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Finally!



With deputy clerk Kim Even (far left) and City Clerk and Treasurer Jolyn Green holding the ribbon, Marsing Mayor Chad Sevy slices through the ribbon in Saturday's symbolic opening of the new Snake River bridge. Council members Chris Even (left) and Brandy Bennett flank the mayor.

Marsing businesses survive bridge inconveniences

Mayor ceremoniously opens new span

After nearly two years of work, the Snake River bridge in Marsing is finally open. Locals had gotten used to the extended traffic delays caused by the bridge's construction, but those

days have passed.

Both lanes of travel are open across the major river crossing between Owyhee and Canyon counties for the first time since early 2019 when Wadsworth began the ambitious project of replacing the bridge and rehabilitating Idaho highway 55 from the bridge west to U.S. High-

way 95.

The City of Marsing made it official Saturday morning when Mayor Chad Sevy cut a ribbon in a quick ceremony at the top of the new access road to the north side of Island Park.

Marsing City Clerk and Treasurer Jolyn Green had some thoughts

about the significance of the bridge and its opening.

"This wonderful bridge opened 99 years after the first bridge, the trestle bridge, opened in 1921," she said. "The City of Marsing, Idaho Transportation, (general contractor)

— See *Bridge*, page 5A

Homedale Highway District approves first 129K truck route

Permit designed to reduce wear and tear contingent on ITD decision

A company with a looming contract to haul milk from a Homedale dairy is one step closer to securing a permit to use 129,000-pound gross weight vehicles.

The Homedale Highway District board of commissioners gave conditional approval to Idaho Milk Transport's permit to haul milk from the Turner Dairy west of town on a specific 2.5-mile route to allow

the heavier loads.

The commissioners unanimously OK'd the permit after Subdistrict 2 Commissioner Scott Salutregui's concerns that it could open the door for other agricultural outfits to increase their loads on the district's roads.

"My concern would be people unknowingly carrying that weight because they

assume we've allowed this district-wide, which it is not," he said.

"It's allowed for them on Northside and Hill Road and only permitted to them. It's special permission, is what it is."

Other haulers will have to file permit requests, and the commissioners will analyze them on a case-by-case basis.

The commissioners can elect to revoke the permit at any time, too.

— See *Route*, page 4A

Health officials move Owyhee back to yellow

Owyhee County's COVID-19 health alert level returned to yellow last week.

Southwest District Health raised the county's risk level from gray because of a rise in the daily incidence rate and evidence of community spread, according to a Friday press release.

In its release, SWDH said the county's daily incidence rate had risen to 1.21 daily cases per 10,000 people. The rise comes after more than month of the daily incidence rate steadily falling.

Southwest District Health's weekly recap also reported one school staff member or student was in isolation because of the virus and 12 others were in quarantine.

SWDH doesn't link students or staff to specific schools, but officials plan to start differentiating between staff and students in future reports.

Returning to the yellow level means a return of recommended precautions such as face coverings when social distancing of 64 square feet (an 8-foot-by-8-foot area) isn't possible.



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Bruneau-GV builds flexibility into COVID return-to-school policy

Students may return sooner than 14-day quarantine

Bruneau-Grand View school trustees have revised the district’s COVID-19 return-to-school protocol.

In a letter sent to parents, district superintendent Ryan Cantrell outlined the changes, which were adopted during Thursday’s meeting at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School in Bruneau.

Students who are exposed to a positive case of COVID-19 have had to self-quarantine out of school for 14 days and use Google Classroom to complete work.

But after Thursday’s meeting students have another option if they want to return to school ahead of the 14-day self-quarantine.

To get back to school sooner, a student or staff member must:

- Get a COVID-19 test on the sixth day following their last exposure. Five days have to pass for the virus to incubate before testing.
- The student may return to school if there is a negative test on the sixth day and they are symptom-free. The test

result must be shared with the student’s principal.

- Student and staff cleared to return earlier than the 14 days must wear a mask for the remainder of the 14-day timeline and they must get a temperature reading by school staff each day.

“BGV Trustees recognize the importance of having our students in the classroom as much as possible, and we’re hopeful that this new practice will help us better serve our BGV students,” Cantrell wrote in his letter to parents.

- Students exposed to COVID-19 may not participate in athletics during the 14 days after exposure, even if the student has returned to school and is observing the new protocol to attend class.

Trustees also made changes to the COVID-19 policy:

- When a positive case is identified, the school may close and/or move to online learning for at least one full day to allow for adequate contact-tracing.

Parents with questions about the new policy are directed to speak with either of the district’s school principals — Alex Meyers in the elementary schools, and Dale Burk at the junior-senior high school.

Marsing schools again affected by positive COVID-19 case

Cafeteria staff tested, screened each day

The Marsing School District is dealing with its second COVID-19 predicament after a Child Nutrition staff member tested positive for the virus last week.

The school district sent 200 students and staff into quarantine after a secondary school staff member tested positive on Sept. 16. All students and staff from third-, fourth-, and fifth-grades were sent home.

MSD superintendent Norm Stewart said that the employee was identified on Oct. 13 and was quarantined to prevent a spread. The staff member had family members in the second, fifth, eighth, and 10th grades. Those students had not tested positive for COVID-19 or showed symptoms.

All students in those grades and their parents and guardians have been told to closely monitor for symptoms. If the students demonstrate any signs of the virus’ symptoms, they have been told to quarantine for 14 days, per Centers for Disease Control and Southwest District Health guidelines.

According to a release from the school district, no close contacts of students or staff have been identified outside of Child Nutrition. Close contact is defined as contact within six feet for 15 minutes or longer.

“Because of the essential

Confirmed Owyhee County COVID-19 cases:

333

Oct. 13 to Oct. 19 statistics:
New confirmed cases, 8
Deaths: 5 (New: 0)
Health alert level: Yellow
Probable cases, 34 (New: 1)
Source: coronavirus.idaho.gov

Malheur COVID-19 cases:

1,847

New cases, Oct. 13 to Oct. 19: 59
Deaths: 34 (New: 1)
Negative tests: 5,978 (New: 173)
Source:
govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19

need for cafeteria workers, we had to use the essential employee criteria,” Stewart said. “They are being screened and temperature-tested every day before being allowed to work.”

He said that the protocol will last for the entire 14 days from the last exposure to co-worker who tested positive. The staff member who tested positive will be eligible to return to work next Wednesday.

“At this point, no other Child Nutrition employee has shown symptoms,” Stewart said on Sunday.

The press release suggests for district staff and students to continue monitoring for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and to take the following precautions:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol if soap and water are not available
- Avoid close contact with those who are sick
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or sleeve
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects
- Practice social distancing, leaving at least six feet distance from others
- Wear a cloth mask when unable to practice social distancing in a public setting

The district’s custodial staff will continue to clean and disinfect surfaces inside the schools. Students and staff will be closely monitored for symptoms.

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Time is short to vote absentee

Amendment that could affect representation on Nov. 3 ballot

Prospective voters have two days to request their absentee ballots, and those ballots will be chock full of choices.

The deadline to request an absentee ballot from the Owyhee County Clerk is 5 p.m., on Friday. Folks will have until 8 p.m., on Election Day to get their completed absentee ballots submitted.

In-person absentee voting at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy ends at 5 p.m., on Friday, Oct. 30.

The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., on Tuesday, Nov. 3 at three locations in the county. Marsing and Homedale precincts will have voting at the Owyhee County Community Center on West Nevada Avenue adjacent to the county fairgrounds. Voters in Wilson, Oreana and Murphy will cast ballots at the courthouse in Murphy. Voters in Grand View and Bruneau are directed to the American Legion Post 134 Hall in Grand View.

In addition to the U.S. presidential election, local voters will be making decisions on who will represent them in the U.S. Senate, the U.S. Congress and the Idaho Legislature.

And, with HJR4 on the ballot, voters also will decide the fate of an amendment to the state constitution that would

lock in the number of legislative districts at 35.

Passed by the Idaho Legislature in the spring, HJR4 aims to, in part, preserve rural representation, according to proponents.

The amendment would prevent redistricting committees to shrink the number of districts to 30, which is the minimum allowed by the Idaho Constitution right now. Redistricting takes place every 10 years at the conclusion of the U.S. Census. The next bipartisan redistricting committee should convene next year.

Opponents of the amendment contend that such changes should be proposed well ahead of a redistricting cycle. There is also an argument that leaving the districts at 35 would also stifle the rural voice.

Several political offices will appear on the Nov. 3 ballot as well. But there are no county races as all incumbents up for re-election ran unopposed in the Republican primary in May.

Other elections include:

- **Dist. 23 Senate** — Democratic nominee Laura Bellegante from Mountain Home is pitted against Christy Zito (R-Hammett), who gave up her Dist. 23A seat in the Idaho House of Representatives in a

bid to succeed Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) in the upper chamber.

- **Dist. 23A House** — Mountain Home City Council president Matthew Bundy (R-Mountain Home) is running against Democrat Benjamin Lee, also from Mountain Home, for the opportunity to succeed Zito.
- **Dist. 23B House** — Republican incumbent Megan Blanksma of Hammett faces two challengers in Mountain Home Democrat Michael Oliver and Hammett’s Tony Ullrich, who is running again as the Constitution Party nominee.
- **U.S. Senate** — Republican incumbent Jim Risch is seeing challenges from Democrat Paulette Jordan, Constitution Party nominee Ray J. Wirtz, and independent Natalie Fleming.
- **U.S. House, Dist. 1** — Meridian’s Russ Fulcher, the Republican incumbent, is seeking re-election against Democrat Rudy Soto and Libertarian Joe Evans.
- **U.S. President** — In addition to President Donald J. Trump and Democratic nominee Joseph R. Biden, there are five other candidates on the Idaho ballot: Don Blankenship (Constitution), Jo Jorgensen (Libertarian), and independents Rocky De La Fuente, Brock Pierce, and Kanye West.



Volunteers tackle outbuildings (right, background) after completing a painting project at the Oreana Community Hall on Saturday afternoon. The hall, which plays host to the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association winter meeting each February, was severely damaged by hail in the spring. Photo by Mandi Boren

Volunteers repair Oreana hall hail damage

by Mandi Boren
For The Owyhee Avalanche

Volunteer work crews gathered Saturday in Oreana to scrape and paint the historic Oreana Community Hall after it was damaged by spring hailstorms earlier this year.

Volunteer Sarah Hall said she was “happy to be able to preserve the building for years left to come.”

The Oreana Hall has been used for years to host Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association winter meeting as well as community dances, weddings, funerals and parties.

Hall coordinator Chris Collett said the building is still in need of donations to help replace windows. To donate, call Collett at (208) 834-2062 or follow Oreana Community Hall on Facebook.

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

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Volunteers invited to help at The Rock of Homedale work day

Volunteers and skilled laborers are sought for a work day at The Rock of Homedale on Saturday, Nov. 7. All kinds of tasks need to be accomplished between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., at the planned non-denominational teen center at 310 E. Owyhee Ave., across from John Jackson Field. The Rock spokesperson Kathy Deal said families are invited to come participate in the work day, and men are requested to bring tools to complete tasks such as installing door knobs, hanging toilet paper roll holders and attaching door sweeps and thresholds. There are manual tasks, too, such as picking up trash, washing walls, sweeping the fence and weeding. For more information or to volunteer, call Deal at (208) 794-1048.

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✓ Route: Only milk hauler will be legally authorized to run 129K pounds

The annual cost of a permit is \$50, which district Director of Highways Dan Herman said was the rate that the Idaho Transportation Department currently charges. The permit will be reviewed annually with an eye toward safety and roadway damage, and permit cost will be increased if ITD hikes its fee.

Idaho Milk Transport, which contracts with Darigold to haul milk, has filed an application to get an Idaho Transportation Department permit to use Idaho highway 19 from U.S. Highway 95 through Homedale to the Oregon state line.

The highway district permit will go into effect if Idaho Milk Transport gets approval from ITD.

Public comment on the ITD application will be received until Nov. 15.

The highway district permit would allow 129,000-pound semis and two trailers to use Northside Road between Idaho 19 and Hill Road, and a half-mile stretch of Hill Road east of Northside to get to the dairy. Another nearby dairy could be added at a later time, but won't alter the route, officials said.

During last Wednesday's presentation, Aaron Burton of Darigold told district commissioners that using larger capacity semis and trailers would reduce the number of trips necessary to haul the daily milk output from the dairy.

"It lets us take a truck off the road once a day," Burton said. "It's good for the company's economy and it reduces the wear and tear on the road."

Kraig Franks, Idaho Milk Transport operations manager, said that the 129,000-pound trucks off-track better than the lighter trucks being used now. That means rear tires won't skid in turns, which leads to more damage to pavement.

Subdistrict 2 Commissioner John Demshar said the board also worried about the larger trucks needing to take up both lanes of travel when turning.

Franks said turning is better for the 129,000-pound rig with an overall length of 100 feet including 40-42 feet in the front trailer and a pup trailer.

Idaho Milk Transport's hauling contract with Turner Dairy goes into effect on Nov. 1. A different contractor is hauling milk now, making two round trips to Darigold processing facilities each day.

Burton said Darigold receives enough milk from the dairy currently to require two trips with 105,500 GVW outfits.

But a 129,000-pound permit would allow Idaho Milk Transport to make only one trip, cutting annual traffic in half from 730 round trips to 365.

According to data provided by Burton, which he said came from an ITD study performed by the University of Idaho, A 105,500-pound GVW semi and trailer causes the most roadway damage among different truck configurations, while the 129,000-pound configurations cause the least amount of damage.

The trick is an extra axle to further disperse the gross weight per axle. On the 105,500-pound GVW eight-axle set-ups, the axles of a pup trailer carry 17,000 and 16,000 pounds, respectively. The 129,000-pound GVW nine-axle configuration distributes weight more evenly with 12,500 pounds on each of the two rear axles of the lead trailer and 11,250 pounds on the front two axles and 11,000 pounds on the rear two axles of the second trailer.

More information on the ITD permit application is available at itd.idaho.gov/freight/.

ITD is accepting comment on the Idaho 19 permit application on its website, and folks can call a toll-free number and give verbal comments.

Written comments can also be submitted to ITD freight program manager Scott Luekenga via e-mail to OfficeoftheChiefEngineer@itd.idaho.gov or mail to: Idaho Transportation Department, ATTN: Scott Luekenga, PO Box 7129, Boise, ID 83707-1129.

— JPB

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Homedale Chamber returns

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce will resume its monthly meetings at noon on Tuesday at The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., in Homedale.

The organization of local businesses has not met since March. Chamber president Gavin Parker chose to not hold meetings while the various COVID-19 related restrictions were in place.

The Chamber has typically taken the summer months off, anyway.

Parker said the biggest topic of discussion during the upcoming meeting will be plans for the Chamber’s involvement with Homedale’s holiday events.

Parker said that he is really looking forward to getting updates from the city and its businesses, particularly since it has been so long since representatives have congregated.

“We really need to get rolling and start up that communication with businesses,” he said. “We’re all looking forward to a better 2021.”

Upcoming holiday events include the Safe ‘n’ Sane Halloween on Saturday, Oct. 31 and the city’s Christmas events. The Homedale for the Holidays night light parade and the tree lighting at Bette Uda City Park traditionally are held on the last Saturday in November.

Businesses that are interested in taking part in the Safe ‘n’ Sane Halloween can pick up jack-o-lantern window displays during business hours Monday through Friday at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Businesses that pick up jack-o-lanterns by Oct. 23 will be included in the list of Safe ‘n’ Sane participating businesses published in the Oct. 28 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

The Chamber of Commerce meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month from September to May.

Any businesses interested in joining the Chamber or getting more information can call Parker at (208) 337-3271.

— TK

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✓ Bridge: Some businesses report possible increased customer traffic because of construction

Wadsworth, and RBCI worked tirelessly the last several years to bring our community a beautiful bridge.

“It has not been without its challenges, but the citizens of the City of Marsing and surrounding community did its best to meet it with grace and patience. Thanks need to go to the community, business owners, and visitors for persevering through the last 19 months.”

There were early concerns about construction causing issues with business and home access along Main Street. Those feelings were made public during a meeting between the Idaho Transportation Department and Marsing business owners in March 2019.

Many businesses, particularly those close to the bridge construction zone, were afraid that they wouldn’t even be able to keep their doors open.

Amanda Merritt, co-owner of The Spot Pizza, said she was surprised how little her business suffered as a result of the road and bridge work just outside her door.

“We didn’t really get it bad,” she said. “For one thing, we had all the construction workers who came in to eat. They were in here, like, every day.”

She said that there were initially some concerns when Sandbar Avenue was closed in the early stages of the project.

“I think for the first couple weeks, people didn’t really know how to get to us,” she said.

She also mentioned that when COVID-19 took the world by storm, people were afraid to leave town, so no one went to Nampa or Caldwell to eat out.

“People said ‘Hey, let’s call The Spot!’” Merritt said. “We were very blessed.”

Merritt said that she personally is excited to not have the traffic light to stop her, as she lives in Canyon County.

Tommy Schock from NAPA Auto Parts, across Main Street from The Spot, had a similar sentiment.

“It really wasn’t super bad for us,” he said. “The funny thing is, I think that when people were stopped at the traffic light, they would think ‘Hey, I need to stop and pick up so-and-so.’”

He said that he knows a lot of the locals are extremely happy to see the work and the construction crews moved out.

“Everybody was so tired of that wait (at the traffic light),” Schock said. “A lot of people would tell me they would avoid it at all costs. They would go all the way through Homedale to get around.”

Although the project is several months past its original completion date, the work is done and the construction crews and machinery, the temporary trestle bridge and traffic light, and the dirt and dust and the noise are gone. Marsing citizens and businesses can go back to a redefined life as usual.

— TK

School menus

Homedale Elementary

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

Oct. 21: **Breakfast:** Chocolate chip muffin **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garlic toast, green beans

Oct. 22: **Breakfast:** Bug bite grahams w/yogurt **Lunch:** Chicken tenders, steamed carrots

Oct. 26: **Breakfast:** Cereal bar **Lunch:** Crispito, corn

Oct. 27: **Breakfast:** Toast and sausage patty **Lunch:** Hot dog, macaroni & cheese, baby carrots

Oct. 28: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes **Lunch:** Pork chop, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, hot roll

Oct. 29: **No School**

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. 21: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch:** Orange chicken, steamed rice, broccoli, string cheese, fortune cookie

Oct. 22: **Breakfast:** Apple breakfast bites **Lunch:** Crispito, corn, string cheese

Oct. 26: **Breakfast:** Frudel **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, green beans, string cheese

Oct. 27: **Breakfast:** Apple filled donut **Lunch:** Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes w/gravy, hot roll, string cheese

Oct. 28: **Breakfast:** Tornado **Lunch:** Pizza hot pocket, steamed carrots, string cheese

Oct. 29: **Breakfast:** Ultimate breakfast round **Lunch:** Nachos, string cheese

Homedale High

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

Oct. 21: **Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito or filled cereal bar **Lunch:** Spicy chicken patty sandwich or hamburger/cheeseburger and potato wedges

Oct. 22: **Breakfast:** Donut or yogurt parfait **Lunch:** Beef taco or burrito, corn and cookie

Oct. 26: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or cinnamon pull apart **Lunch:** chicken nuggets w/mozzarella bites or pizza hot pocket

Oct. 27: **Breakfast:** English muffin breakfast sandwich or cinnamon roll **Lunch:** Crisпитos w/refried beans or deli sandwich w/chips

Oct. 28: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick or mini waffles **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken, cheesy breadstick or pepperoni pizza ripper

Oct. 29: **Breakfast:** Little smokies w/muffin or apple breakfast bites **Lunch:** Nachos or baked potato, breadstick and rice krispie treat

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. 21: **Breakfast:** Whole grain apple cinnamon Texas toast **Classic Line:** Pepperoni calzone, green beans

Oct. 22: **Breakfast:** Breakfast sandwich **Classic Line:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, buttered corn

Oct. 26: **Breakfast:** Cereal, yogurt **Classic Line:** Whole grain corndog, potato wedge, whole grain chocolate chunk cookie

Oct. 27: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes **Classic Line:** Spaghetti, green beans

Oct. 28: **Breakfast:** Breakfast bacon scramble pizza **Classic Line:** Dutch waffle, sausage patty, hashbrown patty, strawberries w/topping

Oct. 29: **Breakfast:** Chicken waffle, yogurt **Classic Line:** Pepperoni pizza, carrot sticks, pineapple tidbits, Jell-o w/topping

Bruneau/Grand View

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

Oct. 21: **Breakfast:** Pancakes & egg patty **Lunch:** Spaghetti/meat sauce, garden spinach salad, peas, breadstick

Oct. 22: **Breakfast:** Breakfast wrap **Lunch:** Hamburger on a bun, potato wedges, broccoli, apple crisp

Oct. 26: **Breakfast:** Muffins **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets & ww roll, mashed potatoes & gravy, steamed broccoli

Oct. 27: **Breakfast:** Biscuits & gravy **Lunch:** Teriyaki chicken, oriental rice, stir-fry veggies

Oct. 28: **Breakfast:** French toast **Lunch:** Chili, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll

Oct. 29: **Breakfast:** Cereal bar **Lunch:** Ham & cheese on a bun, fries, baby carrots

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Have you ever enjoyed a particularly delicious tomato or spectacular bloom from your garden and wondered if you could save the seeds and grow it again next year? Many gardeners enjoy saving seed for a number of reasons. Some like the challenge of collecting seed. Others find it economical. Still others enjoy carefully selecting, preserving and improving their favorite varieties year after year.



Ariel Agenbroad

So how does one get started? First of all, save seed from crops adapted to your growing season and your garden site, and save seed from the “best of the best,” meaning select the most perfect fruit or flower from the healthiest, most robust plant. To ensure that the seed has fully developed, save seed from completely ripe fruit or mature, dried pods and seed heads. Do not save seed from stressed or diseased plants or fruit. And while it is possible, saving seed from hybrid plants will not produce reliable offspring, so focus on heirloom or open-pollinated types. Also, unless you plan to become licensed and inspected, do not save seeds to sell to others.

The best choices for those new to seed saving include tomato, pepper, eggplant, beans and peas, and many annual flowers. Why? Well, these crops are often self-pollinating, or don’t readily cross-breed, they generally mature in one season, and their seeds are easily identified, collected and dried. Here are a few tips for saving seed from these popular favorites:

• **Tomatoes** — Squeeze seeds and pulp into jar, keep in a warm place, rinse every three days until seeds have

settled; spread on paper towel or screen to dry.

• **Pepper** — Use mature peppers (turning red, streaked, or brown), remove seeds from pith (use caution or wear gloves if hot), dry on a paper towel or screen.

• **Eggplant** — Separate seeds from pulp, use water and mash if necessary, dry thoroughly on paper towel or screen.

• **Beans and peas** — Leave pods on the plant until they are dry and beans rattle in the pods, remove pods and dry at room temperature, when completely dry, remove beans from pods carefully.

• **Flower seeds** — It’s easy to save seed from flowers like nigella, sunflower, cosmos, hollyhock, marigold, nicotiana, nasturtium, zinnia and calendula. Wait until seed pods/seed heads have dried, then collect seeds and dry completely at room temperature.

Your seeds should stay viable anywhere from one to five years if dried and stored well. Keep seeds cool, dry and dark in airtight containers. Avoid fluctuations of temperature and humidity. And don’t forget to label your seeds with the name and year collected.

Want to check if your saved seeds will grow? Test for germination by sprouting 5-10 seeds on a damp paper towel placed in a plastic bag (poke holes for ventilation) in a warm, dark location. After two weeks, count the number of sprouted seed to determine your germination percentage.

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Calendar

Today

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

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

Idaho Foodbank drop-off

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

The Landing teen support group

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

Saturday

Fall Harvest Dinner and Auction

6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. Hwy 95, Wilder. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. (208) 337-3464.

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Story Time

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

Tuesday

Writing group

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

Homedale Chamber luncheon

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

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Thursday, Oct. 29

Teens & Tweens

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

Three Creek School harvest festival

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

Friday, Oct. 30

The Landing teen support group

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

Church in the Dirt Harvest Party

7 p.m., Badiola Arena parking lot, 402 Hwy 95, Homedale.

Saturday, Oct. 31

Safe & Sane Halloween

3 p.m. to 5 p.m., downtown Homedale.

Trunk or treat

5:30 p.m., haunted house, American Legion Post 134 Hall, 410 Roosevelt St., Grand View.

Fall Festival

6 p.m., Lizard Butte Baptist Church, 116 4th Ave. West, Marsing. (208) 608-3063.

Harvest Festival

6:30 p.m., Homedale Assembly of God, 15 W. Montana Ave., Homedale.

Monday, Nov. 2

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Story Time

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Tuesday, Nov. 3

Writing group

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You can find a comprehensive listing of local events online at www.theowyheeavalanche.com. Click on the “Calendar of Events” link on the left-hand side of the page.

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.

Marsing graduate joins U of I columnist rotation next week

A new contributor to the University of Idaho Extension’s column series for The Owyhee Avalanche will debut next week, and he’s pretty well-known around these parts.

Nic Usabel is a Horticulture Extension Educator for the University of Idaho Extension in Canyon County.

He grew up in Marsing and was a

secondary school teacher for 12 years in the West Ada School District and at schools in Marsing and Jordan Valley. During that time, he taught Agricultural Science & Technology, Earth Science, Biology, Horticulture, Zoology and served as an FFA Advisor.

Now with the U of I Extension, Usabel’s focus is urban and commercial

horticulture. He serves Canyon and Owyhee counties.

He provides training and leadership for the Canyon County Idaho Master Gardener volunteers, facilitates trainings for Junior Master Gardener facilitators and manages landscape and garden alerts on the Pacific Northwest Pest Alert Network. He also conducts

community outreach teaching on a variety of horticulture topics.

For upcoming classes and events, individuals can follow him on Facebook @nusabelUIExtension or go to uidaho.edu/canyon for upcoming classes and events.

Usabel graduated from the University of Idaho in 2007 and 2012.

Death notices

EDWARD ERNEST DAVISON, 87, of Homedale, died Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020 at home of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

SAUNDRA SUE MORGAN, 68, of Marsing, died Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020 at home of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

DARLENE CAROL TOWNSEND, 85, of Boise, an Owyhee County native and 1953 Homedale High School graduate, died on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2020. Cremation: Cremation Society of Idaho, 5541 W. Overland Rd., Boise. (208) 322-3590

College grads

Locals earn U of I degrees

Two locals are among 263 students to graduate recently from the University of Idaho. The summer graduates include:

- **Andrea J. Sorrell, Adrian** — College of Education, Health and Human Sciences, Bachelor's of Science in Education, career and technical education-workforce training and development
- **Travis M. Dawson, Grand View** — College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences, Master's in Public Administration

Jordan Valley man a top grad at Wyoming college

A Jordan Valley student has graduated Magna Cum Laude from college. Abe Cunningham received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts from Wyoming Catholic College. The school is a four-year Great Books Curriculum College in Lander, Wyo. The son of Ron and Nancy Cunningham of Jordan Valley is now employed in Lander, Wyo.

Senior menu

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar: *Not Available due to the Coronavirus
Curbside pickup only between noon and 1 p.m.
Phone ahead 208-337-3020 to order
Dessert is included in curbside lunch
Milk available each day
Congregate meals will be served on Oct. 22 and Oct. 29
Roll available each day except Oct. 21 and Oct. 28
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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Obituary

Denise Christine Bowman Finley

Denise Christine Bowman Finley, 57, went home to be with Jesus on October 16, 2020. She passed away peacefully in the comfort of her home in Marsing, Idaho, surrounded by her loved ones. She has been reunited with her father and grandparents at the gates of heaven.

Denise was born on July 31, 1963, to parents, Laura and Jerry Bowman in Caldwell, Idaho. She was blessed with two children, Sean Finley (Alyssa) and Annie Short (Alex). She was later blessed with three grandchildren.

Denise was preceded in death by her father, Jerry; grandparents, Ralph and Zella Marie "Babe" Bowman and Manuel and Clotilde Arriaga. She is survived by her mother, Laura; brother Lynn and his wife, Tammy; son Sean and his wife Alyssa; daughter Annie and her husband Alex. She leaves behind three grandchildren who were the light of her life: Caitlyn, Drake, and Ava. She was also loved by her three nieces: Kimber, Bailey, and



Megan and her great-nephew: Weston. She was also adored by her beloved dog, Dax. Denise spent most of her life in Marsing, Idaho. She graduated from Marsing High School in 1981. She later went on to study Dental Assisting from Boise State University where she met Stuart Finley. They later married and moved to Denver, Colorado. When Denise moved back to Idaho, she joined the family business, Bowman Produce. She worked alongside her father, mother, and brother until the family

business closed in 2003. Denise spent her time involved in the Marsing Chamber, the Marsing Lions, and numerous Marsing school committees. She enjoyed attending her children and niece's sporting events. She meticulously documented stats from every event. Denise also coached her children's little league teams and the high school cheer team. She never missed a moment to support her family. Denise was an incredibly loyal friend and loving mother. She was always looking for a way to help others. She had a feisty personality, but loved fiercely. Her most treasured times were those spent with her family. She will deeply missed by all who loved her. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Marsing Ambulance, P.O. Box 135 Marsing, Idaho 83639. Services will be held at the American Legion Hall in Marsing on Friday, October 23rd at 1:00 p.m. Burial to follow at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

Crash kills former Homedale resident

A former Homedale resident perished early Sunday morning in a Canyon County car accident. Scotty Abbott, 31, died at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. Idaho State Police investigated a crash on Friends Road near Middle Road south of Greenleaf shortly after 1:30 a.m., on Sunday. According to ISP, Abbott, whose residence was listed as Nampa, and his passenger, 34-year-old Tannesa Cavaness of Payette were traveling southbound on Friends Road in a 2004 Toyota Sienna. When the vehicle went off the right shoulder south of intersection with Middle Road, Abbott overcorrected and the vehicle rolled. The car came to rest on the left side of the road. Both Abbott and Cavaness were ejected from the vehicle. According to social media posts, Abbott and Cavaness were married earlier this year. Abbott attended Homedale High School. Both passengers were transported by ambulance to St. Al's.

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County quartet heads for state rodeo Hall of Fame

Murphy’s Kaufmans, Marsing’s McLeods to be inducted this weekend

It’s fitting that four people with Owyhee County ties are going into the Idaho Rodeo Hall of Fame together.

Steve and Patti Kaufman and Sandy and Teri McLeod traveled together to compete in amateur rodeos in the 1980s as the men team roped and the women raced barrels.

Now, the Kaufmans, who live in Murphy, and Marsing residents Teri and the late Sandy McLeod are taking another trip together—into the Hall of Fame during induction ceremonies on Friday and Saturday in Twin Falls.

Steve Kaufman

Now retired from competition and living in Murphy, the Kaufmans actually met because of Steve’s passion for rodeo.

In California after traveling for high school rodeos there that were eventually cancelled, he occasionally team roped with a man named Charlie Myers. One day in Modesto, Steve was visiting Myers at an event when he watched a 13-year-old girl compete in a junior rodeo event.

Astonished after watching the girl dangle under her horse (because of an uncinched saddle) while rocketing across the arena, Steve made a comment to his roping partner.

“Yep, that’s my daughter,” Charlie said.

Steve would take Patti to a rodeo at the Cow Palace (with his girlfriend), and three years later they began dating.

Steve was drafted into the Army in 1965 and earned a Bronze Star during his 1966 tour in Vietnam. He was honored after saving the lives of several men in his unit during combat.

Steve and Patti didn’t lose touch even with him overseas. She sent him ropes while he was in Vietnam, and he never forgot her.

In June 1968, they married and moved to Idaho.

They began going to Idaho Cowboys Association rodeos in 1969, Steve as a heeler and Patti in the barrel racing. Over the years, Steve placed or won at most every association-approved amateur rodeo he entered, qualifying for the ICA finals numerous times. He served as director at-large and as team roping director and was known to work for the ropers’ best interests.

For his contributions to rodeo, Steve was awarded the Louie Reinman Award and received an ICA Gold Card.

When not competing himself, Steve was hanging at the rodeo watching Patti or their daughters.

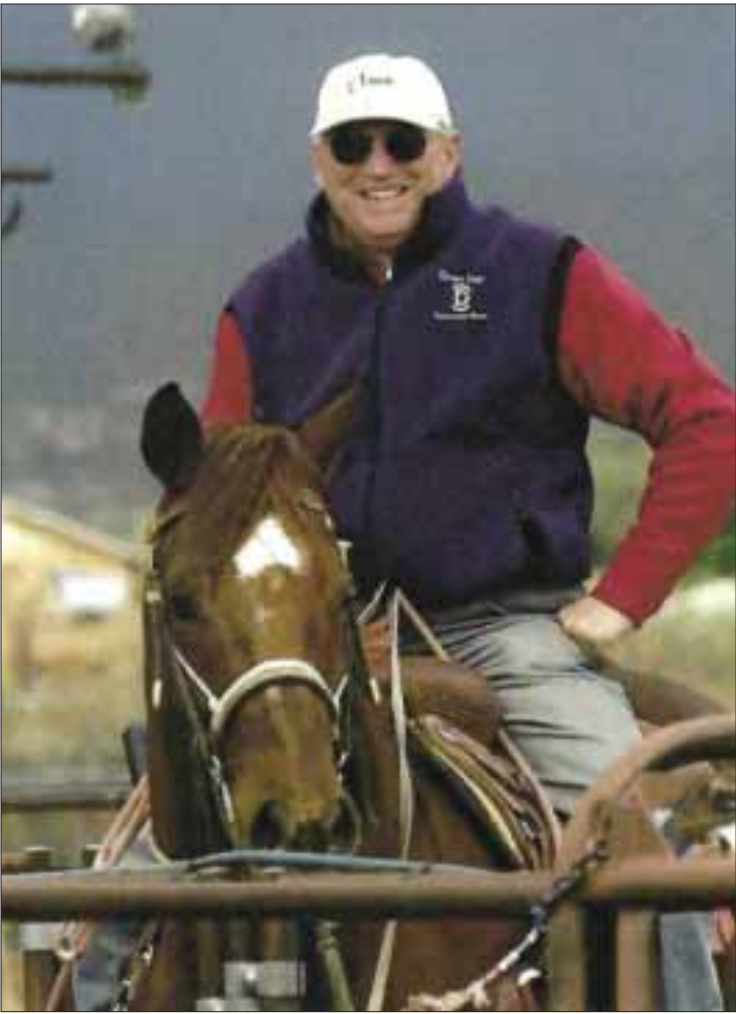
Steve and Patti enjoyed team roping together, too, qualifying for the National Senior Pro Rodeo Finals numerous times and winning the circuit championships twice. Steve was also runner-up at the National Cattleman’s Feedlot Roping.

After retiring from team roping, Steve passed his roping horses to his grandchildren, and he has put millions of miles on his pickup following those athletes to as many sporting events as possible. Each time a grandchild qualifies for the Idaho State High School Rodeo, he takes the weeklong trip. Twice, he has trekked to the National Junior High and High School Finals Rodeos to watch his grandsons.

When not in the rodeo arena, Steve helped his father train quarter horses. It was something that Steve, who was born in Wellington, Kan., in November 1939, would start doing in grade school.

The family moved west to launch a successful quarter racing industry career and would migrate between Idaho and California with racehorses.

Steve started galloping horses at 10 years old and became the family’s jockey by the time he was 12.



Sandy McLeod

Some of the family’s standout horses were Rocket Bar, Tinky Poo, Missile Step and Fantastic Native.

With Steve’s help, his father, George Kaufman was the nation’s leading quarter horse training between 1958 and 1960.

Steve also was known for training good, broke performance horses, too.

He competed in the 1955 National High School Finals Rodeo in Nebraska, traveling to the Midwest with buddies and fellow contestants Jim Seibel and Don Patterson.

Patti Kaufman

Patti was born in Poplar Bluff, Mo., and raised in Central California with horses filling the void of being an only child.

She got her first horse at the age of 9 and spent her youth at every playday, gymkhana and junior rodeo her parents would travel to.

In those events, she honed her horsemanship, which led to titles of First Princess the California State FFA and

Western States Rodeo Queen.

Two years after marrying Steve, Patti had the couple’s first child in 1971 — the same year she won the ICA barrel racing championship.

She was a three-time season all around champion in the Idaho Girls Rodeo Association and won the season barrel racing buckle seven times. She also was part of team roping season championship duos several times.

In 1980, she qualified for the Wilderness Circuit Finals, winning the first go and taking third in the average and third in the year-end standings.

Later, she enjoyed barrel racing and (with her husband) team roping success at the National Senior Pro Rodeo Finals.

She raised and trained barrel horses over the years, and most also doubled as top-notch rope horses.

At many rodeos, Steve would rope on the same horse Patti used to run barrels and breakaway rope.

She also ensured nice horses for her daughters’ barrel racing. When Page (a senior) and Brook (a freshman) competed against one another in a high school rodeo for the first time, Patti answered the question of for whom she was rooting with “I hope they tie.” And the girls ran the exact same time on Fantastic Native horses born, raised and trained on the family ranch.

Additionally, three grandchildren won their first saddles on animals that were

once Patti’s No. 1 roping and barrel horses.

Training horses for the next generations wasn’t the only way Patti preserved rodeo. She was active in the administration and promotion of the sport, serving an ICA secretary as well as director for barrel racing and breakaway roping.

She served in several different positions with the IGRA, including president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, arena director and event director.

Patti was instrumental in bringing breakaway roping to the ICA. It wasn’t an event when she started her career, but her presentation to the board of directors got that changed.

For her contributions to both associations, Patti was given gold cards in both the ICA and IGRA.

Sandy McLeod

Humbly considering himself a “behind-the-scenes” guy, Colin “Sandy” McLeod III will be inducted into the hall of fame posthumously.

McLeod, whom everyone knew as Sandy, died on Aug. 27, 2013 at the age of 61.

This weekend’s induction will be a chance to reflect on Sandy’s life and his work to make rodeo associations in which he was involved better.

Growing up ranching and considering himself a cattleman first, Sandy’s passion was roping — even though his parents didn’t think there was enough time for rodeo.

He learned the sport through paying attention to the Caldwell Night Rodeo and the Snake River Stampede.

Upon enrolling in the University of Idaho, he became involved in college rodeo. The foray into team roping and calf roping got Sandy hooked.

When not working on the family ranch, Sandy honed his roping skills and competed in ICA and area team roping competitions. He would become first ICA team roping director and then association vice-president.

Sandy immersed himself in the jobs, learning the rulebook and ICA procedures. While staying steadfast to those policies, he constantly brought forward ideas to move the association forward, attract members, and improve conditions and stock for members and to “keep the ‘Idaho’ in the ‘CA’.”

Gaining respect through his hard work on the board,



Patti and Steve Kaufman in team roping action. Submitted photo

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No royalty but plenty of fun at Jordan Valley’s Homecoming

Jordan Valley High School’s Homecoming had plenty of spirit even without most of the traditional pomp and circumstance.

Although Homecoming week looked a bit different this year without the parade, a king or queen, snake dance, and games, the students had fun and participated in many enjoyable activities.

Between Oct. 12 and Friday, Spirit Week featured dress-up days with best-dressed winners each day:

- **Pick Your Decade** — Kiana Quintero and Blaise Warn
- **Future You** — Kiana Quintero and Tina Gammett
- **Pair** — Kelsey Gluch and Jace Grenke, and Quinton Collins and Blaise Warn
- **Imposter** — Three-way tie: Blaise Warn, Kelsey Gluch and Grady Johnsrud
- **Spirit** — Three-way tie: Trey Tompson, Kate Gooch, and Cassidy Gluch

On Friday, students had a

fun-filled day that lasted until 5 p.m.

All students ate lunch together then participated in games throughout the afternoon.

With only 20 students in the high school, many classes had to borrow other students to fill their teams for competition.

In powder puff football, the juniors and sophomores teamed up against the seniors and freshmen, and one boy played quarterback for each team. One senior boy and one junior boy reffed along with adult refs Rusty Bengoa and Nick Eiguren.

The winners of powder puff (by a landslide) were the juniors and sophomores.

Next, the students played in a He-Man Volleyball Tournament. The first game pitted seniors versus freshmen and other recruited classmen. The freshmen won.

In the next match, the juniors beat the sophomores.



Jordan Valley High School’s Pair Day co-winners for the Oct. 13 Homecoming spirit activity were Jace Grenke and Kelsey Gluch. The students dressed as Danny and Sandy from the movie and Broadway musical “Grease.” Submitted photos

The third match featured the losers of the first two contests — and the seniors defeated the sophomores.

The winner of the match played the teachers and staff. The staff won by a mere two

points.

Next, the students played a game of knockout. Each class had three participants representing their class. Juniors won followed by freshmen, seniors and sophomores.

Students also held a beauty pageant. Each class chose one boy and dressed them up as a girl. Each contestant walked the red carpet and answered one final question. The winners were the juniors (Birch Eiguren) followed by the seniors (Quinton Collins), freshmen (Jace Grenke) and sophomores (Grady Johnsrud).

The last event was a bubble-blowing contest. Each class had one student participant. There was a tin of whip cream, and in the middle was a bubble gum. The first student able to find the gum and blow a bubble won. The winners were seniors followed by the sophomores, juniors and the freshmen.

Students returned to the school at 8 p.m., for the bonfire, which was lit by the seniors as their “last flame.” Students chanted and sang then had story time. Later students made s’mores and held a karaoke contest.

✓ Hall of Fame

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Sandy was recognized with the Ivan Pollard Award signifying outstanding dedication to the association.

Teri McLeod

Now splitting time between Marsing and Scottsdale, Ariz., Teri Edwards McLeod enters the hall of fame in the midst of ongoing work to honor her late husband with the Sandy McLeod Memorial Spurs and Spikes Crisis Fund benefit each summer. The fund provides medical assistance to rodeo families and others when they are in crisis.

She was raised on the outskirts of Corvallis, Ore., with three brothers. She was a tomboy and painfully shy.

Teri found she enjoyed visiting her grandparents at their farm and playing with her grandpa’s dog and enjoying open spaces.

Her love for horses would come later when she discovered a training facility near her home. She spent so much time watching from the fence, that the trainer put her to work.

This put her on the path to getting her own horse.

By the time she was getting ready to attend Oregon State University, she sold that first half-quarter horse, half-Welsh pony and her father bought a 4-year-old quarter horse gelding by Doc Bar.

Boarding the horse at the OSU rodeo team’s practice facility led to Teri roping, tying



Teri McLeod

goats and running barrels. Four months later, she entered her first college rodeo and placed in goat tying.

She went on to earn a two-year letter with the OSU women’s team and qualify for the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Finals in Bozeman, Mont.

Teri also promoted the sport as a Rodeo Club member and by writing a column for the college newspaper.

Remaining independent, after college Teri found a job in Redmond, Ore., and worked a side job at a stable to cover her horse boarding bill. She acquired a 6-year-old gelding that was a four-year veteran of the Portland Meadows racetrack. She trained that first barrel horse by zipping around pines in a pasture, and placed him in the rodeo debut

in Sisters, Ore.

After moving to Caldwell with John and Donnalynn Quintana, Teri worked for John, taught school, and — of course — rodeoed.

She qualified for the Wilderness Circuit Finals in 1980 and, in 1981, married Sandy McLeod.

She kept the ranch books and raised their daughter while serving as ICA barrel racing director.

And, Teri began training young horses, which began a lifelong passion.

With Sandy helping out, Teri trained several futurity colts and won multiple championships with multiple horses in the 1980s and 1990s.

She also got involved with the Idaho Barrel Futurity in the 1980s. When the IBF became saddled with debt, Teri, Sandy

The ceremony

The Idaho Rodeo Hall of Fame reunion and inductions will take place Friday and Saturday at the Canyon Crest Dining & Event Center, 330 Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls.

Friday

1 p.m. — Inductee registration, oral histories, and poster signing

5 p.m. — Meet and greet and reunion

Saturday

4 p.m. — No-host social hour and silent auction

6 pm. — Induction dinner, live auction, dance with “Behind the Curtains”

and others worked to save the futurity and built it into one of the top events in the Northwest. She was also a Northwest Barrel Futurity Association board member.

Through her involvement with the International Feedlot Cowboys Association, Teri won multiple barrel racing national titles. She began heading steers and won the mixed qualifier.

Sandy and Teri organized sponsors and qualifying events for the region, turning it into one of the best in the nation in terms of payouts and awards.

Teri began concentrating

on the Women’s Professional Rodeo Association in 1990 even while still training and showing futurity colts. She competed mostly in the Columbia River and Wilderness circuits and qualified for multiple Wilderness Circuit Finals during the decade.

But she also liked being home giving riding lessons and clinics.

In 1994, she began a 10-year stint as the WPRA board’s Wilderness Circuit director.

Her work and service earned the WPRA gold cardholder a WPRA lifetime membership.

When her daughter Megan graduated from junior rodeo to high school rodeo, Teri and Sandy pivoted focus to running the Idaho High School Rodeo Association District 2 as secretary and president, respectively.

The husband and wife became fans, too, following Megan to all rodeos, including the High School National Finsl and later the NIRA rodeos and finals in Casper, Wyo.

Megan rode horses her mother trained. Now Megan trains horses.

Now, Teri lives part of the year next to Megan, son-in-law Buck and their two grandchildren in Marsing.

— Information provided by Paige Kaufman from biographies to be read during this weekend’s Hall of Fame induction ceremonies.

— Ed.

Marsing council gets clarification on mayor’s donation

Agreement for congregate meals approved

The Marsing City Council probably will seek clarity to policy after questions arose about donations made by first-term Mayor Chad Sevy.

City attorney Stephanie J. Bonney instructed the council last Wednesday after council president Chris Even questioned Sevy’s Ducks Unlimited donations came to light during the routine financial claims portion of the meeting.

Even wanted to know what the \$300 donation was for. The councilman pointed out that, although the mayor has a \$500 discretionary fund that allows for donations to be made in the city’s name, Ducks Unlimited is not a local company with the City of Marsing’s best interests specifically in mind.

On Thursday, Sevy said that donations to DU are applied to projects that they are currently working on. The mayor said he paid back the money the day after the meeting.

“A big (project) that they are working on is the Fort Boise

Wildlife Refuge (in Parma),” he said. “It was mentioned (during the meeting), and it seems to be something they (council members) didn’t want to support in the future. That was enough for me, and I went and reimbursed the full \$300 today.”

Typically, the discretionary fund is applied to non-profit things like the annual Marsing Disaster Auction.

According to City Clerk and Treasurer Jolyn Green, \$250 was for a donation and \$50 was for the DU Owyhee County chapter’s annual fundraising dinner held Aug. 21 at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center in August. The donation didn’t come to the council’s immediate attention because of the city’s credit card billing cycle, which didn’t report the \$300 until prior to last week’s meeting.

When Even questioned the expenditure, Sevy offered to pay the money back, but Bonney said officials just need to be clear on the policy moving forward.

The Owyhee Avalanche asked Owyhee County DU chapter chair Elmus Miles to specify how the money was to be used, but Miles hadn’t provided the information by press time.

City accepts Metro MOU

Council members approved

a memorandum of understanding and contract with Metro Meals on Wheels to allow the organization to serve meals for the city’s senior citizens.

The congregate meals will be served at noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday inside the City Hall dining room at 18 Sandbar Ave. Meals will not be served on holidays.

Meals will be served beginning Nov. 2, provided Metro finds a cook, which the company is actively looking to hire.

Under the MOU Metro will be responsible for damage to anything in the kitchen, and the city and Metro Meals on Wheels must both be insured.

Council OKs kennel rules

Bonney also discussed with the council issues regarding the city’s kennel license details.

“How many dogs does it take to trigger the need for a kennel license?” she asked. She also asked at what age a puppy is considered a mature dog.

After much discussion, it was decided that more than five dogs would require a kennel license and conditional use permit. Councilmembers agreed that, for the city’s purposes, a puppy is considered mature at six months.

The council decided that it doesn’t matter if a dog is being bred to sell or not or which

zone the kennel is located, just simply the number of dogs on a citizen’s property. The same guidelines apply to commercial or non-commercial kennels.

Bonney pointed out that a common misconception is that, although a kennel license is acquired, each dog needs to be individually registered.

Bonney will put together an ordinance for approval at the council’s Nov. 12 meeting.

A kennel license in the City of Marsing is \$25 and a dog license is currently \$10.

First rooster CUP OK’d

The first conditional use permit to allow roosters in the city limits was approved after a public hearing.

Soon after the city ordinance was amended lifting the prohibition, Kim Burrell and Dustin Elison petitioned to keep roosters on their three-acre Moler Street property.

The council did place conditions on the permit:

- The property must be open for inspection during normal business hours.
- Rooster hoods could be required if neighbors complain.
- The roosters must be cooped at night.
- No more than 25 total birds may be kept on the property, including a limit of six roosters.
- The total number of birds is static, but the number of hens, roosters, and hatchlings can change, as long as there are never more than six roosters.

deadline for the owners of the Owyhee Auto Parts NAPA store, 11 Main St., to complete curbing along Riverfront Drive.

The work originally was to be completed by Nov. 1, but the business now has until July 1 to get the work done in light of the Snake River bridge project taking longer than anticipated.

Chmas lights funded

Public works supervisor Philip Gibson was given a \$1,500 budget to purchase holiday lights and decorations.

Idaho Power recently said the city could no longer hang decorations from the company’s power poles along Main Street. Other accommodations must be made, and the Chamber of Commerce may potentially help with decorating.

- The council unanimously set the minimum price for the upcoming sealed-bid auction for the old city hall building, 425 Main St. Prospective buyers must offer at least \$80,000.

A proposal was made to the city several months ago to purchase the property for more than \$100,000, but its value has gone down some since the COVID-19 epidemic has taken over.

Sealed bids will be open at 3 p.m., on Friday, Nov. 6 at the new City Hall (18 Sandbar Ave.), according to a legal notice that will be published in The Owyhee Avalanche on Oct. 28 and Nov. 4.

Curb work extended

The council extended the

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Work on Jackson library apparently not complete

Council reappoints Packer to library board

Even though the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library has had its grand unveiling, there apparently are pesky problems that the contractor has yet to address.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said that Excelsior Construction owner Chris Waldram “will fix what’s left himself.”

The mayor didn’t elaborate on what repairs remained when he broached the subject at last Wednesday’s city council meeting. The punch list already included a complete rebuilding of the roof and repairs to metal panels on the library’s exterior walls.

Christoffersen said construction principals will meet with city officials again this week to determine progress of the mitigation.

Meanwhile, the council voted unanimously to keep Debbie Packer on the library

board of directors for another four years.

“Debbie, we do appreciate you,” Christoffersen said. “I know sometimes that goes unsaid.”

New HPD K-9 in training

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller reported that Officer Danny Zenor is undergoing certification to become the department’s third K-9 unit. Zenor his partner Ruger continue training.

Eidemiller also told the council that one of the depart-

ment’s patrol cars is back in the shop for warranty work after a cracked manifold was discovered in the new engine that was installed after the original engine failed.

Homedale’s officers will soon have the capability to write e-citations from the computers in their vehicles, Eidemiller said.

The new technology is part of the transition to a new dispatch computer system in conjunction with the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office.

The system is the same as

that which is used by neighboring agencies, and Eidemiller said that will make information-sharing easier.

“In the end, it will be a very effective system,” he said.

November meeting rescheduled

The council will meet at 6 p.m., on Thursday, Nov. 12 after elected officials voted to move the November regular meeting away from Veterans Day.

— JPB

Seasonal events abound in approaching weeks

Local communities and organizations are gearing up for Halloween and harvest celebrations.

- Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. Hwy. 95, north of Homedale in Canyon County is planning its annual fall harvest dinner and auction.

The event takes place Saturday with doors at 5:30 p.m. and dinner served between 6 p.m., and 7 p.m. The silent auction will end at 7:30 p.m.

Donations will be accepted for the smoked pork dinner, and there also will be a pie dessert auction.

Carnival games will be available for the children.

For more information, call Pastor Scott Morin at (208) 337-3464.

- Church in the Dirt will present its Hallelujah Harvest Party and Tailgate ‘r’ Treat at 7 p.m., on Friday, Oct. 30.

The event will take place in the Badiola Arena parking lot, 402 U.S. Hwy. 95, in Homedale.

There will be a bonfire and an outdoor concert.

Folks are encouraged to bring their tailgate and candy for a trunk or treat style night of candy and goodies for the children. Children will also get the chance to paint pumpkins.

There will be a prize for the best decorated tailgate, and a \$50 prize for the best costume. No scary costumes allowed.

The event will also feature roasted marshmallows, s’mores and caramel apples.

- The annual trunk or treat community event in Grand View will take place at 5:30 p.m., on Halloween at the American Legion Post 134 Hall, 410 Roosevelt St.

The trunk or treat will take place in the parking lot, and in a new twist, the Legion hall will be transformed into a haunted house.

Organizers are looking for trunk or treat participants.

- Participating downtown Homedale businesses will be ready to serve treats to youngsters during the annual Safe ‘n’ Sane Halloween, which takes place from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., on Saturday, Oct. 31.

Businesses that are interested in taking part in the event can pick up jack-o-lantern window displays during business hours Monday through Friday at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

City Hall will play host to the annual costume contest, too.



Rodeo queen thrills children at Oktober Festival

Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen Hannah White, a junior at Marsing High School, stayed close to home Saturday for the Owyhee County Oktober Festival at The Spot Pavilion. Children took photos with White’s horse. **From left:** Quinlynn McIntyre, 5, and Brooklyn Hogg, 4, dressed as princesses, and Garth McIntyre, 2, tagged along. Quinlynn and Garth are the children of Jill and Bret McIntyre of the Marsing area, while Brooklyn is the daughter of Caldwell residents Nate and Amber Hogg.

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Owyhee County accepts Midwest firm’s election help

Grant will help pay poll workers, buy supplies

Owyhee County has received the assistance of a Chicago-based civic-minded organization to help during election time.

The Center for Tech and Civic Life awarded the county a \$7,785.75 grant for aid with poll workers, equipment, and potentially more for the Nov. 3 general election.

“The application (for the grant) was out to us by the Idaho Association of Counties, and other clerks recommended it,” Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell said. “We will be using the money to pay election workers and for extra supplies.”

Potential uses for the grant funds, according to the award letter, include personal protective equipment for staff, poll workers, or voters, poll worker recruitment funds, hazard pay, and/or training expenses.

It could also apply to polling place rental, if necessary, cleaning expenses, and temporary staffing.

According to CTCL, the grant funds must be used exclusively for the public pur-

pose of planning and putting into operation a safe and secure election administration and process in the count for 2020.

According to the organization’s website, CTCL is “a team of civic technologists, trainers, researchers, election administration and data experts working to foster a more informed and engaged democracy, and helping to modernize U.S. elections.”

With Election Day looming on Tuesday, Nov. 3, those grant funds can’t be received too soon.

“I’m not certain, but I think once the award acceptance is returned, (CTCL will) process the funds,” Barkell said.

Emergency management grant received

The Idaho Office of Emergency Management has again awarded an Emergency Management Performance Grant to Owyhee County.

This year’s grant is for \$15,665.57. The county is required to make a 100 percent match, so the total amount is \$31,331.14.

The county has used EMPG monies over the years to fund half of county emergency manager Jim Desmond’s contract pay.

The county currently pays

Desmond \$62,500 per year for his services, the same as last year.

“The grant funds can be used for the purchase of equipment or training, but Owyhee County has decided to use it to offset 50 percent of management costs,” Desmond said.

According to information obtained from www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/, EMPGs provide funds for implementation of the National Preparedness System and the goal of a “secure and resilient nation.”

According to the FEMA Strategic Plan, the EMPG program supports the goals of building a culture of preparedness and readying the nation for catastrophic disasters.

Assessor’s office shuffling

A county assessor’s office employee recently changed positions and received a raise.

Robin Monahan moved from her previous job as an assessor/roll clerk and deed processor to appraiser, and that comes with a pay increase from \$14.50 per hour to \$14.76 per hour.

Monahan assumed her new position on Oct. 5.

— TK



The new Grand View Community Club is working to turn St. Henry’s Catholic Church into a community center. Photo by Mandi Boren

New club acquires GV Catholic church

Work starts to clean up St. Henry’s

by Mandi Boren

For The Owyhee Avalanche

The newly organized Grand View Community Club received a new-to-them community center from the Catholic Diocese of Boise this month.

According to a press release issued Thursday by community club volunteer Victoria Collett, the St. Henry’s Catholic Church building and associated property located at 510 Idaho Avenue in Grand View was donated by the Catholic church to be used as a community center.

Collett said the building could be used for “various ideas,” but pointed out that it does need some clean-up and a little work to make the building Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant.

The press release said, “Once clean-up is completed, we plan on renting the building for various community activities and hosting family movie and game nights as well as adult game nights!”

“We welcome all volunteers to assist in our clean-up efforts!”

The Grand View Community Club is looking to organize with directors and members for a fee of \$25 per year for members over the age of 18.

Paying members will elect directors annually on the second Monday of each January. According to the press release, members will also have a vote in the center’s month-to-month operations.

Members will vote for the initial set of directors at the first annual meeting on Jan. 11, 2021, and newly elected directors will then vote to appoint annual officers.

Regular community center meetings will occur on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the center.

To volunteer or to become a member, contact Victoria Collett at (208) 484-8009 or by email at vcollett67@gmail.com.

The press release said volunteers and cash donations for improvements and future projects are always welcome. For updates and events, follow the organization on Facebook at Grand View Community Club.

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



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Rimrock Homecoming royalty honored
Rimrock Homecoming Queen Madie Macmillan and King Justin Lindquist smile after being crowned at halftime of the Raiders' 68-6 football victory over Greenleaf Friends Academy in Bruneau on Friday. Photo by Ryan Cantrell

Marsing man spends less than 2 months in county jail for meth

A Marsing man has been released from Owyhee County Jail after serving 54 days for felony drug possession.

Juan Ruiz-Diaz, 32, was given credit for 54 days spent behind bars after his arrest.

Third District Judge Andrea Courtney sentenced Ruiz-Diaz last month in Murphy.

Ruiz-Diaz must pay \$735.50 in fines and court costs.

Original misdemeanor charges of controlled substance possession and drug paraphernalia possession were dismissed.

According to court records, Ruiz-Diaz was arrested after 1 a.m., on July 19 after a deputy observed a Ford Ranger pickup with no front license plate in the 200 block of 1st Street North in Marsing.

The deputy pulled Ruiz-Diaz over because of a suspicious driving pattern.

While trying to ascertain the registration of the vehicle, the plate for which apparently returned for a Dodge pickup, the deputy reportedly found a glass methamphetamine pipe.

A bag of meth was later discovered in Ruiz-Diaz's wallet, and a tin box in the glove box contained a white crystal residue. Also located was 4.5 grams of marijuana.

Rod St. Clair's widow takes to social media for help

The widow of man who lost his life in an incident in November 2019 is seeking help to bring more people to justice for his death.

Carol St. Clair's husband Rod was accidentally shot by his stepdaughter during an altercation with a man suspected to be a member of the Vagos outlaw motorcycle gang. During the incident, Rod St. Clair, 74, was attacked by Mark Warner, who hit the victim with a weapon called a flail and subsequently used the Marsing farmer as a human shield.

During the shuffle, the stepdaughter, Debra C. Thompson, shot Rod St. Clair, wounds which he would die from. Thompson also shot Warner.

On May 28, Thompson was arrested on charges of involuntary manslaughter and aggravated assault but Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington dropped those charges in June.

Another man, Joshua McDaniel, was arrested nearby on that night. His case was turned over to federal prosecutors.

Carol St. Clair has stated multiple times on social media that she believes that there were more people involved in her husband's death. She said that principal Owyhee County Sheriff's Office investigator Jeff Wasson claimed that "money changed hands and that this was a hit."

"Jeff might think that money may have changed hands but I would say it had to be some sort of misunderstanding because we haven't found any evidence that money changed hands, at this point," Owyhee County Sheriff Perry Grant said.

According to Grant, Wasson said he never said that it was a hit.

"It was something that was brought up a long time ago and we told Carol it was something we would look into and we have," Grant said. "We have not found any evidence of it to this point."

Carol St. Clair said that there is still more to be uncovered in her husband's death.

"This can not be left unsolved and swept under the rug," she wrote in a recent Facebook post. "Solving the crime lies heavily on the shoulders of (Grant) as he is the only person authorized to ask for assistance from (Idaho State Police) or the FBI."

Grant said that he has asked for assistance from many outside agencies, including state police, the FBI, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Drug Enforcement Agency, two different task forces, which includes state, local and federal agents, and the Canyon County Crime Lab.

"We've had so many hands in the pot, everyone has been involved with it," Grant said. "I think that what people want me to say is that ISP can just have the case but I don't see that happening."

"Everything is being dealt with by agencies that have resources for us. There is no stone that can be uncovered by any other agency looking into it."

"I've offered other agencies like ISP to come take a look at it if they want to but don't see any reason to. I'm not ever against asking for help because we have asked for help on this one."

Grant also said that, as pertains to Carol St. Clair's social media posts, they should not adversely affect the case, saying that if anyone has information and they contact her and she goes to OCSO, it could be "another avenue of networking."

Carol St. Clair stated that she was originally told to "hold off on the media and the private investigator that was hired as it might interfere with Detective Jeff Wasson's case."

Grant, Wasson, St. Clair, and her attorney Jeff Dinius met on Oct. 13 and Grant said that he hoped that a private investigator had been hired, as St. Clair had previously reported. He said any information that can be shared is a positive thing.

He also said that Carol St. Clair had some misunderstandings about timeframes during the incident that night in November.

"We looked over them and were able to clear that up with her so she was better able to understand the timeframes of the offense that happened that night," Grant said.

"I am thankful Mark Warner was shot so there was a lead to follow," Carol St. Clair wrote. "The person who struck Rod in the head with a two-pound steel ball with spikes on it plea-bargained for a lighter sentence by giving up information on (Vagos leadership).

"Sadly, it does not change Rod's death sentence."

Grant said that he doesn't believe any information was gained from Warner and that he has not talked. He suspects it is more misunderstanding on Carol St. Clair's part.

Rod St. Clair's widow said that she supports the Sheriff.

"I voted for and respect Sheriff Perry Grant," she wrote. "He works for us. It is his duty as an elected official to protect us as citizens of this county."

— TK

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The Homedale FFA chapter advisors and officers stand with a check. **From left:** Co-advisor Rachel Rheuby, John Lejardi, Robert Salazar, Ainslee Evans, Caitlyn Pate, Catherine Decker, Makenna DeWitt, Maddie Miller, Rylan Love, Wyatt Wetzel, and co-advisor Shane Wetzel. Submitted photo

Homedale FFA beefs up STEM

Homedale FFA chapter co-advisors Rachel Rheuby and Shane Wetzel have returned with the school’s latest piece of professional technical equipment.

The chapter is using a \$15,000 America’s Farmers Grow Rural Education grant from the Bayer Fund to purchase an Arclight CNC Plasma Cutting Table.

The chapter advisors traveled to Bend, Ore., last week to complete training and pick up the machine.

“We have been wanting to add to our curriculum by providing our students with an Arclight CNC Plasma Cutting Table,” Rheuby said.

“This will give them more technical skills and allow them hands-on experience running industrial equipment.”

The school district received the Bayer Fund grant after

Rheuby and Wetzel wrote a proposal. The goal of Bayer Fund monies is to help school districts enhance STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) curriculum.

Homedale was among school districts from across the country nominated and selected by a panel of teachers and farmers.

In the past decade, Bayer Fund’s America’s Farmers program has awarded more than \$57 million to nonprofits, schools and ag students in rural America.

The Homedale officials began writing a grant after a local farmer nominated the program for a merit-based Bayer Fund award.

The application was reviewed by about 30 farmer leaders from across the country and deemed a finalist.

“Bayer Fund and the farmers we partner with feel incredibly passionate about Grow Rural Education because we’re investing in our children—who are the future — by enhancing STEM learning in rural public school districts,” Bayer Fund president Al Mitchell said in a press release.

“We are always amazed by the incredible support of local farmers, as well as the countless ways Grow Rural Education brings teachers, students and people in the community together to set children up for success.”

Bayer Fund’s America’s Farmers Grow Communities program is accepted farmer enrollments until Nov. 1. Enrollees will have a chance to direct a \$2,500 donation to their favorite local nonprofit organization.

— JPB



Homedale FFA gets in Halloween spirit

Above: Homedale High School freshman Dani Sitts looks like she would rather be doing just about anything else as she paints her pumpkin during the post-FFA chapter meeting activity on Oct. 12.

Below: Homedale FFA members make a glorious mess during the pumpkin carving activity in the school’s Ag building.



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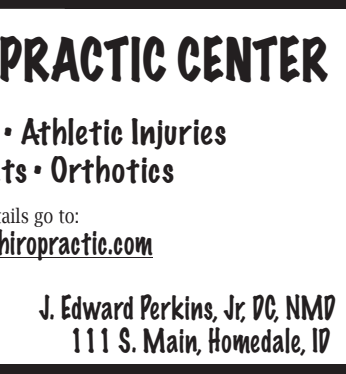
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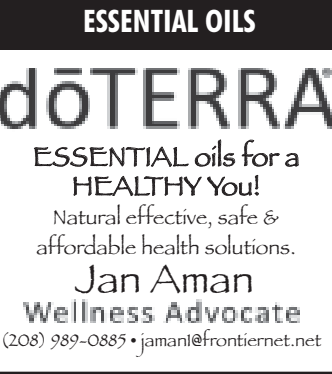
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Conservative, correct HMS wins first Academic Bowl

Homedale Middle School won the battle of strategies last Wednesday in the first Academic Bowl meet of the season.

In a socially distanced event at Weiser, the Trojans outplayed the host squad in the final buzzer round to the 3A Snake River Valley conference season opener by 10 points.

Homedale scored 120 points to edge Fruitland by 10 points. Weiser, which entered the final round tied with Homedale for the lead, slipped to third.

This is Michelle Parr’s second year as the HMS Academic Bowl advisor.

She took a seven-person team comprised of two sixth-graders and five eighth-graders.

Because of COVID-19 precautions, teams were allowed just seven students and no spectators were allowed.

Rounding out the team standings were McCain from Payette and Parma tied for fourth, and Treasure Valley Classical Academy of Fruitland taking sixth.

Homedale’s seven-person roster included:

- **Eighth-graders**—Carson Bingham, Lexi Hawkes, Jayden Layman, Lilly Mark, and Todd Thatcher
- **Sixth-graders**—JaNae Boslau and Baylee Waters



From left: Carson Bingham, Todd Thatcher, JaNae Boslau, Baylee Waters, Lilly Mark, Lexi Hawkes, and Jayden Layman. Submitted photo

Homedale and Weiser were tied for the lead after each of the first two rounds.

In the opening round of team play, the Trojans answered six of 10 questions correctly.

Trojans highlights from the first round included:

- Working together to correctly list planets in the Solar System in order from the sun, and also leaving out Pluto, which is no longer considered a planet. The order: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.
- Todd and Carson correctly identified the subordinating conjunction in the sentence: “You may have your cookies and milk, **if** you have finished your homework.”
- JaNae, who is a first-year member, “Wowed her team by easily naming the three secondary colors: orange, purple, and green,” Parr said.

Weiser and Homedale were tied heading into the second round, which focused on the Roaring ’20s.

“The kids had studied the subject for

the past two practices and answered three of the five questions,” Parr said.

The correct answers were:

- Who made the first non-stop flight across the Atlantic? **Charles Lindbergh**
- The Negro National League was which sport? **Baseball**

Weiser was just as keen in the second round, setting up a showdown in the speed round with both teams tied with 90 points.

Homedale added 30 points to its total, answering correctly on all three questions team players buzzed in on.

“Weiser was more gutsy but had more incorrect answers than correct, so they dropped to third,” Parr said.

Homedale will play host to the third Academic Bowl meet at 4:15 p.m., on Wednesday, Jan. 13, inside the school cafeteria.

The rest of the schedule includes:

- **Nov. 11** — at Parma
- **Feb. 10** — at Fruitland
- **March 10** — at McCain in Payette

April 14 is scheduled for Ontario, but Parr said the location is up in the air because Ontario doesn’t appear to have an Academic Bowl team at the moment.

Homedale’s squad practices each Wednesday after school inside Parr’s HMS classroom.

Deputies busy with drug busts

During a routine check at Logan’s Market late Friday evening, an Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy discovered a vehicle parked in the empty lot behind the grocery store.

Sheriff Perry Grant said that the deputy found Adam Kowalczyk, 32, of Sacramento, Calif., in a 2013 Honda Accord. The store has been regularly patrolled since a recent break-in.

The deputy suspected some-

thing was amiss, although there was no evidence of alcohol use, so he gave Kowalczyk a standard field sobriety test, which he failed. A K-9 unit was called, and a search turned up multiple narcotics in the vehicle.

Kowalczyk faces one felony charge and four misdemeanor charges for controlled substance possession, including pharmaceuticals without a prescription, and misdemeanor possession of

drug paraphernalia.

Kowalczyk was found with heroin and marijuana, Grant said.

He told deputies that he had driven all day from Sacramento en route to Meridian when he had to stop and rest.

Kowalczyk’s female passenger was not charged.

He was arraigned before Third Judicial District Judge Bradley S. Ford on Monday.

Kowalczyk is currently being held in the Owyhee County Jail in Murphy.

- Christopher Grimm, 43, of Homedale was charged with felony methamphetamine possession and misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

A sheriff’s deputy stopped the 2002 Pontiac Sunfire Grimm was driving just before 9 p.m., on Friday night near the intersection of U.S. Highway 95 and Market Road, south of Homedale. Cause for

the stop was a missing headlight on the vehicle.

Grant said the deputy saw a blue marijuana pipe in plain sight. A search turned up three pipes, one with a white, crystal-like substance and two with marijuana residue.

Grimm also had a soft drink cup that contained a bag with a small amount of the white crystal substance.

He was arrested and brought to jail. Judge Ford released him after his arraignment on Monday afternoon. — TK

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Above: Homedale High School's Christopher Aguilera makes his way down a paved path at Ponderosa State Park on Payette Lake last week. **Below:** Trinity Neeser keeps pace. Photos by Machele Randall

A breath of fresh air for runners

HHS cross country athletes take to forest

A fall trek through the forest was a great departure for Homedale High School's cross country team.

The Trojans took part in the 3A Snake River Valley conference Invitational on Oct. 13 at Ponderosa State Park on the edge of Payette Lake near McCall.

"Even though the temperature was chilly, and it was slightly drizzly with rain clouds looming, the course through Ponderosa State Park was beautiful for the kids to experience," HHS assistant coach Machele Randall said.

The scenery may have been a bit too striking, though.

Several runners — including three HHS athletes — took the wrong path and were disqualified. Randall said the course



wasn't well marked.

Homedale's DQ'd runners included freshmen Trenton Cook and Liam Cook and junior Ryker Johnson.

Junior Christopher Aguilera was Homedale's top finisher in the boys' race, covering the picturesque 5-kilometer route

in 19 minutes, 5.7 seconds for fifth place. His brother, senior Giovanni, was 17th in 20:45.3.

Freshman Brock Johnson rounded out the Trojans in the top half of the field, taking 23rd in 21:29.3.

— See *Runners*, page 7B

Chasing the crown

Homedale, Fruitland square off in another battle for 3A SRV

Familiar scenario plays out Friday at Deward Bell

Here we go again.

Homedale and Fruitland high schools will face off Friday at Deward Bell Stadium with postseason fortunes on the line.

The Trojans and Grizzlies

have been fighting tooth and nail for the better part of the past decade at the center of the 3A Snake River Valley conference football universe.

This time around, Homedale is seeking its third consecutive conference title — and the first stepping stone toward what Trojans faithful hope is a third straight 3A Milk

— See *Battle*, page 7B

Gutsy razzle-dazzle elevates Trojans

Homedale stuns Weiser with 18 seconds left

Never say Matt Holtry isn't a gambler.

The Homedale High School football coach called a play on 4th-down-and-ballgame Friday night that most leaders wouldn't be able to get out of their playbook with the season on the line.

And yet there it was: A trick play on 4th-and-goal from the Weiser 10-yard line with the Trojans trailing with 18 seconds



Matt Holtry

remaining in a 3A Snake River Valley conference game in

— See *Trojans*, page 6B

Mustangs rack up yards to complete title run

Melba flirts with 700 yards total offense vs. NC

A huge night on the ground carried Melba High School to its first football championship since 2004.

Owyhee County resident Trace Stimpson rambled for

160 yards and four touchdowns in the Mustangs' 47-12 win over Nampa Christian on Friday.

The home victory sewed up the 2A Western Idaho Conference title for coach Juan Colunga's squad (5-1 overall, 4-0 in conference).

Melba came into the game

— See *Mustangs*, page 7B



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Sports

Resilient Trojans split final home matches

Team rallies from Parker’s injury to beat Payette on Senior Night

Hundreds of dollars were raised, but Homedale High School couldn’t come up with the volleyball win on Dig Pink Night.

The fundraiser for Stage 4 breast cancer research coincided with an Oct. 12 match against Fruitland on the Trojans’ floor.

Fruitland prevailed, 25-18, 25-15, 25-15, in a 3A Snake River Valley conference match.

But the focus was on winning another battle.

First-year coach Evonne McGuire figures about \$400 was raised for the SideOut Foundation through the collection of spare change and the sale of shirts.

“We had so much fun partnering with them and raising awareness,” McGuire said.

The Trojans wore pink uniforms for the occasion.

Homedale was inconsistent on the court against Fruitland, which is one of the top teams in the conference heading into the 3A District III Tournament.

“They just have a really strong team, and we need to work on our consistency,” McGuire said. “We have great scoring runs, and then we slow

down. It is difficult to claw our way back into a game when we hit those lows.”

But McGuire saw some great signs when Homedale’s athletes buckled down.

“When the girls played with their heart, they did everything right, and for that, I am proud of them,” the coach said. “We just need to keep our momentum and intensity up.

“That is definitely something I plan to work on each season. We need to develop a strong mental game with our entire program.”

Oct. 6: Homedale def. Payette, 3-1 — The Trojans rallied from an injury to one of their top players to post a home victory on Senior Night.

Homedale prevailed, 25-18, 17-25, 25-13, 25-8.

McGuire said one of the keys was coping with adjustments that were necessary after sophomore Jacy Parker left the floor in the first set with an ankle injury.

“We had to make some major adjustments after losing Jacy, but the girls fought back and stayed strong,” McGuire said.

“We have been quoting Babe Ruth, ‘It’s hard to beat a person who never gives up!’ I would say that has never been more



Homedale High School’s Katie Christoffersen eyes a spike during the Oct. 12 Dig Pink home match against Fruitland.

accurate until tonight. The girls had to dig deep, and adjust.”

Once the Trojans eased into the changes, Homedale roared away with the final two sets.

“The girls stepped up in a big way,” McGuire said. “We did have some errors — I expected that with the quick adjustments made — but ultimately they fought back and came up with the win.”

The match marked the final high school home matches for four seniors, including Kaitlyn Missamore, Kenzi Miller, Ainslee Evans, and Kenna

McKay.

“Each of these young ladies hold a special place in my heart,” McGuire said of the upperclassmen.

The 3A District III Tournament began Tuesday after deadline, so McGuire reflected on the season ahead of time.

“I feel so blessed to be able to coach these young ladies,” the coach said. “(There were) definitely some ups and downs my first year as a head coach, but I couldn’t ask for a better group of kids to work with.”

Homedale loses district opener

McCall-Donnelly High School only played Homedale once in the volleyball regular season.

On Saturday, the fifth-seeded Vandals avenged the five-set loss with an opening-round victory over the No. 4 seed Trojans in the 3A District III Tournament in Parma.

Neither a final score nor statistics were provided.

Homedale slipped into the losers’ bracket and played in Weiser on Tuesday after deadline on the third-seeded Wolverines’ floor.

Coach Evonne McGuire’s team had to win Tuesday to keep its season alive.

A win would have set up another elimination game at 6 p.m., on Thursday against either McCall or sixth-seeded Payette.

McCall lost to top-seeded Parma later Saturday. The Panthers and No. 2 Fruitland play for the district title in Parma at 6 p.m., on Thursday. The district champion also earns a trip to the 3A state tournament, set for Oct. 30-31, in Twin Falls.

A Saturday match in either Parma or Fruitland will decide the district’s No. 2 team in the state tournament.

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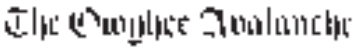
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3A District III Tournament

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Raiders peaking ahead of district meet

Rimrock High School’s cross country runners appear to be hitting their stride at just the right time.

Competing at the same venue that will play host to the 1A/2A District III championship meet today, seven Raiders established personal-best times last Wednesday in the Winston Tilzey Invitational.

The meet was contested at West Park in Nampa.

Ella Boren led the Raiders’ fourth-place finish in the girls’ race. The sophomore finished 14th in a season-best 21 minutes, 41 seconds.

Fellow sophomore Cristal Araujo ran her best race of the season, clocking in at 30:18 in the girls’ race.

In between, every other Rimrock athlete posted a personal record in the girls’ 5K.

- Goya Lemus, fr., 28th in 23:07
- Ashten Moore, fr., 30th in 23:20
- Lisbeth Ayala, fr., 46th in 24:47
- Dayanara Hurtado, so., 77th in 29:16

Three of Rimrock’s five boys also had PRs:

- Loyd Boren, fr., 32nd in 18:42
- Juan Alamilla, jr., 46th in 19:19
- Garrett Kunsky, fr., 93rd in 23:30

Two returning athletes for Rimrock — junior Victor Lemus (39th, 18:59) and sophomore Cooper Raymond (81st, 21:36) — turned in their best times of the season.

Relive Antelopes football state title win at the drive-in

In a turned-around Oregon high school sports season Adrian and Jordan Valley football fans have a glimmer of excitement on the horizon.

Claire Wagster, a member of the Adrian High School Class of 2021, is coordinating a watch party to replay the cooperative team’s appearance in the 2019 1A Oregon state championship game.

Part of Wagster’s senior project will be shown on Thursday, Oct. 29 at the Parma Motor-Vu drive-in on U.S. Highway 95.

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

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2040 and the Adrian Sports Boosters, proceeds from the watch party will benefit the two organizations.

Attendees are asked to make a donation of \$5 per vehicle to offset costs.

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

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

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



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Scouts and veterans dedicate flag

Dedication of the new flag and flagpole at the Homedale Public Library was conducted last Saturday. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11065 of Wilder and Boys Scout Troop 222 of Homedale conducted the ceremony.

Bill Shaw and Fred Huskey representing the VFW and librarian Margaret Fujishin spoke. Fujishin thanked all those who had donated money and time to complete the flagpole project, which also included installation of outdoor lights with a sun sensor to illuminate the flag at night as well as provide nighttime security at the front door of the library.

Red rover, red rover, send Homedale right over

The Homedale School District has been selected as one of 20 sites for an educational project of The Planetary Society and Utah State University.

Red Rover, Red Rover is a hands-on, educational project allowing students to design and build robotic vehicles from LEGO Dacta kits (educational division of LEGO) and operate the rovers via sophisticated computer software that mimics the control programs used by planetary scientists to explore other worlds.

Each Red Rover, Red Rover team also creates a Mars-scape at their site so that the rovers may operate in an “alien” terrain of miniature volcanoes, impact craters, canyons and starry skies.

Trojan v-ball ends season in third place

The Homedale Trojans volleyball team looked like sure contenders for state competition as they went head-to-head against other A-3 varsity teams at the district tournament hosted by Marsing at Nampa High School last week.

After beating McCall and Melba, the squad had proven themselves with an 80 percent serving average and kills abounding from each Trojan player.

Lara Eidemiller had three blocks and eight kills against the Vandals, and Charity McMillan reached high-point status with 10.

After cruising by the Vandals and the Mustangs, Homedale’s next hurdle came against the division’s top-ranked team: the Fruitland Grizzlies.

The first of three games against the Grizz’s hard-hitting squad seemed to be proof that the Trojans were unstoppable as they captured the win.

Fruitland tasted victory over the Trojans for one final time by winning the last two games of the match.

50 years ago

October 22, 1970



OPERATION RESPECT was promoted by the Homedale Rod and Gun Club when this sign was erected during the past year, near Jump Creek on Highway 95 south of Homedale, sponsored by the club. Paul Ban, conservation officer stationed at Homedale, is shown above. Others from left are Zlaine “Noche” Knight, Hank Sweep, Ray Kolsky and Les Carter.

Pool committee banks check ’til spring

A check for \$62,000 was turned over to the Homedale Community Swimming Pool Committee at 1:30 Wednesday by Jim Wheeler, manager of the Owyhee County FHA office, Marsing.

Homer Anderson, president, said the money will be put on interest at the Idaho First National Bank until Spring when building conditions are suitable for constructing the swimming pool.

Mr. Anderson and Norman Tolmie, city councilman in charge of parks, visited with Jerry Kovis, manager of the Marsing Job Center Tuesday, regarding help in building a comfort station at Homedale’s new Riverside Park.

The men were assured that the Job Corps will cooperate early in 1971 in helping to build a masonry type restroom facility at the park.

Trojans to meet Middleton in homecoming game

Edged out by Parma last week, Homedale’s Trojans will be host to the Middleton Vikings here Friday night in the annual Homecoming game.

The Parma Panthers clawed their way to a 16-14 victory over the Big Red machine from Homedale Friday night at Parma to drop the Trojans from their pinnacle atop the SWI heap.

Parma’s victory now puts the Panthers in undisputed first place of the Southwest Idaho League. They have a 3-0 mark in league play and a 7-0 standing in overall action.

Behind leading Parma in the SWIL race is defending champion Homedale at 3-1. Tied for third place at 2-1 are Middleton, New Plymouth, and Fruitland.

Homedale started the game off with a bang with only four minutes on the clock. Joni Uda, Homedale’s sure-footed speedster, flashed around right end and sprinted 30 yards for the Trojan score.

The failure of the conversion turned out to be the Trojans’ downfall — it is by these two points that Parma won the game.

145 years ago

October 23, 1875

(From To-Day’s Daily)
Gold fell to 115 ½ in New York yesterday, the lowest since September 9th, but closed at 115 5/8.
--In San Francisco legal tenders are 86 ½ buying and 87 selling.
--Imports of treasure from Victoria to San Francisco last Wednesday amounted to \$28,300.
--The estimates for the German Empire for 1876 show a deficiency of 15,000,000 marks.
--The N.W. Gas & Water Pipe Company of Bay City, Michigan, have failed for \$130,000.
--General Sol Meredith, a prominent officer of the late war, died at Cambridge, Indiana, yesterday.
--Advices from London say that the floods in England were very disastrous.
--In New York the failure of James W. Durier, lumber merchant, is announced.
--A Paris cablegram says that a fire occurred in the arsenal at Brest yesterday, causing \$200,000 damage.
--The District Attorney of Brooklyn has entered a *nolle prosequi* in all suits growing out of the Beecher Tilton scandal.
--The Post Office Department has decided to order a railway postal car service between the cities of St. Louis and Chicago.
--Messrs. Rankin & Co., wool dealers in Troy, New York, suspended yesterday. Liabilities \$140,000, with cash assets to pay sixty cents on the dollar.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN MATTERS.

The San Francisco “rock”? Reports say: “At a meeting of the stockholders of the South Mountain Mining Company, Monday afternoon, Wm. M. Lent, President of the Company, presiding, the Trustees were authorized to dispose of the 67,000 shares of stock belonging to the company, provided they could negotiate it for a sufficient sum or cancel or compromise the indebtedness of the company; if not they were to take immediate steps to put the concern in bankruptcy.

Mr. Lent, one of the largest creditors, promises to turn in his claims so as not to crowd the remaining stockholders out, and thinks that by compromising the debts and an economical management for the next six months the mine may be put in good condition once more.”

BOISE CITY TO-DAY

(By telegraph to the Avalanche.)
BOISE CITY, 1:45 P.M. Oct. 22—
Neither the Fair nor the races seem to be exciting much interest to-day.

The principle race this afternoon is a sweepstake running race for a purse of \$200 to the first horse. There are four entries.

The race between Target and McCormick tomorrow promises to be interesting.

Many people leave for their homes this evening, and the Fair has not been as brilliant a success as was anticipated.

SUSPICIOUS.—John Minear purchased a ring at Heckman’s before he went to Boise city yesterday, and rumor has it that it graced the finger of a certain Capital belle at the ball over there last night.

It seems to be a foregone conclusion that John has been captured in Cupid’s gunny-sack at last.

Sports

Melba girls' win could be a harbinger of district gold

Mustangs boys take third at Tilzey Invite

The Melba High School girls' cross country team paced the field last Wednesday at the Winston Tilzey Invitational.

That could be bad news for the rest of the competitors gathering back at West Park in Nampa for today's 1A/2A District III championship meet.

The 5-kilometer district course will traverse the same terrain on which the Tilzey was contested last week.

The Mustangs won the girls' title at the Tilzey, scoring 64 points, to

outdistance eight schools.

Melba's boys narrowly edged out fellow District III squads Victory Charter and The Ambrose School for third place in the Tilzey team standings. The Mustangs' 90 points were four clear of Victory Charter and six better than Ambrose.

Melba freshman Brooklyn Dayley ran a personal-record time of 20 minutes, 29 seconds to take third among 82 girls running. Teammate Rozzlyn Cazier, a sophomore, posted a 20:51 for eighth place.

The two were followed by junior Lacey Leavitt (a season-best 22:05, 20th), junior Mazie Hansen (22:43, 26th), sophomore Braelyn Scott (23:35, 32nd), senior Faith Svedin

(24:26, 42nd), and freshman Jaycie Hackler (25:02, PR, 49th).

Wendell sophomore Jessica Duran won the girls' race in 19:19.

Senior Josh Leavitt finished fourth for the Mustangs boys in 16:41. He was followed by senior Reagan Manzer (17:38, ninth), senior Tyler Arnold (18:13, 20th), sophomore McKoy Richardson (18:28, 25th), junior Reuben Manzer (18:52, PR, 35th), sophomore Grant Svedin (19:03, 41st), freshman Hudson Cole (19:07, PR, 42nd), and freshman Ravio Manzer (19:17, 45th).

Nampa Christian junior Grady Mylander raced to a 15:53 winning time on his home course.



Josh Leavitt took fourth in Nampa last week.

Marsing athletes post personal records at Tilzey Invite

Huskies head back to Nampa for district meet

Marsing High School's small cross country squad took to the course with the minimum number of athletes on the boys' team to qualify for an official team score and one shy of qualifying with the girls' at the Winston Tilzey Invitational.

The boys finished last among the 13 teams who qualified for a score, finishing with 367 points to Victory

Charter's 49. The meet was held last Wednesday at Nampa's West Park.

For the third straight week, sophomore Alejandro Barrera led the Huskies, finishing in 47th place, with a time of 19 minutes, 22 seconds. He was 3:22 behind top finisher Grady Mylander of host school Nampa Christian.

Following Barrera were teammates Josue Espejel (22:58, 100th), Nacho Margarito (27:50, 118th), Jesus Ramirez (28:51, 119th), and Tyson Campbell (28:55, 120th). Ramirez and Campbell both posted personal record times.

On the girls' side, Sal Mattivi finished 37th (24:05) out of the 82 runners on the course. Vanessa Freeman (26:58, 65th), Mariah Gonzalez (26:59, 67th), and Mikaila Gonzalez (27:18, 72nd) followed. All four girls recorded personal bests.

Wendell's Jessica Duran led the pack, finishing at 19:19.

The Huskies will head back to West Park for today's 1A/2A District III championship meet. The girls' varsity will run at 4:30 p.m., and the boys at 5:15 p.m.

The meet has been moved from Eagle Island State Park.



Vanessa Freeman runs during Marsing's participation in a home meet earlier this season.

MARSING HUSKIES

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Football
Nico Acosta, sr., OL
Three-year starter

Volleyball
Delaney Percifield, sr., OH
6 kills, 5 digs, 3 aces in district play-in game

Cross country
Alejandro Barrera, so.
19:22 at Winston Tilzey Invite

Football
Varsity
Friday, Oct. 23 at New Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Oct. 22, home vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m.

Volleyball
Varsity
Season complete
Junior varsity
Season complete

Cross country
Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 1A/2A District III championship meet, West Park, Nampa, 4:30 p.m.

Schedules are subject to change

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Sports

Trojans football players win state title for grades

Homedale High School’s football team pulled down a state championship last week.

But it was for hitting the books, not hitting an opponent.

The Trojans were named the Class 3A academic state champions after compiling a 3.406 grade-point average as a team during the fall.

“It just reflects their willingness to take on that expectation and responsibility when they decide to play sports here at HHS,” 13th-year football coach, and high school principal, Matt Holtry said. “It isn’t just about winning on the field. It’s about winning in the classroom first.

“They learn that in life there are always things you need to take care of first before you can go have fun. As they travel through high school, it’s their academics that they have to take care of first.

“As they graduate from high school and enter the real world it becomes their jobs, college, and their family that they need to be disciplined to and take care of before they get to go have fun. So in all reality it is just practice for success in the real world.”

Holtry credited the rigors of the school district’s academic expectations, too.

“I just have to say how proud I am of

the efforts that our school district takes in making grades a priority,” he said. “Having a specific GPA requirement to graduate from our high school helps establish the expectation that grades come first here at HHS.

“Our kids understand that their education will always take them further than any athletic accomplishment, and so we stress that importance every year.”

Holtry said the football players are encouraged to “take care of their grades on a daily basis.”

“After every practice, we as coaches remind them of priorities and taking care of business in all aspects of their

life so that they get to enjoy the game they love,” Holtry said.

“If that means a kid has to miss practice to meet with a teacher, then so be it. We have to make their grades a priority if we truly are in it for the kids and their futures.”

Homedale’s closest 3A Snake River Valley conference neighbor, pulled down state titles for the volleyball team (3.944 GPA) and the boys’ cross country team (3.86).

Nampa Christian won the girls’ cross country state championship in Class 2A. The Trojans from the 2A Western Idaho Conference amassed a 3.898 GPA.

— JPB

✓Trojans: Big three-and-out sparks squad

From Page 1B

hostile territory.

The play worked, and the Trojans edged the Wolverines, 31-28, in what is probably one of the most thrilling victories in Homedale history.

“I was laughing with Coach (Cam) Long as we have shared in many football and basketball games that we consider top 10 games in our careers,” Holtry said.

“As we were walking off the field, we both looked at each other and agreed it was a top 10 game for sure.”

The heart-stopping, game-winning play wasn’t the simplest of things to pull off.

Taking the handoff, Hayden Kincheloe tossed a reverse to Eli Heck, who fired a pass to Keagen Christensen, who took the ball in stride on a crossing route and ran into the end zone.

“It is something that we practice at practice and the kids usually do a good job of executing it during practice, so we were confident in their ability to pull it off,” Holtry said.

“Eli has been a quarterback with his group growing up, so it is a luxury we have knowing he has the ability and confidence to make that play.”

The Trojans (5-1 overall, 4-0 in conference) scored two touchdowns in the final 8 minutes, 5 seconds at Walter Johnson Field to erase the Wolverines’ 28-19 advantage.

The win sets up a Senior Night showdown with Fruitland for all the conference marbles.

A win Friday at Deward Bell Stadium would give Homedale its third consecutive 3A SRV championship and set in motion what could be a trek to the program’s third consecutive appearance in the Milk Bowl state championship game.

“It sets up everything that we have worked for this season. Another shot at a district championship at home against Fruitland is everything we could ask for,” Holtry said.

“The kids are excited for the opportunity, and we are ready to get back to work this week.”

The Grizzlies are unbeaten in six games this season, including three conference triumphs.

Homedale remained unbeaten in conference play not only because of its offensive execution down the stretch but primarily because the defense — again — put the team in a position to win.

With less than 5½ minutes in the game and Homedale trailing, 28-25, Willie White sacked Weiser quarterback Brett Spencer for an eight-yard loss on 3rd-and-1 from the Weiser 39.

“Without that stop, we don’t get the ball back, and we don’t even have a chance at winning,” Holtry said.

The play marked one of only four times in 10 occurrences during the game that Weiser didn’t convert on third down.

“The final stop and forcing them to go three-and-out on their final drive was the difference in the game and one of the biggest three-and-outs I have witnessed,” Holtry said.

Tyler Pope then shanked a 14-yard punt, giving Homedale just 45 yards to cover on its game-winning drive.

Homedale did just that, chewing up 11 plays and all but 18 seconds of the game’s final three minutes to win it.

It very well may have been the conduct of the Weiser defense — at least on one crucial play — that sparked the Trojans’ emotions to come back after Spencer had hit

Kooper vonBrethorst for a nine-yard touchdown for the Wolverines’ 28-19 lead.

On the ensuing drive, Rylan Binford caught a 30-yard pass and was knocked out of the game on a hit that drew a targeting call and a 15-yard penalty.

The 45-yard swing was part of the Trojans’ six-play, 80-yard march to the first of back-to-back scores.

“With that big play, we got some momentum going,” Holtry said, adding that Binford made a “big reception” before taking the hit.

A few plays later, Kincheloe chugged 13 yards on third down to keep the possession alive. He would score on a 1-yard run on the next play.

Homedale converted four of seven third-down opportunities and kept its composure despite 95 yards lost on 11 penalties.

The 80-yard touchdown drive was the second of the game for the Trojans, and the third scoring drive of the night that covered at least 72 yards.

Homedale tied the game, 7-7, when Mason Strong sped down the field to complete a 68-yard pass play with Dines. Dines threw a 42-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter to cap the 72-yard march.

“We are very blessed to have the coaches that we do here in Homedale. The level of preparation that takes place on a weekly basis from film to practice planning to drills is something that I am very proud of our staff about,” Holtry said.

“The kids are bought in to what we do on a weekly basis, and the trust that is shared within the program is a special thing. It was just fun to see all the preparation and repetition pay off in those final moments.”

— JPB



Marsing Middle School running back Cache Hance shrugs off would-be tackler Jacob Hartle for a big gain. Hance finished with 150 yards and three scores.

Marsing M.S. football team plays way into championship game

The Marsing Middle School football team tore it up on the ground during an opening round 26-8 playoff win over New Plymouth on Oct. 13.

Marsing and Nampa Christian played for the championship Tuesday after deadline.

Last week against the visiting Pilgrims, Cache Hance ran for more than 150 yards and scored three touchdowns. One of his scoring runs covered 57 yards.

Teammate Juan Molina rushed for nearly 100 yards and a score.

Coach JW Chadez hands out commendations for the team’s outstanding players from each unit.

After the New Plymouth game, Hance received offensive player of the game, Dresden Wood was cited for special teams play, and Levi Puga and Jace Chadez shared defensive honors.

The Huskies finished the regular season with a 3-1 record. Melba handed Marsing its only loss, 8-6.

The team clinched the No. 2 seed in the playoffs with a 36-28 victory over Nampa Christian on Oct. 6.

Nampa Christian qualified for the championship game with a 14-8 upset win over top-seeded Melba on Oct. 13.

— TK

Sports

Mustangs lose win streak, top seed on same night

Melba had won nine straight

Melba High School lost the top seed into the 2A District III volleyball tournament on the final night of the regular season Thursday. Nampa Christian won a pair of close sets to gain momentum in a 25-22, 25-21, 19-25, 25-20

victory that decided the No. 1 seed in the 2A Western Idaho Conference. The Mustangs settled for the No. 2 seed after seeing their nine-match winning streak end. Melba and Nampa Christian played on opposite sides of the district tournament bracket in the semifinals Tuesday in Nampa after deadline.

The semifinal winners automatically qualified for the 2A state tournament, which is set for Oct. 30-31 in Buhl. The district championship match will be played at 6:45 p.m., on Thursday on the home court of the higher seed. In the regular-season finale loss to Nampa Christian, which took place on the Trojans' floor just as Tuesday's semifinal did,

senior libero Maddi Bunnell notched 31 digs. Sophomore middle blocker Keylee Wilson led the Mustangs (15-2 overall, 6-1 in conference) with 13 kills and three blocks against the Trojans (10-4, 6-1). Sophomore Kendall Clark, an outside and right side hitter, had 12 kills and four blocks. Kate Clark, a senior outside

hitter, served a team-high five aces and added six blocks. Senior outside hitter Kayla McCoy contributed 31 assists. **Oct. 13: Melba def. Compass Charter, 3-0**— The Mustangs won their ninth consecutive match, beating the Aviators on their home floor in Meridian. No statistics were provided.

✓ Mustangs: Ranked third in state, Melba plays host to non-conference game Friday

ranked No. 3 in both Class 2A statewide polls. One top five poll is compiled with input from fellow coaches, and the other is built on the rankings from some media members. The Owyhee Avalanche does not participate in the voting. Zane Helm pounded the turf 16 times for 198 yards as the Mustangs churned up 461 yards on the ground. Stimpson had 23 carries as Melba controlled the clock with an effective rushing attack. Joey Bradshaw rushed for 55 yards and a touchdown on

10 carries in his first action of the season. Quarterback Henry Clark got his statistics through the air, too. He completed 11 of 16 throws for 159 yards and a touchdown. He was intercepted once. Melba overpowered its 2A WIC opponents by a cumulative score of 188-34, for an average score of 47-8.5. The Mustangs close out the regular season at home on Friday. They'll take a five-game winning streak into a 7 p.m. kickoff against non-conference foe Grangeville.



Homedale High School football players will storm their home field for the final time in the regular season Friday when they battle Fruitland in what amounts to a conference championship game.

✓ Runners: Mountain race helps tune for district meet

From Page 1B The rest of the HHS boys' finishers were ninth-graders — Alex Zamudio (34th, 23:00.9), David Peirsol (37th, 23:36.4), and Elias Tines (39th, 24:16.8). Homedale's girls' squad continues through a season marred by injuries to the program's top athletes. Sophomore Alaina Cook (14th, 25:20.7) and freshman Trinity Neeser (22nd, 26:55.5) logged top-25 showings for a team that ran the final tune-up to the 3A District III championship meet without seniors Savannah Turner, Kaydince Turner and Gracie Rotter. The district championships were held Tuesday after deadline at Weiser's Rolling Hills Golf Course. Six girls ran in McCall. Rounding out the team's performance were freshmen Elliot Larzelier (27th, 28:16.7) and Katie DeVice (28th, 28:35.3), and junior Brooklyn Ashliman (36th, 42:51.1).



Giovanni Aguilera

✓ Battle: Friday's for all the marbles

From Page 1B Bowl state championship game appearance — on Senior Night. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m., on Friday. "I think with this being the district championship game at home on Senior Night we will have plenty of emotions going into the game," HHS coach Matt Holtry said. "The key will be the ability to manage those emotions and stay focused on the task at hand." The task at hand is corralling an unbeaten Fruitland team (6-0 overall, 3-0 in conference). Tied with Kimberly as the No. 2 team in the statewide Class 3A coaches' poll Homedale

(5-1, 4-0) has played one more conference game than the Grizzlies, and the Trojans' only loss came at the hands of Class 4A Middleton. "Fruitland is a solid program and has been for the past 12 years that I have been here in Homedale," Holtry said. "Fruitland plays with a lot of confidence, and they are on a roll right now. "It will take a great week of practice to be ready for them." Fruitland is ranked No. 4 in the coaches' poll. The statewide media ranks the Grizzlies third and the Trojans fourth. Friday's victor will earn the district's No. 1 seed into the state playoffs, and the loser

will be No. 2. Weiser, which lost to Fruitland, 18-15, on Sept. 25, and Homedale, 31-28, on Friday, is the third-seeded squad. The Grizzlies won't make up the cancelled conference game against McCall-Donnelly. Scheduled for Oct. 2, the game was called off because Payette County was in the COVID-19 red zone at the time. Fruitland has allowed just 27 points in three 3A SRV games, including beating Payette and Parma by a combined score of 94-12. Homedale has given up 40 points, shutting out Payette and Parma and holding McCall to 12 points. — JPB

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense The Young Politician



He rose in the class, hand over his heart
And spoke of his future career
“The political ring’s where I’ll throw my hat
I love the applause and the cheers.”

“I’ll learn all the buzzwords, and then make some up
Like mandate and flexible goals.
Ecoelastic alternative tax
With built-in confusing loopholes.

“Inflation, deflation, reliable source
I’ll climb the political rungs
And dazzle the voters with rhetorical quotes
And the art of speaking in tongues.

“I’ll master the impasse and walk on the fence
I’ll be brilliant, incisive and wise
When it comes the time to put conscience aside
I’ll vote for the best compromise.”

He told all his friends ’bout running for “Pres”
The word got around in no time
His high-school adviser took him aside
And laid all his doubts on the line.

“I doubt that you’ll ever be President, son.”
He said, and I’m sure that he meant it.
“But with your attendance record so poor,
You might have a chance for the Senate!”

Go vote! And remember, “*Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat*” – Christopher Earle

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Letters to the editor

Idaho native Bellegante would bring bipartisanship

Please join me in voting for Laura Bellegante for the Legislative District 23 Senate seat.

Laura supports Idaho tax dollars properly funding quality education, as well as tax equity where tax rates and exemptions would balance the tax load among individuals, businesses and large corporations. She supports a living wage and repealing the grocery sales tax.

She is a native of Idaho, raised in Madison County, and graduated from the University of Idaho. Her public experience includes serving as a school board member, college administration, and supervisor in a state agency. She has an excellent grasp of Idaho’s conflicts, as well as national and world affairs.

Laura is a gun owner, a hunter in her younger years, and, I understand, was a pretty good shot. However, she is not a “gun nut” and would never embarrass us by crashing a special session of the Legislature or other public meetings with a bunch of gun-slinging radicals.

She has the ability to speak well in public and the education and experience to actually analyze and prepare legislation. Her service in our State Legislature would be one of working across the aisle to get things done.

Vote for Laura!
Pam Roylance
Marsing

HJR4 will reduce rural voice in Idaho Legislature

To the editor or other reader who respects and supports the rights of a minority:

HJR4 is a State Constitutional Amendment that will appear on our Nov. 3 ballot. It will fix the number of legislative districts in Idaho permanently at 35.

This amendment was approved nearly unanimously by our Legislature in March 2020. Where were the legislators who represent Idaho’s rural counties? There has been very little media reporting or public discussion on this amendment since March.

The Idaho Constitution originally provided representation from each of our 44 counties, mirroring the structure of the U.S. Constitution. It was described as a democratic republic designed to protect the minority rights of less-populated rural states and counties. It was unique and effective.

If it is to be amended, it should be done with the bright lights on and a thorough public debate. From



Something on your mind?
We welcome
letters to the editor
The Owyhee Avalanche

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.

my view it has been advanced very deliberately very quietly.

If this passes, four or five of our 44 counties could control the Idaho Legislature. This is bad for sparsely populated counties and rural areas.

I have been told by a legislator that this is a small step in the right direction. More likely it is a large step in the wrong direction.

If this passes, our rural counties, and there are many of them, will have no voice in Boise. We must defeat this amendment now and begin in January to work with the Legislature to return to a representative democratic republic. If it passes now, we will not get the Legislature to listen to our concerns. It is too late to call our legislators. It is too late to hold public meetings.

Pass this information to everyone you know. On the street, on the phone, on any and all forms of social media. Just vote no.

Jon Cantamessa
Shoshone County commissioner (ret.)
Wallace

From Washington Recognizing the Abraham Accords place in history of Middle East peace

One of the greatest world challenges of our time, without a doubt, has been the pursuit of peace in the Middle East. Although we have seen progress at various times, lasting, concrete peace has eluded world leaders, and its attainment has eclipsed administrations. The recent Abraham Accords Peace Agreement is a significant step in bringing this important part of our world closer together, and it is worthy of commendation.

On Sept. 15, 2020, the Abraham Accords Peace Agreement was signed at the White House, ushering in normalized diplomatic, commercial, security and other relations between Israel, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Bahrain. This followed the Aug. 13, 2020, announcement of Israel and the UAE’s agreement on full normalized relations and

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Commentary

Financial management

“Legacy drawer” helps loved ones left behind find documents

Dear Dave,
A friend recently told me about you and your teachings about money. While we were talking, she mentioned something called a “legacy drawer” for important papers. Can you explain more about this?

— Anna

Dear Anna,
Simply put, a legacy drawer is a collection of your essential documents in a safe place where your family and loved ones can find them when you die, or if you’re sick or disabled. It doesn’t have to be a drawer, specifically, just a safe, secure place where you keep all the pieces of your financial life — your will, living will, estate plan, investment statements, insurance policies, and property deeds. You should

also include stuff like power of attorney documents, bank and lock box access information, and any other instructions for and information about your last wishes and what you leave behind.
The stress and grief when someone becomes seriously ill or dies is bad enough. Don’t make it any harder than it has to be by leaving your finances and other essentials in a mess!

— Dave

Dear Dave,
My boyfriend lives in a different state, and I’m planning to move there when we get married. I know I love him, but sometimes he is not what I consider to be responsible with money. There have been times in the past when he has taken



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out small loans or paid bills late in order to buy something he wanted. How can I talk to him about this?

— Heather

Dear Heather,
If it were me, I think I’d

make sure things move a little more slowly in the relationship until he gets his spending under control. Sometimes, when things like this happen, it’s just a situation where a person needs to learn the benefits of budgeting and handling money in a mature, responsible way. You can’t do something if you haven’t been taught *how* to do it, and hopefully this is the case with your boyfriend.
You mentioned marriage, so that tells me you’re both taking this relationship seriously — that you’re in the process of making sure you want to spend the rest of your lives with each other. Bring it up gently, and tell him why you’re concerned. Share your hopes and dreams for the future with him. You might even offer to help him make out a monthly

budget. That way, once he understands the process and value of spending money on paper before the month begins, it will be easier for him to stick to it.
Good luck, Heather!
— Dave
— Dave Ramsey is a seven-time No. 1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of *The Dave Ramsey Show*, heard by more than 16 million listeners each week. He has appeared on *Good Morning America*, *CBS This Morning*, *Today Show*, *Fox News*, *CNN*, *Fox Business*, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

✓ History: Normalized relations between Israel, some Arab states crucial

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the Sept. 11, 2020, announcement that Bahrain also agreed to normalize relations with Israel. Through the agreements, the UAE and Bahrain joined Egypt and Jordan in increasing the number of Arab countries with full diplomatic ties with Israel to four. The UAE and Bahrain are also the first of the Gulf Arab states to formalize relations with Israel.
I joined 55 Senate colleagues in introducing S.Res. 709, a bipartisan resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the agreements between Israel and the UAE and Israel and Bahrain to establish full diplomatic relations are historic achievements. The resolution:
• Congratulates Israel, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain on reaching these historic agreements;
• Encourages other Arab nations to establish full

relations with Israel with the vision of realizing full peace between Israel and all of its Arab neighbors; and
• Reaffirms the Senate’s strong support for a negotiated solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict resulting in two states — a democratic Jewish State of Israel and a viable, democratic Palestinian state — living side-by-side in peace, security and mutual recognition.
The United States has had a central role in this effort. As we recognized in the resolution, “these agreements build upon the decades-long leadership of the United States in helping Israel broker peace treaties with Egypt and Jordan and promoting peace talks between Israel and Syria, Lebanon, and the Palestinians.” Furthermore, opening ties between these three countries can not only spur economic

growth and closer people-to-people relations in the region, but also help advance peace between Israel and other Arab nations.
When we think about all that is going on in our world and country, we cannot let the positive steps get buried. I commend the Trump Administration for being a conduit for normalizing relations between Israel and the UAE and Bahrain. I hope this accord will broaden opportunities for negotiations in the region and be a means for full peace in the Middle East.
— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho’s senior member of the U. S. Senate. He is in his fourth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.

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City council — Chris Even, Marie Herman, Rachael Percifield and Brandy Bennett
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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

SUMMONS

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

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

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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.

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

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Total Diversion: 0.04 CFS
Date Filed: 09-22-2020
Place Of Use: DOMESTIC T07S R06W S2 L1 (NENE)

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact the Western office at (208) 334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s), please see <https://idwr.idaho.gov/apps/ExtSearch/WRAApplicationResults/>. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 W AIRPORT WAY, BOISE ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 11/9/2020. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director
10/21,28/2020

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES SUMMARY STATEMENT - ALL FUNDS 2019-2020		
BRUNEAU - GRAND VIEW JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 365		
	BUDGET	ACTUAL
REVENUES		
Local Revenue	\$ 873,288.00	\$ 1,014,300.00
State Revenue	3,794,244.00	3,833,025.00
Federal Revenue	717,850.00	813,564.00
Other Revenue	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 5,385,382.00	\$ 5,660,889.00
Transfers IN	69,078.00	69,078.00
TOTAL REVENUE & TRANSFERS	\$ 5,454,460.00	\$ 5,729,967.00
EXPENDITURES		
Salaries	\$ 2,162,080.00	\$ 2,062,491.00
Benefits	698,660.00	635,897.00
Purchased Services	1,748,189.00	1,590,601.00
Supplies & Materials	348,782.00	354,749.00
Capital Objects	87,587.00	114,939.00
Debt Retirement	329,211.00	329,412.00
Insurance & Judgments	33,114.00	32,460.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 5,407,623.00	\$ 5,120,549.00
Transfers OUT	69,078.00	69,078.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & TRANSFERS	\$ 5,476,701.00	\$ 5,189,627.00
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE at July 1, 2019	\$ 1,473,127.00	\$ 3,102,704.00
Adjustments	-	-
ADJUSTED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE at July 1, 2019	\$ 1,473,127.00	\$ 3,102,704.00
ENDING FUND BALANCE at June 30, 2020	\$ 1,450,886.00	\$ 3,643,044.00
The undersigned certify that this is a true and correct report of the financial condition of the Bruneau - Grand View Joint School District No. 365		
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Heartfelt thanks from the family of Charlene Hutton Black for all of the compassion shown to us through acts of kindness, including meals, flowers, love, and support from friends, extended family, and our community after our recent loss. Your kindnesses will always be remembered, and have helped to lift our sorrow. Tony Black, Loni & Nick Blanksma, Eklyn Catalino, Telby & Elizabeth Black & our families, and Caren Hutton & family

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Sports

Huskies finish volleyball season with play-in loss

Marsing High School put a stamp on a topsy-turvy, injury-plagued volleyball season with a three-set loss to Compass Charter on Saturday evening in New Plymouth.

The Huskies made it a close match throughout but lost, 25-21, 25-22, 25-21, in a 2A District III tournament play-in match.

It was the second time in three days that Marsing had fell to the Aviators from Meridian.

“We were pleased with the effort and energy our girls brought tonight and wished it would have ended differently, especially for our seniors,” Marsing coach Amy Chadez said. “Unfortunately, our season has come to an end.”

Late in the match, the Huskies experienced some tough breaks.

“We had a few stretches that ended up being the difference where we missed back-to-back serves, and this caused the momentum to swing in Compass’s direction,” Chadez said.

The team (4-15 overall) saw seniors Delaney Percifield, Hailey Christiansen, Fallon Wasson, and Hannah Sevy play their last matches as Huskies. Sevy missed a big chunk of the season with an injury.

Senior captain Percifield had a solid game, recording six kills, five digs, and three aces.

Percifield received assistance from sophomore Mila Astorquia’s four kills,



Marsing senior Delaney Percifield gets some air beneath her as she looks to slap one past a pair of Compass Charter defenders on Saturday. Photo submitted by Melissa Loucks.

nine digs, and three aces, as well as three kills and four blocks from junior MarDee Hall, 11 assists from junior Lexi Loucks, and two kills and seven digs from junior Emily Thoene.

“Our senior class is a special group of girls, and we are going to miss each of them next season,” Chadez

said. “We look forward to taking a little time off before hitting our off-season work, including continuing to build our youth program.”

Thursday: Compass Charter def. Marsing, 3-0 — The Huskies finished up their regular-season schedule with a 25-19, 25-11, 25-23 loss to the Aviators in Marsing.

“We really have never been able to get into a rhythm since losing a couple of our starting players to injury and illness,” Chadez said.

Marsing ended the 2A Western Idaho Conference campaign at 1-6.

The second-year coach praised the work of one of her best players, junior MarDee

Hall. “(Hall) has continued to play extremely well for us,” Chadez said. “She’s been carrying a lot of the load offensively and is a great positive leader, too.”

Hall put up the numbers to reflect that, finishing with seven kills, four blocks, three digs, and she went 7-for-7 from the service line.

Loucks had 14 assists, seven digs, and went over the net on 17-of-18 of her serve attempts.

Percifield had three kills and six digs.

Wasson had eight digs.

Sophomore Mila Astorquia recorded three kills and six digs.

Oct. 13: Nampa Christian def. Marsing, 3-0 — The Huskies’ struggles continued with a 25-9, 25-13, 25-8 road loss.

“We hung with them for the first six points of each set and then quickly spiraled into a hole we were unable to dig out of,” Chadez said.

The coach said the results did not accurately reflect the improvements she had seen in her team.

“Our serving tonight was over 90 percent, and we were pleased with Emily Vanosdall on defense,” she said.

Vanosdall finished with 11 digs.

Hall had four kills.

Loucks added eight assists, three digs, and was perfect from the service line.

— TK



Team gives back in the midst of tough season

Above: (clockwise from left) Marsing High School volleyball players Lexi Loucks, Emily Thoene, Llee Loucks, Mila Astorquia and Abby Percifield brought their A-game to Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation on Oct. 6 for a team-build and community service project.

Left: (from left) Delaney Percifield, assistant coach Ruben Gonzalez and MarDee Hall color above a chalk outline of Hall. The team’s season ended in Saturday’s district play-in.