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Sewer fixes picked, Homedale looks for money

Public meeting, possible bond vote on horizon

Homedale officials have started the quest to fund about \$10.3 million in wastewater system improvements.

City councilmen selected the alternatives for the sewer collection and treatment systems during last Wednesday's first regular meeting of the new year.

The 3-0 decisions (Councilman Steve Atkins' absence was excused) came after Great West Engineering represen-

tative Andrew Kimmel recapped the information from last month's sewer lagoons tour.

"This really is a long-term look," Kimmel said of the wastewater facility plan. "We're looking at what is it going to look like?"

"Twenty years from now, (any upgrade) still works barring new regulations from the government."

Kimmel was scheduled to draft a letter of intent telling the Idaho

— See *Sewer*, page 10



Cold duck hunting

Top: Jim Ferlisi of Boise braved near-freezing temperatures and 20 mph winds Friday to hunt ducks, one of his favorite activities.

Right: Ferlisi paddles out into the choppy waters of the Snake River. His parents live nearby in Marsing.



PERSI retirees make up 20 percent of OCSO workforce

Sheriff: Policy supplements staff, saves costs

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office has seen the return of another employee working within Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho guidelines.

John Cossel resumed his part-time job as an Owyhee County Courthouse bailiff and off-highway vehicle deputy Friday.

Cossel has been rehired at \$18.08 per hour and will work fewer than 20 hours per week.

The sheriff's office frequently employs personnel who have retired but work on a part-time/temporary basis to adhere to PERSI rules.

According to Sheriff Perry Grant, there are three types of PERSI retirees working with his office.

- Employees who work no more than 19.5 hours per

week and are not required to take breaks in their post-retirement work.

- Those who work for four months on a full-time basis but must take 30 days off after that time.

- Seasonal employees who can work longer than a four-months-on, one-month-off schedule, but must take the rest of their 12-month cycle off when their term of employment ends.

According to the PERSI guidelines, a seasonal employee cannot work for longer than eight months consecutively.

There are many reasons these types of employees are valuable, Grant said.

"Many come well-trained and prepared, along with being highly experienced in their particular field," he said.

He said he first began the PERSI hiring policy as a stop-gap while hiring and training new employees.

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Citizens can speak up about proposed land exchange

BLM-IDL swap could impact Owyhee ranchers

Public comments are being accepted on the state and fed-

eral government land exchange that at least one Owyhee County rancher and the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation fear will affect grazing rights.

The Owyhee Land Exchange proposed between the Bureau of Land Management and the

Idaho Department of Lands is part of the Owyhee Initiative agreement and would affect public land in Owyhee County.

The BLM manages 11 parcels totaling 31,000 acres of non-wilderness land that

would be exchanged for 40 parcels (24,000 acres) of IDL-managed state endowment trust land. After the designation of 517,000 acres as wilderness through the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009, IDL's parcels no

longer met the Idaho constitutional mandate to maximize revenues.

The Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners virtual meeting on the land swap is

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Overall Owyhee County
COVID-19 cases:

820

Jan. 5 to Jan. 11 statistics:
New confirmed cases, 24
Probable cases, 110 (New: 10)
Deaths: 21 (New: 1)
People who recovered: 771 (New: 54)
Health alert level: Red
Source: coronavirus.idaho.gov
and Southwest District Health

Owyhee incidence rate down, but COVID-19 red alert still in effect

Although the daily incidence rate has dipped below the threshold, Owyhee County remains at the red health alert level for COVID-19.

Southwest District Health released its latest update Thursday.

The health district reported Owyhee County’s daily incidence rate is down to 3.5 daily cases per 10,000 people. That factor would place the county back in the yellow zone for the first time in months, but there are other factors that SWDH considers when moving a county in the health alert scale.

SWDH reported that the

county’s positivity rate of 20.25 percent indicates an upward trend and is the primary reason the red alert level remains in place.

The health district further reported that sustained community transmission is evident because only 48.98 percent of people who have contracted the virus can pinpoint how they were exposed.

As of last Wednesday, three staff members and students of school districts in the county were isolated at home after positive COVID-19 tests. Five staff members or students were in quarantine because of close contact.

Marsing school trustees alter COVID return-to-school policy

Board takes action after first-semester academic struggles

Marsing School District leadership continued in its efforts to improve its methods of education to the district’s students.

Trustees adopted the recent change to the Centers for Disease Control guidelines for COVID-19 testing and quarantine. The guidelines reduced the number of quarantine days from 14 to 10, or seven days with proof of a negative test after five days from the last exposure event.

Students and staff returning to school must be symptom-free with proof from an official medical provider.

The district chose to adopt the new policy to lessen the negative academic impact by reducing the number of days both students and staff are out because of potential exposure.

“It continues to be our goal to stay face-to-face in our learning process,” district superintendent Norm Stewart said in a video released for parents. “First semester saw many online students struggle with the online format.

“We think remaining face-to-face is the best way to continue to educate our students.”

The district saw many examples of students and staff needing to be quarantined because of potential exposure, including a September incident that kept 200 people out of school, including the entire third-, fourth-, and fifth-grade classes and staff.

“Remember, we want to maintain face-to-face learning,” Stewart said in the video. “If your student is ill, please keep them home, or if someone in your household has tested positive or they are presumed positive, please don’t send you student to school until it is safe to do so.”

Stewart said that he has not heard any direct public feedback about the video and the resulting protocol changes. He plans on continuing to use periodic video updates in the future.

Additionally, Marsing trustees met on Jan. 4 to accept the new allowable exemptions to Gov. Brad Little’s State 2 order regarding spectators at athletic events.

According to the district’s athletic director Brian Marshall, a limited number of spectators are now allowed at games and meets. Masks are now mandatory but may be removed while seated if there is enough space for social distancing.

“My gut tells me we’re going to have problems creat-

ing 12 feet of space for each parent group,” Marshall said. “Part of the plan requires us to clear the gym (between games) and we will also be having parents go through the gate again so that only the approved parents can enter.”

New board members to be appointed this week

The Marsing School Board held a special meeting on Tuesday after The Owyhee Avalanche’s deadline to interview new candidates and appoint two new members. The new trustees will be sworn in during the board’s annual meeting, which takes place at 7 p.m. today.

Stewart said that the board has received applications by three candidates for Zone 3 and two for Zone 5.

The original plan was to hold an Idaho School Boards Association-led work session prior to Tuesday’s meeting for all prospective applicants. That work session has been postponed to a future date.

The training was postponed in order to put the focus on interviewing and choosing the new members.

The board positions became vacant when chair Brad McIntyre (Zone 5) moved out of the district and trustee Betty Ackerman (Zone 3) chose to step down after serving for 20 years.

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Church, contractor help with Marsing’s The HUB ramp

Ramp means easier food deliveries, patron mobility

The Marsing School District received a little lift in its plan to construct a concrete ramp outside The HUB, the town’s former middle school.

The HUB coordinator Becky Barkell received a \$2,520 Humanitarian Project grant from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at a small ceremony on Thursday. The money will fund construction of a 12-foot-wide, 30-foot-long, 4-inch-thick cold-weather concrete ramp.

The ramp will run from the food pantry entrance in the rear of The HUB to the gravel parking area behind the building located at 205 8th Ave. W. Marsing’s Showalter Construction will complete the project, having submitted a quote of \$3,600. Showalter agreed to donate excavation, gravel, and prep work in kind, valued at \$1,080.

Caldwell LDS stake representative Kelli Jenkins said the grant was a perfect mar-



The HUB coordinator Becky Barkell received a grant check from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on Thursday morning. **From left:** Marsing LDS First Ward Bishop Sean Rowley, Showalter Construction’s Beau Showalter, Barkell, and Caldwell LDS stake representative Kelli Jenkins.

riage between the church and the Marsing community.

“It’s something we like to do, something that’s local and high-impact and small-scale, with partnerships,” Jenkins said. “It sounded perfect.”

Moving pallets and boxes into The HUB pantry from the parking lot is challenging because of changes in elevation and a sidewalk drop-off. With the new ramp, deliveries from the Idaho Foodbank and The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) will

be smoother, Barkell said. It will also provide handicap access.

“Crossing gravel, grass and a high step up onto the sidewalk poses difficulty and possible injury for elderly patrons accessing The HUB pantry,” Barkell wrote in her grant application. “There is a handicap access on the other side of the building, but it is not convenient for pantry patrons to use.”

Barkell said that the way the pantry is currently configured, many people will take

their items around to the front of the building and work their way back around rather than traverse the rough terrain to the parking lot.

Beau Showalter said the project will begin soon and will take a couple weeks to complete.

The HUB pantry has seen a dramatic increase in the number of citizens it has helped over the past year.

When Barkell first began compiling statistics in December 2019, the pantry served

a total of 66 people from 16 households for the month, including children (infants to 18 years of age), adults 19-59, and seniors 60 and older.

Twelve months later, data based on donations from the Idaho Foodbank showed 1,509 people were served in a month and 9,196 in 2020.

The pantry distributes food every Wednesday, and clothes are available by appointment. Call Barkell at (208) 649-5411 for questions or clothing appointments. — TK

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✓ **Exchange:** Meeting will be on Zoom

scheduled for 9 a.m., on Tuesday.

Using information provided by IDL, the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation recently reported that 17 grazing leases on state land and 18 grazing allotments on BLM land would be impacted by the proposed land swap.

While the IDL says it has worked with BLM and permittees to create transition with the change in ownership, rancher Tim Lowry has said that BLM permittees' grazing preference rights will end when the land reverts to state ownership. While BLM permits are automatically renewed every 10 years (given compliance with regulations), IDL leases are up for grabs to anyone who wants to bid when the time comes.

Ranchers could lose grazing rights and — because they no longer would have a beneficial use claim — the in-stream

stock watering rights associated with federal permits.

Lowry doesn't dispute the logic of the land swap, but takes exception with the unintended consequences it could bring.

BLM needs to get the approval of the state land board to move forward with the land exchange. That process would include an environmental assessment and comment period.

At least one board member will be present for Tuesday's meeting inside the Garnet Conference Rooms at the Idaho Department of Lands, 300 N. 6th St., in Boise.

The meeting will be streamed live at <https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/> or via Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IdahoDepartmentofLands>.

Those who want to provide public comment during the

Zoom meeting have until 3 p.m., Thursday to complete advanced sign-in:

Those wishing to speak during the meeting must notify Renée Jacobsen at rjacobsen@idl.idaho.gov then complete Zoom registration at https://idl.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6YgDygSiQ7yN0cZ2TN7JLA

A measured amount of time will be allocated for public comment. Each individual or group representative will have three minutes to provide comment. The comment period may be concluded at the discretion of the board members.

Public comment may be submitted in writing prior to the meeting, too:

- Email: comments@idl.idaho.gov
- Mail: Idaho Department of Lands, Attn: Land Board Secretary, P.O. Box 83720, Boise ID 83720-0050

✓ **PERSI:** Supervisor among the eight retirees working part-time in various positions

PERSI retirees also do not receive employee benefits, which saves on OCSO's personnel costs.

Grant did not provide specifics about how much money the PERSI employee policy saves.

Besides Cossel, recent employees rehired under PERSI restrictions include patrol Sgt. Greg Bishop, off-highway vehicle and waterways Deputy Pat McCormack, and dispatcher

Lucile Allen.

In total, OCSO employs 40 full-time and part-time employees between patrol deputies, emergency dispatch, the jail, office staff and Idaho Power security. Eight of those employees — or 20 percent of the workforce — are part-time PERSI retirees.

Other OCSO PERSI employees include James Long, Robert McJunkin, James Fox, and William Fox.

— TK

Correction

Owyhee County has not used its full Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding from the federal government in the budget since 2015. Each year since then, county commissioners have been able to add to the PILT Trust, which is the county's building fund. County Clerk Angie Barkell said nearly the full cost of the Owyhee County Community Center in Homedale was handled out of the building fund.

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DOG GROOMING

Academic Bowl returns from hiatus, lands at HMS

No spectators will be allowed today, but Homedale Middle School is playing host to an Academic Bowl meet. This is the third meet of the 3A Snake River Valley conference season. The action starts at 4:15 p.m., inside the HMS cafeteria. Weiser, Parma, Payette and Fruitland will challenge the Trojans. Only seven team members will be allowed, and each is required to wear a mask, according to HMS Academic Bowl advisor Michelle Parr. Parr said that outside of the restrictions and lack of spectators, the COVID-19 protocol hasn't posed any problems with the season. Homedale won the season's first Academic Bowl meet in October in Weiser. The Trojans were runners-up in the Nov. 11 meet in Parma. There was no Academic Bowl in December.

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New year, new garden: Time to cultivate your green thumb dreams

Looking out at my dormant garden in January, it's hard to imagine that in less than two months there will be life growing again! And while winter is an important time of rest, both for plants and hopefully for us, now is also a



Ariel Agenbroad

good time to take stock of what changes you might want to make, improvements you're considering, or tasks that need to be prioritized. You might call them garden resolutions, or just garden goals, but in any case, here are mine for 2021:

- For a few years now I have been tending vegetables in temporary fabric garden beds while I decided where to place my vegetable garden permanently. This year, I think it's time to remove a nuisance seedling elm tree that grew where it was not intentionally planted, and establish my garden in the sunny spot that would become available. I'd like to build wooden raised beds, and am looking at designs. No matter what I choose, my beds will be no wider than three feet, so that I can easily reach across them from either side. My new raised beds will also need an infusion of high-quality, weed-free compost mixed with topsoil. This will improve the fertility and drainage and create a home for beneficial microorganisms.

- While I wait to get outside again, I want to become more efficient at growing microgreens indoors. I'll need low flats with good potting soil and compost, a fluorescent or LED supplemental light source, and a few packets of

seeds. I want to try sunflower, radish, kale and lettuce, maybe in a mix. Microgreens are high in nutrients and will satisfy the craving I have in late winter for fresh greens.

- I'll be looking over my harvest notes from last year and planning my garden so that we're sure to have enough of what we like best: cherry tomatoes, fresh basil and sweet peppers. I'd also like to try something new this year ... artichokes!

- While I get most excited about growing our own food, I am becoming more and more interested in growing food for the pollinators and other beneficial insects that keep my garden ecosystem in check. So I plan to plant even more flowers that attract bees, butterflies, predator bugs and good beetles to the landscape, focusing on a diversity of plants that bloom from spring until fall.

- This is also a good time of year to pull down some of my favorite gardening books or treat myself to a new magazine for inspiration and to see what's new, and to enjoy one of the great joys of gardening: winter dreaming!

What are your garden goals for 2021? What inspires you? What do you want to try this year? Let us know, and we'll keep it in mind as we craft our columns for the coming spring.

— Ariel Agenbroad serves southwest Idaho as an Area Extension Educator in Community Food Systems, and Small Farms for University of Idaho Extension. Her areas of specialization include home and market vegetable production, direct marketing of small farm products, organics and gardening with youth. She can be reached at ariel@uidaho.edu.

Calendar

Today

Christian Life Club

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

Grand View City Council meeting

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

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

Thursday

Owyhee Conservation District board

11 a.m., U of I Owyhee Extension office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. Meeting accessible by teleconference only, (888) 844-9904, access code 2792764.

Teens & Tweens

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

Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting

5:30 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. Check Facebook for updates. (208) 859-2087 or marsingchamber@gmail.com

VFW meeting

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

Friday

The Landing teen support group

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

Owyhee County Historical Society meeting

7 p.m., Owyhee County Museum, 17085 Basey St, Murphy. Open to public. (208) 495-2319

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Story Time

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

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Thursday, Jan. 21

Teens & Tweens

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

Friday, Jan. 22

Idaho Foodbank drop-off

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

The Landing teen support group

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

Monday, Jan. 25

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Story Time

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

Story Time

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

Tuesday, Jan. 26

Writing group

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

Homedale Chamber luncheon

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

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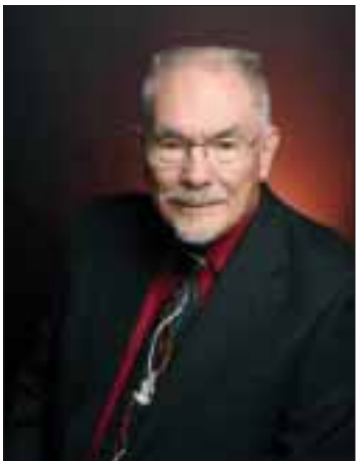
Obituaries

Bill O'Connor

Billy Keith O'Connor (Bill), 78, of Nampa, entered the presence of his beloved Lord Jesus on December 17, 2020 after succumbing to a sudden illness.

Bill spent his life serving the Lord as a minister of the gospel, his latest pastorate being the Marsing Church of the Nazarene where he served for 19 years.

Born in 1942 and raised in Pomona, California, Bill thrived as a young man serving as a youth pastor and developing his photographic skills. He graduated from Life Bible College and received his masters in Religious Education at Azusa University. Bill will be remembered for his spiritual influence, community service, his work as a student facilitator at NW Nazarene University, his amateur photography, love



of gospel music and being an avid movie buff.

Bill is survived by his wife Cherith and daughter Kira, son Kevin, daughter-in-law Angela, grandchildren Ezra, Adoniah, Malaki and Zurijah. Bill, you are loved and greatly missed!

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021 at the Church of the Nazarene in Marsing

Richard B. "Dick" Eismann

Richard B. "Dick" Eismann, 96, was admitted to the hospital on 11/30/20 for treatment of kidney problems and sepsis. He tested positive for COVID-19 at a skilled nursing facility on 12/22/20 and passed away at St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise on 1/3/2021.

Dick was born in September of 1924, the youngest of four children born to Christian H. and Emilie V. (Callahan) Eismann. Growing up in Grants Pass, Oregon, Dick worked on his father's ranch located along the Rogue River. His father had an orchard exporting fruit to Germany and later raised hops. Emilie had been a school teacher.

At a very young age, Dick aspired to be a lawyer. He had a love for debate and won the State of Oregon debate championship in 1940. After graduating from high school in 1941, he attended the University of Oregon. During WW II, he joined the Naval Reserve, attaining the rank of Lt. J.G. He was transferred to various locations in the US. He trained to be an air traffic control officer on an aircraft carrier. Just before he was to ship out to the Pacific Theater, the war ended. He married his high school sweetheart, Joan (Signor) Eismann, in Norfolk, Virginia, in 1945.

With the war ending, he returned to the University of Oregon. He graduated from the University of Oregon School of Law in 1949 and passed Bars in both Oregon and Idaho. He had two children while attending college, Joan Eismann and Daniel T. Eismann.

Dick traveled to Wilder, Idaho, to help install a hop dryer. In his words, "A cloud formed and it didn't rain," so he decided to move his family to Homedale, Idaho. His



to law offices. Dick declined. He loved practicing law and "did not want to advertise for IBM." Dick was very involved in the Homedale community, but after a fire above his office in Homedale in 1985, Dick and Geri built a new office on Caldwell Boulevard where it remains today. His daughter Debra Eismann and grandson Ryan Martinat now own the practice.

Dick and Geri created a wonderful home with lots of entertainment for their children and grandchildren. Each August, Dick and Geri vacationed towing their boat, "Idaho Eagle," to Vancouver, BC, to navigate the Canadian waters fishing and crabbing. Dick enjoyed getting the whole family together to vacation whether it be on their trips to Canada or to Lincoln City, OR to share his love of the ocean and deep sea fishing. Dick enjoyed bird hunting, fishing, dirt bike riding and camping throughout Idaho.

Dick and Geri celebrated 60 years of marriage on November 8, 2020. Dick continued to practice law with Geri by his side until November 27, 2020, when he withdrew from his last cases after 71 years as a practicing attorney.

He is survived by his wife, Geri, children, Joan Eismann, Daniel T. Eismann (Sheila), Katherine Eismann (Brent Williams), Randy Martinat (Wanda), Karen Urbano (Gilbert), Debra Murphy (David), and delighted in hearing of the accomplishments of his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

There will be a private memorial service due to COVID.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children or the charity of your choice.

Death notices

JERRY JOE NESTOR, 81, of Homedale, died Saturday, Jan. 2, 2021. No services are planned. Arrangements: All Valley Cremation, 1538 11th Ave. N. Ext., Nampa. (208) 899-9361

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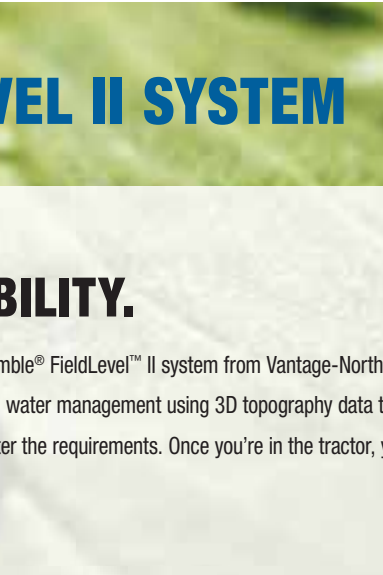
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Courthouse report

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

Dec. 28

Daniel R. Courville, Eagle — Misdemeanor controlled substance possession: \$300 in fines, \$200.50 in court costs

Chance B. Pledger, San Jose, Calif. — Misdemeanor controlled substance possession, failure to appear citation: \$300 in fines, \$355 in court costs

Dec. 24

Dilshod Mardoni, Brooklyn, N.Y. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations violation, false log book: \$43.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs.

Drunk man who fled deputy with teen in vehicle sentenced

A Canyon County man originally charged with a string of felonies is on a rider program after a Third District Court judge sentenced him for felony driving under the influence.

Justin A. Donahue, 43, of Nampa faces up to 10 years in state prison if he doesn't successfully complete the program, which will focus on substance abuse treatment.

Third District Judge Thomas W. Whitney retained jurisdiction during a Dec. 11 sentencing in Murphy.

Donahue also had his driver's license suspended for eight years for the DUI and for trying to flee from an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy in a vehicle. According to the charging documents, this was Donahue's second felony DUI in the past 15 years. He apparently has spent time in a California prison for DUI.

He must pay \$500 in fines and \$640.50 in court costs.

County prosecuting attorney Jeffrey Phillips dropped a felony charge of destruction of evidence and misdemeanor charges of injury to child, driving without privileges and carrying an open alcoholic beverage container in his vehicle.

Donahue was arrested shortly before 11:30 p.m., on June 10 on Edison Road north of Thompson Road outside Marsing. According to the deputy's report, Donahue fled in the vehicle after being pulled over on suspicion of speeding. The deputy later discovered that Donahue also had a 16-year-old female passenger during the pursuit.

According to the deputy's report, it was the 16-year-old girl who forced an end to the pursuit by grabbing the keys out of the vehicle ignition and shoving the transmission into "park."

Donahue was booked into county jail where he registered a blood-alcohol concentration of .187 percent.

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✓ Sewer: Environmentalists' lawsuit part of reason for infrastructure rehab projects

Department of Environmental Quality the city's plan to take the next step in its compliance agreement.

Funding could come in the form of loans and/or grants from either DEQ or U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development.

And a public meeting, outlining the plan and the need for the city to obtain a bond to pay for the construction, could be held once DEQ returns its analysis of the letter and facility plan. That could be as early as next month.

Kimmel said council members would have to hurry if they wanted to ask the voters to pass a bond. The next election is in May with a filing deadline in April. If the bond failed, the vote couldn't occur again until November and would coincide with the municipal elections.

The city could bypass the bond vote and make its case for necessary repairs directly to a judge in a process known as judicial confirmation.

Homedale resident Jim Salisbury expressed concern to the council that a city bond could coincide with a school district bond election, although there has been no talk of the school district seeking additional revenue. Councilman Jerry Anderson pointed out that the district has a larger tax base

than the city, so if a school bond were passed the impact would be smaller.

Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said he would favor whichever bond process was cheaper to complete. Both would cost the city money, either in court and attorney fees or election costs.

Also during last Wednesday's meeting, the council learned an emergency repair on the wastewater collection system has been completed. Public works supervisor Bret Smith said work on the force main that runs under Succor Creek and takes sewage to the treatment plant northwest of town has finished.

Earlier, a contractor had completed repair of a sewer main on West Idaho Avenue west of downtown.

Those repairs were part of the continuing band-aid approach to the city's infrastructure that led Councilman Aaron Tines to suggest that the city should adopt sewer collection alternative No. 3 as laid out in the city's sewer facility plan.

"If you look at the age of our system throughout the whole town, it would be to me kind of asinine to not do the most that we can because, in the long run, it's going to benefit the citizens," Tines said.

"We're not going to sit there and constantly dread having permitting issues and testing issues."

That alternative, estimated to cost \$2,417,000 in 2022 construction costs, would replace 1950s-era concrete piping among other sections of pipe installed before 1968. The project would replace 18,600 linear feet of pipe.

Kimmel pointed out that the two recent repairs are part of four major rehabilitation projects on which the city has spent between \$300,000 and \$400,000.

"That's four percent of this project in just emergency fixes," Kimmel said. "That's a lot, and you haven't done anything to correct the problem except fix the problem."

The rest of the expense for Alternative 3 is wrapped up in mobilization and engineering costs and a contingency fund.

For the first time in a public meeting, it was discussed that the new wastewater facility plan and the proposed lagoon repairs were triggered by more than tightening regulations on ammonia, phosphorous and chlorine discharges brought when the state DEQ took over monitoring from the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

"We went into (a compliance agreement with DEQ) to stop a lawsuit," Christoffersen said. "Our hands are tied."

"They basically picked us out of a number and went after it."

Both Kimmel and Christoffersen referenced a lawsuit brought against the city by the Idaho Conservation League because of discharge levels into the Snake River.

Kimmel hopes people will show up for the public meeting to learn more about the impetus of the projects.

"Hopefully (news coverage) gets people thinking, 'Well, this is coming,' and asking questions of why, and you can tell them why," he said.

"Hopefully we'll get some people from the public coming in and asking questions and get a feel for what people are thinking."

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COVID-19 policy
discards guest list

The Homedale High School COVID-19 sports spectators protocol has been updated again.

For basketball, each student-athlete will receive two tickets for every game, and then they shall give those tickets to whomever they want at the game, HHS athletic director Casey Grove said.

There no longer is a guest list at the admission table.

“You need a ticket to get into the game. If you don’t have a ticket, you need to talk with your student-athlete,” Grove wrote in an email to boosters.

If tickets are lost, the student-athlete must contact Grove for replacements.

Grove pointed out that the tickets, each of which will include the student-athlete’s name and game date, are merely vouchers. Admission fees will be collected at the gate at each game.

As before, fans must leave the game afterward, and will only be able to watch multiple

— See *Athletes*, page 18



Rimrock High School’s Sami Jewett (25) drives the floor against Hope Miller on Saturday at Greenleaf Friends Academy.

Raiders rout conference foes

Three players reached double figures Saturday afternoon as Rimrock High School rolled past a third consecutive girls’ basketball opponent.

The clock ran freely in the fourth quarter as the Raiders routed host Greenleaf Friends Academy, 63-21, in a 1A Western Idaho Conference game.

Sintia Varela scored 17 points in the first three quarters to lead the Raiders (8-2 overall, 4-0 in conference).

Sami Jewett, the sister of Raiders coach

Kyla Jewett, nailed two three-point goals and scored six of her 16 points in the second quarter when Rimrock built a 36-13 lead.

Fabiola Gomez drained a trey en route to nine points.

Sami Jewett also dished seven assists and had five steals.

Ashten Moore led the team with nine rebounds and four blocked shots. Six of her boards came on the defensive end.

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Huskies girls get first win

The Marsing High School girls’ basketball team won its first game of the season last week, but dropped two other 2A Western Idaho Conference games.

Saturday: New Plymouth 58, Marsing 19 — The Huskies (1-10 overall, 0-3 in 2A WIC) struggled to convert on both ends of the floor in New Plymouth (8-4, 3-2 at week’s end).

Marsing allowed 19 points to the Pilgrims’ Alyssa Christensen, whom Huskies coach Mike Swanson believes is the 2A WIC player of the year.

Senior wing Mazzi Roper scored seven points and grabbed six rebounds for Marsing.

Thursday: Nampa Christian 53, Marsing 37 — The Huskies made it a game during certain stretches against the visiting Trojans (2-8, 1-4).

Marsing senior post Alana Larrusea contributed seven points and 10 boards.

“The girls had fun and competed hard,” Swanson said.

Swanson said Anna Gluch’s play off the bench was a real bright spot. The sophomore wing led Marsing with 10 points.

— See *Huskies*, page 13

3 Trojans triumph in Rollie Lane championship bracket

Three Homedale High School wrestlers picked up championship bracket victories at the annual Rollie Lane Invitational.

Senior Joseph Egusquiza wrestled into the quarterfinals at 152 pounds at the vast tournament held Friday and Saturday inside the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

An opening-round victory was one of three in the tournament for 170-pounder Rhyalee Nix.

Willie White won twice in his tournament stay.

Egusquiza beat Blackfoot’s Jimmie Johnson, 7-2, to reach the quarterfinals where he lost by pinfall (61 seconds) to Highland’s Kael Cordingley.

In his first tournament match, Egusquiza pinned Columbia’s Kyler Apodaca two seconds before the end of the second period.

Nix posted a 13-0 major decision against Thunder Ridge’s Jared Carlquist in his first match. After falling into the consolation bracket, Nix decisioned Brigham Arnold of Meridian (5-1) and Middleton’s Justus Arehart (4-0).

Also at 170 pounds, Willie White blanked Arnold, 7-0, in the opening round, and he pinned Skyline’s Jonny Baczuk (2:13) in the consolation bracket.

At 195, Willy Haun pinned Rigby’s Brigham Nelson in 4:25 of the opening match and picked up a 5-3 decision against Minico’s Kaimbridge Gee in the consolation bracket.

Other wrestlers making the trip to Nampa for coach Jake Levinski were Andrew Marston (132), Jeffery Layne (145), Chase Cooper (170), and Owen Houser (285).

— Results from the girls’ tournament will appear in the Jan. 20 edition.

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Sports

HMS boys prepare for hoops season

The Homedale Middle School boys' basketball players open the 2021 season Monday.

After two weeks of practice, the Trojans will begin the 3A Snake River Valley conference season against Parma.

The eighth-graders play a doubleheader in Parma with the B game tipping off at 4:15 p.m.

The seventh-grade teams play in Homedale with a 4:15 p.m., tipoff for the B game

Regular-season games will be played until Feb. 18. The postseason tournaments are scheduled for Feb. 22-24.

Rob Sauer coaches the A team, and Tracy Costello leads the B team.



Laney Swallow takes a first-half shot against Weiser.

Weiser hobbles Homedale girls

Homedale High School couldn't cope with quick-handed defenders in Friday's girls' basketball loss to Weiser.

Scoring off turnovers, the visiting Wolverines built an early lead and cruised to a 56-24 3A Snake River Valley conference victory.

Weiser (5-8 overall) ended the week unbeaten after three conference games.

After the Wolverines' Maddy Erickson hit a layup off the opening tip, sophomore Jacy Parker hit a pair of free throws as Homedale (2-10, 0-2) tied the game.

But Erickson continued her onslaught.

Applying defensive pressure in the backcourt, Erickson converted a steal into a layup and then hit a driving layup off the baseline for a 6-2 lead.

After Homedale has missed its first six shots, Parker hit a jump shot to pull the team with a bucket, 6-4, but Macy Maloney drilled a three-point goal to spark the Wolverines' 9-2 run.

Homedale missed 10 of its 11 shots in the first quarter, and Weiser went 4-for-12.

Parker and Téa Uranga had a co-team-high five points each for Homedale. Ainslee Evans was 4-for-4 from the foul line for her points, and Zayne Hall had four points on 2-for-10 shooting. Laney Swallow also scored four points.

Parker led the Trojans with 10 rebounds, while Uranga grabbed eight.

Homedale committed 31 turnovers.

Trojans complete mat comeback vs. Parma

A run in the upper weights sent Homedale High School to a season-opening dual meet victory last Wednesday.

Trojans posted five consecutive victories — including a pair of forfeits — to swing momentum in a 51-30 triumph against 3A Snake River Valley conference power Parma.

The dual meet was part of the Parma Duals on the Panthers' mat.

The decisive stretch in the dual meet against Parma began when Willie White picked up a forfeit at 170 pounds.

Rhyalee Nix and Willy Haun then got pinfall victories to keep the momentum going.

Nix pinned Adrian Munoz in 1 minute, 43 seconds of their 182-pound bout.

Haun pinned Tate Oberg early in the third round of their 195-pound match to complete the comeback and give Homedale a 27-24 advantage.

Forfeits for Brodie White (220), Owen Houser (285), Gracie Rotter (106) and Shawn Lee (113) completed the job.

Joseph Egusquiza, wrestling at 152 pounds this season, continued his pursuit of 100 victories in his high school career.

The senior got a takedown in sudden-victory overtime to beat Garrett Weber, 3-1.

Esgusquiza led, 1-0, on the strength of a second-period escape before Weber tied the bout with a penalty point in the third round.

It was the only Homedale victory that went the distance against Parma.

Four Homedale wrestlers notched victories in exhibition bouts, too:

- Isaiah Stebly needed just 36 seconds to pin Parma 126-pounder Lucas Berros.
- Berros also fell victim to Elizabeth Hergesheimer, who picked up a pin in 1:13 of a 132-pound match.
- Jeffery Layne dispatched Kooper Rowland in 54 seconds at 152.

- White pinned Davis Rudkin in 61 seconds at 170.

Homedale 18, Nampa Christian 6 — Homedale took three of four matches in non-conference exhibition bouts against a fledgling team led by former HHS assistant coach Mark Boothby.

During the four matches in Parma, Layne pinned Nampa Christian's Christian Langdon in 2:40 at 152 pounds.

Brodie White got two victories at 220 pounds, pinning Gabriel Bowlin in 3:43 and dispatching Zack West in 2:44.

Uriel Neri lost a 220-pound match by pinfall (3:50) to Bowlin.

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Boys' basketball
Ventura Martinez, sr., G
5 points, 2 assists, 2 steals, 2 rebounds vs. Garden Valley

Girls' basketball
Belisia Larzelier, jr., G
First-year varsity player

Wrestling
Rhyalee Nix, jr., 170 pounds
3 wins at Rollie Lane Invitational

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Wednesday, Jan. 13 at Parma, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 14, home vs. Payette, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 15, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 19 at Fruitland, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Wednesday, Jan. 13 at Parma, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 14, home vs. Payette, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 15, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 19 at Fruitland, 6 p.m.

Frosh soph
Wednesday, Jan. 13 at Parma, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 14, home vs. Payette, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 15, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, noon
Tuesday, Jan. 19 at Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Friday, Jan. 15, home vs. Fruitland, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Friday, Jan. 15, home vs. Fruitland, 6 p.m.

Frosh soph
Friday, Jan. 15, home vs. Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Coed
Friday, Jan. 15-16 at Clearwater Classic, Lewiston
Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 3A SRV dual vs. Fruitland, 5:30 p.m.

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

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Sports

Huskies' sophomore wing Emily Vanosdall (11) knocks down a layup over the outstretched hand of forward Lindy Thurgood (11).



✓ Huskies: Second quarter explosion lifts girls to win

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"I was pretty happy with how hard we played, but we have to figure out how to play with more of a directed purpose and (that) falls right back on me," the coach said. "We will get back into the gym and refocus."

Last Wednesday: Marsing 32, Compass Charter 12 — The host Huskies allowed just four first-half points — two in each quarter of a game that didn't count in the standings.

The Aviators, who aren't playing a varsity schedule, scored their first basket at the 3-minute, 24-second mark in

the first and their second two minutes before halftime.

The Huskies scored 15 points in the second quarter, highlighted by a long three-pointer from sophomore Mila Astorquia with 2:16 left, followed on the next trip down the floor by an offensive rebound and put-back by sophomore post Llee Loucks.

The final scoring in the first half was a pair of free throws by Larrusea, increasing the lead to 23-14.

No final statistics were made available by the Huskies coaching staff.

— TK

Marsing 138-pounder Troy Miller (left) drives Mountain View's Gavin Lacey into the mat at the Rollie Lane Invitational at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.



Huskies make run at Rollie Lane

Same pair, different results. Marsing High School wrestlers had mixed results at the Rollie Lane Invitational on Friday and Saturday at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

Seniors Troy Miller (138 pounds) and Isai Arriaga (182), both of whom have enjoyed dominant seasons, were bounced early in the championship rounds.

River Wardle of Wasatch in Heber City, Utah, pinned Miller 44 seconds into an opening-round match.

After dropping into the consolation bracket, Miller went on a tear, recording three wins by pinfall and one by technical fall, before exiting against Kuna's Kody Rich, who got a

pin in 4 minutes, 7 seconds.

Miller's wins came against: Blackfoot's Carter Inskeep (fall, 2:10), Hillcrest's Kendrick Anderson (fall, 39 seconds), Post Falls' Alex Austin (fall, 2:43), and Mountain View's Gavin Lacy (TF, 15-0 at 4:55).

After a first-round bye, Arriaga beat Minico's Garrett Vail (14-6 major decision) and fell into the consolation bracket with a 5-3 loss to Lakeland's John White.

In the consolation rounds, Arriaga topped Lewiston's Brenden Thill (fall, 1:23) and American Falls' Andrew Adkins, 10-5. His tournament ended with a 4-2 loss to Gooding's Logan Anderson.

Garden Valley Duals

The Huskies split six matches with Garden Valley at the dual last Wednesday.

At 152, Miller pinned Nathan Gillette (3:20).

Senior Jacob Goins (220) and junior Harlee Liles (195) won by forfeit.

Wyman (285) lost to Nathan Willoughby (fall, 25 seconds).

Against Melba, Arriaga bested Ben Evans and Wyman beat Charles Arrington.

Miller (152) lost to Melba's Zane Helm, 3-2, Liles (182) lost to Trevor Rhoades, and the Mustangs' Josh Waite pinned Leon (220).

— TK

MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete Spotlight



Boys' basketball
Mikey Acosta, so., P
2nd varsity season



Girls' basketball
Anna Gluch, so., W
10 points vs. Nampa Christian



Wrestling
Kail Wyman, fr., 285
Pin vs. Melba at Garden Valley Duals

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Friday, Jan. 15 at Compass Charter, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Friday, Jan. 15 at Compass Charter, 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 14 at Melba, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 16, home vs. Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 19 at New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Thursday, Jan. 14 at Melba, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 16, home vs. Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 19 at New Plymouth, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Thursday, Jan. 14 at Melba, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 16, home vs. Nampa Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 19 at New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Wednesday, Jan. 13, home for Marsing Duals, old gymnasium, 6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 15 at Magic Valley Classic, Wendell, 3:10 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 15 at Magic Valley Classic, Wendell, 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 20 at Melba Duals, 6 p.m.

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



Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense A cowful

Grandpa Tommy’s dad used to say, “A cowful is a substantial quantity.” According to my research, the rumen on a mature cow can hold up to 300 pounds. And by anybody’s standards that is quite a bit.

Say you had a cowful of pocket change. You’d almost need a cow to keep it in. Say you had a cowful of wet laundry. It would take a forklift to get it in the dryer. Say you had a cowful of manure. Well, I guess a lot of us do.

If cowful became an accepted unit of measure, it could replace the antiquated English standards like the dram and the rod. And those bland, simple-minded metric names that somehow sound communistic: kiloliter, hectometer, decigram. Can you picture in your mind a decigram? Is it the weight of a decimated graham cracker? Or 10 grandmas standin’ on the scale?

Under the cowful system, 15 scoopfuls would equal a cowful. Two bootfuls would make a scoopful, two hatfuls would make a bootful. Half a hatful would equal a capful. Six canfuls, as in beer cans, makes a capful. One canful equals 40 thimblefuls, 20 teardrops in a thimbleful.

The dosage for penicillin would read: 4 teardrops per 5 scoopfuls of body weight IM.

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Bizarre, you say. If cowful was a measure of weight or volume, possibly the distance between postholes would become the standard unit of measure for length, i.e. 660 post holes per section line — 4 thumbs to a hand, 3 hands to a foot, 4 feet to a coyote length and 2 coyote lengths to a posthole.

Decibels of loudness would be described in more understandable terms. From chicken peck to pig squeal for everyday sounds. Loud noises would be categorized as small wreck, big wreck and heck’uva wreck.

“So, did you hear about Orbin getting’ bucked off? Musta sailed 5 coyote lengths, hit the side of the grain bin with a moose bugle and two cowfuls of pellets fell on him. Smashed him flatter’n a rabbit ear.

“They got him to the Doc in half a coon’s age, transfused him with a six pack of type 0 negative and removed a posthole of intestine. He’s doin’ OK but he’s lost about six hatfuls.

“He’s been a sheep’s gestation recovering. Doc says it’s shock, but I figger it just scared a pea waddin’ and a half out of him. Well, I gotta go. I’ve got an appointment in 4½ shakes of a lambs tail.”

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As we begin the 2021 legislative session, I thought I would reach out and touch base with the residents of District 23. As your newly elected representative in the Idaho House of Representatives, I feel it is important to let you know how important it is for me to represent you and to do the work of the people.

We have many important issues facing us in Idaho. One of our top priorities will be protecting and ensuring our liberties and individual freedoms. We will need to look at property tax relief and also ensure that we properly monitor the functions of government.

I have been selected to serve on the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee (JFAC), the Local Government Committee and the Business Committee.

As a member of JFAC, I will have a role in allocating state resources and setting budgets. There are projects in District 23 that need state resources, and I will work hard to ensure the needs of our district are met.

In the Local Government Committee, I understand that government is best handled when the appropriate level of government is given the decision-making

responsibility. I have worked on projects as a city councilmember that have incorporated state-, county- and city-level resources. With proper planning, we can save precious financial resources.

In the Business Committee, I will work on streamlining professional certification processes for our veterans and military members. A continued emphasis on career and technical education and continuing to better educate our youth is a top priority for me in this upcoming session.

I will take the experiences I have as a career military officer, high school teacher, city council member and Idahoan with me to the capital and work as hard as possible to represent you. I am already receiving many emails as citizens reach out to me with questions and ideas. Please continue to do so; I will answer your emails. Contact me at mbundy@house.idaho.gov. If you are at the Statehouse, contact me and I will do my best to meet with you and show you around the Statehouse.

Thanks for allowing me to serve you, and I wish you all a great day.

— Monday marked the first day of the first session of the 66th Idaho Legislature. A Republican from Mountain Home, Bundy is the freshman Dist. 23A member in Idaho House of Representatives.

From Washington New federal law increases retirement saving opportunities

Saving for retirement is important but often difficult, especially when faced with the increased uncertainty of the pandemic. When paychecks have to cover mortgages, rent, car payments, food, utilities, gas, college and other important obligations, steady retirement savings is often challenging, if not nearly impossible. Unexpected medical expenses or car repairs can upset even the best retirement plans. Recognizing the challenges, Congress has taken steps to increase retirement savings opportunities for American workers and families.

In December 2019, Congress passed and the president signed into law the bipartisan Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act of 2019. The SECURE Act would better enable Americans to save for retirement:

- The law would make it easier for workers at small companies to have retirement plans by improving access to and the appeal of multiple employer plans (MEPs). MEPs enable small employers to work together to obtain more favorable and less expensive pension investment options.
- The law recognizes the value of automatic enrollment in retirement plans in increasing employee participation and higher savings. It provides for the creation of a tax credit of up to \$500 per year to employers to help with startup costs for new retirement plans that include automatic enrollment. This credit compliments an

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo
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existing plan start-up credit and can also be used by employers that convert an existing plan to a plan that includes automatic enrollment.

• The law better enables long-term, part-time workers to participate in 401(k) plans. The House Ways & Means Committee explained in a summary of the legislation that under previous existing law enabling the exclusion of part-time employees from defined contribution plans,

Commentary

Financial management

Drop small inheritance into mutual fund for best return

Dear Dave,
What is your advice when it comes to investing a one-time, lump sum of \$4,000 for a long period of time? I recently received an inheritance from an uncle who passed away, and I want to make the money work for me. I'm 33 and my home is paid for, plus I have no debt and an emergency fund of six months of expenses. I am also maxing out my 401(k) at work. Thank you for your advice.
— Pat

I consider a "long period of time" to be 10 years or more. If this is the case with you, I'd suggest a good mutual fund with a solid track record of between 15 and 20 years. I know some folks like to take chances and play single stocks on a one-time investment like this, but I don't think that's a good idea. Single stocks just don't consistently generate the kinds of returns a good mutual fund will over time.
— Dave



When you have no credit, a lender has to do what's called a manual underwriting. It's something lots of banks did back in the day, when they actually used common sense when it came to making loans. Fortunately, a few places will still work with you in this manner. They take a look at your work history to see if you have a stable job and a good income. They want proof you pay your bills on time, too. This can be as simple as showing them several utility bills, rent statements, and other receipts. They're basically looking for a long history of proof that you honor your financial commitments. Remember, buying a house with cash is always the best way to own a home. But I don't beat people up over having a mortgage, as long as it's on

a 15-year, fixed-rate note. Do your very best to save up for a down payment of at least 20 percent, too. That way, you'll avoid the added expense of PMI (private mortgage insurance).
Great question, Jillian!
— 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.

Dear Pat,
I'm sorry to hear about your uncle, but I'm sure he was proud of the responsible young man you've become. You've made some very mature decisions where your finances are concerned, and as a result you're at a great spot in life. When it comes to investing,

Dear Dave,
I really don't have any established credit, because I've never taken out a loan or had a credit card. What will happen when I'm ready to get a mortgage loan and buy a home?
— Jillian

Dear Jillian,
There are basically two ways to be in a position to get a home loan. One is to have credit at lots of places and a huge FICO score. This is kind of dumb when you really think about it, but it will get you a home loan almost instantly.

✓ Retirement: Law expands penalty-free withdrawals, 529 savings use

From Page 14
women, who have been more likely than men to work part-time, could especially have difficulty preparing for retirement.
• The law permits penalty-free withdrawals from retirement plans for qualified births and adoptions.
• Tax law treatment of taxable income is addressed to enable home health care workers to save for retirement in a defined contribution plan or IRA.
• The law better protects the benefits of older, longer-term employees as they near retirement.
• Further, the allowable use of 529 education savings is expanded to include costs associated with registered apprenticeships; homeschooling; up to \$10,000 of qualified student loan repayments (including those for siblings); and private

elementary, secondary or religious schools. Additional changes made through the law can be reviewed in the summary and text available here: <https://waysandmeans.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/ways-means-committee-passes-landmark-retirement-legislation>. This law builds on the enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that is helping to improve the conditions for retirement by providing enhanced investment benefits allowing retirement portfolios to increase in value, as market conditions continue to improve.
In a pamphlet providing 10 tips on saving for retirement, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) reports:
• "Only 40 percent of Americans have calculated how much they need to save for retirement."
• "In 2018, almost 30 percent of private industry workers with access to a defined contribution plan

(such as a 401(k) plan) did not participate.
• "The average American spends roughly 20 years in retirement."
It is important to remember that no matter how hard now it seems to save for retirement, as the DOL points out, "Remember, it's never too early or too late to start saving." I am hopeful this federal statute helps make it easier for Idahoans to save for retirement. Bipartisan work remains ongoing and productive, as bipartisan leaders in both houses of Congress have developed additional promising ideas that should see action in the next Congress.
— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U. S. Senate. He is in his fourth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

January 17, 1996



Down Under

Ryan Hellwege, Zac Ross and Corby Garrett were selected by area coaches to be a part of the Idaho West football team that will compete in the 8th Annual Down Under Bowl in New Zealand this summer.

Homedale class full for EMTs

The call was made and the Homedale community answered.

The response was overwhelming, said Homedale EMT Vonnie Harkins, when the Homedale Emergency Medical team called desperately for volunteer EMTs just last month.

Harkins said the community had only six individuals to respond to a full load of emergency calls going into the new year, and the time responding to calls was taking a big toll on the few volunteers. Canyon County, Wilder, and Marsing paramedics were also forced to take up some of the responses Homedale simply couldn't handle.

But when the shortage was made known the community answered in force, Harkins said, with 17 volunteers showing up for an open house meeting two weeks ago. Since that time the EMT class has become full for Homedale, with a total of 18 volunteers offering their services as emergency medical technicians.

14 Homedale residents will take the class, and four people from Marsing will also take the class, to fill the maximum number of 18, Harkins said.

Owyhee County also joined the effort by pledging to prepay the \$100-per-person training fee.

Local accountant merges business

Michael Parker has completed a merger of his Homedale accounting business with Ron Bowen, CPA, of Nampa, and hopes the new combination will not only expand his accounting services offered, but provide a whole new range of services in the corporate, small business, tax, and retirement and pension planning fields.

Parker's business office will remain at the same location, on Owyhee Avenue in Homedale, but will now appear under the name Bowen and Parker CPA's, Chartered.

Progress noted on Grand View park

The Centennial Park in Grand View is coming ever nearer to completion with the installation of a fence along the west side, and gravel walkway in the works.

City Mayor Rick Rector said Envirosafe Services of Idaho donated the funds for the chain-link fence, which was just recently installed.

Installation of the fence was a good step forward, Rector said, but the Wayne Ridley family of Grand View also helped significantly by hauling gravel to the park to be used as the base for a walkway along the west edge of the park next to the fence.

50 years ago

January 14, 1971



ORIENTAL SPECIALTIES will be served at the Tenth Annual International Smorgasbord Saturday by, from left, Mrs. Jim Kubosumi, Mrs. Frank Tanikuni and Mrs. Kay Inouye. The shrimp foo yung is prepared and cooked right at the serving table. Photo by Bette Uda.

Grange men volunteer services at smorgasbord

Stateline Grange held an open meeting Tuesday night, with 16 members present. Elmer Prow presided, as Master Ben Huebert was absent.

Members Art Scott, Elmer Prow, and Jim Cossell volunteered to wash dishes at the Smorgasbord Jan. 16 at the Homedale school.

Chamber hears talk for medical program here

Pat Daly, a Vista volunteer, discussed possibility of securing a medical program in Homedale at the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Homedale Chamber of Commerce Tuesday noon.

Daly, who has been assigned here by the Community Action Agency of Boise to work with needy families, noted the lack of medical services in Homedale and the need especially among low income families.

He said he planned to recommend that the Community Action Agency spend \$6,500 in this area if need can be shown. He said there may still be hope to secure funding of a medical clinic here as recommended by Dr. Warren Ross, Nampa, who surveyed the area's medical needs over a year ago.

The need of Homedale for a deputy sheriff stationed here was discussed.

Winners in the Christmas decorations contest announced were Max Orr, 1st; Wade Nichols, 2nd; Frank Matteson, 3rd; and George Murray, 4th.

Trojan matmen take easy win from Fruitland

It was forfeit time by the Fruitland Grizzlies Thursday night as that team dropped the first seven bouts by not entering a man.

As a result, Homedale's Trojans romped to an easy 40-13 win in the opening match for both teams in the Southwest Idaho League.

Kim Tolsma scored a decision win for Coach Ken Kellum's victors at 157, and Deon Ethington gained a draw at 187 for Homedale's only non-forfeit points in the match devoid of much action due to all of Fruitland forfeits.

"Fruitland just didn't have any boys to put at the various lower weights," said Kellum.

"We didn't learn much about our team in this contest."

155 years ago

January 13, 1866

THE LATEST MUNCHAUSENISM. – The alleged discovery of a silver ledge in War Eagle Mountain, near Ruby City, Idaho, from which "lumps of silver as big as candle boxes were taken," etc., for which a correspondent of the Susanville Sage Brush was responsible, is still insisted upon by that paper, on the authority of returned Idahoites, none of whom, however, have visited the mine. It is a little singular that the Idaho paper make no mention of this extraordinary lode in speaking of the mines about Ruby, and especially in their accounts of War Eagle Mountain. – *Virginia (Nev.) Union*.

Ditto saith the Sacramento Union, despite its huge pretensions to "publish every item of news," &c., and half a dozen other papers we have seen from that direction. Those journals play with great gusto on that d-d old "candle box" – what couldn't they do with it if it had strings on and a bow to it? Gentlemen disbelievers! A word to the point: -there may never have been "lumps of silver as big as candle boxes" taken out of the Poorman in that shape, or size, in a *pure state*, but have been TONS of ruby silver, polybasite, and sulphurets that would cut like lead, mixed, taken from it; and, moreover, bark yet there is more wealth in sight in a strip of ground, in size say three by seventy-five feet, (say nothing about the depth!) than the Gould & Carry mine produces in a year. This will be a hard pill to shove down a Washoe duck, but if you don't like to take it that way, try it from another direction. We get out of all patience with these "Munchausenism" items, studded with exclamation points (!!!!) as thickly as ten-pin, and the peculiar fix of the Poorman has made it impossible to "come back" on them as we'd like to do. We have not the exact time, but all the ore crushed from the Poorman mine was the result of about six days' work after the discovery, and "just that little" rubbed half a million dollars pretty close. Then the mine was under a shot-gun injunction; since then the court has restrained further crushing of the ore, and now the respective disputants have agreed to lock it up till next June. But—rip ahead, ye unbelievers, "if you think there's no hereafter."

In accordance with a joint resolution of the Legislature, the Territorial Secretary made the following report:

APPROPRIATIONS MADE BY CONGRESS FOR THE BENEFIT OF IDAHO TERRITORY.

For Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1864.

"For contingent expenses of the Territory, one thousand dollars."

"For compensation and mileage of the members of the Legislative Assembly, officers, clerks, and contingent expenses of the Assembly, twenty thousand dollars."

Approved June 23, 1864.

(See Statutes at Large for 1863-1864, page 157.)

For Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1865.

"For salaried Governor, Chief Justice and two Associate Judges, and Secretary, twelve thousand dollars."

"For contingent expenses of the Territory, one thousand dollars."

"For compensation and mileage of the members of the Legislative Assembly, officers, clerks, and contingent expenses of the Assembly, twenty thousand dollars."

Approved June 25, 1864.

(See Statutes at Large for 1863-1864, page 157.)

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES December 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2020

December 7

Approved and paid all outstanding bills for the following from current funds: Current Expense, \$126,282; Road and Bridge, \$563,343; Airport, \$654; District Court, \$51,987; Fair, Grounds & Bldgs., \$166; Probation, \$873; Health District, \$9,015; Historical Society, \$591; Indigent and Charity, \$56,926; Jr. College Tuition, \$1,800; Pest, \$3,500; Revaluation, \$1,600; Solid Waste, \$28,496; Veterans Memorial, \$1,200; Weeds, \$5,000; 911, \$14,757; County Vessel, \$490; Waterways, \$229; Off Highway Vehicles, \$700; Taxing District Elections, \$50,000

Approved the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections – Juvenile Justice Annual Financial Report.

Approved the Assessors request for Private Road Name for parcel RP02N04W146215 as ‘Moonshine Lane’.

Approved the DataWorks Plus Software and Hardware Support Agreement for the Sheriff’s Office in the amount of \$5,614.50.

Approved Resolution 2020-31: Destruction of Records for the Clerk, Election, Jury and Courts.

Approve Resolution 2020-32: Transfer Title and Ownership of a Motor Vehicle. (VIN 1FDWW37R88EC83692, 2008 F350 Truck to Murphy, Reynolds, Wilson Fire).

Approved the hire of Audra Yoshikane, as Elections Clerk, to begin on December 7, 2020, grade 6 at \$14.25 per hour.

Approved the hire of Chelsea Gabica as the Assessors Roll Clerk, to begin January 4, 2021, grade 5 at \$13.30 per hour.

Approved the Treasurers tax cancellation for parcel RPB0400010150, solid waste fee of \$120.00.

Approved the Treasurers tax cancellation for parcel RP03N06W256020, Homeowners Exemption fee of \$770.70.

Approved the Treasurers tax cancellation for parcel RPB0000034611, solid waste fee of \$122.00.

Approved a comment letter to Noelle Shaver with Mountain Home Air Force Base regarding Forging Sabre Project.

Approved the Assessors Tax Exemption request to access taxes on parcel RPB0420002003A, as it is no longer exempt status.

Approved a certificate of residency to North Idaho College for student 2020-2.

Approved a certificate of residency to the College of Western Idaho for student 2020-29 and 2020-30.

Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity case 20-28.

Denied Indigent and Charity case 20-26.

Approved Indigent and Charity case 20-17.

December 14

Approved the letter to be sent to Simplot re “Road maintenance issues in Owyhee County”.

Approved the letter to be sent to Idaho Conservation League and The Wilderness Society re “Road maintenance issues in Owyhee County”.

Approved the transferring of the liquor license from Logan’s Market to M&W Market.

Approved the Treasurer’s tax cancellation on Parcel No RP04N06W256631, Homeowners Exemption fee of \$770.68.

Approved the fee reduction for rezoning applications to \$1500.

Tabled the snow removal bid from Bush Excavation, LLC.

Approved the purchase of office equipment for the Prosecutor’s office with Boise Office Equipment at \$99.74 a month for 60 months.

Approved the purchase of two electronic election systems through Elections Systems and Software for \$27,135.50.

December 17

Approved the letter to be sent to Attorney Carter re Bates Creek Road.

Authorize Chairman Hoagland to sign the letter re Bates Creek Road on the board’s behalf.

December 21

Approved to pay all outstanding bills for the following from current funds: Current Expense, \$183,698; Road and Bridge, \$74,971; District Court, \$1,202; Fair, Grounds & Bldgs., \$2,465; Probation, \$452; Historical Society, \$1,326; Indigent and Charity, \$9,420; Jr. College Tuition, \$800; Revaluation, \$180; Solid Waste, \$102; 911, \$9,864; County Vessel, \$277; Waterways, \$64; Off Highway Vehicles, \$123

Approve the FY2020 Indigent Defense Financial Assistance Expenditure Report.

Approved the minutes from the December 14, 2020 meeting.

Approved the minutes from the December 17, 2020 meeting.

Approved the Treasurer’s tax cancellation on Parcel No. RP01N04W120611, Homeowners Exemption fee of \$825.13.

Approved the Treasurer’s tax cancellation on Parcel No. MH03S05W310001, Solid Waste fee \$45.67 and Homeowners Exemption fee of \$13.33; for a total of \$59.

Approved the Treasurer’s solid waste cancellations on Parcel No. RPE0050001018A, R P E 0 0 5 0 0 2 3 0 0 1 B , RPE0050024013A (bare lots) Solid Waste fees of \$120 per parcel for a total of \$360.

Approved the hire of Patrick McCormack for the roll of Court’s Sheriff at \$19.53 per hour to start on December 28, 2020.

Approved the hire of Greg Bishop for the roll of Patrol Sgt at \$25.00 per hour to start on December 28, 2020.

Approved the hire of Lucile Allen for the roll of dispatcher at \$16.00 per hour to start on December 22, 2020.

Approved the reappointment of Scott Jensen to the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Committee effective January 1, 2021 to serve for a period of three years.

Approved the reappointment of Rich Curtis to the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Committee effective January 1, 2021 to serve for a period of three years.

Approved the lease of a Sharp MX-3051 (copier and printer) for Owyhee County Probation from Valley Office Systems for \$121.71 per month 63 months.

Tabled the snow removal bid from Bush Excavation, LLC.

Approved the lien on Indigent and Charity case 20-29.

At 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Merrick made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (a) regarding personnel matter. Commissioner Aberasturi seconded the motion. Merrick – aye, Aberasturi – aye, Hoagland - aye. Motion was unanimous. No action was taken.

Open session was resumed at 10:27 a.m.

Board of Commissioners met with BLM for their second bi-monthly meeting.

December 28

Approved the minutes from December 221, 2020

Approved the memorandum of decision and order July 7, 2020 hearing on roads closed to OHV travel pursuant to Owyhee County Ordinance 20-03.

Approved the Owyhee Annual road and Street Financial Report.

Approved the Treasurer’s Tax cancellation on Parcel No M H A M 0 0 7 0 0 4 0 0 7 0 , Homeowners tax in the amount of \$51.54 and Solid Waste tax of \$61, for a total of \$112.54.

Approved the hire of Madison Anderson for the roll of County Agent part-time Extension Office help at the County Agent’s Office in Marsing at \$12 per hour to start on January 5, 2021.

Kenneth Jantz addressed the Board stating that both Jim Hawe and he are interested in serving another term on the Historic Preservation Committee. He also commented that the committee would like to see someone that lives in Owyhee County be appointed to the open position. It was stated that Mr. Dick Freund from Murphy had previously expressed an interest on serving on this committee. Mr. Hawe will reach out to him.

Approved the reappointment of Kenneth Jantz and Jim Hawe to the Owyhee County Historic Preservation Committee for an additional term of four years each, expiring January 1, 2025.

Approved the hire of Kasey Freelove for the roll of Marsing DMV Assessor at \$13.82 per hour to start on December 28, 2020.

Approved the hire of Kevin Bowen for the roll of DMV Assessor at \$15.38 per hour to start on January 4, 2021.

Approved the bid from Idaho Electrical Service, INC for Courtroom #1 to provide labor for removing existing light fixtures, provide and install 21 new LED light fixtures and to dispose of the old light fixtures. The total cost is \$5,595.

Sheriff Grant proposed pay increases for all law enforcement personnel stating that many employees are looking at neighboring counties for higher paying jobs. Commissioner Aberasturi said that is the same situation for most all county departments and it would have to be a county wide effort if we are going to make any changes. How the increases would be funded is another concern. The matter will be discussed further at a later date.

Affirmed the decision of October 5, 2020 to deny Indigent and Charity case 20-19 as supported by Idaho Code 31-3511 – applicant failed to cooperate with the county.

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

01/13/2021

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.

LEGAL NOTICE FOR ANNUAL ROAD AND STREET FINANCIAL REPORT HOMEDALE HIGHWAY DISTRICT For the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2020 Beginning Balance as of 1 – Oct. Previous Year			643,259
RECEIPTS			
Local Funding Sources			
Property Tax Levy			77,197
Interest Income			6,017
All Other Local Receipts			12,576
State Funding Sources			
Highway User Revenue			674,369
Sales Tax/Revenue Sharing			16,337
All Other Receipts			3,514
Federal Funding Sources			-0-
TOTAL RECEIPTS			790,010
DISBURSEMENTS			
NEW CONSTRUCTION	Culverts		728
	Reconstruction/Replacement/Rehabilitation		
	Bridges, Culverts, Storm Drains, Other		36,334
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE			
	Chip Sealing		458,412
	Patching		11,782
	Winter Maintenance		1,146
	Grading/Blading		2,276
	Other		11,360
EQUIPMENT			
	Equipment Purchase		34,884
	Equipment Lease/Purchase		2,416
	Equipment Maintenance		16,212
	Other		3,317
ADMINISTRATION SALARIES & EXPENSES			113,392
OTHER EXPENDITURES	audit and Engineering		4,850
OTHER EXPENDITURES			
	Maintenance Grounds/Weed Control/Fuel/Training		27,561
TOTAL DISPERSEMENTS			724,671
RECEIPTS OVER DISPERSEMENTS			65,340
CLOSING BALANCE			708,599
FUNDS FOR FUTURE PROJECTS AND RESERVES			350,000
FUNDS RETAINED FOR GEN. FUNDS & OPERATIONS			358,599
ENDING BALANCE			-0-

Publish January 13, 2021 By Homedale Highway District Board of Commissioners:
Larry Prow, John Demshar and Scott Salutregui
01/13/2021

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 LETTING

Idaho Project No. C200002, in Various Counties, Proposal No. C200002; for the work of Applying herbicides to control vegetation along roadsides.

Sealed Proposals will be received only at the office of the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, 3311 WEST STATE STREET, BOISE, IDAHO 83703, ATTN: ADVERTISEMENT & AWARD until two o’clock p.m. on February 2, 2021.

For additional information contact the Contract Administrator:

Name: Shawn Strong
Phone: 208-830-3610
Email: Shawn.Strong@itd.idaho.gov

Digital copies of the Plans, Proposals, and Specifications must be downloaded for a fee of \$15.00. **Bidders must appear on the plan holders list for their proposal to be accepted by the Department. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdninfo.com for assistance in downloading and working with this digital project information.**

General Bidding information and Specifications may be obtained from the Idaho Transportation Department website at <http://itd.idaho.gov/business/>

This contract requires full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which protects persons from being denied the benefits of or excluded from participation in programs or activities; or subjected to discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, Limited English Proficiency or economic status. The Bidder is encouraged to utilize the goods and services of disadvantaged firms in accomplishing the tasks or providing the services of this agreement, and to provide equal opportunity to all sub-bidders and suppliers.

01/13,20/2021

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Sports

Cole Valley concludes Melba girls’ win streak

Mustangs bounce back vs. NC

Melba High School’s season-opening girls’ basketball winning streak ended Thursday.

Desi Kingery scored 17 points to lead Cole Valley Christian to a 57-48 victory on the Mustangs’ floor.

The 2A Western Idaho Conference loss snapped Melba’s run of 12 consecutive victories to start the season.

The Chargers (8-1 overall, 5-0 in 2A WIC before Tuesday’s game against Marsing) took over the top spot in the conference and won their fourth straight game.

Keylee Wilson and Kendall Clark notched 13 points each for the Mustangs (13-1, 4-1 at week’s end).

Kate Clark scored 11 points and grabbed a team-high nine rebounds.

Kendall Clark recorded eight boards, and Wilson brought down six rebounds.

Anna Veeck helped Cole Valley’s cause with 11 points.

The two teams are scheduled to meet again on Jan. 29 in Meridian to end the regular season.

Saturday: Melba 51, Nampa Christian 24 — Owyhee County’s Brooklynn Dayley led the way as the Mustangs got back on track on the Trojans’ floor.

Dayley led all players with 14 points, and she also came up with six steals.

Kendall Clark and Wilson scored nine points apiece for David Lenz’s squad.

Clark also controlled the boards with 11 rebounds and helped the defense with six steals.

Wilson had five rebounds and three steals.

Paiton Mills led the Trojans with eight points.



Raiders unbeaten in conference

A Rimrock High School player goes up for a shot in the Raiders’ 50-16 victory over Greenleaf Friends Academy. Rimrock (4-3 overall) remained unbeaten after three 1A Western Idaho Conference games and swept the season series with the Grizzlies. The Raiders won, 46-20, on Dec. 7 in Bruneau. No details from Saturday’s game were provided.

✓ Raiders: Notus falls, too

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Emma Eldridge added seven boards.

Homedale resident Ellie Brunko scored three points for the Grizzlies, while teammates Heather Wagner and Kylah Fillmore scored five points apiece.

Jan. 5: Rimrock 58, Notus 25 — A quick start pushed the Raiders to a conference victory in Bruneau.

Rimrock led, 20-7, after eight minutes and had a 20-point lead, 36-16, at the break.

Varela was on top of the stat sheet again with 18 points. She was perfect in four trips to the foul line.

Jewett knocked down three three-point goals for the bulk of her 15 points, and Madie MacMillan scored half of her 12 points in the first eight minutes.

Moore dominated the Pirates’ backboard with 10 of her 11 rebounds coming on the visitors’ end of the floor.

Varela had eight boards and four assists, and she joined Gomez and MacMillan with three steals each.

Jewett dished nine assists.

Annika Bethel paced Notus with nine points, and Cierra Pugh nailed a three-pointer as part of her seven points. All six points for Victoria Ortega came in the first half.

✓ Tickets: Pay at the door

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games if they have multiple tickets. One admission price covers all tickets for a given night’s contest.

- The Cheer team is allowed six cheerleaders at each home game, and they each will receive two tickets to hand out.
- Like basketball players, all wrestlers will receive two tickets for home matches.

Grove said Homedale will not allow visiting fans inside the gymnasium.

“We do not have the capacity in our gym to accommodate all of our fans and visiting fans to maintain proper social distancing,” he wrote.

As for road contests, each host school has its own policy about allowing visiting fans, Grove said.

“I will let everyone know ahead of time what the situation is that week for away meets,” he wrote.

No attendance is allowed for wrestling tournaments.— JPB

HHS falls in battle of district champs

Four players reached double figures, but an ice-cold first half doomed the Homedale High School boys’ basketball team Saturday.

Facing a 19-point halftime deficit, the Trojans erupted in the third quarter but couldn’t complete the comeback in a 60-54 non-conference loss to Garden Valley.

The once-beaten Grizzlies (7-1 overall) shot 60 percent (18-for-30) from the field in the first 16 minutes and didn’t cool off much after the break.

Garden Valley, like Homedale, a reigning District III champion, converted 32 of 55 attempts (58.2 percent) in the contest.

Four of Homedale’s six

players to get into the scoring column reached double digits, including sophomore Mason Strong with 13 points with a three-point goal and half of the Trojans’ four successful free throws.

Trenton Fisher added 12 points with a near perfect performance (5-for-6 with two three-pointers) for the home team (3-6 overall before Monday’s non-conference game against Cole Valley Christian).

With Hayden Kincheloe still sidelined, Sigmund Goode stepped up with a team-high three treys en route to 11 points.

Jason Dines also had one of Homedale’s eight three-pointers and scored 10 points.

Foul shots were hard to come by: Homedale was 4-for-5 and Garden Valley went 2-for-3. Only nine fouls were called in 32 minutes.

Garden Valley’s Josh Gillespie converted 11 of 20 shots and led all scorers with 23 points. Covy Kelly (16) and Hayden Elmore (14) also reached double figures for the Grizzlies. Gillespie also had 12 rebounds to spark a 22-7 ownership of rebounding honors of Homedale’s backboard.

Trailing, 39-20, at the break, Homedale rallied with 21 points in the third quarter, but the Grizzlies maintained a 12-point lead heading into the fourth quarter.

Ambrose halts Melba

Melba High School’s six-game boys’ basketball winning streak ended with a 71-49 2A Western Idaho Conference loss to The Ambrose School in Meridian.

Joe Reiber scored 19 points to continue as the Mustangs’ leading scorer, but Hudson Hughes (23) and Ben Blythe (21) bested the senior for the Archers (8-0 overall, 3-0 in conference).

Melba (8-2, 3-1) endured its most lopsided loss since a 67-30 setback, also in Meridian, 367 days ago to Cole Valley Christian.

Jan. 5: Melba 75, Compass Charter 45 — Reiber scored 26 points and yanked down 10 rebounds to go along with seven steals and four assists in a conference win in Meridian.

Braden Volkers and Tucker Lowber put in 10 points apiece.

Mustangs wrestle at Lane

Melba High School wrestlers Zane Helm and Ben Evans picked up wins at the Rollie Lane Invitational in Nampa.

Helm beat Minico’s Paxton Twiss, 12-6, in the 152-pound championship bracket.

At 182, Evans pinned Lewiston’s Brenden Thill in 1 minute, 27 seconds in the second round of championship bracket action.

Grant Svedin (126) pinned Minico’s Xzavier Martinez (4:43) in a consolation bout.

Last Wednesday: Melba 48, Garden Valley 6 — McKoy Richardson (132) pinned Maximus Good in 2:35 to highlight the road victory.

Cody Dickard (285) pinned Nathan Willoughby at 3:30.

Svedin topped Daniel Martinez (fall, 3:00).

Five Melba victories came via forfeit.

Public notices

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 OF HEARING IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE IN RE: APRIL KRISTINE RAMIREZ CASE NO. CV37-21-00004

A Petition to change the name of APRIL KRISTINE RAMIREZ, now residing in the city of Homedale, State of Idaho, has been filed in the Magistrate Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. Petitioner wishes to change her name to April Kristine Scott. Petitioner wishes to change her current last name because Ramirez is from her previous marriage.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on February 8, 2021 remotely via Zoom.

Objections may be filed by any person who can show the Court a good reason against the name change.

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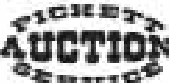
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E. Owyhee community provides another bright Christmas

A long-standing holiday community project continued last month in the eastern part of Owyhee County.

The 19th annual Giving Tree and a food drive, benefitted dozens of families in Grand View, Bruneau and Oreana.

Several community members contributed to both the gift drive and the food drive.

Grand View resident Mitzi

Appodaca has been involved in the Giving Tree since the start. Judy McBride coordinates the Bruneau portion of the effort.

Layth Jenkins coordinated a door-to-door food drive among his Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School classmates.

High school students now conduct a food drive formerly carried out by local Boy Scouts.

Other items for the food

drive are also collected as the admission price for the annual Bruneau Cowboy Christmas holiday arts and crafts sale staged by Bruneau native Becky Tester each November.

“I cannot say enough good about Becky Tester,” McBride said. “She is a hometown girl and loves her roots. She is the most inspirational, giving person I know.”

But that’s not all.

“Sometimes there are random personal donations in addition to the food drive,” Appodaca said, referring to a man who called her up to arrange donation of five turkeys this year.

Community volunteers get together and organize the gifts and food care packages.

“We just make sure that anyone in the valley that has asked for food that we put a box or two together for every family,” Appodaca said.

Last month, 40 families, encompassing 156 people, received food and gifts.

“It just went really, really well,” Appodaca said.

While Appodaca has been a steady presence for nearly two decades, other coordinators change. McBride has been involved in the Bruneau portion of the effort for about eight years. McBride said she stepped in when Cindy Bachman no longer had time.

“It’s such a blessing to me that I got to work with some many different people,” Appodaca said.

Organizers are grateful for community members who take names off the Giving Tree and provide for their neighbors.

Appodaca said children in the community began as the

focus, but the elderly also get Christmas cheer.

The biennial hygiene drive by Homedale High School graduate Megan Harper also touched the eastern county.

Megan brought one bag for every family in the area,” Appodaca said. “We were able to take her generosity and add that right into our generosity.”

Others who help include the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Posse, Bruneau Ladies Aid, and a young man named Sam O’Donnell, who buys a slew of gifts for the drive on his own. McBride’s husband, Bill, and Harold Simper and others help organize the food from the Cowboy Christmas effort.

“We live in a very giving community and the families are always so grateful,” Judy McBride said.

Tags go up at Giving Tree locations before and after Thanksgiving usually. Appodaca said once the tags are out in the community, individuals and corporations kick into action and the generosity begins. Employees from businesses such as Simplot Land and Livestock and U.S. Ecology Idaho always get involved, too.

“It just always works out,” Appodaca said of fulfilling every tag. “It’s always in God’s hands.”

—JPB





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