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Dad in abuse case to change his plea

Melissa Transue still faces December trial

The father in a felony injury to child case has decided to enter a guilty plea.

According to the state's court case repository, former Homedale resident Duncan Transue will change his plea to felony charges at 9 a.m., on Friday, Oct. 23 before Third District Judge Thomas W. Whitney in Murphy.

Records indicate that Transue entered a Rule 11 plea agreement on Sept. 21. The Payette County Prosecuting Attorney Ross Pittman is handling the matter as a conflict case for Owyhee County.

Messages left for Pittman seeking context on the agreement was not returned by press time.

A grand jury indicted Transue and his wife, Melissa, on four counts each of felony injury to child in January.

Duncan was released from Owyhee County Jail on his own recognizance in late March. A jury trial set for late June was vacated because of

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Duncan Transue



Melissa Transue



Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library benefactors Andrea Jackson (left), Mil Nash Shanley (center), and John Jackson listen to Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen, while Rob and Nancy Roberts stand in the background during Saturday's library grand opening.

Community celebrates library

Instrumental families saluted at opening

Homedale's West Owyhee Avenue was abuzz with activity during a pair of celebrations Saturday.

The Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library and the Homedale Community Foodstead, next-door neighbors in the 100 block of West Owyhee Avenue, marked their respective grand openings in a shared

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After Christoffersen (right) introduced her, library director Sharla Jensen spoke ebulliently about the contributions of Jackson, Nash, and Roberts families and discussed resources and activities offered at the town's new library.

Owyhee's COVID risk now "routine"

County moves into gray zone health alert scale

Owyhee County has joined Adams County as the two Southwest District Health regions with the lowest COVID-19 risk.

The health district's updated health alert levels, released last Wednesday, placed Owyhee in the gray zone. That means the county is experiencing less than one new virus case per 10,000 people each day.

In its weekly update Thursday, SWDH said Owyhee County's daily incidence rate was 0.54 cases per 10,000 people, continuing the case decline for a sixth consecutive week. On Monday, the state website, www.coronavirus.idaho.gov, listed 307 confirmed cases and a seven-day moving incidence rate of 0.97 per 10,000 people.

Eight new cases were reported in Owyhee County between Sept. 29 and Monday.

Payette County was listed in the red zone, which was a

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South Board purchases larger repair shop

Director meetings could move to new location; little change in assessments

With irrigation water ceasing flow on Friday, South Board of Control officials are turning their gaze to the future.

A big part of that future is a new maintenance shop and, likely, a new conference

room.

South Board manager John Eells disclosed that irrigation directors recently agreed to purchase the former Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency diesel program shop at

the western edge of downtown Homedale.

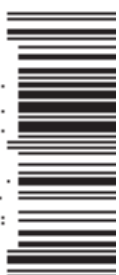
South Board paid \$380,000 for the building. The parcel located on about 1½ acres between West Idaho Avenue, Railroad Avenue, and West Wyoming Avenue has been privately owned since COSSA sold the property as part of centralizing its professional-

technology programs in Wilder more than a decade ago.

Eells said the building is approximately 10,000 square feet and has several bays for machinery storage and repair.

Eells said buying the existing building was more cost-efficient. He had received

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Homedale sophomores Catherine Decker (left) and Lucia Rojas decorate their hall according to the Homecoming theme “Horns and Halos” on Friday.



Above: Junior Amaia Aberasturi attempts to dim the hallway lights.
Left: Junior Belisia Larzelier shows her true feelings about the Payette football team and tells all the plan of what to do with the Pirates during Friday’s Homecoming game.

Different look to Homedale Homecoming this year

Mayor, wife named parade grand marshals

Current times have forced some changes, but Homedale students began celebrating Homecoming on Monday.

Homecoming week in Homedale has become something of a community affair with middle school students jumping in on the fun of theme days, too.

This year’s theme is “Horns and Halos.” Dress-up days began Monday at the high school:

- **Monday** — Sleepy Day

- **Tuesday** — “Senior” Citizen Day
- **Wednesday** — Favorite TV Show Day
- **Thursday** — Spirt Day during which students should wear red and white

But because of COVID-19 precautions, the high-schoolers will miss out on most of the spirit competitions. Powderpuff, the Snake Dance, and bonfire have been cancelled.

A schedule released by high school principal Matt Holtry last week is devoid of the class games that typically take place on Thursday. And there will be no district-sanctioned Homecoming dance.

The Homecoming court will

be introduced and king and queen crowned at 6:30 p.m., on Friday before the football game against Payette.

Homecoming royalty candidates include:

- **Queen** — Emily Craft, Ainslee Evans, and Gracie Rotter
- **King** — Erik Hernandez, Joseph Egusquiza, and John Breshears
- **Juniors** — Princess Destiny Castellanos and Prince Willy Haun
- **Sophomores** — Princess Olivia Smith and Prince Trenton Fisher
- **Freshmen** — Princess Jocelyn Roseborough and Prince Dillon Fine

The Homecoming parade will be held at noon on Friday on a downtown course that usually moves west on Owyhee Avenue and east on Idaho Avenue with a turn to the south on North 3rd Street West in between.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen and his wife, Devra, will ride in a place of honor as parade grand marshals.

Freshmen through seniors worked on their respective floats and decorated hallways at the high school Friday. Float preparations continued Monday and take place again today.

Decoration responsibilities included:

- **Freshmen** — Science wing
- **Sophomores** — Math wing
- **Juniors** — Staff lounge hall
- **Seniors** — Cafeteria hall

While there is no sanctioned Homecoming dance, parents and community members have been rallying on social media trying to get something organized.

According to posts on Sunday, it appeared that a barn dance was planned, but organizers were still searching for large dance floor to use. The dance probably will be held Saturday.

The middle school students also have dress-up days, which will continue today and Thursday, according to social media posts:

- **Monday** — Disney Day
- **Tuesday** — Sports Day
- **Today** — Decades Day
- **Thursday** — Spirit Day

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Nearly all Grand View students back in class

In-person learning resumed Monday for all but infected teacher’s pupils

Most Grand View Elementary School students were back in class Monday after a brief closure because of COVID-19 exposure.

Bruneau-Grand View School District superintendent Ryan Cantrell confirmed that in-person learning had resumed after a week away.

“We’re glad to be back to in-person learning for the preponderance of our GVE students and look forward to having everyone back next week,” Cantrell wrote in an email to The Owyhee Avalanche on Monday morning.

Only students taught by the teacher who tested positive remain in the online-only program this week.

Kindergarteners through fifth-graders had been distance learning since officials shut down the school on Sept. 28 after it was learned of a staff member had tested positive for COVID-19.

Cantrell said the exposure to staff took place on the night of Sept. 23 when staffers were

together. But the COVID-19 didn’t become evident until symptoms arose in the staffer late in the morning of Sept. 25. A positive test later that day confirmed the infection.

Other school staff waited a five-day incubation period before testing on Sept. 29 and Sept. 30. Administrators took tests, too, with no positive results.

“GVE staff who were in close contact tested negative and remained symptom-free over the weekend and returned to school this Monday to resume in-person learning,” Cantrell wrote.

Cantrell said the school will follow Centers for Disease Control guidelines for essential workers.

Staffers who were exposed by returned with a negative test will have their temperature taken daily at the beginning of their workday. They’ll also wear masks through this week, which marks the end of the 14-day observation period.

— JPB

Gardeners to discuss birds

The Owyhee Gardeners will bring in a special speaker for Thursday’s monthly meeting at 1 p.m., at Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library in Homedale.

The Gardeners have invited Julie Steele, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited Nature Shop in Boise, to present a program

entitled “Fall and Winter Bird Feeding.”

Wild Birds Unlimited provides backyard feeding and nature products from its store on Overland Road in Boise.

The Owyhee Gardeners meet the second Tuesday of every month.



HMS Future City team assembles

Three Homedale Middle School Future City team members work on the project’s computer aspect during Friday’s first day of prep. The team will build a model, write an essay and develop a computer model for the annual competition in January.

Marsing council to hear first rooster request

Code officer unable to pinpoint existing unpermitted poultry

are the only people to thus far apply for a CUP.

Code enforcement officer Cory Callison recently reported that there are roosters loose in town, and possibly one or two kept on private properties, but Green said Callison has been unable to pinpoint the poultry.

“Despite multiple efforts to capture our feathered friends, they remain at-large,” Green said.

The council invites public input at next Wednesday’s hearing. Written comments must be mailed to the Marsing City Hall at P.O. Box 125, Marsing, ID, 83639, or delivered to city offices at 18 Sandbar Ave. Comments received by 5 p.m., on the day of the meeting and will be read into the hearing record.

— TK

In the wake of new rules allowing roosters in the city limits, the Marsing City Council will take up a public hearing for a permit next week.

With a 3-1 decision (Councilperson Rachael Percifield cast a dissenting vote during a Sept. 16 meeting), the council approved an ordinance that would amend city code and allow citizens to apply for permits to keep rosters.

The first conditional use permit application hearing will be held during the council’s next meeting, set for 7 p.m., next Wednesday at the new City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave.

The first CUP applicants are Kim Burrill and Dustin Elison for a home on Moler Lane,

three blocks north of Main Street, between Front and Edwards streets.

A vote on the ordinance originally scheduled for the Aug. 12 meeting was continued to the September meeting as Mayor Chad Sevy and councilpersons Marie Herman, Brandy Bennett, Percifield, and council president Chris Even sought more public input.

“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,’ ” Sevy said during the Sept. 16 meeting.

Marsing City Clerk and Treasurer Jolyn Green confirmed that Burrill and Elison



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✓ COVID: Even in gray zone, there are precautions officials suggest

factor in Fruitland High School postponing Thursday’s volleyball match in Homedale and cancelling the scheduled 3A Snake River Valley conference cross country meet in Fruitland this week.

Canyon, Gem and Washington counties are all in the orange zone.

A county stays in its particular health alert zone for at least two weeks before an upgrade or downgrade is carried out.

According to SWDH guidelines, the gray level means a community is on track for containment as long as routine levels of viral testing and contact tracing are maintained to control spikes and outbreaks.

The online gray level guidelines do not mention social distancing or face mask use; however, SWDH does recommend:

- frequent hand washing
- cover your cough and sneeze

and then wash your hands

- stay home when sick
- clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces often
- put at least six feet of distance between yourself and people outside your home

SWDH spokesperson Katrina Williams said there are no face coverings recommendations for areas in the gray zone because of the low risk of exposure.

“However, Southwest District Health continues to recommend district-wide that individuals wear a face covering that completely covers the person’s nose and mouth when the person is in a public area where physical distancing of at least six feet between non-household members is not possible,” Williams wrote in an email Friday afternoon.

“We have seen really good responses from businesses and individuals to this current recommendation. In addition,

many people who live, work, and play in southwest Idaho are wearing a face covering to protect themselves and others despite not being mandated to do so.”

The Southwest District Health report also addressed COVID-19 conditions in Owyhee County schools.

According to information available at the time of Thursday’s report, there were two students or staff members in isolation and 13 in quarantine.

The health district categorizes quarantined individuals as those who have had close contact with a positive case and were sent home for 14 days to monitor symptoms.

Isolation cases are those people currently positive for the virus. They are asked to stay away from others for 10 days from the onset of symptoms to prevent further infection.

Southwest District Health doesn’t provide school district-level specifics because of privacy policies, but The Owyhee Avalanche reported last week that nearly 200 Marsing Elementary staff and students had completed a quarantine after a secondary school staffer tested positive for COVID-19. Days into the quarantine, a Marsing

Confirmed Owyhee County COVID-19 cases:

307

Sept. 29 to Oct. 5 statistics:

New confirmed cases, 8

Deaths: 5 (New: 0)

Health alert level: Gray

Probable cases, 31 (New: 1)

Source: coronavirus.idaho.gov

Malheur COVID-19 cases:

1,699

New cases, Sept. 29 to Oct. 5: 66

Deaths: 30 (New: 3)

Negative tests: 5,526 (New: 316)

Source:

govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19

Elementary School staff member also tested positive.

Grand View Elementary School in the Bruneau-Grand View School District was shuttered on Oct. 5 after a teacher received a positive test.

District superintendent Ryan

Cantrell said that the school reopened to in-person learning Monday with the vast majority of students back in class. Only the infected teacher and students were still home.

— JPB

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✓ South Board: Manager talks about new shop plans, offseason projects

estimates that a new building would cost about \$65 per square foot, or \$650,000 for a building comparable in size.

“One of the other plans: We’ll probably put the board meeting room down there in the new shop,” he said.

Moving director meetings for South Board, and the Gem and Ridgeview irrigation districts probably will occur next spring.

Eells said the new property has Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant restrooms and also solves an ADA deficiency in the current South Board administrative headquarters on South 1st Street West.

The current conference room is housed in the basement accessible only by a narrow set of stairs.

The new shop has room in space that was previously a classroom to house a ground-level conference area.

Eells said when the maintenance department relocates to the new building,



There is room on the west end of the main building to hold board of directors meetings, South Board of Control manager John Eells said of the new 10,000-square-foot repair shop site.

the old maintenance location in the first block of South 1st Street West will become South Board’s welding shop. The old building has three bays.

Water assessments steady

Eells reported that irrigation assessments remain virtually the same after the irrigation boards set the new budget.

Gem Irrigation users will see a drop of seven cents per

acre for their assessments. The new assessment is \$60.01 per acre.

In Oregon, the Ridgeview assessment remains \$60.57 per acre.

Offseason work planned

South Board maintenance workers will have plenty to do once the water stops flowing.

But, before the projects start, South Board will offer some

in-kind help to the City of Homedale.

Eells said the irrigation district will lend a new piece of equipment to trench as city workers repair a storm drain at North Main Street and Owyhee Avenue.

Eells said the equipment is being offered as an in-kind gesture because the city loans drain snakes, drain jettors and trucks to help South Board with system maintenance.

The South Board’s winter projects include relining and resealing ditches and renovating the newly acquired building.

Eells said workers will also eliminate trees that could compromise ditch banks as part of the winter schedule.

South Board also will seek grants to help pipe laterals next year, Eells said. — JPB

Irrigation boards set Zoom meetings

The irrigation directors governing the South Board of Control for the Owyhee Project will meet via videoconference Tuesday.

The Ridgeview Irrigation District board of directors will meet at 7 p.m., followed by Gem Irrigation board at 7:15, and the South Board of Control at 7:30 p.m.

The boards will meet again via Zoom videoconference online. Anyone interested in attending the meetings can contact the SBOC office at (208) 337-3760 to get a link to access the meeting.

Anyone who wishes to attend the meetings and does not have access to a computer or internet-capable phone, contact the office for an alternative method of attendance.

For those who want to keep up-to-date with emergency notices and other news, visit www.southboardofcontrol.com.

As reported previously, 2020 irrigation service ends Friday.

Owyhee Reservoir holds a little less than 300,000 acre-feet of water at the end of the season. That’s about 57,500 acre-feet short of 50 percent of capacity.

The reservoir holds 715,000 acre-feet of irrigation water, which is enough to supply two growing seasons at a full allotment of 4.0 acre-feet for producers.

✓ Plea: Husband’s agreement latest twist in bizarre case involving abuse, imprisonment

COVID-19 restrictions. A new trial date was set for October prior to Duncan’s decision to change his plea.

Melissa was released from jail in April after posting property to cover her \$100,000 bail.

Her original trial date, set for early May, was vacated because of COVID-19.

She has a pretrial conference slated for 9 a.m. on Nov. 13 before Third District Judge Andrea Courtney with a jury trial set to begin at 9 a.m. on Dec. 8.

Now residents of Parma, the couple are accused of abuse against their children in charges stemming from alleged incidents in the summer of 2018.

Melissa is accused of striking and choking her then-12-year-old child.

The couple also allegedly chained the 12-year-old and a 10-year-old sibling in a trailer with insufficient food and water.

Melissa allegedly escaped from captivity in December 2018 in a bizarre case that involved three other defendants.

One defendant, Chancey Lee Baker, committed suicide while in custody at the state penitentiary in Boise in 2019. Baker faced 21 felony counts of lewd conduct and sexual abuse against the Transues’ children.

Mikal James Christensen is serving a sentence for felony aggravated assault and methamphetamine possession in connection to the case. He is currently incarcerated in state prison in Boise, but is eligible for parole on Dec. 23.

Kidnapping conspiracy and burglary charges were dropped against a third defendant, Tresa Marie Sipes. — JPB

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2020 strains food preservation supplies, muddies marketplace

Gardens are finally winding down, and if you have had a very successful garden this season, you might find yourself grateful for this fact.

This year has proved to be an interesting one in many different arenas, including food preservation. A national canning supplies shortage impacted the availability of canning equipment that would typically be readily available at local retailers across the nation, and in the Treasure Valley. The most notable shortage has been canning lids, with many different pieces of canning equipment also flying off the shelves. In addition, freezer-grade containers and bags have also been in high-demand throughout this time.



Suriñe Greenway

This has left many individuals, seasoned canners as well as those new to the process, rushing to find ways to preserve their food for long-term use. At this point, it may be unlikely that supplies will begin to appear as this traditional “canning season” time frame is beginning to wind down for the calendar year. But if they do appear, there may not be a very large selection or quantity. As a traditional year-round canner, I have found myself in this very predicament, traveling to multiple stores to find jars and lids, as my typical sources for purchasing were out of supply.

In this situation, there has also been a surge of price-gouging and spam sellers creating websites online, attempting to appear as a reputable canning source. This has added to the strain of home

food preparers attempting to locate supplies.

While this pandemic has encouraged individuals to consider their food access, it has increased interest in home food preservation as well. This has intensified the purchases of home food preservation supplies, increasing their scarcity. I hope that during this time, people consider all the different ways we can safely preserve foods at home. I have had home food preservers contact me with major canning plans, but no supplies available.

Have you considered freezing or dehydrating foods that you may traditionally can? Please note that changing the preservation method may also alter the texture or form of your food, but it may still provide a method to ensure your foods will be preserved so that you may consume them throughout the year.

Please note that University of Idaho Extension is always happy to provide advice and answer questions related to home food preservation. With many online sources of information, there are many questionable practices occurring right now, and we highly encourage individuals to preserve food. But please do so safely!

You can call the University of Idaho, Owyhee County Extension Office with your food safety and food preservation questions at (208) 896-4104.

— Suriñe Greenway is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educator. For more information, you can reach the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.



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Ladies Coffee group

9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

All veterans coffee

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

Christian Life Club

4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., non-denominational, kindergarteners through sixth-graders, First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 880-7070 or (208) 337-3464

Grand View Fire commissioners meeting

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

Thursday

VFW meeting

9 a.m., Samuel Phillips III Post 11065, 208 3rd St., Wilder. (208) 250-7780

Owyhee Gardeners meeting

1 p.m., Homedale Community Foodstead meeting room, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 546-1829

Teens & Tweens

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

Candidate meet and greet

5:30 p.m., Christy Zito, Dist. 23 state Senate candidate, The Spot Pizza, 12 Sandbar Ave., Marsing

Library board meeting

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

Friday

HHS Homecoming parade

Noon, downtown Homedale

The Landing teen support group

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

Monday

Story Time

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

Homedale Fire board public hearing

Noon, Homedale Fire Station, 20 W. Colorado Ave., Homedale.

Homedale library board meeting

1:30 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Homedale FFA chapter meeting

6:30 p.m., Homedale High School Ag shop, East Owyhee Avenue and North 2nd Street East, Homedale.

Three Creek School PTO meeting

7 p.m., Three Creek School, 49909 Three Creek Road, Rogerson.

Homedale school board meeting

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

Tuesday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Writing group

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

Gem Highway District meeting

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

Wednesday

Ladies Coffee group

9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Owyhee Watershed Council meeting

4 p.m., board meets in either Marsing or Adrian, call for location each month. (541) 372-5782

Christian Life Club

4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., non-denominational, kindergarteners through sixth-graders, First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 880-7070 or (208) 337-3464

Melba school board meeting

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

Grand View City Council meeting

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

Homedale City Council meeting

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

Jordan Valley Ambulance meeting

6 p.m., ambulance hall, 706 Main St.

Three Creek School board meeting

7 p.m., Three Creek School, 49909 Three Creek Road, Rogerson.

Marsing Fire Commissioners meeting

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

Marsing City Council meeting

7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4122

Homedale Highway District meeting

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

Marsing School Board meeting

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

Thursday, Oct. 15

Teens & Tweens

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

Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting

5:30 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 859-2087 or marsingchamber@gmail.com

Friday, Oct. 16

The Landing teen support group

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

Monday, Oct. 19

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, Oct. 20

Foot clinic

8 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. Call ahead at (208) 337-3020 for appointment.

Writing group

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

Obituaries

Merrill Elvan Tallman

On Thursday, September 24th, 2020, Merrill Elvan Tallman, loving husband and father of four children, went on his next adventure at the age of 95.

Merrill was born in Lincoln City, Nebraska on June 16th, 1925 to James Orrin and Leona Elthzelda Tallman. During his childhood he learned the value of hard work and integrity from his father James. He graduated from high school in Adrian, Oregon in 1942.

He served in the Navy during WWII as a radio operator. During the war he traveled the world and loved to share the stories of his adventures from that time of his life. After

serving his country he started farming in Adrian, eventually purchasing the family farm. On April 3rd, 1962 he married Hesther (Peggy) Thomas and remained loving and devoted to her until his passing. They raised four children: Bill Detweiler, Bob Detweiler, Benita Detweiler, and Orrin Tallman.

In his younger years Merrill enjoyed playing sports such as basketball, baseball, ping-pong, etc. and enjoyed watching most all sports throughout his years. He remained active into his 80's, winning a medal in the Senior Olympics for ping-pong. As much as he enjoyed sports, Merrill had a passion



for community service. He was active in the VFW, American Legion, Lions, National Farmers Organization, Triad, Terry Reilly Health Services, Meals on Wheels, Guardian

Ad Litem, and several local Senior Citizens Centers. His contributions earned him multiple local and state volunteer awards over the years, the most prominent in 2013 when he received the God and Country Association's Military Service Award. Merrill understood the importance of family, organizing several family reunions throughout his years, and was quick to lend a hand to those in need. He believed in the value of hard work and shared many valuable lessons with friends and family on values and being self-reliant. He encouraged everything from gardening, building homes, farming,

raising animals, and was knowledgeable in all. His life had a positive impact on so many of those fortunate enough to know him.

Merrill was preceded in death by father James, his mother Leona, his brother Eldon, his sisters Monita and Ruth, and his son Bob. He is survived by his wife Peggy, his children Bill (Connie), Benita (Carl), and Orrin (Petra), his brother Keith, his sister Carol, and several cousins, nieces, nephews, and a multitude of grandchildren.

A celebration of life event will be held in the spring of 2021 pending COVID-19 status.

Lonnie Max Wright

Lonnie Max Wright, longtime resident of Murphy and Caldwell, passed away on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at the age of 80.

Lonnie was born November 21, 1939 in Buffalo, SD to a rodeo family. His father, John Wright, was a champion team roper, calf roper, and saddle bronc rider. His grandfather raised remounts for the US Army in the Black Hills of the Dakotas. He came to Idaho with his family as a child and attended school in Marsing, Idaho. Lonnie served in the United States Navy from 1958 to 1961. He worked many years as a bricklayer and retired in 2005 after working 20 years as a property appraiser for Owyhee County. He has been married to his wife, Barbara, for 48 years.

Lonnie was active in many rodeo associations.

He holds a gold card in the Idaho Cowboy Association and the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. He was a member of the Senior Pro Rodeo Association, ACTRA and USTRC. This summer he competed at the Senior Pro Rodeos in Council, Idaho and Emmett, Idaho. In 2014, he was the champion heeler of the prestigious Caldwell Night Rodeo Memorial Century Roping. He was the All Around Champion in the Idaho Cowboys Association for 6 consecutive years, 1966 to 1971. He also holds 2 state roping championships in the IMPRA. In 1964, he won the team roping championship in the International Rodeo Association. In 1966, he won the Earl Lovan trophy at Jordan Valley, and retired the Wayne Albert all around trophy at New Plymouth in 1967. In



2008, Lonnie was inducted into the Idaho Rodeo Hall of Fame.

Lonnie won his first bull riding at the age of 13 at the Vale, Oregon Rodeo. He won many wild horse races as a teenager. This includes the wild horse race in 1956 at the 10 Mile Rodeo. Lonnie and his father won the first Jordan Valley Big Loop contest in

1962.

Lonnie and his wife, Barbara, lived in Murphy for 40 years and along with Lonnie's father. They put on some of the biggest team roping in the country. Lonnie spent a lot of time helping kids with their roping and barrel racing. He would often lend his horses to kids who needed a horse to ride. Following his retirement in 2005 from Owyhee County, Lonnie and Barbara spent the next few years traveling on the National Senior Pro Rodeo Circuit. They also started spending their winters in Arizona where they built a home near Wickenburg. In 2014, they sold their home in Murphy, and moved to Caldwell where they put in a home and a horse facility. Lonnie loved all animals and always had a dog with him and sometimes more than 1.

Last year, he lost his beloved dog, Panda.

Lonnie is survived by his wife, Barbara; son, John, Elko, Nevada; daughter, Kaila (Scott), Rome, Oregon, Ashley (Everett), Elko, Nevada; brother, Jerry (Irene) Wright, Nampa, Idaho; sister, Vickie Nagele, Caldwell, Idaho; many grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren.

There will be a private ceremony at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

In memory of Lonnie, the family request donations be made in his honor to the Spurs and Spikes Crisis Funds, 3060 Market Rd, Homedale, Idaho 83628, or a charity of your choice.

Friends may share a memory of Lonnie at www.flahiffuneralchapel.com

Death notice

RODNEY RAY SCHOEN, 73, of Murphy, died Friday, Sept. 25, 2020 at home of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

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Checkpoints, more keep Owyhee waters mussel-free

State ag officials monitor C.J. Strike Reservoir, too

Keeping invasive species out of Owyhee County waterways doesn't begin and end with checkpoints manned by local law enforcement.

Boat check stations in Marsing and Bruneau, which closed for the year last Wednesday, are one line of defense against devastating zebra and quagga mussels.

But the Idaho State Department of Agriculture also keeps a close eye on C.J. Strike Reservoir and the Snake River system.

Monitoring has been carried out at C.J. Strike and in the river for the past decade.

The two-pronged monitoring has kept waters in Idaho and the Columbia River Basin free of the invasive species, ISDA Division of Plant Industries administrator Lloyd Knight said.

Knight said the state regularly monitors 80 bodies of water statewide as full-time and seasonal ISDA employees pull 1,600 samples. The samples are pulled bi-weekly during optimal mussel spawning conditions, Knight said.

Checking for veligers (the juvenile life stage for quagga and zebra mussels) includes plankton tows through water. The pull collects plankton and material samples that are preserved and sent to a lab for microscopic analysis.

"Multiple sampling events are performed at waterbodies across the state, including Strike," Knight said. "In addition, we work with cooperating agencies and stakeholders to look for adult mussels in infrastructure around waterbodies, including dams, docks, pilings, etc."

The ISDA and other cooperating agencies and stakeholders scan the river for adult mussels

when the water level is drawn down and also during other invasive species surveys.

"We perform this sampling from boats as well as shorelines and docks," Knight said.

While there aren't set places to pull samples, there are focal points in the river system, he said.

"We do try to take samples that have the highest likelihood of having a mussel present, so most focus is on dams, boat launches, and marinas," Knight said.

In addition to checkpoints and monitoring, a rapid response strategy has been created with work between the state agency and stakeholders such as Idaho Power Co.

Monitoring results come back from the lab within two weeks of collection, which Knight said is key in the rapid response protocol.

The state's rapid response plan includes several steps:

- Additional sampling to confirm results from the veliger sample
- Identification of any adult mussels in the waterbody
- Communication to stakeholders
- Decision points for any possible treatment.

Knight said one way the system is kept sharp is a rapid response exercise, such as the one held at Idaho Power's Hells Canyon complex in the spring of 2019. Idaho Power and the State of Oregon also participated. Officials "walked through decision points and scenarios for containment and treatment," Knight said.

"The exercises, including the one at Hells Canyon, are meant to show individual agencies what actions or decision they



Above: An Idaho State Department of Agriculture staffer sifts through debris — seemingly like a gold-panner — to try to find a quagga mussel. **Below:** Water is sampled regularly.

need to take, but (also) how those actions can and show be coordinated with other government agencies and private stakeholders," Knight said.

Idaho's Rapid Response Plan includes a number of steps that include additional sampling to confirm results from a veliger sample, identification of any adult mussels in the waterbody, communication to stakeholders, and decision points for any possible treatment.

Knight said Hells Canyon was deliberately selected for the exercise because it is a waterbody shared among jurisdictions with multiple stakeholder uses.

"Naturally, that pulled in the concerns of power generation and river management, recreation, state authorities, and the added complexity of a remote location," Knight said. "We had several state and federal agencies participate in this exercise, as well as Idaho Power."

— JPB



Plea deals, suspended sentences in felony drug cases

Men must perform community service

Two men were recently sentenced for felony drug convictions.

The hearings took place in Murphy, including a Sept. 25 disposition for a man who was on probation for a 2017 drug conviction.

James Michael Dahl wasn't sent to prison for his second felony conviction in three years, but Third District Judge Thomas W. Whitney did place the 56-year-old Weiser man on supervised probation for a year.

As part of an agreement with Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey L.

Phillips, Dahl entered a guilty plea to a felony charge of attempted controlled substance possession.

Whitney suspended a state prison sentence of two to five years and ordered Dahl to perform 100 hours of community service. He also must pay \$175.50 in fines and \$557.50 in court costs.

Phillips dismissed a second felony charge for attempted drug possession and a misdemeanor charge of carrying drug paraphernalia.

Three years ago, Dahl was released on probation after his conviction on felony drug possession and misdemeanor destruction of evidence charges.

At that time, he was sentenced to 1

to 2½ years in state prison, but was set free on probation.

In the latest case, sheriff's deputies arrested Dahl in August 2019 after a traffic stop near the intersection of Idaho highway 55 and U.S. Highway 95 west of Marsing.

Although Dahl was pulled over for failing to make a complete stop at a stop sign, the deputies discovered he had an active probation violation arrest warrant. After a search of his vehicle, deputies found nearly 2 grams of methamphetamine and paraphernalia.

• Matthew John Valdez, 30, of Wilder must serve three years felony probation and 100 hours community service for his cocaine possession conviction.

Whitney sentenced Valdez on Sept. 11. The disposition included the suspension of a state prison term of two to four years.

Valdez was ordered to pay \$635.50 in court costs.

Phillips dismissed a felony drug possession and misdemeanor paraphernalia charges as part of a plea agreement.

Homedale Police arrested Valdez on outstanding warrants on May 25. While searching Valdez's vehicle on East Idaho Avenue, officers discovered plastic baggies containing cocaine and methamphetamine, according to court documents. Three grams of illicit drugs were found.

DIST. II HIGH SCHOOL RODEO



Ellie Brunko of Homedale caught her breakaway calf in 5.57 seconds on Sunday, placing her in the top eight of that event for the day. One of 29 girls in the competition, Ellie is a senior at Greenleaf Friends Academy. The third and fourth stops on the Dist. II high school circuit took place in New Plymouth.



Cassity Gluch of Jordan Valley had a 9.85-second goat tying run on Sunday. She placed eighth out of 26 contestants giving her points toward a state rodeo qualification.



Kelsey Gluch of Jordan Valley placed fifth in Saturday's barrel racing with a run off 17.532. There were 40 contestants.



Heeler Sammy Saunders of Homedale won the team roping in the Junior High School division with his cousin Mason McDaniel of Caldwell on Saturday. They posted a 7.72-second time.

Trail wreck sends two to hospital

Two people were taken to the emergency room after an accident between two recreational vehicles on Sunday near the Rabbit Creek Trailhead north of Murphy.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said a 16-year-old boy riding a 2003 CR85 dirt bike was rushed to St. Luke's Nampa Medical Center after reporting an arm and elbow injury to emergency responders.

The boy apparently drove his dirt bike into a 2020 Sportsman 570 ATV under the control of 32-year-old Kelsey Campos of Nampa. Campos was taken to Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Nampa by a private vehicle, Bowman said.

Bowman said that the motorcycle rider crested a hill near the trailhead and sideswiped the ATV.

Bowman said that Campos potentially had a broken arm.

Campos' sister was a passenger on the ATV but was not injured.

The juvenile was diagnosed with a compound fracture of his left upper arm by emergency room staff, Bowman said.

No citations were issued.

Early Monday evening, Marsing Ambulance and Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Quick Response Unit were called out on another accident on public lands. No details were available at press time.

— TK

Youth try out virtual reality at Homedale library

This week's Teens & Tweens session at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library will enlist technology for a bit of suspenseful fun.

Boys and girls ages 10 to 17 are invited to attend the program at 5 p.m., on Thursday.

This week's activity will employ the library's Oculus virtual reality (VR) goggles in a game called "Keep Talking and Nobody Explodes."

One attendee will wear the goggles and is trapped in a virtual room with a ticking time bomb. The rest of the Teens & Tweens group will portray "experts" who must give instructions to defuse the bomb.

Story Time for preschoolers takes place at 10:15 a.m., on Monday. "Now!," a new story by Tracey Corderoy and "The Roll-Away Pumpkin" by Junia Wonders will be read.

Pumpkin activities will follow the reading.

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

The library is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., on Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Friday, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday. It is closed Sundays.

Call (208) 337-4228 for more information on the library's programs.

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Homedale Fire, EMT rate hikes proposed

Noontime public hearing planned Tuesday

The cost of development fees and emergency medical response within the Homedale Rural Fire Protection District could be rising.

The district’s board of commissioners has set a public hearing for noon on Tuesday to get input on several proposed fee changes. The hearing will be held at the Homedale Fire Station, 20 W. Colorado Ave., in Homedale.

Ambulance fees are poised to go up, including:

- Basic Life Support — 33 percent increase from \$450 to \$600
- Advance Life Support — 25 percent from \$600 to \$850
- Transport mileage — Nearly 33 percent from \$10.97 to \$15
- Ambulance and emergency medical technician standby — More than double from \$35 per unit hour to \$74 per unit hour
- Treat and release cost — Doubles from \$75 to \$150

The proposed increases affect how much developers will pay for various subdivision fees, too.

- Preliminary plat — An increase of \$50 to \$200 plus double the per-lot fee to \$50
- Final plat — Increase from \$150 and \$1 per lot to \$200 and \$25 per lot
- Improvement drawing review — Currently, it’s \$200 for 10 lots or fewer and \$5 for each lot beginning with the 11th. The commission has proposed changed the per-lot fee to \$50 per lot beginning with the 11th.
- Plan review for fire code compliance — Proposed to change from \$75 per hour to a flat fee of \$200
- On-site inspections — From \$75 flat fee to \$100 per site visit
- Emergency vehicle access inspections — Proposed to triple from \$50 to \$150

According to a legal notice in this week’s edition of The Owyhee Avalanche, district commissioners have determined that the proposed fee costs are reasonable in comparison to the costs of administering the services.

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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 42 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 93 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 150 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 296,975 acre-feet of water on Monday.

— Information compiled from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Helena Chemical in Homedale.

Zito’s Marsing stump stop prompts Chamber change

The Marsing Chamber of Commerce has changed its meeting to make way for a political candidate.

Dist. 23 state Senate hopeful Christy Zito (R-Hagerman) will hold a meet-and-greet at 5:30 p.m., on Thursday at the The Spot Pizza, 12 Sandbar Ave.

The time would have coincided with the Chamber of Commerce’s monthly meeting across the parking lot at Marsing City Hall (the former Sandbar Restaurant with a Cause).

“I did decide to move due to her meeting on the same day ...,” Chamber president Julie Franklin said. “There are a few that want to go.”

The Chamber meeting now will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15 at City Hall.

Topics for the October meeting include the Trunk or Treat planned for 5:30 p.m., on Saturday, Oct. 31 in the City Hall parking lot, 18 Sandbar Ave. Anyone will questions about the event should attend the meeting.

“We will be discussing options to really brighten our town this year for Christmas,” Franklin said. “Everyone is welcome to join us.”

Franklin said even with brainstorming for ways to replace the holiday street lighting set for next week’s meeting, the Chamber may hold a special meeting to address the topic at a later date.

The City of Marsing is without an avenue to put up its traditional street decorations after Idaho Power discontinued its policy of allowing the city to hang the ornaments on power poles along Main Street.

— JPB

Homedale, rural county property owners could see tax break

Governor’s office announces public safety reimbursement participants

Homedale and Owyhee County will participate in Gov. Brad Little’s Public Safety Initiative, the governor’s office announced Monday.

The two governments will get pieces of a \$124 million pie to help cover public safety personnel salaries and presents Homedale and Owyhee County elected officials to pass on the savings to property owners in the form of a tax break.

The governor’s office press release said the initiative “ultimately provides” taxpayers in participating cities or counties a 10 to 20 percent one-time reduction in 2020 property taxes.

The millions of dollars available for the 40 cities and counties that enrolled come from federal coronavirus relief funds.

Homedale and Owyhee County officials filed their notices of intent ahead of last week’s opt-in deadline.

The U.S. Treasury Department guidance gives the Governor discretion to determine expenditures that are necessary because of the COVID-19 public health emergency. The program was authorized with the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Gov. Little said in the release: “Our focus is to support our communities and our police, fire, and EMS personnel and ensure there are no reductions in public safety during these unprecedented challenges. I appreciate the cities and counties working with us to ensure the resulting budget savings are given back to the people of Idaho in the form of property tax relief rather than backfilling local government budgets.”

“As a fiscal conservative, I believe all federal funds — which are taxpayer funds — should be managed prudently and judiciously on behalf of all taxpayers. The Trump Administration has praised Idaho’s conservative approach to managing the federal relief funds, and I am committed to continuing to act as a responsible steward of scarce taxpayer resources.”

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County’s public defender roster grows

Latest Idaho Power-OCSO contract finalized

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners opted to add another conflict attorney to add its roster during its Sept. 28 meeting.

Kevin Shupperd joins the evolving ranks of the county’s public defenders. These private contractors don’t receive any employee-related benefits.

According to County Clerk Angie Barkell, William Wellman is the county’s primary public defender and has a contract that pays him \$130,000 per year. Isaiah Govia has a part-time contract and receives \$50,000.

The county’s conflict attorney budget — which is separate from agreements with Wellman and Govia — is \$125,000.

A state board provides the funding.

“The Public Defense Commission provided us with \$75,000 in financial assistance last year,” Barkell said.

“It is the same for 2021, with \$7,500 additional one-time funds.

“The commission is required by rule to provide funds to cover any increase cost because of caseload standards, and that is why we received the additional \$50,000.”

With Shupperd’s addition, the county’s conflict attorneys include Russell Metcalf, Ryan Henson, Travis Rice, Alan Coffel, Ed Yarbrough, Mistie Bauscher, Bethany Harder, Shondi Lott, and Shupperd.

Conflict attorneys provide legal services for persons deemed indigent and are involved in the following types of cases:

- Non-capital felonies
- Misdemeanors
- Probation violations and revocation
- Appeals from a magistrate to the district court
- Juvenile cases
- Involuntary mental health commitments
- Post-conviction
- Child protection
- Termination of parental rights
- Criminal

The county will pay conflict attorneys \$70 per hour for misdemeanors, felonies, and child protection cases; \$100 for non-capital murder defense; and \$50 per hour for paralegal services. The court decides the cost for interpreter services.

Owyhee County/Idaho Power agreement

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office has long had an agreement with Idaho Power Co. to provide enhanced law enforcement services in and around C.J. Strike Reservoir.

According to agreement documents, Idaho Power will pay the county a fixed lump sum of \$76,625.33 for Fiscal Year 2021, which ends on Sept. 30. The county will receive monthly installments of \$6,385.44.

The contract price includes all labor, equipment, and materials necessary to provide the enhanced law enforcement services.

The contract has been renewed every year since 2012.

— TK

County relaxes solar development costs

Small residential arrays no longer require CUP

Owyhee County Commissioners have taken action to make it easier and more cost-effective to establish small solar arrays.

A new ordinance and fee schedule adopted during a Sept. 21 meeting eliminates the requirement for a conditional use permit to build a solar energy development of more than 10 kilowatts if roof-mounted, or 25kW if on the ground.

Community Development coordinator Mary Huff said the new ordinance does away with a \$1,200 CUP fee for the smaller arrays, but applicants still will pay a \$200 administrative fee to start the process.

Discussions with Idaho Power and other research determined

that most residential applications won’t have a load higher than 10kW or 25kW limits.

The amendment and resolution establishing a fee schedule were adopted after a Sept. 21 public hearing before the county commissioners.

The CUP requirement — and a \$1,200 fee — is still in place for developments above the 10kW/25kW limits to 75kW.

Above 75kW will cost \$1,500 for the CUP, and commercial solar arrays will require a \$4,000 CUP fee.

Essentially the larger the array, the more ground is required for development and the more neighbors may be impacted.

Huff said acreage used and the size and scale of a project always drives more concerns and inquiries from the public, so county staff must dedicate more time researching the project.

— JPB

Most govt. offices shut down for holiday

Most local government offices will be closed in observance of Indigenous Peoples Day on Monday, including city halls in Marsing, Grand View, Jordan Valley, and Adrian.

Homedale City Hall will be open.

Owyhee County offices in Murphy will be closed for the holiday, as will the DMV location in Marsing.

The Owyhee County Commissioners’ weekly meeting, normally scheduled for every Monday, will be pushed back to 9 a.m., on Tuesday, in Courtroom No. 2 of the county courthouse in Murphy.

All public schools in the county will remain open.

All emergency services, including fire, ambulance, and 911 emergency dispatch will be available, too.

Senior centers in Homedale and Grand View will be closed on Monday, as usual.

U.S. Bank branches in Homedale and Marsing will be closed. Currently, only drive-up services are available at the Homedale branch during regular hours. The Marsing branch is completely closed, according to the company’s website.

Albertsons in Homedale will keep its normal business hours, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Logan’s Market in Marsing will be open during the holiday from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Homedale Drug, along with the liquor store, will be open its normal hours as well, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library in Homedale will be open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.,

and Marsing’s Lizard Butte Library from noon to 6 p.m.

The Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View will be closed, and Bruneau Valley Library is always closed on Mondays.

All post offices in the county will be closed on Monday, and there will be no mail service.

Westtowns Disposal Inc.’s garbage pickup schedules throughout the coming week won’t be affected.

The Owyhee Avalanche will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Monday (closed at noon for an hourlong lunch break). Deadlines for the Oct. 14 edition remain the same: display advertising, legal notices, letters to the editor and most news items are due by noon on Friday. The classified ad deadline is noon Monday.

Homedale begins sale of 2021 dog tags

The City of Homedale now has 2021 dog tags available for purchase.

Homedale residents are required to license their dogs each year.

The fee is \$10 for altered (spayed or neutered) canines and \$15 apiece for all others.

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram reported Monday when tags went on sale that the city had sold 328 dog tags in 2020.

Those people who didn’t

register their dogs in 2020 or have new animals will see a bit of an advantage by buying 2021 tags at the start of the fiscal year.

Pegram said those people with unlicensed dogs who act now will get a 15-month license for the price of an annual tag.

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Man could spend nearly 50 years in prison for repeated sexual abuse

A 24-year-old man sentenced last month for lewd conduct with a minor could be out of prison in 14 months.

Nathaniel Michael Williams, a former Homedale resident whose residence is listed as Boise, received a felony sentence of three to 45 years in state prison on Sept. 25 in Murphy.

Third District Judge Thomas W. Whitney gave Williams credit for the time he has spent behind bars since his arrest in November 2018.

With 661 days already served, Williams will be eligible for parole in December 2021, according to the Idaho Department of Correction website. If he serves his full term, he'll be released from prison in 2063.

Williams entered a guilty plea to two felony counts of

lewd conduct with a child younger than 16. His April 12, 2019 plea came three months after he had entered not guilty pleas to the allegations.

After an investigation, Homedale Police issued a warrant for Williams' arrest in late 2018. A school counselor had alerted authorities that Williams had allegedly sexually abused a younger female family member over a two-year period.

The abuse occurred when the family member was between the ages of 11 and 13.

In addition to his prison sentence, Williams has been ordered to pay \$350 in fines and \$1,091 in court costs.

Williams is now behind bars at the IDOC facility outside Boise.



Nathaniel Williams



This Freightliner was one of two semis that rolled on Idaho highway 78 in recent weeks. It drove off the road at Castle Creek and through a fence before rolling and coming to rest. The driver had minor injuries.

Ag semi accidents litter Idaho 78

Potatoes strewn at milepost 7

Two semi-trucks and trailers rolled on Idaho highway 78 recently, causing extensive damage to the vehicles and surrounding property.

Investigators have been unable to come up with a cause for either crash, Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

Devin Boyer, 33, of Mountain Home, rolled a 2020 Freightliner and trailer on Thursday on Idaho 78 at Castle Creek near Oreana.

Bowman said Boyer, who drives for Amalgamated Sugar Co., drifted off the road

and hit a guardrail that spans Castle Creek. He then rolled the vehicle through a fence.

The sugar beet-hauling truck and trailer was empty at the time of the crash.

The only apparent injury Boyer suffered was a large gash on his forehead. He was transported by a fellow Amalgamated employee to St. Luke's Elmore Medical Center in Mountain Home.

No citations were issued.

A Nampa man received minor injuries after rolling a 2006 Kenworth semi-trailer while navigating a curve on Sept. 26 and scattering a full load of potatoes on Idaho 78 nearly seven miles outside Marsing.

Bowman said that Shaun Williams, 51, drove off the roadway and rolled the vehicle completely.

According to Bowman, Williams complained to responding emergency personnel of an injured leg. After Marsing Ambulance transported him to a Saint Alphonsus facility in Nampa, no broken bones or significant injuries were discovered.

The truck and trailer were a total loss.

Idaho 78 traffic was diverted for nearly two hours while the mess was being cleaned up and the truck was towed away by Valley View towing.

No citations were issued.

— TK

Courthouse report

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

- Sept. 25**
- James Michael Dahl, Weiser** — Felony attempted controlled substance possession (plea deal): 2 to 5 years in prison (suspended), 1 year felony probation, 100 hours of community service, \$175.50 in fines, \$557.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by the prosecutor:** Felony attempted controlled substance possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession
- Nathaniel Michael Williams, Boise** — Felony lewd conduct with a child under 16, 2x (amended from felony rape): 3 to 45 years in prison (661 days served), \$350 in fines, \$1,091 in court costs.
- Sept. 24**
- Jesse Newton Crowley, Boise** — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
- Gerardo Araujo Hernandez, Nampa** — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to obtain overweight or oversize permit: \$68.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs
- Jason Thomas Mitchell, Knoxville, Tenn.** — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations violation, false logbook (serious), \$263.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

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**Homedale
brigade tackles
Friday fire**

Fifteen volunteers — essentially Homedale Fire’s entire crew — and five trucks battled a Friday house fire on Dines Lane near Jump Creek Road south of Homedale. HFD Chief Dennis Uria said the cause is still under investigation. There were no injuries.



**Ford rolls
in Idaho
51 mishap**

Two Nevada residents were involved in a one-vehicle rollover on Idaho highway 51 on Saturday.

Idaho State Police investigated the accident at 9:41 a.m., at milepost 36 south of Bruneau.

Driving northbound in a 1996 Ford Bronco, Aaron Gandolfo, 33, of Elko, Nev., drove over the center line onto the left shoulder and started hitting rocks.

The Bronco rolled and came to rest on its top on the southbound shoulder of the highway.

Neither Gandolfo nor 25-year-old Samantha Gandolfo, also from Elko, were wearing seatbelts.

The Elko Daily Free Press reported that Samantha Gandolfo was injured in the crash.

The southbound lane was blocked for about three hours, while the northbound lane was blocked periodically throughout ISP’s investigation.

No information was provided on whether the driver and his passenger were injured or received medical attention.

**County Oktober
Festival planned
in Marsing**

The attractions continue to grow for the inaugural Owyhee County Oktober Festival, which is set for Oct. 17 in Marsing.

Owyhee Candle Co., Snake River Country Market and BBC Design Co., which all have Owyhee ties, have joined forces with Boise’s Powderhaus Brewery for the festival at The Spot Pavilion, 12 Sandbar Ave.

Organizers promise live music, beer and wine. More than 40 vendors will be on hand to allow folks to shop, too.

Any vendors interested in getting involved can email owyheecandleco@gmail.com.

The family-friendly event will include food trucks and pizza by the slice.

A costume contest will be held with prizes for adults and children, and there will be trick-or-treating, face-painting and pumpkins.

Senior menu

Homedale Senior Center

*Salad bar: *Not Available due to the Coronavirus
Curbside pickup only between noon and 1 p.m.
Phone ahead 208-337-3020 to order
Dessert is included in curbside lunch
Milk available each day*

*Congregate meals on Oct. 8, Oct. 15, Oct. 22, and Oct. 29
Roll each day except Oct. 14, Oct. 21, and Oct. 28*

Oct. 7: Chicken patty on roll, fries/tatertots broccoli
Oct. 8: Baked ham, macaroni & cheese, sweet potato
Oct. 13: Tortellini w/meat sauce, California blend veggies
Oct. 14: Beef burrito, refried beans & rice, spinach
Oct. 15: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, mixed veggies

School menus

Homedale Elementary

*Choice of milk and juice
Vegetable and fruit choices will be offered daily*

Oct. 7: **Breakfast:** Breakfast slider **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garlic toast, green beans
Oct. 8: **Breakfast:** Breakfast bites **Lunch:** Uncrustable PB&J sandwich, potato chips, baby carrots, rice krispie treat
Oct. 12: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Corn dog, tater tots
Oct. 13: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza **Lunch:** Chicken patty sandwich, cole slaw
Oct. 14: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon pull apart **Lunch:** Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes w/gravy, hot roll

Homedale Middle

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

Oct. 7: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll **Lunch:** Spaghetti & garlic bread, green beans, string cheese
Oct. 8: **Breakfast:** Mini donuts **Lunch:** Taquitos, corn, string cheese, cookie
Oct. 12: **Breakfast:** Mini waffles **Lunch:** Pepperoni calzone, green beans, string cheese
Oct. 13: **Breakfast:** Chocolate chip muffin **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, French fries, string cheese
Oct. 14: **Breakfast:** Apple cinnamon Texas Toast **Lunch:** Beef taco, corn, string cheese

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*

Oct. 7: **Breakfast:** Sausage plate or mini pancakes **Lunch:** Pulled pork sandwich or hamburger/cheeseburger and tater tots
Oct. 8: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or pop tart **Lunch:** Chicken taco or corn dog and corn
Oct. 12: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon burst bread slice or Dutch waffle **Lunch:** Boneless buffalo wings breadstick or taquitos and cole slaw
Oct. 13: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich or benefit bar **Lunch:** chicken patty or hamburger/cheeseburger and French fries
Oct. 14: **Breakfast:** Biscuits & gravy or pancakes **Lunch:** pepperoni calzone, garlic toast or cheesy chicken sub and steamed carrots

Marsing

Each meal includes choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables

Elementary School each day: Breakfast: Cereal option
Middle/High School each day: PB&J sandwich option

Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sandwich, salad
Hot Grab-n-go line (varies): Cheeseburger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sandwich; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)

Oct. 7: **Breakfast:** Breakfast bacon scramble pizza **Classic Line:** Dutch waffle, sausage patty, hashbrown patty, strawberries w/ topping
Oct. 8: **Breakfast:** Chicken waffle, yogurt **Classic Line:** Pepperoni pizza, carrot sticks, pineapple tidbits, Jell-o w/topping
Oct. 12: **Breakfast:** Whole grain pop tart **Classic Line:** Chicken nuggets, steamed carrots, hot roll
Oct. 13: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Classic Line:** Beef taco, refried beans, carrot sticks, Spanish rice
Oct. 14: **Breakfast:** Whole grain apple breakfast bites **Classic Line:** Mac-n-cheese, green beans, whole grain snickerdoodle cookie

Bruneau/Grand View

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

Oct. 7: **Breakfast:** Muffin **Lunch:** Beef & bean burrito, romaine salad/salsa, corn
Oct. 8: **Breakfast:** Bagels **Lunch:** Corn dog, tater tots, baby carrots
Oct. 12: **Breakfast:** French toast **Lunch:** Chicken & noodles, tossed romaine salad, steamed carrots
Oct. 13: **Breakfast:** Biscuits & gravy **Lunch:** Chicken patty on a bun, mashed potatoes & gravy, steamed broccoli
Oct. 14: **Breakfast:** PB&J **Lunch:** Nachos & whole wheat chips, refried beans/salsa, corn

HHS grad launches 3rd hygiene products collection effort

“The variety was so amazing that we were able to personalize the bags per family.”

Some of the examples for personalization include feminine hygiene products for families with teenage girls, men's body wash for families with men or teen boys.

Other items to donate include toothpaste and toothbrushes and deodorant.

"I am happy to pick up anything," Harper wrote. "No donation is too small or a waste of my time. I appreciate all you have to give."

Contact Harper to set up a donation. You can text or call (208) 921-4089 or send a Facebook message.

During her 2016 drive, Harper gathered enough items to create 96 kits.

Some of the 2018 donations went to the Homedale Police Department so officers could provide them to domestic violence victims, according to a post on the City of Homedale website.

— JPB

A group that supported national monument designation for the Owyhee Canyonlands in Oregon has received a conservation grant for the Succor Creek State Natural Area in Oregon.

seek out signs of beavers along the creek. A blog post on the Friends of the Owyhee website says the work will include improving beaver habitat. The group also recently adopted the natural area for ongoing cleanup, including removing graffiti from rocks, restoring rock fire rings and clearing brush.

Friends of the Owyhee members were among proponents for designating more than 2 million acres of canyonlands in Oregon as a national monument in the final months of President Obama's second term.

The group has adopted the Succor Creek area as part of a community project cleanup program.

The designation never came down. Malheur County ranchers rallied under the banner of the Owyhee Basin Stewardship Coalition to head-off wilderness and wild and scenic rivers designation in an area that provides critical livestock grazing access.

Owyhee County Church Directory		
Calvary Fellowship Homedale Pastor Rich Wright 711 W. Idaho Ave. Church time is 10:00 am on Sunday & Wednesday at 7:00 pm River Youth Wednesday 7:00pm (208) 880-4033	Knight Community Church Grand View Pastor Ivan Shetler 630 Idaho Street (208) 834-2639 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am	Our Lady of Tears Church Silver City Mass Summer Schedule 1pm June 28, July 26, Aug. 30 <i>All are welcome</i> For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa (208) 466-7031 www.nampacatholic.church
Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale Pastor Fernando Gomez 132 W Owyhee • (208) 337-5975 Servicios: Vier - 7pm - Oracion Mier - 7pm Predicacion Dom - 10am Esc. Dom y 6:30pm "Una Iglesia Diferente."	Golden Gate Baptist Church Wilder Pastor Robert Potter, Jr., CLP Corner of Second and "B" Streets Church time is 11:00 am on Sunday Call (208) 880-4308 for information	Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder Pastor Michael McCormick Hwy 19 & 95, (208) 890-3046 Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm
Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, (208) 412-2946 Senior Pastor: Ivar Moore Sunday Bible study, 9:15 a.m. Sunday and Kidz services, 10:45 a.m. Wednesday and Kidz services, 7 p.m. www.homedaleagchurch.com	Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 17434 Hwy 95, (208) 337-3464 Pastor: Scott Morin Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays www.homedalefriends.org	Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell 1122 W. Linden St. (208) 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale (208) 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult and Children Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests	Homedale Baptist Church 212 S. 1st W., (208) 960-4496 https://homedalebc.org Sunday Fellowship 11am-Noon Second Sunday soup/meal Noon Fourth Sunday Communion Celebration and shared meal Noon Pastor: Paul Chismar	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave (208) 337-4112 Bishop Mark Thatcher Bishop Chris Varuska Sunday 1st Ward 1pm Sunday 2nd Ward 9am
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Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing Pastor Daniel Swaim 116 4th Ave. W., (208) 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 6-7pm Sunday School 9:45am-10:45am Wednesday evening 7pm-8pm	Nazarene Church Marsing Pastor Bill O'Connor (208) 649-5256 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups	Trinity Holiness Church Homedale 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page (208) 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm
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First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W. Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am Rev. Heidi Smith-Takatori (208) 303-7414	Vision Community Church Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho (208) 779-7926 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.	Garnet Seventh-Day Adventist Church 16613 Garnet Rd., Wilder (208) 649-5280 Email: garnetSDA@icloud.com Sabbath School 9:30am Worship 10:45am Wednesday Bible Study 7:00-8 pm
Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, (208) 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2020 Mass Schedule - 10:00am on fourth Saturday of month thru November Final Mass of year is on Dec. 19 (third Saturday) All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa (208) 466-7031	Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. (208) 989-7508
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✓ Library: Families' donations keep community giants' memories alive

event.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen and library director Sharla Jensen picked the occasion to acknowledge several people who were instrumental in getting the new library built, including the Jackson family, which donated \$100,000, in honor of the library's namesake, and the Opal Nash family, which contributed \$20,000, and the matriarch of which has her name on a children's reading area in the new library.

Christoffersen also presented a plaque to Rob and Nancy Roberts to acknowledge the building shell that Caldwell-based R&M Steel, the couple's company, donated for the library. The metal structure was valued at \$146,495.

Roberts, who does not live in Homedale, has been an important contributor to many Owyhee County projects. Within Homedale's footprint, R&M Steel donated the frames for the Owyhee County Community Center on West Nevada Avenue and the indoor practice facility at John Jackson Field on the corner of North 4th Street East and East Owyhee Avenue.

"What's great is that this isn't even your community and you have given generously to

us," Christoffersen said.

"Yes it is," Nancy Roberts responded.

Laura Bellegante, the Democratic Party's candidate for Idaho State Senate, Dist. 23, also made an appearance at the grand opening. She said she lives in Mountain Home and thought Saturday's event would be a good opportunity to meet some local folks.

The library grand opening was well-attended, and visitors were greeted with hot dogs and cotton candy, while the children participated in games inside the new library. Cake and cupcakes were also given to visitors.

The turnout for Saturday's events was significant, as more than 20 people stood inside the library while Christoffersen and Jensen spoke. Other visitors filtered in and out of the celebration throughout the late morning and early afternoon.

Other folks who showed up for the occasion were Homedale City Councilmen Aaron Tines, Jerry Anderson, and Mike Aebischer, who manned the grill.

Homedale Farmers Market president Denise Dixon gave visitors the dime tour of the new Homedale Community Foodstead, which is located inside the old city library.

The building has tables and chairs that can be used for meetings and classes, and a new commercial kitchen, consisting of a refrigerator, freezer, stove, and sinks. The kitchen can be used for teaching classes, as well.



Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen presented Rob and Nancy Roberts an "Above and Beyond Award" on Saturday, commemorating the donations the R&M Steel owners have made in Homedale and Owyhee County over the years, in particular the structure that houses the new Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library.

Dixon is waiting for the installation of a hood over the stove before the kitchen can be available for use.

The Foodstead gives people the opportunity to shop online from Thursday to Sunday for local produce and other items, and pick them up at the building on Tuesdays.

Anyone interested in reserving time at the Foodstead should call Homedale City Hall at (208) 337-4641, or Dixon at (208) 840-0440.

Rental revenues go into the library's budget as the Foodstead leases the building from the city.



Immanuel Santiago (left) took advantage of the free games during the grand opening on Saturday, including fishing for toys with the help of librarian Carol McMichael.

— TK

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Trojans take down another 3A SRV foe

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Melba volleyball keeps rolling along

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Two Melba girls are in the lead pack as they turn toward the cornfield on the edge of the Marsing High School campus. For more on Marsing's performance, see **Page 8B**

Mustangs motor in Marsing

Girls win; boys Cazier, Leavitt all take second

Melba High School's cross country teams celebrated a great deal of success at the 2A Western Idaho Conference meet last Wednesday in Marsing.

The Mustangs won the girls' championship, finishing ahead of five other teams. The Melba boys were runners-up to Cole Valley Christian.

Sophomore stalwart Rozzlyn Cazier finished second among the girls in a personal-best 20 minutes, 15.71 seconds. She finished nearly a full minute behind The Mustangs.

— See **Mustangs**, page 3B

Home course tests Trojans

Homedale High School's cross country team experienced the highs and lows of the individual sport last Wednesday.

The Trojans played host to the weekly 3A Snake River Valley conference meet at the middle school without three

— See **Trojans**, page 3B



Injured senior Savannah Turner (left) shouts encouragement to Homedale teammate Trinity Neeser.

Homedale romps past Parma in latest Milk Jug mismatch

Trojans get 17th victory in football rivalry

Not everything went Homedale High School's way in the Milk Jug Game.

The Trojans lost the time-of-possession battle by nearly 10 minutes in another shutout of Parma on Friday.

But Homedale's defense rose up again and the offense got some exciting breaks in a 42-0 3A Snake River Valley conference win on the Panthers' field.

Friday's whitewash in the 21st annual rivalry game was the fifth shutout in the past seven seasons and stretched Parma's scoreless streak to 16 quarters. Homedale has won 11 consecutive matchups.

Homedale (3-1 overall, 2-0 in conference) has outscored the Panthers, 163-0, in the past three games.

Trojans 12th-year coach Matt Holtry has been around long enough to remember the intensity of the rivalry when Parma was a state power in the Class 2A ranks.

He said there is no secret formula to turning the tide of

— See **Milk Jug**, back page



Melba returner Dillon Stosich turns upfield toward Marsing's coverage after picking up the dropped opening kickoff. Seventy-five yards later, he was in the end zone.

Melba overwhelms Marsing's defense

The Marsing High School football team's struggles continued Friday in Melba with a third consecutive loss.

The Mustangs' dominance of its visitors began right of the gate in Melba's 56-8 2A Western Idaho Conference triumph.

Melba (3-1 overall, 2-0 in conference) scored just eight seconds into the game when

Dillon Stosich returned the opening kickoff 75 yards for a touchdown.

Melba never took its foot off the gas, sending the Huskies (2-3, 0-2) to their third consecutive loss.

After comfortably winning its first two games, Marsing has allowed 161 points total

— See **Melba**, page 5B

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Sports

Homedale JV handles Melba at Deward Bell Stadium

Trenton Fisher makes impact on both sides of line

Homedale High School took chances and survived mistakes Thursday to remain unbeaten in junior varsity football.

The Trojans beat Melba, 28-12, despite 18 penalties and two turnovers in a non-conference game at Deward Bell Stadium.

The Mustangs stood in after Homedale's 3A Snake River Valley conference opponent, Parma, was unable to muster enough players for a game. Likewise, Melba was looking for some action after its 2A Western Idaho Conference road game was cancelled because Marsing had a dearth of personnel.

Despite getting hit with 115 penalty yards, many on pre-snap infractions, Homedale (4-0 overall) was able to build a big lead in the first half.

The Trojans scored on four of its first five possessions and held a 28-6 halftime lead. Homedale held on through the final 24 minutes of the game.

The Trojans owned a 14-0 advantage when Melba freshman defensive back Noah West raced 50 yards with a Dillon Fine interception for the only other score of the first half.



Homedale running back Trenton Fisher couldn't get away from Melba defensive back Easton Draper on Thursday because of a wardrobe malfunction.

The Mustangs were unable to find pay dirt again until sophomore running back Gabe Shaffer crossed the goal line from eight yards out to close out a seven-play, 93-yard march that began after sophomore linebacker Luke Aldrich fell on Trojans running back Andrew Marston's fumble on Melba's 7-yard line.

Just as it had for most of the game, Homedale's defense had set up the offense in fine shape at Melba's 14-yard line a few plays before Marston lost the ball.

Freshman defensive lineman Emario Cuellar sacked Mustangs quarterback Cache Beus for a 10-yard loss on 4th-and-5 from Melba's 24. It was one of four quarterback sacks for the Trojans as sophomore Chase Cooper, and freshmen Keegan McKay and Brodie White also came up big.

Two minutes before Cuellar's sack, the freshman Fine had thrown an interception when the Trojans' went for it on a 4th-and-long situation at Melba's 19.

Homedale dominated in time

of possession and yards from scrimmage.

The Trojans held the ball for more than 39 minutes in the 48-minute contest, and Melba managed just eight first downs and lost three fumbles, one of which was recovered by freshman Snuepy Garcia (who also had an interception).

D'Orr Packer notched a fumble recovery, and fellow 10th-grader Willey Layne forced a Melba fumble.

Another sophomore, Trenton Fisher, had five tackles to lead a Homedale defense that shared

the workload. Fisher, ninth-grader Conner McCarney and sophomore Sigmund Goode had three solo tackles each.

Shaffer had a long run of 43 yards to account for most of his Melba-best 65 rushing yards. Teammates West and Kaden Dayley also had substantial runs during the game. West rushed three times for 53 yards, including a long of 28. A sophomore from Owyhee County, Dayley had 38 yards on six carries, including a long of 26.

Aldrich led the Mustangs' defense with six solo tackles, including two behind the line of scrimmage, and two assists. Freshman linebacker Carlos Colunga came through with a team-high seven solo stops.

Fine connected on 10 of 15 passes for 154 yards for Homedale. Goode had 50 yards on four catches.

Fine tossed touchdown passes to Packer (seven yards) and junior Beeg Hockenhull (24 yards).

Fisher and Marston did most of the damage for Homedale's 202-yard rushing game.

Fisher rushed 16 times for 146 yards and scored from 33 yards out in the first quarter and on a 1-yard plunge for Homedale's final TD in the second quarter.

Marston collected 65 yards on 15 totes.

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Christopher Aguilera, jr.

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Friday, Oct. 9, home vs. Payette (Homecoming), 7 p.m.

Junior varsity

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Volleyball Varsity

Thursday, Oct. 8 at Weiser, 6:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, Oct. 13, home vs. Payette (Senior Night), 6:30 p.m.

Junior varsity

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Thursday, Oct. 8 at Weiser, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 12, home vs. Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 13, home vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, Oct. 14, home for 3A SRV meet, River Bend GC, Wilder

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Sports

Melba overpowers two more foes

Mustangs shut out NP, Vision

Keylee Wilson fired 15 kills and an ace Thursday to power Melba High School past New Plymouth.

Maddi Bunnell led the defense with 32 digs as the Mustangs swept the Pilgrims, 25-14, 25-20, 25-19, in a 2A Western Idaho Conference volleyball match in Payette County.

Bunnell also stroked four aces as the Mustangs (12-1 overall, 3-0 in conference at week's end) posted their eighth consecutive victory.

Kayla McCoy set up the offense with 31 assists, while Kate Clark came through with six kills and an ace.

Sept. 29: Melba def. Vision Charter, 3-0 — With an overpowering service game, the Mustangs made quick work of their conference opponents

from Caldwell.

Wilson drove nine aces across the net in Melba's 25-10, 25-5, 25-6 cruise.

Coach Nichole Bunnell's top players racked up 34 aces, including eight from McCoy, seven from Maddi Bunnell, six from Kate Clark, and four from Kendall Clark.

Wilson and the Clarks also rocketed five kills each, and Meya Young added two spikes.



Brothers Giovanni Aguilera (center) and Christopher Aguilera (right) run third and fourth behind a pair of Fruitland runners early in last week's cross country meet.

✓ Trojans: Top female runners miss their chance to run in front of home audience

From Page 1B

of their top senior girls. Sisters Savannah and Kaydince Turner and Gracie Rotter all sat out with injuries.

Savannah Turner did get some work in, though, riding a bicycle to pace the boys' race and finding time to encourage teammates Alaina Cook and others in the girls' race.

"Our girls team also ran really well at the meet," HHS coach Sean McCrackin said. "Unfortunately, we have had quite a few injuries.

"Between shin splints, knees, and ankles, several of our girls were unable to run on Wednesday. We are working on getting them healthy so that they can finish the season well."

The Homedale boys' team put several athletes on the course, and McCrackin said consistency will be the key during the rest of the season.

"Our boys' team has been working really hard these past few weeks, especially Liam Koon, Brock Johnson, and Ryker Johnson," the coach said.

"If our boys have a shot at making it to State, it is really going to come down to how our third- through fifth-place

runners on the team perform at districts.

"Chris and Gio Aguilera are both doing quite well at leading our boys."

The Aguilera brothers rolled out to the front of the pack, interspersed with Fruitland athletes.

Complete results from last week's meet still weren't available at press time. McCrackin said his coaching staff was having difficulty uploading the day's results to athletic.net.

The 5-kilometer course began behind Homedale Middle School and headed northeast around the softball complex before the running went from grass to gravel and traversed a ditch bank around the adjacent farmland.

After reversing course at the southeast boundary of the course in front of HMS, the runners repeated a loop that took them back to the west on a dirt road as coaches and other spectators watched from an elevated irrigation ditch.

The athletes ran the western boundary of the farmland along a tree-lined route, back up the ditch bank road to the north and between the softball

fields and the school parking lot to reach the finish line.

"The course was pretty good," McCrackin said. "A few of the other coaches mentioned that their athletes enjoyed it.

"Doubling back and running back the way they had gone out was useful for many of the athletes for pacing themselves."

This week's conference meet, set for today in Payette County, has been cancelled because host school Fruitland High School has temporarily shelved all athletic events.

In the latest Southwest District Health COVID-19 health alert status update, Payette County was placed in the red category because of a jump in daily cases.

Homedale athletes were poised to wait a week before returning to competition, but HHS athletic director Casey Grove announced Monday that the Trojans would take part in a quad meet today in Parma.

Homedale will also be in action next Wednesday when Parma plays host to a conference outing at River Bend Golf Course in Wilder.

— JPB

Adrian state title replay shows at Parma drive-in

There may not be any fall sports for Oregon high schools, but Adrian football fans will have a chance to relive the team's 2019 state championship.

Claire Wagster is coordinating a watch party at the Parma Motor-Vu Drive-In as part of her senior project.

"With remote school and no athletic contests, people in Adrian are anxious for the opportunity to get together and celebrate something," Wagster said.

"This will be a great opportunity to remind us that our football team is still the state champion, and to show support for the school and athletes."

The Adrian-Jordan Valley co-op, which has since disbanded to keep Adrian in Class 1A, captured the state championship last year with a wild 38-32 victory over top-seeded St. Paul at Hermiston High School.

Co-sponsored by Adrian

2040 and the Adrian Sports Boosters, the event will take place on Thursday, Oct. 29 at the outdoor movie theater on U.S. Highway 95.

Although the event is free, attendees are asked to make a donation of \$5 per vehicle to offset costs. Proceeds also will benefit Adrian 2040 and the sports boosters.

The replay of the championship game will begin at dusk, which is estimated to be about 6:42 p.m.

Each family attending the game replay will receive an Adrian 2040 survey. If that survey is filled out and returned to the Parma Motor-Vu snack bar, the survey-taker will receive a bag of popcorn, compliments of The Ford Family Foundation.

A jar will be available at the snack bar to receive donations to help expand the Adrian Holiday Light Display, which will be set up at Two Rivers Park later this year.

✓ Mustangs: Owyheean among Melba's top-10 girls

From Page 1B

Ambrose School's Cameron Moore (19:20.52).

The result continued a season-long rivalry with Moore. Cazier was runner-up at both the New Plymouth Invitational and WIC Canyon County Classic. She also placed fourth in the Charger Classic in Meridian.

In all four meets in which she and Moore have faced off, Cazier has finished one spot behind her fellow sophomore.

Meanwhile, senior Josh Leavitt posted a PR of 15:57.9 as boys' race runner-up.

Two other runners, including Owyhee County's Brooklyn Dayley — a freshman — and junior Lacey Leavitt pulled top-10 finishes in the girls' meet.

Other Melba girls' finishers:

- Dayley — fifth, 21:03.3 (PR)
- Leavitt — 10th, 22:36.82 (season record)
- Mazie Hansen, jr. — 12th, 22:40.46 (SR)
- Braelyn Scott, so. — 13th,

- 23:03.52 (SR)
- Faith Svedin, sr. — 19th, 24:15 (PR)
- Jacie Hackler, fr. — 26th, 25:52.67
- Ramie Hafen, so. — 31st, 26:19.1 (PR)
- Daisee Crossley, jr. — 33rd, 26:55.04
- Krisslyn Breier, fr. — 27:56.11 (PR)

The Melba boys had two other top-10 finishers:

- Reagan Manzer, sr. — fifth, 17:14.1 (SR)
- Tyler Arnold, sr. — seventh, 17:45 (PR)
- McKoy Richardson, so. — 11th, 18:01.7 (PR)
- Jaxen Hackler, so. — 15th, 18:14.5 (PR)
- Ravio Manzer, fr. — 17th, 18:32.1 (PR)
- Grant Svedin, so. — 22nd, 18:57.5 (PR)
- Reuben Manzer, jr. — 24th, 19:08.9 (SR)
- Hudson Cole, fr. — 33rd, 20:07.7
- Vicente Acosta, so. — 38th, 20:34.9 (PR)
- Jonny Gunderson, fr. — 63rd, 25:49.2 (PR)

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Looking back...

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25 years ago

October 11, 1995



Grand View

This photo of Main Street in Grand View was taken around 1918

TNT program is dynamite

TNT — short for Talkin’ Time — is a new student-teacher program at Marsing Middle School.

The 15-minute session held before school each day allows students the opportunity to identify with one adult advocate.

Approximately 12 students from any of the three grades are “drafted” by each teacher, and the groups meet briefly each morning for hands-on tasks, discussions or current events trivia contests.

“TNT allows kids to connect with one adult specifically, and the mixture of students in different grades is helping to develop a bond with the different age groups,” Marsing Middle School Principal Lois Swope said.

Select teachers attended a national school conference this summer, and they borrowed the idea from a school in Utah after hearing of its success.

The program is in its first year in Marsing, and Swope is looking forward to its development over the years to come.

Trojans “in the driver’s seat now”

The Homedale Trojans picked up their second straight win with a 25-12 victory over the New Plymouth Pilgrims on the road Friday night.

Quarterback Jamie McMillan was the offensive hero for Homedale. McMillan completed nine of 14 passes for 114 yards.

“Jamie’s doing great,” coach Leo Mendelsohn said. “He’s really taking charge. He really has the huddle — kids respect him now. He’s smart and really throwing well.

“He had to audible a couple times,” Mendelsohn said. “And, he called an audible for a touchdown in the second quarter.”

The Trojans didn’t waste any time jumping on top of the winless Pilgrims. Kenny Peterson’s one-yard run and Ryan Hellwege’s 12-yard jaunt put Homedale up 12-0 after one quarter.

Peterson added another one-yard touchdown run in the third quarter. Ricky Britton rounded out the scoring with a five-yard run in the fourth quarter.

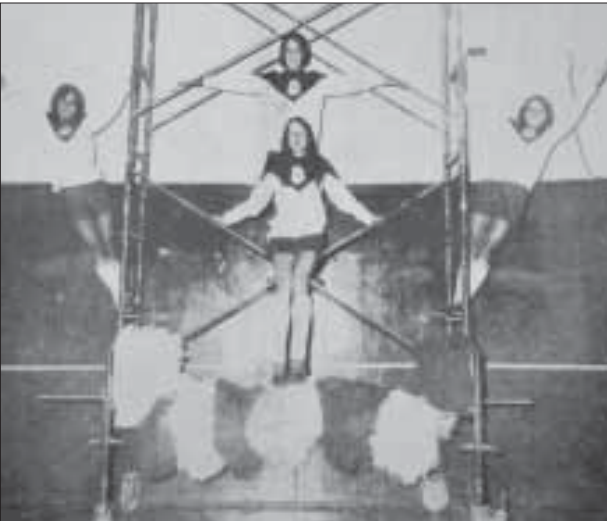
Defensively, Jesse Copley had a strong game. His 11 assists and two solo tackles, a fumble recovery, a pass deflection and a half a sack kept the Pilgrim offense in line.

The Homedale defense held the Pilgrims to 150 total yards offense.

John Cook led the special teams with two tackles and a forced fumble.

50 years ago

October 8, 1970



CHEERLEADERS at Homedale High School are Teresa Johnson, a junior, at left; Amy Yost, a sophomore, seated; Lynn Kushlan, a junior, center back, and Louise Chadez, a junior, right. New outfits selected by the girls to be worn during the football season consist of red shorts with white pullover sweaters accented with a red yoke featuring a Trojan head emblem. The group took third place honors at the Cheerleaders Clinic held last summer in Portland and also was awarded the coveted “Spirit” stick.

Buhl rider tops field in roundup at Bruneau

BRUNEAU – Of the entrants in the Bruneau Roundup this year, 29 of 98 walked away Sunday with payoff returns on their \$40 entrance fee.

Benny Freeman, Buhl, a bronc and bull rider, parlayed his fee into \$268, a \$20 Stetson and the inscription of his name on the Doug Black Memorial Trophy as 1970 best all-round cowboy for the rodeo.

In bulldogging, Ron Casebolt walked away with all the money in the two-steer event in 53.2 seconds due to disqualification of the other entrants.

Calf roping was won by Don Alley, in 16.0; saddle bronc riding by Benny Freeman with 58 points; barrel racing by Pam Roberson in 19.5; bareback riding by Shorty Horn with 59 points; and bull riding by Benny Freeman with 61 points.

The team roping event was won by Fred Roberson and Dean Johnson with a three-head time of 40.2. Second was won by Delbert Jim and Evan Wines and third by Herb Ingersoll and Jim Rutledge.

Judges were John Wright of Murphy and Jasper Thomason of Boise. Stock was supplied by P & C Rodeo Producers of Darlington, Idaho.

4-H News

LITTLE THUMPERS 4-H

The Little Thumpers 4-H Rabbit Club of Grand View will hold a meeting Oct. 17 at the home of their leader, Pauline Keller.

Some of the plans they will discuss will be a rabbit show sometime in the spring and learning the techniques of showmanship.

Two of the members attended the Boise Valley Junior Rabbit Show Oct. 3 held in Ann Morrison Park. This show was put on by the Bunnycrest 4-H Rabbit Club of Meridian and backed by the Idaho Rabbit Council.

Ron Keller received a best opposite sex rosette with his Blue Dutch buck and a reserve trophy in showmanship. DeWayne Keller received a best opposite sex rosette with his Palomino buck.

145 years ago

October 9, 1875

To patrons of the Weekly Avalanche

AVALANCHE OFFICE, SILVER CITY, I.T.
Saturday, October 9th, 1875

I regret that a serious accident yesterday to my steam press compels me to send out only half a paper this week. I hope to be able to get the press repaired in time to print the full size again next week. Should I fail in this, I will issue the next WEEKLY in smaller form, containing a selection of the most important news of the week. It will not be more than a couple of weeks at longest till I have my large press in running order again,

W.J. HILL

(From Tuesday’s Daily.)

MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners met yesterday at 1 o’clock. Present, J.H. Brown and A. O’Keefe, Commissioners, and James Lynam, Clerk; absent John Catalow.

Rates of toll were established for the Rice toll road as follows: One span of animals and wagon .50 cts; each additional span .25 cts. License \$25 per year.

License was granted to John F. Sullivan to keep a Toll Road commencing at the mouth of Long Gulch and terminating at or near Dow Vincent’s Road, the rate of toll on a loaded wagon with two animals to be \$1.50, and with four animals \$2.00.

Sheriff Hays, bill amounting to \$734.51, was allowed on Expense Fund. Bills submitted by B.M. Abbott, C. Clark, W.J. Hill and others were also allowed.

C.M. Hays, bill amounting to \$545, was allowed on the General Fund; also the following: S. Coleman \$14. J.H. Wickersham \$14.

Hospital fund bills.— C.M. Hays, \$105.24; P. Kelley, \$357.77; James R. Dowlin, \$71.75; R. Tregaskis \$37.41; Brown & Herman \$121.35.

It was ordered that the Superintendent of the Hospital receive hereafter \$60 a month salary for his services as hospital nurse. The Clerk was authorized to purchase the county Hospital at \$100. It was ordered that the Commissioners be compensated as follows: A. O’Keefe \$156; J. H. Brown \$106; J. Catalow \$101.

FROM JORDAN VALLEY.—

Our old pioneer friend and namesake, Marshall Hill, of Jordan Valley, called on me to-day. We regret to know that he has had bad luck this season. To commence with, he lost thirty cows last winter; then came the crickets destroying his crops to such an extent that he will scarcely get his seed back; and finally, he lost a fine mare, valued at \$150, a few days ago. But Mr. Hill is not one of the kind to cry over “spilled mill.” He keeps a stiff upper lip, and will make preparations to farm on an extensive scale again next season.

COMPLIMENTARY.

The Idaho World pays the following neat compliment to the AVALANCHE

We have just received a number of the WEEKLY AVALANCHE since its enlargement. It now contains thirty-two columns of interesting reading matter, and is really the only live, wide-awake newspaper printed in the Territory. A great deal of mental labor is expended in the conduct of the AVALANCHE, but the efforts put forth by its able editors are not thrown away, as a splendid advertising business and large and steadily increasing list of subscribers fully attest.

Sports

Huskies suffer first 2A WIC setbacks

Marsing High School's volleyball team was swept in a pair of 2A Western Idaho Conference matches last week.

Thursday: Cole Valley Christian def. Marsing, 3-0 — The Huskies succumbed to experience and size when the Chargers prevailed 24-15, 25-12, 25-8.

Marsing coach Amy Chadez is not surprised by the Chargers' success.

"They will no doubt be vying for one of the top spots in our conference," she said.

The Huskies (4-10 overall, 1-2 in conference at week's end) are still adjusting to losing senior Hannah Sevy, who was shelved with a high ankle sprain in practice two weeks ago. The team is still struggling to find the best lineup with the remaining personnel.

Junior Emily Thoene and sophomore Emily Vanosdall have been swinging from junior varsity to varsity in Sevy's absence. Thoene plays right side and Vanosdall is a defensive specialist.

"We are entering an extremely difficult spot in our conference play with many of the lead contenders coming up," Chadez said. "We are focusing on what we can control, cleaning up the little miscues and going back to the



Marsing outside hitter Delaney Percifield grimaces as she goes low to dig a shot during early game action against The Ambrose School on Sept. 29 at home.

basics when needed.

"We are setting goals individually and as a team in our skill areas so we can celebrate our improvement along the way."

Junior setter Lexi Loucks paced the Huskies with her seven assists and seven digs against the Chargers.

Junior middle blocker MarDee Hall was her usual force at the net, accounting for four kills and six blocks.

Sophomore outside hitter Mila Astorquia and Thoene recorded three kills each.

Sept. 29: Ambrose def. Marsing, 3-0 — In each set, the host Huskies found themselves in holes that they couldn't dig themselves out of. The Ambrose School prevailed, 25-21, 25-18, 25-15.

"We have done this in a few other games this season, and it immediately takes the wind out of us and we play nervous," Chadez said.

Chadez said the team's attacking has become more consistent — much to her satisfaction — but she would

like the girls to focus on being more aggressive and finding the open floor as they swing.

She said the team's passing and digging also continues to improve.

"This was a goal area for our team this year, and we are well above our average from last year and continue to work on this as a team," Chadez said.

Senior libero Fallon Wasson led the team with 11 digs, and senior outside hitter Delaney Percifield and Hall had five kills each. — TK



Marsing senior running back Isai Arriaga takes an end around for good yardage.

✓ Melba: 3 straight wins

From Page 1B
over its last three contests.

For the season, the Huskies have been outscored by an average of 37.2 to 26.6. Last season, Marsing went 1-7, averaging just five points per game, while allowing 49.4.

Melba, which reached the 2A state semifinals last year, has won three consecutive games — including two conference games by a combined 97-8 score — since losing its opener to Class 3A Fruitland by two points, 36-34.

The Mustangs fell to eventual state champ West Side, 40-8, in the 2019 state playoffs.

Neither coach — Melba's Juan Colunga nor the Huskies' Mike Nunnelee — provided information prior to The Owyhee Avalanche's deadline.

MARSING HUSKIES

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Football
Kolton Scott, sr., QB
Second-year starter

Volleyball
MarDee Hall, jr., MB
4 blocks, 6 kills vs. Cole Valley Christian

Cross country
Jesus Ramirez, fr.
First year on squad

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Commentary

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On the edge of common sense



The Power Professional Processing Team

It struck in late October like a plague of mustard gas. It started with a trickle but then soon began to mass. In pens and cattle alleys on the new receiving side, The fall run was beginning and there was no place to hide. The boss said, “Git ’em processed, just as fast as they come in! “A crew’ll bring ’em to ya and then take ’m back again.” So, K.T. got three cowboys and headed toward the shed, “You shovel out the squeeze chute, Clyde. Juan, come with me,” she said.

They filled a gooseneck trailer with the stuff she thought they’d need. “We’ll inventory later, right now, all that counts is speed!” By eight the chute was bangin’ through the second semi load. The cattle to be processed stretched a mile down the road. Syringes on the fast draw firin’ doses of vaccine, Hydraulic handles flippin’ like a bad pinball machine, Blue smoke and buzzin’ bee stings from the hotshots and the brands, An ear tag like snakebite, bawlin’ calves and flashin’ hands.

An implant undercover, some pour-on down the back, Dewormer for the pore ones, dehorning with a crack. Release the head, a clatter. Release the squeeze, a pause. He bolts, but then the next one is captured in the jaws. On and on they processed till their hands were just a blur, The cattle like a carousel, the headgate just a whirl. Above the shed an aura that so brightened up the skies The cowboys bringin’ new ones had to cover up their eyes.

A vacuum was created like a swirlin’ whirlwind. As soon as one was turned out, it sucked the next one in. The final bunch was brought up, but when the last one fled. They couldn’t quit, their autopilot stuck full speed ahead! They might have gone forever ’cept the power went haywire. The crew walked out like robots whose brains had caught on fire. They stood around unknowing, ears still ringin’ from the fray, So numb they could remember nothing that transpired that day.

But driftin’ in next morning came the news of all they’d done, Two thousand head they’d processed, caught and treated every one, Plus, a hundred saddle horses, the neighbor’s feeder pigs, A pair of tawdry mannequins with English lawyer wigs, A marching band from Goodland, 16 greyhounds from the track, The local Veterans Color Guard, a llama and a yak, Assorted order buyers and a great big plastic steer, Not to mention one truck driver with a lot tag in his ear.

Reports just kept on comin’ from the countryside around. The feedlot was a’buzzin’ with each new add-on they found, But Boss, he saw things different, “K.T., what about the cost? “Them extra ones you processed guaranteed a hefty loss. “We’ll never get our money back no matter how we tried, “Unless you got some brainstorm...” K.T. pondered, then replied, “I reckon we could bill ’em... or, if mark-ups ain’t a crime, “Just charge ’m twice the goin’ rate at reimplanting time.”

— Visit Baxter’s Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black books, CDs and DVDs. His latest release is a collection of three audio books taking his usual humorous look at rodeo. Be sure to mention *The Owyhee Avalanche* when ordering.

From Washington Forest management reform crucial to end wildfire cycle

The 2020 wildfire season has been one of the most active on record. So far, 44,174 wildfires have burned 7.1 million acres, including more than 5 million acres in California, Oregon and Washington alone. In Idaho, 15 wildfires have burned more than 200,000 acres so far.

The damage these fires have caused is disastrous. Thousands of people have lost their homes and property. Numerous communities have been destroyed. Millions of people have spent weeks breathing air choked with smoke and ash. And, many people have lost their lives.

Catastrophic wildfire will remain a threat to lives, property and forest resources unless we act decisively to reduce the risk. One way to do that is to actively manage our forests by reducing dead and dying fuel on the landscape. This is why we are proud to co-sponsor bipartisan forest management reform to equip federal land management agencies with the tools they need to protect communities from deadly wildfires.

The Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act is bipartisan legislation that will increase active management of federal forests, cut red tape, reduce frivolous litigation and advance fire risk reduction. Sens. Steve Daines (R-Mont.) and Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) worked across party lines for months to negotiate the details of this bill. In September, we joined in co-sponsoring this bill, and as a member of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Sen. Risch spoke about the devastating wildfires and the need for S. 4431 at a recent committee hearing.

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Center for Representative Govt. Electoral integrity crucial to democracy

Elections are the hallmark of representative democracy. As a nation, we put a great deal of faith in elections, and the voting process. We abide by their results. Elections are fundamental to our system of government. We commit to a peaceful transfer of power to the election winners. Elections are the way we do business and make many key decisions.

We have hundreds of elections to choose candidates for public office. They occur at all levels of government: municipal, county, district and state as well as national. We have

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primary elections within political parties and elections to choose leaders of corporations and nongovernmental organizations.

Just as we cast ballots in elections, our core institutions rely on voting. The

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Commentary

Financial management

Stay cool, calm and collected with pushy debt collectors

Dear Dave,
Do you have suggestions on how to interact with debt collectors? Sometimes they are reasonable and easy to work with, but others are rude and pushy. Your advice would be appreciated.

— Paul

Dear Paul,
You'll run into all sorts of collectors, no matter what kind of debt you have. Occasionally they are friendly and understanding, while others can be downright mean and nasty. Whatever their approach is, you have to keep in mind they're all after one thing — your money.
Most debt collectors prey on

a person's emotions and lack of confidence. If you don't know your rights, they can scare you by using bogus threats. Understand what I'm saying here, Paul. If you have debt, you have a legal and moral obligation to pay it. At the same time, you need to calmly and confidently control these kinds of conversations. You might have made some financial mistakes, but that doesn't mean you should allow someone to abuse you.
When it comes to dealing with debt collectors, keep track of all the calls and emails. Write down the names of anyone you talk to and when they called. A record of all contact is important, and it will make it easier to report them if they violate the federal Fair



Debt Collection Practices Act. If the collector agrees to settle the debt, get it in writing and keep the document as proof in case they "forget" they made the offer. Also, be completely up to

speed on your accounts. Know what you owe, who you owe, and have a record of all the payments you've made. Knowing the facts gives you the upper hand in any situation. Don't be intimidated by debt collectors, either. Calmly explain your situation, the reason you're behind on the debt, and how you plan to pay it off. Don't get emotional and let yourself get drawn into an argument or shouting match. If they insult you, or yell or curse at you — yes, this happens sometimes — hang up immediately.
Financial troubles like debt can make every aspect of your life feel messed up. If you want to get back on track, start living on a written, monthly budget, and

attack your debts using the debt snowball system. It's not easy, and it takes discipline, hard work, and sacrifices, but it's worth it!
— 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.

✓ Integrity: Freedom is continuously reborn through free, fair elections

From Page 6B
U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate enact legislation by voting. Supreme Court decisions are approved by voting among the justices. Your local city council or township board votes to approve budgets and tax rates.
Elections generally reflect the principle of majority rule, but not always. Sometimes a plurality of voters decides, as when an election includes multiple candidates, and no one wins a majority. However, we agree on the rules by which elections are conducted and accept their results.
Representative government works because of our support for elected leaders. We choose, as a society, to be governed by them. It's frightening to think of governmental decisions being made by a handful of unelected people.
Elections serve at least four important functions.
First, they allow us to express policy preferences across a wide range of issues. Voters try to push government in certain directions. We use elections, for example, to signal our leaders how to manage the

economy or conduct foreign affairs.
Second, and most obviously, we use elections to choose our leaders. Candidates work hard to get our support, but, ultimately, the voters decide. We support the individuals we want in office and the party whose ideals and values align with our own.
Third, elections help us enforce accountability, which is essential to democratic government. Elections are the way we ensure our government officials answer for their actions. We use the vote to express approval and disapproval.
A fourth function, I believe, is that elections confer legitimacy to our system of representative government, giving our leaders the authority to act through the consent of the governed. Through elections, we delegate responsibility for officials to act on our behalf.
In the United States, the world's oldest constitutional democracy, we expect that elections will be free and honest and that votes will be tallied without prejudice or manipulation. Because of the importance of elections, we should be concerned about voter

turnout. Only about 55 percent of eligible adults vote in U.S. presidential elections; turnout is much higher in most other advanced democracies.
New developments have emerged to shake our faith in elections. Russian forces have tried to influence American voters. Russian, Chinese and Iranian hackers have reportedly tried to hack election-related computer accounts. President Donald Trump has questioned the validity of voting by mail and suggested, without evidence, that the election may be rigged against him.
The integrity of the electoral process is tremendously important. Free, honest and transparent elections are essential for maintaining the public's faith in government.
Abraham Lincoln famously asked whether a nation conceived and dedicated to the principle that all people are created equal could long endure. His answer was that America needed a "new birth of freedom" to deliver on its promise. Free and fair elections, conducted in accordance with accepted rules and procedures, are the way we ensure that freedom is continually reborn. We need to treasure and protect them.

✓ Reform: Legislation addresses constraints created by court ruling

From Page 6B
This legislation will:
• Require the U.S. Forest Service to conduct three landscape-level fire reduction projects in the West proposed by a governor;
• Establish a prescribed fire center in the West;
• Provide relief from the *Cottonwood* decision by establishing a threshold for what qualifies as "new information" triggering consultation;
• Establish a new categorical exclusion to accelerate management near roads, trails, and transmission lines;
• Establish a grant program to facilitate the removal of biomass from national forest areas; and
• Create a competitive grant program for groups assisting in workforce development in the forestry sector.
Nearly 100 organizations representing the forest products industry, counties, conservation districts, sportsmen and sportswomen and others support the legislation. Farm Bureau organizations, including the Idaho Farm Bureau, wrote in support of S. 4431 and the need to increase the pace of forest management

activities to reduce the threat of catastrophic fires, protect lives and communities and help safeguard western natural resources and economies. The letters of support emphasized the impacts of wildfire on agriculture producers: "In addition to direct crop and livestock losses, agricultural commodities are also being impacted via smoke-taint and ash. Wildfire smoke is also exacerbating the public health risk to farmers and farmworkers continuously working to provide a safe food supply to Americans amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic."
We followed up the co-sponsorship of S. 4431 by joining a group of senators and representatives, including our fellow members of the Idaho Congressional Delegation Reps. Mike Simpson and Russ Fulcher, in urging Senate and House Leadership to consider broad forest policy reform legislation before the end of this year. We wrote, "While Congress has enacted meaningful forestry provisions in recent years, it is clear we must do more or our communities will continue to pay the price. ... We urge you to build on the bipartisan reforms enacted in 2014 and 2018

and take action to protect at-risk communities by accelerating bold, broad, bipartisan forest management reform before the end of the year."
Enactment of the Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act will reinforce the successful enactment of bipartisan legislation we pushed for to enable federal agencies to respond to wildfires as they would other natural disasters and end fire borrowing. The severity of the fires makes clear we cannot let up in working to ensure firefighters and land management agencies have the resources necessary to prepare for wildfire response and reduce the threat of wildfires. We look forward to getting this legislation signed into law.
— Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior U.S. senator, and Jim Risch is seeking re-election as the state's junior senator. Both are Republicans. Crapo 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. Risch is in his second senatorial term and previously served as Idaho's governor and lieutenant governor and a state legislator.

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Sports



Top: Alejandro Barrera (right) competed in his first meet of the season. **Bottom, left:** Sal Mattivi (left) prepares to turn the corner and head back to the football field. **Bottom, right:** Sophomore Josue Espejel in the final few minutes.



Huskies' newcomer impresses at home

The Marsing High School cross country program hosted what may very well have been its first-ever home meet last Wednesday.

"I believe it's the first, as far as I know," first-year Huskies' coach Clint Thomas said.

Marsing got mixed results. There were a couple standout individual performances, but the boys' squad finished last among seven teams and the girls did not bring enough athletes to qualify for a team score.

Among the boys, sophomore Alejandro Barrera, who ran last year but was competing in his first 2020 meet, finished 20th with the Huskies' first sub-20-minute time of the season. He completed the 5-kilometer course in 18 minutes, 50.8 seconds, nearly four full minutes ahead of his next teammate to cross the finish line.

Sophomore Josue Espejel, finished with a time of 22:40.8. He placed 55th.

Nacho Margarito (62nd, 23:53.7), Jesus Ramirez (64th, 29:06.1), and Tyson Campbell

(65th, 31:10) followed Barrera and Espejel to the finish line.

All five set personal records.

On the girls' side, freshman Sal Mattivi (20th, 24:22.7) again finished first among her teammates, more than five minutes better than Mariah Gonzalez (43rd, 29:30.71).

Mikaila Gonzalez (47th, 29:59.97) and newcomer Trinity Stimmel (51st, 43:45.13) followed. Like the boys, all the girls finished with PRs.

"I thought our kids ran really strong at the meet," Thomas said. "(Results) show how hard they are working."

Thomas said the team has worked at increasing its running volume so that the athletes can increase the race pace at three miles.

The coach was pleased to see some familiar faces attending the meet.

"It was great to see the community at the race," he said. "It takes everyone to host a meet of that magnitude."

— TK

Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

On October 28, 2020, the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St., Murphy, Idaho on the following matter at the time listed below.

Beginning at 9:30 am, the Commission will hear application Z20-31 a request for a conditional use permit filed by **Jeff & MaryJo Anderson** seeking approval to establish a single-family residence on an approximately 69-acre parcel located at the southwest corner of Cemetery Road and Hogg Road approximately 4 miles west of Marsing. The subject parcel, RP02N05W020000, is owned by Norman Family Trust and is located in an agricultural zone in a portion of the NE¼ of Section 2, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

In consideration of those who cannot attend in person, we will also offer this meeting and hear testimony by teleconference and web-based meeting using the Zoom platform. If you are interested in participating via Zoom, please contact the Planning and Zoning office for the meeting link, or you can also find all information and details regarding this meeting at owyheecounty.net under Public Hearing Documents on the Community Development page.

A copy of the proposed project is available for review in the Planning and Zoning office or at the website listed above. For additional information please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2.
10/07/2020

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marsing City Council will hold a public hearing to consider any and all comments on the following: Kim Burril and Dustin Elison, petitioner, is requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow roosters in City limits. The address of the parcel is 912 Moler Lane, Marsing. Comments will be taken at the public hearing or may be submitted in writing for consideration. Written comments must be postmarked to the Marsing City Hall, PO Box 125, Marsing, ID 83639 or delivered to Marsing City Hall, located at 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. Written comments

HOMEDALE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF FEE INCREASE

[IC §63-1311A]

LEGAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That on October 13, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. at the Homedale Fire Station, 20 W Colorado, Homedale, ID 83628, the Board of Commissioners of the Homedale Rural Fire Protection District will receive comments regarding the Board of Commissioners' intent to make a decision to establish the following proposed fee.

In summary, the Board of Commissioners intends to establish the following proposed fee:

FEE CATEGORY	EXISTING FEE	PROPOSED FEE
Subdivision - Preliminary Plat (per each lot)	\$150 + \$25 per lot	\$200 +\$50 per lot
Subdivision - Final Plat	\$150 + \$1.00 per lot	\$200 + \$25
Subdivision - Improvement Drawing Review	\$200.00 for 10 lots or less	\$200.00 for 10 lots or less;
(Review fees are payable with Plan Submittal)	\$5 for each lot commencing with the 11th lot over and above the \$200 fee	\$50 for each lot commencing with the 11th lot over and above the \$200 fee
Commercial - Plan Review for rural Water Supply	\$50.00	\$200.00
Plan Review Fire Code	\$75.00 per hour + expenses	\$200.00
On-Site Inspections	\$75.00	\$100.00 per site visit
Emergency Vehicle Access Inspections	\$50.00	\$150.00
Basic Life Support	\$450.00	\$600.00
Advanced Life Support	\$600.00	\$850.00
Transport Mileage	\$10.97	\$15.00
Ambulance & EMT Standby Fee	\$35.00 per unit per hour	\$74.00 per unit per hour
Treat & Release	\$75.00	\$150.00

Basis of Authority:

1. The State of Idaho, under authority of Idaho Code §63-1311, provides that the governing board of any taxing district may impose and cause to be collected fees for services provided which would otherwise be funded by property tax revenues.

2. The above referenced Fire and Ambulance fees have been preliminarily determined by the Board of Commissioners to be reasonable in relationship to the cost of administering by the Fire District and does not exceed the actual cost incurred by the Fire District to render said services and to protect its ability to collect such fees.

All persons are invited to attend the public hearing and to provide comment on the proposed fee to be established. Copies of the full text of the proposed Fee Policy may be viewed at Parker Advisors, 19 E Wyoming Avenue, Homedale, Idaho, during regular office hours [8 a.m. to Noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 am to Noon on Friday].

DATED this 22nd day of September, 2020.

Mike Parker, Secretary
09/30,10/07/2020

will be received until 5:00 pm on October 14th, 2020 and will be read into the record at the public hearing. The public hearing will be held at the City Council Meeting, which begins at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at Marsing City Hall, located at 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. Dated this 24th day of September, 2020
09/30,10/07/20

SUMMONS

To: KIM WOLFLEY and JUDY CAROL LOVELAND aka ST. CLAIR,

You have been sued by FORA FINANCIAL BUSINESS LOANS, LLC, the Plaintiff, in the THIRD District Court in and for CANYON COUNTY, Idaho, Case No. CV14-20-01067.

The nature of the claim against you is collection of money owed by you.

Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, **unless** prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case No., and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 1115 Albany St., Caldwell, ID 83605,

telephone (208) 454-7572, and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiff's attorney MICHAEL J. ARCHIBALD, #8476 at M2 Law Group PC, P.O. Box 330, Meridian, ID 83680, telephone (208) 336-3331.

A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff.

If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

Dated: 09/18/2020
s:/CHRIS YAMAMOTO
CANYON COUNTY District Court
By: s:/Devon Hally _____
Deputy
09/30,10/07,14,21/2020

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

**CASE NO. CV-37-20-319
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT FOR THE STATE
OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR
THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE**

IN RE: LORI LANE FRINK
Legal name. A petition to change the name of Lori Lane Frink, an adult, now residing in the city

of Marsing, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Lori Lane Deschand. The reason for the change in name is: I have no connection to my birth father anymore and want to change it to my mothers maiden name.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 11:30 o'clock a.m. on November 02, 2020 at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 ID-78, Murphy, Id 83650. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: September 05, 2020
s:/Lena Johnson, Deputy Clerk
Angela Barkell, Clerk of the District Court
09/23,30,10/07,14/2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

57-12022
ROBERT MANCASO
SHERRY MANCASO
17931 BRIAR CREEK RD
MURPHY, ID 83650-5005
Point of Diversion NESE S5

T03S R02W OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER

Use: DOMESTIC 01/01 to 12/31 0.04 CFS

Use: IRRIGATION 05/01 to 10/01 0.01 CFS

Total Diversion: 0.04 CFS
Date Filed: 08-17-2020

P l a c e O f U s e :
DOMESTIC,IRRIGATION
T03S R02W S5 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/WRAApplicationResults/>. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 W AIRPORT WAY, BOISE ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 10/26/2020. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director
10/07,14/2020



Public notices

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 their intent to change or make the following rules in the latest publication of the state Administrative Bulletin.

The proposed rule public hearing request deadline is October 21, 2020, unless otherwise posted.

The proposed rule written comment submission deadline is October 28, 2020, unless otherwise posted.

(Temp & Prop) indicates the rulemaking is both Temporary and Proposed.

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

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08-0201-2001, Rules Governing Administration. (Temp & Prop) Establishes a methodology for reporting student enrollment, to include virtual or blended instruction; removes high school equivalency certificate application requirement; and technical corrections pertaining to funding and student counts. (eff. 8-26-20)T

08-0202-2002, Rules Governing Uniformity. References new Advanced Professional Endorsement to align rule with state law; and sets provisions for career technical educator degree based certification to comport with new legislation.

08-0501-2001, Rules Governing Seed and Plant Certification. Chapter repealed to conform to legislative action.

IDAPA 16 – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

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16.03.09 – Medicaid Basic Plan Benefits

***16-0309-2002,** (*PH) Removes references to federal exclusion of Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) to allow Medicaid reimbursement for services delivered to eligible adults in an IMD setting.

***16-0309-2004,** (*PH) Waives clearance requirements for Peer Support and Recovery Coaching service providers; implementation of an Electronic Visit Verification system to comply with federal law; and simplify procedures for Home Health services.

***16-0310-2002, Medicaid Enhanced Plan Benefits.** (*PH) Complying with federal law by implementing an Electronic Visit Verification system for Personal Care Services requiring in-home visit; and increases current Behavioral Care Unit census requirement to 30% for new providers.

IDAPA 35 – STATE TAX COMMISSION

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35-0201-2001, Tax Commission Administration and Enforcement Rules. Adds 2021 interest rate and IRS Revenue Ruling for delinquent taxes.

IDAPA 39 – IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

3311 W State St, Boise, ID 83707-1129

39-0271-2001, Rules Governing Driver’s License Violation Point System. (Temp & Prop) Per enacted law, adds new violation and driver’s license assessed points for distracted driving. (eff. 8-20-20)T

IDAPA 50 – COMMISSION OF PARDONS AND PAROLE

3056 Elder St, Boise, ID 83705

50-0101-2001, Rules of the Commission of Pardons and Parole. Requires service of legal documents on commissioners or agency staff to be processed by assigned deputy attorney general.

IDAPA 54 – OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER

700 W Jefferson St, Ste. 126, Boise, ID 83720

54-0201-2001, Rules Governing the College Savings Program. Chapter repealed to conform to legislative action.

IDAPA 59 – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF IDAHO (PERSI)

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59-0101-2001, Rules for the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI). Omission of certain terms due to enacted legislation for “Police Officer Member Status”; and changing an age requirement per federal law.

IDAPA 61 – IDAHO STATE PUBLIC DEFENSE COMMISSION

816 W Bannock, Ste 201, Boise, ID 83702

***61-0101-2001, Rules Governing Training Requirements for Defending Attorneys and Administration of Training Funds.** (*PH) Repealed.

***61-0101-2002, General Provisions and Definitions.** (*PH) New Chapter contains general provisions and definitions applicable to PDC.

***61-0102-2001, Rules Governing Uniform Data Reporting Requirements & Forms for Defending Attorney Annual Reports.** (*PH) Repealed.

***61-0102-2002, Requirements and Procedures for Representing Indigent Persons.** (*PH) New Chapter contains minimum requirements counties and attorneys must meet for public defense and representation of Indigent Persons.

***61-0103-2001, Rules Governing Contracts and Core Requirements for Contracts Between Counties and Private Attorneys for the Provision of Indigent Defense Services.** (*PH) Chapter Repealed.

***61-0103-2002, Records, Reporting and Review.** (*PH)

New Chapter contains minimum public defense recordkeeping and reporting requirements and PDC’s review of this information.

***61-0104-2001, Rules Governing Procedures and Forms for the Application and Disbursement of Indigent Defense Financial Assistance.** (*PH) Chapter Repealed.

***61-0104-2002, Financial Assistance and Training Resources.** (*PH) New Chapter contains requirements for public defense financial assistance and trainings offered through the PDC.

***61-0106-2001, Rules Governing Procedures for the Oversight, Implementation, Enforcement, and Modification of Indigent Defense Standards.** (*PH) Chapter Repealed.

***61-0107-2001, Rules Governing Standards for Defending Attorneys that Utilize Idaho’s Principles of an Indigent Defense Delivery System.** (*PH) Chapter Repealed.

***61-0108-2001, Rules Governing the Administration of Idaho’s Indigent Defense Delivery System – Rule Definitions.** (*PH) Repealed.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY RULE ONLY

IDAPA 24 – DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

24-2001-2002, Rules of the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (eff. 8-7-20)T

IDAPA 39 – IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

39-0000-2000F, Omnibus Rulemaking – Amendment to Temporary Rule – Amends Title 02, Chapter 60 (eff. 1-1-21)T

NOTICE OF PROCLAMATION

IDAPA 13 – IDAHO FISH AND GAME COMMISSION / DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

13.01.09 – Rules Governing the Taking of Game Birds. 13-0109-2001AP (Amended), 13-0109-2001AAP (Amended), 13-0109-2005P.

13.01.11 – Rules Governing Fish. 13-0111-1901AAAAAAP (Amended), 13-0111-2003P. Please refer to the Idaho Administrative Bulletin **October 7, 2020, Volume 20-10**, for the 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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Sports

Trojans outlast Vandals for second straight volleyball victory

Dig Pink match vs. Fruitland moved to Monday

It was a week of mixed emotions for Homedale High School volleyball players.

The squad endured the long bus ride to Valley County and beat McCall-Donnelly in a back-and-forth five-set 3A Snake River Valley conference match.

But a day before what was to be one of the biggest nights of the season, the Trojans (2-3 in 3A SRV) learned their Dig Pink fundraiser and conference match against visiting Fruitland had been postponed.

“We were excited to play Fruitland in our gym, and (were) coming off a great win,” first-year Trojans coach Evonne McGuire said. “It is definitely disappointing, but we look forward to playing them October 12th.

Fruitland shut down all activities after Southwest District Health listed Payette County in the COVID-19 red alert level last Wednesday.

A scheduled 3A SRV cross country meet in Fruitland also has been cancelled.

Homedale athletic director Casey Grove is still working with McCall-Donnelly’s administration to reschedule the Trojans’ home match against the Vandals. Originally scheduled for Sept. 10, that match was postponed after the McCall-Donnelly school board banned all extra-curricular activities that were scheduled to take place in a county that is in a health level of yellow or above.

“We were disappointed, but knew that our AD Casey Grove would do everything he could to get it rescheduled,” McGuire said.

McGuire said the Dig Pink breast cancer awareness fundraiser will shift to Monday to coincide with the Fruitland matchup as originally planned.

“We will be collecting spare change (think pennies and nickels) to raise money for the Side Out Foundation,”

McGuire wrote in an email to The Owyhee Avalanche.

“The Side Out Foundation focuses on raising awareness for stage 4 breast cancer awareness. We are very happy to partner with them.”

It’s likely that McGuire hopes the Trojans can keep the momentum from the McCall victory.

“We need to finish our season strong,” she said. “We have Fruitland, Parma, Payette and Weiser coming up. We need to come out strong and play to win, which I think the girls are ready to do.”

Sept. 29: Homedale def. McCall-Donnelly, 3-2 — The Trojans won their second consecutive conference match, going an extra point in the fifth set of a 25-16, 21-25, 25-18, 19-25, 16-14 decision in Valley County.

“The girls played tough and never gave up. I was so proud of them,” McGuire said. “It was an awesome win.

“They worked hard and fought for every point. It was so fun to watch them play to win.”

The Trojans posted a 92 percent serving percentage.

“Consistent, strong serves can make or break a game, and it definitely helped us,” McGuire said.

The team’s defense at the net collected 20 blocks.

“Absolutely everyone contributed to the win at McCall, and it was great,” McGuire said.

The coach senses a monumental marathon win will help in the long run.

“Having the opportunity to go five sets against a strong McCall team, and never giving up was huge for our confidence,” she said.

Sept. 24: Homedale def. Payette, 3-1 — The Trojans’ win streak began with a 25-16, 24-26, 25-17, 25-16 conference victory on the Pirates’ floor.

Sept. 22: Weiser def. Homedale, 3-0 — The visiting Wolverines handed the Trojans their third consecutive loss to start the conference season in a closely contested match.

Weiser prevailed 25-22, 25-20, 25-19.

“It was actually a really great match,” McGuire said. “The girls played really well. We were competitive.”

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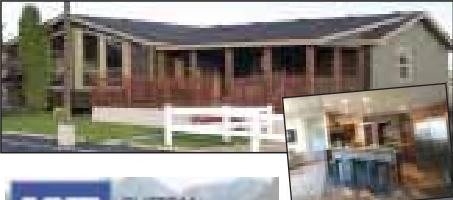
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Sports

Cornhole contestants fill county community center



Left: Homedale resident Ryan Nash competes in Saturday's Homedale High School wrestling program cornhole tournament fundraiser. **Above:** Saturday's top three teams, from left, Hole Patrol (third place), Galloping Harris (champion), and CPC Boys (runner-up). **Right:** Luis Camargo takes aim while holding his arsenal and Gina Egusquiza looks on from the background. Submitted photos

✓ Milk Jug: Well-coached, cohesive Trojans send streak into 2nd decade

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the series.

"It has been a lot of hard work and dedication by so many people that have been a part of the building of this program," Holtry said.

"The expectations have always been very high here, and it has just been a matter of sticking to the plan and going to work on that plan every day of getting better."

The Milk Jug stays on the HHS campus after the Trojans held Parma to just five first downs, including one on one of the Trojans' five penalties.

The Trojans' defense allowed only 54 total yards, the lowest amount an opponent has achieved all season.

Homedale scored on its first six possessions, and Uriel Neri was perfect on all of his point-after-touchdown kicks.

The Trojans' offense never had a field shorter than 58 yards thanks to Homedale's swarming defense and the Panthers' subpar punting game.

Isaiah Krohn, who doubles as the Panthers' quarterback, averaged just 22.2 yards on five punts. He also picked up exactly half of the team's offensive yards.

When the Homedale defense couldn't stop Krohn and the Panthers, the game clock helped out.

Parma's longest drive of the game, 30 yards and 10 plays, ended at the Trojans' 38-yard line when Omar Rios tackled running back Charlie Camacho after a 2-yard gain.

Junior linebackers Willy Haun and Willie White led Homedale's defense with



A host of Homedale defenders, including linebacker Willy Haun (left) and defensive end Thomas Symms (right) bring down Parma running back Colt Murdock early in the first quarter Friday.

seven tackles each. Haun had four solo tackles, and White notched two.

Haun and White set the tone early, playing a part on tackles during four of the game's first five plays.

Then there was Thomas Symms, a 6-foot, 3-inch, 239-pound senior defensive end.

Symms sacked Krohn on 3rd-and-9 to force the first punt of the game. It was the first of three solo tackles for loss. In fact, Symms had only one tackle that didn't take place in the Panthers' backfield.

Chase Cooper also sacked backup quarterback Cody Hartsock in the game's waning plays.

Sophomore Mason Strong picked off Hartsock to end the



Sophomore quarterback Jaxon Dines sprints toward the end zone during his 18-yard scoring run in the first quarter.

game.

Holtry said the Trojans adjusted to a new look from the Panthers' offense. The double tight end-double wing formations — which Homedale hadn't seen in film study — favored a run-heavy approach to essentially keep the Trojans' offense off the field by controlling the clock.

"Thomas along with the rest of the defense did a great job of setting the line of scrimmage and making plays at the line of scrimmage throughout the game," the coach said.

Homedale's offense took full advantage of the defense's dominance, and also made some of its own breaks.

Sophomore quarterback Jaxon Dines knifed through the

Parma defense for an 18-yard touchdown run after Krohn's first punt only traveled 11 yards to the home team's 44.

Junior Hayden Kincheloe bulled his way up the middle for 10 yards for a 14-0 lead after Parma managed just seven yards on six plays.

After Parma's third possession — a three-and-out sequence that netted just two yards and featured consecutive tackles for loss by Symms and Rios — Josh Brown concentrated when Dines' pass bounced off a defender's hand, snagged the ball and wound up in the end zone to complete a 39-yard scoring play.

Strong got in on the act with a 35-yard TD run in the third quarter.

Keagen Christensen, who made his mark on defense with four tackles, got in the scoring when he caught a 9-yard TD.

Trenton Fisher, who has

been a juggernaut for the junior varsity squad, found the end zone on a 1-yard plunge to finish the rout.

Dines continued his efficient performance as a passer. He completed seven of nine attempts against the Panthers for 112 yards and three touchdowns. In the past two games, the quarterback has only missed on three of 20 attempts.

Dines completed passes to eight different receivers. Symms caught two passes for 20 yards and a pair of first downs.

Holtry said Dines' emergence has been a confluence of his natural, chemistry gained through practice and the input of the Trojans' coaching staff.

"As we move forward each day, he seems to gain more and more confidence and is gaining a strong understanding of the offense with his keys and reads," the coach said.

Clicking with numerous weapons at his disposal has helped Dines and the offense, too.

"I think it is just the repetition at practice and their confidence building both with experience and with coaching," Holtry said.

"These kids are very driven to be the best and so their work ethic and determination I think is just paying off for them."

With Homedale humming along in quick order, Kincheloe didn't have a chance to take the air out of the ball. He gained 77 yards on 10 carries. But he was key in maintaining possession, running for five first downs.

Dines had 55 yards and four first downs on seven rushes.

— JPB