plan, we have no contract with the Owyhee County Sheriff at that time. It kind of leaves us in limbo."

Council president Chris Even, who is a Malheur County Sheriff's deputy who formerly worked for OCSO, questioned the mayor's char-

acterization of the city being "in limbo."

The sheriff's office still has a legal obligation to respond to crimes regardless of a contract, he said.

"We're no different than any other citizen in the county," Even said. "If a 911 call comes in for someone who gets stabbed in Marsing, the sheriff's office is still required to respond. It's not going to be different, not as far as law enforcement is concerned.

"As far as code enforcement violations, then yes, we'll probably be put on a lower priority."

Grant's response left little doubt as to where those issues ranked on his office's priorities.

"Response to crime will always be there (but) response to city ordinance will not," he

said.

Marsing has its own full-time code enforcement officer.

Grant said that the city does have options when it comes to getting the funds for a full-time deputy. He also suggested that the Marsing School District take a more active role in providing funds for the deputy because the SRO is a component of school safety that benefits the district.

But if money gets tight, which is a possibility with the economy shrinking, the SRO program could be in jeopardy.

"We don't intend to ever abandon the schools ... if budgets are cut, that's probably where they will be cut, in the school districts," he said.

— TK



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Homedale, Marsing do their part to mark somber anniversary

*There weren't any public ceremonies to mark the 19th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and the passengers who prevented a possible third attack when they tried to overtake the Islamic terrorists who had hijacked a plane, which resulted in a crash in Shanksville, Pa. But public works employees from Homedale and Marsing did their part to help remember the fallen just after sunrise on Friday. **Left:** Homedale public works supervisor Bret Smith lowers the flags at the town's eastern entrance. He also lowered flags at City Hall. **Right:** Marsing public works employee Ed Lowder pulled the duty of putting the large Island Park flag at half-staff. Both actions were taken after President Trump's proclamation asking that flags on public buildings be lowered to half-staff from midnight on Sept. 11 to midnight on Sept. 12.*



Sr. center parking lot sale begins Friday

A bequest has provided the Homedale Senior Center with another fundraiser avenue during its thrift store parking lot sale.

According to a post on the center Facebook page, a person bequeathed a donation to purchase new chairs for the dining hall. That opened the door for the senior center to sell their old chairs for \$5 each or six for \$25.

The parking lot sale will begin at 9 a.m., each day

on Friday and Saturday. The center is located at 224 W. Idaho Ave., and the parking lot is west of the building on the corner of West Idaho and North 3rd Street West.

The thrift store has been open in recent weeks to provide a place to shop even though the center has been closed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Center staff members continue to 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.



New eatery provides cuisine from north and south of the border

Homedale residents Daniel Lousignont (left) and Kortney Bahem enjoy Homedale restaurant Cocina Mexicana Americana's deck. The new business, located at 112 E. Idaho Ave., has been open since mid-July offering a wide variety of Mexican and American dishes. The menu consists of tacos, tortas, burritos, tamales, and menudo, as well as hamburgers, French fries, and hot dogs. The business is owned by Delia and Gerardo Caballero, with daughter Anahi helping out. Hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday to Saturday. The Caballeros are available for special events and takeout orders, and can be reached at (208) 337-2297 or (208) 605-9113.

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Frosty Palace gets a facelift

Frosty Palace in downtown Homedale remains open for business as the landmark diner’s new owners, Caldwell-area residents Mindy and JD Law, renovate the restaurant inside and out. Crews ripped up the old parking lot on Sept. 8, and by Friday there was new pavement throughout the property, including in the drive-through lane. Striping was added, too. The drive-through intercom system will be restored as well, Mindy said. Mindy’s parents used to operate Jack’s Drive-In in Caldwell, and she said her mother is still involved with that restaurant. Meanwhile, Mindy’s father has been helping get the Frosty Palace staff trained and also shaping up the menu. Mindy’s husband, who is a trooper in the Idaho State Police commercial vehicle division, also helps out with renovations when he has time.

Ranchers reschedule summer meeting for Homedale

Community center is locale for Sept. 26 event

The Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association 142nd annual summer meeting will go on without the spectacle of a daylong event in Silver City. The county’s ranchers will gather inside the Owyhee County Community Center at the county fairgrounds in Homedale on Saturday, Sept. 26. In a Sept. 4 letter to the membership, 2019-20 OCA

president Paul Nettleton announced the revamped meeting schedule. “We look forward to this opportunity to meet together, discuss issues important to our industry, and to hear updates from many of our partners,” Nettleton wrote in the letter. COVID-19 precautions will be observed, but Nettleton pointed out that the county community center at 423 W. Nevada Ave., in Homedale offers more space to achieve physical distancing. “If people want to wear masks, they’re definitely welcome to,” Nettleton said.

“That building is big enough; we can spread out pretty good.” There will be a social hour, but organizers have scrapped the potluck and dance. Nettleton said the sharing of utensils inherent in a potluck led to the decision to forgo the community meal. The original meeting, scheduled for the last Saturday in July, was postponed because of COVID-19 concerns and the impact on the older OCA members. Now, as then, Nettleton is asking anyone who has been exposed to coronavirus, is in the high-

risk category, or is feeling ill to stay home. Registration for the meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m., and the gavel drops at 1 p.m. That gavel will be passed to incoming president Scott

Bunderson at the end of the meeting. Honorary Life Members Richard and Connie Brandau of Wilson, and Ada and the late Pat Stanford of Jordan Valley will be introduced.

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Owyhee County Community Center price tag grows

BOCC donates technology to non-profit

Thueson Construction, the company tasked with putting in a new parking lot and sidewalks at the Owyhee County Community Center in Homedale, has been granted a change order.

County commissioners authorized an extra \$4,178.49 above the original total for Thueson to perform excavation and backfill to mitigate a soft spot before continuing with the project at 423 W. Nevada Ave.

According to Civil Dynamics engineer Kirby Cook, a soft spot is an area of the sub-grade — or the earthen area beneath the proposed pavement — that is not hard and unyielding. To fix a soft spot, it is over excavated down to the appropriate soil, or a geofabric is installed, and the area is brought back to grade with structural fill, normally pit run.

If a soft spot is left and not fixed correctly, the asphalt over it would fail in the coming years.

Thueson entered into a \$124,060 contract with the county in August.

The cost now will exceed \$128,000 and will be paid from the county's Payments In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) trust. The PILT trust contains funds received from the federal government to offset losses in property taxes because of non-



Manuel Rangel V (left) and Alfonso Cisneros of Pusher Construction work on the new sidewalk in front of the Owyhee County Community Center in Homedale on Thursday. The sidewalk is part of a larger project to put in a new parking lot.

taxable federal lands within Owyhee County.

Sidewalks were installed last week in the parking lot and grade and pavement work will be performed this week and next. Striping will be the last step, and Cook said that the project should be completed in two weeks.

Surplus tech donated to children's charity

County Commissioners donated surplus information technology equipment to the non-

profit organization Computers for Kids Inc. with a Sept. 8 resolution.

Equipment declared surplus and donated included:

- Four Hewlett-Packard Z420 desktop personal computers
- Three HP Compaq 8200 Elite desktop PCs
- One Dell Optiplex desktop PC
- Intrado/Positron 911 Phone System equipment
- Nine universal power supplies of various models and capacities

- One Brother MFC-2720-DW printer

- Miscellaneous computer cords and cables not compatible with any currently used equipment

- Miscellaneous keyboards and computer mice

Computers for Kids Inc. makes equipment available to students through their sophomore year in college. The technology is provided for home use, and applications for assistance are available at cfkid.org.

Prosecutor hires legal assistant part-timer

The Owyhee County Prosecutor's Office has taken on a new junior legal assistant.

Sally Schoder has been hired on a part-time basis at \$13.30 per hour, and started work on Monday. The position has been open since February.

"Unfortunately, before we could fill it, the world went topsy-turvy," Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey Phillips said.

— TK

Boise library adds to Homedale book sale inventory

Grand opening plans announced

With the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library grand opening a few weeks off, the Friends of the Homedale Library are ready for its semi-annual book sale.

The sale will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday at the old library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The Friends of the Library has collected books from all genres and for all ages for the sale.

During her report at last Wednesday's city council meeting, library director Sharla Jensen said that the Boise public library system has provided materials to bolster the Friends of the Library book sale.

Gypsy Jackson library grand opening set

Jensen told the council that the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library grand opening event will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday, Oct. 3.

A barbecue is planned, and those who were instrumental in securing the Idaho Community Development Block grant and constructing the building will be invited as guests of honor, including the Gypsy Jackson family, the Opal Nash family, Rob and Nancy Roberts of R&M Steel and others.

Of course, the community is invited to attend to celebrate the opening of the library, which had been delayed by construction mitigation.

During last week's council meeting, Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said that he planned

to meet with Homedale contractor Barney Harper to wrap up a final inspection of the roof and wall repair subcontractor R&S Constructors recently carried out. Apparently there are still some issues with doors and the windows on the east side of the building.

The library grand opening may also include a community unveiling for the Homedale Community Foodstead, according to dialogue between the council and Jensen during last week's meeting.

Located in the old city library building, the foodstead helps local cottage businesses sell its products and produce to community members through an online market available Thursday through Sunday at www.homedale-foodstead.com with product pick up set for Tuesdays.

Foodstead organizers also are in the process of building a commercial kitchen inside the old library. The foodstead and city are working to finalize a lease, which would require foodstead operators to pay the monthly utility bill for the building.

The old library is also available as a room for meetings and parties. The rental fee is \$25, and will go into the library fund.

Youth programs continue

The second installment of the 2020-21 Teens & Tweens season takes place at 5 p.m., on Thursday at the new library. A Nintendo video game night is planned.

Teens & Tweens is open to all boys and girls ages 10-17.

Games that will be played include 1-2-Switch, Super

Smash Bros., and Jackbox.

The next Story Time for preschoolers will take place at 10:15 a.m., on Monday at the new library.

The children are going to move and dance as Cheri Holloway visits for moment activity after the reading of Bearobics: A Hip Hop Counting Story by Vic Parker, and Wiggle by Doreen Cronin.

Get a library card and receive drawing entry

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

— JPB

Marsing City Council OKs roosters' return

The Marsing City Council decided to amend city code and allow citizens living within the city limits to own roosters.

A conditional use permit will be required for folks to keep roosters on their property after the council's unanimous decision at last Wednesday's meeting.

The vote was tabled during the Aug. 12 meeting to allow time for more input from folks who would be affected.

Mayor Chad Sevy reported that input from citizens had been overwhelmingly supportive of the amendment.

"What I've heard from people and seen on social media, I think it's a no-brainer," Sevy said. "It will at least give people the opportunity to get a CUP."

"If people have a problem with it, they can come in to the public hearing and say, 'No, they have had roosters before and they were always attacking my dog.'"

City clerk and treasurer Jolyn Green said the amendment process began after one citizens requested the change.

The council and members of the gallery acknowledged that there are currently roosters in the city, but there has been difficulty in locating them.

The amended city code now reads that roosters are prohibited from being kept or maintained within the city limits unless the property owner has obtained a conditional use permit. A CUP applicant must appear before the city council

in a public hearing.

The amended ordinance provides a process around a ban on roosters that has been in place since March 2014.

New public works employee hired

Public works superintendent Philip Gibson updated the council on various topics, including the hiring of a new member to his crew, Ira Porter.

Gibson also informed the council that a recent chip-sealing project that covered more than two miles of city streets had been completed. The necessary street sweeping that followed has also been finished.

He said that over the course of the next month, his crew will install a new sewer jetter onto a trailer, as well as take the old jetter to Musick Auction. He will also compile a list of needed irrigation repairs and get the material to carry out the work.

Old City Hall auction talk tabled until next month

The city council continued discussion on the auction of the old city hall to its Oct. 14 meeting.

Because a minimum bid for the property at 425 Main St., needs to be established, a building appraisal is necessary. Council members agreed the appraisal fee should cost no more than \$1,000.

No timeframe for the auction has been established.

— TK



Church a step closer to going out to pasture

Workers from Associated Pacific Movers chip away at the foundation of St. Hubert's Catholic Church in Homedale. A crew placed a steel structure through holes in the foundation to ready the building for a short but slow move from the corner of East Owyhee Avenue and North 1st Street East to the Mansisidor Farm on East Market Road. The Mansisidor family took to Facebook last week to ask onlookers to stay away from the area for safety reasons. No date for the move has been announced, but it will take place late in the evening to minimize traffic impacts, John Spencer of the building movers said.



Fun start for FFA

Above: HHS football player Josh Brown takes a crack at a softball during the Homedale FFA Back to School BBQ on Saturday evening at Sundance Park.

Right: Co-advisor Shane Wetzel cooks up a bevy of burgers for his chapter's first event of the school year.



Mountain Home man accused of flashing gun during altercation

A verbal confrontation escalated to something far more serious on Sept. 8 at a house in Grand View, culminating in assault and firearm charges.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said that Mitchell Metzger, 28, of Mountain Home, was with a female companion who was bringing clothing to an ex-boyfriend's house, when an argument broke out.

During the altercation, Bowman said that Metzger pulled up his shirt, displaying a handgun tucked into his pants. Someone in the home then punched Metzger in his face.

According to witnesses, including 21- and 22-year-

old males, and 20- and 23-year-old females, Metzger brandished the weapon but did not discharge it. A 23-year-old female was with Metzger.



Mitchell Metzger

Metzger left the scene after emergency dispatch was called but before deputies arrived.

Mountain Home Sheriff's Office deputies stopped the suspect after he entered Elmore County.

The firearm was discovered during a search of the vehicle

near milepost 11 on Idaho highway 167.

Bowman said Metzger admitted to brandishing the weapon but said that he did not intend to hurt anyone.

He was charged with felony aggravated assault with a firearm and misdemeanor exhibition of a deadly weapon while intoxicated.

Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington arraigned Metzger on Friday at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy. He posted a \$10,000 bond and was released afterward.

He will be back in Darrington's courtroom Monday for his preliminary hearing.

— TK



Sewer work slows traffic on Idaho Ave.

A Titan Technologies worker cuts through a section of road on Friday near the intersection of South 6th Street West and West Idaho Avenue in Homedale. The work is part of two sewer repair projects in town.



Above: No one was hurt when this tall maple tree snapped and fell in a Homedale neighborhood during a Labor Day windstorm. Photo by Maria Anthony **Below:** About the only property damage reported was a picket fence that enclosed the yard where the tree had stood.

Windstorm interrupts Homedale’s holiday festivities

Mayor: Unified cleanup effort epitomizes what town is all about

A windstorm whipped through Homedale and its surroundings on Labor Day, and left a swath of destruction in its wake. The storm knocked down trees and pulled down branches as it sliced its way through town. Driving through town took a measure of skill to navigate the various misplaced foliage laying in, and crossing, city streets. One casualty of the city’s rude visitor was a maple tree in the yard of the home owned by Steve and Jan Silva on Whitecloud Circle near the Owyhee County Fairgrounds. The high winds snapped the tree, estimated by Jan to be 60 to 80 feet tall, at its base and

sent it crashing to the ground, completely boxing the Silvas and their neighbors in. With the help of Mayor Gheen Christoffersen and public works employee Bill McDaniel, who brought a backhoe, and neighbors who brought chainsaws, the Silvas were able to clear the tree from the road, and push the cut pieces to the side. The work took less than two hours. The Silvas did lose a section of fence when the tree fell in the late afternoon, and Jan’s Little Free Library was demolished, but the damage could have been much worse. The tree did not hit any houses or people. “It’s in the process of getting



cleaned up,” Jan, who teaches fourth grade at Homedale Elementary, said. “I feel so blessed. The mayor and my neighbors were amazing.” Christoffersen pointed out the neighborhood teamwork during his mayoral report at last Wednesday’s city council meeting. “There were some many

people together out there,” Christoffersen said of what he saw when he pulled into the neighborhood. “When this town is in need, the people of this town go above and beyond. There’s a reason Homedale is what it is.” The mayor said McDaniel and his wife Janet sprang into action without the need for a

phone call from a city official. “When I called Bill, he and his wife were out driving the streets picking up branches out of the roads,” Christoffersen said. Jan Silva also noted that a local family will use the fallen tree as firewood. The Silvas’ ordeal is not a unique one, as families all across the city faced the brunt of Mother Nature’s fury. But, as Christoffersen noted in last Wednesday’s city council meeting, the recovery is an excellent example of the good that can come from a community pulling together. The mayor said a new Homedale resident embarked with her young son to clear debris on Arizona Avenue. — TK

Grants allow healthy snack options for local students

County districts get fruit, veggie reimbursements

All three school districts based in Owyhee County have received grants to provide free fresh fruit and vegetables to students. The state Department of Education administers the U.S. Department of Agriculture grants, for which district food service supervisors apply each year. The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) is aimed at elementary schoolchildren, but Homedale middle school and elementary school will receive fresh fruit and vegetables because the program designates elementary school children as first- through sixth-graders. Homedale’s fifth-graders are in their first year of middle

school. In the Marsing and Bruneau-Grand View school districts, which also received grants, fifth-graders are elementary school students, and sixth-graders attend middle school. The four Owyhee County schools are among 118 across the state to receive FFVP grants for the 2020-21 school year. Schools with the highest enrollment of students assisted by the free and reduced-cost meal programs are given priority in the fresh fruit and vegetable program. Marsing schools nutrition program director Teresa Bettleyon said the grants reimburse district for the cost of buying fruits and vegetables. Homedale School District will receive reimbursement up to \$42,000 — \$27,750 for the elementary school and \$15,075 for the middle school.

Marsing School District will get up to \$23,100. Bruneau-Grand View is allowed up to \$4,725 for children at Grand View Elementary School. The SDE’s press release announcing the awards didn’t identify Bruneau Elementary School. The grant breaks down to \$75 per school enrollee. Students will begin receiving the food financed by the grant on Monday. This is the eighth year Homedale children have benefitted from the grant. The produce distributed varies and will be used as a snack to keep the students’ energy up later in the school day, according to HSD food service director Vicki Eby. Eby said the district contracts with Grasmick Produce, and that the schools’ cooks take the fruits and vegetables to

classrooms for teachers to distribute in the afternoon. Bettleyon said districts also can work with local farmers, and Marsing collaborates with Symms Fruit Ranch in Sunny Slope and Garrett Ranches in Central Cove for varieties such as peaches, pears, apples, pluots and donut peaches. “We really lean on our produce distributor to let us know what they are able to get,” Bettleyon said. “We really enjoy it when they are able to get in unique produce for the students to try.” Some of the varieties Eby orders for Homedale’s nutrition program include jicama, bananas, oranges, apples, carrots and a tropical fruit called rambutan. “We do some fun things,” Eby said. “At Halloween, we always order rambutans. ‘hairy eyeballs’ is another name for them. “Inside, it’s like a milky white

that looks like an eyeball.” Eby said the program has promoted and instilled good eating habits among students over the years. The proof is in the popularity of the regular fruit and veggie bar that’s available at lunch each day. “I think there has been an increase in what they eat and try,” Eby said. “It creates a healthier school environment by providing healthier food choices.” Bettleyon said the grant helps introduce children to new fruit and vegetables, such as kiwi, star fruit, pomegranate, rutabaga and kohlrabi. “Fruits and vegetables are good, low-calorie, low-fat sources of vitamins, minerals and fiber,” she said, adding that the FFVP shows children healthy and tasty alternatives to snacks that are high in fat, sugar and salt. — JPB

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Musician chooses Owyhee canyon for streaming concert

Bruneau Canyon is part of pianist Holly Bowling's Wilderness Sessions, which are concerts that are being streamed online each Thursday.

The San Francisco musician's Bruneau Canyon concert will be streamed online on Thursday, Sept. 24.

The idea of the concert series to was to find a variety of landscapes and topography, including mountains, canyons, likes and desert, Bowling said, that provided a mix of both familiar and unknown locales.

"Most of all, though, we were searching for really remote places where I'd have the solitude to play to the place and the setting without distraction," she said.

"That was the one of the appeals of Bruneau Canyon, and it delivered perfectly. We had the whole place to ourselves and didn't see another person once.

Bowling and her husband, who is also her videographer, were discovering Bruneau Canyon, too. They arrived in

the dark, "so we had no idea of the massiveness of the canyon besides the wind giving away a hint of its scale."

The next day provided inspiration.

"We spent the night out there camped on the edge and woke up to an incredible view of the canyon, allowed ourselves some time to take it all in, then set up and started playing," she said.

"The ability to have a continuous experience like that, where you're immersed in a place for a while before playing music (rather than showing up after a day of driving) really made this session special. It changes the way you play. You settle into the place a little more and have a chance to listen before you speak."

Bowling and her husband traveled across the country to film the Wilderness Sessions in August.

"The idea behind those was born out of a frustration with not being able to tour or play to live audiences due to the

pandemic. I'd been streaming solo piano shows from my living room, but after several months of that, I needed to do something different, and I figured if playing to a room full of people is out of the question, why do I need to be in a setting that feels like a traditional music venue? If the audience is out of the equation, why am I playing surrounded by walls?

"If I have to play to an empty room, then I'd rather go out and play in the most incredible places I can think of where there's no one around."

Bowling is known for her solo piano arrangements of music created by jam bands such as the Grateful Dead and Phish.

"In reality, this performance is equally shaped by the canyon itself," she said.

"Each one of these wilderness sessions has a lot of space for improvisation built into it, and this is by design and very much intentional. That's where my voice and the voice of the place I'm playing get to enter

into conversation."

The cross-country musical trip has seen Bowling and her husband traveling much like the fans of those legendary bands do from venue to venue.

"We're traveling in a camper van, which is our little self-contained bubble where we eat, sleep, edit footage, and run the mobile recording setup from," Bowling said.

"It's close quarters, but it was important to us that if we were going to travel, we weren't going to put ourselves or anyone else at risk."

Bowling said she and her husband have been camping in "some pretty remote places along the way, so we don't really even have the chance to interact with other people. It's kind of social distancing taken to an extreme, except it's been really enjoyable."

Performing at Bruneau Canyon and other outdoor venues, such as Yosemite in California, is more a celebration of natural beauty than a eulogy for what's missing from live music these days.

"I had this moment where I realized that rather than look at all the things we've lost the ability to do for the time being, I could look for the things that are possible now that would've been impossible in normal times," Bowling said.

"And that meant rethinking the model for what touring looks like and what constitutes a venue."

Scouting the sites was an adventure in itself, involving weeks of planning, scanning weather reports and satellite imagery online.

That was "followed by a fair amount of driving around somewhat aimlessly looking at sites once we arrived and occasionally getting lost," Bowling said.

Streams are available every Thursday for a pay-what-you-want model on Bowling's Facebook and Youtube pages every Thursday help keep "live" music alive.

Get more information on The Wilderness Sessions at <https://biglink.to/HollyBowling>

— JPB

Deputy makes DUI arrest after concerned citizen's report

A call from a concerned driver led to the arrest of a Homedale man for suspicion of drunk driving on Labor Day.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said that the citizen who called

reported that Codee Roberts, 29, of Homedale, was driving his 1996 Dodge Ram at about 9:40 p.m. initially in Canyon County before crossing the bridge over the Snake River into Marsing.

The reporting party fol-

lowed Roberts to U.S. Highway 95 and Hogg Road, and said that the suspect was driving erratically and that driving under the influence was suspected.

An Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy eventually caught

up with Roberts and clocked him driving 75 mph in a 35 mph zone on Hogg Road. He was eventually pulled over near the intersection of Jump Creek and Market roads.

Roberts failed a field sobriety test, and his breath measured a blood-alcohol concentration of .107 percent. The legal limit in Idaho is .08.

He was charged with misdemeanor DUI and brought to the Owyhee County Jail in Murphy. He was released after his arraignment before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington on Sept. 8.

Roberts has a pretrial conference before Darrington at 1:30 p.m., on Oct. 26.

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Raiders eye another
cross country goal

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Marsing High School's MarDee Hall sends a shot over the net and above the outstretched arms of Homedale's Jacy Parker during last Wednesday's non-conference intracounty rivalry match on the Huskies' floor.

Homedale survives third-set thriller to bounce Marsing

Schools' volleyball coaches
see improvement

Katie Christoffersen served a career-high 11 aces to help Homedale High School sweep Marsing in a non-conference volleyball match.

Christoffersen added eight kills in the Trojans' 25-18, 25-10, 25-22 victory on the Huskies'

floor last Wednesday.

"Katie is a very talented athlete," HHS coach Evonne McGuire said. "She came through for us in a big way."

Homedale (2-3 at week's end) held off Marsing's fierce fight to extend the game during a tough third set.

"I am proud of the girls for getting the win.

— See *Homedale*, page 5B



Homedale resident Jared Holt of Homedale set a catch/release state record when he hauled this 42-inch flathead catfish out of the Snake River earlier this month. IDFG photo from Holt

Local angler pulls state record flathead catfish from Snake

A Homedale man set the state record for catch-and-release flathead catfish earlier this month.

Jared Holt reeled in a 42-inch-long catfish on Sept. 6 while fishing the Snake River in Owyhee County, according to an Idaho Department of Fish and Game press release.

Holt's record bested by 3½ inches the two-year-old mark set by Scott Turner.

According to IDFG, the state has several species of catfish, the most common of which are channel catfish, brown bullhead and black bullhead. Those species are common in several

Idaho fisheries, but flathead catfish are found only in the Snake River, mostly in Brownlee Reservoir and upstream of it.

Brownlee Reservoir produced the largest certified weight record flathead catfish in 1994, and weighed in at 58.5 lbs (48 inches long).

Flathead catfish are predators of other smaller fish, often hunting at night.

Started four years ago, catch/release records are based on total length of the fish. The popular program allows anglers to be recognized for landing trophy fish without having to harvest them.

Vikes' air attack overwhelms HHS

Non-conference game
pits top-5 teams in state

Middleton and miscues spoiled Homedale High School's return to the site of the first of its back-to-back 3A Milk Bowl appearances.

The Class 4A Vikings scored on three consecutive first-half possessions to take control and cruise to a 53-28 non-conference win on their home artificial turf.

Homedale (1-1) drew first blood when sophomore quarterback Jaxon Dines ran six yards into the end zone to cap an 80-yard drive on the game's first possession.

But the Vikings (2-0) recovered from a negative gain on their first possession to score

three touchdowns for a 20-7 halftime lead.

The Vikings entered the game tied for the No. 2 spot in both the IdahoSports.com 4A coaches' poll and media poll, and Homedale was the third-ranked 3A team in both polls.

Middleton quarterback Ky McClure launched his 440-yard passing night with scoring strikes of 28 yards to Mason Nichols and 23 yards to Cash Cowdrey in the second quarter.

McClure completed 22 of 34 passes for five touchdowns, and he nearly had three teammates reach the century mark in reception yards.

Cowdrey caught seven passes for 142 yards, while Hayden Gibbs racked up 98

— See *HHS*, page 3B



Homedale High School junior Hayden Kincheloe puts some moves on Middleton defenders during Friday night's game on the Vikings' artificial turf surface. The running back rolled up 227 yards on the ground.

Sports



Giovanni Aguilera (left) and Gracie Rotter head down the track at Fruitland High School during the 3A Snake River Valley conference quad meet. Photos by Machele Randall



HMS cross country gets season started

A pair of eighth-graders' top-10 finishes highlighted Homedale Middle School's cross country season opener last Wednesday.

Evelyn Koon ran a 13-minute, 39-second 3-kilometer tract in Fruitland to take seventh in the girls' 3A Snake River Valley conference quad meet.

Timothy Whitfield was ninth in 12:36 in the boys' meet.

The HHS boys were third among three scoring teams, while the girls were fourth among four scoring squads.

Other boys' finishers included:

- Brody Johnson, 6th grade, 15th in 13:05
- Damian Ramos, 8th grade, 27th in 14:43
- Maverick McKerrow, 6th grade, 34th in 16:04
- Quade Christensen, 7th grade, 45th in 21:30

Girls' placers were:

- Teague Taylor, 6th grade, 14th in 15:28
- Alexis Bixby, 6th grade, 19th in 16:30
- Aly DeVice, 6th grade, 20th in 16:39
- Cora McKerrow, 7th grade, 25th in 17:47
- Marah Kiser, 7th grade, 26th in 17:49
- Breydyn Ford, 7th grade, 29th in 18:06
- Myra Jean Koon, 8th grade, 30th in 18:48

Upperclassmen lead the way for HHS cross country

Seniors running among younger teammates turned in Homedale High School's best cross country performances last Wednesday.

Giovanni Aguilera broke the 20-minute barrier, taking fifth in the 3A Snake River Valley quad meet in Fruitland.

Aguilera completed the 5-kilometer course in 19 minutes, 58 seconds to lead Homedale's third-place finish among four teams.

The Trojans were one athlete shy of qualifying for the team portion of the girls' meet.

Senior Savannah Turner was seventh in 25:26.

Freshman Trinity Neeser grabbed Homedale's other top-10 finish, with the 10th-best girls' time of 26:41.

Rounding out the HHS girls' participation were senior Gracie Rotter (17th, 30:06), and freshman Elliot Larzelier (18th, 30:14).

On the boys' side, ninth-grader Liam Koon was 18th in 22:15, followed by junior Ryker Johnson (22nd, 24:41), and freshmen Alex Zamudio (24th, 24:48), Elias Tines (28th, 26:03), and David Peirsol (31st, 27:00).

HHS wrestling schedules cornhole fundraiser Oct. 3

The Homedale High School wrestling team will hold a cornhole tournament fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Owyhee County Community Center, 423 Nevada Ave., in Homedale.

Check-in is at 9 a.m., and the tournament will begin promptly at 10 a.m.

It costs \$60 per team to enter.

The Hop House will provide food and beer, and no outside food or alcohol is allowed.

Prizes will be awarded for first-, second-, and third-place finishes, and every team is guaranteed five matches.

The Hop House, Homedale Cornhole, and CJK Boards are sponsoring the event.

For more information, contact Jake Levinski at (208) 869-8784 or Joe Egusquiza at (208) 697-8099.

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Volleyball
Katie Christofferson, so., OH/DS
11 aces, 8 kills led team vs. Marsing

Cross country
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Football Varsity
Friday, Sept. 25, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 7 p.m.

Junior varsity
Wednesday, Sept. 16, home vs. Melba, 6 p.m.
Note — Game replaces cancelled Thursday, Sept. 17 at Kuna frosh contest

Cross country
Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 3A Snake River Valley conference quad meet at Parma
Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 3A SRV quad meet at Payette

Volleyball Varsity
Thursday, Sept. 17 at Parma, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 22, home vs. Weiser, 6:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Wednesday, Sept. 9 at Marsing, 5 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 17 at Parma, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 22, home vs. Weiser, 5:30 p.m.

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Sports

Rimrock cross country runners ready for the season

School has full teams for boys, girls for first time

After just four years of a cross country program at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School and eight state qualifiers last season, athletes are gearing up for what they hope will be a repeat season. Second-year coach Melissa Raymond said for the first time that anyone can remember, the school has a complete boys' and girls' team.

The boys' team is down five seniors from last year, but Raymond said reinforcements are here. "We have some strong capable runners and new freshman that have come up through the ranks that are familiar with the program and know what it takes to improve," Raymond said. The boys' team is led by junior Victor Lemus, who finished 25th in the 5-kilometer



Three state meet qualifiers are back to lead Rimrock High School cross country, from left, Cooper Raymond, Victor Lemus, and Ella Boren. Photo by Melissa Raymond

state meet last season. Sophomore Ella Boren leads the girls' team after taking 13th in the state meet. Other boys include freshman Garrett Kunsy and Loyd Boren, sophomores Zeke Ochoa and Cooper Raymond, who returns after running in the state meet, and junior Juan Alamilla. Additional female members are freshmen Lisbeth

Ayala, Goya Lemus and Ashten Moore and sophomores Dayanara Hurtado and Crystal Araujo. Raymond said she told her athletes to "dream big," and that it would be cool to have two teams qualify for State this year. Rimrock saw success Saturday in Idaho City at the Dallman Dash where the boys' team placed fifth and the girls

team came in fourth. Ella Boren turned in the program's best finish with a fourth-place time of 24 minutes, 23.2 seconds, which shaved 17 seconds off the time of her first run this season. Goya Lemus was 18th in 27:01.7, and Ayala timed in at 28:06.2 for 24th place. Three other Rimrock girls also competed: • Moore, 36th in 30:53.7 • Hurtado, 41st in 33:42.6 • Araujo, 44th in 39:53.5 Loyd Boren brought home the boys' best finish with a 25th-place time of 22:40.8, while Alamilla was 28th in 22:56.2. Other Rimrock results: • Victor Lemus, 34th in 24:05.6 • Cooper Raymond, 49th in 26:37.5 • Kunsy, 54th in 28:38.6 Rimrock's first meet came Sept. 2 at Valley High School in Hazelton. Loyd Boren led the boys' team, finishing 26th in 20:49. Alamilla ran a 21:35.

Lemus and Ochoa did not compete. Ella Boren crossed the line in ninth place (23:40), and Goya Lemus ran a 27:30 to highlight the girls' sixth-place finish. Because of COVID-19 concerns, Rimrock athletes are required to do temperature checks before practice and meets and wear protective face coverings while on the bus. Rimrock athletic director Ashley Merrick said the restrictions that have been put on meet hosts has made scheduling very difficult this year. Merrick went on to explain that the number of teams allowed to participate in each meet has been restricted in many areas, so the school "had to be creative" to schedule enough meets to fill the season. "It's been a weird year..." Raymond said. "I just hope we get to have a full season." The next meet is set for Thursday at Magic Mountain Ski Resort in Twin Falls.

Melba squeaks out volleyball victory vs. Homedale

After two lopsided games, Homedale and Melba high schools got down to non-conference volleyball business last week. The Mustangs outlasted the Trojans in the final two sets for an 8-25, 25-5, 25-23, 25-22 home-court victory on Sept. 8. "Melba has always been a strong team — and they played well," Trojans first-year coach Evonne McGuire said. "We came out firing. I was really proud

of the way the girls played in our first set. "They were just on, and it was exciting to see. They played their best volleyball. We just need to keep up that momentum to win matches." The Mustangs, who received strong net play from Keylee Wilson and Kendall Clark, rallied in Game 2 to build a little momentum. "Melba came back in a fierce way in the second set," McGuire said. "It was

a hard one to watch. We had a lot of errors, and nothing went our way." The Mustangs (4-0 overall at week's end) won the final two sets by a combined margin of five points. "Our third set and fourth set were really good," McGuire said. "The girls got back into the match and played well again, but we didn't get it done." No statistics were available for Homedale, but McGuire is optimistic about the season as it moves along.

"We are getting our game dialed in, but we need to focus on our consistency and keeping up our momentum," she said. Wilson served nine aces to lead Melba's back-line game. Maddi Bunnell was a force on defense and offense for coach Nichole Bunnell's squad with 31 digs and two aces. Kate Clark added seven kills for the hometown team, and teammate Kayla McCoy set 30 assists.

Mustangs sweep match, sweep season series vs. Weiser

Kayla McCoy's 31 assists set up an opportunistic offense as Melba High School battled past Weiser in non-conference volleyball. The Mustangs concluded

a season series sweep of the Wolverines from the 3A Snake River Valley conference with a 25-23, 25-21, 25-19 triumph on Thursday. McCoy's sets helped the

home team's front-line players in Melba's fourth victory in as many tries this season. Keylee Wilson led the way with 12 kills, and Kendall Clark spiked for 10 points.

Maddi Bunnell commanded the backcourt with 35 digs. The daughter of coach Nichole Bunnell also served two aces. Wilson had four blocks and two aces, while Kate Clark

chipped in four kills and two aces. McCoy led the team with three aces, while Tallea Speed contributed four kills and a block.

✓ HHS: Defenses have their moments in high-scoring Top-5 showdown

From Page 1B yards with five catches. Nichols' 48-yard TD reception gave Middleton a 33-14 lead in the third quarter, and he grabbed two more passes and finished with 96 yards. Homedale had its own offensive star in junior running back Hayden Kincheloe. The Trojans workhorse rolled up 227 yards on a 31 carries. His 5-yard scamper early in the second half pulled Homedale to within a touchdown, 20-14. Kincheloe also scored on a

3-yard run later in the third quarter. Trailing 20-7 coming out of the intermission, Homedale's defense tried to wrest momentum from Middleton immediately. The Vikings barely got to midfield on the second half's opening possession when Josh Brown picked off McClure to set up the Trojans' first scoring drive of the third quarter. But Middleton's defense also had its own streak of opportunism. Homedale was on the march

midway through the third quarter when Kincheloe fumbled on the Vikings' 29-yard line. Middleton followed up with a four-play drive that took just 49 seconds off the clock and ended in Nichols' second TD catch of the night. It was one of two quick-strike scoring drives for Middleton in the third quarter. Earlier, the Vikings chewed up 75 yards in three plays that spanned 36 seconds. Cowdrey's 56-yard reception highlighted the sprint that ended in the end zone on Tyler Medaris'

19-yard TD catch. Middleton took another fumble to the end zone in the fourth quarter when Tyler Brown sacked Dines, and Ty Maund ran 50 yards to pay dirt. Dawson Fox scored the game's final touchdown, plunging in from a yard out to cap an 85-yard Homedale drive that consumed 85 yards and 4:21 of the game's final 4:24. Dines rushed 24 times for 122 yards for another chunk of the Trojans' 395-yard night on the ground. Middleton finished with

523 yards total offense, while Homedale picked up 31 of its 33 first downs on the ground and compiled 476 yards total offense. Keagen Christensen and Josh Breshears spearheaded Homedale's defense with five tackles apiece. Three of Willie White's four tackles went for a loss. Trojans placekicker Uriel Neri was perfect on his four point-after attempts. He has converted six PATs since missing his first try of the season against Emmett.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

September 20, 1995



Ridin’ high...

This unidentified bareback rider is right where he should be as his bronc “catches some air” at the Bruneau Roundup last Saturday. (Photo by Joe Aman)

Jackson donation to help with all-weather track

1972 Homedale graduate John Jackson handed over a check for \$7,826.37 to Homedale schools last Thursday to help contribute to the schools’ effort to install an all-weather track.

John Jackson, the owner of Jacksons Food Stores, agreed to contribute one cent for every gallon of gas sold at the Homedale Jacksons Food Store for the duration of his oldest son’s high school career. Jackson initiated the fundraiser in 1989, and since Corey’s graduation in 1992, Jackson has donated a grand total of \$10,539.37.

Silver City Open House is success

From his seat at the Silver City Open House ticket sales counter in front of the old courthouse in Silver City, homeowner Galen Carr said he would watch, and as another big batch of cars drove into the historic town for the Open House this past weekend, he would reach for another batch of last year’s tickets.

The 1995 tickets sold out the first day.

By the end of the two-day event, Carr had sold all of the tickets for 1995, and all the leftover tickets from 1994 and 1993.

As best as he can figure, over 800 people attended the event, contributing \$7,048 to help pay the wages of a winter watchman.

Owyhee produces state’s highest potato yield

When the days start getting shorter and the mornings a bit cooler, one group of men and women will start working longer and harder — the Idaho potato growers.

Autumn and the potato harvest are synonymous in Idaho — it’s the time of year when farmers are hard at work bringing America’s favorite vegetable to supermarket shelves.

1994 was a record year for potato production in Idaho. Gem State potato growers harvested 408,000 acres in the fall months, weighing approximately 13.5 billion pounds.

In 1993, Owyhee County planted and harvested 4,100 acres of potatoes and produced the highest yield per harvested acre in the entire state of Idaho. Owyhee County’s average yield totaled 448 potatoes per acre, producing 1,835,000 potatoes for the state in 1993, which is up 17 percent from 1992’s figures.

50 years ago

September 17, 1970



HOMEDALE TROJANS will be after their second league victory of the season Friday night when they travel to Fruitland to engage the Grizzlies. The squad includes first row, from left, Harry Zanks, E; Paul Pearson, T; Ken Kubosumi, G; Kim Tolsma, C; Joni Uda, B; Allen Hays, B; Alan Echeverria, QB; Tim Felty, T; Deon Ethington, T; second row, Ray Garcia, B; Monte Duncan, QB; Greg Haylett, B; Craig Curtis, E; Mike Hyer, E; Jon Jackson, B; Jim Yamamoto, B; Tom Grimes, C; Dan Felty, G; Merlin Ethington, G; third row, Craig Blessing, E; Rick DeGroat, E; Melkie Gonzales, G; Dan Robbins, G; Mike Parker, C; Doug Folger, B; Doug Pottenger, G; Wren Grow, B; Fred DeGeus, C; Doug Takasugi, QB; Riley Grimes, B; fourth row, Larry Quintana, C; Rick Strack, G; Greg Cook, B; Ken Curtis, B; Dick Goodloe, B; Stan Hyer, B; Jay Duke, B; Dan Silveria, G; Les Auker, T; Mike Blessing, B; Steve Yamamoto, G; fifth row, Asst. Coach Jack Daniell; Asst. Coach Daryl Kellum; Head Coach Ken Kellum; Mgr. Charles VanDerhoff; Statistician Pat Garrity.

Owyhee County Historical Society plans field trip

The Owyhee County Historical Society will conduct a field trip Sunday to the Omer Stanford ranch on Jackson Creek.

Members will assemble at 9 a.m. on U.S. 95 at the turnoff for Silver City (near Sheaville) and caravan to the ranch.

The program will be on Owyhee blacksmithing.

Omer Stanford grew up at the Democrat Station between Reynolds and Dewey, where his father was the blacksmith. Omer has a collection of smithing-related articles, displayed in a personal museum. Groups will be shown these exhibits.

Mr. Stanford has passed along his knowledge on wagon wheel making to Mike Hanley of Jordan Valley. Mike will demonstrate this craftsmanship in Omer’s shop.

School enrollment continues climb among young

Student enrollment increased in the elementary and junior high school this year, but remained about the same in the high school, according to preliminary figures.

According to Deward Bell, superintendent of Homedale schools, there are 586 students this school term enrolled in grades one to the eighth compared to 547 last year.

There are approximately ten more students in the junior high this year.

A breakdown in the enrollment follows: 69 students in the first grade; 72 in the second grade; 86 in the third grade; 75 students in the fourth grade; 84 students in the fifth grade; 54 students in the sixth grade; 74 students in the seventh grade and 72 students in the eighth grade; 64 freshmen; 59 sophomores; 67 juniors and 50 seniors.

145 years ago

September 18, 1875

SOUTH MOUNTAIN, I.T., Sept. 13.
South Mountain has rather lost its drive. Everybody has got the blues, money is scarce and that is what troubles us, for we have to have money so that we can live well and wear good clothes.

The South Mountain Consolidated Mining Company have not paid off for last month but will in a few days. Every one has the utmost confidence in the Company, as they have always dealt “on the square” with every body and come to time promptly financially.

There is nothing new in particular to report about the developments in The South Mountain Company’s mines. The shaft building at the independence is nearly done and the frame for the building at the Bay State is ready to put up as soon as the foundation is ready.

THE MINING SITUATION.

J.W. Minear has received a private letter from his brother A.P. Minear, in regard to the mining situation in this camp and kindly permits us to publish the following extracts:

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept, 12, 1875.

Dear Brother John:

If Pinney had not run off with that money— \$58,000— and collected \$18,000 that Mahogany owes Ellmore, the assessment which is due on the 8th of next month, would have set the company, (Ellmore) away ahead. I have been trying for some time to find out where so much money had gone and the men not paid, but, of course, (Pinney’s) leaving has disclosed the whole thing.

The suspension of the banks here has stopped, for the present, all dealing in stocks. Both Boards of brokers have passed resolutions prohibiting their members from dealing in stocks, even on the street, under a penalty of \$500. This restriction I believe will last until the 1st of next month—some say that on Monday, the 4th of October, the banks and brokers will resume business. Then, and not before, will matters go on as usual—people will deal in stocks, assessments will be paid in and companies can get money to pay their men. But now, nothing can be done to relieve anyone; the largest operators we have here cannot begin to meet their obligations with money. It is not to be had. Banks, no more than individuals, will loan money. All seem to be waiting for a general resumption of mining operations and the general opinion is, that this will be on or about the 1st of October.

I wish you would say to the miners at the Ellmore that I will leave nothing undone to get them their money at as early a day as possible; their getting it does not admit of question; it is simply a matter of a little time to get the coin.

Explain to the miners the situation in regard to money matters here. It is not only the Ellmore, but other mines are about in the same fix. But I do not think it possible for this to be laid more than three weeks longer, when I look for a good, healthy stock market.

No one there can begin to realize the situation here. Managers of companies as well as individuals have become tired of trying to raise money and say, “well, we will quit, until money eases up.”

I should regret very much, indeed, to hear of the miners taking any steps to stop working.

Truly your brother,
A.P. Minear

Sports

Marsing gets first volleyball win

Huskies ruin Pirates' season opener

Four matches into the 2020 season, the Marsing High School volleyball team left the floor victorious.

The Huskies topped 3A Snake River Valley conference member Payette in four close sets, 19-25, 25-20, 25-23, 25-22, on Thursday on the Pirates' floor.

Payette, which had the start to its season delayed by a COVID-19 outbreak among its athletes, was playing its first match.

"The win is huge for our confidence," Huskies' coach Amy Chadez said. "The fact the sets were close made us focus and finish, which we have struggled doing previously."

Marsing (1-3 at week's end) got strong performances from their juniors. Middle blocker MarDee Hall tallied 12 kills, three blocks, and three aces, setter Regan Stansell served seven aces and recorded 13 assists, and fellow setter Lexi Loucks finished with 10 assists.

Senior Fallon Wasson led the team with 18 digs.

Chadez recognized the excellent play of the team's

two setters.

"As a team, we are serving more competitively every game, and we are pleased with the play of both of our setters (and) the leadership they are bringing," she said.

"I was proud of our team for digging deep to trust one another and ensure they each did their job successfully."

The Huskies opened the 2A Western Idaho Conference season at home Tuesday night against Vision Charter after The Owyhee Avalanche's deadline. Marsing meets first-year 2A WIC squad The Ambrose School on the road Thursday.

— TK

✓ Homedale: First-year coach relieved to pick up victory in county rivalry

From Page 1B

We needed it," McGuire said. "I hope we can use it to carry us into conference play."

The Huskies were bitten by mistakes throughout their Game 3 attempt to rally.

"We did so many things better when we look at our stat sheet, but unfortunately, we made mistakes consecutively in many cases, which turned the momentum in the wrong direction for us," Marsing coach Amy Chadez said.

five kills.

"Moving forward, we need to continue to work on our net play. Our digging percentage was the best it has been, and we fought hard for it as we only had one block on the night," Chadez said.

"We were happy to see the improvements in all areas (serve/receive, digging, setting, and attacking). Now we need to reduce our errors and remain mentally tough to finish a game."

After having its 3A Snake River Valley conference opener (scheduled for Thursday against McCall-Donnelly) cancelled, Homedale started 3A SRV competition Tuesday after deadline against Fruitland.

Huskies suffer first football loss

Conference starts with Homecoming game vs. Nampa Christian

Marsing High School's perfect start to the football season ended on the road Friday against non-conference foe Payette.

The Pirates pulled of a 34-16 victory at Harmon Killebrew Field.

Payette won for the first time since a Sept. 13, 2019 victory over Marsing on the Huskies' field.

Marsing (2-1 overall) opens the 2A Western Idaho Conference season at 7 p.m., on Fri-

day by playing host to Nampa Christian in the Huskies' Homecoming game.

The Trojans opened the 2020 season with a 63-0 blowout of Wendell, Marsing's victim on Sept. 4, and followed with back-to-back losses to Fruitland and Gooding.

During Friday's game, the Huskies had difficulty containing the Pirates' offense. Payette running back Gabe Ramos racked up 114 yards and three

touchdowns on 20 rushes.

According to news reports, Payette's Abe Rodriguez threw touchdown passes to Zander Allen (74 yards) and Ty Waynetska (52 yards).

Carter Clay returned Rodriguez's interception for Marsing's final touchdown with less than three minutes to go in the third quarter. The Pirates were deep in Huskies territory and trying to convert a 4th-and-long play.

Marsing coach Mike Nunnelee didn't submit statistics prior to The Owyhee Avalanche's deadline.

MARSING HUSKIES

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT



Football
Carter Clay, sr., LB
Interception return for TD vs. Payette



Volleyball
Regan Stansell, jr., S
11 aces and 23 assists in two matches



Cross country
Mariah Gonzalez, fr.
Nyssa transfer, first year on squad

Football
Varsity
Friday, Sept. 18, home vs. Nampa Christian, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Sept. 17 at Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.

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

Volleyball
Varsity
Thursday, Sept. 17 at Ambrose, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 22 at Compass Charter, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Sept. 17 at Ambrose, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 22 at Compass Charter, 6 p.m.



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On the edge of common sense
The feedlot woman



I have known and worked with many women in the feedlot business. Some as cowboys, some as vets, some as lay doctors, as cattle processors, feed truck drivers, foremen (or forepersons) and managers (or should that be womanagers?).

Lest you think I'm going to waste your time with a commentary on cute political correctness witticisms, relax, I'm not. Nor do the feedlot women I know waste their time with political correctness. I think I'd be safe in saying affirmative action doesn't have much impact in the typical feedlot. The women working there earn their place.

And it is a chauvinist world. But the big equalizer is animals. The crew can tell in a hurry if a new person knows how to handle stock. Should some macho bluffer start pickin' on a new woman and she turns out to be a good hand, he'll back off (or the crew will straighten him out.) A good hand, regardless of gender, is recognized and welcome. It's been said, and I tend to agree, that women seem to have more empathy with animals, even feedlot animals. It's noticeable in the sick pens, in the processing area, loading fats and raising orphan calves.

There are exceptions in both genders, of course. There are plenty of men who don't feel the need to jab a new steer two times with a hot shot before the tailgate opens ahead of them. There are men who exercise patience when pulling a calf from some fat pregnant feedlot heifer. And there are men who have some compassion for a beast in trouble.

On the other hand, there are women who treat cattle like inanimate objects or judge a good day by the number of head processed rather than how much unneeded stress was created. If women are easier on cattle, maybe it's the mother instinct.

Workin' feedlot cattle requires more stamina than strength. We have hydraulic squeeze chutes, front end loaders, nose tongs, horses, pulleys, push gates and hot shots, all of which allow humans to handle critters considerably bigger and stronger than them. But it takes stamina to process or doctor eight hours a day for three weeks straight. Women are long on stamina.

One of the biggest deterrents for women has always been that ground work in a feedlot is a dirty job, fraught with smashed fingers, stepped-on toes and pucky in your hair. But plenty of women can handle it. And to our industry's credit they are receiving equal opportunity for advancement. For a bunch of chauvinistic cowboys, that has been a big step.

If she's the best cowboy in the feedyard and everybody knows it, she deserves the pay and the promotion. 'Cause in the end, as every manager knows, it's just good business.

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

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee
They should be heroes



The concept of a hero varies, but the Trump Administration has launched an initiative to seek a group of outstanding American citizens to honor in the National Garden of American Heroes.

President Trump recently solicited suggestions from around the nation, and Gov. Brad Little and at least three county-level representatives spoke up.

Little provided a list of Idaho citizens as prospective subjects for the statuary garden, and the governor even went as far as to offer the state as a possible locale for the national monument.

Jerry Hoagland, chair of the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners, wrote Washington, D.C., to ask administration officials to exclude Owyhee County's acres and acres of public land from consideration for the monument.

The Dist. 1 commissioner cited infrastructure pressures already presented by the burgeoning number of recreationists that overrun the backcountry, straining the county's emergency services without providing much economic benefit.

Hoagland surmises that a National Garden of American Heroes would only exacerbate that problem.

In his letter to the administration, Hoagland said the board had no suggestions for American heroes.

But perhaps a monument for American heroes in the county is indeed too vast.

What about something to salute Owyhee County's best and brightest and most influential?

The county commissioners already have the Outstanding Citizens plaque in the courthouse in Murphy that salutes a handful of folks who have had an impact on the customs and culture and prosperity of Owyhee County.

Bruneau brothers Gene and Don Davis were the first two honorees a decade ago.

County commissioners saluted the brothers for their military service during World War II when both earned Purple Heart medals. Gene served in the European theater and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. Don was in the Pacific theater.

Both men came home to make an impact in their community and the cattle industry.

Last year, three other people involved in the ranching industry — the Grand View husband-and-wife team of George and Donna Bennett and, posthumously, Mary Blackstock of Marsing — were added to the roster of outstanding citizens.

The Bennetts helped establish the Grand View Ambulance Service nearly 50 years ago and were on the ground floor with the county's pivotal Land Use Planning Committee 25 years ago. They continue to serve on the Natural Resources Committee, the advisory panel that grew out of the land use process.

The couple also has helped shape the conservation drive as part of the county sage-grouse Local Working

— See *Heroes*, Page 7B

From Washington
COVID-19 liability protection
vital to nation's economic recovery

Health care workers, businesses and individuals across our country have been working hard to treat those impacted by the pandemic and ensure our nation's recovery. We must make certain that those who act lawfully to meet the needs of our communities are not subject to frivolous lawsuits for their good actions.

More than 200 organizations representing American businesses nationwide, including farm families, small businesses, physicians, hotels, trucking associations, manufacturers, grocers, distributors, restaurants and many more, have urged Congress to enact temporary liability relief legislation related to the COVID-19 pandemic. In a letter to Congress, they stressed the role of front-line medical professionals treating patients, companies hurrying to develop treatments and cures, manufacturers transforming their operations to construct vital personal protective equipment (PPE) and those providing a stable food supply among the American businesses that have rallied to help our country emerge from this crisis.

They emphasized, "Absent a targeted safe harbor for those that work to follow applicable guidelines, the fear and uncertainty from boundless liability threatens to impede our country's social and economic recovery." They also urged that the protections are limited to those following public health guidelines, "In addition to being temporary, we believe that these liability protections should be limited in scope and preserve recourse for those harmed by truly bad actors who engage in egregious misconduct."

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Chief deputy whip



I joined 20 fellow senators, including Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho), in co-sponsoring S.4317, the Safeguarding America's Frontline Employees To Offer Work Opportunities Required to Kickstart the Economy (SAFE TO WORK) Act, introduced by Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas). S. 4317 would provide temporary protections from COVID-related liability lawsuits for frontline workers and businesses. This includes individuals, schools, colleges, charities, churches, government agencies and associations. Importantly, the

— See *Protection*, Page 7B

Commentary

Financial management

Don't let Christmas sneak up and ruin your spending discipline

Dear Dave,

I know it may be early to talk about Christmas, but do you have any advice on saving for the holiday season?

— **Carlie**

Dear Carlie,

It's never too early to talk about Christmas! I'm glad you're thinking about things ahead of time. A lot of people wait until December to buy gifts and make plans. That's fine if they've got the money set aside to handle things, but most of them don't. Then, they panic and turn to credit cards. You don't want to end up in a situation where you're still

paying off Christmas in April. If you don't have anything put aside yet, I'd suggest setting some spending goals now. Taking a close look at your income, and living expenses should be part of this. If you're not doing it already, what I'm talking about here is living on a written, monthly budget. Look at how much you can afford to put toward Christmas each month, make a gift-giving goal amount, and stick to it. Along with this, you might consider opening a separate account just for your Christmas savings. Start looking for gift deals now, too. There are end-of-summer sales still going on,



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and you never know what you might find. You don't have to spend a lot of money to have a wonderful Christmas or make the season special for others — even when it comes to giving. Thoughtful handmade items, meaningful photographs set in a frame, or special baked goods are great ways to show the folks in your life you're thinking about them and how much you care. Now, let's talk about next year. There's absolutely nothing wrong with including a line just for Christmas in your budget each month. Christmas doesn't sneak up on you. It's on December 25th every single year. Putting a little money aside all year long might just take some of the stress out of your Yuletide planning. Good question, Carlie!

— **Dave**

— *Dave Ramsey is a seven-time No. 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 Show, 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.*

✓ Heroes: Many worthy candidates

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Group, including Donna serving as LWG chair since 2002.

Just as the Bennett's worked hard for the betterment of community and the ranching way of life, Blackstock was on the scene to shape a successful future of children and help preserve the cattle industry in Owyhee County.

Blackstock's mission coursed through the 4-H program, Marsing athletics, as beef superintendent and board member for the Owyhee County Fair, and as the women's chair for the Owyhee County Farm Bureau and an active member of the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association.

She also documented Owyhee life through photography, the images from which can inform contemporaries and those who will follow on just exactly what it means to be a good citizen and steward of the Owyhee County way of life.

There are other "heroes" that could be considered for an Owyhee showcase (and, yes, this is a very, very partial list):

- **Bette Uda** — The woman's fingerprints are all over the Homedale community and her spirit of involvement and service is the gold — nay, platinum — standard for which all citizens should strive.
- **Paul Nettleton and Tim Lowry** — What started as a battle with the Bureau of Land Management to preserve their own livelihoods blossomed into a landmark mission that would impact the livestock industry in Idaho and beyond. The men won a stock water rights fight in the Idaho Supreme Court and took the financial hit for the stance when justices didn't order the federal government to pay the victors' legal fees.
- Years later, the Utah Legislature would codify the idea of beneficial use, and Idaho didn't follow the lead of their native sons for another couple years.
- **Paul Zatica** — The man provided local employment opportunities for decades as the founder of Paul's Markets and epitomized a compassionate business owner with an eye for detail.
- Of course, there are many others who are deserving: Any number of the Owyhee County World War II veterans who earned the Bronze Star; Nicholas Maher, the 19th century Congressional Medal of Honor winner; any of the pioneers who shaped Owyhee County and the Owyhee country; influential teachers; and visionary businessmen.

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Municipalities

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Meetings — 6 p.m., on second Wednesday

Marsing City Hall
18 Sandbar Ave. (208) 896-4122
Mayor — Chad Sevy. **City council** — Chris Even, Marie Herman, Rachael Percifield and Brandy Bennett
Meetings — 7 p.m., on second Wednesday

Grand View City Hall
425 Boise Ave., (208) 834-2700. (Noon to 4:30 p.m., Mon.-Thurs.)
Mayor — Danny Martinez. **City council** — John Morrison, Tom Payne, Jon Pennington and Opal Ward
Meetings — 6 p.m., on second Wednesday

✓ Protection: Try for federal protection comes Idaho passes legislation

From Page 6B

protections apply so long as the defendant undertook reasonable efforts in light of all the circumstances to comply with the applicable mandatory coronavirus standards and regulations in effect at the time of the alleged exposure. Therefore, the provisions do not protect gross negligence or willful misconduct.

A legal shield for businesses that provide reasonable protections for their workers against COVID-19 was included in the series of bills, collectively referred to as the Health, Economic Assistance, Liability Protection and Schools (HEALS) Act introduced on July 27. These bills provide further stimulus relief in the wake of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

On Aug. 18, Senate Republicans also released the Delivering Immediate Relief to America's Families, Schools and Small Business Act (referred to as the "skinny" proposal), which includes many of the provisions of the HEALS Act, including the SAFE TO WORK Act provisions I co-sponsored providing necessary liability protections for non-profits, hospitals, churches, schools and businesses from opportunistic litigation.

In a special session on Aug. 26, the Idaho Legislature passed a bill providing liability protection for Idaho businesses, cities, counties, people or schools, working to avoid transmission in compliance with public health orders. The following day, Gov. Brad Little signed the legislation into law.

Individuals and businesses working in good faith and following the guidance of public health officials should have assurance their sound actions to help others cannot be used against them. As I continue to work closely with Gov. Little, my Senate colleagues and the Trump Administration to ensure Idaho receives the resources necessary to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, I look forward to enactment of these necessary protections for those advancing our national recovery.

— *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.*

Sports

OWYHEE COUNTY JR. RODEO THRILLS FAIRGROUNDS CROWD



Team roping brothers Trell and Trey McFarlane united for a 15.31-second run. Trell McFarlane won the Junior Division Boys' All-Around. He was first in goat tying and breakaway roping and runner-up in the flag race.



Jeffery Layne finished third in the Senior Division in boys' breakaway roping, notching a 4.22-second run.



Kolton White, 3, is the son of Tim and Brittany White of Jordan Valley. Kolton competed in Mini Mite Boys Flag Race (stick horse) and Mini Mite Boys Goat Tail Untying.



Stetson Mackenzie of Jordan Valley pulled off a smoking 9.98-second run in the Junior boys' flag race. Stetson competed in all Junior Division events.



Jaxon Bruce of Jordan Valley competed in both of the Mini Mite boys' events, including flag Race (above) and goat tail untying.



Cadee Carson of Jordan Valley was runner-up in the Mini Mite barrel racing competition with a time of 9.98 seconds.

Photos and information by Cherie Rolland / Cherie Rolland Photography

Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on Monday, September 21, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. at the Owyhee County Courthouse, Courtroom 2, 20381 State Hwy 78 Murphy, Idaho, at which time the Board of Commissioners will meet to consider adjusting the Owyhee County 2020 Adopted Budget in order to expend necessary funds not known to be required at the time the budget was originally adopted. The additional amounts will not result in an increase of anticipated property taxes over the amounts previously levied. Additional revenues (Grant funds) will be used to cover the additional expenditures.

911 Fund	\$161,000
Total Requested Increase:	\$161,000

Dated this 8th day of September, 2020.
Angela Barkell,
Clerk of the Board of
County Commissioners
09/16/2020

ORDINANCE NO. 216

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO, AMENDING SECTION 3-1-3(D) OF THE MARSING CITY CODE TO PROVIDE THAT ROOSTERS ARE ALLOWED WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The City of Marsing has determined that the keeping of roosters in the City may be appropriate provided that the property owner obtains a conditional use permit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO:

SECTION 1: That Title 3, Chapter 1, Section 3(D) is hereby amended to read as follows:

D. Any fowl not kept or maintained in coops or cages, any fowl in excess of twelve (12) in number at any time and any fowl which is not hooded or otherwise kept silent from sunset to sunrise. Roosters are prohibited from being kept or maintained within the city limits unless the property owner has obtained a conditional use permit allowing the keeping of roosters.

SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval, and publication in the official newspaper of the City.

APPROVED by the Mayor and City Council this 9th day of September, 2020.

CITY OF MARSING
Owyhee County, Idaho
s:/Chad Sevy, Mayor
ATTEST:
s:/Jolyn E. Green, City Clerk
09/16,23/2020

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROPOSE OR PROMULGATE NEW OR CHANGED AGENCY RULES

The following agencies of the state of Idaho have published the complete text and all related, pertinent information concerning the re-authorization of state agency administrative rules, with modification as indicated, in this supplemental publication of the state Administrative Bulletin. The Fee(s) or charge(s) re-authorized in this bulletin are currently existing and have

been previously promulgated by the agency and reviewed by the Legislature. For full information, including the text of all rulemakings, see the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, **September 16, 2020, Volume 20-9SE**, which can be viewed at: adminrules.idaho.gov.

The proposed rule public hearing request deadline is September 30, 2020.

The proposed rule written comment submission deadline is October 7, 2020, unless otherwise posted.

F = designates a fee rule.

*(*PH) = indicates that a public hearing has been scheduled.*

WMA = with minor amendment – indicates a chapter made corrections or allowed individual rule subparts to expire, as detailed further in the full bulletin.

IDA PA 02 – DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – PO BOX 7249, Boise, ID 83707

02-0000-2000F - the following chapters are being re-authorized: Title 01, Chapters 04, 05; and Title 06, Chapter 33.

02-0000-2000FA - the following chapters are being re-authorized: Title 02, Chapters 07, 11-13, 14 (wma), 15; Title 03, Chapter 03 (wma); Title 04, Chapters 03, 05, 19, 26, 32; and Title 06, Chapters 01, 02, 04-06, 09, 10.

02-0701-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 07, Chapter 01.

02-0801-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 08, Chapter 01.

IDA PA08 – STATE BOARD OF AND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – PO BOX 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0037

08-0000-2000F - the following sections are being re-authorized: Title 01, Chapters 11.200, 11.300; and Title 02, Chapters 02.066, 02.075, 03.128

IDA PA 11 – IDAHO STATE POLICE – 700 S. Stratford Dr, Meridian, ID 83642

11-0000-2000F - the following chapters are being re-authorized: Title 05, Chapter 01; and Title 10, Chapter 02.

11-0201-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 02, Chapter 01.

11-0400-2000F - the following chapters are being re-authorized: Title 04, Chapters 02, 03, 05, 07, 11, 15.

11-1001-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 10, Chapter 01.

11-1101-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 11, Chapter 01.

IDA PA 12 – DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE – PO BOX 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0031

12-0000-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 01, Chapter 08.

IDA PA 13 – DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME – PO BOX 25, Boise, ID 83707

13-0000-2000F - the following sections are being re-authorized: Title 01, Chapters 02.200, 02.201, 04.601, 08.263, 10.410, 19.102.

IDA PA 15 – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR – PO BOX 83720, Boise, ID 83720

FOREST PRODUCTS COMMISSION

15-0300-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 03, Chapter 01.

MILITARY DIVISION

15-0600-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 06, Chapter 03.

STATE LIQUOR DIVISION

15-1000-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 10, Chapter 10.

IDA PA 16 – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE – PO BOX 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0036

(*PH) 16-0000-2000F - the following chapters are being re-authorized: Title 01, Chapter 07; Title 02, Chapters 01, 08, 13, 14, 25-27; Title 03, Chapters 03, 18, 19 (wma), 22; Title 04, Chapter 07; Title 05, Chapter 06; Title 06, Chapters 01, 02; and Title 07, Chapter 01.

IDA PA 17 – IDAHO INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION – PO BOX 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0041

17-0000-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 01, Chapter 01.

IDA PA 18 – DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE – PO BOX 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0043

18-0000-2000F - the following chapters are being re-authorized: Title 01, Chapter 02; and Title 08, Chapter 02.

IDA PA 20 – IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS – PO BOX 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0050

(*PH) 20-0000-2000F - the following chapters are being re-authorized: Title 02, Chapter 14; Title 03, Chapters 01, 02 (wma), 03-05, 08, 09, 13-17; Title 04, Chapter 02; Title 06, Chapter 01; and Title 07, Chapter 02.

IDA PA 21 – DIVISION OF VETERANS SERVICES – 315 Collins Rd, Boise, ID 83702

21-0000-2000F - the following chapters are being re-authorized: Title 01, Chapters 01, 04.

IDA PA 24 – BUREAU OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES – 700 W. State St, Boise, ID 83720

24-0101-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 01, Chapter 01.

24-0201-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 02, Chapter 01 (wma).

24-0301-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 03, Chapter 01 (wma).

24-0401-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 04, Chapter 01.

24-0501-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 05, Chapter 01.

24-0601-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 06, Chapter 01.

24-0701-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 07, Chapter 01.

24-0801-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 08, Chapter 01 (wma).

24-0901-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 09, Chapter 01.

24-1001-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 10, Chapter 01.

24-1101-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 11, Chapter 01.

24-1201-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 12, Chapter 01 (wma).

24-1301-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 13, Chapter 01 (wma).

24-1401-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 14, Chapter 01.

24-1501-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 15, Chapter 01 (wma).

24-1601-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 16, Chapter 01.

24-1701-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 17, Chapter 01.

24-1801-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 18, Chapter 01.

24-1901-2000F - the following

chapter is being re-authorized: Title 19, Chapter 01.

24-2101-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 21, Chapter 01.

24-2201-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 22, Chapter 01.

24-2301-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 23, Chapter 01.

24-2401-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 24, Chapter 01.

24-2501-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 25, Chapter 01 (wma).

24-2601-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 26, Chapter 01.

24-2701-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 27, Chapter 01.

24-2801-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 28, Chapter 01 (wma).

24-2901-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 29, Chapter 01.

24-3001-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 30, Chapter 01.

24-3101-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 31, Chapter 01 (wma).

(*PH) 24-3201-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 32, Chapter 01 (wma).

(*PH) 24-3300-2000F - the following chapters are being re-authorized: Title 33, Chapters 01 (wma), 02 (wma), 04, 05, 06 (wma), 07.

24-3401-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 34, Chapter 01 (wma).

24-3501-2000 - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 35, Chapter 01 (wma).

24-3601-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 36, Chapter 01 (wma).

24-3701-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 37, Chapter 01.

24-3801-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 38, Chapter 01 (wma).

24-3900-2000F - the following chapters are being re-authorized: Title 39, Chapters 10, 20, 30, 31, 33, 34, 40, 50, 70, 90.

IDA PA 26 – DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION – PO BOX 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0065

(*PH) 26-0000-2000F - the following chapters are being re-authorized: Title 01, Chapters 10, 20, 33.

IDA PA 32 – ENDOWMENT FUND INVESTMENT BOARD – 816 W. Bannock St. Ste. 301, Boise, ID 83702

32-0101-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 01, Chapter 01.

IDA PA 34 – OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE – PO BOX 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0080

34-0000-2000F - the following chapters are being re-authorized: Title 05, Chapters 01-03, 06.

IDA PA 36 – IDAHO BOARD OF TAX APPEALS – PO BOX 36, Boise, ID 83720-0088

36-0101-2000 - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 01, Chapter 01 (wma).

IDA PA 37 – IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES – PO BOX 83720, Boise, ID 83720

37-0000-2000F - the following chapters are being re-authorized: Title 01, Chapter 01; Title 02, Chapter 03; and Title 03, Chapters 01-10.

IDA PA 38 – DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION – PO BOX

83720, Boise, ID 83720-0004

38-000-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 04, Chapter 04.

IDA PA 39 – IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT – 3311 W. State St, Boise, ID 83703

39-0000-2000F - the following chapters are being re-authorized: Title 02, Chapters 04, 05, 22, 26, 41, 60; and Title 03, Chapter 03.

IDA PA 41 – PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICTS – 8500 N Atlas Rd, Hayden, ID 83835

41-0101-2000 - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 01, Chapter 01.

IDA PA 42 – IDAHO WHEAT COMMISSION – 821 W State St, Boise, ID 83702

42-0101-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 01, Chapter 01.

IDA PA 43 – IDAHO OILSEED COMMISSION – 55 SW 5th Ave, Ste. 100, Meridian, ID 83642

43-0101-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 01, Chapter 01.

IDA PA 48 – IDAHO GRAPE GROWERS AND WINE PRODUCERS COMMISSION – 821 W State St, Boise, ID 83702

48-0101-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 01, Chapter 01.

IDA PA 51 – IDAHO BEEF COUNCIL – 1951 W Frederic Lane, Boise, ID 83705

51-0101-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 01, Chapter 01 (wma).

IDA PA 52 – STATE LOTTERY COMMISSION – 1199 Shoreline Ln, Ste. 100, Boise, ID 83702

52-0103-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 01, Chapter 03.

IDA PA 53 – IDAHO BARLEY COMMISSION – 821 W State St, Boise, ID 83702

53-0101-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 01, Chapter 01.

IDA PA 57 – SEXUAL OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD – 1299 N Orchard St, Ste. 110, Boise, ID 83706

57-0101-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 01, Chapter 01 (wma).

IDA PA 58 – DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY – 1410 N Hilton St, Boise, ID 83706

(*PH) 58-0000-2000F - the following chapters are being re-authorized: Title 01, Chapters 01 (wma), 05 (wma), 06 (wma), 07-09, 11, 12 (wma), 13 (wma), 14, 18, 20 (wma), 25 (wma). Comment by 10/16/2020

IDA PA 60 – STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION – PO BOX 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0083

(*PH) 60-0501-2000F - the following chapter is being re-authorized: Title 05, Chapter 01.

Please refer to the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, **September 16, 2020, Volume 20-9SE**, for notices and text of all rulemakings, proclamations, negotiated rulemaking and public hearing information and schedules, executive orders of the Governor, and agency contact information.

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Public notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho:
57-12018
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Use: STOCKWATER 01/01 to 12/31 0.02 CFS
Use: DOMESTIC 01/01 to 12/31 0.04 CFS
Total Diversion: 0.26 CFS
Date Filed: 08-17-2020
Place Of Use: DOMESTIC, INDUSTRIAL, STOCKWATER T04N R06W S24 NESE
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 10/5/2020. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.
GARY SPACKMAN, Director
09/16,23/2020

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING			
PROPOSED BUDGET, FISCAL YEAR 2020 – 2021			
OPALINE IRRIGATION DISTRICT			
FISCAL YEAR NOVEMBER 1, 2020 TO OCTOBER 31,2021			
Notice is hereby given that the Directors for the Opaline Irrigation District will meet October 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for a budget hearing pursuant to the Idaho Code 42-3229 at 7300 Opaline RD. Melba, ID. 83641			
The proposed Budget may be examined at the home office of Secretary Pam Howard, 116 S. 8th Ave. W, Marsing, call for appointment 208-896-5273			
The following is a copy of the proposed budget including the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget.			
EXPENSES:			
ITEM	2019-2020 BUDGET	2020-2021 PROPOSED	
Insurance	\$3,700.00	\$3,500.00	
L & P Fees	\$3,619.00	\$3,834.00	
Maintenance	\$47,246.04	\$61,287.47	
Office	\$810.00	\$766.00	
Phone	\$2,275.00	\$1,700.00	
Power	\$174,300.00	\$160,350.00	
Soc.Sec	\$7,225.00	\$3,000.00	
Wages	\$33,842.41	\$39,179.00	
Mileage	\$50.00	\$0.00	
Reserve Fund	\$113,532.45	\$110,601.86	
TOTAL	\$386,599.90	\$384,218.33	
INCOME:			
ITEM	2019-2020 PROJECTED	2020-2021 ANTICIPATED	
2016 O & M	\$972.45	\$0.00	
2017 O & M	\$1,620.00	\$480.00	
2018 O & M	\$3,130.00	\$1,716.60	
2019 O & M	\$3,951.00	\$2,039.60	
2020 O & M	\$253,914.00	\$2,691.85	
2021 O & M	\$0.00	\$253,914.00	
Office Fee	\$2,580.00	\$2,540.00	
Late Fees	\$100.00	\$1,409.42	
Interest	\$300.00	\$2,000.00	
Refunds	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
Rental	\$1,500.00	\$2,100.00	
Credit/Prepay	\$0.00	(\$275.00)	
LGIP Fund	\$113,532.45	\$110,601.86	
TOTAL:	\$386,599.90	\$384,218.33	
Pam Howard, Secretary-Treasurer, Opaline Irrigation District, PO Box 331 Marsing, ID 83639 09/16,23/2020			

Sports



Trenton Fisher works his way through the line Thursday against Middleton.

Trojans JV cruises past Middleton

Trenton Fisher dominated on both sides of the line Thursday as Homedale High School won its second junior varsity football game of the season. The 5-foot, 11-inch, 162-pound sophomore rushed for 202 yards and five touchdowns and added an interception and eight tackles from his line-backer position. The Trojans blasted visiting Middleton, 41-18, in non-conference play at Deward Bell Stadium. Homedale (2-0 overall) rallied from an inconsistent first quarter to score on five of its next six possessions. The only thing that stopped the Trojans during that run was a fumble on their first possession of the third quarter. Fisher scored Homedale's first five TDs, including a 2-yard run in the third quarter that stemmed the Vikings' comeback. Fisher had found pay dirt on runs of 28, five and 16 yards to give Homedale a 21-0 lead before Middleton cashed in on two consecutive scoring drives when quarterback Cooper Davis hooked up with Tyson Amlingmeier for TD passes of 46 and 60 yards. The Trojans' defense held Middleton in check before the consecutive drives. The Vikings couldn't gain any traction on their first five possessions, including two straight drives that ended on interceptions by Fisher and sophomore defensive back Wiley Layne. Omar Rios Cardenas spent a lot of time in Middleton's backfield with four solo tackles for loss. Homedale freshman Dillon Fine completed six of 10 passes for 102 yards. Sixty yards came on a touchdown pass to sophomore wide receiver Sigmund Goode in the third quarter. Goode caught four passes for 88 yards. Trojans running back Andrew Marston picked up 58 yards on the ground.



Quarterback Dillon Fine throws a pass to an outside receiver as teammate Andrew Marston looks for a blocking opportunity.

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Sports

IDAHO GIRLS’ RODEO ASSOCIATION WRAPS IN HOMEDALE



Left: Kelsey Gluch of Jordan Valley swept Junior Division barrel racing on both days, including an 18.933 performance on Sept. 5 during the first day of the Idaho Girls’ Rodeo Association finals inside the Owyhee County Fairgrounds rodeo arena in Homedale.

Right: Cassity Gluch, Kelsey’s twin sister, competed in all Junior Division events. This 4.68-second run on Sept. 6 helped her win steer stopping that day. She also placed in the event on Sept. 5.



Carlee Mackenzie, daughter of Jordan Valley residents Sammy and Lacey Mackenzie, is a multi-event competitor in the Mini Mite Division. She pulled off her first catch in dummy sled roping on Sept. 6, finishing second in 8.85 seconds.



Like her daughter Carlee Mackenzie, Lacey Mackenzie of Jordan Valley was successful during the IGRA Finals. She caught her steer during both days of steer stopping runs, including a 6.91-second runner-up time on Sept. 6.

Locals end rodeo season on home turf in Homedale

Several local competitors turned out for the Idaho Girls’ Rodeo Association (IGRA) Finals on Sept. 5-6 in Homedale.

The finals were held during the Labor Day weekend inside the rodeo arena at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds.

Owyhee County competitors achieved several personal bests, and several younger girls pulled off their first-time catches in competition.

Dummy sled roping was a brand-new event offered in 2020 for Mini Mite and Pee Wee competitors.

A dummy sled is pulled from behind a horse, and the contestant shoots out of the roping box in an attempt to

rope the moving sled. After the sled is roped, the competitor stops her horse and the rope breaks away from her saddle horn just as would happen in breakaway roping.

“It is a really neat event that prepares the little girls for Breakaway roping in a very safe and controlled environment,” The Owyhee Avalanche contributing photographer Cherie Rolland said. “It has been a huge success this year.”

— Information and photos from the IGRA Finals were received after deadline for The Owyhee Avalanche’s Sept. 9 edition.

— Ed.



Josie Showalter, the daughter of Marsing residents Chad and Gina Showalter, competed in Pee Wee barrel racing and pole bending.

Photos and information by Cherie Rolland / Cherie Rolland Photography