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Marsing Christmas parade grand marshal Jim Briggs stands next to his Oshkosh snowplow outside the high school football field prior to the start of the parade on Friday. For more photos, see **Page 8A**

Marsing icon rides as grand marshal

Longtime resident Jim Briggs was surprised to learn he was named grand marshal of Friday's annual Marsing Christmas parade.

"I guess they didn't have anyone else," Briggs said.

It shouldn't have been such a shock to Briggs, who has been active in community service in one form or another for many years.

When the fifth-generation farmer climbed aboard his Oshkosh WT2206

— See **Marshal**, back page



BBC Design/Roots Revival, at 429 Main Street placed first in the Marsing Main Street Christmas light up contest and was recognized during tree-lighting ceremony. First-place prize was \$250. Submitted photo

Homedale city council meeting rescheduled

City Hall open by appointment, court closed because of COVID-19 precautions

Today's regular meeting of the Homedale City Council will start three hours earlier than usual.

The council will convene at 3 p.m., in front of City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Originally, the meeting was announced as cancelled at the request of Mayor Gheen Christoffersen, but an agenda sent Friday afternoon shows that regular departmental reports could be given.

The first item on the agenda won't take place at City Hall, though.

A planned engineering tour of the town's wastewater lagoons will go on. Great West Engineering representatives and elected officials will gather outside City Hall then depart for the tour.

Today's wastewater lagoons tour is part of the ongoing analysis of the city's sewer system needs.

Andrew Kimmel, Great West's Homedale liaison, told city council members at the Nov. 12 meeting that repairs to the city's wastewater system could cost millions of dollars. But Kimmel made sure to point out that his cost analysis was hypothetical.

Riverside Park RV park caretaker Bill McDaniel also was scheduled to bring cost estimates for water, sewer, and electrical improvements at the camping spot to today's meeting.

On Friday, City Clerk and Treasurer Alice

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Grand View celebrates the season with parade Saturday

St. Henry's open house planned

The Grand View Community Club's Night the Light celebration will take place Saturday and include a chance to view the new community center.

The open house takes place from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the St. Henry's Community Center, the former Catholic church located at 510 Idaho St.

Parade lineup begins at 6:30 p.m., at the American Legion Post 134 Hall on Roosevelt Street. The procession will wind through town beginning at 7 p.m.

The lighting of the town's tree and a visit from Santa Claus will follow the parade.

Anyone who wants to participate in the parade can call Katy Carothers at (208) 695-1633.

Proceeds from the raffle, for which only 250 tickets are being sold, will

help in the repair and cleanup of the new community center. The non-profit community club obtained the Catholic church from the Archdiocese of Boise earlier this year.

Raffle tickets cost \$10 each, and the top prize is a \$500 Cabela's gift card. There are several gift baskets available as secondary prizes.

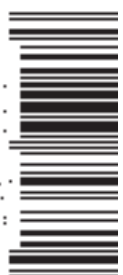
Buy raffle tickets at Integrity Factoring and Agri-Lines or from any Grand View Community Club member.

The community club is also selling Christmas trees and wreaths as another community center fundraiser.

Trees and wreaths are on sale in the empty lot next to the Desert Sage Health Clinic in the 300 block of Main Street. A 6- to 7-foot Douglas fir costs \$50, and 6- to 7-foot Noble fir goes for \$60. A 24-inch wreath will be sold for \$20.

Beginning at 11 a.m., on Saturday,

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Jordan Valley students learn lost art of wagon wheels

A handful of Jordan Valley High School students stepped back in time with Mike Hanley last Wednesday.

Hanley was setting wagon wheels at his home outside Jordan Valley and needed a few extra hands.

He invited all students who want to learn how to set wagon wheels out to his place, and sophomores Grady Johnsrud and Chris Mackenzie, junior Jace Grenke and senior Quinton Collins spent the afternoon learning the ancient skill.

Teachers Tara Echave and Nick Eiguren also were on hand as students set multiple

wheels.

The process included:

- Heating the metal in an open fire
- Moving the metal onto the wooden wheel and cooling it with water

Adjustments were promptly made to ensure the wheel was set perfectly in every area.

The four students all had a hand in setting the wheels and learning skills their ancestors once considered a “normal” task.

Hanley made sure that the teachers and students learned a time-honored skill that is rarely practiced today.



Above: Mike Hanley uses a garden hose and two Jordan Valley High School students carry water in 5-gallon buckets to help cool the metal ring placed on a wooden wagon wheel at Hanley’s place in Jordan Valley. *Left:* Hanley works to pull metal across a wagon wheel during an exercise to teach interested high school students the skill to set wagon wheels. Photos by Tara Echave

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Local legislators get committee positions

Blanksma still caucus chair; Bundy on Local Government

The District 23 holdover in the Idaho House of Representatives will resume the same roles she had in 2020. But new Dist. 23A Rep. Matthew Bundy (R-Mountain Home) will pick up committee assignments not previously held by his predecessor, now-Dist. 23 state Sen. Christy Zito (R-Hammett).

Fellow Hammett Republican Megan Blanksma, the Dist. 23B representative, will continue as the majority caucus chair when the 66th Idaho Legislature convenes on Monday, Jan. 11.

Committee and leadership assignments are voted on prior to the first session of each legislature. The assignments will be re-evaluated at the close of the second session in the spring of 2022.

In addition to her role as caucus chair, Blanksma retains four committee assignments:

- Transportation and Defense chaired by Dist. 23A Rep. Joe Palmer (R-Meridian)
- Health and Welfare chaired

by Dist. 27B Rep. Fred Wood (R-Burley)

- Resources and Conservation chaired by Dist. 32A Rep. Marc Gibbs (R-Grace)
- Ways and Means chaired by Dist. 4B Rep. Paul Amador (R-Coeur d'Alene)

In his freshman term in the House, Bundy has drawn the following committee assignments:

- Appropriations chaired by Dist. 12B Rep. Rick Youngblood (R-Nampa)
- Business chaired by Dist. 1B Rep. Sage Dixon (R-Ponderay)
- Local Government chaired by Dist. 3A Rep. Ron Mendive (R-Coeur d'Alene)

The Local Government Committee is fitting for Bundy, whose most recent political position was as Mountain Home City Council president.

As with Blanksma as caucus chair, the remainder of the House Republican leadership positions are unchanged. Dist. 27A Rep. Scott Bedke (R-Oakley) returns as Speaker of the House, Dist. 14A Rep. Mike Moyle (R-Star) is majority leader, and Dist. 22B Rep. Jason Monks (R-Meridian) is assistant majority leader.

Information on Zito's Senate committee assignments hasn't been made available.



Megan Blanksma



Matthew Bundy

Proximity of hydrant challenges Grand View volunteer firefighters

Neighbors pull man from trailer blaze

A 74-year-old man was flown to a Boise hospital for treatment last Wednesday after a house fire.

Grand View Fire and Ambulance responded to 16 Holden St., near the Snake River at 6:29 p.m.

"We found a fully engulfed single-wide trailer house on arrival," Grand View Fire Chief Greg Becker said.

Becker said that neighbors rescued the elderly occupant from inside the structure.

Air St. Luke's was dispatched to take the man to St. Luke's in downtown Boise for treatment for smoke inhalation.

Becker said the cause of the fire is unknown. He added that the mobile home is a total loss.

In addition to a Grand View Ambulance unit for the medical call, a second unit was on hand to help if any of the 16 volunteer firefighters would need to rehabilitate from heat exposure and smoke. Becker said typically firefighters will be given water and oxygen at the rehab rig, if needed.

One of the two fire engines dispatched to the scene was used as a relay pump at the

closest fire hydrant to the blaze, Becker said.

"We did have a bit of an issue with water supply," he said.

"Fire hydrants are not at a great access in Grand View. We had to go quite a ways up the street."

Becker said quite a bit of supply line was used just to get water from the hydrant to the scene of the blaze.

"It's something we have to live with," Becker said. "The city is slowly working at fixing some broken ones and getting some (installed)."

The fire department also dispatched a water tender, a rescue vehicle and a command vehicle, Becker said.

The City of Grand View has only one water well in operation for the town, too, which could affect fire suppression flow in the city's water lines. The second well could be activated for emergency use, but the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality would

then require city officials to alert citizens not to drink the water.

The city council is in the midst of a long-term effort to upgrade the city's wastewater system and its municipal water system.

On Saturday morning, it was reported on the Grand View Chamber of Commerce's website that some residents were without service after a water main had broken near Roosevelt Street. The city public works employee Dan Whitted was reportedly working to fix the problem.

Service was restored around 11:30 a.m., according to reports.

— JPB

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Congregate meals return to Marsing community

For the first time in more than a year-and-a-half, Marsing senior citizens and other community members are gathering for congregate meals at the location of the old Sandbar Restaurant with a Cause, now Marsing City Hall.

The Sandbar closed on March 6, 2019, because of a “slow down in business,” according to a press release from the Marsing Seniors board of directors.

The release identified construction on the Snake River and Main Street/Idaho highway 55 as primary reasons for the closure.

In September, Metro Meals on Wheels executive director Grant Jones met with the Marsing City Council to dis-

cuss potentially bring congregate meals back to the city’s senior citizens.

In less than two months, Metro was open for business, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday beginning Nov. 30 in The Sandbar Community Room.

Lloyd Randolph of Marsing took part in the lunch for the first time Friday afternoon. Randolph was a regular Sandbar visitor for the previous incarnation of congregate meals.

“It’s great. I’m glad they got it back,” Randolph said.

Turnout for the lunches was quiet for the first week.

Grant said that he is not surprised at the low numbers to this point. He points to word



Above: Donna Cote (left) cooked for and served Robert (middle) and Sarah Anderson on Friday at the Sandbar Community Room, inside Marsing City Hall. The Andersons enjoyed a roast pork and sweet potatoes lunch.

Left: Patti White was one of a small group that took part in Friday’s congregate meal.

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not quite spreading about the return of service and the presence of Thanksgiving leftovers for the low turnouts.

The suggested donation for customers 60 and older is \$4 per meal, while those younger than 60 will pay \$6 per meal. Lunch is served at noon.

Grant said that he expects a big showing for the Christmas meal next Wednesday.

“It’s really popular and has a really great menu,” he said.

The meal consists of ham with Cumberland sauce (minced onion, red currant

jelly, orange and line juice, and Dijon mustard), scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole, roll, milk, and dessert.

Occupancy in the Sandbar Community Room is limited to maintain proper social distancing. No more than 10 patrons will be allowed in the

dining room at a time, and people considered at-risk are encouraged to stay home.

Jones was on-site for all three meals last week but said he will not always be available.

— TK

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School menus

Homedale Elementary

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

Dec. 9: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon pull-apart **Lunch:** Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes with gravy, hot roll

Dec. 10: **Breakfast:** Mini donuts, string cheese **Lunch:** Uncrustable PB&J sandwich, potato chips, baby carrots, rice krispie treat

Dec. 14: **Breakfast:** Apple filled donut **Lunch:** Crispito, corn

Dec. 15: **Breakfast:** Waffle breakfast sandwich **Lunch:** Hamburger, french fries

Dec. 16: **Breakfast:** Chocolate chip muffin **Lunch:** Baked ham, mashed potatoes with gravy, stuffing, hot roll, pumpkin pie

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. 9: **Breakfast:** Apple cinnamon Texas toast or cereal **Lunch:** Beef taco, corn or PB&J sandwich, string cheese, corn

Dec. 10: **Breakfast:** Donut or cereal **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper or PB&J sandwich, string cheese

Dec. 14: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or cereal **Lunch:** Mini Corn Dog, baked beans or PB&J sandwich, string cheese, baked beans

Dec. 15: **Breakfast:** Filled cereal bar or cereal **Lunch:** Turkey and gravy with mashed potatoes, stuffing, jello, hot roll, pumpkin pie

Dec. 16: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon burst bread or cereal **Lunch:** Chicken patty, potato wedges or PB&J sandwich, string cheese, potato wedges

Dec.17: **Breakfast:** Apple breakfast bites or cereal **Lunch:** Crispito, 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. 9: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy or pancakes or cereal **Lunch:** Sloppy joe, steamed carrots or cheese chicken sub, steamed carrots

Dec. 10: **Breakfast:** Mini donuts or french toast or cereal **Lunch:** Crispito, refried beans or mini corn dogs

Dec. 14: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick or apple filled donut or cereal **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper or corn dog

Dec. 15: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich or bagel with cream cheese or cereal **Lunch:** CHRISTMAS DINNER: Baked ham, mashed potatoes with gravy, stuffing, dinner roll, pumpkin pie

Dec. 16: **Breakfast:** Homedale breakfast burrito **Lunch:** Spicy chicken patty sandwich, potato wedges or hamburger or cheeseburger, potato wedges

Dec.17: **Breakfast:** Donut or yogurt parfait or cereal **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets with mozzarella bites or pizza hot pocket

Marsing

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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. 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

Dec. 10: **Breakfast:** Maple waffle, sausage sandwich, cheese stick. **Lunch:** Classic: Pepperoni pizza, jello. Hot grab-n-go: Garlic French bread pizza, potato wedge

Dec. 14: **Breakfast:** Whole-grain pop tart, cheese stick. **Lunch:** Classic: Chicken nuggets, hot roll. Hot grab-n-go: Buffalo chicken nuggets, potato wedge, garlic French bread

Dec. 15: **Breakfast:** Mini waffles. **Lunch:** Classic: Beef taco, refried beans, Spanish rice. Hot grab-n-go: Tater Tots or Gems, mozzarella cheese-filled breadsticks

Dec. 16: **Breakfast:** Whole-grain apple breakfast bites. **Lunch:** Holiday ham, holiday potatoes, hot roll, frosted whole-grain sugar cookie

Dec. 17: **Breakfast:** Yogurt. **Lunch:** Assorted sandwiches, potato chips

Bruneau/Grand View

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

Dec. 9: **Breakfast:** Muffins **Lunch:** Chicken patty on a bun, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli

Dec. 10: **Breakfast:** Mini Cinnabon **Lunch:** BBQ pulled pork on a bun, fries, fresh cauliflower

Dec. 14: **Breakfast:** French toast **Lunch:** Beef and bean burrito, tossed romaine salad, broccoli

Dec. 15: **Breakfast:** Pancakes **Lunch:** Taco salad, whole wheat tortilla chips, refried beans, salsa

Dec. 16: **Breakfast:** Breakfast wrap **Lunch:** Orange chicken, oriental rice, stir-fry veggies

Dec.17: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Hamburger on a bun, tater tots, baby carrots, chocolate cake

From page 1A

✓ Grand View: Group sells commemorative bricks

Santa Claus will be on hand at the tree lot for photos with boys and girls.

The community club has also reached out to local community members and businesses about a commemorative brick sale.

There are three sizes of bricks available — 12 inch-by-12 inch for \$1,000; 8x8 for \$200; and 4x8 for \$125.

The custom engraved bricks will be placed at the front entrance to the community center.

To purchase a brick and submit engraving details, email Victoria Collett at vcollett67@gmail.com. Proofs will be provided before engraving is completed.

The community center will be available for community dinners, community functions and youth activities. The hall also could be rented for weddings, funerals, graduation parties and other special events.

✓ Homedale: City business available by email, phone

Pegram confirmed that a spate of COVID-19 cases among city employees triggered the closure of City Hall on Nov. 25 and Nov. 30. The office staff has been working limited hours since then, but Pegram said the City Hall lobby is closed to the public.

“We’re taking precautions to keep citizens safe,” Pegram said.

Citizens can conduct most business over the phone, by email or through the building’s night drop box.

Fence permits and burn permits can be obtained by emailing City Hall at cityofhomedale@cableone.net.

Building permits and other Planning and Zoning issues can be resolved by appointment.

If you need to visit City Hall, set up an appointment by calling ahead to (208) 337-4641.

Owyhee County Clerk Angie Barkell also confirmed Friday that the magistrate courtroom and clerk’s office inside Homedale City Hall is closed until further notice after an employee tested positive for COVID-19.

Barkell said all paperwork that could be completed in Homedale can be taken care of at the county courthouse in Murphy until the Homedale court is open again.

— JPB

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Senior center: Reserve Christmas dinners

Curbside pick-up only; store open

The congregate meals have been shelved for the foreseeable future, but the Homedale Senior Center kitchen staff is getting ready for the annual Christmas dinner.

Center coordinator Sandra Ledford reminds folks that they should call by Thursday, Dec. 17 to place an order for curbside pick-up of a Christmas meal.

The ham dinner will be available on Tuesday, Dec. 22, the final day of curbside meal availability for that week.

Call (208) 337-3020 to place the order for the dinner, which will consist of ham, mashed potatoes with gravy, sweet potatoes, and stuffing. A dessert will be included, too.

The senior center continues to provide curbside pick-up of lunches each Tuesday,

Wednesday and Thursday. Order a meal by calling in the morning; curbside pick-up is available beginning at noon.

The center’s Meals on Wheels program continues to serve dozens of shut-in residents.

The center has lost its two biggest fundraisers to the COVID-19 shutdown this year. In an effort to make up some of the lost revenue because of the cancelled Buckaroo Breakfast series in August and the annual holiday bazaar, the thrift store at 224 W. Idaho Ave., is open each day meals are available.

The store is open from 8 a.m., to 1 p.m. Only three people are allowed in the store at one time, and folks must wear masks.

“We have lots of Christmas things,” Ledford said of the thrift store inventory. “We are working on getting more put out.”

— JPB

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
Call the center by Dec. 17 to order a Christmas dinner
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
Dec. 16: Tuna casserole, Brussels sprouts

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing

Noon inside Marsing City Hall
Milk available each day

Suggested donation: \$4 (60 and over), \$6 (59 and younger)
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
Dec. 16: Christmas meal: Ham with Cumberland sauce, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole, dessert, whole wheat roll



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Alpha Mary (Muldoon) Percifield

Our beloved Alpha Mary (Muldoon) Percifield was born on October 20, 1921 in a little house on the prairie near Presho, South Dakota. She was the oldest of nine children born to John and Alma (Andreassen) Muldoon. She nearly died during her birth but with the help of her grandmother Emma, she entered this world marked as a “survivor” from her very first day.

It was the historic drought and grasshopper infestation on the Great Plains that drove Alpha’s family to leave their precious South Dakota family and drive across country to Idaho. Alpha had just completed seventh grade when the family of eight plus their beloved dog, Carlo, loaded up the family car. The trip took seven days and, when they arrived in June 1934, Alpha’s most vivid memory of Nampa, Idaho was seeing the lush green fields and orchards, and homes surrounded by blooming flowers. She said she felt this must certainly be like heaven.

Alpha began her Idaho schooling at the Edison School just outside of Marsing. She loved school and was a serious student. She was active in high school, participating in sports, drama, yearbook and she was always an avid reader. She also worked in the potato and fruit packing sheds and drug store during her schooling. Alpha shared many fond memories of her school years, but she was especially proud that her 1939 graduating class was the very first class that graduated from Marsing High School. As such, Alpha’s class selected the school colors, Husky mascot, and they began the school yearbook tradition and named the yearbook, “The Arrow”.

It was also during high school that Alpha met the love of her life and future husband, Wade Percifield. She cherished the time they



had together. They married in Caldwell, Idaho on March 22, 1941. Alpha and Wade enjoyed many happy times during their marriage. They loved to spend time with their families and friends. They played cards, camped and fished, and Alpha spoke often of the wonderful times at Claytonia dances. Alpha and Wade began to build their family with the birth of their first son in 1944. Wade was drafted to serve in the war and when he returned, they would add six more sons to their clan.

Alpha lost her beloved Wade in 1965, leaving her to raise her seven boys. Having been a housewife during her marriage, she then went to work outside the home to support her family. She worked at Morfitt Store, Amalgamated Sugar, and finally had a long career with the US Postal Service. She credited her close extended family and friends for the multitude of ways they helped her get through each day. Alpha would suffer more loss when her youngest son was killed in a car accident in 1979. Following that tragic accident, she would lose 3 more sons. Throughout all, Alpha lived her life conveying unconditional love and strengthened by deep roots of her Catholic faith and the love of her family and friends as her sustenance through every season.

Alpha’s greatest joys were her seven boys, her grandchildren, and her great-grandchildren. Alpha was a wonderful cook

and she shared the products of her talent with family and friends throughout her life. She enjoyed countless activities with her sisters and brothers and many special nieces and nephews and a host of dear friends. Family and faith were always the focal point of her life. Alpha loved baseball and was a diehard Cubs fan.

Alpha is survived by her sons Dan Percifield, Jeff (Noreen) Percifield, Todd Percifield. Daughter-in-laws Letty Percifield and Cindy (Percifield) Howarth. Her grandchildren, Ryan Percifield, Tara Morris, Cory Percifield, Rob Howarth, Jerrod Howarth, Casey Percifield, Andy Percifield, Amy Chadez, Adam Percifield, Marla Hartley, Joe Gammett, Nathan Percifield, Jaime Wood, Clinton Wood, Nick Wood and 22 great-grandchildren. She also leaves her beloved siblings LaVila Johnstone, Helen Harris, Dorothy Ihli, Jack Muldoon, and Joyce (Howard) Shorb, a multitude of cherished nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Alpha was preceded in death by her husband Wade; her parents John and Alma Muldoon; and four of her sons: Pete, Tim, Jim, and Mike, daughters-in-law Carole Percifield and Jeanne Percifield; brother Donald and his wife Mary Ann, “chosen” sister and her husband Betty and Joe Churruca; sister-in-law Frankie Muldoon; brothers-in-law Carroll Johnstone, Jack Harris, and Charles Ihli, and her infant siblings Joseph and Elizabeth Muldoon.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, December 7, 2020 at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church. A rosary was held at 9:15 a.m. prior to the services. Concluding services were at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Marsing Ambulance or the Marsing Community Center.

Death notices

LEROY BROWN, 79, of Jordan Valley, died Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2020 at a local hospital. Graveside service will be held at 2 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020 at Jordan Valley Cemetery, Jordan Valley, Ore. The family of Leroy would like those who will be attending to wear a mask. Because of COVID-19, the family would like to encourage those who do not feel comfortable coming to the graveside to stay home and stay safe. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapels, (208) 459-0833

REBA FISHER, 93, of Homedale, died Tuesday, October 1, 2020. Cremation has been entrusted to All Valley Cremation. Cremation: All Valley Cremation, 1538 11th Ave. N. Ext., Nampa. (208) 899-9361

ELAINE LANORE SELF, 88, of Homedale, formerly of Weiser, died Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020 at a local care facility of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

MARSING GETS HOLIDAY FESTIVE



Left: The City of Marsing float cast a stunning reflection into the Island Park pond at the culmination of the city's Christmas parade on Friday. The annual Christmas tree lighting followed the parade. Winners of the Marsing Main Street Christmas light up contest were also acknowledged.



Neither wind nor snow nor a flat tire could stop Santa from making his promised rounds, starting with this trip down Main Street.



Above: Event grand marshal Jim Briggs (left) helped Marsing Mayor Chad Sevy light up the Christmas Tree and announce the Christmas lights contest winners.
Below: Merry-makers visited the city's Christmas tree late into the celebration at Island Park.



Above: This display at the Whitehouse Drive-In finished runner-up in the Main Street light up contest.



OCHS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



Museum director Eriks Garsvo chats with Murphy resident Robert Shaffer as the air-driven Pianola strikes the keys on the piano, Garsvo pumps the pedals and the music roll spins. Garsvo said the donated Pianola arrived at the museum on Friday and was set up in the saloon off McKeeth Hall.



Zack Beeman of Sunny Slope shows off the tiger rock that he picked up at Joann Polk's Grandma Jo's Rock booth inside McKeeth Hall at Saturday's Owyhee County Historical Society Christmas bazaar in Murphy. Zack is the 3-year-old grandson of Sheila and Leon Beeman, who also live in the Sunny Slope area. Polk is a former Oreana resident now living in Caldwell.



OCHS Outpost raffle cap

Owyhee County Historical Museum director Eriks Garsvo shows off the Henry Golden Boy .22 lever-action rifle and Charlene Nettleton's quilt "Heavens Variations." Raffle tickets are on sale now for both prizes, which will be given away during the 2021 Outpost Days. Tickets cost \$1 each or \$5 for six and are available at the museum bookstore. Garsvo said the Owyhee County Historical Society's 60th anniversary will be celebrated at Outpost Days in June. The OCHS charter was registered on Dec. 19, 1960.



Jeff Benedict raved about the apple pie at the Owyhee County Historical Museum's pie shop. He joked that he traveled all the way from the Tri-Cities area of Washington state for the pie, which was served by Murphy resident Nicole Rich.

Deputies make drunk driving arrests

A man has been charged with felony drunk driving, among other counts, after allegedly striking a mailbox with his vehicle at a home near Idaho highway 78 and Meininger Road.

Sheriff's deputy Terry McGrew said that Vincent Verneuille, 59, of Nampa faces multiple drug- and alcohol-related charges after allegedly driving under the influence and found to be in possession of marijuana.

Late last Wednesday afternoon, deputies stopped Verneuille in his Ford pickup four miles outside Marsing.

The man told the deputy that he swerved to miss a dog in his path. He also said the mailbox he hit belonged to a friend.

The deputy said he could smell alcohol on Verneuille.

A vehicle search turned up a green leafy substance, which tested presumptive positive for marijuana. A total of 2.3 grams of the drug were found in a backpack.

He was also allegedly in possession of three cold beers,

a bottle of Jack Daniel's whisky and two weapons. McGrew said Verneuille had a .357 magnum and a .22 pistol.

He failed a field sobriety test and was taken to the Owyhee County Jail in Murphy, where his blood alcohol content was tested at .257 percent, more than three times the legal limit.

Verneuille was charged with felony driving under the influence and misdemeanors for carrying a concealed weapon while under the influence, possession of an open container, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and resisting or obstructing a peace officer.

Verneuille made his initial appearance before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington on Friday in Murphy and is scheduled for his preliminary hearing on Monday.

- James Ming, 49, of Homedale was arrested Thursday afternoon on multiple misdemeanor charges after eluding law enforcement in Marsing and Homedale.

Dispatch received word

about an erratic driver on Bunt Rock Road who had turned west on to Market Road.

Ming pulled his Nissan Xterra over into a nearby property. The reporting party attempted to speak to Ming, but said the man was allegedly "not in his right mind." The witness then lost track of Ming's vehicle.

After Ming was reportedly spotted in Homedale, a responding deputy was nearly in a head-on collision with the Xterra in a South Main Street mobile home park.

McGrew said Ming stopped at his trailer and attempted to hide behind a small privacy fence near the front door. He refused to cooperate with the deputy. A blood draw to determine blood-alcohol concentration was unsuccessful because of Ming's movement.

He gave a breath sample, but the test was insufficient.

Ming was booked into jail on misdemeanor charges of DUI, possession of an open container, attempting to elude a peace officer, and resisting arrest.

— TK



MRW Fire and QRU raffles rifle

Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire and QRU Capt. Louis Monson stands at the ready to sell raffle tickets for a Henry 30-30 during Saturday's Owyhee County Historical Society Christmas bazaar at McKeeth Hall in Murphy. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20, and only 500 will be sold. Tickets are available from any member or by emailing info@MRWfire.org. Monson said the winning ticket will be drawn once all 500 tickets are sold.

Free Saturday lunch returns to Homedale

New volunteers and grants have breathed new life into a Homedale church’s free lunch program.

Free Saturday lunches return to the First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W. Community members are invited to stop by for the lunches each Saturday. The event begins with games available for children at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

Homedale pastor Rev. Heidi Smith-Takatori said there is plenty of room in the church’s fellowship hall for dining and observing social distancing.

But the church will also resume its to-go lunches for

pick-up, and some delivery to shut-ins is available.

Call Smith-Takatori at (208) 303-7414 for more information or to be added to the church’s delivery list.

The free lunch program is made possible because of new volunteers stepping into serve and grants from Albertsons and the Presbytery of Boise.

The Albertsons “Community Footprint” grant is administered through the United Way.

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What’s happening
Read Calendar each week
in the Avalanche



Homedale High School student Emalie Conant sits next to the whiteboard on which she has written crucial mental health hotline numbers inside the classroom she has converted for her senior project. Submitted photo

Homedale High stress-free study zone a personal crusade

Senior project works to give students “safe space”

Emalie Conant is drawing on her own experience to build something of value for Homedale High School students.

The 17-year-old daughter of Jason and Lily Conant is slowly wrapping up her senior project, just in time for this week’s physical presentations. Emalie presents today inside the HHS library.

“Most people have finished their senior projects by now, but due to the largeness of mine, it has been taking me quite a bit of time to complete it,” Emalie said.

“I definitely also procrastinated during the first quarter.”

Work ethic confessions aside, Emalie is nearing the completion of a dream of sorts.

Her goal is converting an unused HHS classroom into a stress-free zone where students

can decompress, study or relax and look out for their mental health.

“I also want to have plenty of mental health resources on hand, and I have already started by writing a list of hotlines on the classroom’s whiteboard,” she said.

The room is located across the hall from the teacher’s lounge on the ground floor of the main school building.

Emalie’s reasoning for the project is personal.

“I have struggled since the age of 11 or 12 with chronic anxiety and clinical depression,” she said.

“From middle school to high school, I have always needed a safe space to decompress quite often, but I never really had one.”

Emalie said her haven usually was a restroom stall.

“This also made it much harder to focus in class, so I often fell behind as I never had a proper and quiet space to work,” she said.

“This made me want to put together a space for not just myself, but everyone else who

may struggle with the same thing.”

Emalie hoped to have the room completed early this week for a small, socially distanced, masked-up celebratory opening. She was waiting for furniture for the empty classroom.

“Most importantly, I just want to see my fellow seniors happy in a space made specially for them,” she said.

After graduation in May, Emalie plans to take a gap year to save money for college.

“I’m also hoping that COVID blows over, and I am able to attend university in person,” she said.

Emalie is also planning to start an apparel/accessory business during her year off from studies.

Her ultimate goal is studying virtual technology and design at the University of Idaho with aspirations of landing a job as a 3-D modeler/ animator.

But her dream doesn’t end there.

“I am also hoping to have the book I’m writing published by the time I finish college,” she said. “As you can tell, I have many big goals and aspirations.”

— JPB

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Calendar

Today

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

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

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

Library Board meeting
5:30 p.m., Lizard Butte Library 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

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

Saturday

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

Free lunch
11 a.m., children’s games, 11:30 a.m., lunch, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 303-7414

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

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

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Homedale school bands perform for the holiday

Homedale school musicians will perform their winter concerts Thursday, and folks will be able to view the shows on YouTube later.

Homedale High School music director John Zieske provided information about the concerts, which are closed to the public because of COVID-19 regulations against gatherings of more than 10.

The order of performance is:

- **Sixth-grade band** — “Shark Attack,” “Up on the Housetop,” and “A Day in the Life of a North Pole Elf”
- **Seventh- and eighth-grade band** — “In the Bleak Midwinter,” “Furioso,” and “Deck the Halls”
- **High school band** — “Jingle Bell Rock”
- **Seventh- to 12th-grade choir** — “Watu Wote”
- **High school band and choir** — “A Swingin’ Christmas,” “The Star-Spangled Banner,” and the Armed Forces Medley

Zieske said the plan is to have the concerts posted to the Homedale Music Department’s YouTube page by Christmas break.

Courthouse report

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

Dec. 1
Rodrigo R. Modesto, New Rochelle, N.Y. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting; misdemeanor commercial freight regulations violation, no logbook: \$382 in fines, \$315 in court costs

Nov. 30
Michael R. Emerson, Pendleton, Ore. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to obtain overweight or oversize permit: \$68.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Nov. 27
Michael Patrick Palos, Sacramento, Calif. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, operating without a trip permit: \$122.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs



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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense
God bless the FFA



I’m takin’ you back to the summer of 2003. Out of the blue, I got a call from Patrick Gottsch, a member of the well-known Nebraska ag family. He told me he was building a TV channel dedicated solely to agriculture and the rural community. I asked if he had any programs lined up? He said, “Yes, we are filming the entire National FFA Convention!” I admit it made me raise an eyebrow.

My Oklahoma family were farmers. It is in my blood. I joined the Las Cruces, New Mexico FFA. On to New Mexico A&M, then CSU vet school, then large animal practice. Almost every job I’ve held has been in the livestock business. Even after I became a speaker, I fed cattle, now I’ve been running cows. I give credit to my ag teacher, Rupert Mansell, who guided me in the direction that I would follow the rest of my life.

After I became an “agricultural banquet speaker,” the FFA has remained a regular part of my speeches: 44 appearances nationwide including seven national conventions. I know the exact number because I learned to keep accurate daily records in FFA.

Since then, times have changed. The most obvious is the prominence of women involved, both as ag teachers and ag students. They have expanded, improved and multiplied the number of qualified ag students to keep up with the scientific, medical, technical and mechanical knowledge that seems to never stop.

For the past three nights, I have watched the FFA convention on RFD TV, smiled, sympathized and marveled at the FFA members parade their awards and accomplishments. I cannot help but compare them to the average suburban or city teenager playing their video games on their smart phones, exchanging photos or texting or just killing time waiting ... always waiting. ‘Immature’ describes the majority of them.

Their counterparts on the farm are riding horses, sweeping the barn, drivin’ the tractor, countin’ the rows, doin’ the chores and, like me, milkin’ the cow by the time I was 10 years old.

Those blue jackets represent more than their accomplishments, awards and talent; they stand for good character, a strong work ethic and someone with whom you’d cross the river.

When I was in the FFA, the giant “apocalyptic prediction” was worldwide population explosion and mass starvation. American agriculture led the way, and my generation saved the world.

Today the scare-mongering obsession is global warming.

I have faith that those kids in the blue will be at the front of America’s fight to save the Earth, as it has been doing since it became a country in 1776. God bless the USA, and God bless the FFA!

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Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee
COVID context or confusion



For as much gruff as the media is taking for its coverage of the COVID-19 pandemic, one has to understand that it’s difficult to get a straight answer from the statistics sometimes.

The Owyhee Avalanche has considered discontinuing its weekly reporting of statistics provided by public health agencies in Oregon and Idaho – and in fact did pull the plug briefly weeks before cases began to spike again.

The reasoning was two-fold:

- At one point, when cases were reported in Owyhee County schools there was no clear idea of which school was being affected. Likewise, Southwest District Health, again citing Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) privacy rules, refused to tell the Avalanche from which towns any of the county’s cases were originating.
- In a county as large as Owyhee, knowing where outbreaks are may help folks understand their risk level, and may help parents formulate a strategy to keep their children safe.

The way Southwest District Health reports COVID-19 cases in its jurisdictional territory has evolved since late summer when stats began flowing.

Now, SWDH puts out a weekly update outlining where confirmed cases and presumed exposures exist within school districts that serve Owyhee County. The numbers are even broken down between staff and students and further disseminated as “isolation” (those with positive tests) and “quarantine” (those staying home because they have come in contact with a positive case).

But, until recently, the statistics were still misleading.

While the cumulative number of cases kept rising, there was no clear way to figure out how many people had recovered from the virus (and, therefore, should have been removed from the “case” column). Sure, you saw how many folks across the state had recovered (if you knew where to look), but there was nowhere to find how to drill down and figure out the county-level or even health district-level recovery numbers.

On Friday, Ashley Anderson, who has been issuing the SWDH’s weekly reports, told the Avalanche that the health district has begun posting how many people in each county have recovered from the illness alongside the other statistics showing total cases and deaths.

This is a needed slice of transparency when a Thanksgiving-sized helping of it is called for.

There is a caveat on the recovery statistics. From the SWDH website:

“Presumed Recovered Cases are defined as individuals with COVID-19 who are still alive 30 days post illness onset based upon total cases, deaths, and any clinical information available. Some individuals may take longer to recover or suffer long-term side effects.”

Again, there is no way to know the true number of recoveries. And with a sliding scale like that, you’ll never be able to nail down the percentage that truly survives the virus (without those long-term side effects).

Finding statistics on deaths is easy, but it’s impossible to know whether those folks died because of COVID-19 or because virus complicated their underlying health issues.

It would also be nice to see how many negative

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Letter to the editor

Virus info doesn’t bode well for vaccine facts

We went from being Americans to guinea pigs in one year, and we did it to ourselves.

About a year ago, I visited my local healthcare clinic for my annual check-up. Beyond my health status, I had questions for my healthcare providers. Previous to my visit, I had been listening and reading news leaks from around the world about a strange virus. For example, news like a 14-day incubation period with no symptoms. I thought, “Lots of people could get to lots of places in 14 days.”

So, my questions to the healthcare workers that day were: Have you heard about this COVID virus? Should I be concerned? What do you know about this virus? Don’t you think a non-symptomatic 14-day incubation period is dangerous? The reaction from the clinic workers that day was egregious. They rolled their eyes at me in a condescending fashion as if to connote, “Oh, she must be one of those conspiracy theorists or a doomsday prepper-type person. Perhaps she can get medication for her concerns.”

While conspicuously sanitizing my hands, I left the clinic feeling patronized, insulted and angry. In three short months, I would become furious. Even today, I think to myself, “What a

Letters to the editor

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

The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted via:

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- Mail to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
- Drop off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale
- Fax to (208) 337-4867

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catastrophe.” I’m seething with anger.

My prediction for 2021 is that the COVID vaccine results will be skewed and reported in a confusing fashion just like the outbreak itself. Further, we will not know or hear the scientific truth about whether or not the vaccine works until, again, it will be too late. I feel this way because of how the outbreak was handled by the government, healthcare community and mainstream media for the entire year of 2020. Once again, we will do it to ourselves.

Jennifer Stevenson
Homedale

Commentary

Financial management

Discipline, determination, patience fuel successful resolutions

Dear Dave,
One of my resolutions this year was to start living on a budget, and gain control of my money. I never realized how easy it would be to get discouraged early on. Can you give me some encouragement to help make my financial resolutions stick in 2021?
— Collin

Dear Collin,
The secret to making a goal into a reality is getting started. It's really that simple. You also have to be realistic and accept the fact that nothing — especially things you've never done before — works out perfectly the first time around.

That leads to the next step, which is patience. Most people think about losing 20 pounds, and immediately feel it needs to happen in the next month or so. It doesn't. And most likely, it won't. Like almost everything else worth doing, it's something that requires sacrifice and focus each day over an extended period of time. Crash courses are usually painful and rarely work out well. But once you've done something a few times, it becomes an easier and easier part of your daily routine. Pretty soon, it's not a chore or something you're afraid of.
Making a budget and gaining control of your finances works the same way. When you first



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create a money plan, it probably won't work out exactly as you hoped. That's OK. It will barely work the second month, but it

won't be as scary, because you've already done it once. By the third month, you'll have a much better feel for it, and your stress levels will go way down because you already know the basics. It just takes determination, patience, and intensity to get through the rough patches that go along with starting anything new.
A new year is just around the corner, Collin. Don't fall into the same old trap. Give yourself a little grace, but keep your eyes on the prize. Start preparing yourself now. You've got plenty of time to begin laying out a plan, and have a solid budget ready when January 1st arrives. It may feel like things are

beginning slowly, but you can make this happen if you'll just stick with it!
— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is a seven-time No. 1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of *The Dave Ramsey Show*, heard by more than 16 million listeners each week. He has appeared on *Good Morning America*, *CBS This Morning*, *Today Show*, *Fox News*, *CNN*, *Fox Business*, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

✓ COVID: Agencies must give public complete, uniform information

From Page 12A
tests are coming back to get the clearest possible picture of the risk.
But apparently even the test results are difficult to trust. There is at least one example of a man who was tested four times in rapid succession. Two tests showed he didn't have COVID-19. Two showed he did.
The Oregon Health Authority had been reporting negative tests up until last week when the category disappeared from the table. So, now you can log on to <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19> and, with a little scrolling and a good eye (click on the bar that says "demographics"), find Malheur County statistics for number of cases, number of deaths, and the cases-per-100,000 people. That last statistic is the most misleading of all because — as of Friday -- there were only 2,508 cases in Malheur, but the per-100,000 ratio was 7,829.9. Hint: There were only 30,571 people in Malheur County in 2019, the last available statistics from the U.S. Census.
But no longer available is information on how many negative tests, or even recoveries, there have been. By the way, the last time the Avalanche reported recoveries (on Dec. 2) there were 8,145.
You can find what percentage of those who have contracted COVID-19 in Malheur County have died. It's two percent, which ties Malheur with Lincoln, Douglas and Marion counties for third in Oregon

behind Wasco (three percent) and Wallowa (four percent).
Changing the information, or not giving a complete view of all the information, makes it difficult for citizens to figure out what to believe or how to gauge their personal risk.
It also fuels resentment, skepticism and resistance — in case you haven't noticed.
It's bad enough that Gov. Kate Brown has more or less shut down life in Oregon, but when pertinent statistics are hard to find, or those that are supplied don't provide enough context, it's difficult for folks to think for themselves.
There are other statistics that can mislead or confuse, too.
Owyhee County now has 13 COVID-19 related deaths reported — a huge spike in relative terms (eight in the past week) — but it's difficult to understand when those deaths actually took place. In at least one case, it is known that a Homedale resident died of COVID-19 complications in a Boise hospital late last month but the needle didn't move on Owyhee's reported deaths for at least a week. So, was that death originally attributed to Ada County? Did the report not come in until much later? Was the death ever shifted into the Owyhee County column?
On Saturday morning, the confirmed cases numbers reported by Southwest District Health and those reported on the state website (www.coronavirus.idaho.gov) revealed a discrepancy of two cases.

Southwest District Health reported 664 cases, while 666 (an ominous number?) were listed on the state site.
If the state receives its data from the health district, how did that happen? Is it merely a matter of Southwest District Health reporting seven days a week to the state, but only updating its own website five days a week?
It is true that SWDH doesn't update its numbers during the weekend, but the state website is updated for those counties in the Southwest district every night around 7. How does that work? Are there two sets of numbers floating around that only sync up five days a week? Or, as asked above, is it just a matter of no one manning the Southwest District Health website on Saturdays and Sundays?
There is no doubt that COVID-19 is dangerous for several factions of the population.
And, in the true American sense, all factions of the population should be sensitive to the vulnerable ones and do their part to protect them, such as wearing masks when social distancing isn't possible and following directions to mask-up when you enter public establishments that require that. Washing our hands is good policy, too.
But public officials must do their part, too, and not ramrod regulations and mandates or float statistics that either don't tell the entire story or put just enough information out there to spin folks into a frenzy of either fear or fury.

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Meetings — 7 p.m., on second Wednesday

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

December 13, 1995

Homedale Ambulance recruiting med-techs

Homedale Ambulance is recruiting potential emergency medical technicians to provide a more efficient and reliable service to Homedale and the surrounding area.

An open house held at the Homedale Fire Station on Monday, December 18 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. will give interested individuals the opportunity to talk to current personnel and sign up for EMT classes to begin in January.

This spring, the Homedale Ambulance crew received a new ambulance equipped with the newest safety and emergency features. The volunteer crew now has access to equipment that exceeds the quality and technology of most ambulance equipment in Canyon County.

Now, however, the ambulance service is in desperate need of new members.

“We have great equipment but not enough people,” said state police officer and EMT Mike Nauman. “If we can get enough people on the crew, we can be a self-sufficient service that won’t be a burden on anyone.”

Because of meager staffing, it is not uncommon for Homedale medical dispatch to utilize a Homedale city crew employee or Marsing Ambulance during medical emergencies.

MHS drama club presents Christmas play

The Marsing High School Drama Department will be spreading Christmas cheer with their production of Jerome McDonough’s *Hark, Harold the Angel Sings*.

The Christmas play is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 19, at the Marsing Grade School.

The cast, directed by Mrs. Metzger, includes: Nicole Morris, Crystal Munger, Jeremy Aldrich, Ray Dean, Matt Larsen, Annie Sevy, Brenna Manley, Holly Sevy, Brianne Snider, Miranda Morris, Jesse Alvarez, Cindy Anderson and Matt Arriola.

VanderBoegh named All-American Scholar

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Matt VanderBoegh of Homedale has been named an All-American Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Awards Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines.

Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA.

VanderBoegh, who attends Homedale High School, was nominated for this national award by Sarah Cornell.

VanderBoegh will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

“Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America’s history. Certainly, winners of the All-American Scholar Awards should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement,” said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects All-American Scholars upon the exclusive recommendation by teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors.

VanderBoegh is the son of Don and Barbie VanderBoegh of Homedale. The grandparents are Loyd and Wilma Shewey of Marsing.

50 years ago

December 10, 1970

Council hears of employee retirement plan

The City Council met Monday night at 8 o’clock at the City Hall, Homedale. Present were Mayor Lester E. Carter and Councilmen George Murray, Norman Tolmie, Andrew Warfield and Harley A. Blessing and City Clerk Joyce Blackman.

Others present were Warren Stimmel, Roy Rowland, Champ Lake, Doug and Judy Clark.

The Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho was outlined by Field Representative Champ P. Lake. Booklets were passed out to members present and Mr. Lake asked that questions be referred to the Clerk. Motion by Blessing, seconded by Murray and passed by unanimous decision to send the information for the City of Homedale to the actuary for a preliminary report.

Report by Blessing that sewer on the south end of 1st Street West was finished. Supt. Stimmel gave a more detailed report on the 740 feet of sewer line and 2 manholes which were put in. A depth of 9 feet was necessary at times to provide connections to the houses in this area.

Athletic board rules against Trojans’ protest

Homedale High School’s protest of a 16-14 defeat by Parma on Oct. 16 was rejected last week at a meeting in Caldwell of the Southwest District 3 Board of Control of the Idaho High Schools Activities Association (IHSIAA), Principal Darrel Reisch has learned.

Pres. Walt Kerfoot, Weiser High School, of the Southwest District 3 Board of Control, acknowledged that the protest by Homedale was considered. However, the board’s statement stated:

“We feel that this is a decision to be made by the official on the spot and was made (accordingly). And since the protest was an after-the-fact, we take no action and allow no change of the game score.”

In recommendation, the board said: “We recommend that the Officials’ and Commissioners’ advisory board review the responsibility of the officials and that the inconsistency of such calls be avoided in the future.”

Homedale’s protest stemmed from Parma’s successful two-point conversion on a pass play after the Panthers’ first touchdown.

Homedale believes that the Parma player was stopped before he threw the ball to another player, who then scored the two-pointer.

As a result of the decision Wednesday, Parma remains the now-official champion of the Southwest Idaho League with a 5-0-1 record. Homedale is the runner-up at 5-1. Parma was tied, 0-0 by Fruitland on Oct. 23.

Nettleton ruled official winner in sheriff race

Timothy J. Nettleton is now officially elected sheriff of Owyhee County and Attorney Gen. Robert Robson has ruled that no further recount of remaining precincts is warranted because the difference resulting from the recount of the two Homedale precincts was not such as to change the outcome of the election.

In a recount requested by Jimmy H. Hileman, the present sheriff and unsuccessful candidate, a check of two Homedale precincts gave Nettleton a gain of three votes in each, and Hileman a loss of three in one precinct and gain of one in the other.

The Nov. 3 general election returns gave Nettleton a lead of only two votes over Hileman. The recount in the two precincts, conducted in the presence of county commissioners and representatives of the attorney general’s office, increased Nettleton’s lead to 10.

145 years ago

December 11, 1875

The recent decision of the United States Supreme Court in the case of the Union Pacific Railroad will, it is estimated, impose an obligation on the American people to the extent of two hundred millions of dollars. Members of the 38th Congress are responsible for the defects in the Acts through which this great burden has been fastened upon the people. It is more than probable that those who engineered this gigantic scheme through the House, knew what they were about and looked far into the future, and it is also more probable that many a base Congressman knew what he was about in not giving circumspect attention to the wording of the Act, for which indifference he doubtless received his reward.

GENERAL POPE estimates the number of Indians in the United States, exclusive of Alaska, at three hundred and sixteen thousand, but confesses the figures are only approximate, for the redskins are superstitiously opposed to being counted. With tolerably good reason, we should say, if they read their bibles, as we hope they do; for it is there related that when the Israelites were numbered by King David, the result was so displeasing to their Maker that He at once slew seventy thousand of them, and would have exterminated the whole outfit, but David interceded for them.

A GENTLEMAN who played the part of a scalawag on Sunday evening by going home and telling his wife that he had been to church, was considerably taken aback next day when the AVALANCHE came out with a different text for the minister’s discourse from the one he pretended to have listened to.

LOCATING PLACER CLAIMS.—A. W. Peters, S. A. Oglesby, Thomas Hart and A. McDonald have located a placer claim of 300 feet in the Morning Star Gulch near town. The same parties have also located 1,500 feet in the Silver Gulch, and a like space in the Emigrant Gulch, Wagontown District.

P. W. JOHNSON, Esq., one of the leading merchants of Winnemucca had an interview recently with Congressman Lane of Oregon. He was informed by Mr. L. that the people of Southern Oregon were warmly in favor of the Winnemucca and Oregon Railroad. He announced that he would do all in his power to secure legislation favoring the speedy construction of the road. The road when built will be a great benefit to the people of Southern and Eastern Oregon, Eastern Nevada, Utah and Idaho Territories. We hope to see preliminary work actively commenced next spring.

ITEMS

Mr. Linkton, Superintendent of the Illinois Central is in San Francisco. During his absence Mr. John M. Wilson is acting in his place

W. B. Pennock is doing service as chief engineer at the Golden Chariot works and is pushing things lively.

Some of the snow drifts are already twelve feet deep on different parts of the Mountain.

Joe Jones, formerly of the Minnesota boarding house, is spending the winter at Bablington’s, Reynolds’ Creek.

P. Kennedy employs his leisure hours in writing telegraphic letters to a young lady friend.

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✓ Marshal: Briggs serves community

Super Snow Plow to take his place as the centerpiece in Friday’s parade down Main Street, he was recognized for his many contributions to the Marsing community and its residents.

Briggs was asked to serve on the board of directors for the Marsing Ambulance Service in 2015.

“I thought this would be a great opportunity to serve the Marsing community,” Briggs said.

“After a few meetings, I was then asked to become a driver to help relieve the pressure on the existing crew.”

Briggs said that he thought that as a driver, he could become more intimate with the workings of the ambulance service, and it would help him become a better director. He

said that he has enjoyed helping others in this capacity.

Prior to his work with the Marsing Ambulance, he had served on several agricultural boards and as a Lions Club member.

Additionally, although he is a graduate of Homedale High School, Briggs grew up in the Marsing School District, and in 2019 he was recognized as a “Lifetime Husky” during a ceremony in the high school’s gymnasium.

After graduating from HHS, Briggs received a Bachelor’s degree in Crop Science, with a minor in entomology, from the University of Idaho. After graduation, he returned to Owyhee County and started working on the family farm.

He married Muriel Adams in 1988. The couple have two

children — daughter Deidrie Colter, who graduated this year from Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore., with a doctorate in optometry, and son Garrett, who graduated from U of I in 2019 and is back working on the family farm.

Jim Briggs spends as much time as possible in the warm months camping with family and friends, cooking up new barbecue and Dutch oven recipes. His new passion is a recent purchase of a drone that he uses to get aerial views of his farming operation and the surrounding area.

Marsing Mayor Chad Sevy introduced Briggs as grand marshal to a packed crowd prior to the Christmas tree lighting on Friday at Island Park.

— TK

Ninja games come to Homedale library

Library’s Story Time to feature guest reader

Teens & Tweens participants will be able to show off their athleticism Thursday.

The weekly event for boys and girls ages 10-17 takes place at 5 p.m., at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

If more than 10 participants arrive, a second session will be held at the same time inside the Homedale Community Foodstead next door in the 1980 library building, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

Ninja activities, including a stealth and agility obstacle course, will be the theme of the night. The participants will also play Ultimate Ninja and create paper ninja stars.

The STEM activity is called Balance Ninja.

During Monday’s Story Time, the library will welcome a guest reader.

Steve Belknap, a member of the Friends of the Homedale Library, will read “Mousekin’s Golden House” by Edna Miller.

After the story, Belknap will talk about animals and their habitats before the preschoolers enjoy a fun activity.

Story Time is split into two sessions at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library. The first session starts at 10:15 a.m., and the second follows an hour later.

The modifications are in place because the state remains in Stage 2 of Gov. Brad Little’s COVID-19 plan. Owyhee County is still in the red health level, according to Southwest District Health.

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

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Short-handed Huskies beat Trojans in OT

Role players
step up against
intra-country rival

A nearly empty gymnasium greeted the Homedale High School boys' basketball team when it traveled to Marsing on Thursday night.

By the time the final whistle blew in the teams' non-conference overtime thriller, the small gathered crowd was creating a raucous noise.

Clutch free-throw shooting down the stretch and in the extra period lifted the home team to a dramatic 60-54 victory over the visiting Class 3A Trojans.

The Huskies were 22-for-25 at the free-throw line, including four straight successful foul shots from junior guard Noel Quebrado in the fourth quarter and four more clutch charity shots by senior post Jacob Ankeny in the four-minute OT.

"We tried to control the tempo throughout offensively, get to the line as much as possible and hope that we shot better from the line than we did (in a 35-33 loss to Class 3A Payette on Dec. 1)," Huskies coach Tim Little said.

Marsing (1-1 at week's end) went into Thursday's game without junior starting point guard Dominic Enrico because of a toe injury. The Huskies had



Homedale's Jaxon Dines attempts a shot over Marsing center Jacob Ankeny during Thursday's game on the Huskies' floor.

Homedale boys edge Melba in overtime

Cam Long promised an exciting Homedale High School boys' basketball season.

The second-year coach probably didn't think the campaign would be heart-stopping out of the gate.

The Trojans ended their first week of competition with .500 record and two overtime struggles.

Homedale used a 7-2 streak in the extra period Saturday afternoon to beat host Melba, 45-40.

Sophomores Mason Strong and Jaxon Dines led the Trojans (1-1 at week's end) with nine points apiece.

Melba trailed, 24-23, after three quarters.

Joe Reiber knocked down a game-

high 15 points for the Mustangs, who suffered their first loss in three games.

Reiber also grabbed eight rebounds, while teammates Henry Clark and Cache Beus paced the squad on the boards with nine rebounds each.

Braden Volkers added 10 points for Melba, while Clark collected nine rebounds.

Trojans wrestlers tread with cautious optimism

Coach grateful
just to have a
chance at a season

Jake Levinski always seems to conduct himself with a bit of caution.

In 2020, the Homedale High School wrestling coach has good reason.

Even though he enters his sixth year at the helm with potentially five 2020 state qualifiers returning to the fold, Levinski takes a general view to the upcoming season.

"My goal as the coach is to build unity and camaraderie," he said. "When unity and friendships are built, hopefully everyone who didn't graduate will return the following season."

"What's great is when they bring back friends. To me, that is a sign that the athletes are buying into the program and want to see it grow."

There are two returning 3A District III champions, including senior Joseph Egusquiza and junior Willie White.

Egusquiza also snagged a silver medal at 145 pounds in the state tournament last winter after grabbing a state title in 2019. He comes into his final prep season as a three-time district champion and three-time state medalist.

White, who like Egusquiza is the son of one of the Trojans' assistant coaches, won the 160-pound district title at home, but finished in the consolation

— See *Trojans*, page 6B

Two Marsing wrestlers perfect in Wendell

Quarantine quashes
home quad

The Marsing High School wrestling season is off to a bumpy start.

Even though two 138-pound wrestlers — Jonathan Ineck and Troy Miller — had perfect showings at

the East-West Duals in Wendell on Saturday, first-year coach Juan Garcia finds himself nursing wounds already.

First, senior wrestler Evan Miller excited the duals tournament because of an injury.

Now, the wrestlers are in quarantine just ahead of today's planned home quad meet against Homedale, Melba

and Payette.

Garcia announced the postponement of the quad meet in a noontime email Monday.

The postponement came two days after the Huskies' season started with promise.

— See *Wrestlers*, page 6B



The referee prepares to slap the mat to end Marsing wrestler Jonathan Ineck's match in the dual meet against Wendell. Photo by Kelly Ineck

Sports

Homedale girls feeling strength of schedule

Today’s game against Rimrock is third straight state-caliber challenge

Kortney Ford and the Homedale High School girls’ basketball team apparently have taken the philosophy that to be the best you have to play the best.

The Trojans will travel to Bruneau today to face Rimrock High School in a non-conference game. Last week’s home game against the Raiders was postponed because the visiting players were in COVID-19 quarantine.

But the prospect of playing Rimrock is only part of the gauntlet of Real Dairy Shoot-out state tournament qualifiers the Trojans has entered.

The Raiders have appeared in the past three 1A, Div. I state tournaments, losing the consolation final in 2020 and 2018. Today’s games (varsity at 7:30 p.m., junior varsity at 6 p.m.) will be livestreamed on the Bruneau-Grand View School District’s Facebook page.

On Saturday, Homedale fell, 63-18, on the road to Class 4A state tournament mainstay Middleton.

The Trojans’ replacement game for the cancelled home date against Rimrock on Dec. 1 was Tri-Valley, which finished third in last year 1A, Div. II tournament and appeared in

the 2018 tourney. The Titans prevailed 64-30 as Homedale finished the week 1-3.

Saturday: Middleton 63, Homedale 18 — The unbeaten Vikings outscored the Trojans 32-4 in the second half, including 11-0 in the final eight minutes, to seal the non-conference victory.

Junior forward Casidy Fried led all scorers with 13 points on 6-for-10 shooting for the Vikings.

With Fried snagging nine rebounds, Middleton out-boarded Homedale, 39-22.

The Trojans connected on just seven of their 41 field-goal attempts.

Amaia Aberasturi led Homedale with seven points on 2-for-13 shooting. She had the team’s only three-point goal.

Jacy Parker scored five points and led the team with seven rebounds.

Laney Swallow had four of her five rebounds on Middleton’s end of the floor.

Field goals from Swallow, Mayci Cline and freshman Olivia Asumendi rounded out the Trojans’ scoring.

Junior guard Payton Hymas tossed in 11 points for the Vikings (3-0 at week’s end).



Homedale’s Zayne Hall stretches to grab a defensive rebound over Tri-Valley’s Hadley Atnip.

Middleton won the 2017 state championship and finished third in 2018 and 2019 before bowing out in two games last season.

Dec. 1: Tri-Valley 64, Homedale 30 — The Trojans traded a Class 1A, Div. I team for a Class 1A, Div. II squad, and the Titans rolled to a non-conference victory on the road.

Tri-Valley, a cooperative of Midvale and Cambridge high schools, scored the first 12 points of the game.

Tri-Valley won the third-place trophy at the state tournament last season and was con-

solation champion in 2018.

Tri-Valley was one of the state’s strongest small-school programs last year, winning the 1A Long Pin Conference championship and the District III title during a 21-3 campaign.

Swallow knocked down a jump shot to end Homedale’s 0-for-6 start to the game with 4 minutes, 38 seconds left in the first quarter.

The Titans took advantage of Homedale’s poor shooting and poor ball-handling to take command of the game in the first quarter. Before six minutes had transpired, Homedale had committed six turnovers and Tri-

Valley owned an 18-5 lead.

With pressure from Titans defenders with quick hands and errant passes, Homedale committed 20 turnovers in the first 16 minutes. The Trojans wound up with 39 miscues in the contest.

Swallow scored 11 points for Homedale, while Jacy Parker added eight points and four rebounds.

Parker and Ainslee Evans notched blocked shots.

Only two other Trojans scored, including Asumendi with nine points on 4-for-9 shooting and Cline with a field goal. Asumendi led Homedale with 11 rebounds, while Swallow came away with nine boards.

Homedale converted 14 of 40 shots (35 percent), but the Trojans had their best success in the paint at 12-for-22 (54.6 percent).

Lauryn Mitchell, a 5-foot, 7-inch junior, led all scorers with 18 points for the Titans, while fellow junior Josey Jones chipped in 12 points.

Bailey Whitener, a 5-7 sophomore, bolstered the visitors’ defense by stealing two inbounds passes and grabbing a third steal in a matter of minutes in the second quarter. She also scored eight points. Junior Emma Hollon shared the team rebounding lead of eight with 5-9 junior Zoey Ertel, and also came up with six steals.

HOMEDALE TROJANS

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Boys' basketball
Jaxon Dines, so., G
Averaged 11 points in season's first two games



Girls' basketball
Jacy Parker, so., G, W, P
8 points, 4 rebounds vs. Tri-Valley



Wrestling
Gracie Rotter, sr., 106 pounds
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Saturday, Dec. 12 at Marsing, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 15 at McCall-Donnelly, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Wednesday, Dec. 9 at Rimrock, 6 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 11, home vs. Fruitland, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 12 at Marsing, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 15 at McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.
Frosh soph
Friday, Dec. 11, home vs. Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 15 at McCall-Donnelly, 4:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 10 at Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 12, home vs. Melba, 3 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Dec. 10 at Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 12, home vs. Melba, 1:30 p.m.
Frosh soph
Thursday, Dec. 10 at Cole Valley Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 12, home vs. Melba, noon

Wrestling
Coed
Saturday, Dec. 12 at R.D. Brown Invitational, New Plymouth, 9 a.m.
Junior varsity
Friday, Dec. 11 at Middleton jamboree

Note: No spectators allowed in HHS gym (Stage 2, COVID-19)
Games are available on www.nfhsnetwork.com. There is a fee.
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Sports

Individual gold fuels HMS wrestlers' third-place finish

Three Trojans reach title matches

Three championship round appearances helped Homedale Middle School finish third in Saturday's 3A Snake River Valley conference wrestling tournament.

Trey McFarlane won the 82-pound championship, and his brother Trell took second at 75 pounds.

Nathan Marston was runner-up in the 89-pound class for coach Ryan Nash's Trojans.

Trey McFarlane shut out Weiser's Klete Cook, 6-0, for his championship.

Kysen MacKenzie from team champion Fruitland pinned Trell McFarlane in 2 minutes, 19 seconds of their championship match.

Weiser's Kole Ingle pinned Marston at the three-minute mark of their title bout.

Trey McFarlane's title run began with a 17-second pin of Parma's Silas King in the quarterfinals. He also pinned Kobie Baxter from Fruitland in 1:29 of their semifinal.

Other medalists for Homedale included:

- Ryker Lane finished fourth at 75 pounds after losing a close 4-2 decision to Fruitland's Dillon Praeger.
- Wyatt Ingram took fourth at 82 after Fruitland's Wyatt Griffith pulled off a 12-2 major decision in their bronze medal match.
- Also at 89, Chance Martell was fourth following a narrow 2-0 third-place loss to Fruitland's Greyson Smith.
- Sebastian Larzelier pinned teammate Timmothy Whitfield in two minutes for third place at 117 pounds.
- Tayson McKay dominated Braxton Schmidt of Weiser,

- 8-0, for third place at 152.
- Alex Sanchez took fourth at 160 pounds after Payette's Kellen Eckhart pulled off a 23-second pin in their third-place match.
- In another all-Trojans medal match, Marcus White pinned Andres Macias in 53 seconds for third place at 285 pounds.
- Other wrestlers competing for Homedale included:
- Jonathan Vargas, 96 pounds, beat teammate Ty Roland in a tiebreaker during a consolation match.
- Ty Cooper needed just 40 seconds to pin Payette's Joseph

- Jones at 110 pounds.
- Bradley Walker pinned Will Hansen in 40 seconds their third-round consolation match at 124 pounds.
- Nate Lindgren reached the consolation semifinals at 138 after pinning Parma's Cole Hurd in 2:49.
- Kiera DeLeon and Kim Smith competed at 103 pounds.
- Diego Silva competed at 110 pounds.
- Tyce Fisher was in the 124-pound bracket.
- Bailea Earls and Kira Manley wrestled at 131 pounds.

✓ Huskies: Marsing recovers from Homedale's late charge in regulation

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just six players see significant minutes, and in fact had only three players on the court who have had any considerable varsity experience — Quebrado, Ankeny, and senior guard Roger Valadez.

The three veterans were up to the task of carrying the offensive load.

Ankeny led the team with 21 points, while Valadez scored 20, and Quebrado put up 17. Ankeny also recorded 11 rebounds for his second double-double to start the season.

Guard Jaxon Dines paced the Trojans with a 13-point performance. The sophomore also pulled down a pair of rebounds.

Homedale sophomore post Trenton Fisher went 5-for-6 from the floor, scoring 11 points, while also grabbing five boards.

Milo Mertz scored nine points, and Hayden Kincheloe eight, while Bryce Cornwall and Mason Strong contributed four each.

Strong led the team with five assists and six boards.

Kincheloe and Mertz recorded four rebounds each.



Marsing senior Jacob Ankeny (32) uses all of his 80 inches to swat away a shot by Trojans guard Jaxon Dines as teammate Mikey Acosta (4) and Milo Mertz look on.



Huskies senior guard Roger Valadez puts up a long two-point field goal over the outstretched hand of Trojans senior guard Ventura Martinez on Thursday evening.

The Huskies trailed 16-11 after the first quarter and went into halftime down 25-20.

A blistering 21-point attack by Marsing in the third, highlighted by Quebrado's eight points and buzzer-beating three-pointer, put the home team up 41-37. Quebrado entered the second half scoreless in the game.

Ankeny's three-pointer with 6 minutes, 40 seconds left in regulation gave the Huskies a 10-point lead, 47-37.

The Trojans then mounted their comeback.

Homedale took a 52-51 lead with 1:10 left — the Trojans' first lead since the three-minute mark in the third quarter — after a scoring flurry with Fisher's bucket and foul shot, and Dines' go-ahead three-pointer.

In the overtime, Valadez and Quebrado hit quick field goals for a 56-52 Marsing lead.

With Homedale back within two points, the Huskies got a turnovers and a pair of Ankeny free throws.

Trojans junior wing Hayden Kincheloe traveled with 14.2 seconds left, and Ankeny

dropped two more free throws to seal the deal.

The only other Huskies' player to put up points was sophomore guard Alejandro Barrera, who finished with two, to match his two points and two assists.

Quebrado complemented his offensive output with three each rebounds and assists.

Ankeny logged three assists, steals, and blocked shots.

Valadez matched Ankeny with his three steals.

Little acknowledged that part of the reason for his team's

win may have had something to do with Homedale's football success in the fall.

"We understood that Homedale has not had much time in the gym, due to the team's (state championship run)," he said. "If we had a shot to compete with them, this would probably be the game to do it."

Perhaps the most important factors were contributions from players who typically spend most of their time on the bench.

"It truly was the little things

that our role players provided that made the difference — Mikey Acosta's six rebounds, Barrera's on-ball defense on Dines throughout the game, especially in overtime," Little said. "(Also) Johan Jimenez's ability to not turn the ball over and keep his guy from getting offensive rebounds.

"These are the players that will be celebrated for filling their roles. It was a good team win. They are starting to accept their roles and witness the hard work paying off."

— TK

Sports

Melba High School has revealed a knack for scoring and defense early in the boys' basketball season.

The bulk of Liberty Charter (1-2) scoring came from three players. Dallan Schaffer, a 5-foot, 10-inch senior wing, led the way with seven points, while 6-foot senior wing Connor Gardner and 6-4 junior wing Dallin Criddle scored five points apiece.

Dec. 1: Melba 83, Weiser 51 — Joe Reiber's 19 points led three Mustangs scorers in double figures during non-conference walkover against Weiser in Washington County.

Henry Clark notched a double-double with 15 points and 13 rebounds. Reiber grabbed six boards.

Braden Volkers made an impact on both ends of the floor with 18 points and seven steals.

Brett Spencer scored 15 points, and Braydon Walker added 13 in Weiser's season opener.

Kate Clark exploded for 29 points as Melba High School started a big week of girls' basketball with an easy win over Nampa Christian.

Clark erupted for a double-double with 21 points and 13 rebounds in the Mustangs' non-conference win over the visiting Cougars.

Kate Clark notched 18 points and six rebounds. Hallie Arnold scored eight points.

South Fremont, a Class 3A squad from St. Anthony that entered the game winless this season, received half of its offensive output from junior guard Rylie Neville.

Last Wednesday: Melba 52, Parma 43 — Arnold outdueled Panthers standout Grace Jackson in a huge non-conference showdown that featured teams that finished third in their respective Real Dairy Shootout state tournaments last season.

It was the season opener for the Class 3A Panthers, according to IdahoSports.com.

Arnold scored 20 points and helped the defense with three steals.

Jackson led all scorers with 21 points.

Kendall Clark ruled the backboards for the Mustangs again with 10 rebounds to go with eight points.

Owyhee County resident Brooklynn Dayley chipped in seven points, three steals and three assists.

Owyhee County Church Directory		
Calvary Fellowship Homedale Pastor Rich Wright 711 W. Idaho Ave. Church time is 10:00 am on Sunday & Wednesday at 7:00 pm River Youth Wednesday 7:00pm (208) 880-4033	Knight Community Church Grand View Pastor Ivan Shetler 630 Idaho Street (208) 834-2639 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am	Our Lady of Tears Church Silver City Mass Summer Schedule 1pm June 28, July 26, Aug. 30 <i>All are welcome</i> For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa (208) 466-7031 www.nampacatholic.church
Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale Pastor Fernando Gomez 132 W Owyhee • (208) 337-5975 Servicios: Vier - 7pm - Oracion Mier - 7pm Predicacion Dom - 10am Esc. Dom y 6:30pm "Una Iglesia Diferente."	Golden Gate Baptist Church Wilder Pastor Robert Potter, Jr., CLP Corner of Second and "B" Streets Church time is 11:00 am on Sunday Call (208) 880-4308 for information	Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder Pastor Michael McCormick Hwy 19 & 95, (208) 890-3046 Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm
Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, (208) 412-2946 Senior Pastor: Ivar Moore Sunday Bible study, 9:15 a.m. Sunday and Kidz services, 10:45 a.m. Wednesday and Kidz services, 7 p.m. www.homedaleagchurch.com	Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 17434 Hwy 95, (208) 337-3464 Pastor: Scott Morin Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays www.homedalefriends.org	Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell 1122 W. Linden St. (208) 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale (208) 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult and Children Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests	Homedale Baptist Church 212 S. 1st W., (208) 960-4496 https://homedalebc.org Sunday Fellowship 11am-Noon Second Sunday soup/meal Noon Fourth Sunday Communion Celebration and shared meal Noon Pastor: Paul Chismar	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave (208) 337-4112 Bishop Mark Thatcher Bishop Chris Varuska Sunday 1st Ward 1pm Sunday 2nd Ward 9am
Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor (208) 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors (208) 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am	Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E., (208) 649-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder-Homedale 26515 Ustick Road (208) 337-3151 www.mvcnaz.org Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Children's Caravan Program
MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez (208) 461-9016 or (208) 880-6172 Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Service 1 pm • Wednesday Service 7 pm Bilingual Services/Español	Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service (208) 482-7484 Bilingual	St. David's Episcopal Church 1800 Arlington Ave. Caldwell, ID 83605 (208) 459-9261 stdavids@stdavidscaldwell.org www.stdavid.episcopalidaho.org
Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana Pastor Maurice Jones (208) 319-4650 Don Vanderbough (208) 867-5418 Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	Bible Missionary Church Homedale West Idaho, (208) 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry, (208) 965-1650 Pastor Sergio Aristizabal Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am Wednesday Service 7pm
Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing Pastor Daniel Swaim 116 4th Ave. W., (208) 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 6-7pm Sunday School 9:45am-10:45am Wednesday evening 7pm-8pm	Nazarene Church Marsing Pastor Bill O'Connor (208) 649-5256 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups	Trinity Holiness Church Homedale 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page (208) 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3rd Ave. West, (208) 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 1:00 p.m. Bishop Rowley Sunday 2nd Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop McIntyre	Calvary Holiness Church - Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday: 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. calvarypantry@gmail.com Food Pantry hours: 2nd Friday of month 5-7pm 4th Friday of month 12-2pm Calvary Holiness Food Pantry Wilder Idaho	United Methodist Church Wilder Exploring the Bible: Public Invited 2nd & 4th Tuesday: 4-5pm Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. Pastor Dave Raines (208) 880-8751 Sunday Service 9:30am
First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W. Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am Rev. Heidi Smith-Takatori (208) 303-7414	Vision Community Church Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho (208) 779-7926 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.	Garnet Seventh-Day Adventist Church 16613 Garnet Rd., Wilder (208) 649-5280 Email: garnetSDA@icloud.com Sabbath School 9:30am Worship 10:45am Wednesday Bible Study 7:00-8 pm
Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, (208) 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2020 Mass Schedule - 10:00am on fourth Saturday of month thru November Final Mass of year is on Dec. 19 (third Saturday) All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa (208) 466-7031	Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. (208) 989-7508
Church in the Dirt Cowboy Church Service The Tango, Homedale 406 U.S. Hwy. 95 Pastors Blaine and Molly Lilly Every Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	Praise & Worship	

Sports

2A WIC stalwarts stymie Marsing Huskies boys open with loss in Payette

The Marsing High School girls' basketball team's season-opening losing streak reached six games with a low-scoring performance in Thursday's 2A Western Idaho Conference game in Meridian.

Cole Valley Christian rolled, 74-17, against the Huskies.

Marsing (0-6 overall, 0-2 in conference at week's end) has scored fewer than 25 points in five of its first six games. The one exception was a 44-39 loss at Homedale on Nov. 20.

No stats were provided from Thursday's game.

Dec. 1: New Plymouth 58, Marsing 19 — The Huskies fared slightly better against the Pilgrims, particularly in the first half of the teams' conference game in Marsing.

Seniors Delaney Percifield and Alana Larrusea accounted for the Huskies' lone baskets in the first half. The team went into the break down 24-4.

Emily Vanosdall found the basket three times in the third quarter, including a pair of shots from beyond the three-point line. The sophomore guard hit a pair of fourth-quarter free throws and finished the game with a team-high 10 points.

The Pilgrims defense made it difficult for Marsing to get open looks and prompted a slew of turnovers.

"I wouldn't expect anything



Marsing sophomore guard Emily Vanosdall (11) wrestles for a loose ball with the Pilgrims' junior post Eboni Shaw.

less from Coach (Denise) Oliver," Marsing coach Mike Swanson said. "She has her players playing well, and (they are) only going to get better."

The Pilgrims were led by junior post Alyssa Christensen, who tallied to 23 points to

outscore the Huskies.

"We are still trying and building, but I am very proud of how hard we fought and continue to fight," Swanson said. "There isn't anyone else I'd rather fight with than our girls."

— TK

Missing a pair of shots in the final six seconds, Marsing High School suffered a tough 35-33 loss to open up the boys' basketball season on Dec. 1 in Payette.

The non-conference game was also the season opener for the Pirates from the 3A Snake River Valley conference.

With his team trailing by two points in the waning moments of the game, Jacob Ankeny Huskies junior point guard Dominic Enrico had a good look at a three-pointer to win but came up short. Marsing had another opportunity with .6 seconds left after an inbound pass from under the basket, but the shot wouldn't fall.

The Pirates brought strong defense in the game, putting heavy and aggressive pressure on the Huskies.

"(It was) a very physical game in which three Payette players ended up fouling out," Marsing seventh-year coach Tim Little said.

Marsing struggled with its shooting all game long, hitting just 20 percent of its field goals (10-for-50) and 50 percent of its free throws (12

of 24).

Senior guard Roger Valadez accounted for more than half the Huskies' offense. He finished with 17 points, seven rebounds, and three steals.

Jacob Ankeny was a force on both ends of the floor, good for 11 points, 10 boards, and two each of assists and blocks. The senior post, and defending 2A Western Idaho Conference Player of the Year, recorded eight double-doubles last season.

Enrico's three points and sophomore Alejandro Barrera's two rounded out Marsing's offensive output.

Barrera had four rebounds, and Enrico and senior wing Johan Jimenez pulled down three each.

Dropping a close road game like the one in Payette, Little sees opportunities for the team to improve.

"On the road for the first game of the season, we discovered a lot of areas to improve before league play starts up (this week)," he said.

— TK



Jacob Ankeny

MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete Spotlight

Boys' basketball
Roger Valadez, sr., G
Averaged 18.5 points in two games

Girls' basketball
Emily Vanosdall, so., G
10 points vs. New Plymouth

Wrestling
Jonathan Ineck, jr., 145
4 pins in 4 matches at East-West Duals in Wendell

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Friday, Dec. 11 at The Ambrose School, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 12, home vs. Homedale, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 16 at Melba, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Friday, Dec. 11 at The Ambrose School, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 12, home vs. Homedale, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 16 at Melba, 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Wednesday, Dec. 9, home vs. Compass Charter, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 10, home vs. Payette, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 15 at Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Wednesday, Dec. 9, home vs. Compass Charter, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 10, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 15 at Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Wednesday, Dec. 9, home vs. Compass Charter, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 10, home vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 15 at Cole Valley Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Saturday, Dec. 12 at R.D. Brown Invitational, New Plymouth, 9 a.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

896-4162

896-4815

896-4331

482-0103

337-4041

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES
November 2, 9, 16, 17, 23 & 24, 2020
November 2

Approved the Quit Claim Deed for the sale of county-owned property to Desert Farms Real Estate LLC.

Approved and paid all outstanding bills from the following funds: Current Expense, \$19,212; Road and Bridge, \$532,216; Airport, \$654; District Court, \$2,163; Probation, \$313; Health District, \$4,507; Indigent and Charity, \$11,566; Jr. College Tuition, \$1,800; Revaluation, \$986; Solid Waste, \$6,663

Approved the Twin Falls Highway District Road Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$1,500.00 for fiscal year 2021.

Approved the Xerox Financial Services Copier Agreement for the Extension Office in the amount of \$206.06 per month.

Approved the Application for Payment from Thueson Construction for the parking lot paving project in the amount of \$134,136.49.

Approved the Idaho Office of Emergency Management Subrecipient Agreement ID #20SHSP073, in the amount of \$29,426.00.

Approved the Assessors Request for Road Name of Chase Lane.

Rescinded as Region IV Broadband Grant Administrator.

Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity cases 20-25 and 20-26.

November 9

Approved the FY2021 Industrial Appraisal Contract with Shewey, VanderBoegh LLC for appraisal services at US Ecology of Idaho in the amount of \$5200.00.

Approved the BLM Communications Site Agreement for Wilson Peak, IDI 036827.

Approved the County Juvenile Justice Report to the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections.

Approved the Sheriff’s new hire of James Fox, acting deputy for Idaho Power, Waterways,

OHV and court security, to begin November 9, 2020, grade 9 at \$18.08 per hour.

Denied Indigent and Charity case 20-17.

Denied Indigent and Charity case 20-21.

Approved the amended Boise Office Equipment / Xerox Lease Agreement for the Extension Office copier contract that was previously approved on November 2, 2020.

Approved a letter to John Ruhs, Idaho State BLM Director, Mike Courtney, Twin Falls BLM District Manager and Tanya Thrift, Acting Boise District BLM District Manager, regarding the RS2477 Findings, Conclusions, and Order dated February 25, 2020 by the Owyhee County Commissioners, Gem Highway District Board of Commissioners and the Three Creek Road District Board of Commissioners.

November 16

Approved and paid all outstanding bills from the following funds;

Current Expense, \$27,091; Road & Bridge, \$9,847; District Court, \$2,139; Fair, Grounds & Bldgs., \$192; Probation, \$55; Indigent & Charity, \$4,481; Solid Waste, \$13,159; 911, \$119,166; County Vessel, \$40; Taxing District Elections, \$3,925

Approved the Bureau of Land Management Right of Way Renewal for IDI 031362, the Hemmingway Butte / Wilson Creek gravel pit.

Approved a certificate of residency to the College of Western Idaho for student #2020-21.

Approved Indigent and Charity case 20-22.

Approved Indigent and Charity case 20-23.

The OHV Ordinance deliberations regarding certain corrections was held.

- Gravel Roads
- 20 Mile Rd. (2 miles long) – keep closed
- Bates Creek Rd. (first 3.1 miles) – keep closed
- Cattle Drive Rd. (5 miles) – keep closed
- Dairy Rd. (1 mile) – keep

- closed
- Millett Rd. (less than 1 mile) – keep closed
- Missile Base Rd. (first mile) – keep closed
- Parkinson Rd. (all) – keep closed

- Paved Roads
- Alma Rd. – keep closed
- Bailey Rd. – keep closed
- Beet Dump Rd – keep closed
- Black Sands Rd. – keep closed

- Colyer Rd. – keep closed
- Crane Falls Rd. – keep closed

- David Rd. – keep closed
- Hot Springs Rd. (8.1 miles) – keep closed

- Lemley Rd. – keep closed
- Mormon Blvd – keep closed
- Mud Flat Rd. (12 miles) – keep closed

- Oreana Loop Rd. – keep closed
- Pleasant Valley Rd. – keep closed

- Quail Ln. – keep closed
- River Rd. – keep closed
- Strike Dam Cutoff – keep closed

- Vista Rd. – keep closed
- Gravel / Paved Roads
- A&A Rd. – keep closed
- Bachman Grade Rd. (first 3 miles) – keep closed

- China Ditch Rd. – keep closed
- Clover / Three Creek Rd. (26.5 miles) – keep closed

- Hot Creek Rd. – keep closed
- Reynolds Creek Rd.- keep closed, except for designated crossing areas (closed Hwy 78 to Cemetery)

- Shoofly Cut-Off – keep closed
- Silver City Rd. – keep closed

- Hwy 78 to Diamond Basin
- Trout Creek Rd. (2 miles, paved portion) – keep closed
- Wilson Creek Rd. – keep closed

November 17

Sent a letter to Thomas and Michelle Myers regarding the signs they have posted on Bates Creek Road.

November 23

Approved the Boise Office Equipment and Xerox Financial

Sales and Service Agreement for a 16-month copier lease at \$170.93 per month.

Approved a Treasurers tax cancellation for parcel RP03N05W153120 in the amount of \$729.58.

Approved a Treasurers tax cancellation for parcel MHD05400020014 in the amount of \$114.50.

Approved the Oregon Social Learning Center “Project Leap” for the Probation Department. There is no cost to the county, and the department will receive \$250.00 toward probation services. The contract will run from March 2021 through March 2024.

Approved the M2 Automation quote for Critical Infrastructure Protection Control Adds at various locations in the Courthouse, Sheriff Office, Planning and Zoning building and Prosecuting Attorneys building. The project will be funded with Idaho Office of Emergency Management grant funds in the amount of \$25,123.10.

Approved (7) certificates of residency to the College of Western Idaho for students 2020-22 through 2020-28.

Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity case 20-27.

Denied Indigent and Charity case 20-25, Idaho Code 31-3502(18)(24), applicant is not a resident.

Tabled the Draft RV Ordinance at this time and send back to the Planning and Zoning Commission and asking for more information from the public and hold additional Public Hearings.

November 24

Approved Resolution 2020-30: To close Silver City Road for automobile travel, effective immediately due to icy, snow and weather conditions, until further action of the Board of Commissioners.

The complete minutes can be viewed online at www.owyheecounty.net or in the Clerk’s office.
12/09/2020

CALL FOR BID FOR SCHOOL BUS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by Homedale Jt. School District No. 370, Homedale, Idaho for the purchase of one (1) 2022 71-passenger school bus (complete - body and chassis).

Bid documents and detailed specifications are available at the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday until day of bid opening.

Bids must be submitted on or before 9:00 a.m. on February 2, 2021 to the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho. Bids received after the stated time and date will not be considered. At the stated time and place, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject or to select any portion thereof of any or all bids and to waive any technicality. No bidder may withdraw his bid after the opening of such bids unless the awarding of the bid is delayed for a period exceeding thirty days.

Faith K. Olsen, Finance Specialist/Board Clerk
12/09,16/2020

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT DUE

NOTICE [S HEREBY GIVEN THAT ACCORDING TO SECTION 43-707, IDAHO CODE, assessments for the Grand View Irrigation District 2020 Irrigation season are due and payable and will become delinquent at five o’clock p.m. on the twenty-first day of December 2020. Payment must be made in lawful money of the United States, negotiable bank draft or cashier’s check. Payment may be made in person at the Irrigation District Office or mailed to the District.

Dixie McDaniel
Secretary
PO Box 9
Grand View, Idaho 83624
12/09,16/2020

✓ Trojans: Tonight’s season opener in Marsing has been postponed

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bracket when the scene shifted to the Ford Idaho Center for the state tournament.

Senior Keagen Christensen is back for his a season after a state consolation run at 170 pounds.

White and Christensen both played on the Trojans’ 3A Milk Bowl state runner-up football team, forcing Levinski to have a little patience to get them into the wrestling room to join about two dozen other athletes.

“It is great to see the football team made it to the state finals

again,” he said. “About half of the team will be starting late because they are finishing a successful season.”

Junior Rhyalee Nix was another of those football players, and another state qualifier.

Gracie Rotter (106 pounds) is one of six girls on the team this season, joining fellow seniors Kaydince and Savannah Turner (132 and 126, respectively) and Anahi Cortez (145), junior Lizzy Hergesheimer (126), and freshman Trinity Neeser, who could wrestle in any of three weight classes

between 120 and 132).

Kaydince was a state tournament alternate after beating her sister, Savannah, for fifth place at districts.

Patience has been the name of the game for the start of the 2020 season with the second annual Ardis Nash Memorial all-girls tournament getting pushed to the end of January.

“I’m glad we got to finish the season. That was a huge success in comparison that we might not have much of a season this year,” Levinski said.

The coed squad hits the mats

today for a quad meet in Marsing that also features Melba and Payette. On Saturday, the Trojans are scheduled to compete in the R.D. Brown Invitational in New Plymouth.

Homedale lost only one state qualifier. Julian Ramos (138) graduated in May.

Levinski is hoping for enough depth to fill out a dual-meet roster, but he’s keeping his fingers crossed just to get a chance to step on the mat rather than focusing on challenges in the schedule.

“As for big dates, I hope we

can have a season,” he said. “At this point, it doesn’t look too promising.

“But we are going to be ready for a season no matter how slim it is.”

Just after noon on Monday, Levinski learned that the Trojans lost their next outing — today’s planned quad meet in Marsing with the Huskies, Payette and Melba.

First-year Huskies coach Juan Garcia announced that his wrestlers are going into quarantine. No makeup date has been announced. — JPB



✓ Wrestlers: First meet brings team’s first injury

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Jonathan Ineck (138), hoping to achieve similar success to brothers Joseph and Justin, recorded pins in all four of his matches in Wendell.

Senior Troy Miller (138), wrestling for the first time since

winning the 2A District III championship in February in Garden Valley, also went 4-for-4 with three pins and a technical fall.

Evan Miller suffered an injury against Sam Lettunich during the

Huskies’ dual meet against fellow 2A Western Idaho Conference member New Plymouth.

No other information from the Wendell action was available from Marsing or the Trackwrestling website.

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Male #1	Old Spice, Camo fishing hat, Long sleeve t-shirts size 2X, spill proof cup, sweat pants size 2X
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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

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