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Two Marsing school trustees resign in one week

Applications being accepted after McIntyre, Ackerman step down

Changes on the Marsing School District board of trustees have provided an opportunity for patrons to step into leadership roles.

Two trustees stepped down last Wednesday, opening up positions on the five-person school board.

Chair Brad McIntyre had to resign because he sold his home and moved out of Zone 5.

Betty Ackerman (Zone 3), who has served on the board for 20 years, has decided it's time to move on and focus on her family.

Both trustees' terms expire in December 2021. The board accepted their resignations during its regular meeting last week.

District superintendent Norm Stewart said the district is advertising for people living in those zones who may

be interested in serving on the board.

Potential candidates are encouraged to submit a resume and a letter of interest to the district's office at 205 8th Ave. W., inside The HUB.

— See *Trustees*, page 5A



Betty Ackerman



Brad McIntyre



The mound in the middle of a City of Homedale sewer lagoon is evidence that the cell is “dying,” and unable to properly break down sewage. The failure puts more pressure on other sewer ponds in the complex. A look at the options, *Page 8A*

Homedale council gets low-down on lagoons

Aging plant failing because of dying cells, lack of maintenance

No matter which way elected officials decide to go, the City of Homedale faces a multi-million dollar problem.

City council members were presented with five options to upgrade and outfit the wastewater lagoons northwest of town to meet the demands of an upcoming new discharge permit and handle Homedale's growth over the next 40 years.

The current lagoons were built in 1985, and the rule of thumb is to revisit a



Left: Mayor Gheen Christoffersen (center) makes a point during a city council discussion of the Homedale wastewater treatment plant. **Right:** The grayish slime on the aerator is remnants of disposable diapers, “flushable” wipes and shop rags that do not break down.

community's needs every 20 years.

Based on “conservative” estimates, Great West Engineering representative Andrew Kimmel said the project could cost anywhere from \$8 million to \$20 million depending on what mitigation alternative the

council selects.

“The short answer is, they're old and they can't keep up with (modern treatment) standards,” Kimmel said about the city's wastewater lagoons.

Kimmel said that the estimates could be fine-tuned to get the costs down more.



“There are some things we have not completely investigated because we have yet to talk to (the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality),” he said.

The silver lining, though, is the city has several avenues

— See *Lagoons*, page 9A

Church Christmas events set

Local special events planned leading up to Christmas:

Today

Community Christmas dinner — 6 p.m., live music, Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 779-7926

Sunday

Country Christmas Cantata — 10 a.m., Church in the Dirt children's Christmas program, The Tango, 404 U.S. Hwy. 95, Homedale. Christmas caroling at night.

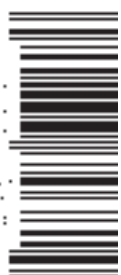
Christmas service — 10:30 a.m., Christmas message, children singing, Vision Community Church

Thursday, Dec. 24

Candlelight service — 7 p.m., Homedale First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 473-9331

Candlelight service — 7 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

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Homedale family rides out COVID-19 storm

Emotional, financial effects linger

Although COVID-19 and its associated physical, social, and financial repercussions are affecting dozens of county residents, many people don't have a direct, personal experience with the virus.

One Homedale family's entire household endured the effects of the illness to varying degrees in parts of October and November.

The virus first struck the family's 16-year-old daughter, "Becky," who developed a severe kidney infection.

Within three days, all five family members were afflicted.

"It hit her first as a horrible kidney infection," Becky's mom "Karen" said. "It was so bad that she had bruises on her back where her kidneys are."

The other two children in the family, "Hudson," 14, and "Kylie," 10, showed drastically different effects from the virus. Hudson had a high fever and very bad body aches, headache, and loss of taste

and smell, while Kylie had a fever for two hours but had no other adverse symptoms.

Karen started feeling a migraine coming, with dizziness and a bad headache, but her condition worsened quickly.

"It moved on from there — severe body aches, fever, chest pain, (difficulty breathing), kidney pain, exhaustion, loss of taste and smell, and skin hurting," she said.

Karen said that 45-year-old "Blaine" had it the worst. He suffered a severe headache, a high fever that hit him quickly, and terrible cough, exhaustion, and body aches.

"He couldn't even stand to have my hand rest on his back (because) his skin hurt so bad," she said. "He has never been that sick before, and he still suffers from low energy."

Karen and Blaine felt the brunt of the illness, while their children took it relatively in stride.

"We didn't get out of bed for four days," Karen said. "It was too exhausting to do anything but breathe. It took us eight days to even stop wishing for death, and the extreme exhaustion lasted another three weeks."

The family worried about COVID-19 as it began to spread. They care for Karen's elderly parents who are high-risk, and she was afraid to think that she could be responsible for giving her parents something that could make them ill, or worse.

However, Karen has a pragmatic view on the subject of her parents and the coronavirus. She was worried that her parents could also die from depression and neglect if she didn't continue to care for them.

"The decision to continue spending time with my family was not made lightly," she said. "We at first stayed away, and they suffered a lot with our absence."

"My 83-year-old father's favorite phrase lately has been, 'If I get it, I get it. But I'm not going to let the fear of it keep me from my family.'"

Prior to contracting the illness, the family followed the Centers for Disease Control and Southwest District Health's guidelines by sanitizing, washing hands often and wearing masks, as well as keeping out of high-traffic areas. Since recovering from the virus, the family has con-

ducted themselves in a similar fashion.

"According to Southwest District Health, there are studies being done on if someone can catch COVID twice," Karen said. "There is just so much unknown about this virus right now."

Once the family came out of quarantine and got the "all clear" from SWDH, everyone returned to normal — the children back to school full-time and parents back to work.

Although the health issues the family has faced have eased up, financial hardships have continued. Both Blaine and Karen missed 2½ weeks of work. Their dishwasher went out on the second day of quarantine and their microwave on the fourth.

"We still may not be recovered by Christmas, and that is so hard to think about," Karen said.

Kylie was especially affected on an emotional level. Despite having recovered faster physically than anyone else in the family, she remained in quarantine and was not able to see friends or go to school.

"Not being able to leave the house made her a little stir-

crazy," Karen said.

Although Karen and Blaine were allowed to return to work, the couple still had some concerns. The fatigue, shortness of breath, and chest pain did not immediately ease up, and Blaine continued to experience a cough.

Karen is most concerned for Becky.

"I worry about her kidneys, as they were hit the hardest," she said. "Other than eating carefully and drinking lots of liquids, there isn't much else we can do for her."

Karen has suggestions for those dealing with the virus.

"Theraflu, zinc, vitamins C, D3, K2, and lots of fluids," she recommends. "(People) will crave salt but can't taste anything so be careful not to hurt your kidneys more. Hot baths with Epsom salts helps ease the body aches for a time."

"The stomach ache will cause lack of appetite, but keep drinking," she emphasized. "Also, let your friends and family know if you are sick and how they can help."

"Be willing to ask for help. This community is amazing, and no one will go without care if needed." — TK



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Daily incidence falls, vaccine on way

School district COVID-19 cases tick up slightly

Owyhee County remains in the COVID-19 red health alert zone although the weekly positivity rate is dropping.

The first rounds of vaccinations began this week for healthcare workers, including staffers at long-term care facilities. Long-term care center residents also are on the initial list of nearly 14,000 doses.

Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation director Melissa Truesdell said Monday afternoon that vaccinations for staff and residents are expected to be available soon.

Southwest District Health released its weekly update Friday, putting the daily incidence rate at 10.81 daily cases per 10,000 people (down from 11.66 on Dec. 3) and a positivity rate of 30.92 percent (up from 28.21 percent a week earlier).

The number of students and staff affected in schools serving Owyhee County has dropped, though.

According to Southwest District Health data from investigations between Nov. 29 and Dec. 5 (the last available information), confirmed and probable cases included two staff members in the Homedale

Overall Owyhee County COVID-19 cases:

715

Dec. 8 to Dec. 14 statistics:
New confirmed cases, 22
Probable cases, 84 (New: 8)
Deaths: 18 (New: 5)
People who recovered: 469 (New: 38)
Health alert level: Red
Source: coronavirus.idaho.gov and Southwest District Health

Malheur COVID-19 cases:

2,605

New cases, Dec. 8 to Dec. 14: 51
Deaths: 45 (New: 0)
Source: govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19

School District, one staff member and student in the Marsing district and one Melba student.

As of Friday, there were 74 school staff and students in a 14-day quarantine after close contact with a positive case. A dozen staff and students were in isolation of a minimum of 10 days after testing positive.

During the Dec. 3 report monitoring events between Nov. 22 and Nov. 28, 63 students and staff were in quarantine and eight were in isolation.

The Southwest District Health COVID-19 call center is available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Monday through Friday at (208) 455-5411.

Information can be found at <https://phd3.idaho.gov/covid19> and <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/> for statewide information.

Gypsy Jackson library dives into Christmas

Christmas is, of course, on the minds of children visiting the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library in the next week.

Homedale's city library already is festive, but there will be more cheer, and probably cheering, beginning Thursday with the Teens & Tweens program.

At 5 p.m., boys and girls ages 10-17 are invited to participate in Christmas-themed "Minute to Win It" games. The youth also will make a snowman ornament for their trees at home and there will be a hot chocolate bar with cookies for refreshments.

If more than 10 youth show up for the event, there will be twin activities inside the library at 121 W. Owyhee Ave., and the Homedale Community Foodstead next door at 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

Anticipation for the season will be high on Monday when the preschool Story Time crowd gathers to hear "Is It Christmas Yet?" and "Little Blue Truck's Christmas."

Story Time has sessions at 10:15 a.m., and 11:15 a.m., inside the memorial library.

The children will make Christmas trees with paper plates, sing songs and play games.

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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ICF grants help Owyhee libraries, youth, elderly

Homedale Youth Club gets boost for the school year

Four Owyhee County organizations will benefit from the latest round of Idaho Community Foundation grants.

The ICF handed out grants to 71 community organizations after the foundation’s Southwest Regional Council divvied up more than \$315,000 from the Forever Idaho Southwest Fund.

The \$12,500 heading to Owyhee County will benefit:

- **Homedale Youth Club** — The First Presbyterian Church-based group will receive \$3,000 to provide meals and enrichment activities for Pre-kindergarten through sixth-grade children. The youth club is held each Friday to give schoolchildren a place to learn and interact after the school district’s four-day week is over.

- **Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library** — Homedale’s city library will receive \$2,500 to purchase Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) items, fund its summer reading program and provide new and updated materials.
- **Eastern Owyhee County Library** — The Grand View-based public library will use \$5,000 to pave its dirt parking lot and complete maintenance.
- **National Forest Foundation** — A \$2,000 grant will provide firewood to heat the homes of elderly and/or mobility-limited members of Shoshone-Paiute Tribes living on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation in the south-central part of the county.

There are some changes to the Forever Idaho grant pro-

gram this year:

- Grantees can use funding for any charitable purpose, a type of grant-making known as community-driven philanthropy.
- The regional council, which reviews grant applications and recommends which organizations should receive grants, is focusing grant-making in ICF’s Areas of Impact — family homelessness, mental and physical health, educational opportunities, and access to services. Grants in other areas will be considered.
- The council is trying to fully fund grant applications. Of the 71 grantees in this cycle, 65 received full funding. The regional council is comprised of local volunteers who live in the counties receiving funding.

“We want our grantees to be successful, and we know that fully funding grant requests and providing them the flexibility to use the grant for their greatest needs are two great ways to ensure that success,” ICF’s vice president of philanthropy and impact Cara Nielsen said.

The Idaho Community Foundation has been empowering local organizations for more than 30 years. For more information on the foundation, visit www.idahocf.org.

Wish Tree committee praises community for another successful year

Families to get presents Saturday

The gift-giving deadline has come and gone, but Wish Tree organizers are confident of another joyful Christmas for Homedale families.

“The community has come together to help out, as our special little town always does,” Wish Tree committee member Diana Maxwell said.

“Individuals and organizations in our community have sent in donations, and taken tags from the trees to fill to make sure these kids all have a Merry Christmas.”

This year, 131 children from 39 families within the Homedale School District are set to receive presents.

The last day for community members to fill tags was Tuesday. Committee members will hit stores this week to buy presents (something warm and something fun) for each child whose tags remain on the trees.

“We always do a complete inventory of the gifts several times to be sure that each child will be receiving a least two gifts,” Maxwell said.

Homedale first-responders from the fire department, ambulance service, and police department will distribute the gifts on Saturday.

The committee funds the last-minute gift drive through donations and the annual poker fundraiser, but this year’s event was shelved for public health concerns.

Instead, folks sent in checks. Donations can be sent to:

Homedale Community Wish Tree
3787 Hwy 95
Homedale, ID 83628

Tree locations this year included:

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Man dies in Sunday morning fire

A space heater is believed to be the cause of a Sunday morning fire that killed 67-year-old Thomas Bradley Kramer, according to Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller. Volunteer firefighters responded to the call of a motor home and shed on fire near the rear of a property in the first block of West Washington Avenue just before 8 a.m., on Sunday. The official cause of the fire won't be known until the state fire marshal completes the investigation.

Three Creek takes Christmas online

With the state remaining in Stage 2 of Gov. Brad Little's COVID-19 Stay Healthy order, Three Creek School is taking advantage of social media. The school's Facebook page features the students' recent Harvest Festival program and the interview of the newly hired teacher's aide. The school's Christmas program will be presented on Facebook because Stage 2 limits gatherings to 10 people. Teacher Dena Pollock said that because the school only has three students this year, in-person, student-led parent-teacher conferences are possible. The classroom has just five people — the students, Pollock, and the teacher's aide. The online Christmas program will include stories and facts from 10 countries around the world, and information about the Star of Bethlehem (or Christmas Star), which is actually Jupiter and Saturn in close proximity of one another. The Christmas Star is visible now, but viewing will peak on Monday just after sunset. The school's Christmas program will begin on Facebook at 7 p.m., on Monday. The internet location is <https://www.facebook.com/threecreekschool>. The program will feature the students' favorite Christmas carols and a fundraiser auction conducted on Facebook. With no Santa visit, the schoolchildren will share the spirit in a special way. "Students are hoping to put together packages to be delivered to the mailboxes of those with children in our community," Pollock wrote in her monthly newsletter. "These packages will include a Christmas card and some goodies." The hope is to deliver the packages either Friday or Monday.

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✓ Trustees: Jason Sevy now chairman

For information about applying, call the district office at (208) 649-5411. The positions will remain open until filled, and the board has 90 days to appoint someone living in those zones. If no one shows interest within the appropriate zones, the board can appoint at-large trustees from anywhere in the school district. Until the positions are filled, the Board of Trustees still has the minimum number of members (three) for a quorum. The remaining members include Jason Sevy (Zone 1), Chad Showalter (Zone 2), and Deb Holzhey (Zone 4). Sevy has moved from vice-chair to chair with McIntyre's exit, and the vice-chair position will remain vacant until the annual meeting next month. The Idaho School Boards Association (ISBA) will conduct a training specifying the difference between governance and management of a school district on Tuesday, Jan. 12 for all candidates who have submitted documentation to the district office. Interviews with potential candidates will occur at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, Jan. 13 during the school board's regular monthly meeting. If whomever is chosen wants to continue on the board beyond 2021, they must run for reelection in November. According to the ISBA's website, a school board member's most important job is to join in setting goals and establishing policy for the school system. The site also lists qualifications of a good school board member, including:

- Have a broad background and knowledge — finance, student-employee-community relations, and curriculum — or be prepared to learn quickly.
- Be willing to provide today's education for today's children
- Be tolerant and avoid prejudice
- Be able to defend the board's philosophy and goals and withstand criticisms from people with opposing views.

A prospective member of any school board must be a citizen and resident of the zone they are to represent. For additional information about eligibility and qualifications, visit www.idsba.org/member-services/board-development and click on the "So You Want To Be A School Board Member" hyperlink.

— TK

Order Homedale Sr. Ctr. holiday dinner by Thursday

Anyone who wants to enjoy in the Homedale Senior Center's annual Christmas dinner must call in an order by Thursday. The ham dinner will be available for curbside pick-up starting at noon on Tuesday, which is also the only day meals will be available for the week. The center will be closed next Wednesday and Dec. 24 for the Christmas holiday. 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.

Senior menus

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Dec. 16: Tuna casserole, Brussels sprouts
Dec. 17: Country-fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables
Dec. 22: Christmas ham, mashed potatoes with gravy, sweet potatoes, stuffing
Dec. 23-24: Closed for Christmas
Dec. 29: Chicken patty on bun, hash brown casserole, peas and carrots

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing

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Dec. 16: Christmas meal: Ham with Cumberland sauce, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole, dessert, whole wheat roll
Dec. 18: Rosemary salmon, wild rice, snap peas, coleslaw, wheat bread
Dec. 21: Sausage and rice skillet, broccoli, apples and berries, wheat bread
Dec. 23: Crunchy tuna casserole, winter vegetables, stewed tomatoes, wheat roll
Dec. 25: Closed for Christmas
Dec. 28: Chicken bacon ranch casserole, country trio vegetables, green salad, peach crisp, bread
Dec. 30: Beans and ham, potatoes, Brussels sprouts, juice, cornbread

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Calm, quiet livestock handling crucial to develop quality beef

Stress is something that happens whenever we work livestock. Stressed animals are more likely to have health issues as well as reduced performance. This can include poor immune response to vaccines, poor reproductive performance, and reduced weight gains. Additionally, sometimes even the human factor experiences stress. Articles in the current issues of Bovine Veterinarian and Beef Magazine were focused on low-stress handling. Following are some thoughts and tips to reduce stress to both animals and humans.



Scott Jensen

First on the list is your attitude. When sorting and handling livestock make the conscious decision to stay calm and keep your cool. Several years ago, I conducted a program at Snyder Livestock in Yerington, Nev. Feedlot co-owner Lucy Snyder Rechel was adamant about how cattle were handled at her facility. If you were not willing to work cattle slowly and quietly, you were not welcome at their feedlot! The best way to work cattle quickly is to work them slowly. Learn to work on cow time.

When sorting cattle, make sure they know where to go and handle them quietly. It might be helpful to move animals from one pen to another and then back before sorting to ensure that they know where to go. Be careful to not overfill tubs and alleyways.

Animal-handling gurus Whit Hibbard and Dawn Hnatow have identified eight key steps for successful squeeze chute work:

- Their first recommendation is to minimize the noise. This includes loud conversation around the chute as well as hydraulic pump noise if you are fortunate enough to have a hydraulic chute.
- Next is to hold the caught animal until the next animal in line is ready to enter. Normal animal behavior is to follow

the animal in front and this will help draw the next animal into the chute.

- Additionally, leave the headgate open enough for the animal to see it and commit.
- If animals are coming too fast, you can slow them down by closing the headgate slightly or by slightly squeezing the animal. Too much speed in the chute can lead to shoulder bruises.
- When releasing an animal from the chute, open the headgate first and then the sides. This will generally help the animal move forward and out rather than backing up.
- They also recommend holding an animal until it is calm. If released before calming, that behavior is reinforced and will more likely be repeated the next time the cow is worked.
- Tip No. 7 is related to No. 2. Don't release the animal in the chute until you have the attention of the next one in line. Be sure that next cow is looking forward to take advantage of drawing her in as the cow in the chute exits.
- Finally, use good stockmanship techniques to facilitate moving livestock quietly. The late Bud Williams stated "The one thing that we're really not doing in the industry is taking the stress off of the animals that we put on them when we work them." I was fortunate recently to observe the crew from one of our Owyhee County ranches as they vaccinated and preg-checked cows a few weeks ago. I joked that I was there as the official Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) observer to see that they used proper techniques. All joking aside, I was impressed with their quiet and efficient manner as they processed cows. As we better focus on reducing stress on animals, they will stay healthier and perform better.

— Scott Jensen is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension educator. He welcomes questions on livestock care. The U of I Owyhee County Extension office is located at 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing and can be reached at (208) 896-4104. Contact at scottj@uidaho.edu.

Holiday closures outlined

Christmas break is on the horizon for Owyhee County schoolchildren and will run through the first weekend of January. All students will hit the books again on Jan. 4.

All Homedale students will be released at 1:50 p.m., on Thursday, and Marsing children will begin their vacation at 1 p.m. Bruneau-Grand View, Jordan Valley and Adrian students will start their break after a full day of classes Thursday. There is a remedial school day, if needed, on Friday in Adrian.

All county offices will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day.

Homedale City Hall will close at noon on Dec. 24 and will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

The Marsing City Hall closes at 3 p.m. on Dec. 24 and will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

The Grand View government office will be shut down next Wednesday, Christmas Eve and Dec. 25. City Hall also be closed on New Year's Day.

Jordan Valley and Adrian city offices will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day, too.

Bruneau Valley Library in Bruneau and Lizard Butte Library in Marsing will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library in Homedale will close Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

Because of COVID-19 concerns, the Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View has closed until at least the next board of trustees meeting at 4 p.m., on Jan. 19.

Westowns Disposal Inc.'s won't collect on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

Albertsons in Homedale will be closed on Christmas Day and will close at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Sav-On Pharmacy inside Albertsons will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day.

Homedale Drug, and the liquor store inside, are closed on Christmas and New Year's Day.

Logan's Market in Marsing hasn't set holiday hours yet.

The drive-up teller windows at US Bank in Marsing and Homedale will close at 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve and will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

The University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office will be closed from Christmas Day through New Year's Day.

The Owyhee Avalanche office will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Days, and will close at noon on Christmas Eve.

Classified ad deadlines remain the same (noon on Monday) for the Dec. 30 and Jan. 6 editions. The display ad deadlines will be at 5 p.m. next Wednesday and noon on New Year's Eve.

Letters to the editor and non-breaking news items must be received by noon next Wednesday and Dec. 30.

Legal notices deadline remains noon each Friday.

— TK

Calendar

W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 779-7926

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

Community Christmas dinner

6 p.m., food and live music, Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 779-7926

Thursday

Food bank drop off

1 p.m., to 3 p.m., (weather permitting; holidays could change date), Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206 or (541) 586-2562

Teens & Tweens

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

Friday

Idaho Foodbank drop-off

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

The Landing teen support group

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

Saturday

Free lunch

11:30 a.m., Homedale First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 473-9331

Sunday

Christmas service

10:30 a.m., Vision Community Church, 221

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Story Time

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

Tuesday

Writing group

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

Homedale Chamber luncheon

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

Thursday, Dec. 24

Candlelight Christmas service

7 p.m., Homedale First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 473-9331

Candlelight Christmas service

7 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Saturday, Dec. 26

Free lunch

11:30 a.m., Homedale First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 473-9331

Monday, Dec. 28

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

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Choice of milk and juice
Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily
Dec. 16: **Breakfast:** Chocolate chip muffin **Lunch:** Baked ham, mashed potatoes with gravy, stuffing, hot roll, pumpkin pie
Dec.17: **Breakfast:** Bug bite grahams with yogurt **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, steamed carrots
Dec. 21-31: No school

Homedale Middle

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese
Cereal option and PB&J offered daily
Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily
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
Dec. 21-31: No school

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. 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
Dec. 21-31: No school

Marsing

Each meal includes choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables
Elementary School each day: Breakfast: Cereal option
Middle/High School each day: PB&J sandwich option
Cold Grab-n-go line (variations of each daily): Wrap, sub sandwich, salad
Hot Grab-n-go line (daily): Cheeseburger, chicken sandwich (regular or spicy)
Dec. 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
Dec. 21-31: No school

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily
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
Dec. 21-31: No school

Death notices

LUIS BERNABE, 75, of Homedale, died Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020 at a local care facility of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

MARY ZELMER LARSEN, 86, who once operated a dairy farm in Marsing with her husband, died on Thursday, Nov. 26, 2020. Arrangements: Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-3629

ORVILLE JOE "PAT" THOMPSON, 86, of Boise, a 1953 Marsing High School graduate, died Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020. A private service with military honors will be held at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery at a later date.

Marsing man dies in crash

Icy conditions are being blamed for a Sunday crash that killed a Marsing man.
Idaho State Police reports that 62-year-old Santiago Rodriguez Reyna received fatal injuries when he lost control of a 1995 Ford Ranger pickup on Idaho highway 19 west of Caldwell.
ISP investigated the crash at mile marker 17 at 6:36 p.m.
According to ISP, Rodriguez Reyna was traveling westbound on Idaho 19 when he lost control on the icy road surface and drove off the right shoulder. The pickup rolled into a drainage.
The man was transported by ambulance to West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell where he died.

Obituary

Butch Brown

Butch Brown, 79, of Jordan Valley, Oregon passed away Wednesday, December 2, 2020 in a Nampa, Idaho hospital with family by his side.

Butch was born February 10, 1941 in Klamath Falls, Oregon to Dale and Edith Brown.

The first years of his life were spent on the Bittner Ranch in Nevada, close to Cedarville, California where he started the first grade. In 1948, his family moved to Rome, Oregon where he continued his schooling and graduated from the eighth grade. He then went on to graduate from Jordan Valley High School in 1959.

In the mid '60s, Butch did a tour of duty in Vietnam. He worked at various ranches in and around Jordan Valley. His dream was to be a cattleman and own his own place, and he always regretted not having had the opportunity to do so. He worked for a while trapping for the government. In 1969, he married Sharron Critcher and together they raised Tom and Jodi, who he dearly loved.

He later went to work at the Delamar Mine in Idaho and continued working many years for Kinross. His last employment, before his retirement in 2006, was with the Oregon Department of Transportation as a highway maintenance specialist for the Jordan Valley district.

In 1987, he and Linda Breyman Acarregui were married. They enjoyed spending time traveling in their RV, camping, fishing, and spending time together with their friends and relatives. He often later commented that



these were the happiest times of his life, doing what he really enjoyed.

Butch was preceded in death by his mother, Edith Lovelady Brown and father, Dale E. Brown; sister, Danice Payne; daughter, Jodi Nelson; and granddaughter, Shannon Donnelly. He is survived by his wife, Linda Brown; son, Tom (Monica) Brown; sisters, Patty (Terry) Ackerman and Lois Murray; four grandchildren: Chane Nelson, Shelby Pugsley, Nicole Brown, and Gary Brown; one great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held in his honor on Saturday, December 19th at the Jordan Valley Cemetery, at 2:00 P.M. Anyone who wishes to attend is welcome and masks are encouraged.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Jordan Valley Lions Building Fund at P.O. Box 344, Jordan Valley, OR 97910 or the Jordan Valley Cemetery at P.O. Box 387, Jordan Valley, OR 97910.

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Options in Homedale’s wastewater facility plan

Great West Engineers representative Andrew Kimmel presented several mitigation plans during Thursday’s Homedale City Council meeting:

Collection system rehab \$2.3 million

Under this plan, the city would replace about 18,500 feet of sewer pipe throughout the city. Kimmel said the idea is to replace all concrete pipe installed prior to 1967 when the system under Idaho Avenue was updated. The industry standard switched from concrete to PVC in 1972.

There is still concrete pipe in service under Homedale’s streets from the original sewer project in 1947 and expansions in 1951, 1953 and 1967.

The extent of the project could hinge on results from a recent video survey of the city’s sewer system.

Likewise, the council must decide what to do with the pipe under Idaho Avenue because the Idaho Transportation Department plans a comprehensive rehabilitation of the Idaho highway 19 from 4th Street West to 4th Street East beginning next summer. ITD has asked that an infrastructure work be completed before the new roadway is in place.

The \$2.3 million cost includes pipe and manholes, Kimmel said.

Aerated treatment lagoon \$17.6 million

This alternative would eliminate treatment cells 1 and 2 and the facility sand filter.

The remaining 32-acre lagoon would be split in two, and sewage would be treated in preparation for land application.

There would be no discharge to the river, eliminating the need for a permit, but the city would have to buy about 112 acres of agricultural land to handle the land application of waste.

Kimmel said the city could buy the land from area farmers and then lease it back for them to continue their agricultural operations.

“I would not recommend looking at this one as an option,” Kimmel said.



New regulations lowering the amount of chlorine allowed to treat contaminants in wastewater is one reason Homedale is looking at upgrades. This building is where chlorine is monitored at the sewer lagoons.

Storage and land application \$10.5 million

This option would still incorporate land application, but would also utilize river discharge for part of the year.

The system would include one aerated cell to treat wastewater and a second cell to store the treated wastewater during the summer for land application.

Kimmel said wastewater would be stored in the summer because the government has a stricter limit on phosphorous discharge in the summer.

The city would discharge treated wastewater into the river during the winter months, but that would bring up the issue of ammonia discharge.

Complete mix lagoon \$8.2 million

One of the least expensive options would require something called an advanced lagoon system with high-powered aerators.

“There would be so much air going into the lagoon it would look like it’s boiling,” Kimmel said.

The banks of the treatment lagoons would have to be raised up to ensure a 15-foot depth, but the entire system could fit inside the footprint of one of the

existing ponds. A rigid cover would span the entire lagoon, which Kimmel said would create a heavier operation-and-maintenance situation.

Dirt collects on the covers, and that brings weeds that must be removed frequently without the use of herbicide, Kimmel said.

“You’ll have to pull weeds every other month or you’ll get root balls in the lagoon,” he said.

The new aerator system would be submerged (something called a “fine bubble system”), which would treat sewage better and reduce maintenance compared to the surface aerators now in place.

The complete mix system will treat for both ammonia and phosphorous.

This option would also eliminate the use of chlorine and the discharge issues that comes with it. Kimmel said a ultra-violet light disinfection system is used, providing a more stable treatment process.

Kimmel said the amount of chlorine used now would create 13 violations under the upcoming lower permitted levels.

Aerated lagoon with SAGR \$8 million

This option would require raising Lagoons No. 1 and 2 to accommodate a 10-foot depth of water.

The system would also include a submerged attached growth reactor (SAGR), which would help ammonia removal year-round.

If ground water seepage tests call for a high-density polyethylene (HDPE) liner, the cost would be \$340,000.

Mechanical wastewater plant \$20 million

The mechanical wastewater plant pre-treats sewage to remove insoluble items before biological treatment begins.

Kimmel didn’t go into much detail on this option because of the price and the fact that the city would need a Class 4 wastewater operator to supervise the plant. — JPB

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Homedale man sentenced for DUI

A Homedale man has the option of community service or jail time after his misdemeanor conviction for driving under the influence.

Omar E. Aguilar Perez, 28, was sentenced on Dec. 2 in the Homedale courtroom of Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington.

Darrington ordered Aguilar Perez to serve five days in jail

or perform 40 hours of community service. The man is on supervised probation until Dec. 2, 2021 and must pay \$505 in fines and \$242.50 in court costs.

The balance of a six-month jail sentence (175 days) was suspended.

Homedale Police cited Aguilar Perez for DUI at 1:10 a.m., on Aug. 30 on South Main Street.

Aguilar Perez’s blood-alcohol concentration was .189 percent, or more than twice the legal limit of .08.

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to obtain money to help pay for the overhaul, including the Idaho DEQ, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development, the federal Environmental Protection Agency, and the Idaho Department of Commerce.

Kimmel said that public infrastructure projects are well-received by governmental entities, resulting in either matching grants or low-interest loans. In some cases, there is a loan forgiveness aspect as well.

Kimmel laid out the problems with the current lagoons and the remedies during an open-air meeting that doubled as a tour of the sewer treatment facility along the Snake River on Thursday afternoon.

The tour and discussion of the issues and options were the only items on the agenda besides the routine paying of bills.

Next, the council will work on the preferred option so Great West can begin filing grant applications as early as next month.

The work could take place in 2022.

One of the most pressing problems at the lagoons seems to be the influx of foreign material that either won’t break down or damages the treatment cells.

In Lagoon No. 1, for example, Kimmel pointed out a degraded clump of bleached material on top of one of the aerators. He said the ashen material was actually a conglomeration of what’s left after supposed



Great West Engineering City of Homedale liaison Andrew Kimmel (third from left) flips through the wastewater master plan as city officials follow along during Thursday’s tour.

“flushable” wipes, disposable diapers and shop rags are flushed into the city’s sewer system.

The wipes, diapers and rags don’t break down. They can damage the 40hp pumps in the lift station, and if they make it into the delivery system, the items reach the lagoon and can choke and possibly damage an aerator.

The aerators are used to pump oxygen into the lagoons to help with breaking down solids and other elements of the sewage. The city has had to replace them in the past.

Kimmel pointed out that Lagoon No. 1 also has a “dead spot” where sewage no longer gets treated. The engineer said it is a sign that the lagoon itself is failing.

He said one thing that can cause the death of a lagoon is the infiltration of illicit or prescription drugs, especially methamphetamine, that may be flushed down toilets.

“One bottle flushed from one toilet can kill a cell,” he said.

Another culprit that can kill

a lagoon is sludge build-up. Kimmel said lagoons should have no more than two inches of sludge, and maintenance is required to keep that limit in check. The Homedale lagoons apparently haven’t been cleaned since being put into service 35 years ago.

Because Lagoon No. 1 is dying, the city now has to rely on Lagoon No. 2 for treatment, and Kimmel said that cell “is struggling” to keep up.

The new permit allowing the city to continue discharging treated wastewater into the Snake River should be in place by September. The new permit has tougher standards to meet as oversight has shifted from the EPA to the state DEQ.

The city will have to adhere to discharge limits for ammonia, phosphorous and chlorine in its treated wastewater. Kimmel said it’s impossible to treat ammonia during the winter.

Kimmel said the EPA is discouraging the use of chemicals to treat *E. coli* in wastewater, so allowed chlorine limits are being cut

in half.

“The new permit will be a lot stricter with the change from federal to DEQ,” Mayor Gheen Christoffersen told the council members standing on a bank near a treatment lagoon.

“If we don’t do something now, we’ll get behind.”

The city will avoid discharge penalties because it is in the second year of a five-year compliance agreement schedule. The schedule requires a wastewater facility plan and then mitigation of any issues uncovered. Homedale has until 2024 to complete its compliance projects.

The mitigation alternatives are costly no matter which way you slice it.

Kimmel pointed out that each option he shared Thursday had a conservative price tag to hedge against construction cost inflation because the actual work won’t occur until summer of 2022. An inflation figure of three percent was added to each project, he said.

Each alternative includes the option of a high-efficiency

screen, which can cost between \$110,000 to \$500,000 depending on the quality and includes a building to house it at the headworks (initial point of treatment) to filter out those items that do not break down, such as “flushable” wipes, disposal diapers and shop rags.

Kimmel said if the city ranks high for grants or low-interest loans, that will help lessen the load on Homedale sewer customers.

Rates usually go up when big projects like this are undertaken. In Cascade, for example, an \$8 million project saw customers paying \$27 per month more for their service than before the construction.

“My biggest concern is you have a lot of folks in town on fixed incomes,” Councilman Steve Atkins said. “We’re going to catch a lot of flak for (higher rates), but it has to be done.”

Homedale users probably won’t see as big of a rate increase as Council, relatively speaking, because there are more connections in town to spread the impact out.

Kimmel said the price tags for the Homedale options were based on handling sewage flow increases that will rise with growth over the next four decades.

He said the collection system can handle the growth, including the possibility of three new subdivisions that are apparently in the planning stages.

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Above: Three Creek seventh-grader Belle Brackett accepts her Patriot Pen certificate and coin from Veterans of Foreign Wars members, including, from left, Dist. 6 and Little Wood River Post 1003 Cmdr. Eric Bolich, and Little Wood River Post 1003 members Lloyd Young and Gilbert Belasquez. **Below:** Belle reads her essay. Submitted photos

VFW honors Three Creek essayist

Seventh-grader wins Post 3001 Patriot’s Pen

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Little Wood River Post and Auxiliary 3001 visited Three Creek School on Dec. 8 to present a Patriot’s Pen award.

Seventh-grader Belle Brackett won the post’s essay contest and received a certificate of merit, a commemorative coin, and a \$100 check.

On Nov. 22, her entry in the annual civics essay contest placed fifth in the Dist. 6 competition.

Belle is the 12-year-old



daughter of Gus and Kimberly Brackett.

During last week’s presentation, Belle also read her essay, which was written to the 2020-21 theme of “What is Patriotism to Me?”

Little Wood River Post 3001 is based in Jerome.

On hand for the presentation were Post 3001 and Dist. 6 Cmdr. Eric Bolich, Post 3001 Quartermaster Gilbert Belasquez, Post 3001 Service Officer Lloyd Young, Auxiliary 3001 President Amanda Bolich and Auxiliary member Diana Belasquez.

“Belle will be eligible to participate in this program again next year and she sounded interested in doing so,” Bolich said.

— JPB

Patriotism to Me

by Belle Brackett

There are many different opinions on the definition of “patriotism.” Any dictionary will say patriotism is “love or devotion to one’s country.” Some believe patriotism is bad. I believe that patriotism is devotion to one’s country or an aspect of a nation (somebody may love a country’s scenery and nothing else). Patriotism is wanting to both celebrate the country and make it stronger. As John F. Kennedy once said, “Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country.”

Patriotism can be helpful and not destructive if put in the right way. Even the simplest acts can be patriotic, like respecting veterans or waving a flag. Patriots like nurses, soldiers, and officers help their country. During the Battle of Baltimore, men held up the symbolic flag and got killed so that the flag would not fall. During World War I and World War II, people on different sides worked together toward a common goal. Soldiers fought, nurses saved as many people as possible, women kept the economy going, even children helped by collecting supplies. When 9/11 struck, firefighters, police officers and nurses rushed to save people. Ordinary people overtook terrorists on Flight 93 for the love of their country. The Pledge of Allegiance states “for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible” meaning never divided, always united with one thing in common: patriotism.

People like Deborah Sampson, a woman who was so devoted to what she believed that she disguised herself as a man and fought in the American Revolution; Abraham Lincoln, who preserved this country in times of conflict within America; Martin Luther King Jr., who faced prejudice and assassination to fight for what he believed, are patriots.

In short, patriotism can unite or divide. It can give purpose to some but mean nothing to others. It can be good or bad, destructive or helpful. It is often in the form of faith, hope or just plain loyalty. Patriotism is a way of thinking, a way of acting, and for some, a lifestyle. I believe it is helpful and can unite many different people towards one cause, one purpose. Our purpose.

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Woman with Owyhee ties publishes second book

“Katie Young Lady” follows author’s mother in high school

A former Homedale resident has published the second book in a series bringing a mother’s memories to life.

Rebecca Emery’s “Katie Young Lady: Living Every Moment,” and its predecessor “Katie Girl: A Sweet Family Novel” are available on Amazon.com.

Emery said the books are inspired by the life of her mother, Katherine Amanda Thomas Young.

The 2018 release “Katie Young Lady,” is set in the 1930s during the Great Depression when Katie was a child.

The new release is set during World War II during the 1940s and presents Katie as a teenager.

The second book introduces readers to Katie’s experience as a teenage girl living in a small Nevada town and trying to deal with a changing world. The book also analyzes how that changing world is impacting her, forcing her to mature quickly to cope with life in a world at war.

Although, Katie is surrounded by a loving family, the high-schooler worries about the men she cares about leaving constantly to serve in the war, and she wonders if she can trust the future and get past her fear.

An Idaho native, Emery says she plans one more book in the series.

“We grew up hearing her

precious stories and reliving family traditions,” Emery said in 2018, referring to her mother’s influence.

“It seemed natural to make these into a novel.”

The wife of former Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery now lives in Twin Falls, but she holds on to her roots, which includes an ancestor who had a knack for writing.

Emery’s great-grandmother Irene King was a reporter for The Owyhee Avalanche for a couple years in the 1920s when she and her husband, Alva Read, owned a sheep ranch in Oreana.

— JPB



Right: Author Rebecca Emery shows off the second book in her “Katie” series. Submitted photo

MRW Fire takes ownership of county rig it has used

The county opted to transfer the title of a Ford F-350 to Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District because the emergency response agency has primary use of the vehicle.

The county had retained ownership of the vehicle after its purchase from Meridian Ford in 2008. The purchase price for the pickup and medical response equipment was \$29,839.

The truck was used wholly

by Central Owyhee Quick Response Unit, which was subsequently absorbed into MRW, for use with medical response, including hazardous materials exposure. This service was not previously accessible within a reasonable distance.

The transfer of the title means that MRW is now responsible for maintaining and licensing the Quick Response Unit vehicle.

County makes new hires

The Owyhee County Clerk’s Office has a new face.

Audra Yoshikane was hired as the new elections clerk/administrative assistant effective Dec. 7.

She was hired as a full-time employee at \$14.25 per hour.

Yoshikane will succeed deputy clerk Brook Russell, whose last day on the job is Friday. Russell has worked for the county for seven years.

Chelsey Gabica will begin her duties as a roll clerk in the county assessor’s office on Jan. 4. She will begin at \$13.30 per hour.

OCSO upgrades tech

Owyhee County has entered into a contract with DataWorks Plus to create and service a pair of workstations in the sheriff’s office.

The Board of County Commissioners approved a one-year contract for which the county will pay \$5,614.50. The contract includes all hardware, software, and support and will run from Jan. 15, 2021 to Jan. 14, 2022.

DataWorks Plus, LLC will

provide a Dell Precision T3620 Workstation, LCD signature pad, printer, and a cross-match LSCAN for fingerprinting.

The workstation, located in the sheriff’s office lobby area, handles work for concealed weapon permits, sex offender registry, and more.

DataWorks also will provide a Dell Precision 3431 Workstation to be used for booking inmates into the county jail.

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Homedale man breaks financial cycle with Salt & Light

Bible-based money matter class starts in January

At 29, “Luis” is comfortable in his job, his life, his finances, and his future.

But it wasn’t always that way for the lifelong Homedale resident.

Growing up in a family led by hard-working parents with grade-school educations, Luis never got the in-home training on how to handle money and break the cycle of paycheck-to-paycheck living.

Even after becoming the first person from his family to graduate college and moving on to get a good-paying job, he found himself wondering where his money was going.

“I wasn’t in a hole, but I wasn’t making any progress to better myself financially,” he said. “I was repeating that process.”

The cycle was frustrating.

“I was living on ‘x’ amounts of dollars prior to getting out of college,” he said. “Then I get a job and I’m making money, but I’m still not saving anything. I’m spending more and I’m making more.

“My whole life I’m living on ‘x’ and now I get ‘y’ and it’s still not enough.”

Luis said he lacked the maturity to know how to get ahead with money, but that was osmosis. Both his parents had been working since they were children after their fathers died, and that’s all Luis knew.

“I had to work from a young age, too,” he said. “I didn’t do school activities because I had to work.”

But work meant taking quick lunches and eating pre-pack-

aged meals from local stores instead of cooking at home. There wasn’t time.

“(Paul’s Market) took care of me for a long time,” he said of his steady diet of food from the Homedale grocery’s deli. “I’d stop by there for breakfast and lunch and then (after work).

“I never thought how (buying) all those things could have fed a family.”

About two years ago, though, Luis decided to break the cycle and listened to a co-worker about the Salt & Light financial course, which was being presented at a church in Caldwell.

That same program will be available each Tuesday from Jan. 5 to March 30 inside the Homedale Community Foodstead building at 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

Organizer Anthony Hess said the course costs \$20, but arrangements can be made if an individual can’t afford that. Call him at (208) 559-1651 or facilitators Scott Quigley at (208) 761-5910 or Jeremy Alspaugh at (208) 337-1555.

The program utilizes Biblical principles to help people help themselves on the road to learning management skills, how to manage money and even starting small businesses.

Group participation is encouraged when using a workbook and holding discussions. According to program literature the end goal is to show people they are capable of saving money and making wise decisions.

“In the course of a month, they have you keep every receipt and keep track of food and fuel and bills,” Luis said.

Luis says he’ll probably go through the course again to help folks, and he knows how difficult retraining yourself is. Several family members dropped out of the program when he brought them.

“Midway through the course, it clicked,” he said.

After his epiphany, Luis settled in, but his past habits still nagged him.

“I remember being mad at myself for the next year,” he said. “I worked like a dog, and I had nothing to show for it.”

Now, the diesel mechanic at a Homedale implement dealership has no debt, and he’s working on building a house and a shop on four acres that he bought with cash. He cash-flowed the septic and well system, too.

“I’m aware of what I’m doing,” he said. “I budgeted the first year.

“I’m living the same, but now I feel like I have more stuff.”

— JPB

Marsing cheerleaders look for help with program costs

Marsing High School cheer has formulated a creative plan to help fund the team’s competition season, which can get quite spendy.

The squad has teamed with Costco to print picture cutouts of the school’s athletes and sell them to fans and family as a fundraiser. The cheerleaders will hang the cutouts in the gymnasium bleachers before games and remove them afterward.

The 12-inch-by-18-inch head costs \$10, 16x20 costs \$15, and 20x30 is \$20. For an additional \$5, fans can have a message posted next to the head.

Fans have not been allowed inside the gym to support the players and neither have the cheerleaders and band. And the COVID-19 restrictions have hampered the cheer squad in other ways.

“We have not been able to do our big money-maker fundraisers like cheer camps

for elementary students,” cheer coach Alicia Ponce said. “We have had to run a pretty lean season when it comes to cost.”

Competitions cost the team approximately \$250 per entry, and the price tag of the music for routines is similar, Ponce said.

“Basically, the cost is high, we are tight on funds, and we only have competition season at this point,” the coach said.

There is no deadline to order the cutouts. The plan is to print on Mondays and Thursdays, after payment and photo is received.

Cheer uniforms were ordered in October, markedly later than normal, Ponce said.

Competition season begins in mid-January with the Upper Valley Classic Dance and Cheer at Madison High School in Rexburg.

State qualifying competition is in late February, and the Idaho State Cheer Cham-

pionships are on March 19 at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

For more information, contact Ponce at (208) 649-5411, ext. 297.

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25 years ago

December 20, 1995



Christmas generosity

SSI employees Ed Leavitt and Diana Maxwell unloaded a total of 67 turkeys from the SSI truck Monday. Sorority members Norma Pegram and Judy Tolmie, along with several other Beta Sigma Phi women passed out the festive fowl with the Wishing Tree toys. SSI donates a substantial contribution every year to the community’s underprivileged families. Last year, the meat packing plant donated \$500.

Ecosystem mgmt. to be implemented in Owyhee

The Owyhee County Land Use Planning Committee voted last week to oppose a Bureau of Land Management decision to amend Resource Management Plans in Owyhee County and across the state to include ecosystem management principles and new standards and guidelines.

The group said ecosystem principles and standards and guidelines are unneeded, and the process was not begun in accordance with a law that requires the BLM to “consult, cooperate, and coordinate” planning efforts with the county.

The Owyhee RMP has been in the process of revision for the past four years, during which time the Land Use Committee has been very involved in the planning process, even creating a separate alternative to be considered for adoption. Just when the Owyhee RMP was nearing completion and publication for public comment, the BLM decided to do a huge state-wide revision of 24 RMPs to implement “ecosystem management principles” and new standards and guidelines.

A motion was passed by the committee last week to protest the proposal to the BLM and Idaho’s Congressional delegation on the grounds that the county received no notice of the decisions except in the Federal Register, and only a short comment period was provided.

“We don’t have a full-time person to read that thing,” Land Use Committee member Chad Gibson said about the Federal Register, and he added that it was lucky that a friend had brought it to the committee’s attention or the county would not have known at all.

Superintendent submits resignation

The Homedale School Board “reluctantly” accepted the resignation of Homedale School Distrit superintendent Richard Peters during the school board meeting executive session last Monday.

Peters will officially retire July 1, 1996, at the end of the fiscal year.

Last year, Peters signed a two-year contract with the district, but he has decided to retire in 1996 rather than execute the full term of the contract.

July 1 will mark Peters’ fourth year as Homedale School District superintendent and 23rd year working as a school superintendent in Idaho.

50 years ago

December 17, 1970



FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS at Homedale High School, from left, front row, Cheryl Lootens, president; Les Auker, vice president; Mike Blessing, secretary; Mackie Tolmie, treasurer and Martha Wood, seargent at arms; back row, Doug Takasugi and Steve George, student council representatives. Photo by Bette Uda.

Santa Claus to visit Homedale Saturday

Santa Claus will arrive in Homedale Saturday at 1:30 o’clock on the fire truck and distribute treats to the children at the intersection of Main Street and Idaho Avenue, according to Harold Tolmie, president of the Homedale Chamber of Commerce.

Homedale merchants are also hoping to have Santa visit individual stores during the first part of next week prior to Christmas, Tolmie said.

Christmas lights brightened downtown Homedale streets beginning last week end.

The city Christmas tree was secured from the Owyhee mountains Friday by a group of volunteers, including City Supt. Warren Stimmel, Kenny Downing, Weiser, Larry Stansell, Rich Roland and Tony Tolsma.

Roland, and Glen Burman helped erect the tree and Vernon Sandy assisted in lighting. Paul Simon and Bob Logan of the city crew also assisted Warren Stimmel in the project.

School board accepts bid for 15 bus tires

A bid by Texaco Service to supply 15 new Firestone bus tires at a cost of \$406.35, was accepted by the Homedale School Board at its regular monthly meeting Monday night at the Washington school.

Present were Tom Arima, chairman; Paul Zatica, Harold Wilson, Les Auker and Chuck Yost, trustees, and Jim Duncan, clerk.

Principal Herb Fritzley reported on a proposed new non-graded system for the elementary schools. The proposal calls for teacher-parent conferences over each child’s progress.

Nolan Taggart, teacher representative, scheduled a salary negotiation meeting with the board for the February meeting.

Cattlemen ask funding of Owyhee range project

Idaho Cattlemen’s Association members have called for funding of the Owyhee Project in Southwestern Idaho in order to be able to improve and rejuvenate the range and wildlife habitat.

A resolution adopted at the association’s annual convention last week in Boise called attention to the present imbalance of resources in the state’s second largest county.

145 years ago

December 18, 1875

At the organization of the House of Representatives sixty-one of the Southern members were unable to take the “iron-clad oath” which had been subscribed by all the Northern members, and were necessarily compelled to take the “modified” oath specially accorded them by the generous, legislation of these same Northern Representatives. These sixty-one iron-clad statesmen all voted for Kerr as Speaker against James G. Blaine. *Tempora mutantur, e; nos mutamur in illis*-with a vengeance!

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[Signed:] W. H. POPE, Supt. N. & N. T. Co., W. J. HILL, Editor Avalanche, E. G. THOMAS, Manager N. & N. T. Co.

UNION, Oregon, Dec. 18th, 1875.

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[Signed:] F. GLOVER, Operator, SAMUEL HANNAH and others.

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Melba, CVC push past Trojans

Melba High School built enough equity in the second quarter Saturday to withstand Homedale's push in non-conference boys' basketball.

The Mustangs scored 25 of the final 27 points in the first half to fuel a 60-44 victory on the Trojans' floor.

Homedale missed 19 of its first 22 shots, and Melba took advantage by scoring 14 consecutive points before Mason Strong's floating jump shot with 2 minutes, 27 seconds left in the first half pulled the Trojans to within 10 points, 18-8.

During its spurt, Melba received five points from Braden Volkers, who had a co-game-high 14 points. Teammate Josh Leavitt also scored 14 points, while Strong led Homedale with the same output.

The Trojans (1-3 overall) went 9 minutes, 11 seconds in game time without a field goal in the first half. Strong's floater ended a cold streak that had begun after Jaxon Dines hit back-to-back three-point goals to give Homedale a 6-4 lead with 3:38 left in the first quarter.

Dines hit two more treys in the contest to complete his 12-point afternoon.

Bryce Cornwall led Homedale with eight rebounds, and Hayden Kincheloe had four steals and three assists.

Freshman Tucker Lowber added 11 points — including three treys — as Melba (5-1 at week's end) got its third straight win after a 42-40 loss to Homedale on Dec. 5.

Thursday: Cole Valley Christian 45, Homedale 42 — The Trojans saw its fourth-quarter push fall short in a non-conference game in Meridian.

The Chargers (2-1 at week's end) built a 10-point lead with a 20-5 run through the second quarter then held on as Homedale



Melba's Braden Volkers shoots a pull-up jumper over Homedale's Trenton Fisher late in the first half Saturday.

went on a 14-7 spurt to end the game.

Dines hit four three-pointers for the bulk of his 16 points, while Kincheloe dropped in eight points. The junior also snagged nine rebounds.

Lakota Steele scored 15 points for Cole Valley, and teammate Garrett Smith added 11 points. Hunter Gill collected 10 rebounds.

Huskies' boys avenge season-opening loss

A dominant second quarter flipped the script for the Marsing High School boys' basketball team against Payette in a non-conference home game Thursday.

The Huskies rallied from the Pirates' early barrage for a 55-41 victory.

After knocking down five three-point shots in the first quarter to take a 17-14 lead, Payette went dry.

The Huskies (2-1 at week's end) took it to the 3A Snake River Valley conference Pirates (1-2) with a blistering second period, outscoring the visiting team 18-0 to take a 15-point lead into the half.

The Huskies avenged a season-opening 35-33 loss to Payette in which Marsing's

shooters struggled mightily.

In the rematch, the Huskies benefitted from Alejandro Barrera's career-best game. The sophomore guard scored 16 points, including a 7-of-8 performance at the free-throw line and pulled down three rebounds.

"Barrera had a breakout game for us, doing it on both ends of the floor," coach Tim Little said.

The Huskies played without junior starting guard Noel Quebrado, who was out with an undisclosed illness.

Notable, and likely difficult for the Pirates to game plan for, was a pair of second-quarter treys from Jacob

— See *Huskies*, page 3B



Dominic Enrico cuts around Payette junior Max Walters on his way to the basket. The Huskies' guard showed no ill effects after his one game stay on the injured list with an ingrown toenail.

Several factors, including COVID-19, disrupt Marsing athletics

Wrestlers quarantined; injury bug hits girls' basketball team

Marsing High School's gymnasiums were awfully quiet last week.

COVID-19 and a scheduling snafu led to the cancellation or postponement of every home date the Huskies had planned except for Thursday's non-conference boys' basketball game against Payette.

On Thursday, athletic director Brian Marshall announced the postponement of back-to-back girls' basketball games on Friday (The Ambrose School for a 2A Western Idaho Conference game) and Saturday (a non-conference matinee against Homedale).

First-year wrestling coach Juan Garcia had to cancel last Wednesday's quad meet against Homedale, Melba and Payette and pulled his squad out of Saturday's R. D. Brown Invitational in New Plymouth.

Garcia said the inactivity was

triggered when his wrestlers were quarantined because of COVID-19.

The girls' basketball home game against conference foe Compass Charter, scheduled for Dec. 8, was postponed because the Huskies didn't have enough players to suit up. Marshall said it was a combination of injuries and COVID-19 quarantine.

A boys' basketball conference game against Compass Charter had to be rescheduled to this week when it was discovered that Marsing had the wrong date on its schedule.

Marshall said the Huskies had planned to play the game last Wednesday, but Compass Charter alerted Marsing officials that the wrong date was on the schedule.

The two programs will get together for a junior varsity A game (6 p.m.) and a varsity game (7:30 p.m.) on Friday inside the new Marsing gymnasium. The Huskies' JV B squad will meet Rimrock in a non-conference game at 4:30 p.m.

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Sports

Defensive-minded HMS wins 7th-grade girls' title

Second straight win
over Fruitland seals deal at home

Homedale Middle School used defense to win the seventh-grade girls' basketball conference tournament championship last week.

After Fruitland's fast start, the top-seeded Trojans limited the Grizzlies to just 10 points over the final three quarters to clinch a 29-23 victory in the 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament final on Dec. 8 inside the HMS gymnasium.

Homedale (9-1 overall) won the rubber match against Fruitland after the teams split their regular-season encounters.

The Trojans were led by A team coach Benji Sorenson with the assistance of B team skipper Mike Frank.

Homedale trailed, 10-7, after the opening quarter, but tough defense soon emerged.

Sorenson asked Kierstley Roseborough to defend Fruitland's top scorer. After averaging 22.5 points in the teams' regular-season tilts, the Grizzlies' best offensive player managed just 11 points in the championship game.

Stella Heck caused key turnovers and wound up with 10 steals in the final.

Roseborough led the team with 10 points.

Belen Asumendi hit a couple

of quick baskets in the fourth quarter, giving the Trojans some breathing room down the stretch and accounting for more than half of her seven points.

Karlie Kildow led the Homedale rebounding effort against the bigger Fruitland squad, taking down nine boards.

During the regular season, Fruitland won the first matchup, 35-19, but Homedale earned the top seed and home-court advantage for the tournament with a 47-35 victory in the second half of the season.

Dec. 7: HMS 38, McCain 7 — The Trojans started sluggish, but were invigorated enough to build a 15-0 first-quarter lead against the visitors from Payette.

Three players — Roseborough, Kildow, and Stephanie Quezada — scored eight points apiece to pace Homedale's balanced offense.

Asumendi added six points.

Quezada had five of her team-high six rebounds on the offensive glass.

Homedale's defensive effort against the Pirates was highlighted by 31 steals, including seven from Kildow and six apiece from Quezada and Tiana Sorenson.



Homedale Middle School's seventh-grade girls' basketball team won the 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament championship on Dec. 8. **Front row, from left:** Coach Benji Sorenson, Tiana Sorenson, Belen Asumendi, Karlie Kildow, Kierstley Roseborough, Stella Heck, Stephanie Quezada, Kynna Soland-Pfeil, Bailey Hymas, Mila Binford, and Breydyn Ford. **Back row:** Coach Mike Frank. **Not pictured:** Ava Wilson, Addison Truesdell. Submitted photo



HMS wrestlers show off their hardware

The Homedale Middle School wrestlers who won medals during the 3A Snake River Valley conference championships on Dec. 5 include: **From left:** Alex Sanchez, fourth place (160 pounds); Marcus White, third place (285); Andres Macias, fourth place (285); Wyatt Ingram, fourth place (82); Chance Martell, fourth place (89); Trey McFarlane, champion (82); Trell McFarlane, runner-up (75); Sebastian Larzelier, third place (117); Nathan Marston, runner-up (89); and Tayson McKay, third place (152). **Not pictured:** Ryker Lane, fourth place (75); and Timmothy Whitfield, fourth place (117). Submitted photo

HOMEDALE TROJANS

Athlete Spotlight

Go Trojans!

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Boys' basketball
Hayden Kinchele, Jr., G
7 points, 6 rebounds, 3 assists per game

Girls' basketball
Olivia Asumendi, fr., G, W, P
Key defensive rebounds vs. Fruitland

Wrestling
Willie White, Jr., 170
Third place at R. D. Brown Invitational

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Nampa Christmas Tournament (Status TBD)
Thursday, Dec. 17 at Nampa, 6 p.m. (tentative)
Friday, Dec. 18 at Columbia, 6 p.m. (tentative)
Saturday, Dec. 19 at Caldwell, 3 p.m.

Junior varsity
Nampa Christmas Tournament (Status TBD)
Thursday, Dec. 17 at Nampa, 3 p.m. (tentative)
Friday, Dec. 18 at Columbia, 3 p.m. (tentative)
Saturday, Dec. 19 at Caldwell, noon

Frosh soph
Tuesday, Jan. 5 at Parma, 4:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Nampa Christmas Tournament (Status TBD)
Thursday, Dec. 17 at Nampa, 7:30 p.m. (tentative)
Friday, Dec. 18 at Columbia, 7:30 p.m. (tentative)
Saturday, Dec. 19 at Caldwell, 4:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Nampa Christmas Tournament (Status TBD)
Thursday, Dec. 17 at Nampa, 4:30 p.m. (tentative)
Friday, Dec. 18 at Columbia, 4:30 p.m. (tentative)
Saturday, Dec. 19 at Caldwell, 1:30 p.m.

Frosh soph
Tuesday, Dec. 29, home vs. Marsing, 4:30 p.m.

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

Wrestling
Coed
Friday, Dec. 18 at Wiley Dobbs tournament, Twin Falls
Saturday, Dec. 19 at Wiley Dobbs tournament, Twin Falls

Sports

Local wrestlers medal in N.P.

Melba's Ben Evans was runner-up in his weight class Saturday to lead nine local high school wrestling medalists in New Plymouth.

Evans lost the championship bout at 195 pounds, 4-0, to Kuna's Xander Floth in the R. D. Brown Invitational.

Five Homedale athletes had shots at bronze medals with freshman Isaiah Stebly (126B) and junior Willie White (170) coming away with third-place showings.

Stebly went 2-2 in a round robin division, pinning Parma freshman Lucas Berros in 1 minute, 13 seconds, and taking down Payette sophomore Jordan Barrett in 4:29.

White crushed Centennial junior Joe Watson with a 14-2 major decision in the 170-pound third-place match.

Senior Joseph Egusquiza (160) lost the third-place match in a 15-7 major decision to Meridian junior Caden Frix.

Caldwell's Vincent Claudio pinned Trojans freshman Brodie White at the 3:00 mark of their 220-pound third-place match.

Owen Houser lost the third-place match at 285 to New Plymouth sophomore Hunter Williams, who came away with a pin in 2:08.

Junior Willy Haun pinned Middleton freshman Cash Weeks in 1:56 for fifth place at 195.

Two other Melba wrestlers reached the medal round.

Zane Helm (152) pinned fellow senior Dylan Fehrs of Ridgevue in 2:46 for third place.

Sophomore Grant Svedin lost the 132-pound fifth-place match after Centennial's Aiden Wichmann got the pin at 3:23.

Melba, Reiber on a roll

Joe Reiber continued his big week Thursday with 17 points to send Melba High School to another boys' basketball victory.

Reiber added five rebounds and three steals as the Mustangs blew out visiting Weiser, 69-39, in a non-conference game.

Tucker Lowber chimed in with seven points and eight rebounds.

Scoring nine points apiece for Melba (5-1 at week's end) were Braden Volkers, Josh Leavitt and Dillon Stosich.

Brett Spencer paced the Wolverines (0-3) with 11 points. Braydon Walker added nine points.

Weiser has lost its three games this season by an average margin of 34 points.

Dec. 8: Melba 65, Liberty Charter 53 — Reiber had one of his best nights as a prep player in the Mustangs' non-conference victory in Nampa.

The senior poured in 27 points and collected 10 rebounds, matching teammate Cache Beus' 10 boards.

Beus added nine points.

Volkers scored 11 points, and Josh Leavitt chipped in 10.

Dallin Criddle (18 points) and Connor Gardner (17 points) had the bulk of the offense for the Class 1A, Div. I Patriots (1-4 overall).

HHS loses to Fruitland, Rimrock

Homedale High School's fast start melted away under a speedy Fruitland attack Friday in the conference girls' basketball opener for both.

The visiting Grizzlies used a 15-0 run to erase the Trojans' early lead and rolled to a 48-27 3A Snake River Valley conference victory.

Homedale led, 7-0, on Laney Swallow's three-point goal and free throws from Mayci Cline and Amaia Aberasturi.

But the Grizzlies awoke from an 0-for-7 shooting slump and began forcing turnovers.

Homedale (1-5 overall, 0-1 in conference) missed 10 consecutive shots, giving Parker added six and Swallow chipped in five.

Homedale lost its fourth consecutive game.

Last Wednesday: Rimrock 57, Homedale 38 — Led by Sintia Varela's 20 points, the Raiders rolled to a non-conference victory on their floor in Bruneau.

Madie MacMillan added 13 points for Rimrock (5-1, 1-0 1A Western Idaho Conference), which ended the week on a four-game winning streak.

Parker scored 16 points for Homedale with Zayne Hall adding six and Olivia Asumendi and Téa Uranga scoring five apiece.



Jacy Parker hooks a shot over two Fruitland defenders.

✓ Huskies: Ankeny takes a couple steps behind the line

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Ankeny, the defending 2A Western Idaho Conference player of the year. The 6-foot, 8-inch senior post accounted for half of Marsing's long-range output.

Senior guard Roger Valadez scored 14 points, while pulling down five boards and dishing out four assists. Valadez has averaged 17 points through the Huskies' first three games.

Barrera added three rebounds.

Junior Dominic Enrico re-

turned after missing the Dec. 3 Homedale game with a toe injury. Enrico scored just three points on 1-of-4 shooting but looked unhindered by the injury. He led the team with six assists.

Senior Nacho Montes and freshman Nacho Margarito rounded out the scoring with two and three points, respectively.

— TK

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What's happening
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MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete Spotlight

Boys' basketball
Jacob Ankeny, sr., P
17 points, 10 rebounds vs. Payette (3rd straight double-double)

Girls' basketball
Mazzi Roper, sr., W
Third-year varsity

Wrestling
Solon Lafleur, jr., 120
Second-year varsity

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Wednesday, Dec. 16 at Melba, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 17 at Vision Charter, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 19 at Liberty Charter, 4:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Wednesday, Dec. 16 at Melba, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 17 at Vision Charter, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 19 at Liberty Charter, 3 p.m.

Wrestling
Wednesday, Dec. 16 at Garden Valley, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 19 at Justin Wolfe Invitational, Glenns Ferry, 10 a.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Friday, Dec. 18, home vs. Compass Charter, 7:30 p.m.
Truckstop.com Tournament
(At New Plymouth H.S.)
Monday, Dec. 21 vs. Declo, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 22 vs. either Garden Valley or Soda Springs at either 2:30 p.m. or 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 23, opponent TBA, 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A
Friday, Dec. 18, home vs. Compass Charter, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B
Friday, Dec. 18, home vs. Rimrock, 4:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 21 at Fruitland, 3:30 p.m.

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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

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense
The cowman's Christmas list



1. New baler twine to tie up last year's five-buckle overshoes.
2. Something that will kill Canadian thistle.
3. A hot shot that works for more than a morning.
4. A dog that does more good out of the pickup than in it.
5. A cattle buyer who admits that he likes your calves.
6. A feedlot customer with a bottomless wallet.
7. A molasses salesman who thinks your hay will be adequate without his \$200-a-ton supplement.
8. A vet who suggests that you buy your vaccine at the co-op.
9. A teenage daughter who thinks her allowance is too high.
10. A son-in-law with a steady job.
11. A Christmas Day freak snowfall that blankets the mountains and your front yard but leaves the cow lot dry as a bone.
12. An implement dealer who insists on being paid in bales of hay.
13. A banker who inadvertently has gotten your financial statement mixed up with Jeff Bezos'.
14. A son who can rope and ride, loves to work and doesn't plan on going to vet school.
15. A wife who rubs your back.
16. The time, occasionally, to enjoy what you do for a livin'.
17. And a loving God who doesn't look down at you every time and say, "Oh, well, I can't win 'em all!"

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Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer's address and daytime phone number.
The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in these ways:

- Emailed to jon@owyheeavalanche.com
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From Washington
Public lands policy reforms help resource-based economies

As participants in the decisions made in Congress, Idahoans contact me with valuable input about the issues our country faces. Realizing that many may not have the chance to contact me, I post information about various issues of importance on my website, <http://crapo.senate.gov>. One of the issues Idahoans have contacted me about is the management and ownership of our public lands. The following is my response:

Put simply, public lands should remain public. Their values should be preserved and enhanced, and all Idahoans should be able to use and enjoy reasonable access to them. However, in too many cases, the federal government is not doing a good job in managing lands under its ownership, and many Idahoans can point to specific examples they have personally experienced or witnessed.

State and federal lands management laws and processes too often drive us to conflict and litigation, and should be reformed to allow more participation in and influence over management decisions by those closest to the land. State government, local officials and private stakeholders should be empowered to more meaningfully participate in the decision-making processes pertaining to our public lands. Outcomes from this collaborative, consensus building approach will be better for both the environment and the natural resource-based economies of Idaho. These outcomes can result in administrative and/or legislative action on the public land in question. The Owyhee Initiative is an example of the kind of collaborative approach that respects the needs of all affected stakeholders by building on the knowl-

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edge that local communities have about the public lands that literally comprise their backyards.

The land management challenges facing Idaho and western states did not happen overnight. As such, it will take time, dedicated efforts and robust public participation to achieve the outcomes we all seek. That is why I support the various collaborative groups and efforts across Idaho's National Forests and Bureau of Land Management lands, including the Governor's Shared Stewardship Task Force. I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress to enact federal land management policies that maintain public access and ensure resilient, self-sustaining economies for

— See **Public lands**, Page 5B

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Commentary

Financial management

Determination, hope of holidays can help get you back on your feet

Dear Dave,

I lost my job a few days ago. We had an idea cuts were coming, but I thought it wouldn't happen until well into the new year. My wife works, so that's a good thing, and we're both in our 30s. Do you have any advice for how we should handle things during the Christmas season and until I'm working again?

— Brandon

Dear Brandon,

I'm really sorry to hear this. Losing your job around the holidays can feel like a nightmare.

But before you despair, remember this is also the season of hope. And hope can't be taken from you. It can only be

surrendered. Keep your head held high, and focus on what's still in your control.

First, cut back on your spending. When your income changes for the worse, eliminating all unnecessary spending is key. This is not the time to put Christmas on a credit card, or dip into retirement to cover holiday expenses. The last thing you should do right now is steal from your future to buy more stuff. Find some kind of seasonal work. Even if you're packing boxes or stocking shelves, you're contributing to your household and easing the stress. This side income will be a real blessing as you continue your career search.

Be open with your family, and what this change means.



If there are kids in the picture, you and your wife should be in agreement on how you handle things where they're concerned. Explain to them in an honest, loving way what has

happened, and that Christmas will look a little different this year. A couple of inexpensive gifts may not be out of the question, but as harsh as it sounds, presents are not a priority right now. It may be uncomfortable or disappointing for everyone, but it can also offer a bonding opportunity and a valuable life lesson.

Keep a positive outlook, and stick to your normal routine as much as possible in the days ahead. Wake up early every morning, and make a list of things you will accomplish that day. Update your résumé, start networking, and begin submitting applications like that's your new job. Work hard, stay hopeful, and focus on the

goals ahead of you.

Refuse to give up, Brandon, and you will succeed. May God bless you and your family!

— 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.

Americans for Limited Government

Fair congressional representation at stake in SCOTUS Census case

by Rick Manning

Illegal aliens in the United States should not be counted for purposes of determining the apportionment of congressional representation.

It seems absurd that states and localities that actively break immigration laws and directly encourage people to unlawfully enter and reside in their jurisdictions should benefit through having additional power in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Yet that is exactly what the Trump administration had to argue against in front of the Supreme Court in a hearing last week. Yes, you read it right, currently a state that encourages illegal immigrants to reside in it benefits by receiving more congressional representation over a state that follows federal immigration law, and the Trump administration has been fighting to change this for the past 2½ years.

The Constitution requires that the U.S. government conduct a census of the population every 10 years. The 2020 Census was just completed. In modern times, this census is, in some instances, used to determine federal apportionment of funding that is distributed back to the states through block grants and other means, chart the demographic make-up of the nation for determining unemployment amongst different ethnic groups, and to determine the need to build new schools because of a growing or shrinking population of children and people of child-bearing age, among other things. It is also used to determine how many congressional representatives and Electoral College votes each state will have.

Currently, the number of elected representatives for each state is determined by a simple raw count of

people residing in the nation by state: Divide the total population by the number of members of the U.S. House of Representatives (435) to determine how many people should be in the average congressional district and then apportion the numbers of representatives by state based upon their population.

Seems simple, except for the fact that states with illegal alien sanctuary policies disproportionately benefit from this system, as their raw number of residents is skewed higher because of these policies.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, citing a 2018 Yale-MIT study, estimated that there are 22.1 million illegal aliens living in the United States in 2020. With the current U.S. population estimated at 332 million, the average U.S. congressional district in 2022 would have a population of just over 763,000. However, if those who are in the country against the law were excluded from the total population, then each congressional district's population would drop to about 713,000.

While a 6.6 percent difference might not seem like much, for a state like Montana, it very well might be the difference between having one representative in the House and two. A July 2020 memorandum from Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross points out, "Current estimates suggest that one state is home to more than 2.2 million illegal aliens, constituting more than six percent of the state's entire population. Including these illegal aliens in the population of the state for the purpose of apportionment could result in the allocation of two or three more congressional seats than would otherwise be allocated."

The memo further asserts that, "Excluding these illegal aliens from the apportionment base is more

consonant with the principles of representative democracy underpinning our system of government. Affording congressional representation, and therefore formal political influence, to states on account of the presence within their borders of aliens who have not followed the steps to secure a lawful immigration status under our laws undermines those principles."

Ross is exactly right. No one can argue that the impact of the current inclusion of illegal residents into the census for purposes of congressional representation effectively dilutes the representation of those legally residing in those states that have a higher percentage of legal residents.

It is plainly wrong for citizens in states that follow the federal immigration law to be penalized politically in favor of those who flaunt it. Yet, that is what happens when our nation apportions our elected representatives without excluding those who are in the country illegally.

As strange as it may seem, in America 2020 it takes guts to make this obvious point in a court of law, as standing up for equal protection under the law for citizens and those who actually follow the law is ridiculed as racist and worse.

The truth is that no nation can stand when breaking the law is rewarded and following it punished. It is time for the Supreme Court to have the guts to stand firmly for this basic principle and find that only those who are in the United States legally should be counted for purposes of apportioning members of the House of Representatives.

— Rick Manning is president of Americans for Limited Government.

✓ Public lands: Governor's task force, Congress continue important work

From Page 4B

our rural counties for years to come.

For more information about the issues before the U.S. Senate as well as news releases, photos, and other items of interest, please visit my Senate website, <http://crapo.senate.gov>. The website also provides information about how to contact me to share your

views via email, phone and mailing addresses. News about recent activities and information about accessing my Facebook and YouTube pages and following me on Twitter can also be found on the website. Links to legislation and other resources to assist Idahoans who need help with federal agencies can also be accessed on the website. The messages you send me help to shape my approach on a number of important matters.

Please continue to contact me and share your thoughts and ideas.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U. S. Senate. He is in his fourth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman

Public notices

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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

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CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT
TRANSFER NO. 84541
LANCE D GENNETTE and ALICE GENNETTE, 29685 HOT SPRINGS RD, BRUNEAU, ID 83604 has filed Application No. 84541 for changes to the following water rights within OWYHEE County(s): Right No(s). 51-25A; to see a full description of these rights and the proposed transfer, please see <https://research.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/waterrights/querynewtransfers>. The purpose of the transfer is to change a portion of the above rights as follows: The purpose of the transfer is to change the POU and reduce irrigation acres from 25 acres to 7.5 acres. Water will be used adjacent to the current place of use near Bruneau Idaho.
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LURANCHING CO INC, C/O TIMOTHY C LOWRY PO BOX 132, JORDAN VALLEY, OR 97910-0132 has filed Application No. 84551 for changes to the following water rights within OWYHEE County(s): Right No(s). 55-10292A, 55-13846; to see a full description of these rights and the proposed transfer, please see <https://research.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/waterrights/querynewtransfers>. The purpose of the transfer is to change a portion of the above rights as follows: Transfer proposed adding PODs to water right 55-1029A to indicate the beginning and ending points of the stock water diversion areas. Transfer also proposes shifting the POUs for water rights 55-1029A and 55-13846. Transfer proposes stockwater use near the current places of use within sections 35, 26, 25, and 23 of T08S, R05W and section 1 of T09S, R05W
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For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208)334-2190. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code Sec. 42-222. Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with the Department of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 W AIRPORT WAY, BOISE ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 1/4/2021. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.
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Case No. CV37-20-00327

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION ON COMPLAINT FOR JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE AND DECLARATORY RELIEF

SUN WEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC.,
Plaintiff,

v.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF GORDEN J. MAXWELL; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF BONNIE J. MAXWELL; RODGER MAXWELL; KENNETH MAXWELL; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AND DOES 1 THROUGH 20, et al.,
Defendants.

TO: **DEFENDANTS THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF GORDEN J. MAXWELL; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF BONNIE J. MAXWELL; and DOES 1 through 20**, inclusive, including all parties with an interest in and/or residing in real property commonly known as **1674 RIVER ROAD, HOMEDALE, ID 83628**:
You have been sued by Sun West Mortgage Company, Inc., the Plaintiff, in the District Court in and for the County of Owyhee, Idaho, Case No. CV37-20-00327.
The nature of the claim against you is an action for declaratory relief and judicial foreclosure of the real property currently known as **1674 RIVER ROAD, HOMEDALE, ID 83628** and legally described as

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN A PART OF GOVERNMENT LOT 5, SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 5, SAID CORNER MONUMENTED WITH A 5/8 INCH DIAMETER IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 89°55'46" WEST A DISTANCE OF 198.00 FEET ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 5 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID POINT MONUMENTED WITH A 1/2 INCH DIAMETER IRON PIN; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 89°55'46" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 428.00 FEET ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 5 TO A 1/2 INCH DIAMETER IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 1°14'56" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 253.26 FEET PARALLEL WITH THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 5 TO A 1/2 INCH DIAMETER IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 89°55'46" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 205.97 FEET, PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 5 TO A 1/2 INCH DIAMETER IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 77°32'50" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 136.75 FEET TO 1/2 INCH DIAMETER IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 19°26'06" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 236.96 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case Number and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at P.O. Box 128, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, ID 83650, (208) 495-2421, and serve a copy of your response on the Plaintiff's attorney, Sydney K. Leavitt, at ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 13125 W. Persimmon Lane, Ste. 150, Boise, ID 83713.
A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff. If you wish for legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

Dated: 12/4/2020
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: s/ R Fahey
DEPUTY
12/16,23,30/2020,01/06/2021

Sports

Melba girls win battle of unbeatens

Mustangs thrash Parma for 9-0 start

Owyhee County resident Brooklynn Dayley's solid all-around game helped end New Plymouth High School's season-opening win streak.
The freshman guard led the Melba girls' basketball team's defense with nine steals in a 44-41 home-court victory on Dec. 8 in 2A Western Idaho Conference action.
By the end of the week, the Mustangs (2-0 in conference) had built a season-opening nine-game win streak. The

Pilgrims lost for the first time in eight games and slipped behind Melba in the early conference standings.
Dayley added six points and four assists to her stat line.
Teammate Kate Clark led all scorers with 19 points, and she snagged five rebounds.
Kendall Clark added nine points and four rebounds, and fellow Melba player Hallie Arnold logged seven points.
Eboni Shaw led New Plymouth with 18 points.
Thursday: Melba 64, Parma 39 — Kendall Clark's double-double of 18 points and 10 rebounds helped the Mustangs emphatically complete a season sweep of the reigning

3A District III champions.
Dayley poured in 16 points and added six steals and four assists.
Kate Clark was active with 15 points and nine rebounds while dishing five assists.
Keylee Wilson had eight points and seven rebounds.
The 3A Snake River Valley conference Panthers (1-4 at week's end) received 19 points from Grace Jackson.

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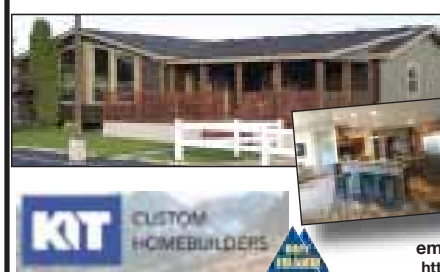
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**WHAT DO
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THIS WEEK?**

Annual Owyhee Avalanche Christmas Gift Project for Residents of Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center

Residents have included several gifts on their wish lists, but local “Santas” need only to select one item. Gifts may be gift wrapped and tagged with the number and item selected

Gift Drive Ends December 17

Male #1	Old Spice, Camo fishing hat, Long sleeve t-shirts size 2X, spill proof cup, sweat pants size 2X
Female #1	XLarge Sweat suit (pastels), bath and body works lotion/spray, wall flower nightlight/scent
Female #2	Large pink/purple sweat suit. Bath and body lotion (any scent), stuffed Cat
Female #3	Medium blouses, Large pants (sweat pant), Size Large slippers (Moccasin style)
Female #4	Warm flannel pje, size small, bath and body works. Slipper socks
Female #5	Warm flannel pjs, size small, adult onesie pjs size Small, BSU baseball cap
Female #6	Size large long sleeve pajamas and sweat suit. Bath and body works
Male #2	Medium Sweat pants, 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 movie/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	Slipper 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 nightlight/scent , Flannel night gown size 3X
Male #11	Sweat suit size Xlarge (black or gray)
Female #21	Magnifying glass for reading (line to line), Long robe Size Medium(tall), sunglasses,
Female #22	Stuffed animal, bright colored flannel pajamas Xlarge,
Female #23	Extra large button up sweater (long sleeve, dark blue),
Female #24	Bath and body works lotion/body spray, wall flower night light/scent ,
Female #25	Bath and body works lotion/body spray, wall flower nightlight/scent
Female #26	Bath and body works lotion/body spray, wall flower nightlight/scent. Warm heavy shawl, designer sunglasses (blingy)
Male #12	Large drawing pads, colored pencils , electric pencil sharpener, small canvas and water colors, Sweat pants size Large
Male #13	2X short sleeve t-shirts (motorcycle), Sport type long shorts 1X, cologne
Male #14	Xlarge flannel pajama set , stylus for phone,
Male #15	Xlarge flannel pajama set, Underwear Size L , Large Print word search puzzles , Camo baseball cap
Female #27	Warm flannel nightgown Size S, bath and body works lotion/spray, lap table
Female #28	MuMu dresses Size 2X, warm shawl, oil of olay skin care set, Sweat suit 2X, blue
Male #16	Flannel Pajamas Xlarge, Long Sleeve t-shirts large, sweat suit Xlarge, socks, cologne

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

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