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Marsing bridge open to drivers and walkers soon

The temporary trestle bridge spanning a significant distance across the Snake River has been nearly completely dismantled, as of Friday afternoon. Work on the bridge in Marsing is drawing to a close with some stretches of paving set to be completed by Friday on the roadway and on the Island Park north side access ramp. The bridge is expected to be finished except for some cleanup by the end of the week. The City of Marsing is planning a small, informal ceremony at 11 a.m. to celebrate the completion of construction on the Main Street sidewalk near The Spot Pizza during the Oktober Festival at the Pavilion.

Inaugural Oktober Festival brews in Marsing

Games, contests, food slated

A quartet of area businesses is banding together to bring a new celebration to local citizens.

County outfits Owyhee Candle Co., Snake River Country Market, and BBC Design Co., and Boise's Powderhaus Brewery will present the first Oktober Festival on Saturday in Marsing.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at The Spot Pavilion, 12 Sandbar Ave.

The sponsors promise live music, food trucks, beer, wine and more than 40 vendors.

— See **Oktober**, page 4A

Education peers laud Sauer's leadership, vision

Homedale schools boss named state superintendent of year

Rob Sauer isn't one to seek the spotlight. And even last week when the glare crept toward him, he was quick to deflect both the limelight and the credit.

Sauer, who is in his ninth school year at the top of the Homedale School District's hierarchy, has been named Idaho's 2021 Superintendent of the Year.

"I think it's great recognition for our district," Sauer said.



Rob Sauer

"To be honest, internally, we feel like we know we have a lot of good things going on, and I

think it is nice for those on the outside to be able to see, 'Hey, Homedale's got a lot really good things going.'

"By no stretch have we arrived yet, but we're working hard and trying to get better each year."

Striving has been amplified this year because of the burdens COVID-19 has put on school districts to deliver on the same educational expectations as a "normal" year.

But the Idaho Association of School Administrators award takes into consideration much

more than the in-the-moment struggles.

And, Sauer sees the recognition as validation that Homedale is heading in the right direction (and rising above stereotypical notions about the district's culture) — both in the classroom and the staff lounge.

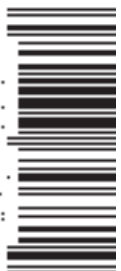
"One example we can point to (is) we don't feel like that for some staff we're necessarily a training ground anymore for them, and that's a challenge for districts that are outlying districts of Boise, and Meridian and even Nampa and Caldwell

— See **Sauer**, page 5A



2020 Homecoming royalty

Gracie Rotter and John Breshears were named Homedale High School Homecoming queen and king before Friday's 54-0 football blowout of Payette. For more photos from the week, see **Page 9A**. For more on the game, see **Page 1B**



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Two-year Marsing bridge project in home stretch

Bridge opening ceremony planned Saturday

The lengthy project to rehabilitate Idaho highway 55 through Marsing and build a new Snake River bridge has become part of everyday life for the town’s citizens.

The City of Marsing will hold a small, ceremonial bridge opening on the sidewalk near The Spot Pizza at 11 a.m., on Saturday. The event will happen concurrently with the Oktober Festival at The Spot pavilion, 12 Sandbar Ave.

While rehab work on Idaho 55 (Main Street) is complete from the bridge to U.S. Highway 95 Wadsworth Brothers Construction has soldiered on, working all day (and often into the night) to complete the job of replacing the nearly 70-year-old bridge.

The project, soil testing for which was carried out in 2015, is finally near completion. According to ITD public information officer Jake Melder, nearly all of work will be completed by the end of the week, and locals can look forward to traveling to and from Canyon County without hindrance.

“We’ll still have some clean-up items, so you’ll still see some activity in the area,” Melder wrote in an email. “There shouldn’t be any significant impacts to travelers or access after (this) week.”

Pedestrian access across the bridge and access on both sides of the bridge to Island Park should be open as well.

The project has had its fair



Work was nearly complete on Friday on the Snake River bridge in Marsing. Wadsworth Brothers crews still needed to complete some north side paving including part of the bridge deck and the new Island Park access ramp.

share of roadblocks and hiccups along the way.

ITD held an open house to present plans to the public in June 2017, and took comments and questions from folks concerning the project until November of that year.

In June 2018, ITD spokesperson Jennifer Gonzalez announced work would commence that fall. At that time, she said the project would cost between \$15 million and \$20 million to complete.

The money for the project comes from the state’s Highway Account, which is funded by fuel taxes and vehicle registration fees.

In December 2018, ITD engineer David Barrett announced that the work on Idaho 55 was set to begin the following month but work on the bridge wouldn’t begin until February or March. Bridgework by Wadsworth Brothers would occur in two major phases, each taking approximately nine months, working one side of the bridge at a time.

“Then there will be about two months there at the end,” Barrett said at the time.

Barrett also stated that the contractor was required to complete the project by June 2020, in accordance with the number of days that ITD was allowing Wadsworth to get the job done. However, over the course of the construction, the number of days was extended. “The primary reason for this is due to site conditions being different than originally surveyed,” Melder said. “We haven’t had any delays to the project as a direct result of the COVID-19 epidemic.”

Melder said that crewmembers discovered the foundation of a bridge that predated even the 1951 structure they were replacing. Progress was delayed as those bridge components were removed.

Idaho Power moved electrical lines to kick off the project in January 2019. Staging and initial bridge construction followed shortly thereafter.

At the time, the project

was still expected to take 20 months, which would mean completion by June 2020. That timeline was agreed upon with a promise to the City of Marsing that only one Third of July celebration would be impacted.

With the schedule change, traffic for Third of July events at Island Park was impacted in both 2019 and 2020.

The original timeline was:

- January to September 2019 — Demolition and reconstruction of the north side of the bridge
- Fall 2019 to summer 2020 — Demolition and reconstruction of the south side of the bridge
- Spring to summer 2020 — Installation of a pedestrian railing on the north side of the bridge

In March 2019, Barrett made assurances to and fielded questions from citizens and merchants affected by the traffic and business corridor access impacts of the construction took place at the Phipps-

Watson American Legion Post 128 Community Center.

One merchant said she had lost upwards of 50 percent of her business because of the construction and traffic congestion.

“It’s tough, I know, working within the existing right-of-way,” Barrett told her. “You have to keep the road open, you have to keep traffic moving through, and the contractor needs to get in there and build. He needs to do his own operation.”

“I understand where you’re coming from. It’s a pain.”

Nevertheless, work continued on through the delays and changes, and by January most of the rehabilitation work on Idaho 55 was complete.

In April, the final completion date was again pushed back, this time to early fall, thereby ensuring that a second Third of July celebration would be impacted. The festivities carried on but with some inconveniences.

Melder is thankful for the public’s patience, including that of Marsing city leaders, law enforcement, and emergency responders, through this long project.

“We are in the final sprint,” he said. “This project is significant, going back a couple years to not only the bridge replacement but the reconstruction of the highway through downtown.”

“I know it’s come with its share of headaches and inconveniences, but the end result is a great roadway and bridge that will serve the City of Marsing and surrounding community for many years.”

— TK

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Longtime friends reunite at the Homedale Senior Center
Above: June Pollock (standing) chats with a couple of friends Thursday after the first congregate meal served at the Homedale Senior Center in months. It was the first of four in-house lunches planned on each Thursday in October as a dry run. Center coordinator Sandra Ledford if all goes well and there is not a spike in COVID-19 cases, the center could open for Tuesday-through-Wednesday congregate lunches next month. Left: Samantha Noblit prepares Meals on Wheels entrees, which are still delivered. Curbside pickup is still available, too.

Absentee ballot deadline approaches

Voters have until the end of next week to request an absentee ballot for the Nov. 3 general election.

Applications must be received at the Owyhee County Clerk’s office by 5 p.m., on Friday, Oct. 23.

Emergency absentee ballots may be requested between Oct. 29 and 5 p.m., on Nov. 2. Only voters who can’t be present at the polls because of hospitalizations beginning after 5 p.m., on Oct. 23 can request an emergency ballot.

A week later, on Oct. 30, in-person absentee voting, which is available only at the courthouse in Murphy, ends at 5 p.m.

Voted absentee ballots must be received by the county clerk by 8 p.m., on Nov. 3.

The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., on Nov. 3 at the Owyhee County Community Center in Homedale, the county courthouse in Murphy, and the American Legion Post 134 Hall in Grand View.

Voters in the Homedale and Marsing precincts will vote in Homedale, Oreana, Wilson and Murphy voters will cast ballots in person in Murphy, and the Bruneau and Grand View voters will cast ballots at the Legion Hall in Grand View.

Pleasant Valley, Riddle and Three Creek remain full mail ballot precincts.

Spook Alley to help HHS juniors, Drama club

The annual Spook Alley returns this weekend to Homedale High School.

The Halloween-themed fundraiser will run from 7:30 p.m., to 10:30 p.m., on Friday and Saturday.

The Spook Alley will be situated throughout the school at 203 E. Idaho Ave.

Entry costs \$6 per person or \$20 per family. COVID-19 guidelines include limited groups to three to six people.

Proceeds will benefit the HHS junior class and Drama Club.

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✓ Oktober: Marsing Country Market will be open; 40 vendors scheduled

Simultaneous with the festival, the City of Marsing will hold a ceremonial opening for the nearly-complete Snake River bridge at 11 a.m., on the Main Street sidewalk next to The Spot Pizza.

In addition to Oktober Festival shopping and entertainment, there will be a costume contest. Prizes will be awarded in children's and adult costume divisions, and folks are invited to participate in trick-or-treating, face and pumpkin painting, and more festivities.

Representatives from Section 37 Axe Room, based in Boise, will be on hand to help folks learn and hone axe-throwing skills.

Some of the scheduled vendors include:

- Owyhee Trading Co.
- Village Market Designs
- Handcrafted Wino
- Katie Davis Photography
- Owyhee Candle Co.

- Kelsie B-Handmade
- Simply Goats Skincare
- LuLa Roe
- Nora Oviedo Antiques
- Challah Bread
- Left-handed Face Painting

- Coffee Guy
- Tamara's Breads and Jams
- Author Jacquie Rogers, who is a Homedale native

Food vendors expected to participate include:

- Off the Grid
- Scotty's Hot Dogs
- Chili Time
- The BBQ Guy
- Machu Picchu Peruvian cuisine

- The Spot Pizza
- Ankeny Brothers Kettle Corn

- Nana Pops
- Potter Wines, Powderhaus Brewery, and The Pour House will sell beverages.
- Scotty Larsen and Lad Shore will provide the music.



Brothers' kettle corn business pops on the scene

Sam (left) and Braden Ankeny of Ankeny Brothers Kettle Corn work on the next batch of their tasty treat. The specialty popcorn makers will have a booth at the Oktober Festival from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Saturday at The Spot Pavilion, 12 Sandbar Ave., in Marsing. The sons of Luke and Heidi Ankeny set up shop at the Centennial Baptist School's Fall Harvest block party on Friday. They sell kettle corn for \$7 per large bag.

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✓ Sauer: 2020 superintendent of the year nominated Homedale's chief

to some degree.

"We feel we're becoming more of a destination point for educators because we've had educators in the last few years leave some of those districts to come to us. We think that speaks volumes about the atmosphere and the environment that we're trying to create."

The arrival of Tate Castleton as elementary principal this year and Moss Strong as middle school principal a few years ago are two high-profile examples of that new phenomenon.

For the 2020-21 school year, Homedale attracted teaching talent from area school districts such as Vallivue, Nampa, Caldwell and Kuna.

"There are multiple factors to that: 1) I think we have a really solid, stable school board (compared to) if you look around the state and see the turmoil that has happened and continues to happen," Sauer said.

"I think the next thing (is) we have principals in the buildings that people want to work with and for. And that's huge. In some ways, that levels the playing field and makes us that much more competitive."

A former teacher who is now a Homedale trustee, Leslie Parker, has a unique two-way look at how Sauer helps navigate the district.

"It has been my pleasure to serve on a school board that respects one another and feels at ease voicing differing opinions while acknowledging on another's strengths," Parker wrote in her recommendation letter.

"I believe that is due to Rob's leadership as our superintendent: his quiet, unassuming leadership style, respect for all opinions, firm yet fair leadership, depth of knowledge of important issues, and tenacity at seeing a vision to fruition."

High school principal Matt Holtry said the district has benefitted from Sauer's commitment to excellence.



Ninth-year Homedale School District superintendent Rob Sauer figures work emanating from his office and his contributions on the regional and state level were instrumental in his selection.

"He's never satisfied with the idea of just being OK or the average in education," Holtry wrote in a letter recommending Sauer for the award. "Mr. Sauer wants the best for the students here in the Homedale School District and for this community."

"His commitment to this is why he has been able to create an environment that people want to be a part of. He has helped shape Homedale into a destination and not at stepping stone in education."

"We are grateful for all his work and his commitment to making Homedale the best place to possibly work in education."

Strong, one of those district employees who arrived from a larger district, says Sauer's style helps her in her job.

"As a principal, I appreciate the collaborative leadership that we have in Homedale as an administration team," she said.

"Rob's top priority is to ensure student needs are met and that staff have the resources to effectively be able to do their job."

Sauer, who was nominated by 2020 award winner Kevin Lancaster of the Bliss district, was one of six finalists this year. The award has been handed out five times now, dating to 2017, and Sauer

joins 2019 recipient Mary Ann Ranells of West Ada as the only Treasure Valley administrators to win the state award.

Sauer will be recognized at the IASA summer leadership conference set for Aug. 5 at the Boise Centre. He's also now in the running for the American Association of School Administrators national award, for which Ranells was a finalist.

"It shines a positive light on the district and just reveals some of the good things that we believe that we've been doing," Sauer said of the award.

Sauer said he's sure that his networking during 26 years in the state's education system, position as current Region III superintendents board president, and his work with Gov. Brad Little's task forces dealing with COVID-19 impacts and paths forward helped with his nomination.

But, in his eyes, it's really the achievements possible only with the buy-in of Homedale district staff that pushed him over the top.

"There's no doubt that implementation of PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) has been a huge piece to getting us toward that next level that we want to get to," Sauer said. "It really has been foundational for us and cultivating and building on that being the Homedale Way K-12 instead of in pockets."

"And I think just continuing

to build those relationships over time with our staff, with our administration, with our board, our community."

Sauer also didn't discount longevity as a reason he may have gotten the nod. He said that he read somewhere that the average length of time for a superintendent in a given district is two to three years.

Sauer is in his ninth school year with Homedale, which he said ties the record for his longest tenure at one district during his 26 years in Idaho education.

"I wasn't sure how long I would be here. I didn't have some vision for necessarily after Homedale," Sauer said.

"I'm really grateful for the opportunity to be here. I feel it's a great match and a good fit for me, and I'm very, very happy to be here."

— JPB

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Obituary

Cody Lee Garrett

Cody Lee Garrett was born on January 16, 1985 to Gregg and Randee Garrett. He received his heavenly wings on October 7th, 2020 due to a logging truck accident near McCall, ID. He is now very likely working on becoming the strongest, fastest, friendliest and highest-flying angel in heaven!

Cody grew up in Homedale, Idaho among a large and loving family and many loyal friends. He graduated from Homedale High School in 2003, after participating in football, basketball, and multiple state championship golf titles. He then went on to the University of Idaho, where he spent time in both the Sigma Chi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternities. After a year at the U of I, he transitioned to the College of Southern Idaho to study auto mechanics.

In 2007, Cody joined the U.S. Navy with the lofty goal of becoming a Navy Seal. He was one of the final 30 in his BUDS (Basic Underwater Diving/SEAL School) class of 250 when he suffered SIPE (Swimmer Induced Pulmonary Edema) and was medically discharged from the program. Cody craved and loved the extreme challenge of the program and was devastated. He continued in the Navy and became a construction mechanic in Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 3, which deployed him to Ar Ramadi, Iraq; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; and Rota, Spain. Cody took advantage of these opportunities for adventure as he acquired his scuba diving certification in Guantanamo Bay, skied the highest point of the Sierra Nevada mountains and golfed at the Rota Golf Club in Spain. Iraq provided its own adrenaline rush with live fire hitting his helicopter upon its departure from Kuwait and unexpected mortars exploding on base. While in Cuba, Cody received a Letter of Commendation



for rebuilding and repairing several pieces of mission critical heavy equipment, resulting in an increase of equipment availability at that base from 76 to 94 percent in only two months.

Before Cody’s deployment to Iraq, he capitalized on his amazing artistic talent to pencil sketch a tattoo that he ultimately acquired in Hollywood, CA. The tattoo was on his right ribs and characterized everything that was important “deep down inside” him. It included drawings of Jesus, Family, demons transforming into a sunny life after passing through the hand of Jesus and the Bible verse Isaiah 40:31. All of these images peeked through deep gashes along his ribs. Cody’s artwork was so amazing, thoughtful and meaningful. He later added a meaningful star tattoo around his left elbow with his life quote “*Carpe Diem*” (Seize the Day) above it.

Upon Cody’s return to Idaho, he set about experiencing life through more jobs and adventures than any of us will ever hope to imagine. This led him into the fields of firefighting, mechanics, auto body, ranching, fence building, truck driving, and the resort industry where he did everything from hosting to washing dishes to building a mountain coaster in Steamboat Springs, CO. Cody’s resort jobs allowed him to snow ski

and pursue his passion for exploring the mountains he lived in. He did this on either a mountain bike, dirt bike or snowmobile and never slowly. Cody did not have a first gear and he typically gave wings to his mode of transportation. The only thing better than speed for Cody was taking flight over a jump, often one he built himself. Cody’s talent for photography and his sharing of pictures allowed the rest of us, through his eyes, to enjoy the beauty of God’s country and treacherous locations most of us would never visit.

In 2012, Cody’s adventures resulted in a tragic 4-wheeler accident in Succor Creek Canyon. He was always disappointed that he didn’t remember the LifeFlight helicopter ride to St. Alphonsus hospital in Boise. He endured multiple surgeries for a crushed skull and sinus cavity, broken back, collarbone and dislocated finger. After several days in the Intensive Care Unit, a 30-day hospital stay and extensive rehabilitation, Cody went on to participate in Spartan and Tough Mudder races to benefit the Wounded Warrior project and he also ran the Race to Robie Creek. His accident did nothing to weaken his physical stature, as he battled back to peak fitness. Cody’s little brother Ryan was known to call him a “freak of nature” because of his physical characteristics and strength

few could achieve. Cody loved to share his adventures, but few could keep up. Both of Cody’s siblings, Hailee and Ryan, were able to participate in these intense obstacle course races with him.

Cody’s love of God and his Homedale Friends Church family led him to find a church to attend in every location that he lived. He was always so excited to take his family to experience his current church and meet the fellow believers he had found, whether it was on a Navy base, at the base of the mountain in Steamboat Springs, in Donnelly or McCall, Idaho or the Friends Church parking lot during COVID-19.

Cody made a friend wherever he went. His non-judgmental nature caused him to accept and love all he came in contact with. Because of his big, big life and all of his experiences, he could find something in common with anyone and usually plan an adventure to share. His wallet was full of business cards from the people he met and valued. He loved his family fiercely and always found a way to make it home for holidays, special occasions and time with those he cared about whether it was on a bus or he had to hitch a ride. This week’s outpouring of love and support has shown us, more than we ever knew, about the lives Cody touched. Nearly all of the comments about Cody have been the same: “He always had a big smile, a big heart and a big hug!”

Cody loved deeply and generously, often giving thoughtful gifts he could not afford to those he cared about. At times, those gifts were creatively made by him, but he rarely showed up empty-handed. He shared his kind and encouraging words just as generously to those who needed a lift.

Considering that Cody’s life motto was “*Carpe Diem*” and

his 2003 Senior high school annual cover quoted “Life is Too Short to Be Ordinary,” his family urges all reading this to go have a memorable adventure ... before there is time, before it makes sense, before you can afford it and before it’s too late. We are so thankful as his family that he truly lived “as if there is no tomorrow.”

Cody was preceded in death by his great-grandparents Lenora “Nana” Garrett, Harold and Irene Markley, grandparents Frankie and Dot Garrett and baby nephew Blayze. He is survived by his parents Gregg and Randee Garrett, sister Hailee Garrett and fiancé Kyle Blackwell, nephew Payson and brother Ryan (Bubb) Garrett, grandparents Kenne and Darlene Metzger, special great aunt and uncle Judy and Bill Purdom, aunts and uncles Teri and Dennis Uria, Lynne and Brett Murphy and Gary and Kristie Garrett as well as beloved cousins Cory and Kristi Uria, Ashlynn Uria, Casey and Whitney Christoffersen, Jace, Nikaya and Tony Johnson and Max Murphy, Angie and Brady Swallow, Kasey and Keri Garrett and Corby and Nicole Garrett. Cody’s surviving friends are too numerous to count and valued beyond words.

Services will be held at Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder, ID at 1:00 on Friday, October 16, 2020 (masks recommended), followed by interment at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery, 4410 Cemetery Road, Marsing, ID. A meal will follow at the Txoko Ona Basque Center in Homedale, ID.

In lieu of flowers, Cody would love for you to donate to Homedale Friends Community Church (landscape project), 17434 Highway 95, Wilder, ID 83676 or The Wounded Warrior Project at support.woundedwarriorproject.org.



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Delna Carson

Delna Carson was born March 5, 1925 to John and Aletha Levanger in Glendale, Utah. She attended a small school with multiple grade levels in one room where she was often recruited to assist younger children with their learning.

Delna’s family moved to Homedale, Idaho when she was 13 years old. She graduated from high school in May of 1943 and married John Roosevelt Carson (Ted) July 27 of that year.

Upon Ted’s return from military service, they began farming south of Homedale. They raised mostly alfalfa seed, sugar beets and potatoes. For many years they had a dairy. They retired and moved to Nampa after farming as many as 1,000 acres.

Delna was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints holding many teaching and leadership callings. She was an avid reader, a gifted writer, and enjoyed performing dramatic readings. Her sewing, quilting, handwork, cooking, and canning skills were extraordinary. She was a kind and caring mother, known for her wit and work ethic. She was beloved by her family.



She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years and two children. She had six children, 26 grandchildren, 74 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in her honor Friday, October 9 and she was buried in the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please enjoy a meal with your loved ones.

The family gives a special thanks to Grace Assisted Living of Caldwell, Treasure Valley Hospice and Ron and Barbara Connor for the special love and care. Condolences may be expressed at ZeyerFuneralChapel.com.

Death notices

JOHN PATRICK RARICK, 50, of Bruneau, died Oct. 6, 2020. Arrangements: Cremation Society of Idaho, 5541 W. Overland Rd., Boise. (208) 322-3590

CHARLES W. SIMMONS (“CW” OR “BUD”), 88, who was born to parents who lived in Reynolds Creek, died Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020. A private family burial was held at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery in Boise.

HHS grad, author to talk writing with youths

A local author will make a guest appearance during Teens & Tweens from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., on Thursday at Gypsy Jackson Memorial, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., in Homedale.

Kendra Thatcher, a 2018 Homedale High School graduate, will talk with boys and girls ages 10-17 about writing and being an author.

Afterwards, the youth will create their own characters for a story that they can write. They will also play a writing game.

• During Story Time at 10:15 a.m., on Monday, youth services coordinator Carol McMichael will read “The

Very Busy Spider,” a Lift-the-Flap book by Eric Carle.

Krista Lehman will accompany the story’s reading with sign language to tell the tale. Krista and her daughter Abigail will share some of the basics of sign language, including the alphabet, seasonal and Halloween signs.

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.

Charlene Black

Charlene Black, age 56 of Bruneau and Mountain Home, Idaho passed away October 5, 2020 at her home. A memorial service will be held at noon on Friday, October 16, 2020 at Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel located at 500 N 18th E, Mountain Home with a graveside service to follow in the Bruneau Cemetery in Bruneau. Arrangements are under the care of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel.

On November 20, 1963, a beautiful blonde haired, blue-eyed baby girl, Charlene Karen Hutton was born in Nampa to Carmon “Butch” and Karen Haumann Hutton of Star. She joined older brothers, Clint, Craig, Chris, and they later added her baby brother, Charley “Popper”. The Hutton kids attended school in Star, until the family moved to Bruneau in 1975 to farm what locals affectionately refer to as “Huttonville” in Little Valley.

Charlene attended Rimrock Jr and Sr High School, where she enjoyed sports, cheerleading, and forged lifelong friendships. On July 22, 1981, Char married Tony Black of Bruneau, and they settled on his family’s ranch. She became an active member of the Bruneau QRU for several years, and helped many people in her community.

Over the next few years, Char’s life began to revolve around being a mom to Colt J, Loni K, Echo M, and Telby C, and as they got older, she spent every spare minute taking her kids to enjoy the family cabin in Silver City, going on Mother’s Day trips with her family, and enjoying the huge annual 4th of July celebrations



at Huttonville.

As her kids began to grow up, Char found a rewarding career at the Big Sky Oil Company in Mountain Home, and the Blacks eventually bought a second home in “town”. In more recent years, Charlene went on to work for Hiler Brothers, where she was well loved and respected by her customers and team. She will always be remembered best for her beautiful smile. Char loved to travel and see new places with her friends and family, times which will now be treasured.

Even though Char enjoyed her job and the adventures with those she loved, anyone who knew her could see that the center of her universe has always been their grandchildren, Mazie and Waden Blanksma; Kadance Fredericksen, Weston, Brody, Corbin Catalino, and a new grandbaby due in November; Colt P, Briar, and Walt Black; Kole and Kortni Clements, Kati Hopkins, and Kaili Belle Farmer. Char made many memories with her grandbabies that will now be kept alive by those who love her. Charlene was preceded in death by their precious son, Colt J.

Black, who has been “napping with the angels” since 1988; her dad, Butch Hutton; sister-in-law, Kathy Hutton; paternal grandparents, Clyde and Oma Hutton; maternal grandparents, Richard and Evelin Haumann; her father and mother-in-law, Ace and Marilyn Nettleton Black; nephew, Christopher Donald “Grover” Hutton, Jr., and niece, Allison Ruth Hutton.

She is survived by her husband, Tony Black of Bruneau; two daughters, Loni (Nick) Blanksma; Echo Catalino; son, Telby (Elizabeth Rarick) Black; her 13 grandchildren; mom, Karen Hutton of Bruneau; four brothers, Clint (Lisa) Hutton, Craig Hutton, Chris (Tina Stevens) Hutton, Charlie (Holly Whitted) Hutton; and numerous very loved aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Char is also survived by four brothers-in-law, Terry (Letha Jayo) Black; Martin (Jennifer) Black; Burke (Gerri Ihli) Black; Bret (Kimber Bogue) Black; and two sisters-in-law, Ann (David) Rutan; and Sandy Black, as well as many close friends who will miss her.

The family would like to express their thanks to Char’s dear friend, Lisa Miller, for her love and support during this difficult time of unexpected loss.

Memorials in Charlene’s name can be given to: Bruneau Cemetery, c/o Lez Rahn, 30073 Hot Springs Road, Bruneau, ID 83604; Bruneau American Legion, c/o Bill McBride, PO Box 582, Bruneau, ID 83604; or flowers may be sent.

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Pregame pets

Homedale High School starting running back Hayden Kincheloe squats to spend some time with a new furry friend prior to the Friday's Homecoming festivities and game against Payette at Deward Bell Stadium.



Cars are lined up around lunchtime on Thursday to do financial business at the US Bank drive-up teller in Homedale.

No timeline for reopening US Bank branch lobbies

US Bank customers in Homedale and Marsing continue to cope with the frustrations of drive-up banking.

And it doesn't appear the branch lobbies will be open anytime soon.

"I completely understand customers' frustrations," US Bank communications manager Boua Xiong told The Owyhee Avalanche in an email.

Xiong, who is located in US Bank's corporate headquarters in Minneapolis, said the changes in Homedale and Marsing were part of adjustments the company made for the safety of employees and customers.

Modifying hours of operation was among the company-wide alterations.

"With that in mind both Homedale and Marsing are open to service customers via appointments," Xiong said.

But US Bank customers for weeks have been telling the Avalanche it's difficult to raise anyone on the phone at the branches to make those appointments.

In-person appointments are crucial for opening new accounts and securing home and auto loans.

"If customers can't reach us by phone, they can make appointments online or via the US Bank app under the 'Help and Services' tab," Xiong said.

Xiong also pointed out that customers can also make appointments for service at the company's Caldwell branch,

"which is nearby."

The Caldwell branch situated between Cleveland Boulevard and Blaine Street in the Canyon County seat is at least 20 minutes from the Homedale-Marsing area.

There is no definitive timeline for the reopening of bank lobbies, which have been closed since the spring because of COVID-19 concerns.

"We are monitoring the pandemic closely and look forward to fully reopening our lobbies when it's safe to do so," Xiong said.

"For now, in addition to in-person appointments, we continue to meet the financial needs of our customers through a combination of drive-thru, mobile and digital services."

— JPB

Owyhee Angus outfit among 2020's top breeders

Bruneau's Colyer Cattle Co., ranked among the top Angus producers in Idaho in fiscal year 2020, according to the American Angus Association.

The Owyhee County outfit registered the 10th-highest number of Angus beef among Idaho producers for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, according to association chief executive officer Mark McCully.

Nationwide, Angus breeders registered 305,531 head of cattle in 2020.

"Despite a challenging year, our Angus breeders continue to see strong demand for Angus genetics," McCully said.

"Our members are committed

to providing genetic solutions to the beef cattle industry that maintain our long-held position as an industry leader."

The American Angus Association is the nation's largest beef breed organization, serving nearly 25,000 members across the United States, Canada and several other countries.

The association provides programs and services to farmers, ranchers and others who rely on Angus to produce quality genetics for the beef industry and quality beef for consumers. For more information about Angus cattle and the association, visit www.ANGUS.org.

Courthouse report

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

Oct. 5

Jorge A. Huerta-Medina, Somerton, Ariz. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations violation, false logbook: \$43.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Donovan Andrew Johnson, Far Rockaway, Queens, N.Y. — 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

Oct. 4

Mitchel R. German, Ripon, Calif. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations violation, false logbook: \$43.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Sept. 30

Rogelio Villaseñor-Contreras, Caldwell — 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



HES students show their fire safety knowledge

Above: Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller speaks to an enraptured audience of kindergartners at Homedale Elementary School last Wednesday during Fire Safety Week.

Left: Kindergartner Addison Shenk (foreground) hangs on every word of her father, volunteer firefighter Michael Shenk, as he demonstrates how to stay low to avoid smoke inhalation during a fire.



HOMEDALE HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING 2020



From left: Seniors Gracie Rotter and John Breshears, Ainslee Evans and Joseph Egusquiza, and Emily Craft and Erik Hernandez, juniors Destiny Castellanos and Willy Haun, sophomores Olivia Smith and Trenton Fisher, and freshmen Jocelynn Roseborough and Dillon Fine stand prior to the announcement of Rotter as Homecoming Queen and Breshears as King.



Though most officially sanctioned Homecoming activities were canceled because of COVID-19 precautions, a few students took it upon themselves to coordinate an impromptu Snake Dance after the Trojans' volleyball game with Parma on Oct. 6. The traditional bipedal cruise through town started at the high school and wound down to Deward Bell Stadium. With help from the community, students also organized a Homecoming dance, actually a barn dance, that was held Saturday.



Football players rode high above Idaho Avenue at the end of the parade and tossed candy to onlookers.



The Homedale High School cheer squad got into the spirit during Friday's parade.



HHS students adorned this vehicle with traditional Homecoming decorations in the high school's parking lot last Wednesday on East Idaho Avenue. The deed was a portent of things to come during Homecoming Week. Students did offer "TP insurance," which citizens could purchase as part of a school fundraiser, and would involve students coming to their homes on Sunday and cleaning up any "decoration" messes that may be left.



The junior class commandeered a Jolly Roger and put their own spin on it for its float.

School menus

Calendar

Homedale Elementary

Choice of milk and juice
Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily
Oct. 14: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon pull apart **Lunch:** Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes w/gravy, hot roll
Oct. 15: **Breakfast:** Mini donuts, string cheese **Lunch:** Pepperoni calzone, green beans
Oct. 19: **Breakfast:** Apple filled donut **Lunch:** Nachos, corn
Oct. 20: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch:** Hamburger, French fries
Oct. 21: **Breakfast:** Chocolate chip muffin **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garlic toast, green beans

Homedale Middle

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese
Cereal option and PB&J offered daily
Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily
Oct. 14: **Breakfast:** Apple cinnamon Texas Toast **Lunch:** Beef taco, corn, string cheese
Oct. 15: **Breakfast:** Donut **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper, string cheese
Oct. 19: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza **Lunch:** Corn dog, baked beans, string cheese
Oct. 20: **Breakfast:** Filled cereal bar **Lunch:** Chicken patty, potato wedges, string cheese
Oct. 21: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch:** Orange chicken, steamed rice, broccoli, string cheese, fortune cookie

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. 14: **Breakfast:** Biscuits & gravy or pancakes **Lunch:** pepperoni calzone, garlic toast or cheesy chicken sub and steamed carrots
Oct. 15: **Breakfast:** Breakfast calzone or French toast **Lunch:** Crispito, refried beans or mini corn dogs
Oct. 19: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick or apple filled donut **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper or corn dog
Oct. 20: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich or bagel w/cream cheese **Lunch:** Pork chop or chicken filet, mashed potatoes w/gravy and dinner roll
Oct. 21: **Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito or filled cereal bar **Lunch:** Spicy chicken patty sandwich or hamburger/cheeseburger and potato wedges

Marsing

Each meal includes choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables
Elementary School each day: Breakfast: Cereal option
Middle/High School each day: 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. 14: **Breakfast:** Whole grain apple breakfast bites **Classic Line:** Mac-n-cheese, green beans, whole grain snickerdoodle cookie
Oct. 15: **Breakfast:** Whole grain breakfast egg/cheese slider, yogurt **Classic Line:** Cheeseburger, potato wedge
Oct. 19: **Breakfast:** Donut w/sprinkles **Classic Line:** Chicken sandwich, mixed veggie
Oct. 20: **Breakfast:** Sausage/egg/cheese tornado, yogurt **Classic Line:** Super nachos (elem), refried beans
Oct. 21: **Breakfast:** Whole grain apple cinnamon Texas toast **Classic Line:** Pepperoni calzone, green beans

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily
Oct. 14: **Breakfast:** PB&J **Lunch:** Nachos & ww chips, refried beans/salsa, corn
Oct. 15: **Breakfast:** Waffle **Lunch:** BBQ pulled pork on a bun, fries, fresh cauliflower
Oct. 19: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Pizza, tossed romaine salad, baby carrots
Oct. 20: **Breakfast:** Biscuits & jelly **Lunch:** Taco salad, ww tortilla chips, refried beans
Oct. 21: **Breakfast:** Pancakes & egg patty **Lunch:** Spaghetti/meat sauce, garden spinach salad, peas, breadstick

Today

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

Teens & Tweens
5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228
Marsing Chamber meeting
5:30 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 859-2087 or marsingchamber@gmail.com

Friday

The Landing teen support group
6 p.m., Rising Light Farm Ministry, 5189 N. Old Bruneau Hwy, Marsing. Contact Iliana Bialy (208) 807-0680
Spook Alley
7:30 p.m., to 10:30 p.m., \$6 per person, \$20 per family, Homedale High School, 203 E. Idaho Ave.

Saturday

Oktober Festival
10 a.m. to 6 p.m., The Spot Pavilion, 12 Sandbar Ave., Marsing
Spook Alley
7:30 p.m., to 10:30 p.m., \$6 per person, \$20 per family, Homedale High School, 203 E. Idaho Ave.

Monday

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

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.
Homedale Chamber luncheon
Noon, The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.

Wednesday

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

Thursday, Oct. 22

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

Friday, Oct. 23

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

Monday, Oct. 26

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. 27

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

Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to jon@owyheeavalanche.com (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

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New 4-H year will feature streamlined online tools

The start of every new 4-H year brings new opportunities to try new 4-H projects as well as creating new friends. As the year 2020 draws to a close, and we begin to look toward a new year, that means it's time to think about 4-H enrollments.



Janelle Thompson

Enrollment for all returning and new Owyhee County 4-H families will soon be open at www.4Honline.com. This year, the 4Honline website will look a bit different with the unveiling of the new and improved 2.0 version.

The required information and documents will be the same; however, there will be a few new features.

You will now be able to complete your enrollment from your mobile device!

The new version will also streamline the process for our volunteers. It will prompt the volunteer when they are due to update any trainings or their background check. It will also be a one-stop shop for new volunteers. In the past a new volunteer would need to log-in to several different sites to complete their training. Now they can complete the process all at 4Honline.

Also new this year for

Owyhee County 4-H is Zsutes. This program is how 4-H youth will be keeping track of their records for any and all of their projects throughout the year. With this program, you can input your livestock animal weight, meeting information, upload photos and much more.

After you create an account, you will be able to log-in and update your record book whenever you would like. Once the record book is completed, it can be printed, put into a binder and will be ready for the record book interview.

The University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office excitedly awaits to see the membership numbers and what projects our youth are going to participate in for the upcoming year. It is a great feeling to see the number of youth enrolled each year in this wonderful program.

If any new or returning families have any questions, call the Owyhee County Extension Office. We will be happy to help you.

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

Senior menus

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 will be served on Oct. 15, Oct. 22, Oct. 29
Roll available each day except Oct. 7, Oct. 14, Oct. 21, Oct. 28

- Oct. 15: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, mixed veggies
Oct. 20: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, beets
Oct. 21: Tuna salad on roll, Italian pasta salad, carrots
Oct. 22: Pork roast, mashed potatoes w/gravy, Brussels sprouts
Oct. 27: Chicken & noodles, California blend veggies
Oct. 28: Hamburger on bun, baked beans, cole slaw
Oct. 29: Beef & gravy over rice, broccoli

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Homedale graduate grateful for hygiene drive support

Third biennial community project underway

Megan Harper has taken an inspiration and run with it. The 2010 Homedale High School graduate is the in the midst of her third campaign to collect hygiene products for needy community members.

She has launched campaigns every two years since 2016. She became inspired after witnessing a similar collection drive through West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell.

Harper solicited local businesses in that first year and put together personal hygiene kits for Homedale Elementary School families and the police department. Homedale officers distributed those kits to domestic violence victims and anyone else who needed them.

The collection drive hit another gear in 2018.

"I received a great amount and great variety of items and was able to supply all of the Homedale and Marsing families that pick up a holiday food box and still have stuff for the Nampa Women's Shelter," the daughter of Homedale-area residents Barney and Melanie Harper said.

Suggested items

Megan Harper suggests these contributions for the hygiene kits. To contribute, contact Harper via text or phone call (208) 921-4089 or send a Facebook message:

- Deodorant
- Soap
- Body gel
- Hand soap
- Shaving gel
- Razors
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Lotion
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Feminine hygiene items
- Hair brushes
- Wash clothes
- Toilet paper
- Chapstick
- Mouth wash

"It was amazing. The bags were personalized per family and full."

Megan Harper upped her game in 2018 and utilized Facebook to get the word out.

"I had family, friends, local businesses and community members sending me all sorts of great items," she said.

Facebook has been enlisted again for the 2020 drive, and she's accepting donations until

Nov. 1.
"All donations are used and appreciated," Harper said. "I am happy to meet anyone to collect items. No donation is too small. It all adds up."
Harper said she enjoys tackling the collection drive every other year.

"It's so much fun. I never thought I would go to a hotel and get so excited over saving a bar of soap," she said.

"However, this all being said, I can't even take the credit for the amazing donations I receive. Without these donations, I wouldn't even be able to afford to do the drive."

Even as she works to help those less fortunate in the community, Harper respects the folks making the contributions.

"I have decided to do the hygiene drive every other year so I don't burn out my request for donations," she said.

Still, a larger response would allow her to expand the impact.

"I am hoping this year and years to come to be able to do Marsing and Homedale again and possibly add another school (she suggested Wilder), depending on the amount of donations I receive," Harper said.

— JPB

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Fall Harvest Dinner and Auction

Homedale Friends Community Church

Saturday, October 24th

Doors open at 5:30PM, Dinner 6-7PM, Silent Auction ends 7:30PM

Join us for a fabulous smoked pork dinner (donations accepted), pie auction desert, silent auction items and carnival games for the kids!

Homedale Friends Community Church

17434 Highway 95

For more details contact Scott at 208-337-3464

Got news?

Call us with community events, happenings or questions: (208) 337-4681



Homedale freshens up city’s thoroughfares

Homedale public works employee Curtis Stansell touched up some striping last Wednesday on Idaho Avenue and Main Street. Supervisor Bret Smith’s crew used a Graco sprayer from Rodda Paint in Caldwell that the city purchased in the spring to complete the job.

**Public-private pact could bring
congregate meals back to Marsing**

**Mayor to discuss
OCSO contract
again**

A month after hearing a proposal, Marsing city councilmembers will get their first look at a agreement that could restore public congregate meals at City Hall.

The new City Hall was Sandbar Restaurant with a Cause, operated by Marsing Senior Citizens Inc., before the city purchased the building.

During tonight’s council meeting at City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., city attorney Stephanie J. Bonney will present the first draft of memorandum of understanding between the city and Metro Meals on Wheels.

The proposed agreement outlines a relationship in which Metro Meals on Wheels would supply congregate meals to be served in the City Hall dining on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The MOU would not include Meals on Wheels, leaving that portion of the area’s senior nutrition plan to the existing provider the Homedale Senior Center.

• A public hearing will kick off this month’s council meeting at 7 p.m.

The hearing will address a conditional use permit sought by Kimber Burril and Dustin Elison to keep roosters at their residence on Moler Lane.

This is the first CUP application filed since the council voted, 3-1, in its Sept. 9 meeting to amend city code and begin allowing roosters within the

city limits again.

Roosters had been banned by city code since March 2014.

In other city business tonight:

• Mayor Chad Sevy will revisit the city’s contract with the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office, which the city earlier chose to continue on a month-to-month basis until it can decide on a long-term solution.

• Marsing Ag Labor’s rezone request will be continued for another month as the entity’s executive director, Luke Ankeny, continues to search for a new surveyor.

• Marsing city engineer Kirby Cook will give an update on work at the city’s sewer plant.

• Code enforcement officer Cory Callison will discuss areas of concern for him, including how to deal with multiple offenders of the city’s dog-at-large code.

Callison also plans to discuss a potential vehicle purchase with the council.

• Public works projects for the next month will be brought to the council’s attention by

supervisor Philip Gibson. Included are irrigation repairs, exercise water valves and fire hydrants, and tree work to be completed by Parker Tree Service by the end of October.

Gibson will also discuss plans for Christmas lights and decorations, taking into consideration the decision by Idaho Power to not allow decorations on the company’s power poles, as has been done in the past.

• Catering permits for both The Pour House and Powderhaus will be considered for Saturday’s Oktober Festival at The Spot Pavilion, 12 Sandbar Ave.

• There will also be a discussion about the possible public use of the Sandbar Community Room, which are the council chambers when there are no meetings scheduled.

• November’s city council meeting date — now set for Veterans Day — will be changed, potentially to Thursday, Nov. 12, another discussion point for the council.

— TK

**Marsing has new plan
for its Christmas lights**

With a comprehensive roadway rehabilitation and rebuild nearly complete, the landscape is changing in Marsing.

But the new Snake River bridge and smooth asphalt and sidewalks aren’t the only reasons Main Street won’t look the same this holiday season.

Idaho Power Co., has told the city that it can no longer use its utility poles along Main Street to display electrified Christmas decorations.

Officials are working on a solution, according to city maintenance supervisor Philip Gibson and Idaho Power spokesman Jordan Rodriguez.

Rodriguez said the change came after an inventory of the company-owned poles turned up electrical boxes and flag holders that weren’t original parts of the equipment.

The survey was part of preparation for the downtown sidewalk and paving project.

Rodriguez said the electrical connections appear to have been added after the poles were installed, and the company sees them as a risk to its workers and the public.

“Understanding that they were added in good faith and to bring pride to the community, that’s just something that’s not allowed for safety purposes,” Rodriguez said.

“Safety is the No. 1 value for our company when it comes to the customers and the guys working out on the poles.”

That being said, Idaho Power isn’t against some concept of festive lights in Marsing.

“The company is not opposed

to having some kind of solution for those decorations, but what exists right now are outlets that have been connected to the pole and plugging into those outlets,” Rodriguez said.

“The company’s very much open to finding a good solution for that.”

Marsing Chamber of Commerce president Julie Franklin is encouraging downtown business owners to light up their storefronts to replace the darkened decorations.

Ideas could be hatched Thursday during the Chamber’s monthly meeting at The Spot Pizza. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.

“Some options is more décor at the park, getting the town to light up,” Franklin said. “(The Chamber) might have a meeting for that. We will be tossing around those ideas (Thursday).”

Idaho Power and the city began working early this year when Joe Heidt was supervising Marsing’s maintenance department. Rodriguez said Gibson and an Idaho Power energy advisor continue to hunt for a compromise.

Gibson said the city and company are working on a plan to put the boxes back on the poles, but it’s an expensive proposition and the work probably won’t happen in time for this Christmas.

He added that the city does plan to put the decorations in the city’s parks, and that there are no immediate plans to decorate Main Street.

— JPB and TK

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Woman escapes canal, but not DUI charge

Citizens helped a Nampa woman get out of her vehicle after she crashed into an empty canal late Saturday night in Marsing.

Now, 26-year-old Kelli Smock faces a driving under the influence charge.

Smock was pulled from a 2011 Jeep Cherokee after she crashed into a canal near the old Marsing High School gymnasium on Main Street just before 11 p.m.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Sgt. Kenny Hoagland said Smock was allegedly driving drunk when she drove into

the canal and got stuck in her vehicle. By the time a deputy showed up, she was already out of the canal.

Smock was cited for misdemeanor DUI and released.

Hoagland said she failed a standard field sobriety test, and that a Breathalyzer test showed her to have a blood-alcohol content of .18 percent, more than twice the legal amount.

Information on Smock's upcoming court hearings was unavailable at The Owyhee Avalanche's deadline.

— TK



The driver of this Ford Mustang required LifeFlight transport after he drove through the south into the intersection of U.S. Highway 95 and Idaho highway 55 on Friday and collided with a Ford Explorer driving east.

Highway wreck west of Marsing sends two motorists to hospital

A U.S. serviceman was flown to an area hospital after a violent collision on Friday at the intersection of U.S. Highway 95 and Idaho highway 55.

Traffic was delayed for more than an hour after the wreck.

According to Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy Larry Kendrick, witnesses said that a Ford Mustang 5.0, driven by 25-year-old Apple Valley, Calif., resident Steven Reed exited the Extra Mile parking lot onto Buntrock Road and paused briefly at the stop sign before heading south on U.S. 95.

An eastbound Ford Explorer, driven by Francisco Menendrez, 28, of Marsing, collided broadside with the passenger side of the Mustang travelling full speed, causing extensive damage to both vehicles.

Kendrick said that Reed was unconscious when emergency crews arrived at the scene. He had not regained consciousness by the time he was loaded into a LifeFlight helicopter and flown to Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise.

The windshield of the Mustang was smashed, and both front airbags deployed. The passenger side door and seat were pushed in all the way to the driver's side.

Most of the damage to the Explorer was in the front of the vehicle. Both front airbags deployed in the collision.

Kendrick said that Reed, who is in an unidentified branch of the military, had a California driver's license and his vehicle was registered in Washington. He also had information in the vehicle that showed him to have a Texas address. Kendrick said that was not unusual for people in the military.

Kendrick also said that Menendrez sustained an injury, possibly to his back, but was able to walk with assistance to an emergency vehicle. Marsing Ambulance transported him to St. Luke's Nampa Medical Center.

No updates on either man's condition were available before press time.

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Melba zeroes in on rare football championship

Mustangs can wrap up 2A WIC at home Friday vs. NC

Melba High School is one win away from placing another milestone on its road to success. Senior quarterback Henry Clark

played a part in three scores Friday as the Mustangs closed to within a victory of their first 2A Western Idaho Conference championship in 16 years. Zane Helm rushed for more than 150 yards and scored a touchdown in Melba's 44-14 conference win over New Plymouth. The host Pilgrims (3-3 overall, 1-1 in

conference) slipped into a three-way tie for second place with Nampa Christian and Cole Valley Christian. Melba (4-1, 3-0) can sew up the long-awaited conference title with a win over Nampa Christian at home Friday. It'll be the Mustangs' 2A WIC season finale, but the squad has a non-conference home game against Grangeville slated for Oct. 23.

Clark threw for 250 yards and connected with Dillon Stosich and Cam Wood for touchdowns against the Pilgrims. Clark also ran for a score. Coach Juan Colunga's squad was runner-up in the conference a year ago, reaching the 2A state semifinals before losing to eventual Milk Bowl champion West Side, 40-8.

Mustangs soph wins first gold medal

Girls share team title, boys finish runners-up

Sophomore Rozzlyn Cazier grabbed individual gold as Melba High School's girls shared the championship at the Mustangs' own cross country meet. Cazier won the first gold medal of her varsity career, crossing the finish line in 20 minutes, 54 seconds, to lead three Mustangs in the top 10. Melba shared the team championship with Victory Charter. On the boys' side, senior Josh Leavitt finished third about 24 seconds off the pace as Victory Charter took home the title. Leavitt ran the 5K in 17:01.25, and fellow senior

— See *Mustangs*, page 7B

Opportunistic Trojans plunder Pirates

Homedale meets Weiser on Friday in next step toward title

No coach ever looks past a team — or at least you'll never get a coach to admit such forward-thinking exists. But Homedale High School was in preparation mode Friday night, regardless of what was in front of the football team. The Trojans decimated Payette, 54-0, in a 3A Snake River Valley conference game on Homecoming Friday at Deward Bell Stadium. The victory came seven days before Homedale, the third-ranked team in the Class 3A coaches' poll, takes on Weiser for what will serve as the first major stepping stone in the Trojans' quest for a third consecutive conference championship. To get ready for the Wolverines, the Trojans' coaching staff emptied the



Homedale defenders Milo Mertz (left) and Thomas Symms drive Payette running back Gabe Ramos backwards during Friday's rout at Deward Bell Stadium.

bench early against the Pirates, and that meant some new faces wound up in the scoring column. "I think any time that you can get young players

some experience playing in a varsity game, you are better preparing them for the day that their number is called and they are a starter," HHS coach Matt Holtry said.

"It also allows some of our varsity players to heal up and stay fresh for when they are asked to stay on the field for

— See *Trojans*, back page



Marsing's MarDee Hall jumps high, attempting to block a Melba shot. Emily Thoene (8) and Mila Astorquia backed up Hall on the play. Photo by Melissa Loucks

Melba adds to Marsing's tough stretch on volleyball court

Mustangs likely to host district matches as top seed

The Marsing High School volleyball team has had troubles lately putting up points on many of its opponents. When they faced off against once-beaten 2A Western Idaho Conference leader Melba, it did not figure to get any better. The Huskies fell in three sets, 25-10, 25-11, 25-13, on

the Mustangs' floor Thursday. According to second-year coach Amy Chadez, Marsing (4-12 overall, 1-4 in 2A WIC) was unable to maintain its energy level against Melba. She said that has been a common reason for the squad's recent struggles. "We started both the first and third sets strong and then

as the momentum swings to our opponent, we lose all energy," she said. "We have not been able to overcome this up to this point in our season." Chadez said she knew this particular stretch of the schedule would be difficult with the Huskies playing several of the top 2A WIC contenders. "Unfortunately, we have not responded as well as we would like," she said.

— See *Volleyball*, page 3B

Sports



Senior running back Isai Arriaga turns the corner, preparing for a collision with Cole Valley Christian defensive back Jackson Berreth.



Above: The Huskies burst through a banner on their way onto the field, signaling the beginning of the team's last home game of the season Friday against Cole Valley Christian. Below: Senior linebacker Cody Floyd (left) attempts to chase down Cole Valley running back Anthony Hill in first-half action.



Huskies fall to Chargers in close one on Senior Night

Isai Arriaga was a workhorse Friday during the final home game of his Marsing High School football career. The Huskies leaned heavily on the senior running back during a 2A Western Idaho Conference game against Cole Valley Christian. Defense ruled the night as the Chargers squeaked out a

7-6 victory on the Huskies' Senior Night. First-year Marsing coach Mike Nunnelee said Arriaga was tough on offense and defense. He rushed for 146 yards on 25 carries and was the Huskies' leading tackler. "Both Carter Clay and Evan Miller had a great game

defensively, making several key tackles," Nunnelee said. A senior cornerback, Miller picked off Chargers quarterback Carter Fortin in the second half. Arriaga aside, the Huskies (2-4 overall, 0-3 in 2A WIC) struggled to get their offense rolling. Things looked promising

for quarterback Kolton Scott when he hit fellow senior Austin Pool for a long touchdown. The Chargers' point-after defense stopped Arriaga on his attempt for a two-point run — a play that proved to be pivotal. But the night soon turned rough as Scott completed just four of 12 attempts and threw

four interceptions. Cole Valley Christian (3-2, 1-1) won the game late in the first half with an extra-point kick after quarterback Ben Beglinger threw a touchdown pass to Tommy Simonson. After a bye this week, Marsing closes out the season at New Plymouth on Oct. 23. — TK

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Volleyball
Varsity
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Sports

Raiders strike Rusty Fender gold at home

Rimrock High School runners swept to victory in the Raiders’ annual Rusty Fender 2.0 cross country meet.

Several Rimrock athletes achieved personal-best times Thursday as junior Juan Alamilla won the boys’ race, and sophomore Ella Boren finished first for the girls.

The Raiders won both team competitions, too.

Alamilla led the Raiders’ top-three sweep in the boys’ 5-kilometer race, setting a PR of 19 minutes, 46 seconds.

Another junior, Victor Lemus, was right behind Alamilla with a 19:46, his best time of the season.

Freshman Loyd Boren ran the best race his young prep career at 20:01 for third place.

Other top-10 finishes for the boys included sophomore

Cooper Raymond (seventh place, 22:55) and freshman Garrett Kunsy (ninth, 24:58 for a PR).

Boren clocked her best time of the season (23:10) in capturing gold in the girls’ 5K.

Boren’s victory highlighted a top-five sweep for the Rimrock girls.

Three freshmen finished second through fourth with personal-best times.

Goya Lemus was runner-up in 24:29, and only two seconds separated third and fourth place between Lisbeth Ayala (25 minutes flat) and Ashten Moore (25:02).

Cristal Araujo took fifth in 31:15, and fellow sophomore Dayanara Hurtado was seventh in 32:51. Both times were season-best efforts for the girls.

✓ Volleyball: Marsing holds Senior Night on Thursday

From Page 1B

She said the team seemed more comfortable in its new offense, with Lexi Loucks leading the way. Because of a roster decimated by injuries and illness, the Huskies have switched from a 6-2 to a 5-1 offense, meaning there is one setter in the front row who can attack, as opposed two setters in the back row.

“If we clean up our defense, we will give people a tough time in our district tournament,” she said.

The 2A District III Tournament starts Saturday, with the Huskies playing at either 5 p.m. or 6:45 p.m., at a site yet to be determined. All matches are played a high-seed sites, and the seeding will shake out with the rest of conference play this week.

Marsing’s final regular-season opponents are Nampa Christian (played Tuesday after deadline) and Compass Charter, which visits the Huskies’ gym for a Senior Night match on Thursday.

Junior MarDee Hall led the Huskies with five kills and four blocks Thursday night.

Keylee Wilson led the Mustangs (14-1, 5-0) with seven kills and seven aces.

Kate Clark matched Wilson with seven kills.

Maddi Bunnell had four aces, and Kayla McCoy recorded four.

On Thursday, four Marsing seniors will be lauded prior to their final home match — Delaney Percifield, Hailey Christiansen, Fallon Wasson, and Hannah Sevy.

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Looking back...

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25 years ago

October 18, 1995



Classmates

The Homedale Graduating Class of 1945 held their 50th Class Reunion late this summer. Those attending were: Top row: Marion (Neilson) Davis, Charles Hunt, Jim Thomas, Forrest Henson, Ronald Finn, Robert Moulton, Velda (Stansell) Finn, Wilma (Lamb) Stansell. Middle row: Jean (Gilman) Goody, Kenneth Painer, Ruby (Quick) Day, Shirley (Richards) Kushlan, Nellie (Murphy) Bidwell, Freda (Olsen) Lineberger, Wesley Wretling. Bottom row: Mary (Overton) Baldwin, Annie (Krzesnik) Davis, Margie (Tracy) Stienmetz, Glenice (Dunn) Atkins, Esther (Fackrell) Waller, Dorrene (Anderson) Packer.

Trojan runners capture third place at WIC meet

Homedale’s cross country varsity runners grabbed the third-place title at last week’s 1995 WIC Conference Cross Country Meet at the River Bend Golf Course.

The Trojans’ explosive Marcus Christoffersen blew by his competitors and captured first place in the varsity boys’ race, while Tony Hoshaw ran his best race of the season.

“Marcus ran a very smart race, and I think Tony finally proved to himself just how well he can run,” said Trojan cross country coach Amy Christoffersen.

The JV boys slid into second place, behind notoriously strong McCall.

“The JV Boys all ran well, especially Abe Salisbury,” Christoffersen said.

Even though the running Trojans grasped a winning position at the WIC meet, Christoffersen is still a little disappointed to finish behind McCall and Fruitland.

It was a little disappointing to finish third behind Fruitland,” Christoffersen said. “Hopefully, we can pull together and every athlete will compete to his or her potential at District.”

The 1995 District Meet will be held October 19, at 4:30 p.m. at the Simplot Sports Complex in Boise.

Team results:

Varsity Girls: Angie Bates, 6th, 21:31; Susan Simpson, 10th, 21:45; Leslie Escujuri, 14th, 23:28; Alyssa Syme, 16th, 23:49; Lisa Cuddeback, 17th, 24:12; April Bauer, 19th, 25:38; Paulie Ritzert, 23rd, 27:21; Amy Duryee, 25th, 30:21.

Varsity Boys: Marcus Christoffersen, 1st, 16:40; Scott Roesberry, 15th, 18:48; Tony Hoshaw, 16th, 18:50; Eric Roesberry, 20th, 19:24; Shane Gardner, 21st, 19:27; Justin Seamans, 22nd, 19:50; Caleb Butler, 23rd, 20:06.

JV Boys: Barry Bean, 2nd, 18:43; Juan Escalante, 5th, 19:23; Abe Salisbury, 13th, 19:43; Jason Slawson, 16th, 20:02; Truitt Vance, 18th, 22:16; Matt Vanderboegh, 19th, 22:24; Chad Hopkins, 20th, 22:42; Jason Brown, 2nd, 22:43; Jeff Skeen, 27th, 24:00.

50 years ago

October 15, 1970



NEARLY 14,000,000 EGGS were taken at the Rapid River Hatchery near Riggins from spring chinook salmon this year. Sometimes as many as 400 people per day came to the hatchery to observe the spawning operation. Nearly 6,500 adult fish were trapped for spawning this year.

School board alters girls’ dress code

The Homedale school board moved to change the dress code for girl students at its regular monthly meeting Monday night at the Washington building.

Present were Chairman Tom Arima, board members Les Auker, Charles Yost, Harold Wilson and Paul Zatica, Clerk Jim Duncan; Supt. Deward Bell; Visitors were Jackie Auker, Waunita DeShazer, Nolan Taggart, Orval Soper and Jerry Stone.

Item 3 of the dress code now reads skirts, dresses, culottes and dressy pants and pants suits are acceptable school dress. Blue jeans and plain denims are not considered dressy pants for girls. Skirts, dresses and culottes may not be more than 5 inches above the floor when kneeling. No other garment is acceptable.

Accounts payable for September in the amount of \$15,680.92 were approved.

Members of the Alpha Phi sorority discussed rental of the multi-purpose room with the school board.

The board accepted the audit report as presented by Jerry Stone, Parma, public accountant from July 1, 1969 to June, 30, 1970, and authorized payment of his claim for \$425.

Two coal bids were opened. Dobbin Implement, Marsing, bid \$19.40 per ton and J.W. Copeland bid \$16.50. The bid was awarded to Copeland.

It was moved and seconded that the district construct an 8x12 walk-in cooler in the Washington building.

Trojans face Parma Friday, SWI crown at stake

The Homedale Trojans will swarm into Parma Friday night to tackle a Panther eleven which is undefeated this year and has two SWI league victories already to its credit. Parma is making noises like it would be happy to wrest the SWI league crown away from the Trojans, who have worn it for the past three seasons. The following week, Oct. 23, Middleton’s Vikings will come here for the Trojan Homecoming.

Joni Uda and Alan Echevarria fuzzed up the Antelopes’ hair last Wednesday night and added Adrian to the Homedale trophy case with a 36-0 victory.

Uda scored three times, twice on 16- and 21-yard pass plays from Echevarria. In addition, Echevarria tallied twice on runs of 22 and 37 yards in completing the five-touchdown win by Coach Ken Kellum’s Trojans, who are 4-1 for the season.

Adrian fell to 1-5 in the non-league game. In their respective leagues, Homedale tops the Southwest Idaho loop at 3-0 and Adrian is 0-2 in the Treasure Valley circuit.

145 years ago

October 16, 1875

TOO MUCH MONEY

The national banks in the United States have *more money* than they can use and are surrendering their circulation and taking up their bonds. In proof of this may be cited a telegram from Washington published in our columns to-day; wherein it is stated that the national banks of the country have withdrawn bonds deposited as security for their circulation to the amount of nearly twenty millions of dollars since the first of July. This is a voluntary contraction on the part of the banks, and does not afford much comfort for the inflationist. This continued surrendering of circulation already out ought to be sufficient to put an end forever to the claims of the rag-money advocates that the country needs any more money.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN JOTTINGS.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN OCT. 8, 1875

We are very near down to the bedrock now; times and things are nearly at a stand-still. The smelter shut down yesterday at 3 o’clock P.M. for repairs. The Golconda is shut down and only the carpenters, engineers and their helpers are working at the Bay State.

Dewey & Donnelly closed their store to-day to all but cash customers. Lemp Bros. and Beggs & Donnelly also closed their doors. The hotels will not keep open much longer. Palmer Bros. are to come down to a cash basis. The Cosmopolitan will close in a few days if there is not a grand change in the financial outlook. At Lacy’s Hotel—we understand—all men not at work were this morning kindly requested to find another boarding house. The butcher shops will not keep open but a few days, as we understand that Shea Bros. have all the cattle in the corral that will be put in until there is a prospect of more money. Con Shea & Co.’s mill is closed down and all hands are coming in town to-day.

If pay-day does not come soon this will be the bluest camp anybody knows of. We are not ready to give up yet and pack our blankets out of camp, but, on the contrary, believe that all will come around right in a few days and the company will pay every cent they owe. Then we can pay our “grub-bills,” store-bills and wash-bills and have a little “soap” to jingle in our pockets.

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BULLION SHIPPED.—

Bullion to the amount of \$50,000 was shipped out of this Camp between September 18th, and the 3rd of this month.

THE ladies will now wear striped kid gloves, and it is said that the top stripe will match with that on their stockings, but we can’t see it.

WHEN our girls feel cold streaks playing tag up and down their backs they may know that they have got the dum fummicks.

CRUSHING POORMAN.—The Leonard mill is running on Poorman ore which we understand bids fair to pan out splendidly.

Sports

Trojans JV crunches numbers, Pirates in victory

Homedale High School's latest junior varsity football victory was a math lesson.

Specifically, the Trojans' 41-0 thrashing for Payette in a 3A Snake River Valley conference road game was a trip through the multiplication table.

Homedale's fourth consecutive victory featured the Trojans picking up nearly five times as many offensive yards as the Pirates at Harmon Killebrew Field.

The Trojans amassed 484 yards total offense, including 364 on the ground behind the churning legs of Andrew Marston.

Marston carried the ball 27 times and piled up 226 yards and two first-quarter touchdowns. He scored on a 30-yard



Andrew Marston runs past Payette defenders during Thursday's game on the Pirates' field. Photo by Chris Marston

run and followed that up with an 11-yard jaunt.

Marston had 14 of his team's 24 rushing first downs as Homedale (4-1 overall, 2-0 in conference) also notched nearly five times as many first downs

as its host. The Homedale defense forced a pair of turnovers, and six other Payette possessions ended in punts.

The Trojans' Fabian Nolasco-Contreras booted the

opening kickoff, but Homedale didn't have to wait long to get the ball.

D'Orr Packer fell on Payette quarterback Eli Vergara's fumble two plays into the game, but the Trojans gave the ball back just four plays later when Dillon Fine threw an interception.

It would be Homedale's only turnover of the game.

The defense rose up again, holding the Pirates to eight yards on the first of two consecutive three-and-out possessions.

Homedale got on the board with the only touchdown it would need just 95 seconds later on Marston's 30-yard TD run.

Marston's only touchdown run of the game capped a six-play, 84-yard drive later in the

opening frame.

Homedale was on the board again when Vergara fumbled as Brandon Van Es sacked him, and Chase Cooper scooped up the football and ran 35 yards for a touchdown.

Fine completed six of 13 passes for 120 yards, including a 37-yard scoring play with Sigmund Goode three seconds before halftime.

Goode hauled in five of Fine's six completions for 101 yards.

The Trojans would score on its first two possessions after intermission. Bobby Christensen plunged in from one yard out, and Jayden Wutherich found pay dirt from eight yards away.

Nolasco Contreras was 5-for-6 on point-after attempts.

Unstoppable Melba volleyball cruises past Cole Valley

Melba High School dominated Cole Valley Christian to help push the Mustangs' unbeaten streak to 18 consecutive sets.

The Mustangs galloped past the visiting Chargers on Oct. 6, posting a 25-14, 25-8, 25-17 victory in a 2A Western Idaho Conference match.

Melba hasn't lost a game since the District III tournament seeding por-

tion of the conference season began on Sept. 24.

The victory wrapped up at least a tie for the No. 1 seed in the 2A District III Tournament, which means a home match on Tuesday against the winner of a Saturday match.

A trip to the state tournament will be on the line because teams that win district semifinal matches automati-

cally qualify for the Oct. 30-31 tourney in Buhl.

The last time the Mustangs (14-1 overall, 5-0 in 2A WIC) lost a set was in Game 3 of a five-set victory over Nampa Christian on Sept. 22. Melba was on the brink of elimination before winning three consecutive sets to pull out the win.

Keylee Wilson fueled the Mustangs'

ninth consecutive victory with 10 kills and three aces.

Maddi Bunnell and Laura Forsgren also served three aces apiece against Cole Valley.

Kate Clark spiked nine kills, and Kendall Clark added seven kills and three blocks.

Kayla McCoy dished 29 assists to pace Melba.

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Junior varsity
Thursday, Oct. 15, home vs. Weiser, 6:30 p.m.

Cross country
Monday, Oct. 19 at 3A District III championship meet, Rolling Hills GC, Weiser

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Sports

Trojans runners show steady progress in Parma

On a day that the program was supposed to be dark because of a cancellation, Homedale High School's cross country team had a productive outing in Parma.

The Trojans were invited into a Parma meet with Payette and Weiser early last week, hours after the 3A Snake River Valley conference meet planned for Fruitland was cancelled when Payette County slipped into the COVID-19 red health alert zone.

Coach Sean McCrackin's squad made the most of the short trip, collecting four top-15 finishes.

Junior Christopher Aguilera continued his emergence after missing the first three outings, taking third in 19 minutes, 3 seconds.

Freshman Brock Johnson covered the five kilometers in 21:21 for ninth place in the boys' race.

Sophomore Alaina Cook led the girls' squad — once again depleted by nagging injuries

— with a 10th-place time of 26:07.

Freshmen Trenton Cook pulled off one of his best finishes of the season, taking 12th in the boys' race with a 21:35 time.

Three other ninth-graders finished in the top 25 of their respective races.

Liam Koon (20th, 22:55) and Elias Tines (25th, 24:00) had two of the boys' three top-25 showings. Junior Ryker Johnson was 22nd in 23:20.

In the girls' race, freshmen Elliot Larzelier took 23rd in 30:48.

Freshman David Peirsol, at 6 feet, 4 inches one of the tallest runners on the course, was 27th in 25:22.

Juniors Alexa Durrant (25th, 34:40) and Brooklyn Ashliman (28th, 49:19) rounded out the girls' roster. Ashliman established a personal record.

The 3A District III championship meet is scheduled for Monday at Rolling Hills Golf Course in Weiser.



Counter-clockwise from above:
Freshman David Peirsol pushes through ahead of a Weiser competitor on the Parma all-weather track.

Ninth-grader Brock Johnson finished ninth, one of two top-10 showings for the Homedale boys.

Sophomore Alaina Cook ran the fastest time for the Trojans in the girls' race, finishing 10th.



Photos by Machele Randall

Marsing's Mattivi, Barrera continue to run strong

Marsing High School's cross country team hit the course again last Wednesday, travelling 30 minutes or so to compete in the Victor Charter/Melba meet at Melba High School.

The girls finished fifth with 133 points, 98 behind co-winners Victory Charter and Melba, who tied with 35 points each.

Freshman Sal Mattivi con-

tinued as a Huskies bright, finishing the 5-kilometer course in 25 minutes, 7.3 seconds, good for a 17th place finish among the 44 runners who competed.



Sal Mattivi

Another newcomer, Vanessa Freeman, finished 34th in 29:26.59, which is her personal best. She was followed by Mikaila Gonzalez (38th, 30:38.08), Mariah Gonzalez



Alejandro Barrera

(39th, 31:04.91), and Trinity Stimmel (44th, 43:55.32).

The Huskies' boys finished sixth with 169 points. Victory Charter won the meet with 31 points.

Alejandro Barrera again was the first Marsing athlete to cross the finish line, taking 23rd in 19:51.58. He was followed by Josue Espejel (48th, 24:10.38), Nacho Margarito (53rd, 27:24.44), Jesus Ramir-

ez (56th, 31:26.97), and Tyson Campbell (57th, 32:37.96).

The Huskies will run at the Winston Tilzey Invitational today, beginning with the girls' varsity squad at 5 p.m. and the boys at 5:30 p.m. Nampa Christian plays host to the meet at Nampa's West Park.

The 1A/2A District III championship meet will be held next Wednesday at Eagle Island State Park in Eagle.

Sports

Trojans volleyball team looks to district tournament

Coach has team working on consistency this week

After a pair of straight-set losses, Homedale High School is looking at the No. 4 seed in the 3A District III volleyball tournament.

The Trojans were scheduled to play back-to-back 3A Snake River Valley conference matches after The Owyhee Avalanche’s deadline, including Fruitland at home for Dig Pink Night on Monday, and Payette on the road Tuesday.

The district tournament is hosted by Fruitland this year and will start next Tuesday.

Last week, Homedale (4-9 overall,

2-5 in conference) was swept in a pair of conference matches, including at home on Oct. 6 against 3A SRV front-runner Parma and another setback against Weiser on Thursday.

The loss to the Wolverines in Washington County probably ended any chance Homedale had at the No. 3 seed.

“We suffered a couple big losses this week,” first-year HHS coach Evonne McGuire said.

“Our focus for the end of the season is consistency and working on our mental game. It is really hard to climb out of a hole when you are down. It’s true for any team.”

Homedale and McCall-Donnelly will play one less conference match than their district counterparts because the Trojans-Vandals match scheduled last month in Homedale won’t be made up.

McCall pulled out of the match because of the McCall-Donnelly School District’s COVID-19 guidelines for extra-curricular activities at the time.

“The McCall game will not be made up,” HHS athletic director Casey Grove said via email Friday. “There wasn’t a time that worked for them.”

Oct. 6: Parma def. Homedale, 3-0 — The Trojans fell in a home match to its closest rival in terms of geography.

“Parma has a strong program and great athletes,” McGuire said. “It was a tough loss.”

There were few secrets on the court because of the close proximity of the two communities.

“I do like seeing our teams come together on the court,” McGuire said. “They all know each other and respect one another.”

The Panthers (15-1, 7-1) have won seven consecutive matches since losing their conference opener to Fruitland. A Thursday night victory over the Grizzlies more than likely nailed down the top seed for Parma.

Thursday: Weiser def. Homedale, 3-0 — The Trojans lost a tough one in Washington County, giving the Wolverines the series sweep and a virtual lock on the No. 3 district seed.

“It was a really competitive match,” McGuire said. “Unfortunately, we couldn’t come away with the win.”

Weiser thwarted a resilient Homedale squad in the first set en route to a 26-24, 25-20, 25-13 victory.

“I am proud of how the girls played against Weiser,” McGuire said. “They fought hard, and we had a lot of great rallies.”



Melba sophomore Rozzlyn Cazier heads into the home stretch of the 2A Western Idaho Conference meet in Marsing on Sept. 30. She picked up the first victory of her high school career last week on home soil.

✓ Mustangs: All local runners finish in the top 30

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Reagan Manzer was sixth in 18:00.93 to help the Mustangs secure second place by seven points over Nampa Christian.

Other top-10 finishers for the Mustangs girls’ squad included Owyhee County resident Brooklyn Dayley, a freshman who was third in 21:50.68, and , 3rd) and sophomore Braelyn Scott, who took 10th in 23:19.15.

Two other Mustangs — juniors Mazie Hansen (23:30.26) and Lacey Leavitt (23:46.28) — finished 12th and 13th respectively.

Melba senior Tyler Arnold was 11th in the boys’ race at

- 18:35.84.
- Rounding out the girls’ finishes:
- Jacie Hackler, fr., 22nd in 26:07.44
 - Daisee Crossley, jr., 29th in 27:00.02
 - Ramie Hafen, so., 30th in 27:05.27
- Other boys’ finishers:
- Reuben Manzer, jr., 18th in 19:30.49
 - Grant Svedin, so., 19th in 19:32.15
 - Ravio Manzer, fr., 20th in 19:35.4
 - Hudson Cole, fr., 29th in 20:40.88
 - Jaxen Hackler, so., 30th in 20:47.96

Huskies volleyball team plays through illness, injury

The Marsing High School volleyball team’s recent struggles continued during an Oct. 6 match with New Plymouth.

The Huskies dropped the 2A Western Idaho Conference match to the visiting Pilgrims in straight sets, 25-21, 25-7, 25-16.

Marsing (4-12 overall, 1-4 in conference) has had difficulty fielding a full, healthy squad this season and it has showed on the court.

“We have been lucky to avoid COVID-19 concerns on our team this year, but unfortunately our luck has not been as good keeping our starters healthy with injuries and illnesses,” second-year coach Amy Chadez said.



New Plymouth’s Alyssa Christensen (14) and Baylie Voile (4) are all that stand in the way of Marsing’s Delaney Percifield slapping one home.

Chadez and assistant coaches Brandi Chadez and Ruben Gonzalez made a pre-match adjustment from a 6-2 rotation to a 5-1 rotation because of the illnesses. The change meant Marsing would have only setter who can attack the front row instead of two setters in the back row.

Chadez said despite the lopsided result in the second set and the team’s overall results against New Plymouth, she saw some positives come

from the match.

“I was proud of my girls for fighting through adversity,” she said. “They did their best with what little time we had to prepare.”

Junior middle blocker MarDee Hall had another solid all-around game, finishing with eight kills, two blocks,

and five digs.

Delaney Percifield recorded six kills, three aces, and a block.

Lexi Loucks had 13 assists.

“We may not be stacking up the W’s, but I could not ask for more character and team commitment,” Chadez said.

— TK

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Religious reflections

I was sittin’ in the back row of a beautiful little church in a mountain town in the Rockies. I was there for the wedding of a daughter of good friends.

As the service progressed, my attention was drawn to a banner that hung on the wall. It was handmade, cut from cloth, and intended to be inspiring. It read, “Mount Up With Winos.”

Many thoughts went through my mind as I tried to absorb the full meaning of this elaborate banner. I had come to realize over the years that many Protestant churches have become more liberal in their teachings. Acceptance of alternative lifestyles, less moral browbeating, less blatant emphasis on money, more convenient schedules and greater tolerance of lesser sins: i.e., fall football, alcohol, sex and non-Christian religions.

And there is something to be said for that religious creed. After all, Jesus himself never discriminated.

Bein’ a thinker myself, I began to concoct other potential banner slogans that might be acceptable in this New Age congregation: “Ride with the Risque,” “Sail with Sinners,” “Lie Down with the Licentious,” “Commune with the Immoral,” “Huddle with the Homeless,” “Do Lunch with the Offender.”

The wedding audience was mostly ranch people, men with sunburned faces wearin’ new jeans and uncomfortable in their ties. The women wore their best dresses, and the kids were glad to be anywhere off the ranch. We all squirmed quietly in our pews as the preacher read the vows, told them marriage was forever and lent dignity and tradition to what we all hoped would be a union made in Heaven. We were happy for the parents and appreciated the page turning in their life. We’d all been there or soon would be.

I’d come with my family to pay tribute to the parents ... my friends. But I admit my distraction with the banner had consumed a good part of my attention during the service. I began to think that it was inappropriate.

When the soloist rose and sang the final George Strait love song while the bride and groom escaped, she was positioned right below the banner. Poor planning, I thought, or at least in poor taste.

As we were filing out, I asked my daughter what she thought of the banner.

“Which one?” she asked.

“The one right above the singer,” I answered.

She studied it and read aloud, “ ‘Mount up with Wings.’ Kinda cool, I guess. Why?”

“Oh,” I said, vowing silently to start wearing my glasses more often, “Just curious.”

— 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.

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee Let them be clear



Every government in our democracy is beholden to transparency for the citizens it serves.

Transparency isn’t difficult: Open meetings, public hearings, and proper documentation of all goings-on that affect the citizens within a given governmental entity’s boundary.

Owyhee County government officials understand transparency, and this isn’t to say that any in office today deliberately go out of their way to throw a veil over proceedings.

In fact, the opposite could be argued given the current difficulties bred by COVID-19 precautions.

The Board of County Commissioners has set up the ability for citizens to sit in on meetings virtually on the internet.

Even when circumstances (read: people showed up to be heard) required a move to the larger courtroom for last week’s public hearing on a proposed RV ordinance, the virtual capabilities moved, too.

But even as transparency was alive and well in that instance, it was inadvertently AWOL in the run-up to the hearing, which was the last chance for citizens to weigh in on proposed changes to rules governing how recreational vehicles can be inhabited.

A big component of transparency is — not surprisingly — clarity. You can’t see the roadmap if your glasses are dirty, and therefore, you probably won’t get to the right destination.

Because of an outdated weblink provided in the BOCC’s legal notice advertising its RV ordinance public hearing, interested citizens (and interested media) were directed to an old version of the proposal.

The most up-to-date ordinance was on the BOCC portion of the county website. But the web address

published in *The Owyhee Avalanche* as part of the public hearing notice actually directed folks to a draft of the ordinance that was prepared ahead of the county Planning and Zoning Commission’s public hearing on the proposal.

After P&Z’s hearing, crucial changes were made to the draft ordinance that eventually showed up on the record in the BOCC public hearing.

The biggest change was allowing temporary residence in RVs for people seeking medical treatment, such as chemotherapy sessions. That element wasn’t on the P&Z draft, and was one of the questions former P&Z chair Connie Brandau raised during the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association summer meeting in Homedale on Sept. 26.

Brandau’s question sparked the *Avalanche*’s article, which was built using the P&Z draft and not the BOCC draft (because of the aforementioned incorrect link). That led to erroneous (or outdated) reporting that the ordinance didn’t address temporary RV residency for cancer patients.

Of course, the ordinance did address that. But that version was housed on another page on the county website.

So what’s the solution?

Perhaps more coordination on web content between the BOCC and the Community Development Department when a public hearing process affecting both is running its course.

Or, better yet, county officials could pay attention to what’s on the website, where it’s located and make strides — as Community Development coordinator Mary Huff did just days before the hearing — to ensure links on the website are clear and easy to find.

Letters to the editor

Votes for Trump, Zito are votes for freedom

This most likely will be the most important election in a lifetime. If you believe in freedom and the entrepreneur spirit, you must vote for President Donald Trump. Closer to home, Christy Zito, candidate for state Senate, is a champion of freedom.

If the other side wins and takes the House and Senate, America will never be the same. Remember what our Founding Fathers said: We have given you a constitutional republic, if you can keep it.

Remember this: A vote is not a Valentine. You aren’t confessing your love for a candidate; it is a chess move for the world you want to live in!

For absentee ballots, make sure you follow the instructions and sign your name exactly as it appears on the envelope.

P. T. Rathbone
Marsing

Pray that this political, social climate shall pass

Oh what a world we live in.

Several days ago, I visited the Wells Fargo Bank in Caldwell. Before I could enter, I had to wear a mask. Outfitted with a scarf over my nose and sunglasses, I walked up to the teller looking like a cross between

Election letters

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

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

- Email to jon@owyheeavalanche.com
 - Mail to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
 - Or drop off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale
- For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

Black Bart and John Dillinger.

A year ago, the button could have been pushed and I would be either taken to the stockade, asylum or escorted back to Owyhee County.

This will come to pass as will the disorganized confusion known as our national election.

Abraham Lincoln concluded the Gettysburg Address with: “This nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people, by the people shall not perish from the Earth.” At this critical time, let us pray that our leaders follow the path Lincoln envisioned and this too shall come to pass.

Michael F. Hanley IV
Jordan Valley

Commentary

Financial management

Prudence is pivotal when helping family out of a jam

Dear Dave,
Do you have guidelines for giving when it comes to helping family members? My wife and I are both 52, we're debt-free, and we have savings along with about \$750,000 in retirement. We agree with you that it's a bad idea to loan money to relatives, but we were hoping you could give us a little extra guidance.
— Samuel

Dear Samuel,
I love that you have a helping and generous heart toward your family. Wanting to help is a noble and caring thing. Wanting to help in the best way possible for all concerned is a sign of maturity and wisdom. The big thing is to make sure you're helping someone get back on their feet, and make positive changes in their life. You're not helping anyone

when you give a drunk a drink, so you have to ask yourself if your generosity is really helping them or if you're just enabling bad behavior. Also, you can't give to a point where you're putting your own household at risk. You have to continue to be responsible with your finances where your own family is concerned, as well. This isn't about being a control freak, Samuel. It's about using the resources God has given you in a wise and responsible manner. In human terms, that means helping someone get out of a mess they're in, while at the same time ensuring they're working to make sure they never end up there again!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
I decided a couple of years ago to start following your



plan. Part of getting out of debt for me included paying off my car. I'm taking your advice, and saving up to pay cash for my next vehicle. I know you like mutual funds, so should I put the money I'm setting aside for that purchase in a mutual fund?
— Corey

Dear Corey,
I'm glad to hear you've decided to get control of your money. Mutual funds are great for long-term investing, and by long-term investing I'm talking about a bare minimum of five years — preferably 10. But I wouldn't recommend them as a way of saving up for a vehicle purchase. The problem with mutual funds, in the type of short-term scenario you're talking about, is they can go up, or down, in value. I'd suggest a simple savings or money market account when it comes to stashing the money you're saving for a newer car. They don't pay much in terms of interest, but your money will be safe, and you won't have the ups and downs of the stock market to worry about. Did you know the average monthly payment in America for a new car right now is

about \$554 a month? It makes my head hurt to think about that much cash flying out the window every month on something that's dropping in value like a rock. Even if you just stashed that kind of money in a shoebox you'd have over \$6,600 saved in just a year. And despite what some people say, that's enough to buy a dependable, pre-owned car. Stick with the plan, Corey!
— 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. 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.

Proposed constitutional amendment HJR 4 will protect your representation in the Statehouse

There's a Constitutional Amendment on your ballot this fall, and to protect your representation in the Idaho Statehouse, you should vote "Yes." This amendment, HJR 4, is a promise to you and every Idaho voter. The proposed amendment will permanently set the number of legislative districts in Idaho at 35. It would be a guarantee that people in all corners of the state will still be able to connect with their legislators and continue to have their voices heard when laws are written. Here's how it works. Each Idahoan lives in one legislative district. In the Idaho Statehouse, there are two representatives and one senator for each district. You elect those legislators, and they work for you. They speak for your interests and the interests of the people in your district. To make it as fair as possible, district maps are re-drawn every 10 years to try to have roughly the same population in each district. That means densely populated city districts can span a few miles, while spread-out rural districts can stretch halfway across the state. Next year, a citizens group will meet to redraw these district maps based on population changes reflected in the 2020 census. If HJR 4 fails, they could also drop the number of legislative districts to as few as 30. Now is the time to safeguard against this. HJR 4 would eliminate the possible loss of districts. Our state is growing. People are being drawn here from across the country by our quality of life, thriving economy and minimal regulations. The last thing we need is fewer state legislators representing more Idahoans at a time when the Legislature is debating

Dist. 27A Rep. Scott Bedke (R-Oakley)
Speaker, Idaho House of Representatives

Scott Bedke is completing his ninth, two-year term in the Idaho House of Representatives. He has been Speaker of the House since December 2012 when he defeated Lawrence Denny for the leadership position. His legislative committee assignments include Economic Outlook & Revenue Assessment Committee (chair), Joint Finance & Appropriations, Revenue & Taxation, Resources & Conservation, Transportation & Defense, and Credit Rating Enhancement. A rancher, Bedke formerly served as the Idaho Cattle Association president and as director of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.



complex issues related to growth. HJR 4 would continue to allow you easier access to your local legislators. People connecting with their elected representatives and senators is an Idaho tradition, whether that's through calls, emails, town halls, or just chatting in the store. But if the number of districts drops, legislators would need to represent thousands more people, and those communication channels would get a lot more crowded. HJR 4 would also protect rural representation. If the number of districts drops, that means those

districts would have to get bigger geographically. Rural districts, some of which are already stretched hundreds of miles, would have to stretch into cities to get the required population. Urban districts would have to extend into rural areas. Representatives would then have the nearly impossible task of speaking for two diverse groups of constituents, bound together in one district. As a fourth-generation Idahoan, I want to support the voices and values of rural Idaho that brought us to the overall prosperity we enjoy today. Finally, HJR 4 has bipartisan support. In your State Legislature this year, the measure sailed through the House by an overwhelming 65-3 vote. In the Senate, it received another tidal wave of support, with a 31-4 vote. At a time when people are divided on so many issues, Idaho Democrats and Republicans are in agreement that HJR 4 just makes sense. HJR 4 ensures that no matter which part of the state you live in, citizens will have more representation and the smallest legislative district possible, so your legislator can hear your issues, represent them in the Statehouse, and find solutions. Vote YES on HJR 4.

In the House of Representatives, the nay votes were cast by North Idaho Republicans Heather Scott and Priscilla Giddings, and Garden City Democrat John McCrostie. In the Senate, the three nay votes were cast by Democrats — Cherie Buckner-Webb and Mary Anne Jordan of Boise, and Michelle Stennett of Ketchum.

— Ed.

Public notices

HOMEDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT #370 NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Homedale Jt. School District #370, Canyon and Owyhee Counties, pursuant to Section 33-601, Idaho Code, as amended, has determined that it is in the best interest of said school district to sell the property as identified below.

Description of property to be sold is as follows: 2008 Thomas/ Saf-T-Liner 71 passenger bus (VIN #4UZABRDJ78CZ45863).

Said property will be sold by sealed bids only to the highest bidder with a minimum bid of \$4,850.00 for the 2008 Thomas/ Saf-T-Liner 71 passenger bus (VIN #4UZABRDJ78CZ45863). The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Sealed bids will be opened at 9:30 a.m. on November 3, 2020 at the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho. Any bids received after the bid opening will not be considered.

The property to be sold may be inspected at Homedale School District, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. between the dates of October 15, 2020 and November 2, 2020 (excluding weekends and holidays).

s:/Faith K. Olsen
Finance Specialist/Board Clerk
10/14,21/2020

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

57-12022
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SHERRY MANCASO
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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/WRApplicationResults/. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 W AIRPORT WAY, BOISE ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 10/26/2020. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director
10/07,14/2020

CITY OF MARSING Quarterly Expenditure & Revenue Report 4th FISCAL QUARTER, FY 2019/2020

FUND	BUDGET AMOUNT	Expended to Date	% of Budget Expended	Revenue to Date
01 General	\$ 830,718.00	\$ 380,381.00	45.79%	\$ 361,773.00
Law Enforcement	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	100.00%	
02 Roads & Streets	\$ 344,593.00	\$ 304,811.00	88.46%	\$ 118,302.00
03 Parks	\$ 277,871.00	\$ 111,830.00	40.25%	\$ 28,565.00
05 Planning & Zoning	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 50,501.00	87.07%	\$ 26,185.00
Sub-Total	\$ 1,546,182.00	\$ 882,523.00	57.08%	\$ 534,825.00
25 Water	\$ 1,391,501.00	\$ 299,765.00	21.54%	\$ 482,803.00
29 Irrigation	\$ 68,108.00	\$ 32,701.00	48.01%	\$ 42,992.00
30 Sanitation	\$ 92,870.00	\$ 106,248.00	114.41%	\$ 113,364.00
35 Sewer	\$ 1,041,252.00	\$ 257,235.00	24.70%	\$ 312,422.00
Sub-Total	\$ 2,593,731.00	\$ 695,949.00	26.83%	\$ 951,581.00
TOTAL (all funds)	\$4,139,913.00	\$ 1,578,472.00	38.13%	\$ 1,486,406.00

The General Public is invited to inspect all supporting documents for the above Financial Statement at City Hall during regular business hours. Financial figures may include fund transfers, service charges, refunds, reimbursements and other accounting procedures

October 7, 2020

Jolyn E. Green
City Clerk-Treasurer
10/14/2020

AMENDMENT NUMBER AND QUESTION HJR4

Shall Section 2, Article III, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho be amended to require that the Senate shall consist of thirty-five members; and shall Section 4, Article III, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho be amended to require that the Legislature shall be apportioned to thirty-five legislative districts?

Legislative Council's Statement of Meaning, Purpose, and Results to Be Accomplished

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to permanently set the number of senators in the Idaho Legislature, as well as the number of legislative districts in Idaho, at 35. (There are twice as many representatives as senators, which this amendment would not change.) Since 1992, there have been 35 districts and senators, but the Idaho Constitution permits as few as 30 and as many as 35 districts and senators, with the number determined during redistricting (the process of redrawing legislative district boundaries after a United States census). If this amendment is adopted, the number of districts and senators would be fixed at 35 and could not be changed during redistricting.

Statements FOR the Proposed Amendment

- Setting the number of districts at 35 would prevent the number of districts from being reduced during redistricting in 2021. If the number of districts is reduced, Idaho would have fewer legislators, meaning that Idahoans would have less representation in the Legislature at a time when the state's population is growing and the Legislature is addressing complex issues related to population growth. With fewer legislators representing more constituents, Idahoans would have less access to their legislators, limiting their ability to discuss issues of concern with the people elected to represent their interests. Additionally, with more constituents per legislator, legislators might not be able to provide as many individuals with constituent services.
- Setting the number of districts at 35 and thus preventing any reduction in the number of districts would also keep urban and rural interests in balance. If the number of districts is reduced, rural residents could be added to mostly urban districts, and urban residents could be added to mostly rural districts. This could result in legislators being less responsive to some constituents' interests than others. Furthermore, reducing the number of districts might require districts of great geographical size, which could include many communities that have few interests in common. Large districts might also make travel difficult, and more remote areas of the district could be ignored by legislative candidates during campaigns and by elected legislators who focus on areas where more constituents live. By preserving 35 districts, this amendment makes it more likely that Idaho residents will have representation responsive to their local interests.
- Redistricting in Idaho is done by the bipartisan Citizens' Commission for Reapportionment and is often contentious. If the number of districts is set by law, the commission would not need to determine the number of districts, eliminating a potential point of conflict between the commissioners.

Statements AGAINST the Proposed Amendment

- Redistricting is a complicated process, because redistricting plans must comply with several legal requirements that can be in conflict with each other. For example, districts must be roughly equal in population, but must also avoid, to the extent possible, splitting up counties and communities - even though some counties and communities have significantly larger populations than others. Redistricting plans that fail to comply with all requirements can be challenged in court. By adding another fixed requirement, this amendment would make redistricting more difficult and might invite court challenges. The commission currently has the flexibility to determine the number of districts within a certain range because it is possible that a plan with 30 larger districts could better satisfy legal requirements than a plan with 35 smaller districts. The commission's flexibility should be preserved.
- Changes to the redistricting process should be proposed well in advance of a redistricting year, with enough time to consider all possible consequences of the change. This amendment would cause a significant change to be made right before redistricting occurs in 2021 without sufficient time to consider the consequences.
- Reducing the number of legislative districts would mean a corresponding reduction in the number of legislators. This would reduce the size of the government and could potentially save public funds spent on legislator salaries and benefits.

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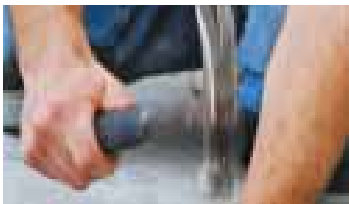
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Sports

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✓Trojans: Defense, Strong's big punt returns put Payette on its heels

the majority of the game.”

The varsity squad will see plenty of time on the Walter Johnson Field turf Friday night when the Trojans (4-1 overall, 3-0 in 3A SRV) try to end Weiser's title hopes.

Holtry admits that playing Weiser in Washington County is always a tough assignment.

“They have some very talented players on their team, and they are probably one of the most underrated teams in the state,” he said.

“They have the capabilities of being a great team, and we will have to prepare very well this week in order to pull off a win on the road. A win versus Weiser is obviously critical if we want to be conference champions.”

The Wolverines' one loss in conference is a 18-15 setback to Fruitland, which is unbeaten in two 3A SRV contests and ends the season on Oct. 23 at Deward Bell Stadium against the Trojans. The Grizzlies are ranked fourth by the coaches and third by the media. Homedale is ranked fourth in the state by the media.

With all that in front of them, the Trojans coaching staff took Friday's game against the Pirates (3-3, 1-2) as a chance to improve while avoiding the trappings of a Homecoming game against a mediocre opponent.

So the game wasn't so much against Payette as it was against the Trojans' ability to get better.

“The focus this week was to play a clean, crisp game and to focus on ourselves in our play,” Holtry said.

“Our goal was to continue to improve and not to worry about what our opponent was doing, but more so cleaning up what we are doing and staying focused on our own strengths



Homedale defensive lineman Thomas Symms takes down Payette quarterback Abe Rodriguez for a sack Friday. Pirates running back Gabe Ramos and Symms' fellow senior teammate Todd Beatty II trail the play.

and weaknesses.”

Friday's shellacking made it clear that among Homedale's strengths are a depth of roster and a knack for the big play at the right time.

Homedale scored on every one of its possessions Friday and had short fields four times in the first half while building a 41-0 lead at the break.

None of the starting positions was more opportune than on the Trojans' first possession of the game.

Sophomore Mason Strong returned Zander Allen's punt 52 yards to the Pirates' 6-yard line before Hayden Kincheloe's two short runs put the ball in the end zone.

Strong's return was icing on a sequence that included a net loss of eight yards for Payette.

Senior defensive lineman Thomas Symms had the big play with a sack of Payette quarterback Abe Rodriguez on third down.

The defense was at it again on the next possession with Symms and Milo Mertz taking down running back Gabe Ramos for a two-yard loss followed by Willy Haun and Jase Lowder stopping Rodriguez two yards behind the line on a keeper.

Homedale scored again on senior running back Milo Mertz's 3-yard run. Earlier in the drive, other running backs set up the score. Senior Keagen Christensen had a 33-yard catch-and-run before Kincheloe ripped off a 19-yard run.

The Pirates' next possession

was stunted when Homedale sophomore linebacker Omar Rios forced a fumble. Rodriguez was able to recover, but only after a 10-yard loss.

Rios was the Trojans' top defender with seven tackles, including three solo stops and four assists.

Strong was at it again on the ensuing punt, racing 31 yards to the Payette 11 from whence he was rewarded with a touchdown pass from Jaxon Dines on the next play.

“We are fortunate right now in the players we have in our program,” Holtry said.

“For the past several years, the level of expectations have only grown within the program, and so when these kids step on the field they are fully aware of the level they are expected

to play at. We are blessed to have players that both want to play at a high level and are capable.”

Homedale ended the next Payette drive with an interception.

Two plays later, a little trickery sent sophomore Rylan Binford on a 43-yard scoring jaunt. Binford whistled around the end of the line after taking a reverse handoff from Kincheloe.

Junior Willy Haun blocked Allen's punt at the end of the next Payette possession, and Homedale soon took a 34-0 lead on Mertz's 27-yard catch-and-run and the fourth of Uriel Neri's six point-after kicks.

“As far as them making the plays, (that) comes down to that ability alongside the guidance and planning to get them in the positions to make those plays,” Holtry said of the Trojans' opportunistic nature.

Christensen would come up with TD runs of 13 and 43 yards on either side of the halftime break, and Homedale's scoring would wrap up when junior varsity call-up Andrew Marston ran 24 yards into the end zone.

In a night for understudies, senior running back Dawson Fox led the team with 83 yards on five carries, and Kincheloe had a season-low 25 yards on just three chances. Christensen wound up with 94 yards total offense and scored on two of his three carries that netted 61 yards.

Dines was 4-for-5 passing and has completed 21 of 25 attempts in his past three starts.

Brandon Van Es came up with four solo tackles and two assists, while Willie White, another junior linebacker, had four solo stops.

— JPB



Above: Hayden Kincheloe looks for running room against Payette while teammate Keagen Christensen (right) throws a block. Left: Christensen eludes one Payette defender and plans to get by another after catching a pass out of the backfield Friday.