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Winter hits downtown

Homedale — for the holidays

A large turnout of spectators and entrants crammed Idaho Avenue for Saturday's Homedale for the Holidays Parade. **Above:** Pickett Auction Service brought a bit of the North Pole to downtown. For some reason, snow was localized around the company's float. **Right:** Grand marshal Santa Claus and his chauffeur take a drive down Idaho Avenue during Saturday's parade. At 81 years old, Santa has pledged that this season will be his 35th and final one. He's retiring after the holidays.

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Marsing parade, park tree lighting set Friday

Revelers will take to Marsing's streets at 6 p.m., on Friday, to participate in or follow the city's Christmas parade.

The procession will set up outside the school district's football field and wind its way north on 9th Avenue West before turning east on Main Street and marching down to Island Park.

Lineup for the parade will begin at 5 p.m.

The Marsing Chamber of Commerce is organizing the

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OCHS bazaar, tree sale hit Murphy

The Owyhee County Historical Society presents its annual Christmas Bazaar and Charlie Brown Tree Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday at the museum, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy.

The bazaar will take place in McKeeth Hall, within the Owyhee County Historical Museum.

Local craft vendors will be plying their holiday wares.

Museum director Eriks Garsvo said this year's bazaar will be smaller than years past because of COVID-19 precautions.

Expected vendors include:

- Jolynn Hook — pottery
- Jackie Benson — home-made pies and other food

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Giving Tree project kicks into gear

Small number of Marsing families signed up

In exercising true Christmas spirit, Marsing's annual Giving Tree project is underway to help local families in need.

City Clerk and project volunteer Jolyn Green said that nominations have been sought and applications went home with students, but as of

Friday, just 14 families have submitted requests for help.

"We won't know until we have all of the applications returned how many families and children we will be gifting this year," Green said.

Tags will be at Giving Tree locations, including OC Cof-

fee (6138 Idaho highway 55), Logan's Market (801 Main St.), the HUB (205 8th Ave. W.), and City Hall (18 Sandbar Ave.), on Friday. Gifts are due back to the respective locations by Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Wrapping will begin at 9 a.m., and pickup will be from

1 p.m. to 3 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 18.

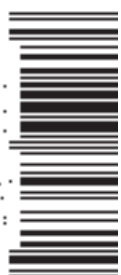
Green said that the drive has received multiple donations from different sources, including Logan's and the city, which will help with groceries to add to the food boxes. The schools will also have a canned food drive soon, she said.

Donations of groceries, cash, toys, and clothes are being accepted. For information or to get involved, call Green at (208) 896-4122. — TK

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The annual OHR gift drive begins this week.

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Board chair casts deciding vote against BGV mask recommendation

Superintendent: Masks crucial to ensuring face-to-face instruction

A tiebreaking vote from board chair Scott McNeley shot down a mask mandate for the Bruneau-Grand View School District.

In a 3-2 vote during a Nov. 19 special meeting, which district superintendent Ryan Cantrell had recommended.

In an electronic notice to patrons, Cantrell said that, with the COVID-19 situation throughout the state, it was time to consider a mask requirement.

“Masks are one of the single-most effective ways to decrease the spread of COVID-19 in our schools,” Cantrell wrote.

“If our goal is to remain open

for face-to-face instruction, we need to mask-up to increase the odds of us remaining open for face-to-face instruction.

The mandate would have applied to anyone setting foot on a Bruneau-Grand View campus from staff, students and volunteers to visitors, contracted workers and trustees.

The proposal trustees rejected included an amendment that would have made masks mandatory until Christmas break.

The meeting was available on the internet through Zoom, and in-person attendance was limited to district trustees and administrators to adhere to the

COVID-19 Stage 2 limitation of 10 people for an indoor gathering.

Patron input was received by email, and Cantrell shared the views at the meeting.

In online correspondence to district patrons regarding the special meeting, Cantrell recapped the COVID-19 situation in the state.

He also listed the district’s priorities, in order of importance:

- Keep students and staff healthy
- Keep schools’ doors open to face-to-face learning as often as possible
- Maintain the district’s focus on student achievement
- Continue to offer extracurricular activities as appropriate

No modifications to Marsing’s plan

The Marsing School Board convened for a special meeting on Nov. 23 to discuss the district’s current status in regards to COVID-19 conditions and health alert levels and to address potential changes to the district’s safety plan.

The emergency meeting was prompted in part by Southwest District Health moving Owyhee County into a red health zone. A red level suggests significant spread of the virus.

Ultimately, the Marsing trustees took no action. Part of the discussion also included making masks mandatory.

In a letter to MSD staff, superintendent Norm Stewart wrote, “Taking into consideration the concern for the loss of instruction time for students, the need for face-to-face learning as compared to the poor student outcomes of online/distance learning ... the board chose to take no action.”

Stewart also noted that a factor to keep things status quo is that, according to Centers for Disease Control guidelines, mandatory masking would not reduce the number of students and staff in quarantine.

The board decided to stick with the same philosophy of masks being encouraged but not required, keeping consistent with other rural districts.

During the meeting, the board addressed potential changes to the district’s building level plans (developed by staff and administrators at all levels of instruction) that were approved in June and modified

in August. The August changes were an attempt to meet the “ever-changing environment the district was facing,” yet still trying to essentially stick with plans developed by staff.

At the start of the school year, the board approved a re-opening plan that outlined how the district would respond to situations it might encounter during the fluctuating conditions. The plan was approved as a “fluid document,” meaning that it could change to adapt to various situations that may arise, but still comply with SWDH and CDC guidelines.

According to Stewart’s letter, during the week of Nov. 19, eight individuals were designated as COVID-19 positive, while 170 were in quarantine.

“The board’s main concern was the loss of instruction due to students and staff being sent home as compared to the number of people infected,” he wrote.

For most of the school year, the district has monitored student outcomes as they relate to online and distance learning.

“It is alarming the number of students who have traditionally been ‘A’ and ‘B’ students that are failing as a result of the on-line/distance learning format,” Stewart wrote. “For this reason, it has been the goal of the board to maintain face-to-face learning if at all possible.”

Stewart acknowledged that the situation will continue to change and that there is a need to monitor and readdress the conditions in future meetings.

— TK



How much should I save for retirement?

What about co-signing a loan?
When should I buy life insurance?
What's a Roth IRA?
Is a credit card for my kid a good idea?

Dave's got the answers to financial riddles each week in the

Confirmed Owyhee County COVID-19 cases:

637

Nov. 24 to Nov. 30 statistics:
New confirmed cases, 102
Deaths: 5 (New: 0)
Health alert level: Red
Probable cases, 60 (New: 7)
Source: coronavirus.idaho.gov

Malheur COVID-19 cases:

2,408

New cases, Nov. 24 to Nov. 30: 90
Deaths: 44 (New: 5)
Negative tests: 8,145 (New: 93)
Source: govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19

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Homedale

Man arrested after gun goes off during fight outside Homedale bar

A 38-year-old Kuna man has been charged with attempted murder after allegedly discharging a firearm during an altercation on Thanksgiving.

Theodore James Sielaff made his initial court appearance Monday afternoon in Murphy before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington.

He remains in Owyhee County Jail on felony charges of attempted murder in the second degree, battery and assault with intent to murder.

A Homedale Police officer also levied a misdemeanor charge of carrying a concealed weapon while under the influence of alcohol.

According to Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller, Sielaff was arrested shortly before midnight on Thursday after witnesses said .22 magnum wrestling on a man in front of Avenue bar.

The bullet from the Derringer went through the roof of a pickup truck parked nearby. No one was injured.



Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Congregate meals suspended
Curbside pickup after noon
Phone ahead (208) 337-3020 to order
Dessert included in curbside lunch
Milk available each day
Roll available each day except Dec. 9 and Dec. 29
Dec. 2: Stir-fry chicken and vegetables, rice
Dec. 3: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, country trio vegetables
Dec. 8: Salisbury steak with onions and mushrooms, mashed potates and gravy, spinach
Dec. 9: Hot dog on bun, chili and Tater Tots, broccoli
Dec. 10: Tortellini with meat sauce, green beans
Dec. 15: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, beets

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing

Noon inside Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave.
Milk available each day
Suggested donation: \$4 (60 and over), \$6 (59 and younger)
Dec. 2: Turkey cutlet, mashed potatoes, herb and onion gravy, carrots, wheat roll, pudding
Dec. 4: Roast pork and gravy, sweet potatoes, Cascade vegetables, peaches, wheat roll
Dec. 7: Stuffed chicken cordon blue, pasta and gravy, peas, juice, wheat bread
Dec. 9: Sherry mushroom chicken, wheat pasta, green beans, green salad, wheat bread
Dec. 11: Barbecue chicken sandwich, baked beans, Venetian veggies, Mandarin oranges, wheat bun
Dec. 14: Spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian vegetables, peaches and berries, French bread

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✓ Marsing: Cash prizes available for top three entries judged best by Chamber

parade, and president Julie Franklin encourages citizens and businesses to decorate floats, horses, vehicle, tractors, and trailers with a Christmas theme.
All entrants are eligible for a cash prize — \$50 for first place, \$30 for second place, and \$20 for third place.
Parade decoration winners, who are chosen by Chamber members, will be announced after the tree lighting, which takes place at Island Park at the conclusion of the parade.
Holy Oly O's will have a trailer set up at the park selling donuts, and the City of Marsing will provide hot chocolate.
— TK

✓ OCHS: Plenty of holiday gift ideas

items
• Ruth Parsons — jewelry
• Cheri Severson — goat milk soap and beeswax candles
• Jeanette Nallion — Scent-sy
• Katie Wheeler — jams
• June Gempler — photography
Homemade pies will be sold, and Santa will be on hand.
The Charlie Brown Christmas tree inventory is smaller than expected, Garsvo said. Fewer trees will be available for purchase because of recent snowfall in the area around Silver City where the trees are harvested. Jim Hyslop cuts the trees each year and is on hand to help run the sale.
Garsvo said that tree prices range from \$25 to \$40.
The museum will also give away a pair of alexandrite earrings. Raffle tickets are \$2 each.
the museum at (208) 495-2319.
For more information, call — TK



Kuna residents Todd Gross and Dolores Baehm sample the jams and jellies at a booth last year inside McKeeth Hall.

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School menus

Homedale Elementary

Choice of milk and juice
Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily
Dec. 2: **Breakfast:** Apple cinnamon Texas toast **Lunch:** Orange chicken, steamed rice, broccoli, fortune cookie
Dec. 3: **Breakfast:** Breakfast bites **Lunch:** Pepperoni calzone, green beans
Dec. 7: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Corndog, tater tots
Dec. 8: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza **Lunch:** Chicken patty sandwich, coleslaw
Dec. 9: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon pull-apart **Lunch:** Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes with gravy, hot roll

Homedale Middle

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese
Cereal option and PB&J offered daily
Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily
Dec. 2: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll or cereal **Lunch:** Spaghetti and garlic bread, green beans or PB&J sandwich, string cheese, green beans
Dec. 3: **Breakfast:** Mini donuts or cereal **Lunch:** Taquitos, string cheese, corn, cookie or PB&J sandwich, string cheese, corn, cookie
Dec. 7: **Breakfast:** Mini waffles or cereal **Lunch:** Pepperoni calzone, green beans or PB&J sandwich, string cheese, green beans
Dec. 8: **Breakfast:** Chocolate chip muffin or cereal **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, french fries or PB&J sandwich, string cheese, french fries
Dec. 9: **Breakfast:** Apple cinnamon Texas toast or cereal **Lunch:** Beef taco, corn or PB&J sandwich, string cheese, corn

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
Dec. 2: **Breakfast:** Sausage plate or mini pancakes or cereal **Lunch:** Pulled pork sandwich, tater tots or hamburger or cheeseburger, tater tots
Dec. 3: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or pop tart or cereal **Lunch:** Chicken taco, corn or corn dog, corn
Dec. 7: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon burst bread slice or Dutch waffle or cereal **Lunch:** Boneless buffalo wings, breadstick, coleslaw or taquitos, coleslaw
Dec. 8: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich or BeneFit bar or cereal **Lunch:** Chicken patty, french fries or hamburger or cheeseburger, french fries
Dec. 9: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy or pancakes or cereal **Lunch:** Sloppy joe, steamed carrots or cheese chicken sub, steamed carrots

Marsing

Each meal includes choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables
Elementary School each day: Breakfast: Cereal option
Middle/High School each day: PB&J sandwich option
Cold Grab-n-go line (variations of each daily): Wrap, sub sandwich, salad
Hot Grab-n-go line (daily): Cheeseburger, chicken sandwich (regular or spicy)
Dec. 2: **Breakfast:** Texas toast. **Lunch:** Classic: Pepperoni calzone, green beans. Hot grab-n-go: Seasoned fries, garlic French bread
Dec. 3: **Breakfast:** Breakfast sandwich. **Lunch:** Classic: Chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy. Hot grab-n-go: Buffalo chicken pizza, tangerine chicken rice bowl, potato wedge
Dec. 7: **Breakfast:** Yogurt. **Lunch:** Classic: Whole-grain corn dog, potato wedge, chocolate chunk cookie. Hot grab-n-go: Pepperoni pizza, dill chicken bites, seasoned fries, hot roll
Dec. 8: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes. **Lunch:** Classic: Spaghetti. Hot grab-n-go: Potato wedge, garlic French bread
Dec. 9: **Breakfast:** Bacon scramble pizza. **Lunch:** Classic: Dutch waffle, sausage patty, hash brown patty. Hot grab-n-go: Buffalo chicken pizza, walkin’ taco, Tater Tots or Gems

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily
Dec. 2: **Breakfast:** Waffle and hash browns **Lunch:** Chicken taco, refried beans, salsa, corn
Dec. 3: **Breakfast:** Bagels and cream cheese **Lunch:** Little smokies, scalloped potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll
Dec. 7: **Breakfast:** Cereal bar **Lunch:** Chicken and noodles, tossed romaine salad, steamed carrots, whole wheat roll
Dec. 8: **Breakfast:** PB&J sandwich **Lunch:** Nachos, whole wheat tortilla chips, refried beans, salsa, corn
Dec. 9: **Breakfast:** Muffins **Lunch:** Chicken patty on a bun, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli

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Sunscald on trees opens door to other problems

As the task list is completed, checking it twice for the landscape and garden for the season, did you remember to protect your young trees from sunscald?

Also known as southwest winter injury, the damage is caused by the intense direct or reflected sunlight as the sun moves lower across the skyline in the winter months and leaves are no longer present to shadow the tree trunk.

Damage occurs when the cold, hardy tissues in the bark on the south to southwest side of the trunk are exposed to direct sunlight and warm up. The warmed bark is no longer acclimated and decreases its ability to withstand freezing temperatures. As the temperatures cool or the sun moves behind a cloud, the temperature of the bark drops quickly to below freezing, and the bark tissues are unable to regain cold hardiness to withstand freezing. The living bark tissues are damaged by the freezing temperature, which leads to the sunscald injury.

Elongated areas of dead bark will appear sunken with dried, cracked bark that peels off to expose dead wood. This newly exposed damage provides an optimal opportunity for wood-boring insects and fungal pathogens to attack the weakened tree.

Trees that are susceptible to sunscald injury are recently planted trees, young trees, and trees with thin bark. Tree species that are vulnerable to sunscald injury include

maple, linden, mountain-ash, honeylocust, birch, walnut, crabapple, flowering cherry, fruit trees, aspen, ash, tuliptree, and willow.

As the injury is caused by direct sunlight heating the bark, methods of prevention involve protecting the bark from the sun. Consider placing a light-colored, upright board on the southwest side of the tree near the trunk to provide shade during the winter months. Light-colored or white tree wraps can be applied in late fall and should be removed as soon as possible in the spring. Leaving the wraps in place provides a location to harbor insects and disease. Painting the exposed trunk with a white latex paint can be used to reflect sunlight.

When planning a landscape or future placement of trees, plant susceptible trees where they will be shaded by buildings, solid fences, or evergreens. For additional publication information on sunscald, contact your local county Extension office.

In December, join me virtually for a class on microgreens. These plants are short on size, large on taste, and are a nice addition of winter greens grown indoors. Two sessions will be offered and registration can be completed at <https://bit.ly/2Cmicrogreens>.

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Nic Usabel

Community calendar submissions

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.

Calendar

Today

All veterans coffee

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

Christian Life Club

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

Grand View Fire commissioners meeting

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

Thursday

Teens & Tweens

5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., and Homedale Community Foodstead, 125 W. Owyhee Ave. (if more than 10 youth attend), Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Owyhee County Fair Board meeting

7 p.m., Owyhee County Community Center, 423 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3888

Friday

The Landing teen support group

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

Christmas parade

6 p.m., north on 9th Avenue West, east on Main Street, Marsing

Community tree lighting

Following Christmas parade, Island Park, Marsing

Saturday

Christmas bazaar

10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with Charlie Brown tree sale, Owyhee County Historical 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

Story Time

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

Story Time

11:15 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.

Ridgeview Irrigation meeting

1 p.m., South Board of Control board room, 118 S. 1st St. W. Meeting available via Zoom, call (208) 337-3760 for link.

Gem Irrigation meeting

1:15 p.m., South Board of Control board room, 118 S. 1st St. W. Meeting available via Zoom, call (208) 337-3760 for link.

South Board of Control meeting

1:30 p.m., South Board of Control board room, 118 S. 1st St. W. Meeting available via Zoom, call (208) 337-3760 for link.

Melba School Board meeting

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

Gem Highway District meeting

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

American Legion Post 128 meeting

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

Wednesday

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Grand View City Council meeting

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

Homedale City Council meeting

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

Three Creek School board meeting

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

Marsing Fire Commissioners meeting

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

Marsing City Council meeting

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

Homedale Highway District meeting

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

Marsing School Board meeting

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

Thursday, Dec. 10

Owyhee Conservation District board

Noon, USDA Service Center, 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., Marsing. (208) 896-4544, ext. 102

Owyhee Gardeners meeting

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

Teens & Tweens

5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., and Homedale Community Foodstead, 125 W. Owyhee Ave. (if more than 10 youth attend), Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Lizard Butte Library board meeting

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

VFW meeting

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

Friday, Dec. 11

The Landing teen support group

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

Saturday, Dec. 12

Christmas Bazaar

9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Homedale Friends Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Monday, Dec. 14

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.

Story Time

11:15 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Obituaries

James Earl Sutterfield

12/7/1942 – 11/6/2020

Jim was born, the youngest of five, on December 7, 1942 to Troy and Florence (Eoff) Sutterfield.

Jim passed away on November 6, 2020 of Covid-19/pneumonia.

Jim lived near Wilder and attended all twelve years of school at Wilder. In December of 1961 he entered the U.S. Air Force after serving in the Navy reserve. He first worked in aircraft maintenance, then became a flight engineer on cargo aircraft. The highlights of his 27½-year career were: Participated in the Antarctica re-supply in 1975, returning prisoners of war to the U.S. at the end of the Vietnam war, and bringing the remains of U.S. servicemen from Bangkok, Thailand to Hawaii. His decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service medal and Air Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters. Jim retired from the Air Force in July 1989 as a Chief Master Sergeant.

After Jim’s military career he worked and lived in Northern California and even drove over-the-road truck for a few months. In the spring of 1999 he returned to the Treasure Valley, living in Caldwell then New Plymouth.



Jim was married three times: Brenda Prow of Homedale, Joann Young of Vacaville, CA and Darlene Wilson of New Plymouth.

Jim had many interests, including woodworking, golfing, dancing, traveling, growing tomatoes and cantaloupes. He and Darlene maintained a home and two small rental homes in New Plymouth.

Jim is survived by his wife Darlene, sons, Troy and Walt Sutterfield, three grandchildren, one great-grandson, Sister Dottie Beavers.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, 2 sisters and 1 brother. Graveside services will be held at 1 o’clock, December 4 at Wilder Cemetery, with full military honors.

Donnie (Don) Leon Bowman

While living in the small town of Elk City, Oklahoma, Bonny (B.T.) and Minnie Bowman welcomed their eighth child, Donnie Leon, on January 31, 1934. Donnie’s family moved west when he was eight months old, where they followed the harvest, moving from state to state trying to make a living.

At the age of five, Donnie learned to work alongside the rest of his family. He was the best 5-year-old shoeblack in town, sometimes taking a half of a can of polish and an hour of time to make those farmers’ old muddy boots to shine, and only charging 5 cents.

After graduating from Homedale High in 1951, Don joined the Navy and served on a seaplane tender during the Korean War. In 1953, while on a two-week furlough, God, for Christ’s sake, forgave him of all of his sins. Three months later, God did the second work of entire sanctification in his heart. While in port at Iwakuni, Japan, God called Don to preach. He began right there on the ship, taking the responsibility of the Protestant services from the Catholic chaplain.

In 1954, Don was discharged from the Navy, returned to



Idaho, and enrolled in Northwest Nazarene College. On April 27, 1956, he married his sweetheart, Grace Elizabeth Watson, daughter of Challen and Margaret Watson.

After pastoring in Nebraska, Washington, and Oregon, the Don Bowman family, which now included three children, became missionaries to Japan. For 17 years, the Bowman family literally sacrificed their lives to bring the Gospel to the dear Japanese people. By the time they returned to the States in 1982, they had lost their first four children to a tragic accident, and then had three more children born to them!

In 1983, Don was elected to be the first full-time General

Foreign Missions Secretary. He faithfully served in that capacity for the next 32 years, traveling all over the world, still proclaiming the wonderful salvation through Jesus Christ.

Though Don suffered a major physical setback in 2017, he recovered to a point where his family thought he probably would last quite a few more years. However, a few days ago, he began suffering from cold-like symptoms. It looked like he was getting better, but on Thanksgiving Day 2020, Thursday, November 26th, at 11:17 pm, after spending part of the day with his family on Earth gathered around his bed, he quietly and peacefully went to spend the rest of Thanksgiving with his family in Heaven. His life here was over, but his real life is just beginning.

He is survived by his loving wife, three children, 12 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

The viewing will be at the Homedale Bible Missionary Church on Wednesday from 6:00–8:00 pm. Funeral services will be held at the Caldwell Christian Church in Caldwell, Idaho, on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 10:00 am.

Death notice

EDMUND LAYTON WEBB, JR., 87, formerly of Marsing, died Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020 at his home in Nampa. Graveside services were held Saturday, Nov. 26, 2020 at the Melba Cemetery. Obituary and condolences: ZeyerFuneralChapel.com. Arrangements: Zeyer Funeral Chapel, Nampa. (208) 467-7300

Friends church bazaar nears

The Homedale Friends Community Church’s fifth annual Christmas Bazaar takes place on Saturday, Dec. 12.

The doors will be open from 9 a.m., to 3 p.m., at the church, 17434 Hwy. 95 north of Homedale.

Vendors can sell their products for \$10 per space. Call Janine at (208) 546-2576 for more information.

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

Homedale library programs reflect winter’s approach

Teens & Tweens returns to Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library on Thursday.

If more than 10 youths ages 10-17 attend, the session will be split in two sections.

Both will begin at 5 p.m., but half the boys and girls will gather in the Jackson Memorial Library at 121 W. Owyhee Ave., and the other half at the Homedale Community Foodstead (the old city library) at 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The Teens & Tweens participants will make a snowman terra cotta pot craft.

On Monday, two sessions of Story Time for preschoolers are planned inside the library.

The first session will start at 10:15 a.m., and the second will begin an hour later.

“A Fox Went Out on a Chilly Night” and a nonfiction story, “Foxes,” will be read.

The craft is making yarn-wrapped foxes.

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

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Bette Uda City Park light display shines without fanfare



Daniel Gonzalez, 7, of Homedale, tries to hide behind Frosty the Snowman at Bette Uda City Park on East Idaho Avenue during Saturday's parade.



Although the annual community tree lighting at Bette Uda City Park was canceled this year, Homedale's public works crew put up full decorations on the park's trees, tank, and other structures.



KICKING OFF CHRISTMAS

Annual Homedale for the Holidays night-light parade



Erica Nabel of Caldwell showed up decked out in her finest candy-striped garb for Saturday's parade. Nabel is part of the Red Feather Riding Group.



The Homedale for the Holidays parade abounded with Santas, including this one driven by police escort with code enforcement officer Liset Llamas.



Ron Cassidy delighted the parade-goers along the frigid route with jets of flame from the burner of his hot air balloon on Saturday.



The Homedale High School marching band, including music director John Zieske (snare drum, right) entertained with Christmas standards during the Homedale for the Holidays parade on Saturday.

New juvenile probation program stresses parental involvement

BOCC examines installing cameras throughout Murphy campus

Owyhee County’s probation office is taking steps to effect positive outcomes when dealing with juveniles and their families.

A concept called parent activation (PA) will be utilized after the Board of County Commissioners signed an agreement with Eugene, Ore.-based Oregon Social Learning Center (OSLC) during its Nov. 23 meeting in Murphy.

The commissioners to the action after hearing from Ivy Smith, the county’s chief probation administrator.

According to OSLC, parent activation is a strategy is used in healthcare settings to help juvenile probation officers engage and involve parents to achieve positive youth and family outcomes.

PA is utilized in a program called Project LEAP (Leveraging Evidence to Activate Parents), which is designed to investigate the effectiveness of and determine what factors influence implementation of PA, and determine its impact on outcomes.

The OSLC website states that the most effective treatments for juveniles are family-based and work when parents

are involved in the process, especially when trying to reduce recidivism and steering youth away from substance abuse.

“The plan is to get parents more involved so that the kids can be more successful,” Smith said. “(This includes) getting their child to finish their homework or to go to bed on time.”

She said the program touches on things that aren’t necessarily against the law but are needed for the child to be successful.

OSLC is looking for 32 counties in the Pacific Northwest to be involved in the program.

Smith said the county will receive \$250 for every juvenile involved in the program. She said that Owyhee County is the ninth county in the state to express interest in the program.

The program received full support by the commissioners for Smith to pursue.

According to the agreement, the county’s responsibility is:

- Identify participating juvenile probation officers, who deliver their usual probation services for a period that can last up to three years but typically runs between three months and two years. After training, the county will deliver a PA for the remainder of the case’s duration;
- Junior probation officers will undergo three to five on-line interactive trainings con-

ducted by OSLC;

- The probation officers will attend monthly videoconference group and individual consultation trainings;
- Officers will deliver PA to families in their caseload.

All training will be performed by OSLC. The organization will also provide tools to junior probation officers, including iPads for data collection.

OSLC will disperse funds to the county in support of Project Leap activities for staff appreciation upon completion of the project’s procedures.

County receives camera system quote

The county has received a quote from M2 Automation to install cameras and access control in offices within the government campus in Murphy. The system will also provide video imagery of every person who walks into the offices.

M2’s quote of \$25,123.10 includes equipment and technical time.

The system would include access control doors to the assessor, prosecuting attorney, treasurer, and sheriff’s offices, the Division of Motor Vehicles and Planning and Zoning.

Cameras will also be added to lobbies in the DMV, P&Z, and the prosecutor’s office.

The commissioners accepted the quote, but no action was taken on approving the project. — TK



Readers rewarded

Above: Alex Cornejo shows off his prize after winning the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library’s Turkey in Disguise contest. The contest was held last month to mark Idaho Family Reading Week. Alex disguised his turkey as Spider-Man. Below: Andrew Bell, the winner of the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library Family Reading Week gift basket, stands with his prize and his children Braydon (left) and McKenzie. Submitted photos



Homedale woman cited for DUI

A woman found sitting in a pickup parked in the middle of a residential street late Saturday has been charged with misdemeanor driving under the influence.

Amy Lynne Fossette, 35, of Homedale was cited and released after failing a field sobriety test and recording a blood-alcohol concentration

of .189 percent.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said an officer responded after he spotted a Ford Ranger parked in the middle of the street with its headlights off near North 4th Street West and North Cascade Drive around 11:15 p.m., on Saturday.

Eidemiller said the officer

had observed the pickup back down the roadway before the lights were turned off.

Fossette apparently told the officer that she was waiting to go pick up a friend at a local bar. The officer reported that Fossette told him she had not been drinking.

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Homedale author ties together writing and filmmaking

2018 HHS grad anxious to market her books again

A Homedale author added to her growing list of titles when she published a new book through Amazon in August.

Kendra Thatcher, a 2018 Homedale High School graduate, by taking advantage of Amazon self-publishing, has now brought her third book to store shelves and to e-readers.

“Christiana’s Reflection and One Other Short Story,” is a romantic drama about a young woman who views herself as an ugly duckling until a chance encounter with a handsome stranger.

The second story, “A Wish Into a Wishing Well,” a comedy adventure, concerns 9-year-old Cecil and his escapades with his cousins, Minnie, Frank, and George in 19th century Pennsylvania.

“Christiana” joins two previously published books, “Shoes AKA My Life,” a comedy, and “Smooth as Silk,” a science fiction short story.

Thatcher’s interest in writing goes back to her youth. She said that she and her sister Kathryn used to frequently make up stories to tell each

other when they were young.

“I’ve always loved books and stories,” she said. “I’m not sure if there was really a moment of inspiration — it’s just always something I have done ever since I learned how to write.”

Thatcher also has a strong interest in filmmaking. She said she has plans to possibly adapt her books to film, or as completely separate projects.

She was planning on interning with a Utah-based independent filmmaker with 47 years of experience, but she is now unsure if that will happen as the film was postponed because of COVID-19. The man was Thatcher’s mentor for her HHS senior project.

She said she hopes to complete her internship when the project is continued, but in the meantime she has been able to accomplish other film goals.

In May, she entered her short film “Slumber Party” into the online “Quarantine Film Festival.” She placed third in the “Break Free, Coolest Concept” judging. She also was a finalist for three other awards.

Thatcher has also made four prequels that follow the four characters from “Slumber Party,” which she has available on her YouTube channel, “Kendra Joy.”

The daughter of Homedale residents Mark and DeAnn

Thatcher recently spoke during a Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library Teens & Tweens activity. She said the youths were very receptive when she shared her experiences as a writer.

“Some of them looked at the books afterwards, (but) they were most interested in the activity and had fun with it,” Thatcher said. “What I had them do was create a character. They drew a picture of their character, came up with a name, their strengths, their weaknesses, and their end goal.”

She is currently working on a novel that she wants to publish traditionally, not through Amazon.

“I’d like to have that experience,” she said. “By publishing traditionally, I will have the opportunity for this book to be in physical stores and for the publishing company to help me with marketing.”

Thatcher said her first two books sold well when they were first published, but with an increased in the number of self-published authors on Amazon, sales have markedly slowed.

“I plan on pushing marketing for all three of my books in hopes of unburying my titles and bringing them in front of the eyes of new readers,” Thatcher said.

— TK



At right: Kendra Thatcher shows off the three books she has written, from left, “Shoes AKA My Life,” “Smooth as Silk,” and “Christiana’s Reflection and One Other Short Story.”

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Woman arrested on drug charges outside county courthouse

A Hagerman woman was still in custody Monday prior to her felony arraignment for alleged drug possession.

Sonja Lon Ramsay, 55, was arrested outside the Owyhee County Courthouse after a drug dog sniffed out drugs in her vehicle last month.

She was arraigned before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington in Murphy on Monday. Darrington also entertained a motion to reduce bail at that time. Results of the hearings weren't available at press time.

According to Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman, a deputy initiated contact with Ramsay on Nov. 16 as she left the courthouse in Murphy. Bowman said the responding deputy knew that requirements of Ramsay's re-

lease on bond included submitting to a drug test when requested by law enforcement.

After the deputy spoke with Ramsay and found that she was "not acting herself," a sheriff's K-9 was summoned, Bowman said.

The dog alerted to Ramsay's 2017 Jeep Patriot, and a subsequent search turned up four grams of methamphetamine.

In addition a felony charge of meth possession, Ramsay faces misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence and possession of drug paraphernalia.

She made her preliminary appearance before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington in Murphy on Monday.

According to court records, Ramsay was in Murphy on Nov. 16 for a preliminary hearing on an unrelated case in which she is charged with four felonies — manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, delivery of a controlled substance, controlled substance possession, and injury to child — and four misdemeanors, including three counts of drug paraphernalia possession and one count of controlled substance possession.

Her Third District Court arraignment on the earlier case is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Dec. 18 before Third District Judge Thomas W. Whitney.

— TK



Sonja Ramsay

Conservation district offers Ag scholarship

High school students seeking to pursue an agriculture-related future can again receive a boost from the Owyhee Conservation District.

Seniors from Marsing, Homedale, and Jordan Valley high schools can apply for a \$500 scholarship if they meet certain requirements.

All applicants must have proof of a grade-point average of 3.0 or higher, must submit a résumé and essay, and must be accepted into a two- or four-year college to pursue an Ag-related career.

The résumé must include a list of school activities, a list of community service, and specifics about ag-related interests.

Suggested essay topics include the student's interests in agriculture or related fields, interest in the relationship between ag and the community, or the student's future in ag.

The submission deadline is Feb. 10. Applications can be mailed to Owyhee Conservation District, 250 N. Old Brueneau Hwy, Marsing, ID, 83639. For information, contact OCD administrative assistant Debbie Abel at (208) 896-4544.

The OCD board of supervisors will review and make its selection at the district's February board meeting.

— TK

Homedale foodstead online to help with holiday planning

The Homedale Community Foodstead is open and offering holiday shopping ideas from local producers.

The building at 125 W. Owyhee Ave., has elements that are available for the public to rent, including:

- A meeting room that holds up to 70 people
- A commercial kitchen where vendors can prepare foods to sell to the public

The building is open on Tuesdays so folks can pick up goods they've purchased online between 5 p.m., each Thursday and 5 p.m., each Sunday from local vendors. Delivery is also available.

Local farmers have joined the foodstead to offer fresh foods, including meat, dairy, seasonal produce and baked goods.

Local artisans also sell their wares.

People can visit www.homedalefoodstead.com for a list of vendors and their products and shop for local foods for holiday dinners.

The website also features gift cards.

People who use the coupon code "NOVSALE" will receive 20 percent off their first order. The promotion is available until Monday.

The "Meet the Vendor" events scheduled for Nov. 7 and Dec. 5 have been cancelled. Organizers plan to coordinate the "Meet the Vendor" open house after the first of the year.

State grant will help Homedale shape new park space by river

Turning the Peterson property into part of Riverside Park got a boost recently.

The City of Homedale received a \$135,000 Idaho Community Development Block Grant.

Andrew Kimmel of the city's engineering contractor Great West Engineering informed the council members of the award during the Nov. 12 meeting.

The city must come up with \$37,000 in matching funds or in-kind work and materials.

The city applied for the state Department of Commerce-administered funding at the end of September.

The city also is eying a Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant to help with the project of finally bringing the donated property online in the parks system. The LWCF is a funding vehicle offered by the National Parks Service.

The Peterson property is located at the river's edge near at the foot of Main Street near the Riverside RV park.

The city wants to build a public restroom and Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant parking area near the corner of West California Avenue and North 1st Street West as the first phase of turning the property into an extension of Riverside Park.

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Courthouse report

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

Nov. 23

Lauren Elizabeth Albers, Melba — Misdemeanor reckless driving (amended from misdemeanor driving under the influence): 4 days in jail (served), 12 months unsupervised probation, 30 days driver’s license suspension, \$342.50 in fines, \$507.50 in court costs. **Withheld judgment:** Defendant may petition to have record expunged after sentence is completed

Nov. 20

Andres Almaraz Brito, Fernley, Nev. — Misdemeanor marijuana possession (plea deal): 180 days in jail (2 days served, 178 days suspended), 2 years felony probation, \$175 in fines, \$566.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Felony controlled substance possession

Israel Cardenas, Jr., Buhl — Felony controlled substance possession (plea deal): 1 year in state prison (suspended), 2 years unsupervised probation, \$735.50 in court costs

Lisa Christine Justice, Melba — Felony aggravated assault 3x (plea deal): 4½ to 12 years in prison, \$175 in fines, \$911.50 in court costs. **Not included in final disposition:** Felony malicious injury to property, felony attempt to elude peace officer, misdemeanor fail to stop or leaving scene of damage accident, misdemeanor fail to provide information of an accident, misdemeanor reckless driving, misdemeanor resisting arrest

Jackie Lynn Woodward, Star — Felony controlled substance possession: 3 years felony probation, \$175 in fines, \$557.50 in court costs. **Withheld judgment:** Defendant may petition to have record expunged after sentence is completed

Nov. 18

Brock Bradley Drake, Nampa — Misdemeanor carrying a concealed weapon while under the influence: \$500 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Angelique Danile Hicks, Homedale — Misdemeanor driving without privileges: 180 days in jail (2 days to serve, 178 days suspended), 1 year supervised probation, \$327.50 in fines, \$172.50 in court costs

Abraham Romero Martinez, Marsing — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$300 in fines, \$197.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor controlled substance possession

Jacob Lee Tracy, Homedale — Misdemeanor driving under the influence (plea deal): 180 days in jail (2 days served, 58 days to serve, 120 days suspended), 180-day driver’s license suspension, 2 years supervised probation, \$1,000 in fines (\$702.50 suspended), \$464.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor fail to stop for an accident or leaving the scene



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BLM takes another step toward Great Basin sagebrush conservation

A 30-day public review period has begun for the federal government’s plan to restore sagebrush communities in the Great Basin.

The programmatic environmental impact statement (PEIS) was released on Friday. The project aims to continue efforts to conserve and restore sagebrush communities across a 223 million acre area covering portions of Idaho, Oregon, Nevada, Washington, California, and Utah.

The plan encompasses fuels reduction and rangeland restoration for the region.

Department of the Interior Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Lands and Minerals Casey Hammond said the plan’s focus “will reduce the intensity of wildfires, which in turn will reduce the threats from large and severe wildfires to sagebrush-steppe ecosystem and rangeland resources.”

“As we get projects done, these two approaches will work together,” Hammond said.

Sagebrush communities in the Great Basin are a vital part of western working landscapes

and are home to more than 350 species of plants and wildlife.

The preferred alternative outlined in the final fuels reduction and rangeland restoration PEIS analyzes a full suite of manual, chemical and mechanical treatments, including prescribed fire, seeding and targeted grazing to reduce fuels and conserve and restore sagebrush communities. When completed, the PEIS will analyze common elements of fuels reduction and rangeland restoration projects and give Local offices the information needed to comply with National Environmental Policy Act requirements when planning and analyzing specific projects, potentially allowing for more rapid implementation.

An electronic copy of the Final PEIS and associated documents is available for public review on the Bureau of Land Management Land Use Planning and NEPA register: <https://go.usa.gov/x79bp>

The BLM will issue a record of decision after the public review period ends.

Intact sagebrush communities are disappearing within

the Great Basin because of increased large and severe wildfires, the spread of invasive annual grasses, and the encroachment of pinyon-juniper.

Approximately 45 percent of the Great Basin’s historical range of sagebrush has been lost.

This effort complements last spring’s decision to construct up to 11,000 miles of fuel breaks in the Great Basin. Behind that decision, approximately 190 miles of fuel breaks already have been built in Idaho, Oregon, Nevada, and California.

“Restoring sagebrush communities improves the sustainability of working rangelands and can reduce the expansion of invasive annual grasses,” Deputy Director for Policy and Programs William Perry Pendley said. “People in the Great Basin depend on these landscapes for their livelihoods and recreation, and wildlife rely on them for habitat.”

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Top students

Marsing High School students of the months for November and December are (from left): Warren Sevy, Saro Pegg, Misha Pegg and Jason Sevy.

Sevys, Peggs deemed students of the month

Marsing High School’s students of the month for November and December have more in common than superior academic standing — each of the November students precedes relatives that comprise the December duo.

The November awards were granted to Misha Pegg and Jason Sevy, and Saro Pegg (Misha’s sister) and Warren Sevy (Jason’s cousin) were awarded December’s prime students slots.

All four students maintain a 3.7 grade point average or better.

Junior Jason Sevy actively participates in FFA as a district officer and still finds time to play basketball on the Huskies’ JV team. Jason is also a member of the Marsing High School Honor Society.

Misha Pegg enjoys contributing to the freshman girls basketball squad, and freshmen Warren Sevy and Saro Pegg both claim that geometry ranks high in their list of favorite classes.

Trojans tree ’cats in season opener

Dustin Batt’s 20 points and 15 rebounds led the Homedale Trojans to an impressive season opening 85-44 win over the Wilder Wildcats Friday night.

Batt’s 15 rebounds highlighted an impressive performance by the Trojans on the boards. Corby Garrett added eight rebounds, Zac Ross had seven as Homedale out-rebounded the shorter Wildcats, 53-21.

Offensively, Batt led four Trojans in double figures. Garrett knocked in 15 points, Eric Roesberry added 14 and Ricky Britton chipped in 10.

Despite scoring 85 points, Trojan coach Randy Potter says his team needs to get better on offense.

“We need more consistency from an offensive standpoint,” Potter said. “That sounds funny when you score 85 points, but against better people we need to set up the half court offense.

“Against Wilder, it was strictly fast-break. We still have quite a bit to work on.”

Fire crew starts orange sale Monday

Every December, the Homedale Fire Department loads up the fire trucks with bags of fresh oranges for sale.

The three-day event starts around 6:30 p.m., December 11, and fire chief Ric Uria plans on unloading 95 cases of the juicy fruit during the door-to-door effort for \$2 per bag.

50 years ago

December 3, 1970



FOOTBALL SENIORS of Homedale High School were honored at a pep assembly Friday and each presented with a miniature football. From left, Larry Quintana, Kenny Kubosumi, Paul Pearson, Kim Tolsma, Tim Felty, Joni Uda, Allen Hays, Craig Curtis and Deon Ethington.

Grand guardian pays visit to JD Bethel

Mrs. Helen Barclay, grand guardian of the International Order of Job’s Daughters in Idaho, made her official visit to Bethel No. 31 in November.

A noon luncheon for the council members and the line officers was served in the dining room of the Tango by Dee Basabe. Following the luncheon, Mrs. Barclay met with council members at the Masonic Temple.

School of instruction for Jobies was held later in the day after which they enjoyed a banquet prepared by the Silver Star Chapter of Eastern Star and served by the Gem Chapter DeMolay boys.

Cindy Yost, honored queen, presided. Among those introduced besides Mrs. Barclay were Mrs. Ruth Clark, grand librarian, Mrs. Ruby Taber, past grand guardian, and Sid Orton, worthy patron for Silver Star No. 83.

Vicki Cook, senior princess, who was in charge of Mrs. Barclay’s project, presented her with a musical note covered with money donated from the Job’s Daughters which will go to the Shrine Hospital. Janine Townsend, junior princess, was in charge of decorations for the banquet hall. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Friel and Mrs. Delores Cook.

Silver Star OES celebrates 14th birthday

Eighteen chapters were represented when Silver Star chapter OES celebrated Friendship night and its 14th anniversary on Nov. 17 at the Homedale Masonic Hall.

Worthy Matron Pearl McElroy and Clarence Orton, worthy patron, presided and introduced Lillian Barton, past worthy grand matron, and James Wheelock, Caldwell, and William Skinner, Pocatello, past grand patrons; also Virginia Peters, grand Ruth, and other guests.

More than 50 year members included Mrs. Barton, 55 years; Erma Myers, Nyssa, 70 years and Georgia Bennett, Boise, 65 years who were introduced and presented gifts from Mrs. McElroy.

The altar was draped in memory of James Delaney, a past grand patron of the grand chapter of Idaho who recently died at age 101 at Bremerton, Wash.

Homedale locals

Over Thanksgiving visitors of Mr. and Mrs. John Matteson were their son, Jack, a senior at Northwest Christian college, Eugene, Ore., and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Howell and son, Bret, Salem, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. Bert Howell, Pocatello, parents of Ron, were Saturday overnight visitors at the Matteson home.

145 years ago

December 4, 1875

FIRE SCREENS

Editor Idaho Avalanche:

There is no doubt that Silver City will some day share the same fate which befell Fairview and Virginia City, if there is not some means provided for the protection of the buildings adjoining the one on fire. You’ll think, from what I am about t propose, that I want to make some money, which is true, as Consolidated South Mountain cleaned me out of cash. My present occupation is manufacturing tin roofs which give general satisfaction as they admit neither rain nor snow, no matter how hard the wind blows. Now what I proposed, in case of a fire in Silver City, is to have three or four large tin screens, say 20x20 feet square, fitted with guy poles that would always keep them in place. When not in use they could be kept in charge of an organized fire Company, and hung up, for instance, on the side of some large building. In case of fire these screens could be placed in position to protect adjoining buildings. The screens could be kept cool by a couple of men on the shady side keeping them wet. If the community think well of this suggestion, and the fire screens are required, I can make them. But, as Wellington said on the field of Waterloo, [Wasn’t it Nelson?—Ed. Av.] “This day England expects every man to do his duty.” Therefore, if you want the fire screens, I shall expect every citizen to save all his old tin cans from the size of an oyster to that of a coal oil can.

Respectfully, J. A. Jones

WE understand that a number of the merchants of this place talk about following up the example of the Avalanche in the matter of closing up their places of business on Sunday. The probabilities are that they gain nothing by keeping open on the Sabbath, and as there is no business done now in the great majority of the mining camps on the Coast on this day, it might be well enough for the Silverites to “follow suit” and give employees and others an opportunity for rest and recreation one day out of the seven.

RELOCATING A CLAIM.—Christian Kelsow and Peter Hanson have relocated the gold and silver quartz lodge known as the Alabama, situated about a quarter mile to the southeast of the Court House, in this town. Their claim commences at the discovery shaft, running north 700 feet, and also in a southerly direction 800 feet. We hope the locators will make a good thing out of the “Alabama claims.”

THEATRE TO-NIGHT.—The Silver City Amateur Dramatic Club will give their first entertainment at Champion Hall to night, commencing at half past seven o’clock precisely. They have incurred considerable expense in getting ready, for the series of entertainments which they propose to give this winter, and it is to be hoped a full house will greet them. “Ten Nights in a Bar Room” will be opening and chief feature of the performance this evening. Following are the *dramatic personae*: “Morgan,” J. F. Hall; “Slade,” G. Butler; “Swisset” G. C. Patten; “Willie Hammond,” H. L. Giles; “Harry Green,” J. G. Robbins; “Frank Slade,” A. Bomar; “Romaine,” Dr. Price; “Mrs. Morgan,” Mrs. Dr. Price; “Mrs. Slade,” Mrs. Geo. B. Walker; “Mehitable,” Miss Ada Leigh; “Gary Morgan,” Miss Belle Stucker.

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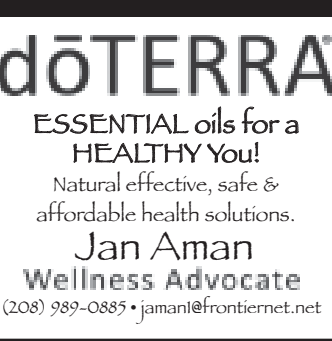
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Melba wrestlers ready to make noise

Avalanche Sports

New coach at the helm for Huskies

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LEGALS AND CLASSIFIEDS, PAGES 6-7B

Homedale's Nash girls' tourney moved to January

Coed season starts next Wednesday

With Nampa-area schools behind the curve because of COVID-19, the second annual Ardis Nash Memorial girls' wrestling tournament has been rescheduled.

The tournament, named for the matriarch of a successful Homedale wrestling family, was scheduled for Saturday inside the Homedale High School gymnasium.

But HHS athletic director Casey Grove said the all-girls competition, which was to open the Trojans' season, has been moved to next month.

"We moved it to Jan. 30 in hopes that all the Nampa-area schools would be able to attend and possibly Oregon teams," Grove said.

"With all the season delays everywhere, we would have had to cancel it if we had it this coming weekend due to not enough wrestlers."

Meanwhile, Trojans coach Jake

Levinski and his assistants continue to drill wrestlers in preparation for the season-opening quad meet in Marsing next Wednesday. The Trojans, Huskies, Melba and Payette will tangle inside the old Marsing gym beginning at 5:30 p.m.

— JPB



Veteran Homedale High School football leader Matt Holtry (center) picked up another 3A Snake River Valley conference coach of the year award.

Trojans pile up the stats, all-conference selections

Holtry named 3A SRV coach of year; Kincheloe shares offensive award

Opposing coaches took notice of Homedale High School's third consecutive championship, issuing a slew of All-3A Snake River Valley conference football honors.

At the top was Matt Holtry, who was named conference coach of the year, and junior running back Hayden Kincheloe, who shared the conference's offensive player of the year award.

Kincheloe racked up 1,683 rushing yards and 19 touchdowns during the Trojans' 8-2a season.

The 5-foot, 10-inch 212-pounder and Weiser quarterback Bret Spencer were

named co-offensive players of the year.

Kincheloe averaged 146.9 yards per game and 6.8 yards per carry during the regular season, topping 1,000 yards in seven games.

Lineman Weston Jeffries from Fruitland was the conference's defensive player of the year.

Four Trojans also earned El Korah East-West District III Senior Shrine All-Star status — Todd Beatty II, John Breshears, Milo Mertz, and Thomas Symms.

Kincheloe wasn't the only offensive weapon for the Trojans, who put six players on the

first-team offense to complement the junior's selection.

- Sophomore Jaxon Dines, a first-year starter at quarterback, rushed for 651 yards and 12 touchdowns. He completed 66 of 107 yards (61.7 percent) for 14 TDs and 1,197 yards. Opponents picked him off only twice.

- Fellow sophomore Mason Strong, a two-time first-teamer, was Dines' favorite target. The wide receiver caught a team-high 18 passes for 455 yards and eight touchdowns. Three of his scores and more than half of his yardage (241) came during the 3A state playoffs.

Strong was also tabbed as the conference's first-team returner. He racked up 148 yards

— See *Trojans*, page 6B

Mustangs haul in All-2A WIC honors

Huskies' Arriaga tabbed first-team running back

The Melba High School football team has names all across the All-2A Western Idaho Conference team.

Senior quarterback Henry Clark was named conference Player of the Year, while senior running back Zane Helm took home Co-Offensive Player of the Year and senior lineman Donovan Rose was tabbed Co-Defensive Player of the Year.

Clark's designation was the second consecutive such

award for Melba; Easton Bunnell was named MVP after the 2019 season.

Marsing also had multiple



Isai Arriaga

players recognized, too, including first-team running back Isai Arriaga. He was also placed on the second team as a linebacker.

Several other Mustangs were recognized for the all-conference team, including:

— See *All-2A WIC*, page 3B

Melba girls wallop winless Wolverines

Three players reached double figures two days before Thanksgiving, and Melba High School carved up Weiser in girls' basketball.

Kendall Clark led all scorers with 17 points in a 67-35 non-conference win over Weiser.

The Mustangs (4-0 overall at week's end) began the season with four wins over opponents from the 3A Snake River Valley conference.

Kate Clark added 16 points for Melba to go with three

steals and four assists. Kendall Clark pulled down a team-high seven rebounds.

Hallie Arnold chipped in 13 points, while Keylee Wilson and Owyhee County resident Brooklynn Dayley scored eight points apiece.

Wilson collected five rebounds and dished four assists, while Dayley notched five steals and five assists.

Tobie Noyer led the winless Wolverines (0-3) with 12 points.

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Sports

Marsing girls' offensive struggles continue

The Marsing High School girls' basketball team suffered through a pair of tough non-conference losses heading into the Thanksgiving holiday break. The losses came on back-to-back nights, both with a difference of more than 20 points.

Nov. 24: Payette 45, Marsing 23 — Alana Larrusea did everything she could to get Marsing (0-4 overall at week's end) a road victory.

The senior post accounted for all but two of the Huskies' first-half points, finishing the first 16 minutes with 13 points. The only other basket before halftime came from sophomore Mila Astorquia for her only points of the game.

Only four Marsing girls scored.

Larrusea finished with 17 points, including going 3-for-6 from the free-throw line.

Sophomore guard Emily Vanosdall was responsible for the Huskies' only three-pointer, while senior guard Jade Wainman hit one of her two free throws to round out the scoring.

"We are struggling with keeping a consistent lineup and learning how to play with one another," first-year coach Mike Swanson said. "I thought our girls came out and played well, but turnovers played a key factor in the outcome."

Swanson was quick to point out the unbeaten Pirates' play. The 3A Snake River Valley conference squad won its third consecutive game to start the season.

"My hat's off to Payette," the coach said. "They continue to be physical, and we just couldn't match that."

The Huskies opened the 2A Western Idaho Conference season at home against New Plymouth on Tuesday after deadline.

Marsing travels to Meridian to face conference foe Cole Valley Christian on Thursday.

Nov. 23: Liberty Charter 48, Marsing 24 — The host Huskies struggled mightily with their shots in the first half against the Nampa-based Patriots from the 1A Western Idaho Conference Patriots.

Marsing dropped in just one basket in the first quarter of the non-conference game and had tallied just five points by halftime. Astorquia and senior Delaney Percifield scored field goals in the first half, and Mazzi Roper added a free throw.

The Huskies' offense picked it up some in the second half. Percifield hit the team's only three-point shot in the third quarter.

Percifield paced the Huskies with nine points. Wainman and Larrusea scored four each. Roper finished with three points, and two each from Astorquia and fellow sophomore Llee Loucks.

— TK

Melba has lots of young, successful wrestlers

All but one state qualifier returns

A young but talented Melba High School wrestling team starts its season Saturday.

Fifth-year coach Lonnie Svedin has only one senior among athletes who will dip their toes in the competitive waters of the East-West Duals on Saturday in Wendell. The wrestling starts at 11 a.m.

"We had three placers with two others one spot out from placing (at the 2A state tournament last year)," Svedin said.

"All will be back but one. We have a good set of young wrestlers that wrestled a tough schedule."

Zane Helm, who was 2A District III runner-up and just missed a medal at State last season, will wrestle at 152 pounds for his final prep campaign.

"Zane has been here four years in high school and his hungry to do well," Svedin said.

Another senior poised to help the Mustangs, 195-pounder Ville Vasi, moved out of the school district after taken third at the state tournament and earning a silver medal at the district meet.

There are plenty of other returning wrestlers who are looking to capitalize on last season, giving Svedin a good feeling about the 2020-21 season.

"We are looking to be in the top 10 at State with some placers and hopefully a couple in the finals," he said.

Some of those wrestlers already know what it's like to place at the state meet.

- McKoy Richardson, a 132-pound sophomore, was district runner-up and took fifth at the state meet.
- Another sophomore 132-pounder, Grant Svedin, parlayed the momentum of a bronze medal at district into at sixth-place showing at the state meet.
- Junior Ben Evans was a district runner-up and a state meet qualifier. He'll compete either at 170 or 182.

Joining Helm at the top of the Mustangs' rung is sophomore heavyweight Cody Dickard.

"(Cody) worked his butt off this year to get better," Lonnie Svedin said.

The coach sees dual meets against District III powers Garden Valley (Jan. 6) and New Plymouth (Jan. 20) as key dates on the calendar.

There are some tough tournaments on the horizon, too, including the Magic Valley Classic in Wendell on Jan. 15-16.

"Teams from 2A from all over the state show up, and this is a good State seeding tournament," Svedin said.

Other tests include the Rollie Lane Invitational in Nampa, and the Clearwater Classic on Jan. 29-30 in Kooskia.

"Going up north to the Clearwater Classic, we get to see all the north teams and see how we stack up against them," Svedin said.

Jack Richardson returns as an assistant coach.

"Jack is an awesome assistant," Svedin said. "He's great with the kids and very knowledgeable about wrestling."

— JPB

HOMEDALE TROJANS

Athlete Spotlight



Boys' basketball
Bryce Cornwall, sr., P
First chance to make varsity impact

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Wednesday, Dec. 9 at Rimrock, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Wednesday, Dec. 9 at Rimrock, 6 p.m.

Frosh soph
Friday, Dec. 11, home vs. Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Coed
Wednesday, Dec. 9 at Marsing quad meet vs. Melba and Payette, 5:30 p.m.



Girls' basketball
Amaia Aberasturi, jr., PG, W
Averaged 5.5 points and 3.5 rebounds in first week

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 3 at Marsing, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 5 at Melba, 3 p.m.

Junior varsity
Thursday, Dec. 3 at Marsing, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 5 at Melba, 1:30 p.m.

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Sports

New coach greets veteran Marsing wrestling corps

For the first time in a decade, Marsing High School wrestling has a new man in charge.

Jon Nelson decided to step down after 10 seasons as Huskies coach to pursue other interests. He's not going very far, though, and will stay with the program in an assistant coach/mentor capacity.

New coach Juan Garcia said that Nelson, who built the program to its current status, might be the key to Marsing continuing its success.

"I have the pleasure of having Coach Nelson work alongside me as I start down this new path," Garcia said.

The new coach said this is his first chance to coach wrestling in any capacity, but is he excited for the opportunity.

Jacob Ryska, a second-year varsity assistant, also coaches middle school wrestling.

Of the 12 athletes on this year's varsity squad, two seniors are returning 2A District III gold medalists — Isai Arriaga (170 pounds) and Troy Miller (138).

Arriaga finished third at February's 2A state championship meet at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa. In the bronze medal match, Arriaga topped Salmon's Jacob Seibert by major decision.

After winning the district championships, Miller didn't compete at State because of an injury.

Garcia said the team will miss 2020 graduate Justin Ineck this season.

"Justin was a state qualifier last year, but more importantly, he was a leader on and off the mat," he said. "His heart and drive is something I hope transferred to the team for this year.

"We want more wrestlers with Justin's work ethic. I'm sure we can talk him into coming back and showing the kids a thing or two."

Besides the return of Arriaga and Miller, Garcia said he expects big things from Miller's twin brother Evan (138).

"I'm excited to see Evan wrestle this year," Garcia said. "He finished last season really well at the state tournament.

"Now that he's gotten a taste, I believe he'll work for even more success."

Garcia expects duals and tournaments to have full participation, regardless of COVID-19 concerns. He said the team is looking forward to the Rolie Lane Invitational, which is held annually each January in Nampa.

"Because of COVID-19 restrictions, it appears that it will be entirely Idaho schools at the tournament," Garcia said. "While it is a great experience to compete with wrestlers from surrounding states, this will be a great opportunity for Idaho wrestlers to see how they stack up against the others within the state.

"For those that don't make it to the end of their brackets, they get to watch top-class wrestling."

Garcia said that senior leadership is vital for the team's success, including that of Arriaga, the Miller brothers, and Jacob Goins (195). He said he expects solid performances from upperclassmen at the district and state tournaments.

Garcia believes that, as a high school coach, he reaps the benefits of the work put in by the wrestlers at the youth and middle school levels, as well as the support of parents and fans.

"I've seen the youth program building to bigger and better, which has made the middle school program be more experienced," he said.

"Ultimately, it will lead to more experience on our high school team."

— TK

✓ All-2A WIC: Owyhee RB lands on first team rundown

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First team — Owyhee County resident Trace Stimpson (running back and linebacker); Cameron Wood (wide receiver); Braulio Colunga (offensive lineman); Cody Dickard (offensive lineman); Alfredo Orozco (kicker and linebacker); Chris Zavala (defensive lineman); Sean Canoy (defensive lineman); and Dillon Stosich (defensive back)

Second team — Stosich (wide receiver); Rose (offensive lineman); Dickard (defensive lineman); Helm (defensive back); and Wood (defensive back)

Honorable mention — William Vail (wide receiver and defensive lineman); Troy Theobald (offensive lineman); and Andrew Herman (defensive back)

Other Huskies on the all-conference list included:

Second team — Austin Pool (wide receiver and defensive back); and Jacob Goins (offensive and defensive lineman)

Honorable mention — Cody Floyd (running back and linebacker).

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MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete Spotlight



Girls' basketball
Delaney Percifield, sr., W
9 points vs. Liberty Charter



Boys' basketball
Alejandro Barrera, so., G
First year varsity



Wrestling
Jacob Goins, sr., 195
Third year varsity

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 3 at Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 8, home vs. Compass Charter, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Dec. 3 at Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 8, home vs. Compass Charter, 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 3, home vs. Homedale, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 9, home vs. Compass Charter, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Thursday, Dec. 3, home vs. Homedale, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 9, home vs. Compass Charter, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Thursday, Dec. 3, home vs. Homedale, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 5, home vs. Fruitland, noon
Wednesday, Dec. 9, home vs. Compass Charter, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Saturday, Dec. 5 at East-West Duals, Wendell, 11 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 9, home for quad meet vs. Homedale, Melba, and Payette, 5:30 p.m.

Note: No spectators allowed in MHS gym (Stage 2, COVID-19)
Games are streamed for free on
Marsing Booster Club's Facebook page

Schedules are subject to change



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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of
common sense



Both Sides

Yeah, he wished he was a cowboy, but just at times like this
(Yup, he's glad that he's a cowboy, but there's times on days like this)

When he spent the day a'horseback and had time to reminisce
(When he spends all day a'horseback thinkin', "Wonder what I've missed?")

Never thinkin' about Monday, 'bout the real life he led
(Never knowin' if it's Monday, if he'll ever get ahead)

Just the smell of sweaty horses and the peace inside his head
(Just the smell of sweaty horses and a blanket for a bed)

How he really could'a been one if the cards had fell that way
(How he grew up punchin' cattle, had no other cards to play)

But he never had the option, he had other cards to play
(So he never had the option, it was bound to be this way)

And he sees the hired-on wranglers when he passes them the reins
(And he sees the weekend cowboys when they're handin' him the reins)

And he almost wants to join 'em but his common sense refrains
(And he wonders could he make it in their life of ball and chains)

So he joins his boon companions, and they toast their saddle sores
(But he joins his fellow cowboys, and they do their nightly chores)

They revel in the cowboy life and forget the wrangler's chores
(Then doze off while the campfire talk drifts in from distant shores)

But by Monday they're a memory as he bills another page
(But by Monday he's back ridin', and the open smell of sage)

And forgets the car he's drivin' would've paid their yearly wage
(Reminds him he would not survive in a weekend cowboy's cage)

— 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.

Americans
for Limited Govt.
Liberal D.C. regime will
hurt small, local businesses

by Frank McCaffrey

It was November of 2016 and I had just been flown down to the Rio Grande Valley on the southern tip of Texas. I had been working in Upstate New York at WICZ-TV. A local TV station, KRGV, brought me down to "The Lone Star State" to anchor the 2016 election and then cover the news on the border. Life in south Texas was different from life in Upstate New York. I have to admit, it would be an understatement to say I was experiencing some culture shock. I was in a place that was 85 percent Hispanic and a long way away from my home in the northeast. I spoke some Spanish, but not enough to have a good conversation. As a 6-foot, 3-inch, 250-pound, blonde-haired, blue-eyed white male, I stood out like a sore thumb and figured I would never really fit in in my new home.

To make me feel happy and comfortable in this part of the nation, a cameraman I was working with decided to take me to lunch at a local small business, "Mi Taco! Ponchos." It was a popular authentic Mexican restaurant in McAllen, Texas. It was known for its bright-colored buildings and customers practically hanging from the rafters. My experience there was amazing. The food was incredible, the service was friendly and the ambience was lively. After this stop at the restaurant, I was feeling a little more happy and comfortable in my new home. It is a fond memory for me.

Last week, I drove by the location and saw that its signs were gone, the insides were empty and someone had written "closed" on the windows with what looked like a bar of soap. That lively ambience had turned into ghosts of the

past. "Mi Taco! Ponchos" was now one of the many casualties of the pandemic lockdown. From what I saw, it was not something that appeared likely to come back any time soon.

If we end up with a Joe Biden, Kamala Harris and Nancy Pelosi, possibly Charles Schumer-era, this will be more common. These leaders will have a hesitance to re-open, and small businesses will suffer even more, for a longer period of time. Add to that, Biden's talk of forcing these restaurants to install plexiglass inside makes matters worse. Had Biden ever run a business, he would realize the cost of installing plexiglass is something that comes out of the profit jar. A floor-standing sneeze guard is priced at \$99, according to joydisplays.com. A small business owner who is forced to install about 20 of those will probably not be accepting their paycheck for the next two or three weeks, as if they haven't struggled enough already.

Then there's something that always happens when a liberal regime takes power in Washington: Taxes go up and regulations rise. So look at the equation here, a restaurant that has been crushed financially in 2020 wants to reopen with limited funds. They are being told they have to install costly plexiglass, they know well their taxes are going to go up, and they will have to adhere to liberal policy ideas put into place by people who have never run a successful business in their lives. They can't do it. It will mean the loss of a lot of places like "Mi Taco! Ponchos." In fact, in September, Yelp projected 61 percent

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From Washington
Spirit of Freedom awards spotlight vets, volunteers

In Idaho, we do not have to look far for good works. So many Idahoans work hard to lift burdens and brighten the days of others. This year's Spirit of Freedom: Idaho Veterans Service Award recipients are a reminder of the great Idahoans who make our state such a wonderful place to live.

The Spirit of Freedom: Idaho Veterans Service Award is presented in two categories: veterans and volunteers who assist veterans. Their examples of selfless service are beyond worthy of recognition and are a tip of the iceberg of the many outstanding Americans who make Idaho home.

For example, this year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7019 nominated Wendy Jo Ackley as a volunteer recipient of the Spirit of Freedom Award. Tina Bailey, with Post 7019, wrote about Wendy Jo's efforts through Operation Grateful Hearts, an

organization Wendy Jo founded, that has clothed, fed, heated homes, repaired vehicles, given gift cards and essential items to veterans and active duty military personnel and their families. Tina Bailey wrote, "She grew up understanding the importance and sacrifices of military service. From those experiences, she developed a desire and passion for serving in her own way." The experiences shared in her nomination give a sense of the great care and thoughtful support, far beyond material items, Wendy Jo has given to others.

Alan Wade Baumgardner, who served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War, has contributed so significantly in service to our country, fellow veterans and the community connected to American Legion

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Commentary

Financial management

Act like an adult this Christmas; talk and plan a budget

Dear Dave,
My husband and I usually have a few disagreements around the holidays when it comes to Christmas spending. Do you have any advice for eliminating this kind of thing, and making the financial side of Christmas a little less stressful?
— Kellie

Dear Kellie,
I imagine every couple has a few disagreements over Christmas spending. The trick is in how you handle them, and come to a compromise you each feel is fair, smart, and affordable.
One of the keys is to start talking before you start shopping. Being on the same page — and creating a plan and sticking to it — are great ways

to bring peace and togetherness into the picture. Honestly, Christmas spending can be part of your monthly cash flow plan the whole year. Get the picture? I’m talking about living on a written, monthly budget. You know Christmas is December 25th every, single, year, so why not set aside a little each month leading up to the holidays?
If you haven’t planned ahead, now is a great time to become a unified team. Huddle up, not only to talk about Christmas priorities, but devise a game plan moving forward so that this doesn’t happen again next year. Together, figure all your regular monthly income and expenses into a budget. If you’ve saved anything at all for Christmas, include



that, as well. We’ve all got necessities, so take of those first. Then, make a general list of everything you’d like to spend money on for Christmas — I’m talking about the things we often overlook like food,

cards, party expenses, and decorations. Now, make a gift list. Write a dollar amount beside each name or expense on your lists, and if the grand total is the same as — or less than — your Christmas budget total, you’re ready to roll!
If you can’t agree, or the numbers don’t work, run through things again. This doesn’t mean to repeat your positions until you get what you want. It means both of you acting like mature, responsible adults, finding some middle ground, and making sacrifices. If you really want to show your commitment, you and your spouse can sign your new budget. Signing your name is a simple, psychological signal that means you’re committed to your agreement. Then, post it somewhere you’ll both see it

regularly.
Give it a try, Kellie. It just might help reinforce your commitment to the budget — and each other — when the shopping frenzy sets in!
— Dave
— Dave Ramsey is a seven-time No. 1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Dave Ramsey Show, heard by more than 16 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

Businesses: Regulations, higher taxes coming

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of restaurants that closed during the pandemic will close permanently.
Losing restaurants is more than losing great food and ambience. It’s losing the dreams of the owners and their staff. It’s a loss for those who work there, often younger people learning the tricks of the trade. They may dream of opening their own restaurant or maybe another type of small business. Their jobs at places such as a local restaurant teach them lessons that are better for them than anything they could possibly learn in a classroom.
Losing restaurants also hurts the surrounding community. People have their favorite places to go after a local high school game, after church or for lunch while on the job. They see the same sign and same building every day when driving home or going out on errands. By the way, the more money a restaurant makes, the more money the staff has in their pockets to go out and spend elsewhere. It makes no sense for a political power play to take that from

the day-to-day lives of average Americans.
Now, we cannot forget that the system is set up where a business leases a building with the hopes of doing well. If the business fails, then a new one signs the lease and tries to do well itself. Of course, the deal on the lease will probably be pretty good for the new business. It’s a thing of beauty in many ways. But it won’t be so beautiful any time soon. Why? Where will the new business be found? After what restaurants have been through since March, who would want to lease one of these old facilities? Is there anyone who would dare try going into business in food service with a liberal administration in power?
It would be nice if our politicians thought about it like this. But if we end up with leaders like Biden, Harris, Pelosi and Schumer, we cannot expect that anytime soon.
— Frank McCaffrey is director of Americans for Limited Government News and a contributing editor to the Daily Torch.

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Spotlight: Men, women across state step up to help service members

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Post 26 in Mountain Home nominated him as both a veteran and volunteer recipient of this award. Post 26 Cmdr. Mark Russell wrote, “Wade sets the bar for serving veterans.”
Team River Runner nominated Kevin Fowler, a U.S. Army veteran. Kevin shared that service to others helps him get through difficult days. He said, “In turn I hope to set a good example so others can see that by ‘showing up’, good things can happen and they are not alone in their struggle.”
In addition to these great Idahoans, a complete list of the 22 recipients of the 2020 Spirit of Freedom Award is provided below. Summaries of their service are posted on my official website, www.crapo.senate.gov.
Veterans:
• Charles Abrahamson, Mountain Home;
• Kendrick C. Anderson, Coeur d’Alene;
• Alan Wade Baumgardner, Mountain Home;
• Neal Biggs, Jerome;

• John H. Burns, Meridian;
• Harold Eshelman, Boise;
• Christina Fletcher, Meridian;
• Kevin Fowler, Boise;
• Robert L. Jones, Rexburg;
• Paul E. Sherman, Boise;
• Charles Richard Taylor, Boise;
• Joe E. Willis, Lewiston;
• Connie D. Workman, Grangeville;
Volunteers:
• Wendy Jo Ackley, Boise;
• Ray Alduenda, Meridian;
• Richard M. Brockman, Jr., Lewiston;
• Mitzi Cheldelin, Boise;
• Miles Elletson, Garden City;
• Robert Joseph Johnson, Grangeville;
• David Lyon, Nampa;
• Lana J. Tout, Moscow; and
• Hiedi Young, Pocatello.
I am grateful to the veterans’ organizations that

submit nominations for the Spirit of Freedom Award. American Legion Posts 26 and 56; Idaho Division of Veterans Services — Office of Veterans Advocacy; Disabled American Veterans Department of Idaho; Idaho State Veterans Cemetery; Idaho State Veterans Home — Lewiston; Team River Runner; Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Department of Idaho; VFW Posts 889, 3001, 3520, 3913, 4000 and 7019; and Vietnam Veterans of America, Idaho State Council submitted nominations for the award this year. As of this year, 334 Spirit of Freedom Awards have been presented since the award’s creation in 2002. Thank you to the 2020 Spirit of Freedom Award recipients for your thoughtful efforts to help others in our communities.
— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho’s senior member of the U. S. Senate. He is in his fourth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.

Sports



Above: Junior Hayden Kincheloe (left), the 3A Snake River Valley conference co-offensive player of the year, runs behind the blocking of all-conference first-teamer Todd Beatty II in a 3A state playoff game at Deward Bell Stadium. **Below:** Two-way all-conference player Milo Mertz leads his teammates onto the field.

✓Trojans: Handful of all-conference players earn spots on both sides of the ball

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on 10 punt returns during the regular season and averaged 13.3 yards on three returns in the playoffs.

- Symms caught nine passes for 206 yards and a touchdown from the tight end position.

He was also a first-teamer as a defensive lineman after logging 19 solo tackles, including 10 behind the line of scrimmage and five sacks. He also had 11 assists and forced a pair of fumbles.

Symms earned first-team punting honors, too, with 549 yards on 16 punts.

- Beatty and Breshears anchored an offensive line to allow just four quarterback sacks all season and went a stretch of three consecutive games during the conference campaign keeping Dines’ jersey clean.

The Homedale offensive line opened holes for a running corps that galloped for an average of 281.6 yards per game and 6.3 yards per carry.

Breshears was a first-team linebacker, too, after 38 solo tackles (10 for losses), 16 assists, three sacks, an interception and a forced fumble.

Beatty had 1½ TFL among his five solo tackles and two assists that earned him at second-team nod as a defensive lineman.

- Junior defensive back Eli Heck had 30 solo tackles, including four behind the line of scrimmage, and was opportunistic with a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. He also helped out on an additional nine tackles.

Heck caught nine passes for 147 yards and a TD to nab a second-team receiver selection.

- Mertz had a quarterback sack among three solo TFL and an interception from his defensive back position. He notched 23 solo tackles and 13 assists (including two in opponents’ backfields).

Mertz was a second-team wide receiver after a 27-yard touchdown catch during the regular season.

Homedale’s other second-teamers were:

- Junior defensive lineman Willy Haun, who collected six TFL among his 34 solo tackles and had a pair of assists behind the line as part of his 15 assisted tackles. He also sacked the quarterback three times and forced two fumbles.

Haun was a second-teamer on the offensive line.

- Senior linebacker Keagen Christensen had 21 solo tackles (three TFL) and 15 assists, including a pair behind the line.



Christensen also landed on the honorable mention list as a tight end after hauling in five passes for 68 yards and two touchdowns during the regular season.

- Junior Josh Brown was a two-way second-teamer. He gained 95 yards on five catches as a receiver and had an interception and 15 solo tackles as a defensive back.

- Junior Willie White was a second-term running back.

- Senior Blake Walker finished his prep career with a second-team offensive lineman citation.

- Senior defensive back Brayden Christoffersen received second-team notoriety after 13 solo tackles, eight assists and a fumble recovery.

The Trojans’ honorable mention players were:

- Senior kicker Uriel Neri, who converted 41 of 50 point-after-touchdown tries (82 percent) and averaged nearly 40 yards on his 65 kickoffs. He had two touchbacks, and opponents didn’t get returns on 13 of his kickoffs.

- Slot back Rylan Binford, who at one time led the Trojans in receptions, ended the season on the sideline with a broken hip. But before he left the active roster, the sophomore caught 11 passes for 165 yards.

- Senior Dawson Fox picked up 172 yards from the running back position.

- Junior Obed Palacios was an honorable mention selection going both ways. He played o the offensive line and had 10 solo tackles and 10 assists on the defensive line. Palacios notched a quarterback sack and recovered a fumble.

- Sophomore defensive lineman Omar Rios was active in opponents’ backfields, too. He wound up the season with 2½ sacks, five solo TFL, a forced fumble, 19 solo tackles and seven assists.

Public notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VACATE A PORTION OF 4TH ST. S

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All persons desiring to be heard

concerning the proposed vacation should be in attendance at the hearing. The file relating to this proposal is available for review in the office of the City Clerk at Marsing City Hall. Written comments may be submitted prior to the Council meeting, but must be received by the City Clerk no later than Monday, December 7th, 2020 in order to be considered as part of the record. Written comments can be mailed to Marsing City Hall, PO Box 125, Marsing, ID 83639 or emailed to office@marsingcity.com.
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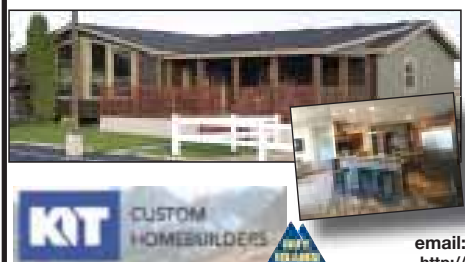
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Female #2	Large pink/purple sweat suit. Bath and body lotion (any scent), stuffed Cat
Female #3	Medium blouses, Large pants (sweat pant), Size Large slippers (Moccasin style)
Female #4	Warm flannel pjs, size small, bath and body works. Slipper socks
Female #5	Warm flannel pjs, size small, adult onesie pjs size Small, BSU baseball cap
Female #6	Size large long sleeve pajamas and sweat suit. Bath and body works
Male #2	Medium Sweat pant c Medium long sleeve shirts, Cologne,
Male #3	Size 34-30 Wrangler relaxed fit, western Shirts size large, Camo baseball cap
Male #4	Long men's robe, grey in color, size L
Female #7	Warm flannel nightgown size M, Blouses size M, elastic waist slacks size M, Jewelry, watches, clip on earrings
Female #8	Extra large nightgown, slippers size M , bath and body works. Fluffy stuffed animal.
Female #9	Stuffed animal, Xlarge blouses long sleeve, sweat pants 1X, soft warm blanket (deep red), warm heavy shawl.
Female #10	Sweat suit 2X, Large slippers, warm socks, bath and body works, pony tail holders, hair accessories, warm heavy shawl
Male #5	Treasure hunting books, Long Sleeve T-shirts X large,
Male #6	Diet pepsi, sugar wafer cookies, watch, electric razor, Western movies/DVD
Male #7	2X t-shirts (white, fruit of the loom), Dallas Cowboys blanket, Dallas Cowboys baseball cap, remote control drag racing car
Male #8	2X long sleeve t-shirts, 2X sweat pants, Socks,
Male #9	Electric razor, size small sweat suit/blue, socks, cologne
Female #11	Bright pink flannel pajamas, size Large, bath and body works lotion/body spray, wall flower night light/scent
Female #12	Long warm Robe size 4X (blue or pink), MUMU dresses 4X, Slipper socks, bath and body works.
Female #13	Perfume/Lotions, MUMU dresses 4X, slipper socks, hair accessories, Sprite
Female #14	4X nightgown, mumu dresses, warm socks, stuffed animal, St. Christopher pendent/necklace.
Female #15	Large flannel nightgown, warm socks, bath and body works, cookies, spill proof cup
Female #16	2X BSU long sleeve shirt, bath and body works, Soft chocolates, socks, Dr. Pepper, wall flower nightlight/scent
Female #17	Sketcher's slip on shoes size 9 (womens) sweat suit blue size L, Coke
Female #18	2X silky type dresses, long sleeve V neck, Wall flower nightlight/scent, facial skin care set (oil of olay),
Male #10	Hanes socks, electric razor, radio, picture books, Long Sleeve Shirts XL, Cargo Shorts size 38
Female #19	Dress Blouses size S (long sleeve), Elastic waist slacks size S. Bath and body works (lotion/body spray)
Female #20	Lap table, bath and body lotion/spray, wall flower night light/scent , Flannel night gown size 3X
Male #11	Sweat suit size XLarge (black or grey),
Female #21	Magnifying glass for reading (line to line), Long robe Size Medium(tall), sunglasses,
Female #22	Stuffed animal, bright colored flannel pajamas Xlarge,
Female #23	Extra large button up sweater (long sleeve, dark blue),
Female #24	Bath and body works lotion/body spray, wall flower night light/scent,
Female #25	Bath and body works lotion/body spray, wall flower nightlight/scent
Female #26	Bath and body works lotion/body spray, wall flower nightlight/scent. Warm heavy shawl, designer sunglasses (blingy)
Male #12	Large drawing pads, colored pencils, electric pencil sharpener, small canvas and water colors, Sweat pants size Large
Male #13	2X short sleeve t-shirts (motorcycle), Sport type long shorts 1X, cologne
Male #14	Xlarge flannel pajama set, stylus for phone,
Male #15	Xlarge flannel pajama set, Underwear Size L , Large Print word search puzzles, Camo baseball cap
Female #27	Warm flannel nightgown Size S, bath and body works lotion/spray, lap table
Female #28	MuMu dresses Size 2X, warm shawl, oil of olay skin care set, Sweat suit 2X, blue
Male #16	Flannel Pajamas Xlarge, Long Sleeve t-shirts large, sweat suit Xlarge, socks, cologne

Miscellaneous Items: Adult coloring books, colored pencils, playing cards, pillows, socks, electric razors, compression socks, large print word search puzzles, 2021 Calendars, body pillows, neck pillows, lap tables

**Gifts for residents may be dropped off at the Owyhee Avalanche office,
19 E. Idaho Ave., between 8am-noon and 1pm-5pm Mon-Fri.**