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MILK BOWL III



*Homedale High School teammates celebrate in the end zone after Hayden Kincheloe's first touchdown Saturday. **From left:** Willy Haun, Obed Palacos, Kincheloe, and Mason Strong. Read more about Kincheloe's monster day in a 48-28 win over South Fremont, **Page 1B***

Trojans meet Diggers again

Homedale reaches third straight state title game for first time in 28 years

This doesn't get old for Matt Holtry.

In fact, the 12th-year Homedale High School football coach says reaching a third consecutive 3A Milk Bowl state championship game is just as new as the 2018 contest.

Even if the Trojans are facing Sugar-Salem for the third time in as many seasons.

"Even though its the third year in a row, it is just as special as the first time making it to the championship game," Holtry said.

"There is no feeling quite like knowing you clinched a spot in the championship. For those that have played football, they know just how hard it is to get into the game let

— See *Trojans*, page 5A

GV sewer users ask why incremental rates weren't implemented

Government accused of "poor management" during hearing

Grand View residents got their opportunity to speak out about proposed large increases in sewer rates during a Thursday public hearing.

Base residential sewer rates could double and commercial rates could triple if the city council approves the proposal discussed at City Hall prior to its November regular meeting.

It's unknown when the rate increases would go into effect or even if the council voted on a resolution to raise the rates last week. The Owyhee

Avalanche contacted City Hall, Mayor Danny Martinez and city attorney Bruce Castleton for clarification prior to press time.

The rate increases are necessary for the city to score better on its application for an Idaho Department of Environmental Quality grant to help fund upgrades to the transmission lines, lift station and treatment lagoons.

The grant requires a 50 percent match from the city,

— See *Sewer rates*, page 5A

Engineer: Homedale sewer lagoon costs could run in millions

Council will huddle in pre-meeting workshop next month

During its Nov. 12 meeting at City Hall, the Homedale City Council and Great West Engineering representative Andrew Kimmel discussed the future of treating the city's wastewater.

Kimmel proposed that the council hold a workshop prior to its Dec. 9 meeting to tour the city's sewer lagoons and discuss viable options for wastewater treatment.

He said that it is absolutely essential that the city remove sludge immediately on the first lagoon.

"It's really bad," he said during a discussion about the city's ongoing facility plan development.

Kimmel said mitigation op-

tions include sticking with what the city is doing now, removing sludge and crossing its fingers, all the way up to a complete rebuild that could be good for 20-plus years.

He said that in keeping with the current lagoon technology and looking at land application, he wondered what the nearby farmers would want.

"Do they want wastewater streams, so you don't have to discharge to the river?" he asked. "What storage would you need to get completely away from discharging? You would never discharge to the river, you would get away from that permanently, which

— See *Homedale*, page 4A

Marsing busy with holiday events

Beautification panel plans business, residential lighting contests

The Marsing Chamber of Commerce is doing its part to ensure citizens have a fun and memorable holiday season.

Chamber president Julie Franklin said that the city has needed some distractions from the heaviness of the cur-

rent COVID-19 climate, and needs to have something to look forward to.

So, toward that end, the organization of local Marsing businesses has organized a

— See *Marsing*, page 8A



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HMS hopes to have students back in class after break

COVID-19 impacts staff, brings online learning this week

Staff limitations have forced Homedale Middle School into a week of online learning with hopes of being back up to full speed after Thanksgiving break.

Fifth- through eighth-graders have been at home attending class remotely since Monday, and a letter sent home Thursday by principal Moss Strong indicates the plan is to be back in the classroom for in-person learning on Monday, Nov. 30.

District superintendent Rob Sauer said, “The primary issue is staff-related.”

“We have several staff and students that are on quarantine related to positive cases or exposure to positive cases. We are trying to get the numbers down,” he said.

The shift to online learning affects only the fifth- through eighth-graders at HMS. High

school and elementary school students continue in-person learning this week.

“In the last few weeks, we have had several students and staff members having to quarantine due to positive COVID-19 cases and/or having close contact with a COVID-19 positive person,” the principal wrote.

“At this time, due to the number of staff quarantining, it has become a challenge to supervise in-person learning and adequately cover every teacher.”

In her letter to parents, Strong said that switching to online learning this week and following that with a week off from school for Thanksgiving vacation was an attempt to deliver quality in-person education.

“It is our expectation that as a result, we can slow the

Confirmed Owyhee County COVID-19 cases:

452

Nov. 10 to Nov. 16 statistics:
New confirmed cases, 50
Deaths: 5 (New: 0)
Health alert level: Orange
Probable cases, 43 (New: 5)
Source: coronavirus.idaho.gov

spread and come back after Thanksgiving break to in-person learning and finish the last three weeks of the semester with no staff or students having to quarantine,” Strong wrote.

Sauer said the decision was made after routine analysis.

“We monitor numbers daily and have noticed an upward trend of cases,” he said.

The superintendent added that the district doesn’t take shutting down classrooms lightly.

“This isn’t ideal, but we are trying to keep in-person learning going as much as

possible. We recognize the importance of in-person learning not just for our students but for our families as well,” he said.

Sauer said teachers who aren’t quarantined are still reporting to their classrooms each day where they connect with their students through Google Classroom.

There has been a handful of students learning from home since the beginning of the school year, too.

“We have teachers in each building that currently teach

in-person and online for those that chose the online option in August,” Sauer said.

Like Sauer, Strong acknowledged the remote learning isn’t the best scenario for parents and students.

“Great care and research went into this decision; however, we regret the hardships this will cause for some of our families. At this time, we believe this is the right step to take for the health and safety of our families, employees, and the community at large,” she wrote.

Strong added that students must check their email for messages from teachers.

Students are expected to complete academic assigned during the online teaching period.

The principal added that parents who have children who need breakfast and/or lunch should call the school at (208) 337-5780.

— JPB and TK

Coronavirus has visited Adrian schools this year, too

Third positive case reported earlier this month

The Adrian School District also has dealt with COVID-19 cases disrupting the 2020-21 school year.

Superintendent Kevin Purnell said that the district has had three positive cases and six close contact cases this year.

Most recently, Purnell issued a letter to district families on

Malheur COVID-19 cases:

2,182

New cases, Nov. 10 to Nov. 16: 96
Deaths: 38 (New: 0)
Negative tests: 6,945 (New: 236)
Source:
govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19

Nov. 6 after notification that an individual at Adrian High School had been diagnosed with COVID-19.

While acknowledging that the news would cause concern in the community, Purnell said the district was working closely with the Malheur County Health Department

“to takes steps to prioritize the health of our staff, students, and community.”

The protocol followed after the early November diagnosis included:

- Contacting individuals who were in close contact with the positive individual
- Canceling limited in-person learning for those impacted by the positive case
- Contacting the parents of students impacted by the case.
- Deep cleaning in the impacted areas of the school.

Purnell’s letter also pointed out the best ways to prevent the spread of the virus:

- Stay home when ill
- Wear face coverings
- Physical distancing
- Good health hygiene habits, including washing hands frequently with soap and water, covering coughs and sneezes and avoiding contact with people who have signs of illness.

The COVID-19 situation in Oregon has the winter sports season on hold at the moment, Purnell said. The

superintendent said the district awaits word, probably around Dec. 1, from the Oregon School Activities Association and the state Department of Education.

- According to the latest Southwest District Health update, there were two cases of either probable or confirmed COVID-19 infections in Owyhee County school districts between Nov. 1 and Nov. 7.

The cases included a student in the Bruneau-Grand View School District, and a staff member in the Marsing School District.

Owyhee County remains in the orange health level with a daily case rate of 2.78 per 10,000 people. Health district officials say that number is on the rise.

Elsewhere in the health district, Canyon County and Washington County were moved into the red health level indicative of five or more new cases per day per 10,000 people.

— JPB

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Tax breaks coming for some property owners

Bills hit mail this week

The Owyhee County Treasurer’s Office will mail 2020 property tax bills on Thursday, and Treasurer Annette Dygert reminds folks to look for some changes.

The biggest changes affect the portions of the tax bill that benefits Owyhee County and the City of Homedale.

Both governments decided to forgo the annual three percent tax increase to become eligible for a one-time tax reduction for its taxpayers through the Governor’s Public Safety Initiative.

The tax reduction will vary from parcel to parcel.

The amount of savings passed on to taxpayers in the county is \$793,489.31 with an additional \$8,176.85 from the City of Homedale, according to Dygert’s release.

The state received funds for the initiative with the passage of the federal CARES Act in the spring.

This year’s tax bills will include:

- Values and taxes for last year and the current year are located in the right-hand corner of the bill. Taxpayers who take advantage of the homeowner’s exemption should check that it has been applied. The exemption can be applied only to a person’s primary residence.

- The information about the tax reduction can be found under the last year and current

year tax information.

Dygert also mentioned in a notice to taxpayers that the Voter Approved Tracker on School Bonds as well as Little’s letter regarding the Public Safety Initiative can be located on the county website, www.owyheecounty.net.

- Another element of the tax bill is a pink section showing if there are delinquencies on the parcel. The delinquent amount won’t be listed on the bill, so taxpayers who have delinquencies will have to call the treasurer’s office (208) 495-1158 or (833) 337-5522 to get a payoff amount.

The county has yet to collect nearly \$350,000 in outstanding taxes dating to 2016.

- The 2020 tax bill only shows the amount due for the 2020 tax year.

Dygert also itemized the tax revenue and delinquencies from recent years:

- **2020** — Tax revenue of \$7,204,187.52, which is the lowest amount to be collected since 2017

- **2019** — Tax revenue of \$7,823,502.16, and 342 outstanding accounts owing a total of \$180,132.35

- **2018** — Tax revenue of \$7,530,578.10 with 185 outstanding accounts owing a total of \$88,885.36

- **2017** — Tax revenue of \$7,141,296.36 with 116 outstanding accounts owing a total of \$58,945.65

- **2016** — Tax revenue of \$6,934,831.60 with 49 outstanding accounts owing a total of \$20,139.78



New Homedale business braves uncertain economic times

Madison Smith (left) and her sister Bella, daughters of co-owner Faydra Given, man the counter at the new Wild Lotus Coffee Bar and Boutique, 1 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale. The official grand opening is Saturday, but the new business co-owned by Given and Megan Gentry had a soft opening last week.

The Wild Lotus sells coffees of various flavors and styles, hot co- coa, tea, apple cider and treats. The busi-



ness also sells cookies, cinnamon rolls, donuts and bagels.

In December, seating will be available in the garage area of the former service station from Homedale’s bygone days and soup, salads, and sandwiches will be added to the menu. The company also has a food cart that they use for catering and is available for office Christmas parties. Call (208) 565-6620 for more information.

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✓ Homedale: Holiday prep ongoing even with ceremonies up in the air

would be awesome, if possible.”

He said that with the way the city’s wastewater treatment works right now, Homedale can meet federal requirements, as long as everything runs perfectly.

“If there is any kind of hiccup or you get an algae bloom, and you can’t run those sand filters everyday, you can’t get your permit,” he said.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said he understands Kimmel’s sentiment.

“You can’t really just put a Band-Aid on it,” the mayor said.

Making it clear that he is using hypothetical numbers, Kimmel asked whether the city would want a \$2 million Band-Aid, a solid \$4 million solution, or a \$10 million solution in which no discharge would be necessary again.

“(The numbers) are hypothetical, but they’re in the ballpark,” he said.

He said that a similar situation in Council cost \$4.5 million for just the treatment aspect, with a total cost of \$7.9 million for the project. Despite being a smaller town, Kimmel said Council has similar flow.

Kimmel said that there are grants to help with wastewater projects.

The engineer, city council, and other interested parties will meet at the ponds at 3 p.m., on Wednesday, Dec. 9.

Caretaker: Improve RV park before expansion

Public works employee Bill McDaniel brought his thoughts about Riverside RV Park upgrades and expansion to the council.

The RV park currently has seven spots available for rent, and McDaniel, who is caretaker there, acknowledged talk of expanding that number to 10 spots. However, he suggested the council consider improving the current spots rather than adding more.

McDaniel said that the current spots use 30-amp boxes, but he believes an upgrade to 50 amps, along with improved sewer and water systems, will go a long way toward increasing the park’s wintertime business.

Public works supervisor Bret Smith shared similar views.

“I think it’s smarter to upgrade what we have now first, before we go building new,” he said.

Like Smith, Christoffersen agreed with McDaniel’s assessment.

“Trailers today, you really need 50 amps,” he said.

Christoffersen said that it might be worth adding one or two spots this year and a couple more in 2021. He believes it would be a good financial decision, noting that if the equipment needed to make the improvements was already available, the city may as well take advantage of it now.

“It all depends on if the money is there,” the mayor said.

McDaniel also said that a needed improvement would be heat in the RV park restrooms. The council discussed various heating options, and McDaniel said that he would like to take a “test run” of placing space heaters in the restrooms before a decision is made.

“If you’re testing, someone should go open the door every hour or so,” Christoffersen said, suggesting the need to mirror real-life conditions.

McDaniel said he would bring cost estimates for water, sewer, and electrical improvements to the council’s Dec. 9 meeting.

Public works preparing for holiday activities

With the fate of the Homedale for the Holidays Parade and city Christmas tree lighting up in the air because of Gov. Brad Little putting Idaho back into an amended Stage 2 of his Stay Healthy Order, city officials are moving forward in preparation.

Smith told council members that his crew was nearly finished putting up lights in Bette Uda City Park, with the goal of getting all decorating completed prior to Thanksgiving.

“We have most of it up, just a few small parts yet,” Smith said.

The parade and the tree-lighting ceremony that follows in the park are scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 28.

— TK



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✓ Sewer rates: DEQ grant would require 50 percent match; rate increases

either as a general fund contribution or in-kind.

During Thursday's hearing, residents questioned why the city was seeking the DEQ grant after the council rejected a Federal Emergency Management Administration grant last year that would have required only a 10 percent match while providing 90 percent of the funding from the federal government.

"I'm not gonna let FEMA come in here," Martinez told the meeting attendees.

Resident Nola Boone said: "I'm not afraid of FEMA if they input more money," to which

Martinez replied, "I am."

Another resident asked how the council expects the community to pay for the grant and upgrades.

"Obviously we're just going to have to find a way," Martinez said.

Part of that plan was put in place at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2021 when the council eliminated the public works position of Gina Freeman and cut back on Dan Whitted's hours. Months later, the council gave Whitted the seasonal contract to take care of the city's lawn mowing and landscaping needs.

Part 2 is rate increases.

The council has proposed raising residential sewer rates more than 100 percent, while commercial customers could see a 200 percent increase.

Currently, residential customers pay \$24.78 per month for sewer service. The council has proposed a \$25 increase to set the monthly bills at \$49.78.

Commercial customers also pay \$24.78 monthly at the moment, but the council proposes a new monthly rate of \$75. Commercial customers include schools, churches, bars and restaurants.

According to September meeting minutes, it is believed the city hasn't raised sewer rates in at least six years.

Councilperson Opal Ward, a former mayor and member of the old water and sewer association board, said the council is not to blame for the need for increases.

"This is not our doing," she said, adding the city had to do this to obtain DEQ funding.

A rate increase would help the city score better on its grant application.

Another resident asked if the council had considered incremental rate increases

beginning in the near future rather than one huge rate hike.

"We haven't, but good point," Martinez said.

Local agricultural producer Billy Wolfe was incredulous that incremental increases weren't an option previously.

"I can't believe if we knew this was coming why we didn't do incremental increases," he said. "I'm a little bit disappointed because of the poor management."

— This article was written with reporting from *The Owyhee Avalanche's* Mandi Boren.

✓ Trojans: Top-seeded Homedale, No. 2 Sugar-Salem come in on rolls

alone win it."

Top-seeded Homedale (8-1) and No. 2 seed Sugar-Salem (9-1) will meet at noon on Saturday at Middleton High School. The game is the first of a doubleheader. In the 4A Milk Bowl at 3 p.m., Emmett — the team the Trojans beat, 28-21, to start the season — takes on Skyline from Idaho Falls.

The Diggers have beaten the Trojans in each of the past two 3A Milk Bowls.

Sugar-Salem prevailed, 48-14, last season at Holt Arena in Pocatello, and won the state title with a 30-22 victory in 2018 at Middleton High School.

Holtry said there isn't much difference between the Diggers' squads of the past two years and the players that bring a three-game winning streak into Saturday's title game.

"They are very similar," the veteran Trojans coach said. "They are big, fast, athletic players that are very confident in what they do as a team."

Sugar-Salem's only loss this season came against South Fremont, 27-21, on Oct. 16.

Homedale trounced South Fremont, 48-28, in Saturday's semifinals at Deward Bell Stadium to punch its ticket to the state championship game.

Likewise, the Trojans bring a win streak into the contest. Homedale has won seven consecutive games since a 53-28 loss to Middleton on the same artificial turf field Saturday's title game will be played.

Homedale has compiled a 30-3 record over the past three seasons, winning 11 consecutive games each in 2018 and 2019 before meeting the Diggers in the season finale each

season.

Holtry thinks familiarity will help this year's squad in its quest for the program's first 3A state championship and first state title overall since Stan Hoaglund's club won the 2A (then A-3) crown in 1997.

"I think the biggest difference for our kids is just the knowledge of our opponent, the knowledge of what it feels like to be in the championship game, and the confidence that they are worthy of being state champions," Holtry said.

The 2020 Trojans have several new skill-position players in starting roles, including quarterback Jaxon Dines, receiver Mason Strong — both sophomores — and junior running back Hayden Kincheloe. Kincheloe played behind Karsen Frelove last season, but the family has a feel for state championship games as older brother Mason was the starting tailback on the 2018 squad.

Hayden rushed for nearly 350 yards in Saturday's semifinal victory, but Holtry said a one-dimensional gameplan won't cut it against the Diggers.

"Kincheloe is going to be no secret going into the game, so it will be critical for us to have several ways of going about our offensive attack," Holtry said.

"We are going to have to plan well this week and make sure that we have an answer for whatever Sugar dials up for us."

Dines showed his versatility when he notched the first 300-yard passing game of his career in the state quarterfinals as Homedale blasted Timber-

lake, 55-19.

The coach has the same outlook for Homedale's tough defense against a Diggers squad that has found its scoring groove in the past three games, beating Mountain Home (42-18), Weiser (34-8 in the state quarterfinals), and Kimberly (35-27 in Friday night's semifinal).

Weiser is the only other common opponent Homedale and Sugar-Salem had this year. The Trojans got by the Wolverines, 31-28, in the first of back-to-back games that sent the Trojans to their third consecutive 3A Snake River Valley conference championship.

"Once again, it will come down to our week of preparation and our kids' focus and discipline throughout the game," Holtry said.

"It is going to take four quarters of high-level football to win in the championship game."

The Diggers run a wing-T offensive scheme similar to Fruitland, "and they are very good at it," Holtry said.

Homedale allowed 241 yards of total offense to Fruitland this year, but held the Grizzlies scoreless until the fourth quarter in a 28-14 victory.

In the end, though, Holtry doesn't expect many new wrinkles in what the Trojans will see from Sugar-Salem on Saturday.

"They are not much different than years past as they have several players with big-play capabilities," he said.

"It will be critical for us to eliminate the big plays and stop some of their key players."

Holtry becomes the first

coach to lead Homedale to three consecutive state championship games since the program's winningest coach, Jim McMillan, pulled the trifecta between 1990 and 1992, taking two of three first-place trophies.

This is the first time the Trojans have appeared in three straight title games since Stan Hoaglund (1997-98) and Greg Asbury (1999) led the program.

But the milestones on the field are second to the milestones in life and society that Holtry hopes his players will achieve.

"My first goal when I took the job 12 years ago was to establish a well-respected, winning program here in Homedale where students, staff, parents, community and alumni could all be proud of it," Holtry said.

"Accomplishing that first goal is a yearly goal and daily one at that."

Holtry exudes pride about his program's four conference championships, but his chest puffs even greater when speaking of the three state academic championships the Trojans have attained in 2015, 2017 and this season.

And with the trophy cabinet swelling with those academic plaques, conference accolades and state runner-up and third-place trophies, that's a lot.

But not all.

"In all reality there is only one goal that is yet to be attained, and hopefully this year is the year," Holtry said.

Homedale has won eight state championships since 1977, but the last title came 1997.

This is the program's 31st season in the state playoffs, and this marks the longest string of consecutive playoff years (eight) since a decade-long run between 1979 and 1988 engineered first by Darryl Kellum and then McMillan.

This year, Holtry set a record with eight consecutive state playoff appearances for a single coach, pushing past McMillan's mark of seven straight between 1982 and 1988.

The nine playoff appearances overall is just two behind McMillan's school record.

With a record of 82-36, Holtry is the third-winningest coach in program history behind McMillan (125-21) and Kellum (92-13).

In 2021, Holtry will match McMillan (1982-94) with 13 seasons of Trojans tenure.

Holtry has led the Trojans to four conference championships in eight years, matching the four titles Deward Bell won between 1956 and 1960. A title in 2021 would match the program's longest run of four straight (Hoaglund-Asbury, 1997-2000).

"There are times during the offseason where we as a staff and as a program get to reflect on what we have accomplished, but we feel like there is still more work to be done and so it's hard to stop too long and reflect," Holtry said.

"I do believe it's important to know where you have been in order for you to know where you are headed. In the meantime we are just focused on trying to bring home another state title for our school and for our community."

— JPB

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Demonstrating one suggested way to perform community service, Homedale High School teacher Randy Lyons donated blood during a Nov. 3 collection drive that was a senior leadership project for Cheyenne Robinson-Hopson.

As many reasons for community service as there are ways to do it

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”
— Mahatma Gandhi

Community service is important for countless reasons. There are many things that can be learned by participating in community service. Community service may be required of all 4-H members, although we hope they see it as much more than just a requirement. The 4-H program utilizes the “learn by doing” approach as we work to develop the potential of each 4-H member. Developing a sense of compassion towards others and a willingness to participate in activities that benefit others is what service learning is all about.



Janelle Thompson

When you give of your time and talents within your community there are many positive rewards. Volunteering strengthens your community, promotes personal growth and self-esteem, it brings people together, and best of all, it makes a difference. Life may be a bit different these days, however there are still many ways to give back: **Show thanks** — We have a whole lot of people to thank. Grocery store clerks, our troops overseas, nurses and doctors, police officers and firefighters, teachers who taught our kids virtually, and the list goes on. Show your appreciation by sending cards or making signs to let them know how thankful you are. **Local food banks** — The need to be prepared applies to

everyone, regardless of income level. Food banks are actively accepting donations of non-perishable food items to be made available to low-income families. There is an increasing demand for providing emergency food boxes, drive-thru pantries, and long-term support to help feed people. **Donate blood** — There is no greater calling than to help save lives. Right now, giving blood is one of the ways to help fight against lives lost during the coronavirus pandemic. Blood donors help to keep hospitals stocked during this uncertain time. Donating blood is the only way to maintain enough blood supply. **Check on your friends and neighbors** — Call or send a text to your friends and neighbors to make sure they’re doing OK. Ask if there is anything that they need. If you have what they’re looking for, offer to leave it outside their front door so that they can pick it up without coming in direct contact with you. If you feel comfortable going out, consider knocking on the door and chatting through the screen or storm door just to offer a bit of comfort and reassurance. It sounds extreme, but this is a great (and safe) way to make sure that your more vulnerable neighbors have what they need. There is always something to help with, so get out there and find where you are needed! — Janelle Thompson is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension 4-H coordinator. For more information, you can reach Thompson at the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

Sheriff’s deputy traffic stop nets Homedale man multiple charges

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office is awaiting drug test results before another charge may be added to the list of allegations against a Homedale man after a Nov. 9 traffic stop. As it stands, 14 grams of marijuana allegedly found in the vehicle has 34-year-old Andrew Nill facing a misdemeanor count of controlled substance possession. Nill was pulled over around 9:30 p.m., after being spotted driving 75 mph in a 55 mph zone on U.S. Highway 95 near Market Road. Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said the arresting deputy reported he could smell alcohol coming from Nill as well as the odor of marijuana. A search of Nill’s 2000 Jeep Grand Cherokee turned up pot and drug paraphernalia, Bowman said. Nill failed both a standard field sobriety and Romberg tests, but via Breathalyzer tested just .071 percent blood-alcohol content, which is below the legal limit of .08 percent. Nill also was charged with unlawful transportation of an alcoholic beverage, another misdemeanor. Bowman said a misdemeanor or driving under the influence charge could be tacked on, pending results from a blood draw performed when Nill was booked into Owyhee County Jail in Murphy. He remains in custody. Nill entered a not guilty plea during a Nov. 10 arraignment before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington. A pretrial hearing is scheduled in Darrington’s courtroom at 1:30 p.m., on Dec. 7. — TK

Calendar

Today

- 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
- Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting**
5:30 p.m., City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 859-2087

Thursday

- 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
- Old Tyme Owyhee County Country Chmas**
6 p.m., tree lighting at 6:30 p.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319.
- The Landing teen support group**
6 p.m., Rising Light Farm Ministry, 5189 N. Old Bruneau Hwy., Marsing. (208) 807-0680
- OCHS meeting**
7 p.m., open to public, Owyhee County Museum, 17085 Basey St, Murphy. (208) 495-2319

Monday

- Board of County Commissioners meeting**
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421 (available online on Zoom only)
- 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.
- HUB Pantry distribution**
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., The HUB, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411
- Homedale Chamber luncheon**
Noon, The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.

Friday, Nov. 27

- The Landing teen support group**
6 p.m., Rising Light Farm Ministry, 5189 N. Old Bruneau Hwy., Marsing. (208) 807-0680

Saturday, Nov. 28

- Homedale for the Holidays parade**
6 p.m., “A Nightmare Before Christmas” theme, 5:15 float lineup in front of Tolmie’s Ace Hardware, 1 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3271
- City of Homedale Christmas tree lighting**
After parade, Bette Uda City Park, East Idaho Avenue, Homedale

Monday, Nov. 30

- 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, Dec. 1

- Widow’s breakfast**
8 a.m., The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.
- Writing group**
9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale.
- Homedale FFA Greenhand banquet**
6 p.m., Homedale High School Ag shop, East Owyhee Avenue and North 2nd Street East, Homedale.

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.

Service notice

Ray Mansisor

We waited until harvest was over. It is time to celebrate the life of Ray Mansisor. We will gather on Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020 at 1:00pm at the Txoko Ona Basque Center at 333 S. Main St. in Homedale.



Death notices

GUY EDWARD DAVISON, 64, of Homedale, died on Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020. Cremation: All Valley Cremation, 1538 11th Ave. N. Ext., Nampa. (208) 899-9361

JOEL DON EVERETT, 74, of Homedale, died on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020. Cremation: All Valley Cremation, 1538 11th Ave. N. Ext., Nampa. (208) 899-9361

TRAVIS LEE FURNISS, 39, of Marsing, died in an auto crash on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020. Cremation: Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, 500 N. 18th E., Mountain Home. (208) 214-4348. www.rostfuneral.com

HORACE PRESTON NIELSEN, 83, of Homedale, died on Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020. Cremation: All Valley Cremation, 1538 11th Ave. N. Ext., Nampa. (208) 899-9361

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Congregate meals suspended
Curbside pickup after noon
Phone ahead to order: (208) 337-3020
Dessert included in curbside lunch
Milk available each day
Roll available each day except Nov. 18
Reservations urged for Thanksgiving lunch
Nov. 18: Ham and beans, peas and carrots, corn bread
Nov. 19: Pork roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, California blend vegetables
Nov. 24: **Thanksgiving dinner:** Turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet potatoes and peas

Marsing resident dies on I-84

A 39-year-old Marsing resident died last Wednesday in an automobile accident on Interstate 84. Further information from the Elmore County Sheriff's Office wasn't available at press time. The crash occurred at milepost 78 on westbound I-84 in Elmore County between Simco Road and Mountain Home.

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Homedale Elementary

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Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily
Nov. 18: **Breakfast:** Chocolate chip muffin **Lunch:** Turkey and gravy with mashed potatoes, stuffing, hot roll, pumpkin pie
Nov. 19: **Breakfast:** Bug bite grahams with yogurt **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, steamed carrots
Nov. 23-26: No school
Nov. 30: **Breakfast:** Filled cereal bar **Lunch:** Chicken taco, corn

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
Nov. 18: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon burst bread **Lunch:** Turkey and gravy with mashed potatoes, stuffing, hot roll, pumpkin pie (no string cheese option)
Nov. 19: **Breakfast:** Apple breakfast bites **Lunch:** Crispito, corn
Nov. 23-26: No school
Nov. 30: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes **Lunch:** Mini corn dogs, mixed vegetables

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
Nov. 18: **Breakfast:** Homedale breakfast burrito or filled cereal bar **Lunch:** Turkey and gravy with mashed potatoes, stuffing, hot roll, pumpkin pie
Nov. 19: **Breakfast:** Donut or yogurt parfait **Lunch:** Popcorn chicken and cheesy breadstick or pepperoni pizza ripper
Nov. 23-26: No school
Nov. 30: **Breakfast:** Tornado or mini donuts **Lunch:** Orange chicken, steamed rice, egg roll or Rib-b-que and chips, and fortune cookie

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)
Nov. 18: **Breakfast:** Bacon scramble pizza **Lunch:** Dutch waffle, sausage patty, hashbrown patty
Nov. 19: **Breakfast:** Chicken waffle, cheese stick **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza, carrot sticks, jello
Nov. 23: **Breakfast:** Whole-grain pop tart, cheese stick **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, steamed carrots, hot roll
Nov. 24: **Breakfast:** Mini waffles **Lunch:** Turkey and gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, hot roll, pumpkin pie
Nov. 25-26: No school

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily
Nov. 18: **Breakfast:** French toast **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garden spinach salad, peas, breadstick
Nov. 19: **Breakfast:** PB&J **Lunch:** Thanksgiving dinner: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli, wheat roll and jelly
Nov. 23-26: No school
Nov. 30: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli, whole wheat roll

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Snow makes for a fun Friday in Jordan Valley
Jordan Valley High School students had fun Friday when snow hit the community. By 10:30 a.m., about a half-inch to an inch of wet snow had fallen. As the temperature began to warm from 33 degrees at that time, the snow was beginning to melt, but not before the students were able to build a snowman. Photos and information by Tara Echave



Council OKs sale of old Marsing City Hall

Community room fee, upgrades approved

A man developing residential property elsewhere in Marsing has had his bid to buy the old city hall accepted. Lamon and Melissa Loucks were the high bidders for the building at 425 W. Main St., and the city council accepted their offer of \$125,561 during Thursday's regular meeting at the new Marsing City Hall at the old Sandbar Restaurant with a Cause building. The council had set the minimum bid at \$80,000. The Louckses' bid was more than \$27,000 over the second-highest among three bids Mayor Chad Sevy unsealed on Nov. 6. Jim and Wendy Gibson of Lander, Wyo., placed an offer of \$98,000. Marsing-area residents Isaac and Camille Henry bid \$85,550. Council members unanimously accepted the highest bid and approved a sales contract. The property will

transfer when the sale closes. **Community room fee set** Nonprofit organizations that want to use the Sandbar Community Room at City Hall will be asked to pay a \$100 refundable deposit. The council continued work on a rental agreement for the room, which doubles as the council chambers. Additionally, the council approved, 3-1, \$6,815.31 to upgrade the building's alarm system to allow regulated entrance into the community room from a side door. This could open the door to nighttime meetings for organizations such as the Chamber Commerce and Lions Club. Councilperson Rachael Percifield voted against the expenditure. The city must offer the room for community use to comply with the requirements of the Idaho Community Development Block Grant that the Marsing Senior Citizens Inc., acquired to purchase the restaurant from John Salove. Grant compliance was part of the agreement when the city bought the building from the

senior citizens group. According to a post on the City of Marsing's Facebook page, the room is open daily for drop-in activities such as doing jigsaw puzzles, grabbing a cup of coffee or reading the newspaper. **Animal code amended** The council unanimously amended the city's code regulating the ownership of dogs. The amendments clarified that someone owning five dogs each more than 6 months old would have to obtain a kennel license in addition to licensing all dogs individually. Kennel owners must also obtain a special use permit. The council also amended the ordinance to ensure that proof of rabies vaccination is presented when a owner is trying to license a dog. **Business licenses OK'd** The council approved four new business licenses, including a non-resident license, a home-based business, and a retail store. A resident business license costs \$50 with a \$5 annual

renewal fee. Non-resident licenses cost \$100 with the \$5 annual renewal. Licenses approved Thursday included: • **Wood's Power Sports** — small engine repair • **All About Hair** — hair stylist • **Idaho Fudge Co.** — retail candy store at 111 W. Main St. • **J. Mitchell Hot Rods** — home-based special **City backs cleanup idea** A middle school student named Mia Piotrowski sent a petition to the council asking for posting on the town's reader board promoting her walkabout cleanup idea. Although a formal vote wasn't necessary, it was suggested that the 12-year-old girl coordinate with the high school's annual cleanup. That cleanup was cancelled this year because of the early COVID-19 stay healthy order in the spring. "If she coordinates with the schools, I have no problem putting (notice of the cleanup) on the reader board and credited her," Councilman Chris Even

said. **4th Street hearing slated** Although it hasn't been advertised yet, a public hearing is proposed for the Dec. 9 council meeting to address a Marsing couple's request to vacate 4th Street South so they can build a garage on their property in the 300 block of Riverview Drive. JD and Elaine Phipps proposed paying \$5,000 for the street, but city attorney Stephanie J. Bonney said selling the street was not possible. It was then decided that a portion of the street could be vacated to give the couple the room they need to build an additional garage and still comply with land use setbacks. Bonney pointed out that if the street is vacated in full, then it would be divvied up evenly with adjacent property owners. But city engineer Kirby Cook apparently determined that the street was wide enough to vacate portion, if the council decided to do so, and still maintain the proper width required by the original plat. —JPB

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✓ Marsing: Town's parade scheduled for Dec. 4; prizes for best lights

pair of Christmas lights contests as well as plans to continue another favorite, the Marsing Main Street Christmas Parade and tree lighting. • **The Christmas parade** — The parade will wind its way through town, beginning at 6 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 4. Citizens and businesses are encouraged to decorate a Christmas-themed float, horse, vehicle, tractor, or trailer, and each will be eligible for cash prizes for best entries. Prizes include \$50 cash for first place, \$30 for second, and \$20 for third. The prizes may increase, as the Chamber continues to look for donations. Parade lineup begins at 5 p.m., outside Marsing football field. The parade route will begin there and move up 9th Avenue West near the softball field, before turning east on Main Street and winding through town to its terminus at Island Park. The event will culminate with the annual community tree lighting. Holy Oly O's will have a trailer set up at the park selling

donuts, and the City of Marsing will provide hot chocolate. The winners of the parade-decorating contest, as chosen by Chamber members, will be announced at the park after the tree lighting. • **Marsing Main Street Christmas Light-up** — Winners of the Marsing Main Street Christmas Light-up contest will also be announced on Dec. 4 after the tree lighting. The Chamber will choose the winners from among Marsing Main Street businesses on Tuesday, Dec. 1. Winners not present at the tree lighting will be notified in person by Wednesday Dec. 9.

The contest offers three prizes — first place will receive \$250, second place \$150, and \$100 for third. First-place cash will come from the Chamber's general fund as a way to give back to local businesses, Franklin said. Runner-up prize will come from the Marsing Lions Club. Third-place money comes from the Marsing Beautification Project's funds. • **Marsing Light-up** — The Marsing Beautification Project, which is also coordinated by the Chamber and other entities, is endorsing a Marsing City Light-up contest. The contest is open to any citizens

living within the city limits. Franklin encourages residents to decorate with as much holiday spirit as they can. "It's time to show our town spirit." There is a plethora of prizes, including \$100 and a gift card for first place, and other winners will score gift cards for local businesses, including the Pair-A-Dice Café and Lounge and Alejandra's Mexican Restaurant, and more. Marsing Beautification Project volunteers will judge entries on Monday, Dec. 14, and winners will receive prizes by Thursday, Dec. 17. —TK

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MARSING’S VETERANS DAY



Marsing Elementary students Brycen Davis (left) and Naomi Lewis prepare to walk to the stage during the presentation of colors, kicking off the school’s Veterans Day program last Wednesday.



Ron Hutter was one of several current or former military servicemen recognized. He served in the U.S. Army (1954-56) and later taught in the Marsing School District for a total of 19 years and served as principal for seven.



Marsing Elementary Veterans Day program guest speaker Jacob Tucker addresses a small audience, controlled because of COVID-19 concerns, about his experiences as a U.S. Marine Corps lance corporal. Tucker served from 2002 to 2005 and was involved in the early stages of the Iraq War. He was shot five times in April 2004; four bullets were stopped by his flak jacket, but one tore into his shoulder, requiring a two-year stay in the hospital. Tucker’s brothers and grandparents served in the military, as well.

Murphy tree lighting set

Owyhee County Historical Museum director Eriks Garsvo hopes this week’s inaugural Old Tyme Owyhee County Christmas becomes an annual tradition.

The holiday event begins at 6 p.m., on Friday at the museum, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy.

With the tree lighting ceremony at 6:30 p.m., the classic Christmas displays that once lined Marsing’s Main Street will also become illuminated at the museum. Garsvo restored the decorations with new lights and garland.

The event will feature horse-drawn carriage rides from Mike Beavers of Owyhee Express Carriage Co., and Model T rides will be available for a small fee. Donations will be accepted for the carriage rides.

Hearty homemade potato soup and spaghetti will be sold, and pies and doughnuts will be available at the pie shop within McKeeth Hall inside the museum.

Hot cocoa will be served.

The museum will be open for folks to work their way through, and Garsvo promises that the building will be decorated from top to bottom for the holidays.

Garsvo said that the museum’s saloon adjacent to McKeeth Hall can be previewed during the event. The saloon’s grand opening is scheduled for Outpost Days in June. The saloon is undergoing renovations, but the lights will be on to give folks an idea of what it will ultimately look like.

The museum will also host its annual Christmas Bazaar and Charlie Brown Tree Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 5 in McKeeth Hall.

This year’s event will have around 200 trees freshly cut from the forest around Silver City by Jim Hyslop. Garsvo said that tree prices range from \$25 to \$40.

Other events planned in coming months include the OCHS membership Christmas party at 6 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 11, a membership meeting and State of the Museum address at 6:30 p.m., on Jan. 15, and a Wild West seminar on Feb. 13.

All events will take place in McKeeth Hall.

— TK

East county youths organize food drive

Bruneau, Grand View and Oreana youth will carry on a community tradition Saturday: Collecting food to distribute to families in need this holiday season.

Last year, items collected from local residents and churches brought two to three boxes of food each to more than 20 families.

Residents can place non-perishable donations on their front porch Saturday morning.

Local youth will start collecting at 9 a.m.

To participate in the annual food drive or schedule a pick-up, contact Doug Thurman at (208) 834-2442.

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Decór to get you in the spirit

Evan Farrell (right), 9, of Caldwell, helps grandmother Kelly Rickey of Nampa sell holiday decorations during Saturday’s Main Street Holiday Market at Vision Community Church in Marsing.



Return to Stage 2 nixes Homedale congregate lunches

Grant funds new freezer for nutrition program

Homedale Senior Center will serve lunches only for curbside pickup after a decision by the board of directors.

The center announced the regression on its Facebook page during the weekend.

The suspension of congregate meals, which had just gone back to full-time at the start of November, was attributed to the state returning to Stage 2 of Gov. Brad Little's COVID-19 response plan.

Also suspended are what programs were being held at the senior center, including Wednesday's ladies coffee and foot clinics. The Fit and Fall exercise program has been on the shelf since the senior center closed in the spring.

The Meals on Wheels program continues.

Anyone wanted to pick up a lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday should call the senior center at (208) 337-3020 before noon. Lunches will be available for curbside pickup at 224 W. Idaho Ave., beginning at noon each day.

Meanwhile, the senior center's thrift store remains open from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. No more than three people will be allowed inside at a time.

The center still plans to provided a Thanksgiving meal, but folks will have to phone ahead to order a to-go package.

Center to buy freezer with SILO grant

Homedale Senior Center

will be able to buy a new freezer for the kitchen after receiving one of 12 Idaho Food Bank grants.

The Homedale center's \$4,400 grant was one of the largest individual awards presented from The Idaho Food Bank Fund. Grants ranged from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Senior center coordinator Sandra Ledford said the cooks are "delighted," with the news that they will receive a new freezer.

"The one we have freezes over, and it is the freezer we use for our home delivery meals," Ledford said.

"If we do not clean it every other day, we have problems."

Ledford said the grant should cover purchase of the new freezer and installation at the center.

Meals on Wheels will benefit directly from the new freezer.

According to an Idaho Food Bank press release more than \$114,600 was distributed to help recipients operate programs, purchase food, expand capacity (with new freezers, shelving or transportation, for example), or promote or provide nutrition education for underserved and marginalized Idahoans.

The nearly \$115,000 is the largest group of awards from the Idaho Food Bank Fund since the Idaho Legislature created the program in 2009.

The Idaho Foodbank serves as the official fiduciary agent and partners with Catholic Charities of Idaho and the Community Action Partnership Association of Idaho to administer the awards annually.

"Food insecurity touches every community in Idaho, so it is an honor to steward the

work of the Idaho Food Bank Fund," The Idaho Foodbank president and CEO Karen Vauk said.

"These annual grants are critical to sustaining and improving the efforts of local organizations who are on the frontlines of food insecurity in Idaho."

Holiday bazaar cancelled

The SILO grant will help the senior center's mission to provide meals, but the fundraisers that fuel the day-to-day operations have been non-existent this year.

Last week, the senior center announced on its Facebook page the cancellation of its annual holiday bazaar because of COVID-19 restrictions.

The cancellation comes three months after the senior center put the kibosh on its annual Buckaroo Breakfast series during the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo.

"Our fundraisers help us cover our daily expenses such as power bill and other utilities," the center's Facebook post read.

"We have not been able to have fundraisers (or) rent our building, but our expenses go on."

The center expressed thanks for folks who continue to support the efforts to provide Meals on Wheels and congregate meals to seniors and others.

For more information on how to contribute to the senior center, call (208) 337-4020 or contact the center on Facebook at "The Senior Center of Homedale, Idaho." The phone is staffed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during the center's regular hours.

— JPB



Clockwise from lower left: Lilly Mark, Lexie Hawkes, Sophronia North, (hidden) JaNae Boslau, Todd Thatcher, and Carson Bingham. Submitted photo

Channeling Trebek, Trojans take second at Academic Bowl

The buzzer round giveth, and the buzzer round taketh away.

Homedale Middle School's Academic Bowl team was runner-up in the second meet of the season after vying for the event lead through the first two rounds.

Parma snapped a tie at the top during the third and final round of last Wednesday's competition on the Panthers' home turf.

Parma finished with 130 points, while Homedale was second with 100. Weiser was third at 90 points, followed by Payette (80) and Fruitland (40).

The focus topic, fittingly, was Veterans Day and the branches of the military.

Advisor Michelle Parr's Homedale squad scored 60 points in the opening round, tying Parma and Weiser after the written-answer portion of the day.

Highlights from the first round:

- What is the highest point in Idaho? — Mt. Borah
- Who was the host of a famous game show for 36 years? — Answering in the

form of a question as instructed a tribute to the question's subject, Homedale answered "Who was Alex Trebek?"

In the second round, when questions were answered orally, Homedale answered one question correctly to keep pace with Parma at the top.

"This proved to be a very challenging round for all teams," Parr said.

Homedale answered three questions correctly in the buzzer round. The highlight came when Carson Bingham buzzed in halfway through the final question.

• This famous singer may have sung about Folsom Prison, but he formed his first band while serving in the U.S. Air Force while stationed in Germany — Johnny Cash.

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

COVID-19 related restrictions are still in place.

The teams are limited to seven participants, all of whom must wear masks.

No spectators will be allowed at the meet.

Homedale seed plant launches bicycle drive

Just in time for Christmas, the Corteva Agriscience crew in Homedale has chosen its community service theme.

This year, the company will collect bicycles and usable bicycle parts for the Boise Bicycle Project.

Anyone with bikes or usable parts can drop them off at the Corteva plant, 504 W. Idaho Ave., in Homedale.

According to a Facebook post, anyone dropping off bicycles and parts should bring them to the front office. Knock on the door, and Corteva personnel will come and tell folks where to leave the bicycles.

The front office is closed to the public at the moment.

All donations of bicycles and bicycle parts must be received by Friday, Dec. 11.

Gun club cancels holiday Shoot

The Marsing Gun Club's Thanksgiving Shoot, scheduled for Sunday at the club, 7598 Trap Shoot Rd., south of Marsing off Idaho highway 78.

The cancellation is attributed to the state returning Stage 2 of Gov. Brad Little's COVID-19 response plan.

Marsing Chamber holds monthly meeting tonight

The Marsing Chamber of Commerce has moved its November meeting to tonight.

The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m., inside the Sandbar Community Room at City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave.

The meeting was originally planned for the City Hall

meeting room last week, but conflicted with the Thursday night city council meeting. The Chamber announced a move of the meeting on the same night to The Spot Pizza next door, but then decided to postpone the meeting to this week because of several scheduling conflicts.

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The Scouting for Food program delivered nearly a ton of food to the El-Ada Community Action Partnership Owyhee County pantry in Homedale (left) and The HUB pantry Becky Barkell coordinates in Marsing (right). Submitted photos

Generous hearts create overflowing pantry shelves

Commentary
by Kelli Jenkins
JustServe

Thank you for participating in the “Scouting for Food” drive on Saturday.

We know the hand of the Lord was leading and guiding the food drive efforts and its results. It was an incredible day!

The total weight of the food collected for the four Caldwell food banks plus one food bank in each Marsing and Homedale was almost 20,000 pounds.

Homedale’s El-Ada

Community Action Partnership Food Pantry received 788 pounds of food and The HUB food pantry in Marsing received 1,111 pounds of food. We truly have the best communities, and amazing things happen when generous hearts unite.

The most recent report from the Boy Scouts was that the Treasure Valley collected about 189,000 pounds of food, and they believe that number will reach more than 200,000 pounds. They are humbled and grateful for the outpouring of generosity extended by

communities across the valley to help fill the local food banks.

Many in our community are struggling to put food on the table and need a lift up during this unprecedented time. Thanks to your quick response to help fill the local food banks, those in our community who need food in their pantries and a warm dinner on the table will feel your love.

This is a perfect season to do something small that will make a big difference in the lives of others.

Govt. offices, schools adjust schedules for Thanksgiving

Most Owyhee County and city government offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26-27, including those in Murphy, Homedale, and Grand View.

The county clerk’s office will be closed on Thanksgiving, but will be open the following day.

Jordan Valley and Adrian city halls will be closed both days.

As always, law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services will be available, as well as the Owyhee County Sheriff’s dispatch.

Marsing and Adrian school districts will be closed from next Wednesday to Friday, Nov. 27. Classes will resume on Monday, Nov. 30.

Jordan Valley Middle School and High School students will be in class on Monday and Tuesday before the holiday break runs next Wednesday through Nov. 27. Jordan Valley Elementary School will be closed all of next week.

Bruneau/Grand View and Homedale school districts will be closed the whole week.

Other holiday closures and schedule changes include:

- The University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing will be closed both Thanksgiving and the following day.
- Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View, Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library in Homedale, and Bruneau Valley Library in Bruneau will be closed both Thursday and Friday, while Lizard Butte Library in Marsing will be closed just on Thanksgiving Day.
- All U.S. Post Offices will be closed on Thanksgiving.
- The drive-up tellers at US Bank branches in both Homedale and Marsing will be closed on Thanksgiving but will be open on Nov. 27. The bank lobbies remain closed because of COVID-19.
- Albertsons in Homedale will have adjusted hours, 7

a.m., to 3 p.m., on Thanksgiving. Sav-On Pharmacy inside Albertsons will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

- Logan’s Market in Marsing will be open from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thanksgiving.
- All state liquor stores — dispensaries of which are in Logan’s and Homedale Drug — will be closed.
- Westtowns Disposal Inc. garbage pick-up will be delayed one day for customers who ordinarily have their trash picked up on Thursdays and Fridays.
- The Owyhee Avalanche office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the following day. Letters to the editor, non-breaking news items and calendar items must be received by 5 p.m., next Wednesday. The display advertising deadline is also 5 p.m., next Wednesday.

The deadline for legal notices (noon on Friday) and classified ads (noon on Monday) will remain the same.

Some mail-ins were in-person votes; others returned to sender

The Owyhee County elections office provided some more insight into the impact of mail-in voting on the Nov. 3 election.

Deputy clerk Brook Russell reported:

- 124 voters actually brought their mail-in ballots to the polls, either submitting them during early voting at the courthouse in Murphy or turning them in at a polling place on Election Day.
- County officials had to spoil 10 mail-in ballots because there was no signature on the

affidavit envelope.

- The U.S. Postal Service returned 27 ballots because of incorrect addresses. Russell explained that most of the voters whose ballots were returned by USPS had requested their mail-in ballots during the all-mail primary in the spring but then moved from the address of record.
- The Clerk’s office in Murphy received four mail-in ballots after the Nov. 3 deadline.

— JPB

Vendors sought for Friends church bazaar

Vendor slots are available for the Homedale Friends Community Church’s fifth annual Christmas Bazaar.

The bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 12 at the church, 17434 Hwy. 95 north of Homedale in Canyon County.

Vendors can sell their products for \$10 per space. Call Janine Schroeder at

(208) 546-2576 for more information.

A soup lunch will be served for a \$5 donation.

Some of the items expected to be for sale include Christmas stockings, bags and blankets, jewelry, woodworking, metalwork, furniture, home décor, cards, winter clothing accessories, canned good and baked goods.

Lizard Butte Library remains open to public

Lizard Butte Library in Marsing has discontinued its teen game night activity but remains open to meet the community’s reference- and reading-related needs.

The next library board meeting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m., on Wednesday, Dec. 9.

The library is located at 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., in Marsing.

The library is open from noon to 6 p.m., on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from noon to 7 p.m., on Tuesday and Thursday, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday. The building is closed on Sundays.

Call (208) 896-4690 for more information on the library’s services.

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense
“Kinda makes a feller soft”



They stood in the back of the room lookin’ like two Oakland Raider linebackers at a preppie quiche-tasting party. They had on unblocked hats with flat brims and each man wore a neck scarf and new Wranglers. Steve ambled over and asked where they were from. “Nevada,” they said. “We ranch.”

They discussed the cattle business and bad-mouthed the government, as usual. Pretty soon they got to discussin’ mutual acquaintances. Steve had a friend named Pat from way up around Brothers, Ore.

“Quite a character,” Steve said. “Pat would trade out vet work with his neighbors. One day, one of his ranching neighbors who was an ex-mechanic came over. Pat asked him to walk around his ol’ beat-up tractor to see if it needed anything. The neighbor took a professional stroll around the rusting and dented piece of antique farm machinery and said, ‘Pat, if you’d pump up that right front tire, it’d steer better.’”

Pat lived and ranched 12 miles from the tiny town of Brothers, but the wife and kids lived in the nearest big town 60 miles away. Four years ago, he finally got a radio telephone. He rings through a big transmitter on a mountaintop and patches into the Portland exchange 200 miles away.

“We know Pat,” said the Nevada boys, “He’s been down our way lookin’ to buy a place. Seemed like a nice enough guy, but we’re worried about him. See, we don’t have no phone. Turns out, he spends weekends in town with his wife and kids. That ain’t the best way to run a ranch, ya know. Livin’ that close to town kinda makes a feller soft.”

Steve asked, “How far out are you?”

“Wull,” said the buckaroo, “My ranch is 72 miles from Fallon, but the one he is lookin’ at was a ways off the road.”

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

Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer’s address and daytime phone number.

The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in these ways:

- E-mailed to jon@owyheeavalanche.com
- Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
- Faxed to (208) 337-4867
- Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale

For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee
On-the-job training



Last Wednesday we saluted veterans like Stephanie J. Bonney (Marines) and Chris Even (Navy) for their military service.

On Thursday, undoubtedly a few people in the Marsing City Council chambers were thanking the city attorney and city councilman for their ability to keep a meeting on track.

On several separate occasions, the pair helped Mayor Chad Sevy through agenda items, pointing out procedures or common-sense solutions.

After 11 months in office, it appears Sevy, a first-term municipal chief executive tackling his first elected office of any kind, is still learning the ropes.

According to reports, Sevy’s loose grasp on the flow of a meeting has created marathon sessions that probably left some folks in the room wishing that the old Sandbar kitchen was still open.

The average time for a meeting is about two hours. The longest came in October, clocking in at 3 hours, 15 minutes.

That’s pretty rough for a school night.

Last week’s meeting, even with bouts of silence and redundancy, lasted just 1 hour, 41 minutes.

But even if the 101-minute meeting set some sort of land-speed record, it had dragging moments that could have been avoided with some organizational thoughts from the head chair.

Discussion on topics rambled when concise deliberation could have pre-empted some observers’ weariness as the clock crept toward — and past — 8:30 p.m.

Some procedural items were overlooked when the agenda was built, including the council accepting Lamon and Melissa Loucks’ bid to buy the old city hall building. After first stating that he was unaware the council had to accept the bid, Sevy called to amend the agenda for the action.

After city code enforcement officer Cory Callison gave his report, Even (the council president) had to request the opportunity to ask follow-up questions about possible city code violations. Typically, a mayor asks the council members if they have any questions of the department head after a report is completed.

No such follow-up opportunities were afforded the council members after reports from Bonney and city engineer Kirby Cook.

It was the first of a few times Even stepped in to nudge the meeting along.

The council discussed a complicated plan to swap flagpoles between the Sandbar and the old city hall because, as public works superintendent Philip Gibson said, the old city hall flag now flying on the Sandbar pole drags on the building’s roof.

Gibson told the council that the future owners of the Main Street building would be willing to trade flagpoles (the old city hall pole is taller) and the city crew would punch a new hole on the Sandbar property to install the new pole. A boom truck would have to be acquired to remove and reposition the Main Street flagpole.

Gibson said trading flagpoles would save the city

— See *Training*, Page 13A

From Washington
Youth meet challenging times with community spirit

Young people throughout our communities working to earn the Congressional Award are challenging themselves, learning from their achievements and inspiring their peers to contribute to community and national efforts. I had the opportunity recently to congratulate four young Idahoans, who are 2020 Congressional Award Gold Medal recipients, for the time they are spending bettering themselves and our communities.

In order to earn Congressional Award Gold Medals, youth dedicate more than 800 hours to voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness and exploration activities. Four Idaho students earned 2020 Congressional Award Gold Medals:

- Benjamin Levi, formerly of Nampa;
- Katelyn Oliverson, of Franklin;
- Michael Strong, of Meridian; and
- Beth Wegener, of Cascade.

This year’s Gold Medal recipients identified helping the community, meeting others also striving for a better community, traveling around the state and country, the opportunity to grow personal leadership skills and the contacts, mentors and friends made among the highlights in the process of achieving this recognition.

Additionally, Idaho youth can also earn recognition for their achievements through Silver and Bronze Congressional Awards, and these levels of recognition

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are approved on a rolling basis.

Congress established the Congressional Award 41 years ago to recognize the achievements of American youth. According the program’s 2017-2018 report to Congress, more than 8.5 million hours of public service have been contributed to communities

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Commentary

Financial management

Mother-in-law doing OK with non-traditional retirement plan

Dear Dave,
My mother-in-law is 60. She works hard and has no debt, but she also has no savings or retirement accounts. However, she owns a couple of paid-for rental properties that are worth about \$350,000 each, and her home is worth \$700,000. What can I do to help her plan for the future?

— Paul

Dear Paul,
The best plan would be to first see if she’s already got a plan. I understand you’re worried about her not having any savings or retirement. That makes you a good son-in-law. But it sounds to me like she’s got the makings of a pretty good retirement situation lined up, even if she didn’t go the traditional route to get there. You just told me she’s sitting on nearly \$1.5 million in paid-for real estate. Dude, she’s a millionaire!

If the time comes where she decides she doesn’t like

landlording anymore or just wants to retire, she can always sell the rental properties, invest that big pile of cash in mutual funds, and live off the income. I’ve got a feeling this lady isn’t going to be starving or depending on Social Insecurity.

If you’re concerned about things, just sit down with her and let her know. Ask her if she needs any help with her money situation and plans for retirement. If she doesn’t want to talk about it right now, that’s fine, but making the offer shows you care. And, having a good, strong game plan means fewer worries!

— Dave

Dear Dave,
My wife and I have two kids and one on the way. We’re debt-free except for our home, and we have our emergency fund in place. We’ve also been saving for retirement, with me putting 15 percent into a 401(k) and her putting 10 percent into



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her retirement account. On top of all this, we’re putting a little money toward college funds for the kids. We talked the other night, and after that we started thinking about pulling back from retirement saving and getting the house paid off. What do you think about that?

— Callen

Dear Callen,
I teach people to start investing

15 percent of their household income for retirement after they’ve completed Baby Step 3, which is saving three to six months of expenses for an emergency fund. Baby Step 4 would be both of you putting 15 percent of your income into retirement, and you’re not quite doing that yet. Saving for college comes next in Baby Step 5.

I don’t teach people to put less than 15 percent of their income into retirement in order to pay off the house a little earlier. It’s tempting when you’ve got the debt-free bug, but it’s not the shortest distance between where you are right now and wealth. The average person who follows my plan — the Baby Steps — can pay off their home in about seven years.

You’ve got offense and defense to think about, Callen. Defense is getting rid of debt, and the offense is building wealth. You don’t want to let your guard down on offense in order to just play defense and get the house paid off.

What you’re talking about is a normal reaction for lots of folks in your position, but it’s not what I would recommend right now.

I love your fire, but follow the Baby Steps as they’re laid out. My goal isn’t just helping people get out of debt. It’s to teach people how to become wealthy as a result of being out of debt and encouraging them to be outrageously generous along the way!

— Dave

—Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of *The Dave Ramsey Show*, heard by more than 16 million listeners each week. He has appeared on *Good Morning America*, *CBS This Morning*, *Today 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*.

✓ Community: Idaho averages more than 20 winners annually

From Page 12A
nationwide because of the program. Youth 14 to 23 years of age earn Congressional Award recognition for achieving personally challenging goals. Program administrators describe the process as “non-partisan, voluntary, and non-competitive.” Achieving the honor is intended to be an engaging way for young people to get more involved in activities they enjoy or would like to try. As explained on the program’s website, “You move at your own pace — on your own or with your friends. This is not an award for past accomplishments. Instead, you are honored for achieving your own challenging goals after registering for the program.”

Idaho has had 833 total medalists since the program’s inception in 1979. In past years, I have had the opportunity to join my Idaho Congressional Delegation colleagues in presenting Congressional Awards to young Idahoans. This year, more than 450 young Americans from across the country are being honored virtually, and they have collectively dedicated more than 395,000 hours to public service, personal development, physical fitness and exploration activities in communities across our nation. I was honored to have the opportunity to recognize Idaho’s Congressional Award Gold Medal recipients though a congratulations video.

I commend all of Idaho’s youth who help others and engage in community and national efforts. You set lasting examples as you learn from your experiences and achieve your goals. Your involvement in our communities not only expands your experience and understanding, but also strengthens other youth and our communities, state and nation.

✓ Training: Professionalism, organization a must

From Page 12A
about \$1,700 (the cost of a brand-new pole).
While Sevy and the rest of the council listened to Gibson’s report, a light bulb went off on the left side of the dais.

“I’m all for the USA, but what’s wrong with getting a smaller flag?” Even asked.

“That’s something I hadn’t thought about as an option,” Sevy said. “Maybe we can investigate a smaller flag.”

With that, the council voted to look into a 4-foot-by-6-foot flag rather than the 6x10 flag that drags on the roof.

“I just wanted to save you some work, Philip,” Even joked.

“And a decent amount of money,” Sevy added.
A modicum of professionalism as well as the awareness of what one can and cannot do would go a long way to cut down on the wayward meetings.

Sevy repeatedly, if playfully, hammered on the point that the city’s new community meeting room rental agreement would explicitly prohibit the use of alcohol.

“No booze, huh? Jeez,” was his retort when Bonney read the stipulations for the draft usage agreement.

Bonney stopped Sevy from asking for a motion to vacate 4th Street South because a public hearing would be needed. At first, Sevy asked why she stopped him at which point he denied that he was going to ask for the vacation motion.

“You might be right about that,” he said to close out a little moment of levity.

The final portion of the meeting was dedicated to — another — discussion of a possible return to a law enforcement services contract with the county. Currently, Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputies provide extended coverage under a month-to-month agreement.

Sevy said he had met with the Marsing School

District board of trustees last Wednesday and discovered that they only had \$4,000 left in school safety funds for the current year.

Right now, the school district pays no money for the school resource officer. In Homedale, the city and school district split the costs.

Sevy wanted to approve a new OCSO contract and keep the status quo with the school district, which doesn’t have the \$20,000 to \$25,000 that is estimated to fund the SRO for a school year.

“I suggest keeping it the same because, because I’m nice, I guess,” Sevy said. “I’d hate to leave them high and dry.”

“How are we leaving them high and dry?” Even asked. “It’s their issue to fund a resource officer.”

Sevy said that the city’s contract is “all tied in” with an SRO because the school is in the city limits.

When Even said Sevy’s implication was the SRO was the city’s responsibility, the mayor backtracked and denied he had said that. He added that he meant that’s how it has been done historically.

“We have no legal obligation to do that,” Even said.

“No, we don’t,” Sevy said.

“Then why are you contradicting yourself?” Even asked.

Later in the discussion, Sevy seemingly tried to get sheriff’s Cpl. Atanacio Montes to commit to elements of the contract, but Montes made clear that the city could only negotiate with Sheriff Perry Grant.

Eventually the meeting came to an end. Decisions were made on some issues and other issues — such as the OCSO contract — were kicked down the road for further deliberation.

In the end, it seems that Marsing City Council meetings would go smoother if the man running the show would get in some rehearsal time to come prepared for the spotlight he sought a year ago.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

November 22, 1995



National finalist

Nasco International Executive Vice President Phil Niemeyer congratulates Jason Tindall for being selected as a finalist in the 1995 National FFA Beef Production Proficiency Award Program.

Tindall named national beef proficiency finalist

Justin Tindall, 18, of the Rimrock FFA Chapter, is one of four national finalists who competed for the title of national winner in the Beef Production proficiency award program at the 68th National FFA Convention November 9-11 in Kansas City.

Proficiency awards recognize FFA members who excel as agricultural entrepreneurs, employees or volunteers while they gain hands-on career experience. Beef Production is one of 29 FFA proficiency award categories offered at local, state and national levels.

Tindall began his beef production program three years ago with 24 cows and 17 replacement heifers. Each year he has reinvested the profits from calf sales into his cow herd. He has developed an understanding of beef production finances, animal selection, herd nutrition and health.

Assessor watches growth with “artificial” in mind

With one eye on the federal government and the other on the high-dollar home builder, assessor Larry Bachman has been watching Owyhee County’s \$20 million-a-year growth for the past few years and thinking it’s time for the county to prepare for more.

The county’s gross-value trend is upward about 6 percent a year, Bachman says, but with federal guaranteed home financing on one hand and high-dollar homes on the other, the growth is a little lopsided in the county. Bachman said the federal guaranteed financing means people can buy into older homes for zero down with good financing and as a result it has pumped property valuations up artificially high.

Bachman said that when doing property valuations in the county “A whole lot of the law says [look at] market value. But I disagree with the State Tax Commission on that a little bit, because you have to consider the terms. We can’t look into terms right now, but if you could get a million dollar house with a dollar down and a dollar a month, what would you do? If something likethat becomes the trend, that’s not a real market value. Normal terms under conventional financing is not nothing down.”

In addition to artificially good financing, lenders have been more lax with their loan standards these days, Bachman said, something that the new Congress has been looking at.

50 years ago

November 19, 1970



TIM NETTLETON, Oreana, was declared winner of the Owyhee County Sheriff election by a margin of two votes, 943 to 941.

Owyhee sheriff asks for recount at Homedale

An application for recount of votes was filed Tuesday by Republican Sheriff Jimmy L. Hileman of Owyhee County.

Deputy Atty. Gen. Thomas C. Frost said it is the first such application in conjunction with the Nov. 3 general election.

Frost said Hileman requested the recount in the North and South Homedale precincts of Owyhee County.

Husky band plays in Pocatello’s ISU Minidome

The Marsing High Huskies Marching Band and flag girls performed in the ISU Minidome at Pocatello on Oct. 31 for a large and appreciative audience of 13,000 for the ISU-Boise State game. Director M. L. Caseby said the band performed a 15-minute pre-game show and played the National Anthem with the ISU band.

Weigh station set up south of Homedale

A new station for the weighing and inspecting of trucks has been opened at the junction of US 95 and State 55 south of Homedale, the Idaho State Police announce.

Jim Marquess is the station weighmaster.

Marsing, Homedale 4-H’ers get special awards

A Marsing 4-H member and a Homedale 4-H leader were both presented special awards during the annual 4-H Recognition Banquet held Saturday, November 7 at the Marsing grade school multipurpose room.

Miss Kay Simpkins, sixteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Simpkins of Marsing, was selected as the most outstanding 4-H girl and was presented with a wristwatch by Vic Budell, manager of the First Security Bank of Nampa.

Mrs. John Jesenko of Homedale was given recognition for serving the past twenty years as a leader of the “Saints of the Skillets” club of Homedale and was given a standing ovation. Jane Eidemiller, president of the Builders Club, presented her with a chrysanthemum plant.

145 years ago

November 20, 1875

THE paths of members of the British royal family are not strewn with roses. The Queen has had her share of trouble during the past few years. Now her eldest son has gone to meet her highness Nuzeer-ool Dowish Omrow Dootah Baku Mahomed Khau Sahib Bahador, who is the neat little begom of Bhopaul, and Alexandria, poor girl, has gone home to her mother at Copenhagen.

FINE SPECIMENS—Mr. Geo. Redsull, lately of Owyhee County, exhibited yesterday at this office some rich specimens of galena ore and quartz, and also about a pound of bullion. The galena is from the Independent and Numkeg ledges, at South Mountain, and the quartz is from the Oro Fino, at Silver City. The ledges from which these specimens came yield richly in gold, silver and lead. Examining these evidences of the wealth of Owyhee County, one no longer wonders at the prosperity prevailing over there at all seasons of the year — *Idaho World*, Nov. 16th

THE PERILS OF WINTER

A Building Broken Down by Snow—Jack Stucker out of Luck and in Luck at the Same Time.

About 4 o’clock last evening the people at the upper end of Jordan street were alarmed by hearing a dull crushing sound and, upon investigation, found that A.J. Stucker’s extensive carpentry and wagon making establishment was in ruins. The snow upon the roof had accumulated weight by absorbing and holding the heavy rain-fall of the previous night until at last the strain upon the rafters became too great, and down went the “house that Jack built,” smashing tools, burying up lumber, etc., and doing damage at least to the extent of \$1,000. Herein Mr. Stucker was out of luck. He can illy afford the loss sustained by the disaster, lumber is scarce and it is a bad time of the year to rebuild and repair his shop.

But Jack is a lucky individual, after all. He might have been killed or crippled for life by the falling building, and, indeed, it seems like a Providential occurrence that he was not. He had been at work in the shop all day until about half and hour before the destruction of the building, when he heard a sort of cracking and tapping noise as if someone were throwing pebbles on the roof or against the side of the house. Somehow or other he began feeling nervous and went outside to ascertain the cause of the peculiar noise alluded to. He was unable to discover the cause, and returned to the shop again. The noise continued, and his nervousness increased. He seized a shovel, although apprehending no danger from the snow on the roof, as it did appear to be very deep. He climbed on top of an adjoining shed and began shoveling the snow from the roof of his shop. Noticing a crack in the snow on the roof, he took in the situation at once, and called out to Mr. Allen and another disciple of Vulcan, who were engaged in shoeing a horse in the blacksmith shop on the opposite side of the street, to come to his aid with shovels. They flew to his assistance, and the three shovelers made the snow fly off that roof for the space of about a minute, when crash went the main building, and their services were no longer needed in that direction. Luckily the shovelers were standing on the shed, and did not go down with the wreck. Other homeowners took the hint and from that time until dark many of the roofs in town were covered with men clearing off the snow.

Mr. Stucker informs us that he will immediately rebuild his shop.

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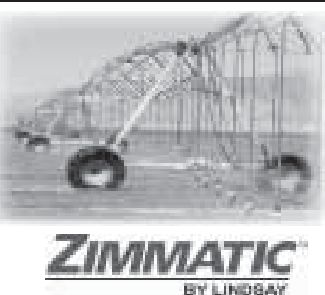
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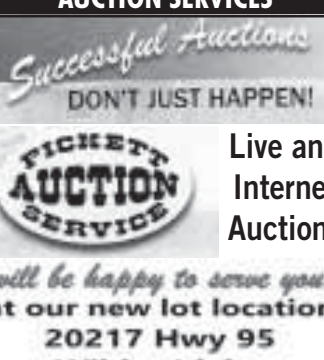
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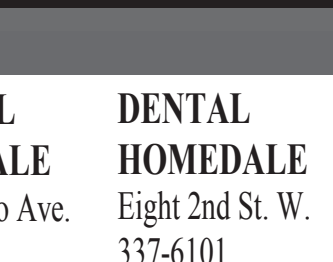
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Project leader Alvaro Villa picks up a tree branch during a cleanup at Bette Uda City Park.

Senior project gets Homedale park ready for holidays

Homedale High School students fanned out recently to clean up the town. Alvaro Villa’s senior leadership project also included sprucing up Bette Uda City Park ahead of the city public works crew placing Christmas decorations. The park will be the site of the annual city tree lighting on Saturday, Nov. 28 to cap the Homedale for the Holidays parade. COVID-19 restrictions have put a cloud over the events, though. But Alvaro’s intention was more general than getting the park ready.

“I chose to do a community cleanup for my senior project because I wanted to do help the community some way, and also make the environment clean,” the 17-year-old son of Federico and Lupe Villa said. During the Oct. 29 project, students also cleaned up on the streets behind the high school and along the Snake River. “We collected more litter than I thought we would,” Alvaro said. “We also got as many leaves as we could in the park.” — JPB

State grant to help county shore up courthouse security

Cybersecurity, protection against threats from drones on list

Owyhee County has been named a sub-recipient of an Idaho Office of Emergency Management grant as part of the 2020 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP). Acceptance of the \$29,426 grant was approved with the signature of Board of Owyhee County Commissioners chair Jerry L. Hoagland during the board’s Nov. 2 meeting. The grant has no matching amount required by the county. The total amount made available to all county sub-recipients, based on population, is \$2.755 million. Ada County, which is home to nearly 27

percent of Idaho’s population, gets the lion’s share of the funds, more than \$550,000. The funds are to be used to address needs deemed priority areas of most concern in a fiscal year 2020 national risk assessment from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Those areas include:

- Enhancing cybersecurity and protection of soft targets/crowded places (including election security),
- Enhancing information and intelligence sharing and cooperation with federal agencies, including the Department of

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- Addressing emergent threats, such as unmanned aerial systems

Soft targets are public spaces that are easily accessible by large groups of people, such as sports venues, schools, and transportation systems. Owyhee County emergency manager Jim Desmond said that for the past three or four years, the county has used the bulk of the SHSP funds for critical infrastructure protection in the form of courthouse security upgrades. “The initial planning on the 2020 grant is to continue to do that unless we decide that we are where we need to be on the courthouse complex,” Desmond said. “In that case, we have other options, such

as replacement of radio equipment that is approaching end of service.”

TF district to maintain some roadways

Owyhee County and Twin Falls Highway District have entered into an agreement that will provide assistance with maintaining roads in the far eastern part of the county. With the three-year agreement, the highway district will maintain roadways to save Owyhee County travel time and expense to those roads so far away and to which the TFHD crews are in close proximity. As compensation for the work, the county will pay the highway district \$1,500 annual on or before Nov. 1 of each year between 2020 to 2022. The agreement would end Oct. 31, 2023. Because of Owyhee County’s vast size (7,697 square miles, according to the U.S. Census Bureau), road crews frequently

have to travel great distances to perform road maintenance. The maintenance to be performed includes, according to the agreement, “preservation and keeping of right-of-way and each type of roadway, structure, and facility in the safe and usable condition to which it has been improved or constructed, but does not include reconstruction or other improvements.” The timing of the work will be performed at Twin Falls district officials’ discretion.

Sheriff hires new deputy

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office has hired a part-time deputy to help in a variety of aspects. James Fox will fill the roles of deputy for Idaho Power, waterways, and court security. He began in his position Nov. 9 and will be earning \$18.08 per hour.

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Trojans get 3 of a kind with deuces wild Strong's two INTs stop comeback; Kincheloe nears 350

No. 2 helps
No. 1 Homedale
secure 3rd consecutive
state final berth

This time around, there was no way Mason Strong was dropping the ball.

The sophomore receiver and defensive back got his hands on four passes in Saturday's 3A state semifinal, but the biggest catches he made for Homedale High School may have been on throws from the opposing quarterback.

Strong, who had a sure touchdown pass go through his hands in the state quarterfinal on Nov. 7, picked off South Fremont's Kaimen Peebles twice in the second half Saturday at Deward Bell Stadium.

The turnovers stymied the Cougars' comeback hopes and helped secure the Trojans' 48-28 victory and a third consecutive trip to the 3A Milk Bowl state championship game.

Oh, and a third consecutive matchup against two-time defending state champ Sugar-Salem back where it all began Saturday at Middleton High School.

"Turnovers are huge in the game of football. They are momentum killers, and they are momentum builders," coach Matt Holtry said.

"They were key in getting the momentum on our side during the game."

Strong seemed determined to shore up his sure hands. Before the game, he was one of the last players off the field, taking one last out-pattern pass from assistant



Homedale junior running back Hayden Kincheloe (right) cuts to the outside as his linemen and receiver Mason Strong (foreground) set up a wall for one of his bruising runs Saturday.

coach Charlie Shepherd. Early in the game, he sprinted back and forth on the sidelines testing out a hamstring that had nagged him throughout the week.

"We just wanted to make sure he stayed warm and was loose before we kicked off," Holtry said. "He did a good

job monitoring his leg and making sure he was good to go for the game."

Once the game began, Strong wouldn't see too many passes.

After all, junior Hayden Kincheloe ignored a bum shoulder and ran over every Cougar he could find on the

way to what quite possibly is a school-record 348 yards on the ground with four touchdowns.

"I think Hayden would tell you that it starts with his offensive line, and

— See *Trojans*, page 3B

New COVID-19 restrictions prohibits spectators

When the state slid back into Stage 2 of the state's COVID-19 Stay Healthy Order, school officials modified their occupancy plans for local gymnasiums.

Both Homedale and Marsing high school will not allow spectators inside the respective

gyms this week for home girls' basketball games.

The protocol will continue for boys' basketball and wrestling events until Gov. Brad Little lifts Stage 2 modified restrictions, which limit indoor gatherings to 10 or fewer people.

According to Marsing's protocol, furnished by Huskies athletic director Brian Marshall, only essential personnel are allowed in for the games. Essential personnel include players, coaches, game workers, administrators and game officials.

Homedale athletic director Casey Grove announced that all Homedale games — frosh soph, junior varsity and varsity — will be livestreamed at www.nfhsnetwork.com. The site does charge a viewing fee.

Marshall said Marsing

doesn't have its livestreaming equipment in place yet.

"We will have that system installed in December and, hopefully, stream all of our games by January," the Huskies' first-year AD said.

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Sports

Coach expects young Mustangs to make some noise

Seniors new to varsity provide leadership

Joe Reiber went to work after Melba High School finished third in last year's boys' basketball 2A District III Tournament. Now the 6-foot, 1-inch junior guard is ready for a starring role with the Mustangs. Or make that a leading role. He was already an important cog in coach Spencer Trappett's lineup last season. "Joe Reiber is much improved from last year physically and mentally," the third-year head coach said. "He will be a player that can get us a bucket when needed." Trappett has been a part of the Melba coaching staff for eight years. In 2019-20, he led Melba to third place in the district tournament and a 15-10 record. Then Trappett immediately started looking to the next

season, knowing that he wouldn't have the services of Caleb Fong, Easton Bunnell or Trey Wilson. All three graduated in the spring. "Our strengths will be team play and hustle," Trappett said. "Our weakness will be we are young but very talented." Trappett wants to keep the pressure on the opposition with full-court defense leading to fast breaks and transition baskets. The team will also work on moving the ball around on offense. Reiber will bring scoring and rebounding to the floor, Trappett said. The other impact players are all newcomers, including 5-10 sophomore guard Braden Volkers. Trappett said Volkers has a knack for ball handling and putting the ball in the basket. "Braden Volkers will be a great facilitator on the court with the ability to pass and score," the coach said. Senior Josh Leavitt is a 6-1 guard better known for his prowess on cross country

trails. In addition to being a long-distance runner, he's a long-range shooter. "Josh Leavitt will bring leadership and the ability to shot the three-ball along with getting to the bucket," Trappett said. Henry Clark, a 6-3 post, is another senior newcomer that Trappett expects to provide an inside presence. Even with his club's youthful appearance, the coach anticipates the Mustangs will turn some heads during the 2A Western Idaho Conference season. "(There are) lots of tough, talented teams. I think the top positions are up for grabs," Trappett said. "Melba will be overlooked by lots of other teams. We will surprise lots of people." The Mustangs play host to a jamboree featuring Marsing, Parma and Liberty Charter on Monday before opening the season on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at Weiser.

— JPB



Melba's Joe Reiber puts up a short jumper during a Feb. 12 2A Western Idaho Conference game against Marsing.

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Hayden Kincheloe, sr., RB

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Saturday, Nov. 21 vs. Sugar-Salem, Middleton H.S., noon

Boys' basketball Varsity

Friday, Dec. 4 at Marsing, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity

Friday, Dec. 4 at Marsing, 6 p.m.

Frosh soph

Friday, Dec. 4 at Marsing, 4:30 p.m.

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Saturday, Dec. 5, home for Ardis Nash Memorial

Girls' basketball Varsity

Thursday, Nov. 19 at New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 20, home vs. Marsing, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 21, home vs. Ridgevue, 2 p.m.

Junior varsity

Thursday, Nov. 19 at New Plymouth, 6 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 20, home vs. Marsing, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 21, home vs. Ridgevue, 12:30 p.m.

Frosh soph

Thursday, Nov. 19 at New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 21, home vs. Ridgevue, 11 a.m.

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Sports

✓Trojans: Defensive linemen tame Cougars' formidable quarterback

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rightfully so, as they blew open some great running lanes for him,” Holtry said.

“The other side of that is that Hayden is a very talented back and a physical player himself. The combination of the two during the game was just fun to watch.”

When sophomore quarterback Jaxon Dines did put the ball in the air, Strong was the man.



Mason Strong

He caught two passes for 17 yards and two first downs. Those were the only completions Dines made in a conservative three-pass afternoon.

It was a deuces wild day for No. 2 as Strong also made two solo tackles.

Strong’s first reception converted a 4th-down-and-4 on the Trojans’ final scoring drive of the first half. Dines flashed untouched 10 yards to pay dirt on the next play, giving Homedale a commanding 28-14 lead at the break.

Strong had his first interception two plays after Kincheloe gave Homedale a 34-14 lead with his 25-yard scoring jaunt nearly four minutes into the second half.

The Trojans defense exerted its will on the subsequent possession. Eli Heck popped Cooper Hurt for a three-yard loss at the end of a screen pass immediately before Strong intercepted Peebles.

Strong put the final nail in the victory when he picked off Peebles during South Fremont’s final possession.

While Strong and his defensive teammates were clamping down on the Cougars, Kincheloe was doing his part to make sure Peebles’ had the football in his hands as little as possible.

The 5-foot, 10-inch, 212-pound back roared through South Fremont’s defense for 348 yards on 35 carries. He accounted for 17 of the Trojans’ 26 first downs and scored on runs of eight yards, five yards, 25 yards and 19 yards. Kincheloe had one of his longest runs of the day — and a touchdown — called back on a penalty, too.

His longest official run was a 45-yarder that led to his five-yard TD for the go-ahead score (21-14).

Dines picked up 105 yards and three touchdowns on 17 carries as the Trojans racked up 457 yards on the ground.

Peebles, who was seen as a threat with his arm and his legs, threw for 224 yards and three touchdowns. He picked up 40 yards and a touchdown on 14 rushes.

“You want to get pressure on him, but at the same time you don’t want him to know where that pressure is coming from,” Holtry said of the strategy against Peebles.

“Some plays we had to gamble, and there were times when it paid off and others where he took advantage of us. Fortunately for us, we ended up on the winning side most plays.”

The rest of the Cougars compiled just 39 yards as Homedale’s defense logged eight tackles for loss.

Peebles was never comfortable dropping back. He scrambled often as Trojans pass rushers broke through what originally had appeared to be a formidable-sized South Fremont offensive line.

Obed Palacios had two TFL, including a quarterback sack.

But it was Omar Rios’ first-half sack that spun momentum toward the Trojans.

Three plays after Kincheloe and placekicker Uriel Neri gave Homedale a 21-14 lead, Rios chased down Peebles for a 12-yard loss on a second-down sack.

“It was a big one,” Holtry said of the play in which Peebles turned right into Rios’ end rush. “We were having a hard time getting to him early. He is a big, athletic quarterback and if you don’t get to him he will hurt you.

“It was a big play and another one of those momentum swings that we needed.”

South Fremont’s second three-and-out of the first half was followed by a whole lot of Kincheloe. He rumbled 45 yards to spark a six-play, 65-yard drive that ended with the Trojans’ two-TD lead.

John Breshears and Willy Haun came up with quarterback sacks, too.

“Our kids came out ready to play physical football, and I was very proud of the way they went about it all game long,” Holtry said.

“Regardless of the matchup, our kids played all-out the entire four quarters,” Holtry said. “I would just say the physical play of our players was the difference.” — JPB



Sophomore Omar Rios (51) corrals South Fremont quarterback Kaimen Peebles for one of the Trojans’ crucial quarterback sacks as teammate Thomas Symms pushes a Cougars’ lineman backwards.



Sophomore quarterback Jaxon Dines outraces South Fremont linebacker Jackson Coverley (23) and cornerback Carsen Draper during his 27-yard touchdown run for a 14-7 Homedale lead in the first quarter.



Homedale running back Hayden Kincheloe looks for a hole behind a wall of blockers, including lineman Willy Haun (55).

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Sherry Cherry Pork Loin Roast

Recipe courtesy of Cate Meade of “Cate’s Kitchen Fit”
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 5-6 hours
Servings: 8-10

- 7 tablespoons avocado or grapeseed oil, divided
- 2 large Vidalia onions, halved and thinly sliced
- 4 teaspoons kosher salt, divided
- 1 pork loin roast (4-4 1/2 pounds), trimmed and patted dry
- 3 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper, divided

Sherry Cherry Sauce:

- 3/4 cup Holland House Sherry Cooking Wine
- 5-6 cloves garlic
- 1 cup frozen Bing cherries, divided
- 1 1/2 tablespoons dry mustard powder
- 4 tablespoons Holland House Balsamic Vinegar
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 bunch fresh parsley, large stems removed, plus additional reserved for garnish
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch (optional)

In large slow cooker on high heat, add 2 tablespoons oil, sliced onions and 1 teaspoon salt.

Season roast evenly on all sides with 2 teaspoons salt and 1 teaspoon pepper.

Place large skillet over medium heat. Add 2 tablespoons oil to pan. Sear pork loin 3 minutes on each side until golden brown. Transfer roast to slow cooker on top of onions.

Cover and cook on low 3 hours.

To make Sherry Cherry Sauce: In blender, blend sherry cooking wine, garlic, 1/2 cup cherries, mustard powder, balsamic vinegar, soy sauce, parsley, remaining olive oil, remaining salt and remaining pepper until smooth; set aside.

After pork loin cooks 3 hours, add Sherry Cherry Sauce around pork roast. Cover and cook 2-3 hours on low.

To glaze, brush roast with warm sauce 3-4 times in last hour of cooking. Once pork reaches internal temperature of 145 F, remove and let rest 15-20 minutes before slicing.

To finish sauce, remove 1/4 cup cooking liquid and mix with cornstarch to make a slurry. Whisk slurry and remaining cherries into sauce. Cook in slow cooker on high 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Slice roast 1/2-inch thick, garnish with fresh parsley and serve with Sherry Cherry Sauce and braised onions.



Tuscan White Bean Soup

Tuscan White Bean Soup

Recipe courtesy of Jillian Wade of “Food, Folks & Fun”
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 8 hours
Servings: 8

- 4 cups chicken stock
- 1 cup Holland House White Cooking Wine
- 1 can (14 1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes
- 1 medium yellow onion, diced small
- 1 cup celery, diced
- 1 cup carrots, diced
- 6 large cloves garlic, minced
- 3 cans (15 1/2 ounces each) cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (13 3/4 ounces) artichoke hearts, rinsed and drained
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon dried rosemary
- 4 cups kale (about 6 ounces), cleaned, destemmed and chopped
- 5 ounces pancetta or bacon, diced
- 8 teaspoons Parmesan cheese, shaved (for garnish)

Place chicken stock, white cooking wine, tomatoes, onion, celery, carrots, garlic, cannellini beans, artichoke hearts, bay leaf, poultry seasoning, salt, pepper and rosemary in slow cooker. Cover and cook on low 7-8 hours or high 4-5 hours.

About 30 minutes before serving soup, stir in kale and cover.

In 10-inch skillet over medium heat, cook pancetta until crispy, about 4 minutes. Move pancetta to paper towel-lined plate to drain.

Ladle soup into bowls and sprinkle with pancetta and Parmesan cheese shavings.



Sherry, Ham and Cheese Brunch Bake

Sherry, Ham and Cheese Brunch Bake

Recipe courtesy of Jillian Wade of “Food, Folks & Fun”
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 1 hour, 20 minutes
Servings: 10

- 8 tablespoons salted butter, melted, plus additional for greasing pan, divided
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 2 large shallots, minced
- 1/2 cup Holland House Sherry Cooking Wine
- 1 package (20 ounces) frozen hash brown potatoes

- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded white cheddar cheese
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded Parmesan cheese
- 8 ounces precooked ham, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 8 large eggs
- 1 1/4 cups whole milk
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard powder
- 2 tablespoons fresh chopped dill
- 1 teaspoon fresh chopped dill, for garnish (optional)
- 2 teaspoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese, for garnish (optional)

Move oven rack to middle position and preheat to 400 F. Generously grease 9-by-13-inch baking dish with butter; set aside.

In 10-inch nonstick skillet, add olive oil and preheat pan over medium heat. Add shallots and cook, stirring often, until softened and golden, about 7-8 minutes.

Stir in cooking wine and cook until liquid is evaporated, about 3-5 minutes. Remove from heat.

Add frozen hash browns to prepared baking dish. Pour melted butter over potatoes and add salt, pepper and caramelized shallots.

Use spoon to mix well. Bake 30 minutes, or until potatoes are cooked through and some edges are beginning to brown. Remove potatoes from oven and reduce temperature to 325 F.

Sprinkle cheddar cheese and 1 cup shredded Parmesan cheese evenly over potatoes followed by ham.

In large measuring cup or small bowl, vigorously whisk eggs, milk, mustard powder and dill until fully combined and eggs become frothy, about 1 minute.

Pour egg mixture evenly over potatoes, cheese and ham. Store covered in refrigerator if prepping night before.

Bake 35-40 minutes, or until edges of casserole are golden brown and center of casserole is set.

Cool 5 minutes before slicing and serving. Serve with chopped dill and grated Parmesan cheese, if desired.

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES
October 5, 13, 19 & 26, 2020

October 5
Approved the Sawtooth Correctional Medicine Contract for the jail.
Approved and paid all outstanding bills from the following funds: Current Expense, \$36,783; Road and Bridge, \$260,745; District Court, \$2,306; Fair, Grounds & Bldgs., \$4,102; Probation, \$10,323; Health District, \$4,507; Indigent & Charity, \$20,328; Revaluation, \$320; Solid Waste, \$17,021; Tort, \$66,875; 911, \$51,000; Off Highway Vehicles, \$838
Approved the Idaho Office of Emergency Management Subrecipient Agreement Duns 144521981 in the amount of \$15,665.55 with a match of \$15,665.55 (100% match).
Approved the Idaho Department of Juvenile Correction SUDS / CBAS Program Memorandum of Agreement for the Owyhee County Probation Department.
Approved the pay increase for Robin Monahan from \$14.50 per hour as Roll Clerk / Deed Processor, to \$14.76 per hour as Appraiser.
Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity case 20-22.
Denied Indigent and Charity case 20-19, Idaho Code 31-3511, applicant failed to cooperate with the County.
A tax deed sale for parcel RPB0380006003A was held. 2 bidders were present. Minimum bid was \$8,271.76. Bidder #1 opened the bidding at #8,272.76. Final bid of \$10,000.00 by bidder #1 was accepted and the property sold.

October 13
Approved the Cooperative Agreement with the University of Idaho Extension Program.
Approved the Alternative Analysis memorandum for the North Fork Boulder Creek Bridge, and to authorize Chairman Hoagland to sign on the Boards behalf.
Accepted the Center for Tech and Civic Life Election Grant Award in the amount of \$7,785.75, and to authorize Chairman Hoagland to sign on the Boards behalf.
Approved a certificate of residency to the College of Western Idaho for student #2020-20.
Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity cases 20-21, 20-23 and 20-24.
At 10:00 a.m. the Grand View DMV bid opening was held. One bid was received by Skyline Construction in the amount of \$58,170 with half payment due at the project start and remaining half to be paid in full upon completion. Approved the Skyline bid.
The 3rd quarter departmental reports were presented and reviewed by the Board.
At 10:30 a.m. the 3rd quarter jail inspection was held.
Appointed 2 commissioners to the Grand View Rural Fire Protection District Board. Commissioner Merrick made a recommendation to appoint Anthony Fullmer and Laura Zaragoza to the Grand View Rural Fire Protection District for a term of 4 years, serving until 2023.

October 19
Approved and paid all outstanding bills from the following funds: Current Expense,

\$84,610; Road and Bridge, \$9,569; District Court, \$892; Fair, County, \$6; Fair, Grounds & Bldgs., \$4,239; Probation, \$175; Historical Society and Museum, \$303; Indigent and Charity, \$4,592; Revaluation, \$290; Solid Waste, \$4,041; 911, \$18,787; County Vessel Fund, \$28; Waterways Fund, \$325; Off Highway Vehicles, \$313
Approved the Agreement with Canyon County for the Juvenile Detention Housing at \$210.00 per 24-hour stay.
Approved the Balanced Rock Soil Conservation District FY21 request for funding in the amount of \$500.00.
Approved the temporary / part time hire of James Ferdinand at Idaho Power Deputy to begin October 19, 2020 at \$18.08 per hour.
Approved a catering permit for the Bruneau Cowboy Christmas and Shewill, LLC at the Bruneau Community Center from November 14 -15, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Approved the Reynolds Creek Road paving project final pay application to Thueson Construction in the amount of \$470,016.99.

October 26
Approved the Idaho Department of Lands Bond Assurance Fund Acknowledgements for mineral leases S00929 and S00911.
Approved the tax exemption request for Parcel RPD0040002001A. The parcel was owned by the Catholic Church and has transferred to another non-profit organization.
Approved Owyhee County Resolution 2020-29; Destruction of Records from the Owyhee County Treasurers Office.
Denied Indigent and Charity cases 20-24.
The complete minutes can be viewed online at www.owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk's office.
11/18/2020

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES
September 8, 14, 21 & 28, 2020

September 8
Approved and paid all bills from the following funds: Current Expense, \$67,936; Road and Bridge, \$264,567; District Court, \$960; Fair, Grounds & Bldgs., \$33,183; Probation, \$1,010; Health District, \$4,604; Historical Society & Museum, \$1,000; Indigent & Charity, \$20,762; Revaluation, \$320; Solid Waste, \$16,882; 911, \$2,130; County Vessel, \$6; Waterways, \$454; Off Highway Vehicles, \$341; Taxing District Elections, \$257; Auditors Trust, \$7,460; PILT, \$3,595; County Vessel, \$50
Signed the vehicle title changing ownership from Owyhee County Sheriff to Owyhee County.
Approved a letter to John Ruhs, Idaho State BLM Director, Mike Courtney, Twin Falls District Manager and Tanya Thrift, Acting Boise District Manager regarding RS2477 road validation.
Approved Resolution 2020-24: Disposal of Surplus Property.
Approved the Idaho Department of Commerce grant for broadband from Marsing to Murphy, contract #004158 in the amount of \$2,730,174.
Approved the Idaho Department of Commerce grant for Owyhee County Public Safety, contract #004152 in the amount of \$465,000.

Approved the Idaho Department of Commerce grant for broadband from Murphy to Grand View, contract #004213 in the amount of \$3,000,000.
Approved the Thueson Construction change order for the Owyhee County Community Center parking lot paving project in the amount of \$4,178.
Approved the Prosecuting Attorneys part-time hire of Sally Schoder, to begin September 14, 2020, at \$13.30 per hour.
Approved the Idaho Department of Commerce Contract Amendment #1 for the Owyhee County Community Center, to be used for payment of the bleachers/canopy at the fairgrounds in the amount of \$49,500.
Approved (3) certificates of residency to the College of Western Idaho for students 2020-16, 2020-17 and 2020-18.
Approved (3) certificates of residency to the College of Southern Idaho for students 2020-8, 2020-9 and 2020-10.
Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity case 20-19.

September 14
Approved the Probation Department Independent Contractor Agreement for Colleen Foster.
Approved the Owyhee Heating and Air Conditioning Spring and Fall Startups proposal in the amount of \$3,370.00.
Approved the Rural Community Block Grant request for funds for the bleachers at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in the amount of \$34,050.00.
Accepted the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation to hold a third and final public meeting regarding the proposed recreational vehicle ordinance. Public meeting was set for Monday October 5, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom #2 at the Owyhee County Courthouse.
Approved a catering permit for the Hyde House and Farmhouse Collective on September 25 and 26, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Approved the FY2021 Idaho Public Safety Communications Commission grant award #2021-0275-1 in the amount of \$168,000.00.
Approved the FY2021 Idaho Public Safety Communications Commission grant award #2021-0275-1 in the amount of \$42,231.13.
Approved a certificate of residency to the College of Western Idaho for student #2020-19.
Approved a certificate of residency to North Idaho College for student #2020-1.
Accepted a withdrawal form St. Alphonsus Hospital for Indigent and Charity case 20-20.

September 21
Approved and paid all outstanding bills from the following funds: Current Expense, \$26,125; Road and Bridge, \$4,733; Airport, \$14,196; District Court, \$1,060; Fair, Grounds and Bldgs., \$27,000; Probation, \$45; Historical Society and Museum, \$749; Indigent and Charity, \$774; Jr. College Tuition, \$3,000; Revaluation, \$537; Solid Waste, \$3,235; Weeds, \$150; 911, \$3,201; County Vessel, \$55; Off Highway Vehicles, \$579
Approved Resolution 2020-25:Increases in Solid Waste Removal Fees – Circuit Breaker increase of \$1.00 = \$30.50, Residential increase of \$2.00 = \$61.00, Commercial increase of

\$2.00 = \$120.00.
Approved Resolution 2020-26: Amending Ordinance 09-09 to include a chapter on solar energy in Owyhee County.
Approved Resolution 2020-27: Setting the Fees for Solar Energy Systems.
Approved the Summary of Amendment to Owyhee County Ordinance 09-09, adopting a new Chapter 17 in the Owyhee County Zoning Code.
Approved a letter to US Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the Lepidium Critical Habitat Proposal.
Approved a contract with Jim Desmond as Owyhee County Natural Resources Director, County Staff Coordinator, County Emergency Services Coordinator, and in the nature of other services specified.
Denied Indigent and Charity case 20-17.
Denied Indigent and Charity case 20-18.
Approved Resolution 2020-28: To Open the 2020 Fiscal Year Budget to account for unanticipated revenues and expenses for a Cell Phone Optimization Project Grant.

September 28
Approved the Owyhee County COVID-19 Policy Addendum #1.
Designated the polling places for the November 3, 2020 General Election as listed below.
Precinct 001 – North Homedale, Precinct 002 – South Homedale, Precinct 003 – North Marsing, Precinct 004 – South Marsing — Owyhee County Community Center, 432 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale, Idaho 83628
Precinct 006 – Wilson, Precinct 007 – Murphy, Precinct 008 – Oreana — Owyhee County Museum, 17085 Basey Street, Murphy, Idaho 83650
Precinct 009 – Grand View, Precinct-010 – Bruneau — Grand View American Legion, 410 Roosevelt Ave., Grand View, Idaho 83624
Precinct 005 – Pleasant Valley – Mail Ballot, Precinct 011 – Riddle – Mail Ballot, Precinct 012 – Three Creek – Mail Ballot — Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650
Approved the BLM Communications Site Inventory Certifications for Juniper Mountain #035550, Wilson Peak #036827 and Rough Mountain #032266.
Certified the 2021 Levy Certifications.
Approved the Conflict Attorney contract with Kevin Shupperd.
Approved a catering permit for the Hop House and Homedale High School Wrestling Team, for October 3, 2020, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Owyhee County Community Center
Approved the 8th Amendment to Agreement for Enhanced Law Enforcement Services with Idaho

Power for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$76,625.33.
Approved the Computer Arts, Inc. Master Agreement for software and support license.
Approved a certificate of residency for student 2020-11 to the College of Southern Idaho.
The complete minutes can be viewed online at www.owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk's office.
11/18/2020

ORDINANCE NO. A-218
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO, AMENDING SECTION 4-2-2 OF THE MARSING CITY CODE TO PROVIDE THAT A RABIES VACCINATION IS REQUIRED FOR A DOG LICENSE; AMENDING SECTION 8-2-2 OF THE MARSING CITY CODE PROVIDNG A DEFINITION FOR KENNELS; AMDENDING SECTION 8-5-2 OF THE MARSING CITY CODE TO AMEND THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FOR KENNELS; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
WHEREAS, The City of Marsing has determined that the regulations for dogs should be amended and desires to amend its City Code to provide for such.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO:
SECTION 1: That Title 4, Chapter 2, Section 2 is hereby amended to read as follows:
E. Proof of a current rabies vaccination is required in order to obtain a dog license.
SECTION 2: That Title 8, Chapter 2, Section 2 is hereby amended to read as follows:
KENNEL: Any lot or premises on which more than five (5) domesticated animals more than six (6) months of age are housed, groomed, bred, boarded, trained or sold, or which offers provisions for minor medical treatment.
SECTION 3: That Title 8, Chapter 5, Section 2 is hereby amended to read as follows:
The Land Use Chart shall be amended to provide that Kennels/Animal Boarding shall be a special use in the Residential District.
SECTION 4: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.
SECTION 5: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval, and publication in the official newspaper of the City.
APPROVED by the Mayor and City Council this 12th day of November, 2020.
CITY OF MARSING
Owyhee County, Idaho
Chad Sevy, Mayor
ATTEST:
Jolyn E. Green, City Clerk
11/18/2020



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**SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION ON COMPLAINT FOR
JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE AND DECLARATORY RELIEF**

Case No. CV37-20-00246

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE
COUNTY OF OWYHEE**

BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY N.A., AS
TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES
I TRUST,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF PAUL L.
TURVEY; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES
OF LILLIAN E. TURVEY; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AND DOES 1 THROUGH 20, ET
AL..

Defendants.

**TO: DEFENDANTS THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND
DEVISEES OF PAUL L. TURVEY; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF LILLIAN E. TURVEY; and
DOES 1 through 20, inclusive, including all parties with an
interest in and/or residing in real property commonly known as
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You have been sued by Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company
N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust,
the Plaintiff, in the District Court in and for the County of Owyhee,
Idaho, Case No. CV37-20-00246.

The nature of the claim against you is an action for declaratory relief
and judicial foreclosure of the real property currently known as
31999 1ST STREET, BRUNEAU, IDAHO 83604 and legally
described as

**LOTS 21, 22, 23 AND 24 OF BLOCK 37 OF THE TOWNSITE
OF BRUNEAU, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING
TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF
RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER FOR
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.**

Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this summons,
the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice,
unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper
form, including the Case Number and paid any required filing fee to
the Clerk of the Court at 20381 State Hwy 78, P.O. Box 128, Murphy,
ID 83650, (208) 495-2421, and serve a copy of your response on the
Plaintiff’s attorney, Sydney K. Leavitt, at ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP,
13125 W. Persimmon Lane, Ste. 150, Boise, ID 83713.

A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting
either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff. If you wish
for legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to
advise you in this matter.

Dated: 10/14/2020

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: /s/R Fahey
DEPUTY

11/04,11/11,18,25/2020

**NOTICE TO AIRPORT
CONSULTANTS**

The City of Homedale (Sponsor) is hereby soliciting
Statements of Qualifications from consultants for planning
services for the Homedale Municipal Airport (S66) located
in Homedale, Idaho. Subject to receipt of Federal funding and/or
State funding, these services may include, but are not limited to the
following:

1. FY 2021 - Master Plan Update
 2. FY 2021 – Preliminary Environmental Investigations, Including but not Limited to Wetland Delineations, Section 4(f) Evaluation and Floodplains
 3. FY 2021 – Cultural Resources Investigation
- These services are included in the Sponsor’s Airport Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which will be made available upon request. The previous 2013 Master Plan is also available upon request

A qualification based selection process conforming to FAA Advisory Circular 150/5100-14E *Architectural, Engineering, and Planning Consultant Services for Airport Grant Projects* will be utilized to select a consultant. Fee information will not be considered in the selection process and shall not be submitted with the Statement. Fees will be negotiated for projects as federal funds become available. The agreement(s) between the Sponsor and the selected consultant will be subject to all applicable Federal Rules and Regulations as identified in AC 150/5100-14E.

Statement of Qualifications shall include the below information, which will also be utilized as the selection criteria. Consultants will be rated by a selection committee according to the following selection criteria and the weight given to each:

1. Qualifications of the team and capability to perform all aspects of the professional services (30%) – include team roles and relevant experience;
2. Knowledge of FAA standards, policies, and procedures (10%);
3. Project Approach, including the challenges foreseen and they relate to the project and the strategy for

addressing these challenges (30%);

4. Familiarity with the Airport and understanding of the Sponsor’s goals (30%).

Firms may or may not be interviewed and selection may be based solely on evaluation of the written responses.

Statements must be concise and contain no more than eight (8) pages of material. This excludes the front and back covers, the cover letter (1 page) and resumes. Resumes will be limited to one (1) page per person. Each page is defined as one side of a letter size sheet (8-1/2”x11”). The minimum font size is 11. Consultants must submit four (4) hard copies of their Statement.

All statements must be received by 3:00 p.m. on December 3, 2020 (Deadline). Statements received after this deadline will not be considered. The Sponsor reserves the right to reject any and/or all Statements. Submittals will become property of the Sponsor. Statements are to be provided in a sealed package marked with “Airport Planning Services Statement of Qualifications” in the lower left hand corner and the sender’s name and address in the upper left hand corner. All Statements of Qualifications must be received by the City at its physical address or the mailing address below before the Deadline:

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City of Homedale
31 West Wyoming Ave.
Homedale, ID 83628

Mailing Address:
City of Homedale
PO Box 757
Homedale, ID 83628

For more information, please contact Alice E. Pegram, City Clerk/Treasurer at (208) 337-4641 or alicep@cityofhomedale.org.
11/18,25/2020

LIEN SALE

UNIT M-26 Mckenzee Bass, 1019 Grant St. Caldwell Idaho, 83605. Unit containing totes and misc. household items.

UNIT L-5 Dustin Everhart, P.O. Box 322 Homedale Idaho 83628. Unit containing totes and wooden furniture.

UNIT L-30, Maria Raya, P.O. box 112 Wilder Idaho 83676.

Unit containing Table chairs, microwave, misc. household items.

UNIT J-21, Jeff or Latscha Roshell, 550 Dawn Ct, Kuna Idaho 83634. Unit containing, wood furniture and misc. household items.

UNIT K-19, Tracy Bullock, 104 2nd St, Wilder Idaho 83676. Unit containing clothes and misc. household items.

UNIT K-20, Danielle Smith, 101 Rose Petal Ln Wilder Idaho 83676. Unit Containing clothes and misc. household items.

UNIT G-10, James Dahl, 20246 Hoskins Rd, Caldwell Idaho 83607. Unit containing one couch and two studded snow tires, one baby seat.

Sealed bid auction will be held Saturday November 21. Sealed bids will be accepted during regular business hours between now and the time of sale. No bids accepted after 1:00 pm on the day of sale. Units are located at the Hwy 95 Self Storage, 3685 Hwy 95, Homedale Idaho 83628. All payments will be cash. All units must be swept out.
11/11,18/2020

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE DISTRICT
COURT OF THE THIRD
JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF
THE STATE OF IDAHO,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY
OF OWYHEE**

CASE NO. CV37-20-00324
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF STEVEN MURRAY
DANIEL, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that DANNY MICHAEL DANIEL
has been appointed personal
representative of the above-
named estate. All persons having
claims against the decedent or the
estate are required to present their
claims within four months after
the date of the first publication of
this Notice or said claims will be
forever barred.

Claims must be presented to
the Personal Representative of
the estate at BALDWIN LAW,
PLLC, 3045 E. Copper Point Dr.,
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DATED October 28, 2020.
/s/: ERIC F. BALDWIN
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Sports

Young Raiders showed glimpses of gridiron potential

Rimrock knocked off Wilder
for first time in Mark Martell era

The Rimrock High School football team battled through an ever-changing schedule because of COVID-19, finishing with an even record in the 1A Western Idaho Conference.

The Raiders (3-4 overall, 2-2 in conference) had just one senior on the squad this year, but coach Mark Martell said Michael Nanney “was a mighty one that helped lead his team throughout the season.”

One of Nanney’s biggest nights of the season came

on Homecoming when he rushed for 214 yards and five touchdowns and threw three touchdowns while passing for 60 yards. The Raiders crushed Greenleaf Friends Academy, 68-6, for their first conference victory of the season. Rimrock’s new defensive scheme held the Grizzlies to 127 yards total offense.

The Oct. 16 victory snapped a four-game losing streak.

Rimrock also beat GFA in its season opener, 56-0, in Greenleaf on Aug. 28.

“We won our first game on the road, which would be our first game of five straight road games,” Martell said.

“But our Raiders kept working hard every week throughout the season.”

The coach said the situation was ever-changing because the virus shut down other schools on the team’s schedule.

Conference play began Oct. 2 on the road with a 46-20 loss to Idaho City, but, Martell said, “You could see signs of us turning the corner by the way our boys were playing.”

The turnaround game against GFA came one week after a 62-6 conference loss to bitter rival Notus, which Martell

called “a night of missed opportunity.”

Rimrock ended the season with a monumental victory against Wilder.

Martell’s first career win against the Wildcats featured 40 unanswered points that pushed the Raiders to a 58-20 victory.

The loss knocked Wilder out of contention for the 1A, Div. I state playoffs.

The Raiders pulled off a huge comeback after trailing, 12-0, just 3½ minutes into the game.

The turning point came when the Rimrock defense stopped Wilder on downs at midfield 72 seconds before halftime.

Nanney fired a pass to Pedro Varela across the middle of the field, and Varela completed a 45-yard touchdown play just before halftime. The score gave Rimrock its first lead of the game, 26-20.

“It was great how these young men worked and fought throughout this season,” Martell said. “Yes, we would love to win every game we play, but it is not all about the ‘W.’ It’s how you play the game and life lessons you learn on the playing field.

“These young men have bright futures on and off the field. But watch out in 2021: The Raiders are ‘locked and loaded’ for a great season.”

Senior-laden Raiders go far in volleyball

Madie MacMillan
named first-team
All-1A WIC

Rimrock High School’s volleyball team wasn’t affected by COVID-19, but they couldn’t avoid the injury bug.

Coach Karlee Aquiso’s club lost just twice during the 1A Western Idaho Conference season, but played part of the season without the services

of two players — including senior Sintia Varela.

The Raiders (13-5 overall, 7-2 in conference) missed a shot at the 1A, Div. I state tournament when they lost the District III tournament third-place match against Greenleaf Friends Academy. The Grizzlies went on to lose the play-in match to Oakley.

Rimrock finished fourth in the district tournament after securing the No. 4 seed at the end of conference play.

Varela was sidelined with a

knee injury, but she did return to serve in a Senior Night victory against Notus.

There were other highlights to the season, including Makayla Carothers setting a school record with 16 points in a game.

The team also raised \$1,000 during a Pink Night match held as a fundraiser for two families in the community with members battling cancer.

This year’s squad featured seven seniors, including first-team All-1A WIC selection

Madie MacMillan, second-teamer Sami Jewett, and honorable mention picks Lainey Keppler and Varela. Sophomore Dallyn Hipwell was also an all-conference honorable mention.

MacMillan and Jewett were named 1A, Div. I District III senior all-stars, too.

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Athlete Spotlight



Girls’ basketball
Jade Wainman, sr., G
Fourth year seeing varsity action

Girls’ basketball
Varsity
Friday, Nov. 20 at Homedale, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 23, home vs. Liberty Charter, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 24 at Payette, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Friday, Nov. 20 at Homedale, 6 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 23, home vs. Liberty Charter, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 24 at Payette, 6 p.m.

Boys’ basketball
Varsity
Monday, Nov. 23 at Melba jamboree, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 1 at Payette, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Tuesday, Dec. 1 at Payette, 6 p.m.
Frosh soph
Tuesday, Dec. 1 at Payette, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Saturday, Dec. 5 at East-West Duals, Wendell, 11 a.m.
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