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Homedale senior's project pushes cultural awareness

While brainstorming ideas for her senior leadership project, Homedale High School student Entenecia Cardenas-Ritzert saw a need for understanding cultural diversity among her classmates.

With this thought in mind, and with the assistance of mentors David Correa and Debbie Flaming, Cardenas-Ritzert formulated a plan to develop an unused classroom at the high school into an environment where various cultures and backgrounds could be explored and shared.

"Basically, I wanted to create a safe place for students to come in and be able to interact with each other and hopefully get some cultural knowledge," she said.

After discussing the project with Correa, Flaming, and senior project advisor Kristie Dorsey — and with the blessing from the school administration — Cardenas-Ritzert went about the task of organizing and populating a room that was virtually empty.

She also endeavored to create a food pantry for her fellow students who may be in need.

"I don't think access to food or hygiene products should be an obstacle to



Senior Entenecia Cardenas-Ritzert has remodeled and reorganized this HHS classroom as part of her senior project to promote embracing cultural diversity and encouraging conversations among her classmates.

people's happiness," she said. The room had a table and a couple empty book-

shelves, and the walls were nearly bare.

— See *Cultural*, page 2

Millions projected for future county road construction

Reconstruction plan includes projects until 2028

Completion of Reynolds Creek Road reconstruction is on the to-do list for pavement governed by Owyhee County commissioners.

The board approved the Fiscal Year 2020 Road and Street financial report during its weekly meeting on Dec. 28.

In that financial report, \$1 million was set aside for future projects and reserves,

while the remaining ending balance for FY 20 (\$120,000) was earmarked for general funds and operations.

Commissioners continue to squirrel away money to improve roads. Prospective projects include:

- **Reynolds Creek Road reconstruction in 2021-22** — \$800,000

- **Pleasant Valley Road reconstruction in 2024** — 5.5 miles at \$4.5 million

- **Oreana Loop Road reconstruction from 2025 to 2028** — 10 miles at

— See *County*, page 4

Rimrock Sr. Center still operating as much as possible

Curbside meals, Mtn. Home bus available

Rimrock Senior Center is closed for senior activities, but the space is still operating as a *de facto* community center by appointment basically.

Senior center coordinator Ellie Driskell said COVID-19 guidelines prohibit the center from staging events that involve meal service, but community groups have been utilizing the building at 525 Main St., for meetings and other gatherings.

— See *Rimrock*, page 4

Latest fed appropriations bill guarantees full FY 21 PILT

Two elements of the federal appropriations President Donald Trump signed last week could help Owyhee County.

After a short delay, Trump signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, which provides \$1.4 trillion to run the federal government until the end of Fiscal Year 2021 (Sept. 30).

Among the thousands of pages were

provisions for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and sage-grouse conservation programs as well as wildfire management and suppression.

The 2021 appropriations bill provides \$74 million for sage-grouse conservation.

Full PILT payments for FY 2021 were authorized, meaning Owyhee County will receive its entire compensation for

the non-taxable federal lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

The annual check usually arrives in June.

Meanwhile, efforts continue to make PILT funding permanent, but that legislation languishes.

Owyhee County has received no less than \$1.15 million each year since 2008 for PILT funding, including a record

\$1.5 million for FY 2020.

Since 1998, the farthest back Department of Interior online records go, the county has received \$22.5 million in PILT money. In recent years, the money has been used to help fill out the budget, but earlier county commissioners had been able to put the money into a PILT Trust that was earmarked for capital improvements to county buildings.



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Adrian students head back to class full-time Monday

Adrian School District parents and staffers got the wish they formalized with last month’s protest march.

District trustees decided to reopen the grade school and high school to in-person instruction after hearing from community members, teachers and administrators during a meeting last Wednesday.

Students district-wide will be back in class for all-day in-person instruction beginning Monday.

The plan for after the Christmas break was announced on the district’s Facebook page.

A regular Zoom remote instruction schedule will be followed at all grade levels today and Thursday.

Limited in-person instruction will continue, but high school students can come to school an hour earlier than usual (12:30 p.m., instead of 1:30 p.m.) if they have a ride to campus.

Only high school students were in class for limited in-person instruction on Monday and Tuesday.

Grade-schoolers (kindergarten through eighth grade) had neither Zoom classes nor in-person instruction the first two days of this week.

The district’s Facebook post said that the Malheur County



A little more than two weeks after third-grader Reese Martin (left) and second-grader Maddy Andrade joined a community protest, the Adrian school board established a plan to get students back to full-time in-person learning.

Malheur COVID-19 cases:

2,926

New cases, Dec. 29 to Jan. 4: 186

Deaths: 50 (New: 1)

Negative tests: 14,401 (New: 615)

Source:

govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19

Health Department was “in full support” of reopening.

“Although this is exciting news for many, it causes concern for others,” the post read. “All parents will be receiving an email with an attached letter

with more specific information.”

Students, parents and staffers marched on Dec. 15 to protest the continuing hybrid school schedule.

—JPB

Marsing congregate meal time changes

Congregate meals served at the Sandbar Community Room inside Marsing City Hall have recently had a slight schedule change.

In recent weeks, meals for the city’s seniors and anyone else who wants to attend have been served from noon to 12:30 p.m., on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

When Metro Meals on Wheels executive director Grant Jones first met with the Marsing City Council in September to pitch his plan to provide lunch to Marsing’s seniors, the meals were to be served from noon to 1 p.m., three days per week.

Jones said last week that even though there is only an

advertised 30-minute window now, no one will be turned away.

“Everyone seems to arrive around noon, but if people do come later, (cook Donna Cote) will definitely serve them up until 1 p.m.,” he said.

The lunches provide a service to Marsing’s senior citizens that had been absent since the Sandbar Restaurant with a Cause closed its doors in March 2019.

Meals have been available three days a week since Nov. 28.

Suggested donation for a meal is \$4 for folks 60 and older, and \$6 for those younger than 60.

— TK

Overall Owyhee County COVID-19 cases:

799

Dec. 29 to Jan. 4 statistics:

New confirmed cases, 43

Probable cases, 100 (New: 9)

Deaths: 20 (New: 2)

People who recovered: 727 (New: 168)

Health alert level: Red

Source: coronavirus.idaho.gov and Southwest District Health

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✓ Rimrock: Groups can reserve center for gatherings

“Our policy is we would say to everyone, ‘You’re intelligent adults and as long as you’re safe and clean up after yourselves (the space is available),’ ” Driskell said.

Groups can call the senior center at (208) 834-2922 or Driskell at (208) 598-3403 to arrange use of the senior center.

“If they want to come down and have a pinochle party and bring cookies, we’re not going to stop them,” Driskell said.

No senior center programs are being offered, but noontime meals are available for pickup and limited delivery on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Community members of all ages can call ahead each luncheon day beginning at

7 a.m., to order their meal for curbside pickup. Call (208) 834-2922.

The suggested donation for meals is \$4 for seniors and \$6 for people 60 and younger.

Driskell said the COVID-19 closure has actually opened the senior center, which is also referred to as a community center on the facility’s menu, to segments of the community that have never interacted with the organization.

“It’s exciting to reach and show these folks what our program can accomplish, so we’re feeling very successful keeping our elder population as well as other people in the community fed,” she said.

— JPB

✓ County: More new employees approved

\$6 million

Details of the year-end financial report included:

- Beginning balance at the start of FY 20 of \$1.67 million
- Local funding sources, including the property tax levy, provided \$300,000 during FY 20.
- The county received \$1.482 million in state funding, primarily from highway user revenue sources such as the gas tax and vehicle registration fees.
- Federal funding of nearly \$64,000

The county received more than \$1.854 million from the three revenue sources.

Having spent \$2.409 million

on road reconstruction and rehabilitation, maintenance and to buy equipment — among other things — the county ended the fiscal year with a roads budget balance of \$1.12 million.

DMV office changes

Owyhee County Assessor Toni Gruenwald has done some shuffling with her employees and has also seen an old hand return.

Kevin Bowen has left the Division of Motor Vehicles office in Marsing and taken his skills to Murphy. As of Monday, Bowen will be assisting deputy assessor Lesli Hinton as a cartographer and deed processor.

The move is a lateral one, so his grade and pay remains the same at \$15.38 per hour.

To fill Bowen’s Marsing position, former DMV employee Kasey Freelove returns as a DMV and driver’s license clerk. She will be making \$13.82 per hour.

During their Dec. 28 meeting, commissioners approved the hiring of Madison Anderson as a part-time county agent at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing.

Anderson started in her position on Tuesday and is making \$12 per hour.

— TK

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Honor roll Treasure Valley Community College

Three Owyhee County residents are listed among the top-performing students at Treasure Valley Community College.

The college, with locations in Ontario, Ore., and Caldwell, released its list of top academic

performers for the fall 2020 quarter.

Marsing — Aunna Liza De La Fuente, Dean’s List (3.99 to 3.75 grade-point average)

Homedale — Makayla Grace Kelly, Honor Roll (3.74 to 3.5 GPA)

Bruneau — Jade W. May, Honor Roll

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School menus

Homedale Elementary

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

Jan. 6: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon pull apart **Lunch:** Chicken filet, mashed potatoes with gravy, hot roll

Jan. 7: **Breakfast:** Mini donuts, string cheese **Lunch:** Pepperoni calzone, green beans

Jan. 11: **Breakfast:** Apple filled donut **Lunch:** Nachos, corn

Jan. 12: **Breakfast:** Waffle breakfast sandwich **Lunch:** Hamburger, French fries

Jan. 13: **Breakfast:** Chocolate chip muffin **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garlic toast, green beans

Homedale Middle

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese
Cereal option and PB&J and string cheese offered daily
Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily

Jan. 6: **Breakfast:** Apple cinnamon Texas toast **Lunch:** Chicken taco, corn

Jan. 7: **Breakfast:** Donut **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper

Jan. 11: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza **Lunch:** Corn dog, baked beans

Jan. 12: **Breakfast:** Filled cereal bar **Lunch:** Chicken patty, spicy chicken patty, potato wedges

Jan. 13: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon burst bread **Lunch:** Orange chicken, steamed rice, broccoli, fortune cookie

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

Jan. 6: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy or pancakes **Lunch:** BBQ chicken sandwich, steamed carrots or cheese chicken sub, steamed carrots

Jan. 7: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or French toast **Lunch:** Crispito, refried beans or mini corn dogs

Jan. 11: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or cinnamon pull apart **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper or corn dog

Jan. 12: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich or bagel with cream cheese **Lunch:** Pork chop, mashed potatoes with gravy, dinner role or chicken filet, mashed potatoes with gravy, dinner roll

Jan. 13: **Breakfast:** Homedale breakfast burrito or filled cereal bar **Lunch:** Spicy chicken patty sandwich, potato wedges or hamburger or cheeseburger, potato wedges

Marsing

Each meal includes choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables
Elementary School each day: Breakfast: Cereal option
Middle/High School each day: PB&J sandwich option
Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sandwich, salad
Hot Grab-n-go line (varies): Cheeseburger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sandwich; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)

Jan. 6: **Breakfast:** Texas toast. **Lunch:** Classic: Pepperoni calzone, green beans. Hot Grab-n-go: Garlic French bread, potato wedge. Cold Grab-n-go: Taco salad with breadstick

Jan. 7: **Breakfast:** Breakfast sandwich. **Lunch:** Classic: Chicken-fried steak. Hot Grab-n-go: Buffalo chicken pizza, orange chicken rice bowl. Cold grab-n-go: Chief’s salad with breadstick

Jan. 11: **Breakfast:** Yogurt. **Lunch:** Classic: Whole grain corn dog, chocolate chunk cookie. Hot Grab-n-go: Wild Mike’s pepperoni pizza

Jan. 12: **Breakfast:** Mini pancakes. **Lunch:** Classic: Spaghetti, green beans. Hot Grab-n-go: Garlic French bread pizza.

Jan. 13: **Breakfast:** Bacon scramble pizza. **Lunch:** Classic: Dutch waffle, sausage patty, hash brown patty. Hot Grab-n-go: Wild Mike’s pepperoni pizza, potato wedge. Cold grab-n-go: Turkey bacon ciabatta

Bruneau/Grand View

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

Jan. 6: **Breakfast:** Waffle and hashbrowns **Lunch:** Nachos with whole wheat chips, refried beans/salsa, broccoli

Jan. 7: **Breakfast:** Bagels and cream cheese **Lunch:** BBQ pulled pork on a bun, fries, cauliflower

Jan. 11: **Breakfast:** Cereal bar **Lunch:** Mac attack, tossed romaine salad, peas

Jan. 12: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy **Lunch:** Chili, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll

Jan. 13: **Breakfast:** Muffins **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli

Jan. 14: **Breakfast:** Mini Cinnabon **Lunch:** Hamburger on a bun, tater tots, baby carrots

Calendar

Today

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

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

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

Thursday

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

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

Monday

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday

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

Ridgeview Irrigation meeting
1 p.m., South Board of Control boardroom, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. Meeting available via Zoom, call (208) 337-3760 for link.

South Board of Control meeting
1:30 p.m., South Board of Control boardroom, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. Meeting available via Zoom, call (208) 337-3760 for link.

Gem Irrigation meeting
1:15 p.m., South Board of Control boardroom, 201 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. Meeting available via Zoom, call (208) 337-3760 for link.

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

American Legion Post 128 meeting
7 p.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

Wednesday

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

Jordan Valley Ambulance meeting
6 p.m., ambulance hall, 706 Main St.

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

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

Marsing City Council meeting
7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 896-4122

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

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

Obituaries

Glenda Kae Gammett



Glenda Kae Gammett, 74, of Jordan Valley, Oregon, passed away Sunday, December 27, 2020, due to complications of pancreatic cancer.

Glenda was born in Boise, Idaho, on September 10, 1946, the third of four children born to Katherine “Kitty” (Axford) and Glenn Salmeier. She was raised on the family homestead in Marsing, Idaho. Glenda began her schooling at the Edison School just outside of Marsing, later graduating from Marsing High School in 1964.

Glenda married her high school sweetheart, Ted

Gammett, in April of 1965. Ted was a saddle bronc rider, and they traveled the rodeo circuit in their early years of marriage. They lived in California for a time, while attending Heald’s Business College, before returning to Idaho and welcoming two sons. After spending several years in Givens Springs, Ted and Glenda settled in at their ranch in Jordan Valley (Rockville).

In addition to ranching, raising her sons, and running the house, Glenda worked in the office at Marsing High School for many years. She enjoyed working

with the kids and said it helped break up the long winters on the ranch. She was also an accomplished siphon tube setter, once winning a contest at the Owyhee County Fair.

Glenda will be missed by her sons, Will (Brett) Gammett and Winston Gammett; granddaughters: Tina Marie, Jill Lee, and Lacey Jo; siblings: Milo (Patt) Salmeier, Donna (Doug) Steel, and Tricia (Roy) Richardson; sister-in-law, Tina (Larry) Lemmon; and her many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Glenn and Kitty Salmeier; husband, Ted; and

grandson, Jeremy.

The family offers special thanks for the gentle and patient loving care given to Glenda by the staff at the Nampa Saint Alphonsus Cancer Care Center.

Glenda’s graveside service will be held Thursday, January 7, 2021, at 2:00 P.M. at Jordan Valley Cemetery in Jordan Valley, Oregon. All attendees are encouraged to wear face coverings. Glenda’s family hopes to hold a celebration of life in late spring or early summer. Condolences may be made online at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com.

Peggy Robinson

Margaret Verle Johnston was born August 7, 1926 to Elmer Odrey Johnston and Margaret Mary Paulin- Johnston of Oreana, Idaho.

Peggy grew up on the banks of Castle Creek with three brothers and two sisters. She was a Tomboy and loved playing outside with her brothers, this resulted in a broken arm and a few other unmentioned shenanigans. She attended the one-room school at Castle Creek and then on to Grand View for high school. She attended Boise High School for a year as well.

She attended nurses training at St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise, but family obligations

prevented her from finishing. She was still called on to nurse family and friends and was always calm under pressure.

Peggy met Merv Robinson when she was 15. After WWII they were married and farmed in Burley, Idaho where their son Ralph was born in 1947. They bought a farm and moved back to Castle Creek where their daughter Celia was born in 1952.

Merv and Peggy owned the Oreana store for several years and it became a well-known local gathering place. In the fall of 1965, they bought a ranch on the banks of the Snake River. There was no shop or house on the property. They moved a small trailer



house on the property while they continued building the house. The family put in a lot of sweat equity to turn the tumbleweed property into a successful farm and ranch.

In 1978 they moved to Marsing and Merv went to work for the Owyhee County ASCS office. Peggy worked for the Owyhee County Extension

office. There she added her artistic flair to the monthly newsletters and always enjoyed working at the fair.

In 1987 they returned to Oreana to ranch. Upon retirement they remodeled the little Rock House in Oreana and enjoyed a view of the mountains. It was always a treat for the grandkids to go see Nana and Papa.

Peggy began studying art in the 1950s by mail with Art Instruction Schools. Her lessons were completed amid gardening, canning, child rearing, mail delivery, store keeping and farming. She was also known as a gifted painter and spent many hours in a studio she created that was an inspiration all on its

own. She especially delighted in painting Owyhee County, its buildings, people and all the life it had to offer.

She was preceded in death by her husband Merv; her parents Elmer and Mae; brothers Sheral and David and sisters Kathleen and Betty, and several brothers- and sisters-in-law. She is survived by her children Ralph Robinson, Celia Boland and their spouses Marlena and Jim. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Joshua, Adrienne, Laura, Kalen, Rachael, Bethany and Samuel and 9 great-grandchildren, along with her brother Vernon Johnston and sister-in-law Eva Johnston as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Death notices

JEAN CAROL JEWETT CAMPBELL, 81, of Bruneau, a 1957 Bruneau High School graduate and one-time co-owner of Valley Merc in Bruneau, died on Friday, Dec. 25, 2020 of natural causes in Grand View. Visitation and funeral services were held on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020 at the American Legion Hall No. 83 in Bruneau. Burial immediately followed at Bruneau Cemetery. Arrangements: Rost Funeral Home, Mountain Home

LOYD RUSSEL RANDOLPH, 90, of Marsing, died on Friday, Dec. 25, 2020. Funeral services were held on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020, at the Followers of Christ Church, Marsing. Burial followed at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Arrangements: Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. www.dakanfuneralchapel.com.

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Teens & Tweens gets cooking at Jackson library

The young chefs hanging out at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library are ready to learn.

Teens & Tweens will take place at 5 p.m., on Thursday at Homedale’s city library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave. If attendance forces a split of the activity, the second group will walk

to the Homedale Community Foodstead next door at 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The boys and girls, ages 10-17, will make crepes as part of a Teen Chef activity.

The youth also will learn about the history of crepes and France, the country from

which they originate.

At 10:15 a.m., and 11:15 a.m., on Monday, Story Time will feature “The Grinny Granny Donkey” by Craig Smith and “Do You Want to Build a Snowman?” by Calliope Glass. Children will make a snowman glove puppet.

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Conservation board to discuss short-, long-term plans

Ag scholarship application window still open

The Owyhee Conservation District board of supervisors will look to the future at its next meeting.

The district’s plan for 2021 and the strategy from the next five years will be discussed during the first meeting of the new year.

Because of the anticipated length of the discussion, the meeting is starting an hour earlier than usual, 11 a.m., on Thursday, Jan. 14 inside the University

of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

Board officers for this year also will be selected.

Joe Mansisor, the son of longtime supervisor Ray Mansisor, has joined as the newest board member. Ray, who served more than 60 years, passed away in March.

Although the supervisors could gather in person, the meeting is still off-limits to the public.

But those interested in attending the meeting virtually may do so by calling into the teleconference at (888) 844-9904. The access code is 27892764.

The OCD supervisors continue to

accept scholarship applications from high school seniors in the Marsing, Homedale and Jordan Valley school districts.

A recipient will be chosen during the OCD board’s February meeting.

Prospective graduates planning to pursue a future in the agriculture industry may apply for a \$500 scholarship.

Requirements include:

- A grade-point average of 3.0 or better
- Transcripts validating the GPA
- A résumé detailing school activities, community service and specifics on ag-related interests.
- An essay, the topic of which

could be the student’s interests in agriculture or related fields, interest in the relationship between agriculture and the community, or the student’s future in agriculture.

- All applicants also must already have acceptance into a two- or four-year college to pursue an Ag-related degree.

Scholarship applications must be received by Feb. 10. Mail applications to the Owyhee Conservation District, 250 N. Old Bruneau Hwy, Marsing, ID, 83639.

For more information, contact district administrative assistant Debbie Abel at (208) 896-4544.

3 Homedale elected officials enter final year of current terms

Sewer system grant talk planned tonight

The Homedale City Council starts the new year a week earlier than usual with its first regular meeting of 2021 tonight.

The meeting, set for 6 inside the magistrate courtroom across the lobby from the city offices, will begin at 6.

The meeting has been called a week earlier than usual (the council typically meets on the second Wednesday of the month) to give Great West Engineering liaison Andrew Kimmel a chance to explain infrastructure grant opportunities as the application deadline draws near.

The city needs funding to overhaul the wastewater treatment lagoons northwest of town off River Road.

Depending on the option the

council chooses, the project could cost between \$8 million and \$20 million. The higher-priced options probably won’t be considered, but Kimmel outlined them just the same during a tour of the sewer ponds in December.

Kimmel also discussed rehabilitation of sections of the wastewater collection system.

Councilmembers also will hear departmental reports from public works supervisor Bret Smith, Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller, and City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram, who typically recaps any Planning and Zoning and building department developments.

Three elected officials — Mayor Gheen Christoffersen and City Councilmen Jerry Anderson and Mike Aebischer — have begun the final years of their current terms of office.

Christoffersen is in his seventh year as mayor. Anderson was appointed to succeed Tim Downing, who passed away in December 2018. Aebischer is in the final year of a four-year term.

The municipal elections take place Nov. 2.

— JPB

More DMV schedule changes could be on the horizon

Grand View branch seeing crowds

Owyhee County Assessor Toni Gruenwald is considering changing the Grand View Division of Motor Vehicles business model to appointment only, a policy that has been in effect at DMV’s branches in Murphy and Marsing since September.

“Grand View is still walk-in, but it is getting crowded and I may go to schedule only,” Gruenwald said.

The DMV office, located within City Hall at 425 Boise Ave., and serving the southeastern part of the county, has seen multiple changes recently.

The window hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., every other Wednesday. That’s a cutback from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., previously because the lone DMV clerk has had difficulty processing incoming clients by the time the office door closes.

The extra two hours allows the clerk to catch up on any customers who may be waiting in line.

The office is also currently open every other Wednesday

instead of weekly to accommodate the heavy workload of cartographer/deed processor Lesli Hinton, who splits time between the Grand View DMV and the assessor’s office in Murphy. Hinton is also the county’s DMV supervisor and works most days in the Murphy office.

The new schedule will remain in effect until the completion of the new DMV building and a new clerk is hired to man the office. Gruenwald said that construction of the new building is going well and should be open for business soon. No completion date was provided.

The DMV clerk position has been listed in The Owyhee Avalanche’s help wanted section by the county and remains open.

The change to appointment-only business in Murphy and Marsing followed the policy of accepting Owyhee County residents waiting in line first before taking out-of-county residents at the three offices.

Prior to the change to appointment-only, DMV lines would sometimes total 60 or more people, causing some customers to get angry, Gruenwald said in September.

The appointments also helped reduce the number of customers in the offices at any one time, a policy adopted in response to COVID-19 protocols.

Gruenwald has recently said she doesn’t see the appointment-only schedule ending anytime soon.

However, she did say that further changes may be coming for the county’s DMV locations — because of out-of-county residents.

“The scheduling was a great idea; however, the time frames are once again being taken up by Canyon County and Ada County residents,” she said.

Gruenwald said she would reveal any changes after she has had a chance to discuss alterations with her staff, including chief deputy Paul Prohl and Hinton.

The Marsing DMV office is located at 15 Reich St., and the Murphy branch is adjacent to the assessor’s office inside the county courthouse, 20381 Idaho Highway 78.

To reserve a time slot at any of the county’s DMV offices, visit www.owyheecounty.net and click on the DMV option on the assessor’s page.

— TK

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Trustees to hear ideas for Bruneau-GV future

Survey says: Wait until after bond or consolidate

by Mandi Boren
For The Owyhee Avalanche
Response rate was low for a survey mailed out to determine patrons' ideas for the Bruneau-Grand View School District's future.

The options derived from the survey will be used to craft Community Advisory Group recommendations that district trustees will discuss during their first meeting of the new year. The meeting takes place at 7 p.m., on Tuesday inside the Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School library.

According to data shared at the December school board meeting, only 10 percent of the approximately 1,300 surveys circulated by the Community Advisory Group were returned to the district.

Of the surveys returned, the most popular preference was maintaining the district's its current facilities model with two elementary schools and one junior-senior high school until the existing bond expires in 2027.

The second-most popular option was to combine Bruneau and Grand View Elementary schools with the junior-senior

high school located between the two towns.

Both options also included the most favorable support for future levies.

According to a district press release, the advisory group is comprised of two stakeholders from each of the districts five zones.

Acting on a request from trustees, superintendent Ryan Cantrell formed the 10-person Community Advisory Group in August to address the district's future amid shrinking enrollment.

The advisory group was established after months of board discussion surrounding the future of the district's facilities and educational programming.

The press release said the purpose of the advisory group was to provide Cantrell with "two or three viable long-term options" for the district that he could present to trustees.

Cantrell went on to say that "... the advisory group is currently working on their recommendation(s), and they will be presented to trustees in January's board meeting."

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

Oreana hall window fundraising ongoing

The annual community New Year's Eve party is the latest step in the latest capital improvement fundraiser for the nearly 90-year-old Oreana Community Hall.

Organizers reported on the community hall's Facebook page that the generosity of the community at Thursday's dance bolstered the fund to install 11 new windows to \$1,500.

Chris Collett, one of the people that keeps the hall going, said it will cost about \$22,000 to complete the window project.

The New Year's Eve bash included socializing, ringing in 2021 (and probably, more

importantly, bidding adieu to 2020), and live music from Runnin' for Cover.

"Wow, what a crowd," Collett wrote on the hall's Facebook page after the party. "Thank you, and especially to those of you who donated to the hall."

Collett also thanked JR and Sammie Steiner for extra help to clean the hall, put away tables and chairs and winterize the hall's infrastructure.

For more information the window project, contact Collett at (208) 834-2062 or collettranch@gmail.com, or send a message through the hall's Facebook page. — JPB

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SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
	(measured in inches)	(measured in inches)	(measured in inches)	Max	Min	Avg
Mud Flat						
12/29	1.4	7	1.9	29	7	18
12/30	1.4	7	2.0	34	16	26
12/31	1.6	7	2.5	36	17	30
01/01	1.5	7	2.4	32	12	24
01/02	1.7	7	2.7	37	24	31
01/03	1.7	7	2.8	40	27	34
01/04	1.9	8	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
12/29	1.2	3	5.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
12/30	1.2	3	5.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
12/31	1.3	3	5.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
01/01	1.3	2	5.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
01/02	1.3	3	5.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
01/03	1.5	4	5.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
01/04	1.8	6	5.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
12/29	4.6	17	7.6	35	24	29
12/30	4.5	17	7.6	36	28	32
12/31	4.7	17	7.7	30	24	28
01/01	4.7	18	7.8	37	23	31
01/02	4.8	17	7.8	34	27	31
01/03	4.9	18	8.0	37	31	33
01/04	5.3	20	8.4	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 46 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 173 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 29 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 331,119 acre-feet of water on Monday.

Assembly of God modifies services

The Homedale Assembly of God has announced changes to its offerings in the new year.

As of Sunday, the church at 15 W. Montana Ave., has Sunday services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

The later service offers a nursery and a children's programs for

families.

For more information about the church, visit <http://www.homedaleagchchurch.com/> or call (208) 337-4458.

Online services are still available each week on the church's YouTube channel.

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Roll available each day except Jan. 13*

Thrift store open from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday-Thursday

- Jan. 13: Pepperoni and cheese pizza, side salad with cucumber and tomato, beet salad
- Jan. 14: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans
- Jan. 19: Chicken patty, mac and cheese, broccoli
- Jan. 20: Ham and beans, Brussels sprouts, cornbread
- Jan. 21: Country-fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables
- Jan. 26: Beef and gravy, rice, broccoli
- Jan. 27: Sausage and biscuit, mashed potato and gravy, peas and carrots
- Jan. 28: Pork roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, spinach

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing

*Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside Marsing City Hall
Milk available each day*

- Suggested donation: \$4 (60 and older), \$6 (59 and younger)*
- Jan. 13: Pork and green chili casserole, refried beans, corn, cookie bar, wheat tortilla
 - Jan. 15: Meatball subs, peas, carrots, fresh fruit, hoagie roll
 - Jan. 18: Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 - Jan. 20: Salmon, wild rice, snap peas, coleslaw, wheat bread
 - Jan. 22: Enchiladas, Mexican rice, corn, juice
 - Jan. 25: White chicken chili, broccoli, carrots, cornbread
 - Jan. 27: Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, spinach salad, wheat roll
 - Jan. 29: Breaded fish, mac and cheese, peas, coleslaw, wheat bread

Rimrock Senior Center

- All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
Curbside pickup from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or delivery only.
Call (208) 834-2922 from 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. to place order*
- Jan. 14: Variety of pizza (Hawaiian, combination, meat lovers), green salad, fruit, yogurt
 - Jan. 19: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, applesauce, whole-grain roll, pudding
 - Jan. 21: Pulled pork sandwich with whole-grain bun, baked beans, potato salad, berries, yogurt and granola
 - Jan. 26: Baked potato with chili, sour cream, onions, cheese, tortilla chips, green salad, cornbread, fruit, cottage cheese
 - Jan. 28: Chicken a la king, biscuit, Oriental vegetables, chow mien, noodles, fruit cocktail, yogurt



Pawn shop opens in downtown Homedale

Big Valley Gun and Pawn owner Sam Clark (right) helps Homedale resident Bruce Childers with the first pawn transaction for the new Homedale business on Dec. 29. Clark's friend Randy Young looks on. Located at 24 W. Idaho Ave., Big Valley Gun and Pawn opened on Dec. 2 and conducts firearms and ammo sales (including consignment) and will consider trades. Big Valley is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday to Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Saturday. Call (208) 941-6354.

Judge retains jurisdiction for suspect who led deputies on chase

Nampa man convicted of felony eluding

A Nampa man will undergo counseling for substance abuse and mental health after he was convicted of trying to out-run an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy during the spring.

Stefan Grujic was placed on a rider on Dec. 11 when Third District Judge Andrea Courtney retained jurisdiction on a state prison sentence of up to five years.

Grujic will avoid his prison time if he successfully completes the one-year

counseling program.

He must still pay \$500 in fines and \$692.50 in court costs. Courtney also suspended his driver's license for three years because Grujic attempted to elude police in a vehicle, which is a felony.

As part of a plea agreement, Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey Phillips dismissed a felony controlled substance possession charge and misdemeanor counts of drug paraphernalia possession and malicious injury to property.

According to court records, Grujic was arrested just after midnight on April 20 after he drove away from a Marsing gas pump with the nozzle

and hose still inserted in his vehicle.

A deputy had approached Grujic and his passenger in a Ford Ranger pickup after receiving a report of a suspicious vehicle parked for between 15 and 20 minutes at the gas pumps.

The deputy reported seeing what appeared to be drug paraphernalia on the center console while trying to contact the two occupants.

After the truck was located parked on a residential street, the deputy and other law enforcement made contact again, at which time Grujic fled again.

A chase through residential streets reaching speeds of 50 mph ensued before Grujic was taken into custody on Old Bruneau Highway, according to the deputy's report. The passenger had fled and was never located.

A search of the vehicle turned up drug paraphernalia and a substance that the suspect reportedly identified as "cocaine or heroin."

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Limited spectators allowed back in high school gyms

Protocol violation could lead to forfeits

After more than two months of empty gymnasiums, family members can again watch their favorite high school athletes.

But, the new guidelines from Gov. Brad Little's office does have restrictions and a punitive aspect.

Homedale High School athletic Casey Grove director shared the news in an email Sunday.

Two spectators per player will be allowed to attend a game. The number of

spectators per player includes siblings, so if a father and mother attend, no other family members can watch the game in person.

The protocol will include an added date for Trojans, who will play varsity and junior varsity home games against Garden Valley beginning at 1:30 p.m.,

on Saturday.

Marsing AD Brian Marshall said his school would follow the same state-based plan requiring masks upon entry to the gym. The masks can be removed if 12 feet of social distance between

— See *Spectators*, page 13

Trojans ride hot shooting to victory

Homedale High School was able to exact a measure of revenge on visiting Marsing in a Dec. 29 non-conference game.

After finding themselves in a substantial hole early, the Trojans clawed their way back and rode a barrage of second-half three-point shots to a 59-46 boys' basketball victory in Homedale.

The Trojans (3-5 overall) dropped a 60-54 overtime thriller to open the season in November.

Homedale rode its outside shooting to victory last week, hitting 12-of-24 shots from beyond the three-point line. Eli Heck led the team with four treys. The junior guard finished with 16 points.

The Trojans also benefited from strong games from sophomores Mason Strong and Jaxon Dines, who put up 14 points apiece.

Homedale dominated the second half, outscoring the Huskies 31-17 despite the absence of key players Hayden Kincheloe (sprained medial collateral ligament) and Milo Mertz (torn foot tendon). Both players are expected to return to the lineup soon.

"The injury bug has hit us in recent weeks," Trojans' coach Cam Long said. "(The game was) a good team victory over a well-coached Marsing team."

The Huskies (4-5 overall) looked like they would run away from the Trojans, jumping out to a 19-11 lead after the first eight minutes.

The Trojans showed what they were made of after a pair



Homedale's Eli Heck was all over the floor against the Huskies, including this layup past Johan Jimenez. Heck also knocked down four three-pointers and was a menace on defense.

COVID-19 delays prep basketball proceedings

Marsing, HHS boys take a break

A positive COVID-19 test last Wednesday has put the Marsing High School boys' basketball program on ice until Saturday.

Athletic director Brian Marshall announced in an email that the entire program has been quarantined. Games have been postponed, and the players will not be able to practice.

The Huskies will have to reschedule 2A Western Idaho Conference games. Marsing was supposed to play The Ambrose School on Tuesday after deadline, and a game was scheduled for Friday against Vision Charter of Caldwell.

The positive test in the Marsing program also affected Homedale High School's basketball activities.

The visiting Trojans beat the Huskies, 59-46, on Dec. 29. The positive COVID-19 result prompted Trojans' athletic director Casey Grove to put the teams on hiatus until this past Monday.

"(We will) continue to monitor our kids on a daily basis like we currently do every day," Grove said.

Marsing coach Tim Little spoke about how the loss of gym time will affect the team as it moves into the conference schedule.

"It's frustrating but probably was eventually going to happen," he said. "We will reschedule the games (this week) and reset on (Saturday)."

— See *COVID-19*, page 18

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HOMEDALE TROJANS

Athlete Spotlight

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Boys' basketball
Eli Heck, jr., G
Team-high 16 points, 4
3-pointers vs. Marsing

Girls' basketball
Zayne Hall, fr., G
Scored teams first 3 points vs.
Marsing

Wrestling
Elizabeth Hergesheimer, jr., 126
Wiley Dobbs Invite runner-up

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Girls' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 7, home vs. Weiser, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 7, home vs. Weiser, 6 p.m.
Frosh soph
Thursday, Jan. 7, home vs. Weiser, 4:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Monday, Jan. 11, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 12, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Monday, Jan. 11, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 12, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.
Frosh soph
Monday, Jan. 11, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 12, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Coed
Wednesday, Jan. 6 at Parma, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 8 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Ford Idaho Center,
Nampa
Saturday, Jan. 9 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Ford Idaho
Center, Nampa
Junior varsity
Saturday, Jan. 9 at Middleton

Note: Two spectators per player allowed in gym for each game.
Spectators not allowed for wrestling tournaments
Games are available on www.nfhfsnetwork.com. There is a fee.

Sports

Marsing's Miller, Arriaga add to medal count



The Huskies' Isai Arriaga takes down Bishop Kelly's Jack Marshall in a 182-pound matchup on his way to tourney gold. Photo by Kelly Ineck

The Marsing High School wrestling team's biggest stars shone bright at the Ron Johnshoy Invitational on Saturday in Melba.

Continuing their dominant seasons, seniors Isai Arriaga (182) and Troy Miller (138) left the Mustangs' gymnasium with first-place finishes.

Other Marsing wrestlers also had strong showings in the first tournament 2021.

Fellow senior Jacob Goins (220) racked up three wins by pinfall before dropping the championship match to Columbia's Nico Rodriguez. Rodriguez prevailed by pin in 3 minutes, 9 seconds.

Arriaga claimed his third gold medal of the season with round robin wins over Bishop Kelly's Jack Marshall (fall, 3:50), Melba's Trevor Rhoades (18-3 technical fall, 3:02), and Tri-Valley's Blake Damon (fall, 1:42).

Miller claimed his gold with pins of Columbia's Levi Wilson (2:46), Bishop Kelly's Luke Hampton (2:33), and Tri-Valley's Gabe Sutton (42 seconds). He essentially locked up the title with a narrow 4-2 decision over Bishop Kelly's Manuel Valdez.

Junior Jonathan Leon (195) placed seventh after receiving a bye in his final match. He

lost to Bishop Kelly's Zach Stone (fall, 1:15) and Hadley Smith (fall, 37 seconds), and division champion Ben Evans of Melba, who prevailed in 47 seconds.

Junior Jonathan Ineck (145) dropped matches to Bishop Kelly's Derek Doiron (fall, 1:42) and Joe Hippler (fall, 1:26), and a 5-3 decision to Columbia's Andre Carreno.

Freshman Kail Wyman (220) recorded a seventh-place match victory over Melba's Josh Waite (fall, 38 seconds) after losses to Bishop Kelly's Patrick Jess (fall, 20 seconds), Melba's Alan Alvarez (fall, 1:34), and Rodriguez (fall, 1:55).

✓ Spectators: Trojans gym will have specific entrance and exit doors

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families is maintained.

Marsing will clear the gym after every game and require re-entry.

When paying admission at the Homedale gymnasium entrance, fans will be asked which player they are on hand to watch. Each player will get two tally marks by their name for the game.

"... Make sure to communicate with family members to make sure everyone is on the same page as far as which two family members are attending that specific sporting event,"

Grove said.

For basketball, the stands must be cleared after every contest from frosh up to varsity. Spectators may stay in the gym if they are designated to follow a player in a succeeding game.

"You will not be able sit and watch multiple games unless you have children or you are a guest for players on multiple teams," Grove wrote in his email.

In Homedale's case, spectators must exit the gym through the east doors at the conclusion of their designated game. Spectators for the next game

will enter through the foyer as usual.

"If you are taking your child home, they can meet you in the parking lot after they get dressed," Grove said.

Wrestling also has the two-spectator-per-athlete maximum for head-to-head meets (duals, tri-meets and quads). But the state has yet to allow spectators for tournaments.

As with Marsing, Homedale will require masks only if fans cannot maintain social distancing.

"Obviously families can sit together, but if you cannot

maintain a six-foot spacing from other spectators, please wear a mask," Grove wrote.

Grove said athletic directors and school administrators probably will be in charge of enforcing the guidelines as well as reporting violations. A basic honors system appears to be in place.

Schools that violate the new guidelines are subject to discipline:

- The first offense results in a written reprimand.
- The second offense will trigger a forfeit of the game in which the violation takes place.

- The third offense means forfeiture of the rest of the season in that specific sport.

Grove said each 3A Snake River Valley conference member school is following the protocol.

"Let's all be thankful that we get to have fans in the stands, even if it is only two," Grove said.

He asked for fans' cooperation to ensure Homedale can continue to play host to sporting events.

All other SRV schools will be following the same protocol.

— JPB

MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete Spotlight

Boys' basketball
Dominic Enrico, jr., PG
5 points, 3 assists at Homedale

Girls' basketball
Fallon Wasson, sr., G
First-year starter, Melba transfer

Wrestling
Jacob Goins, sr., 220
Runner-up at Johnshoy

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Wednesday, Jan. 6, home vs. Compass Charter, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 7, home vs. Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 9 at New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 12, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Wednesday, Jan. 6, home vs. Compass Charter, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 7, home vs. Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 9 at New Plymouth, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 12, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.

Wrestling
Wednesday, Jan. 6 at Garden Valley Duals, 6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 8 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa
Saturday, Jan. 9 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa
Wednesday, Jan. 13, home for Marsing Duals, 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 14 at Melba, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Thursday, Jan. 14 at Melba, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Thursday, Jan. 14 at Melba, 4:30 p.m.
Note — Friday, Jan. 8 at Vision Charter postponed (COVID-19)

Note: Two spectators per player allowed in gym for each game.
Spectators not allowed for wrestling tournaments
Home games are streamed for free on Marsing Booster Club's Facebook page
Road games livestream at www.nfhsnetwork.com

Schedules are subject to change

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Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense An embarrassing column



Embarrassing moments. Nobody likes to talk about them. Oh, they'll talk about slipping on the ice on their first date or getting bucked off a gentle horse. Other folks empathize, and usually they laugh. But it makes people uneasy when it's really embarrassing. They might titter nervously, but if it's really awful it makes us uncomfortable. "It could happen to me!"

Like the time I leaned into a car window and asked a new acquaintance to dance and she didn't have any legs. It was shattering to a high school boy, not to mention the girl. Or introducing an old friend and his wife to my family and calling his wife by his ex-wife's name.

Faux pas are always exaggerated when you are in the company of someone other than your family. Cocktail or dinner parties with guests are fertile ground for embarrassment: Halfway through dinner, you glance in the mirror and discover you should have blown your nose an hour ago; finding gravy (dried, of course) on your black dress; sneaking off to powder your nose, quietly closing the door, gently running the water — then you flush and it sounds like a dump truck unloading nine yards of gravel into an empty grain bin.

In veterinary work there is an association of vets who have spayed tomcats. Cowboys take a great delight in runnin' a rangy ol' steer in with a bunch of cows at cow workin' time. I've preg-checked a thousand steers — but at least I've never called one bred.

Then there was poor ol' Fred (an alias) who was worried about climbing on his roof to shovel off the snow. So he took his rope and tied it to the back bumper of his pickup in the front yard. Looping it around his waist he went up on the roof and over the peak. His wife left for town ... in his pickup. Broke both his legs, his pelvis and one wrist.

During recovery, he was sitting around the house in a cumbersome body cast. His wife had the habit of filling her cigarette lighter with fluid over the commode. Later that afternoon ol' Fred creaked his way into the bathroom like a NASA moonwalker. He maneuvered himself into position and lowered himself, cast and all, down on the seat. Exhausted, but smugly satisfied with his achievement, he lit a cigarette and dropped the match into the lurking lighter fluid. It blew him into the tub and broke his other wrist!

We're talkin' hot cross buns! If you ever wondered where the word "embarrass" came from ...

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

Mandi Boren, reporter

The other side of news Rural perspective, experience lacking in COVID-19 stories



The debates surrounding COVID-19 are vast and divisive, and there is a contrast behind this pandemic in rural and urban American approaches.

The current media perspective on the way many rural communities are tackling COVID-19 usually involves a narrative of uninformed country folk not taking this pandemic seriously.

On the contrary, these are educated folks; people with diverse backgrounds in education and life experience. Their evaluation of the national and worldwide response to this pandemic and the resulting effects on societal behavior and health has led them to formulate a critical view of the interventions that have been adopted as unequivocal truths by some of our society.

Additionally, the broad education and experience base necessary to run many rural communities engenders practical problem-solving approaches and accurate and timely risk assessment, which has proved lacking in this debate.

Right or wrong, a truly balanced journalistic approach would highlight the facts and give credit to the concept that alternate viewpoints exist.

If we are honest, we have not discovered absolute

universal answers to all the questions brought on by this pandemic.

The spirit that settled the West was one of pure grit, perseverance, personal responsibility and prevailing above all odds. That spirit is still alive in rural America. Daily, rural Americans face challenges that can threaten lives and livelihoods. It is a part of life. They don't stop living. They make a plan B, C and D and keep going.

Many instances of fraudulent or inaccurate reporting of cases and fatalities have created healthy skepticism for any that are willing to think critically.

Do rural communities understand that COVID can be dangerous and even deadly? Of course, but they have also seen people get sick with and without masks or social distancing, and the majority of those affected recover.

Some choose to wear a mask. Others do not. Each is respected for their choice. Individuals understand the risk and choose accordingly.

Rural Americans do not have the luxury of shutting

— See *Stories*, page 15

Letter to the editor

Think of the teachers' burden during pandemic

First, thank you for your Owyhee County news coverage and community support. I receive your paper via mail and appreciate that service very much. Your online version is also excellent.

Thank you to (syndicated columnist Baxter Black, "On the Edge of Common Sense") for the touching piece, "The Last Burro." As we live to be strong and "tough," it means a lot when, despite ourselves, a story can bring a little tear to our eyes. Can I hear a resounding "Amen"? Is it not such moments for which we live?

Thank you for news highlights from our schools. As I see your coverage of youth sports and students, it always brings me a smile of gratitude, as I remember how much high school sports meant to my husband as a young man growing up here.

As you cover Christmas and new year, I think of Christ as a teacher, that he taught with patience and love for us as children.

I write to present the question, "Why are there no stories about our teachers?" Of course, we focus on the children. I usually volunteer in the schools — myself and many others — but not so this year, due to the pandemic. Consequently, our teachers are handling a lot more, with less help.

I present this year-end wish, "May we come together in our PTA/PTO organizations and find ways to support our teachers and coaches."

I ask because I know good teachers are losing heart. They rarely speak up, because self-care isn't encouraged for teachers. Why PTO and support for teachers ends at elementary, I don't understand.

Whether or not you have a child in school, they are all our children. We can think of Christ through the year as we consider and care for our teachers.

Pamella Cedillo
Marsing



Something on your mind?
We welcome
letters to the editor
The Owyhee Avalanche
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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:
• E-mailed to jon@owyheecavalanche.com
• Faxed to (208) 337-4867
• Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
• Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale
For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

Commentary

Financial management

Written monthly budget essential for success with money

Dear Dave,
I made a resolution to start following your plan in 2021. I talked to my parents about this, and while they like some parts of your teaching, they don't think living on a budget is necessary if you make good money. They also said budgeting is extremely difficult. Are they right?

— Jensen

Dear Jensen,
For whatever reason, I'm afraid your parents are way off-base on this one. A lot of people trash talk the idea of budgeting, and make up all kinds of excuses for not living on one. The truth is a written, monthly budget is essential when it comes to beating debt

and winning with money — period. It's the map you need to get where you want to go in your financial journey.
There are lots of myths, and just some bad information, out there where living on a budget is concerned. Making a budget isn't rocket science. If you can do basic math, you can create a budget. Your income minus your outgo needs to equal zero. That's it! You might spend a couple of hours tallying all your expenses when you first start, but the process soon becomes faster and easier. All it takes is a little practice.
If you think doing a budget is only for people who have trouble making ends meet, think again. My wife and I have lived by a written,



monthly budget every single month for about 30 years. It doesn't matter whether you're a multi-millionaire, or if you have just \$100 to your name, knowing exactly how much

money you have — and where it's going — is an essential part of managing your finances accurately and successfully.
Believe me, I hear dozens of other excuses, too. You'd be amazed at how many people don't make a budget every month because they think it's "boring." Others claim they can do their budgets in their heads. I don't think so! For a budget to really work, it needs to be something you can track down to the last penny. And if you're married and saying you can do a monthly budget in your head, that means only one of you is involved in the decision-making. That's a recipe for disaster in your finances and your relationship.
A budget represents your

financial game plan for the upcoming month and years ahead. As Benjamin Franklin said, "If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail."
— 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*.

From Washington

Legislation key to reinforcing America's nuclear infrastructure

Over the past couple of years, Congress has ushered in a new chapter in U.S. nuclear energy by enacting legislation promoting nuclear innovation. The advancement of clean, reliable nuclear energy is paramount to maintaining the United States' eminence in nuclear power, research and innovation. My colleagues and I recently introduced S. 4897, the American Nuclear Infrastructure Act (ANIA) of 2020, which would further facilitate our country's nuclear competitiveness through enhanced collaboration with allied nations, nuclear energy workforce development and improved review processes to help deploy advanced nuclear technologies.
Since April, I have been working with a bipartisan group of senators to develop legislation to build on the 2018 enactment of S. 97, the Nuclear Energy Innovation Capabilities Act (NEICA), and the 2019 enactment of S. 512, the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act (NEIMA). These laws help ensure the research conducted at the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) continues to contribute to and empower the long-term viability of our diverse domestic energy resources and keeps our nation at the forefront of nuclear innovation.
This bipartisan work, led by Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee Chairman John Barrasso (R-Wyo.), Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.), Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.) and me, has progressed with the November introduction of S.4897. The purpose of this new legislation is to advance U.S. nuclear competitiveness through greater collaboration with our allies; improve advanced

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nuclear deployment through more efficient and informed permitting reviews; strengthen the current aging nuclear fleet; and increase our energy security by creating a domestic uranium reserve.
The Senate EPW Committee held a hearing in August to consider an earlier discussion draft of the American Nuclear Infrastructure Act. Since then, bipartisan work has continued to incorporate changes based on feedback from various stakeholders. The recently introduced version of the ANIA would:
• empower the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to lead in international forums to develop regulations and technical standards for nuclear reactor designs;

- give the NRC authority to deny imports of Russian and Chinese nuclear fuel on national security grounds;
- increase efficiency and predictability in the permitting and review processes for advanced nuclear;
- incentivize the successful deployment of next-generation nuclear reactor technologies;
- require the assessment and update of regulatory barriers to enable advanced nuclear technologies to reduce industrial emissions;
- modernize outdated rules that restrict nuclear energy investment;
- further the development of advanced nuclear fuels;
- authorize a uranium reserve;
- authorize funding to assist in cleaning up abandoned mining sites on Tribal land; and more.

A summary and full text of S.4897 can be accessed on the EPW Committee's website: <https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/>
Nuclear technology provides great opportunity for the clean, reliable and efficient generation of needed energy. We cannot afford to let countries, such as Russia and China, surpass the U.S. in global leadership in this important field. Securing our global leadership requires empowering the long-term development of nuclear energy by continually assessing the need for reforms that keep our country at the forefront of the development of this national asset. Enactment of the American Nuclear Infrastructure Act will make further progress in the bipartisan effort to reinforce America's innovation and leadership in advanced nuclear research and development.

✓ Stories: Individual choice, personal risk part of rural analysis

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down over COVID-19. They cannot take their work to a home office — animals still need to be fed, commodities still need to be harvested and hauled, and school still needs to go on.
Rural Americans struggle with basic internet connectivity — an issue urban folk cannot understand.

To them, shutting down schools or even going virtual is the most destructive thing for the education of their children.
How rural Americans deal with COVID-19 is about choice and personal risk assessment.
Small towns and communities all over the United States are struggling with the same issues regarding

COVID-19. Theirs is a story that also needs to be told.

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

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

January 10, 1996



Dedicated

Doctor Ed Perkins of Homedale was recently certified as a Diplomat of the American Board of Chiropractic Orthopedists. Perkins traveled to Boise one weekend a month for three years to prepare and study for the oral and written boards he had to pass to become a qualified chiropractic orthopedist.

Emergency services get boost from Hazmat monies

Three volunteer emergency service teams in Owyhee County will get a significant boost in operating equipment thanks to the Owyhee County commissioners and money generated by Envirosafe Services of Idaho in the form of Hazardous Materials monies.

The commissioners voted Monday to buy radios and other equipment and training for the Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse, the Grand View Fire Department, and the Homedale Emergency Medical Technicians out of "Hazmat" monies.

Hazmat monies are generated from a tax on Envirosafe Services' shipments of hazardous waste through the county, and add roughly \$100,000 a year to the county coffers. However, the money can only be spent on specific items, including hazardous waste spills, training for hazardous waste emergency response and related equipment.

HHS receives grant for track

The Caldwell Community Foundation recently approved a \$5,000 grant to be issued to Homedale High School to replace the current track with an all-weather track.

The grant was submitted to the foundation by Patti Zatica and Troy Sullivan, chairpersons of the track refurbishment committee at Homedale High School.

With the Caldwell Community Foundation grant, the track committee has raised in excess of \$17,000. Zatica said she hopes that the \$25,000 goal will be met soon.

"We have the rest of the school year to reach our mark, but the sooner we reach it the sooner we can put bids out and get things in the works," Zatica said.

If the cost of the all-weather track goes beyond the \$25,000, Zatica said, Homedale School District has agreed to pay the remaining amount.

50 years ago

January 7, 1971



Carter resigns as Homedale mayor; Murray serves

Present at the regular monthly City Council meeting Monday night were Les Carter, Mayor; George Murray, Norman Tolmie, Andrew W. Warfield and Allen Blessing, Councilmen; and Joyce Blackman, City Clerk; and Warren Stimmel, Roy Rowland and Judge Charles Jurries.

Mayor Carter presented a letter of resignation and thanked the Council and City employees for their fine cooperation.

With reluctance, a motion was made by Warfield, seconded by Tolmie to accept Mayor Carter's resignation. Passed.

The city clerk presented Mayor Carter with a present from the council and city employees.

George Murray, President of the Council, took over as acting mayor.

A discussion by Chuck Jurries on the forthcoming Magistrate Court system was held. Arrangements for holding court in the city hall were made and plans formulated for the courtroom.

The new mayor is manager and pharmacist of the Homedale Drug Store. He has served on the council for seven years, serving as president for the past six years.

During Carter's tenure, work was begun on a new city park — to be completed by 1973 — along the Snake River. A new city swimming pool was also begun, a project to be finished this year. Carter said he will continue operating his grocery business in Homedale, although living in Caldwell.

Owyhee County officials will take oaths Monday

Two new county commissioners will be sworn in Monday at Murphy as county officers begin new terms of office.

Don Davis, Bruneau, a former commissioner, will start a 4-year term as commissioner of district 3, replacing present board chairman Oscar Field, Grand View. Davis previously served as a commissioner

Frank Jayo, Oreana, will begin a 2-year term, replacing Jack Dunning, Murphy, a long-time assessor and commissioner of district 1.

Holdover commissioner is Dave Phelps, Homedale, whose term continues for another two years.

County Clerk, Auditor and Recorder Nick Ihli was re-elected for a four-year term. Others re-elected for two-year terms are Sadie Eisenhart, treasurer, Tom Brunzell, assessor and William Goetz, constable.

The county's three legislators, who represent District 13, will begin sessions in Boise Monday. They are Sen. Walt Yarbrough, Grand View; and Reps. Ernest Allen and Virgil Farner, Nampa.

150 years ago

January 7, 1871

IDAHO HOTEL

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The proprietor of this commodious hotel has recently repaired and thoroughly renovated the same, and he will endeavor to make it a FIRST CLASS HOTEL, in every particular.

It is conveniently located, being near the Express Office and the banking houses, and the office of the Railroad Line of Stages is located in this Hotel, Stages for the Railroad, and all points of the Territory, arriving and departing daily.

The purest water for all uses, and comfortable bath rooms are connected with the Hotel.

Believing that I have SUPERIOR accommodations, I have no hesitancy in making a liberal share of the public patronage.

H. B. EASTMAN, Proprietor
Silver City, I.T.

Our Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, DEC. 24, 1870.
EDITOR OF AVALANCHE:

CONGRESS has adjourned and nearly all our law makers have left the city for their happy homes. The President and family will spend their Christmas in our city.

NEW STATES.

During the present session two new states will be added to our flag.

A bill has been prepared by Senator Nye of Nevada, and was by unanimous consent introduced into the Senate, enabling the people of Colorado Territory to form a Constitution and State Government, and for the admission of said State into the Union on an equal footing with the original states. The bill was read in open session twice by its Territories for their examination. The bill will be taken up by the committee after the holidays, and in the early part of January next no doubt the bill will be reported favorably to the Senate, when it will in all probability pass and then sent to the House for its concurrence.

I understand that there is also being drafted a bill for the admission of New Mexico into the Union upon the same terms as Colorado. This bill will be presented to Congress about the end of January next.

FRANKING PRIVILEGE.

In the House a few days ago, this nuisance was totally abolished by a vote of one hundred and three yeas to forty-six nays. The law abolishing the same goes into effect at the end of July next. During the consideration of this question many efforts were made to allow members of Congress compensation for the postage they would be compelled to pay in transacting business connected with their positions, but in every instance such propositions were immediately voted down, the only deviation from the total abolishment was extended to the press, they have the same privileges that has heretofore been accorded to them, in regard to furnishing regular subscribers in the county in which each paper is published.

Whether the bill in its present form will pass the Senate I am unable to say, but think that it will meet with a strong opposition in this body, as a great many of our prominent Senators have already signified their intention of opposing the measure even in the mildest form.

Public notices

OWYHEE COUNTY ROAD & STREET FINANCIAL REPORT <i>Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2020</i>	
BEGINNING BALANCE	
October 1, 2019.....	\$1,676,946
RECEIPTS	
Property tax.....	\$300,167
Other local receipts.....	8,570
Highway user revenue.....	1,438,709
Other State & Federal funds.....	110,480
Total Receipts	\$1,854,926
DISBURSEMENTS	
New Construction.....	\$0
Reconstruction, replacement & rehabilitation.....	1,131,753
Chip seal & patching.....	350,925
Grading/Blading.....	198,600
Winter Maintenance.....	125,378
Other.....	1,756
Equipment.....	564,133
Other expenses (with adjustment).....	36,759
Total Disbursements	\$2,409,304
CLOSING BALANCE	\$1,122,568
Amount obligated for Specific future projects.....	\$1,000,000
 Amount retained for General Funds & Operations.....	122,568
UNOBLIGATED BALANCE	
September 30, 2020.....	\$0.00
01/06/2021	

ANNUAL ROAD AND STREET FINANCIAL REPORT CITY OF HOMEDALE For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020	
BEGINNING BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 1 PREVIOUS YEAR	\$0
RECEIPTS	
LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES	
Interest income	\$1,271
Fund transfer from non-highway accounts	\$11,531
All other LOCAL receipts or transfers in	\$17,009
Total Local Funding	\$29,811
STATE FUNDING SOURCES	
Highway user revenue	\$123,343
Total State Funding	\$123,343
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$153,154
DISBURSEMENTS	
NEW CONSTRUCTION	
Total New Construction	\$0
RECONSTRUCTION/REPLACEMENT/REHABILITATION	
Roads	\$21,849
Bridges, culverts and storm drainage	\$2,222
Other (signs, signals or traffic control)	\$210
Total Reconstruction/Replacement/Rehabilitation	\$24,281
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	
Chip sealing or seal coating	\$22,436
Patching	\$2,139
Winter maintenance	\$883
Grading/blading	\$2,254
Other	\$16,869
Total Routine Maintenance	\$44,581
EQUIPMENT	
New equipment purchase	\$8,850
Equipment maintenance	\$8,204
Other	\$1,858
Total Equipment	\$18,912
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$17,241
OTHER	
Street lighting	\$24,817
All other local expenditures	\$280
Total Other	\$25,097
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$130,112
RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	\$23,042
CLOSING BALANCE	\$23,042
Funds obligated for specific future projects & reserves	\$23,042
Funds retained for general funds & operations	\$0
ENDING BALANCE	\$0
City of Homedale Alice E. Pegram 01/06/2021	

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Before the Owyhee County Planning & Zoning Commission
On January 27, 2021, the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St., Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below.
Beginning at 9:30 am, the Commission will hear application Z21-06 a request for a conditional use permit filed by **Joshua Carpenter** seeking approval to establish a single-family residence on a 10-acre parcel located in the

Indian Cove area at 52910 State Hwy 78 Hammett, Idaho. The subject parcel, RP06S08E063100, owned by Nancy Wootan, is located in an agricultural zone in a portion of the N½ of the NW¼ of Section 6, Township 6 South, Range 8 East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.
Beginning at 10:30 am, the Commission will hear application Z21-05 a request for rezoning of property filed by **Gordon & Sandra Trout** seeking to rezone a portion of their parcel, totaling approximately 9 acres, from agricultural to multi-use zone. The subject parcel, RP03N05W220031, is a 201-acre parcel located at 3759 Market Road approximately 1 mile south of Homedale in an agricultural zone. The portion to be rezoned is contiguous to the multi-use zone lying south of Market Road and north of the B5 canal in a portion of the NE¼ of the NW¼ of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.
In consideration of those who cannot attend in person, we will also offer this meeting and hear testimony by teleconference and web-based meeting using the Zoom platform. If you are interested in participating via Zoom, please contact the Community Development office for the meeting link, or you can also find all information and details regarding this meeting at owyheecounty.net under Public Hearing Documents on the Community Development page.
Copies of the proposed projects are available for review in the Community Development office or at the website listed above. For additional information please call 208-495-2095 ext. 2.
01/06/2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Requested changes to Approved Preliminary Plat for Meadowbrook Subdivision
Please take notice that a public hearing before the City Council of the City of Marsing will take place at the City Council meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm at Marsing City Hall located at 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing, Idaho to consider the requested changes to approved preliminary plat for Meadowbrook subdivision, located on N. Bruneau Highway.
All persons desiring to be heard concerning the proposed changes should be in attendance at the hearing. The file relating to this proposal is available for review in the office of the City Clerk at Marsing City Hall. Written comments may be submitted prior to the Council meeting, but must be received by the City Clerk no later than Monday, January 11th, 2021 in order to be considered as part of the record. Written comments can be mailed to Marsing City Hall, PO Box 125, Marsing, ID 83639 or emailed to office@marsingcity.com.
12/30/2020,01/06/2021

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY NOTICE
Why would anyone have unclaimed money? Unclaimed money consists of forgotten bank accounts, refund checks, utility deposits, wages, tax refunds and more. The Idaho State Treasurer’s Unclaimed Property Division acts as a consumer protection agency to ensure forgotten funds are returned to their rightful owners. Check online for your name at YourMoney.Idaho.gov.
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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND
FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE**

Case No. CV37-20-00327

**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 PIN; THENCE NORTH 89°55’46” EAST, 15.17 FEET 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

Got News?
Call us! (208) 337-4681. Community happenings, events or issues.

Sports

Champ Evans leads hometown medalists at Johnshoy

A home tournament gave Melba High School wrestlers a taste of success and what may be lurking when the district championship meet rolls around next month.

Ben Evans won the 195-pound title in the Ron Johnshoy Invitational when he pinned John Davis of Columbia in 4 minutes, 52 seconds.

Grant Svedin also went up against another Wildcat wrestler in the 126-pound title bout. Simon Graber pulled off the victory with a pinfall at the 1-minute, 38-second mark.

At 285, Cody Dickard had to settle for second place when his only loss of the afternoon’s round robin came against Garden Valley’s Nathan Willoughby.

Willoughby, one of the top wrestlers for one of District III’s best small-school programs, served notice that the Wolverines must be reckoned on their home mats for the 2A District III championship tournament on Feb. 20.

Willoughby pinned Dickard’s in 69 seconds of their opening match of the 285-pound round robin.

Dickard rebounded for the silver medal with a 47-second pin of Melba teammate Charles Arrington and a pin in 2:49 against Bishop Kelly’s Alex Grant.

Arrington finished fourth.

McKoy Richardson was runner-up at 132, another round robin competition.

The Melba wrestler won his first three matches, but lost his tournament finale to Christopher Martin of Bishop Kelly. Martin pinned Richardson in 3:27 in the *de facto* championship bout of the competition.

Richardson cruised through his other three matches, pinning Garden Valley’s Maximus Good (1:44) and Columbia’s Dominic Hammerle before taking down Seiya Thompson of Bishop Kelly with a 16-1 technical fall.

Skyler Vander-Zee also took the round robin route to runner-up in the 138B bracket.

He lost to division champion Nick Seatz of Bishop Kelly in the final round of action. Seatz pulled off a pin 44 seconds into the second period.

Vander-Zee pinned a pair of Columbia wrestlers (Steve Thornhill in 2:57 and Brandon Thornton in 4:29) to set up his shot at the title.

Jaycie Hackler placed third in the girls’ 100-118 division. She pinned Columbia’s Breanna Barrientos in 45 seconds for her only victory.

Two Mustangs placed in the boys’ 113-pound bracket.

Noah Alvarez-Clausen pulled off a 7-3 decision over Columbia’s Steve Mateo for third place, but Jaxen Hackler lost 34 seconds into the fifth-place match when Tri-Valley’s Russell Noah’s got the pin.

Vicente Acosta got as close as you possibly can to a silver medal in the 132B bracket.

Acosta had to settle for third place when the day was done in light of Ryan Viera’s sudden victory in the second round robin session. The Bishop Kelly wrestler was awarded a 10-8 overtime victory and went on the claim second place.

Acosta started his day by pinning Tri-Valley’s Adam Miller four seconds before the end of the first period.

Evan Michaelson finished fourth at 145B, losing the bronze medal match to Columbia’s Eric Ponce. Ponce needed 61 seconds for the pin.

Trevor Rhoades was fourth in the 182-pound round robin.

Carlos Colunga posted a 9-1 major decision over Kaleb Smittle in the first round robin go-round at 170 pounds. It would be Colunga’s only victory in five trips to the mat Saturday, but it was good enough to lock up fifth place.

Alan Alvarez (220) pinned Dade Jordan of Columbia in 1:14 of their fifth-place match, while teammate Josh Waite was eighth in the weight class after losing the seventh-place bout to Marsing’s Kail Wyman in 38 seconds.

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of treys by Dines and some excellent defense put them right back into it.

Homedale showed some patience on offense, as well, not taking as many hurried shots and passing the ball better.

When the halftime buzzer sounded, Homedale was back in the game, trailing by just one point, 29-28.

The momentum continued when Trenton Fisher knocked down a quick basket just seconds into the third quarter.

Marsing’s junior point guard Dominic Enrico responded with a three-pointer at the 6-minute, 15-second mark in the third quarter. A layup by senior post Jacob Ankeny 20 seconds later put the Huskies back on top, 34-33.

The teams exchanged missed shots before Heck nailed one of his three-pointers at 4:33. He would convert a couple more in the third as the Trojans took control of the game.

After three quarters, the Trojans led 45-36.

“I’ve said it before, I love Homedale kids and how competitive they are,” Long said.

Marsing coach Tim Little was impressed with the Trojans’ shooting prowess.

“Homedale shot the ball extremely well in the second half,” he said. “We had some difficulties defending them correctly, giving them open looks, and could not match their offensive onslaught, especially from behind the arc.”

For the Huskies, Ankeny recorded another double-double, leading all players with 21 points and 12 rebounds. He dished four assists, one fewer than teammate Noel Quebrado.

Marsing shot the ball well overall, hitting 20 of 39 shots, but the Huskies were just 1-for-8 from long range.

Senior guard Roger Valadez (5-for-6) scored 10 points.

Alejandro Barrera was perfect with his shot. The sophomore hit both of his field-goal attempts and was 3-for-3 from the free-throw line. He finished with seven points and a pair of boards.

“We only have league games left, and we will keep working hard, trying to get better,” Little said.

— TK

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Little said that preparation and practice time will be missed, but that is beyond the team’s control.

“The conference is extremely tough,” he said. “This will set us back even more, but we will rebound.”

Marshall pointed out that testing isn’t mandated.

“Our board approved the updated (federal Centers of Disease Control) guidelines, meaning that one can get tested if they have no symptoms after five days,” he said. “They can return to school on the seventh day if the test is negative.

“Otherwise, they can return if they are symptom-free on Jan. 11.”

The next game on the Huskies’ schedule comes Thursday, Jan. 14 against Melba.

The Trojans are scheduled to play non-conference foe Cole Valley Christian on Monday at home. Homedale starts its 3A Snake River Valley conference season on Tuesday against visiting McCall-Donnelly.

— TK

Public notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with IDAPA 15.10.01.011.05 (“ISLD Rule” 011.05), the Idaho State Liquor Division (ISLD) hereby gives public notice that it is considering the relocation of the existing contract liquor store located at 801 Main St. in Marsing, Idaho. The store will continue to be operated as a Contract Store as defined in ISLD Rule 004. Desired location of said Contract Store is described as:

Within the retail trade area of Marsing, County of Owyhee, State of Idaho.

Please note that Idaho Statute 23-303 asserts that no liquor store shall be located within 300 feet of a school.

If interested in being considered to operate a Contract Store in the

Marsing area, you may inquire about or request an application by e-mailing the Idaho State Liquor Division:

Sally.Ray@liquor.idaho.gov

Applications will be considered by the ISLD Director in accordance with ISLD Rule 011.06. Completed applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. January 22, 2021 and returned to Gwynna Jensen at the above e-mail address.

01/06,13/2021

NOTICE OF HEARING IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF

IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE IN RE: MICHELLE ANN RAMIREZ CASE NO. CV 37-20-452

A Petition to change the name of MICHELLE ANN RAMIREZ, now residing in the City of Marsing, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Michelle Ann Ineck. The reason for the change in name is: returning to maiden name.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Feb. 1, 2021 at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: Dec. 21, 2020
s/: Lena Johnson, deputy clerk
For Angela Barkell, Clerk of the District Court
12/30/2020; 01/06,13,20/2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV37-20-00427 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUTY OF OWYHEE Magistrate Division

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DENISE C. FINLEY, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SEAN W. FINLEY and ANNE M. FINLEY were appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the above-

named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of the Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

Dated: Dec. 17, 2020
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HELP WANTED

Owyhee County has a part-time position open in Grand View at the DMV and driver's license office. The principal function of this position is to provide effective customer service in processing a variety of vehicle related transactions including titles of ownership, new and renewal registrations, issuing license plates and issuing driver's licenses and star cards. This position also performs Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) inspections which are performed outdoors and include exposure to inclement weather conditions. This position is 22 hours per week. A high school diploma or equivalent is required for this position, plus one year of office experience or equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the knowledge and abilities required to perform the work. Applicants will be subject to a background check. Job descriptions and applications are available on the Owyhee County website at owyheecounty.net. They are also available in the Assessor's Office located in the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy, ID. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on January 8, 2021. Owyhee County is an equal opportunity employer.
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