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Grand View could increase utility rates in stages

Council will vote on proposal at next meeting

Some citizens have complained that

the City of Grand View didn't institute incremental utility rate increases years ago to avoid huge hikes.

After the March 16 public hearing, the city council stuck to its guns on a proposed 79.3 percent water bill increase and a 64.6 percent hike for

sewer bills, but with a twist.

"Mayor (Daniel) Martinez stated that he is hoping to have a \$10 (water and) \$8 (sewer) increase as soon as possible, either May or June, and then the additional \$10/\$8 increase in six months," city clerk and treasurer Kathy

Brown said.

Council members will vote on the mayor's proposal during their April 14 regular meeting.

If the proposal is accepted, residents

— See *Rates*, page 5A



Vets correct U.S. flag ceremony

Marsing resident Charlotte Thompson receives an American flag from Command Sgt. Maj. Phil Hawkins, while retired U.S. Army Sgt. Ferran Harland (right) and Marine Corps veteran Clint Adams salute. Thompson's husband, Vietnam veteran Richard Sutton, who served in the U.S. Army from 1970 to 1976, passed away on Nov. 29. Thompson received a honorary flag, but it was not properly folded. So a group of acquaintances, headed up by Adams, made some calls and organized for the flag to be officially folded and presented to Thompson in a ceremony at her home on Edison Road west of Marsing. A box (left) was made to display the flag.

Bazaar, chili cookoff moves into Murphy

Spring craft sale, MRW fundraiser set Saturday

The Owyhee County Historical Museum will bustle again Saturday with the annual spring bazaar.

The event, sponsored by the

Owyhee County Historical Society, shares the stage with the 10th annual Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire & Emergency Medical Services chili cookoff.

Vendors will be set up inside McKeeth Hall and possibly interwoven into the museum's

— See *Murphy*, page 5A

Homedale Sr. Center to reopen, congregate meals to resume

The programs won't return just yet, but the Homedale Senior Center will be open to the public again next month.

The board of directors decided to open the center for congregate lunches beginning on Tuesday, April 6.

The center and thrift store will be open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday

and Thursday each week.

Lunch will be served inside at noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The curbside pickup of meals three days a week will continue, too. Lunches are available out front at 12:30 p.m., or sooner.

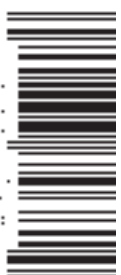
"We ask you to please come to the front door, and we will

bring it to you," coordinator Sandra Ledford said.

Anyone wanting takeout must call before noon.

The senior center can be reached at (208) 337-3020.

The Fit and Fall exercise class is still on hold, but will return "just as soon as Southwest District Health permits," Ledford said.



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Monitor helps GV Ambulance improve patient care

by Mandi Boren
For The Owyhee Avalanche
The Grand View Ambulance Service has a new heart monitor and defibrillator in service after multiple donations from various sources.

The ZOLL X Series lightweight heart monitor and defibrillator went into service on March 1.

According to ambulance service coordinator Donna Bennett, the new compact equipment will allow Grand View Ambulance volunteers to assess and care for patients more efficiently in the field.

The purchase, valued around \$29,000, was made possible after donations from community members, the Grand View Fire volunteers, Idaho Power, and a grant from

Owyhee County through its hazardous materials fund.

The Board of County Commissioners approved a \$22,280 hazmat fund grant in April 2020.

That grant included a \$10,000 match from the ambulance service. Money in the hazmat fund comes from fees paid by US Ecology Idaho in Grand View.

“Grand View Ambulance would like to express our deepest gratitude for these contributions from our friends and neighbors,” Bennett said.

— 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



The Grand View Ambulance volunteer crew gathered with Idaho Power representative Doug Thurman (far right) to accept a donation from the company. Submitted photo

Grand View council OKs grant application after deadline

Delay may not affect scoring for community club block grant

The City of Grand View will help the town’s community club apply for a Idaho Community Development Block Grant.

Mayor Daniel Martinez signed a resolution during the March 10 city council meeting allowing the government to apply for \$225,000 to convert the old St. Henry’s Catholic Church into a community center.

The authorization came five days after the grant application deadline. No vote on the resolution was possible during a March 2 public hearing because there was no city council quorum.

Hearing minutes indicates the missed deadline could affect the grant’s scoring with

the Economic Development Council.

But community club member RaeLynn Schkade said Saturday that there may not be any repercussions.

“We asked our grant administrators that same thing, but they said it did not affect our application,” she said, adding that the city had other required documents — such as a Fair Housing proclamation — on file from a previous mayoral administration.

Councilperson Opal Ward and Councilman Tom Payne were absent from the hearing at which Region IV Development Association representative Jeff McCurdy ran down the process of obtaining a block grant and how the Idaho

Department of Commerce program is used.

The council members’ absence on March 2 could be seen as a form of protest. Both voted against the city getting involved in the grant process during the council’s Feb. 10 meeting. Martinez had to solve a split vote to move forward. Council meeting minutes reveal that there were concerns about the timing of water and sewer rate increases and the city participating in the grant application.

The city would receive the grant, and the Grand View Community Club would be a subgrantee.

The maximum that can be sought for a community center is \$250,000.

McCurdy said the project price could top out at \$364,000 because “the community club and the city” would like to pur-

chase adjacent lots. Schkade said the club is still gathering information for that element of the plan.

Part of the in-kind contribution includes the market value of the church property, which the Archdiocese of Boise donated to the community club.

“The donation by the Catholic Church, which was approved to use as matched funds, is a huge boost to the competitiveness of your application, and we want to recognize the Catholic Church for their donation,” McCurdy said, according to hearing minutes.

Other matching funds include a \$1,500 donation from the city, and \$5,250 from the community club.

Region IV would take 10 percent of the grant (\$22,500) as an administration fee.

According to the minutes, the community club has \$13,000 on hand, and a commemorative brick fundraising sale continues.

Engraved bricks cost \$1,000 for a large, \$200 for a medium,

and \$125 for a regular brick.

“I think it is going to be a wonderful thing,” Councilman John Morrison said. “A community center for a city like Grand View, with limited resources and limited things to do, is an awesome idea.

“My only concern is continuing funding.”

Schkade said other revenue could come from a membership fee (\$25 per family possibly) and hall rental fees for special events such as weddings and graduation celebrations. Volunteers will be sought, too.

Schkade told the hearing audience that the community center could play host to an after-school program and activities.

“We are hoping to have a part-time administrator as well,” she said.

McCurdy said the public hearing attendance was among the largest he had ever seen, and those attendees voiced strong support for the community center concept.

— JPB

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HPD could replace patrol car tonight

A special meeting of the Homedale City Council will convene today to discuss replacing a police car.

The meeting begins at 5 p.m., inside the magistrate courtroom (council chambers) at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said that the discussion will involve purchasing a 2016 Dodge Charger from the Idaho State Police to replace an inoperable 2012 Charger in the HPD fleet.

Proceeds from an insurance settlement for the 2012 Charger plus the sale of a decommissioned 2007 Charger during Saturday’s spring consignment auction will fund the new vehicle.

Eidemiller said the new car will have to be striped to HPD style specifications and the police radio reprogrammed to handle local frequencies, but there are few other start-up costs because the light bar and other emergency equipment will be included.

— JPB

Homedale man arrested for drunk driving, more

Driving with no headlights led to a drunk driving arrest and weapons charges for a 33-year-old Homedale man shortly after midnight Saturday west of Marsing.

Jesse Wills was taken into custody with one of his passengers after an Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy pulled over a 1993 Toyota 4Runner on Bunt Rock Road near the ExtraMile convenience store.

Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said the responding deputy smelled the strong odor of alcohol coming from the SUV in which three men — Wills and two passengers — were riding.

There were numerous open containers of alcohol, and a search turned up two firearms in the 4Runner.

Bowman said Wills failed a standard field sobriety test and would not complete a breath analysis, which was consequently considered a refusal.

Wills faces misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence, possession of a weapon while intoxicated, and possessing an open container of alcohol.

One of the Toyota’s passengers, Ethan Anderson, 31, of Melba, was taken into custody when a records check found an outstanding \$6,000 warrant for a probation violation.

Wills and Anderson are both out of county jail on bond. No other information is available about their cases.

— TK

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MURRAY’S TREATS OPENS IN DOWNTOWN HOMEDALE



Above: Homedale Mayor Gheen Christoffersen performs the ribbon cutting during Saturday’s grand opening of Murray’s Treats as owners (from left) Kim Murray, Ciera Tucker and Robert Tucker enjoy the moment. Kim Murray said the oversized scissors Christoffersen used were the same pair her father, George Murray, used for ribbon cuttings when he was Homedale mayor more than 50 years ago.

Below: Murray’s Treats co-owner Ciera Tucker (middle) rings up a customer as employee Alyssa Higley Fogg looks on during Saturday’s grand opening day for the ice cream and sweets shop on East Idaho Avenue.



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Multiple DUI offender may not stay in prison long

A Nampa man convicted of drunk driving could avoid up to 10 years in state prison if he successfully completes a rider.

William Warren Roscoe was sentenced by Third District Judge Andrea Courtney on March 15 after entering a guilty plea to felony driving under the influence.

Roscoe was charged in July with his second felony DUI offense within 15 years.

The man was sentenced to between three and 10 years in the state penitentiary, but Courtney retained jurisdiction for one year, setting up the rider.

Roscoe had his driver's license suspended for five years, and he must pay a \$1,000 fine and \$640.50 in court costs.

Courtney dismissed misdemeanor charges of a drive consuming or in possession of an open alcoholic beverage container and driving without privileges.

Roscoe is scheduled to appear on March 30 in a Canyon

County courtroom for sentencing on a 2019 felony DUI. He was arrested nearly two years ago for his third drunk driving offense.

- A Boise man was given credit for 43 days already spent behind bars after a Feb. 2 arrest for drunk driving.

Rick Storm was sentenced on misdemeanor DUI on March 15 before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington.

Court records didn't itemize whether Storm would be required to serve the remaining 17 days on his sentence.

He must serve two years of unsupervised probation and had his driver's license suspended for six months.

Storm must also pay a \$547.50 fine and \$202.50 in court costs.

As part of a plea agreement, Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey Phillips dropped a felony drug possession charge and a misdemeanor count of drug paraphernalia possession.



Senior project garners hundreds of pounds of food

A two-day charge to the end allowed Homedale High School student Bella Smith to exceed her Homedale First Presbyterian Church food drive goal by more than double. Smith amassed 425 pounds of canned foods, culminating with a collection drive on Saturday and Sunday at The Wild Lotus coffee shop in Homedale. Her original goal was 200 pounds. "I doubled it and got to meet some people of the community and see the kindness being spread," Smith said.



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	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
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Mud Flat						
03/16	4.1	12	5.5	47	28	36
03/17	3.7	11	5.5	48	23	36
03/18	3.5	10	5.5	57	31	43
03/19	3.0	9	5.5	49	36	42
03/20	2.4	7	5.5	41	29	34
03/21	2.0	6	5.5	42	26	33
03/22	1.8	6	5.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
03/16	6.7	16	10.3	43	27	34
03/17	6.5	15	10.3	47	31	40
03/18	6.3	14	10.3	54	38	47
03/19	5.9	13	10.3	45	35	40
03/20	5.4	12	10.4	39	28	32
03/21	5.2	12	10.4	40	25	32
03/22	5.1	12	10.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
03/16	12.4	34	16.6	43	26	33
03/17	12.1	34	16.6	46	29	38
03/18	11.9	33	16.7	51	38	44
03/19	11.6	31	16.7	44	32	38
03/20	11.4	31	16.7	38	24	30
03/21	11.8	31	16.7	40	23	31
03/22	11.8	31	16.8	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 55 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 2,293 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 35 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 391,398 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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✓Murphy: Public can try out chili entries

exhibit hall between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The museum is located at 17085 Basey St., in Murphy.

The museum will be open to tour, and homemade pies will be sold at the museum pie shop.

The chili cook-off will be held on the sidewalk outside McKeeth Hall and serves as

a fundraiser for operation of the MRW fire department and EMS crew.

For information about the D.L. Evans Bank-sponsored chili cookoff, email info@mrwfire.org or call (208) 495-2154.

Entries will be judged, and there are first-place trophies in five categories plus a people's choice award.

Chili tasting is open to the public and will begin at 11:45 a.m. Donations are requested — \$5 for adults and \$4 for seniors.

Children younger than 12 can test the chili varieties for free.

Both events were cancelled in 2020 because of COVID-19.

✓Rates: DEQ still reviewing plans

would pay \$35.21 per month for water for six months then \$45.21 monthly after that. Grand View sewer bills would be \$32.78 monthly beginning in May or June then jump to \$40.78 near the end of the year.

The rate charged to siphon water out of the city's tank also was increased to match the municipal water rate, according to a proposal approved at the February council meeting.

The rate increases are in anticipation of major repairs needed in both the wastewater and drinking water systems.

Nearly two years ago, the council rejected a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant that would have paid for 90 percent of the repairs. Now, officials are exploring other funding sources, and most government no-interest loan programs require rate increases to ensure that the system can

generate enough money to pay the debt. Likewise, grant programs require monthly rates that will ensure a city can afford maintenance and ongoing costs.

The city is still waiting on the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality to review both the water facility plan and the wastewater facility plan, which is needed to move forward.

Grand View has a history of delaying needed infrastructure repairs and upgrades as well as utility rate increases.

In November 2007, voters (by a 37-33 count) rejected two 30-year bonds to raise \$1.6 million for the system and consolidation of the water and sewer board with the city council. At that time, the system had been out of compliance with federal arsenic guidelines for eight years, and Idaho DEQ

could have condemned the system.

During a Facebook discussion about last week's public hearing, former water and sewer association board member Dale Gray reminded folks that the issue of utility rates was broached nearly 15 years ago when the city had to build a water treatment facility to remove arsenic.

Gray said that during work to secure financing for the treatment system, officials discovered that water and sewer rates hadn't been increased since the 1970s.

Nearly seven years later, the council voted to absorb the water and sewer association.

— JPB

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar: **Not Available due to the Coronavirus*

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Dessert is included in curbside lunch

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Roll available each day except March 24th

March 24: Beef, bean and cheese burrito, rice

March 25: Chicken patty, pasta salad, beets

March 30: Baked ham, hashbrown casserole, country trio vegetables

March 31: Chicken and noodles, creamed 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)

March 24: Baked shells and greens with ground turkey, broccoli, carrots, wheat bread

March 26: Rosemary salmon, wild rice, snap peas, coleslaw, wheat bread

March 29: Polish sausage with sauerkraut, ranch beans, green beans, juice, wheat bun

March 31: Cheeseburger wrap, roasted potatoes, corn, juice, tortilla

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.

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March 18: Lasagna, green salad, mixed fruit salad, Jello fluff, garlic bread, peaches and cottage cheese, cookie

March 23: Tater tot casserole, steamed vegetables, pears, bread, yogurt with granola, fruit cobbler

March 25: Hot open face chicken sandwich, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, bread, mandarin oranges, cottage cheese

March 30: Sloppy Joe sandwich, green salad, beets, waldorf salad, whole grain bun, yogurt



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What kind of small farm business can your land support?

Last month, I provided readers with a personal inventory to help identify skills, strengths and inclinations that can help when planning a new agricultural enterprise, whether one might be thinking about a Market Garden, small-scale livestock operation, a U-Pick Farm or a specialty food product. What did the inventory tell you about yourself? Are you a people person or more of a hermit? Do you enjoy working with plants, animals, or both? Do you want to turn your hobby into a business?

With this knowledge, a logical next step is to look at your current resources, especially your land, if you currently have a small-acreage property and determine if your enterprise idea is a good fit. If you're still searching for your dream small farm, knowing what you want to do as you look at options will help you make informed decisions as well. What should you be considering?

Here's a breakdown:

Physical and Natural Resources — How many acres are available? How many of those are irrigated? Where does your water come from, how is it delivered, when is it available and how much do you have? If you are considering raising animals, do you have outbuildings, barns, animal shelters, fencing, pasture and water available? If you are leaning more toward crop production, what is your soil like? Do you have the capacity for a greenhouse or high tunnel? Do you have space to grow enough to sell?



Ariel Agenbroad

Do you have the right kinds of equipment?

Market Resources — How will you sell products that you raise? Would your community be interested and able to purchase what you sell? Does your zoning allow for sales directly on your farm? Do you have a Farmers Market nearby, would you rely on internet sales or sell to a farm stand or local store? Do you have access to slaughter facilities if you plan to raise meat animals?

Management and Labor Resources — Will you need additional labor at any time during the year? If so, how would you find additional help?

Financial Resources — What cash reserves or savings do you have that you are willing to invest in a new business? Do you have access to credit, either personal or commercial? Would you qualify for low-interest loans or programs as a new farmer?

Looking for more assistance answering these questions? Try the National Small Farm Resources at <https://nifa.usda.gov/program/family-small-farm-program> and resources for farm start-ups at http://attra.ncat.org/attra-pub/local_food/startup.html.

You may also wish to view some of the many free resources available through our Cultivating Success Program: <https://www.cultivatingsuccess.org/home>.

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Calendar

Today
No activities scheduled

Thursday
Food bank drop off
1 p.m., to 3 p.m., (weather permitting; holidays could change date), Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206 or (541) 586-2562
Teens & Tweens
5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

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

Saturday
OCHS Spring Bazaar
10 a.m., to 4 p.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum, McKeeth Hall, 17085 Basey St, Murphy. (208) 495-2319
MRW Fire & EMS chili cook-off
11:45 a.m., tasting begins; contest price: \$20 first entry, \$10 additional entries; tasting donation: \$5, \$4 seniors, younger than 12, free, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2154 or info@mrwfire.org

Monday
Story Time
10:15 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.
Jordan Valley CWMA meeting
7 p.m., Jordan Valley CWMA office, 508 Swisher Ave., Jordan Valley.

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

Wednesday
Food distribution
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., The HUB food pantry, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411
Homedale FFA Ag Expo
9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Owyhee County Fairgrounds, 420 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale.

Thursday, April 1
Reynolds Irrigation District meeting
1 p.m., Wilson School House, 10427 Johnston Lane, Melba.
Owyhee County Fair Board meeting
7 p.m., Owyhee County Community Center,

423 W. Nevada Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3888
Teens & Tweens
5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Friday, April 2
No activities scheduled

Saturday, April 3
Homedale Chamber Easter Egg Hunt
10 a.m., toddlers through 9 and older, Sundance Park, S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3271
Grand View Lions Easter Egg Hunt
10 a.m., toddlers through fifth-graders, Eastern Owyhee County Library and City Park, Grand View
Marsing Lions Easter Egg Hunt
10 a.m., preschool through fourth grade, Marsing High School football field
Murphy Easter egg hunt
10 a.m., ages 10 and younger, Murphy Courthouse lawn, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy.

Sunday, April 4
Lizard Butte Easter Sunrise Service
7 a.m., Lizard Butte, off Idaho highway 55 and Symms Road, Sunny Slope
Calvary Fellowship Easter breakfast
8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Owyhee County Community Center, 423 W. Nevada, Homedale. Service follows breakfast

Monday, April 5
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.
Grand View Mutual Canal Co. meeting
7 p.m., Grand View Irrigation District Office, 645 Idaho Ave., Grand View.
Young marriage class
7 p.m., The Rock of Homedale, 310 E. Owyhee Ave. Introductory meet-and-greet dinner, free. (208) 794-1048

Tuesday, April 6
Writing group
9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale.
Grand View Irrigation District meeting
11 a.m., district office, 645 Idaho Ave., Grand View.
Opaline Irrigation District meeting
7 p.m., 7300 Opaline Rd., Melba.

Find a comprehensive listing of local events online at www.theowyheeavalanche.com. Click on the "Calendar of Events" link on the left-hand side of the page. Submit information for the calendar by noon Fridays. Email them to jon@owyheeavalanche.com

Driver dies in crash near Grand View

A Grand View man perished when he was ejected in single-vehicle rollover early Saturday west of town. The Idaho State Police began investigating the crash at milepost 58 on Idaho highway 78 at 5:30 a.m.

According to ISP, Anthony Mowery, 23, died at the scene when he was thrown from the 1984 GMC K15 pickup he was driving. The pickup became partially submerged in a canal, according to a press release.

The truck left the roadway and rolled. Mowery was not wearing a seatbelt. Owyhee and Elmore County sheriff's deputies assisted ISP. Other agencies on scene included Grand View Ambulance, Grand View Fire, and Air St. Luke's.

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Homedale Elementary

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March 24-26: No school
March 29: **Breakfast:** Cereal. **Lunch:** Corn dog, tater tots.
March 30: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza. **Lunch:** Chicken patty sandwich, coleslaw.
March 31: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon pull-apart. **Lunch:** Chicken filet, mashed potatoes with gravy, hot roll.

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
March 24-26: No school
March 29: **Breakfast:** Mini waffles. **Lunch:** Pepperoni calzone, green beans.
March 30: **Breakfast:** Chocolate chip muffin. **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, French fries.
March 31: **Breakfast:** Apple cinnamon Texas toast. **Lunch:** Chicken taco, corn.

Homedale High

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt, string cheese or hard-boiled egg
Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily
Cereal option, grab ‘n’ go items each day
March 24-26: No school
March 29: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon burst bread slice or Dutch waffle. **Lunch:** Boneless Buffalo wings, breadstick, corn or taquitos, corn.
March 30: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich or Benefit bar. **Lunch:** Chicken patty, French fries or hamburger or cheeseburger, French fries.
March 31: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy or pancakes. **Lunch:** Sloppy Joe, steamed carrots or cheesy chicken sub, steamed carrots.

Marsing

Meals include 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)
March 24-26: No school
March 29: **Breakfast:** Apple breakfast bites. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, carrots, hot roll. Hot Grab-n-go: Garlic French bread pizza.
March 30: **Breakfast:** Mini waffles. **Lunch:** Beef taco, refried beans, Spanish rice. Hot Grab-n-go: Mozzarella cheese bites, marinara sauce cup.
March 31: **Breakfast:** Pop tart, cheese stick. **Lunch:** Mac-n-cheese, snickerdoodle cookie. Cold Grab-n-go: Taco salad with breadstick.

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily
March 24-26: No school
March 29: **Breakfast:** Cereal. **Lunch:** Orange chicken, oriental rice, stir-fry vegetables.
March 30: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy. **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garden spinach salad, corn, breadstick.
March 31: **Breakfast:** Pancakes and egg patty. **Lunch:** Chicken patty on a bun, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli.

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Obituary

Delores Patricia “Pat” Davis

Delores Patricia “Pat” Davis passed away at her home in Bruneau, Idaho on March 15, 2021. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Cremation was under the care of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel.

Pat was born on November 24, 1929 in Caldwell, Idaho. She was the middle child of Walt and Mildretta Adams of Homedale, Idaho.

Growing up in Homedale, Pat attended both the elementary and high school there. She graduated in 1948, and then spent one year at the College of Idaho.

Pat married Donald L. Davis in 1949 in Winnemucca, Nevada. They moved across the border to Ridgeview, Oregon for a year before the couple took up ranching life in Bruneau. They made Bruneau home for the remainder of their lives.

Pat and Don had three children. Their first born was a daughter, Judy Ann, followed by two brothers, William Joe and Kenneth Ray. The young family lived on their ranch in a tiny two room house with a wood stove, an outhouse, no telephone, and no nearby neighbors. They did have power and a pitcher water pump (until the well went dry). Luckily they had a small, warm water well several yards from the house. They ran a hose through a knot hole to wash dishes and bathe in a trough. Although life wasn’t easy, they were happy and had each other.

After ten years, with the help of Don’s brother Dick and his father-in-law Jim McGinnis, they built their new house next to the original and lived there for 52 years.

Pat and Don were early pioneers of Little Valley. Along with Don’s brother Gene,



they started Bruneau Cattle Company and maintained a strong work ethic that saw them through the ups and downs of ranch life.

Pat worked sun up to sundown on the ranch she loved. She enjoyed cooking for the branding and hay crews. She always had a hearty breakfast and hot lunch ready for her family and any others who happened by. Pat kept a well-aged sourdough starter and made the best pancakes and rolls. She baked delicious pies, cinnamon rolls, fudge, and her family’s favorite, buttermilk chocolate cake.

Pat was an active member in the community. She was an EMT, a proud member of the Bruneau American Legion Auxiliary, a member of the Owyhee County Cowbells, played bridge with the High Desert Bridge Club and was always ready to lend a hand at any community function.

Pat made many wonderful lifelong friends who remained dear to her throughout her

life.

As much as Pat loved Bruneau, her ranch, and her community, her greatest joy was her children and grandchildren. Being Mom, Grandma Pat, and G.G. meant everything to her. Nurturing and guidance came naturally to Pat, and her brood thrived in an atmosphere of encouragement, security, warmth, love, and strong community and family values. She loved her extended family, all her nieces and nephews on both the Adams and Davis side. Pat loved attending the many family gatherings and cherished the memories made.

Pat is survived by her two sisters, Alene Downing, Marilyn Burke and a brother-in-law, Jack Burke; her children, Judy and husband Bill McBride, Kenny Davis, Renee Welsh, and special son Phil Luman and wife Janell; grandchildren, Kasey (Muffy) McBride, Keri (Kasey) Garrett, Kelli (Brody) Prow, Sarah (Jeff) Carothers, Cassie (Rigo) Farfan; great-grandchildren Makenzie, Josie, and Roan McBride, Riley and Cashe Davis; Kambell, Kinlee, Keiser, and Krew Garrett; Paisley, Mackley, and Hap Prow; Makayla, Trevor and Wade Carothers; Alyssa Rodriguez, Olivia, Adrian, and Rigo Lewis Farfan. She was preceded in death by husband Don (2010) and her son William Joe (Bill) Davis (1972).

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COSSA students enter National Technical Honor Society

Five Homedale High School students were welcomed into the National Technical Honor Society during a ceremony on March 16 in Wilder.

The ceremony took place at the Canyon-Owyhee School Services Agency Regional Technical and Education Center.

Joining the honor society ranks were seniors Madelyn Schock, Andres Albor, Francisco Jimenez, Wyatt Wetzel, and junior Alexa Durrant.

The quintet joined fellow inductees Tommy McGuire and Maria Flores of Parma, and Zachary Anderson of the COSSA Academy.

“The goal of National Technical Honor Society is to see that deserving technical students be recognized and that people in the community become aware of the talents and abilities of the young people who choose a technical educa-



COSSA’s 2021 National Technical Honor Society inductees, from left: Zachary Anderson (COSSA), Maria Flores (Parma), Andres Albor (Homedale), Francisco Jimenez (Homedale), Wyatt Wetzel (Homedale), Madelyn Schock (Homedale), and Alexa Durrant (Homedale). Not pictured: Tommy McGuire (Parma).

tion pathway for a successful future,” COSSA welding instructor Shelby Cloward said.

Cloward also identified the seven attributes looked for when deciding if a student should be accepted into NTHS, including:

- Skill in a particular field

- Honesty
- Service
- Responsibility
- Scholarship
- Citizenship
- Leadership

“There are few things you do in high school that look really good on résumés later

in life ... than membership in the National Technical Honor Society,” COSSA chief executive officer Dr. Harold Nevill said. “It shows that, even at a young age, you are willing to do the extra work.”

Three Homedale students also received Robert and Elaine

Batt Vo-Tech scholarships.

- Jimenez received a \$4,000 scholarship
- Schock received \$3,000
- Albor received \$2,000

Anderson also accepted a \$1,000 award from the Robert and Elaine Batt Foundation.

— TK



Homedale High School’s latest batch of Honor Society inductees

The 2021 group of National Honor Society inductees were saluted in a ceremony earlier this month at Homedale High School:

Row 1, from left: Eli Heck (jr., 4.046 grade-point average), Belisia Larzelier (jr., 4.047 GPA), Abigail Henry (jr., 4.054 GPA), John Lejardi (jr., 4.062 GPA), Elizabeth Whitehead (jr., 4.063 GPA), Alexa Durrant (jr., 4.069 GPA), Téa Uranga (jr., 4.073 GPA), Allison Whitehead (jr., 4.074 GPA), Jace Contreras (sr., 3.507 GPA), Madelyn Schock (sr., 3.721 GPA), and Ruger Smith (sr., 3.727 GPA)

Row 2, from left: Maribel Garcia (jr., 3.875 GPA), Delaney Swallow jr., 3.88 GPA), Christopher Aguilera (jr., 3.883 GPA), Cassandra Guzman (jr., 3.906 GPA), Natalia Martinez (jr., 3.917 GPA), Joshua Brown (jr., 3.96 GPA), William (Willy) Haun (jr., 3.963 GPA), Esmeralda Santana (jr., 3.963 GPA), and Jacqueline Rosas Perez (jr., 3.972 GPA)

Row 3, from left: Dillon Corder (jr., 3.515 GPA), Daniela Serrano (jr., 3.303 GPA), Destiny Castellanos (jr., 3.768 GPA), Amaya (Amiya) Aberasturi (jr., 3.818 GPA), Diana Jimenez (jr., 3.824 GPA), and Daniela Diaz Hurtado (jr., 3.932 GPA)

Row 4, from left: Hayden Kincheloe (jr., 3.559 GPA), Jesus Ruiz (jr., 3.387 GPA), Steele Bullard (jr., 3.529 GPA), Whitney Ross (jr., 3.563 GPA), and Delia Vega (jr., 3.636 GPA)

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Gypsy Jackson library ramps up Easter events

Easter activities are on tap for the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library.

The Teens and Tweens youth will try not to break their Easter eggs during an egg drop challenge on Thursday.

The program open to ages 10-17 will start at 5 p.m., at the library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave.

The youth will engineer

protection for their eggs with material on hand at the library or material from home.

Youth who don’t break their eggs will receive prizes. The group also will tie-dye eggs.

Two Easter-related stories will be read to preschoolers during Story Time at 10:15 a.m., on Monday at the library.



Gassaya Escalante (left), 9, measures out rice vinegar for youth services coordinator Carol McMichael during Thursday’s Teens & Tweens at Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library. The youths gathered to learn how to make sushi.

Canyon farmer talks crop diversity at OCD banquet

Mansisor conservationist award presented

The Owyhee Conservation District met for its annual banquet on Thursday at the Owyhee County Community Center in Homedale, two months later than usual.

The event in which the district's Conservationist of the Year is proclaimed and honored, and members discuss the various happenings and accomplishments of the previous year, ran late this year to accommodate COVID-19 protocols concerning group gatherings.

The Boren family of Oreana, owners of Arrow B Ranch, was named the 2020 recipients of the Ray Mansisor Conservationist of the Year Award, in honor of the longtime board of supervisors member who passed away last year.

Mary Louise and Joe Mansisor, Ray's widow and son, presented the Borens with their award. Joe is vice-chair of the board of supervisors.

The banquet's guest speaker was Loren McIntyre, whose son Brad was an OCD supervisor until just recently.

"In this group, I get introduced as Brad's dad more than myself, because he was a member of your group for quite a while," McIntyre said.

Brad McIntyre left the district board when he moved to Canyon County.

Loren McIntyre, a third-generation farmer and ranch-



McIntyre Farms owner Loren McIntyre discusses how several species share a symbiotic relationship on his acreage across the Snake River to help improve the soil and overall quality of his operation.

er, spoke about his family's history in the business and his discovery of the importance of diversity.

"I always had in mind that dirt needs to work for itself, not just be a welfare candidate," McIntyre said. "I wanted the dirt to do as much work as possible so that it could be healthy soil."

He said that 13 or 14 years ago, Brad was researching no-till farming and not long after, McIntyre's operation was nearly entirely no-till.

He discussed the mutually beneficial relationship between his livestock and his no-till operation.

"Speaking of diversity, I like to think of not just the crit-

ters on top of the ground but the critters underneath, also," McIntyre said. "Everything working toward soil health."

He said that he moves his cattle at least once a day and follows them with about 2,400 laying hens.

"It's great," he said. "Chickens are like pasture sanitizers — they love cow pies, especially the fly larvae, and that gives their eggs that little something extra."

McIntyre also moves turkeys and ducks through. They also have been using 10 "big yards" of bees to pollinate his seed crops the past several years, though he doesn't own the bees.

McIntyre focused on the

importance of keeping soil healthy by bringing in multiple positive influences to its makeup, i.e., the cattle and chickens, the animals underneath the soil, etc.

And he emphasized what all farmers and ranchers will tell you: be a good steward to the land.

OCD annual report

Board chair Andrea McRae updated attendees on the district's various accomplishments over the past year.

• OCD partnered with a local producer (who wished to remain anonymous) and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game for a project to cut 347 acres of dense juniper along

the Indian Creek Watershed.

In a one-time grant, OCD matched \$5,000 to the producer's \$5,500, which enabled the producer to remove 100 more acres of junipers.

The goal of the project was to enhance the habitat for mule deer, elk, sage-grouse, and to increase water flow for riparian (river bank) areas.

• The district supported the Owyhee County Junior Livestock Sale in August by adding on to goat entries at the fair, bumping them all up to \$300.

• OCD handed out 400 blue spruce seedlings to Homedale and Marsing elementary students for Arbor Day.

• The district received vegetable and flower seed donations from several vendors and handed them out to the community as an outreach project.

• It continued conservation efforts with the Owyhee Local Working Group as members of the Treasure Valley High Desert Team.

• OCD conducted a waste tire recycling project. It collected 1,371 tires in just four hours at a location near the Homedale airport. Because of its success, the district is working on making the project an annual event, if proper funding can be secured.

The total cost of the 2020 project was \$7,316.54, with a district expense of \$2,199.54. The district's out-of-pocket expense (after donations from Owyhee County and the cities of Homedale and Marsing) was \$699.54. — TK



Above: Dist. 23A Rep. Matthew Bundy (R-Mtn. Home) made a trip in from the Statehouse at the end of the day's business for the Idaho House of Representatives to attend the Owyhee Conservation District annual banquet and catch up with folks like OCD supervisor Joe Mansisor (right).

Right: Mansisor and his mother Mary Louise present Arrow B Ranch operator Steve Boren (right) of Oreana with the Ray Mansisor Conservationist of the Year Award.

Read the Ag 2021 special section in this week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche for more details about the Boren family's conservation efforts.



Man allegedly swings knife at woman

A 24-year-old Homedale man has been arrested after allegedly pulling a woman’s hair and swinging a knife at her.

Robert D. J. Taylor was arrested last Wednesday after Homedale Police responded to a report of an altercation in the 500 block of South Main Street.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said the reporting party told officers Taylor became involved in a “neighborhood squabble” between two females.

Eidemiller said the knife did not make contact, and no one was injured.

Taylor has been charged with felony aggravated battery and destruction of evidence, which is a misdemeanor.

Officers recovered the knife after Taylor allegedly tried to discard the weapon nearby.

No information was available at press time about Taylor’s court appearances.

— JPB

Courthouse report

March 15

Paulo Jorge Flores Borges, Wendell — Misdemeanor commercial driver’s license violations: \$100 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

William Warren Roscoe, Nampa — Felony driving under the influence, 2nd felony within 15 years (plea deal): 3 to 10 years in state prison (retained jurisdiction), 5 years driver’s license suspension, \$1,000 in fines, \$640.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by court:** Misdemeanor open container, driving without privileges

Teresalee Hope Roundy, Parma — Misdemeanor driving without privileges, misdemeanor failure to appear citation: 1 day in jail (served), \$185 in fines, \$330 in court costs

Rick Storm, Boise — Misdemeanor DUI (plea deal): 60 days in jail (43 days served), 2 years unsupervised probation, 180-day driver’s license suspension, \$547.50 in fines, \$202.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Felony controlled substance possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession

March 11

Roberto Chavez, Wendell — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

March 9

David K. Byington, Boise — Misdemeanor motor carrier, violation of limitations or conditions of special permit: \$68.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

March 8

Caden Richard Stephenson, Tumwater, Wash. — Misdemeanor inattentive or careless driving (plea deal): 90 days in jail (suspended), 1 year unsupervised probation, \$200 in fines, \$307.50 in court costs

Khayitbek Toshtemirov, Brooklyn, N.Y. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, false logbook: \$43.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs. **Withheld judgment:** Defendant can have record expunged upon completion of sentence.

March 5

Fitsum G. Woldemariam, Oakland, Calif. — Misdemeanor fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs



HHS cheerleaders hit the state stage
Homedale High School’s cheer squad competed at the 3A state competition Friday morning at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa. Above: The team took the floor without one of its members because of a softball injury the night before. Left: Team captains Destiny Castellanos (left) and Gracie Rotter. Submitted photos For more details about the competition, see Page 1B

Senators seek to protect West’s water

Idaho’s U.S. Senate delegation has joined an effort to protect private water rights.

Republicans Mike Crapo and Jim Risch teamed with Sen. John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) to introduce S. 855, the Water Rights Protection Act.

The legislation will protect privately-owned waters from federal government seizure.

Barrasso is ranking member of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

“The federal government has a long history of attempting to seize control of private water rights, undermining state water laws throughout the West, including in Idaho,” Crapo said.

“Forcing multiple-use permit holders to turn over their privately-owned water rights to the federal government as a condition of permit renewal is just another way to advance executive power-grabs.”

Owyhee County ranchers and other livestock producers around the state have voiced concerns that the Bureau of Land Management recently launched an effort to get permittees to sign voluntary limited agency agreements at permit renewal time. The agreements, against which Idaho Farm Bureau has cautioned producers, would effectively make the permittees agents of the federal government. The fear is the strategy would allow the BLM to claim beneficial use through the ranchers’ livestock and seize the water right.

The *Joyce Livestock Co.*, vs. *United States* Idaho Supreme Court decision more than a decade ago settled the issue of whether the federal government could own water rights, citing the crucial beneficial use aspect.

Landowners dodged another challenge with the end of the Waters of the United States aspect of the Clean Water Act.

“Our legislation will protect the private property rights of farmers, ranchers, states, cities and local conservation efforts from being trampled on by the federal government,” Crapo said.

The Water Rights Protection Act will:

- Forbid the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture from mandating water users transfer water rights to the United States or purchase water rights in the name of the United States as a condition of any permit, lease, or other use agreement;
- Prevent unlawful seizures of groundwater; and
- Recognize state water law and require coordination with states.

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Big Loop Pizzeria opens in Jordan Valley

Longtime resident
revives Telleria's
Market property

After a year and a half of work tearing down the old Telleria's Market and rebuilding from the ground up everything on the property, Shelley Gluch opened The Big Loop Pizzeria on Thursday, March 11 to the delight of the entire community of Jordan Valley.

Gluch planned to be opened much sooner, but COVID-19 brought many challenges over the last year, which resulted in the project taking much longer than expected.

Currently, the pizzeria is offering a pre-opening menu. Eight different regular pizzas are offered, with the Big Loop (pepperoni, sausage, onion, mushrooms, peppers, and olives) being the specialty.

There are flatbread pizzas and gluten-free options available, too. Pizzas are made to order or can be carried out as "take and bake." Sub sandwiches (seven options) and salads (four options) round out the menu of main dishes.

Cheezy (this is spelled correctly) Bread is the offered appetizer along with brownies, cookies and ice cream for dessert.

A multitude of drinks that include iced tea, strawberry lemonade and pop complete the menu.

Gluch expects to have her liquor license in hand within the next 30 days.

At this point, guests can order for take-out or dine-



Shelley Gluch has decked out the new building on the site of an old grocery store with a patriotic theme. Submitted photo

in (there's a maximum capacity of 50 people inside because of current COVID-19 regulations).

With a patriotic theme, the pizzeria pays homage to Jordan Valley's rich history. There is available patio seating outside as well. Gluch has designed an inviting outdoor space to accommodate large crowds. A live band will play outdoors each night during May's Jordan Valley Big Loop Rodeo.

Gluch is planning an official grand opening in June at which time she plans to have a full menu and drive-through

open.

Many locals taste-tested the new establishment's food in its first week open for business.

Jordan Valley has been without any restaurant or café for the past few months because of closures of the JV Cafe and the Rockhouse.

"We are so excited to have the pizzeria open," local resident Tracy Skinner said. "The food is excellent, and the service is quick."

Gluch has already made good on her plans to make her mark on the community.

She sponsored a pizza

lunch for all seventh- through 12th-graders at Jordan Valley High School, giving students and staff the opportunity for a taste of the homemade pizzas now offered within the community.

Gluch is a longtime resident of Jordan Valley.

She is raising her daughters in the community, and she has said from Day 1 that her establishment will support the community and serve as a hub for locals.

Locals have felt the love and stepped up to help Gluch whenever possible as well.

Gluch would like to thank her family and community members who have helped her in some form or fashion in getting the pizzeria up and open.

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On the edge of common sense Progress

Imagine you were a livestock man in medieval England a thousand years ago. It's early spring. Snow on the ground, mud in the cow lot. You walk the small pasture where the heavy heifers are kept. It's hard to see much with just the moonlight. But you spot one that's down in a swale. She's on her side in the process of calving. One foot is showing.

You check the rest of the cows the best you can and go back to the heifer. No progress. You wait a little longer, then resigned to your duty, you walk back to the cow lot and set the gates.

On your way back to get the heifer, the wind blows down your neck and you shiver. Using a long stick, you get the heifer up and drive her into the cow lot. There's some straw scattered behind the windbreak. She finds it and lays down.

You walk to the earthen-roofed shed to collect your tools. You manage to ease up on her and drop a homemade halter over her head and tie her loosely to a post on the windbreak.

There is tepid water in your oaken bucket. After takin' off your tunic, you wash yer arms and kneel down behind her.

Taking a three-foot leather thong, you slip a noose around the protruding foot. Following yer father's advice, you next slip a hand inside and search for the other foot. You attach a second thong to it, take a wrap around each hand and begin to pull.

By pulling when she pushes, resting when she rests, you and she finally deliver the calf two hours later.

You rub him down, get him under the flank to suck and get to bed at daybreak.

Sound familiar? However, we have made some progress in a thousand years. We've traded the moonlight for a flashlight, a (grass-hemp) rope for a nylon, wool underwear for goose down, leather shoes for rubber boots, leather thongs for chrome-plated O.B. chains, and we've traded patience for a ratchet calf puller.

But for the most part much of the process remains the same. Cold feet, bare arms, sweat in your eyes, small heifers and big calves, manual labor and dogged determination.

Progress has mechanized, modernized and computerized much of our world from farming to pharmacy, from coal mining to dentistry, from astronomy to architecture.

But those of us who practice the ancient art of birthing livestock could trade places with our counterparts a thousand years ago, or even two thousand years ago, and we'd be interchangeable almost immediately.

Sorta like horseshoers, acupuncturists, dog trainers and herbal medicine salesmen.

Makes ya think, doesn't it?

— 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.

From Washington
Biden administration's immigration policy further strains border police

The Left decried President Trump's "America First" immigration policies and charged Republicans with being inhumane for seeking to uphold the laws of our country. Now, it seems these "humanitarians" have disappeared as we watch the Biden administration's approach play out in real-time.

The consequences of President Biden's actions to decrease our border security and provide incentives for illegal entry are certainly record-breaking. Just last month, the amount of children in Border Patrol shelters through the Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) program reached the highest number in the program's history. The 500 available beds in these shelters are proving to be extremely insufficient for the thousands of children crossing the border. The Department of Health and Human Services expects their overflow facilities will hit capacity this month as the surge continues, and are reportedly looking to Department of Defence facilities to be set up as backup locations to house the unaccompanied minors.

Since Inauguration Day, family units attempting to illegally cross the southern border increased from 500 to 2,500 per week. Overall border police apprehensions have shown similar increases, with 78,000 apprehensions in January 2021, more than double the same month in the year prior.

There is no question to the cause of the exponential surge of illegal immigrants. Since Election Day,

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President Biden has been clear on his intentions to reverse the Trump administration's Zero-Tolerance Policy toward unlawful immigration. After being inaugurated, his actions have only served to further foster and encourage this surge. This includes an executive order directing the Department of Homeland Security to halt any deportation for the next 100 days while his administration looks to implement its extreme immigration bill: The U.S.

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From Washington
States deserve fiscal flexibility in wake of punitive American Rescue Plan

The American Rescue Plan, recently signed into law, contains a number of flaws. Many provisions appear to have been hastily drafted. Many provisions are vague and punt hard decisions to various government agencies, presumably under the notion the issues are hard to figure out but, somehow, government bureaucrats are expected to do so.

One example of this lies in the new Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund, a slush fund constructed for the U.S. Department of Treasury to dole out money to states. Allowable uses of those funds amount to basically anything a state wants to spend money on, with next to nothing in terms of constraints or restrictions.

Nonetheless, there are two restrictions in the law.

One is a state may not use recovery funds "for deposit into any pension fund." Of course, that does not prevent a state from using funds to beef up other post-employment benefits for public-sector workers. And, it does not prevent use of federal funds to make pension payments they would otherwise make using state funds. So, the restriction is merely window dressing.

The only other restriction is that any state wishing to provide tax relief may do so, but only at a punishable cost. If a state's net revenue, or some component of net revenue, falls because of tax relief, then its Coronavirus State Recovery Fund payment from the federal government will be cut by the amount of the tax relief.

What does this mean?

Consider, as an example, the American Rescue

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Plan's waiver of federal tax liability on up to \$10,200 of unemployment compensation income. In crafting this legislation, my Democrat colleagues decided that this form of tax relief is acceptable. However, suppose a state government decides it would like to waive state taxation of unemployment compensation income up to some level, in its citizens' interests.

The American Rescue Plan stipulates the state will be financially punished by the federal government.

If a state wants to provide tax relief in the interest of economic recovery, and to help people return to earning their livelihoods, the American Rescue Plan

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Commentary

Financial management

Life insurance needs depend on individual situations

Dear Dave,
I started listening to your radio show recently, and I heard you say people should have 10 to 12 times their yearly income in life insurance. I'm single, with no plans to get married. Plus, I don't have any children. Do I still need a big life insurance policy like that?
— Kris

Dear Kris,
I do recommend most people, if they work outside the home and are married — especially if they have kids — have 10 to 12 times their annual income in a good, level term life insurance policy. You only need life insurance to take care of things you leave behind when you die. So, when it comes to this kind of coverage, just think

about anyone who might be left in a bad financial situation if you died. Your family could never replace *you*, but in most cases, they would need to replace your income.
Someone in your shoes might not need a traditional life insurance policy, especially if you've been smart with your money and saved up a pile of cash. A simple, inexpensive burial policy might work. There's also a good chance you already have a small amount of life insurance coverage built into an existing health insurance policy or bank account.
Good question, Kris. I'm glad you're looking for answers!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
I owe \$17,000 on my car, and



it is my largest and only debt. I think I can have it paid off in two years, because I bring home about \$2,800 a month and my monthly expenses are \$2,100. I also just got a \$2,000 tax refund. Should I pay it off as fast as

possible, or sell the car?
— Justice

Dear Justice,
If you think you can have the car paid off in two years or less, that's what I'd do. The question is this: Are you willing to do what it'll take to make that happen? It's going to mean lots of discipline and hard work on your part, in addition to living on a really strict budget. But in return, you'll have that car loan off your back for good.
You don't want the debt on all your vehicles to be more than half of your annual income. If that's the case, it means you have too much money tied up in things that are going down in value. If you bring home \$2,800 a month, you probably

make around \$40,000 a year. Technically, your car loan is under half in this scenario, but it's still pretty expensive. I'd get serious about getting out of debt, and pay the thing off!
— Dave

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✓ Immigration: Illegal border crossings on the rise after policy pivot

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Citizenship Act of 2021.
This proposal would give almost 12 million illegal immigrants a pathway to citizenship and complete amnesty — even if they have been adjudicated during the prior administration. Rather than focusing on widely supported, merit-based immigration policies, The U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021 prioritizes blanket increases of immigrants through expansion of the visa lottery program.
The U.S. Citizenship Act reinforces President Biden's executive order to halt construction of the southern border by shifting resources from the border to "investing in improving screening infrastructure at our points of entry" — even at a time when ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) and CBP are already operating at less than 30 percent of their capacity.

This notion that most illegal immigrants enter the United States through a designated point of entry is false. Dismantling the 700-mile wall is not only fiscally irresponsible, but it gives illegal immigrants easier accessibility and further incentive to enter the United States unlawfully.
During my visit to the border in 2019, I talked to border agents about the pervasive challenges they face daily, from drug trafficking, human trafficking, cartel violence, and illegal entry — all at staggering rates. From 2014 to 2018, the Congressional Research Service estimates that 65 percent of the United States' illicit drugs (including cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, and opioids) were seized at our southern border. Hearing about this crisis first-hand opened my eyes to the hostile situations our border agents encounter daily, and I am certain these threats

will only be intensified by President Biden's actions.
These consequences will be only the tip of the iceberg if the current myriad of policy decisions continue — but the solution is simple. Strong border policies and commitment to upholding the rule of law discourages illegal entry. The opposite is guaranteed when decreasing border security, providing incentives for illegal entry, and ignoring the rule of law.
A country's sovereignty relies on its ability to protect and defend its boundaries. I have been to 47 countries around the world, and every one of them protects their borders robustly — it is the humane thing to do.
— Republican Russ Fulcher is in his first term in the U.S. House of Representatives. He previously was an Idaho state legislator.

✓ States: Tax cuts could incur the wrath of the federal government

From Page 12A
says the state will be financially punished by the federal government.
If a state decides to use funds to replenish depleted Unemployment Insurance trust funds, so it does not have to raise taxes on employers in the near term during an economic recovery, it can be financially punished by the American Rescue Plan.
My Republican colleagues and I raised substantive questions about this provision during the parliamentarian's consideration of the legislation prior to the vote on the Senate floor.
Unfortunately, Democrats were not interested in providing states the fiscal flexibility to determine what is best for their citizens.
What is the public policy justification of taking away fiscal flexibility and fiscal discretion to which states are entitled? The drafters of the bill seem to have decided to make a political statement using denial of fiscal flexibility to states to say that they

do not like tax cuts. Not only is that not good public policy, but it serves to further divide, rather than advance bipartisanship.
There are also significant questions about the legality of the provision, and how the offending provision could even be implemented. It provides so much latitude for the administration to decide, at the federal level, what it deems appropriate or inappropriate state fiscal policy that the Treasury secretary is essentially unconstrained in implementation. That invites and allows insertion of too much partisan politics into federal and state relations.
The vague nature of the offending provision invites lawsuits. It also injects more uncertainty into state fiscal policy decisions — as states try to sort out fiscal priorities and voter wishes, while a potential federal punishment hangs over them.
As ranking member of the Finance Committee, I filed an amendment during debate of the American Rescue Plan to strike the provision of the American

Rescue Plan that instructs the Treasury Department to financially punish any state or territory that wishes to provide tax relief to its citizens. I have introduced identical legislation in the Senate.
The provision serves no useful purpose.
It doesn't serve to "rescue" the American people. It interferes in states' — like Idaho's — ability to provide tax relief to its citizens to reduce the burden on working families.
It has nothing to do with the pandemic, and potentially everything to do with partisan politics.
And, as supporters of the American Rescue Plan must know, it will do nothing more than impede an economic recovery in states.
— 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.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

March 27, 1996



At the pump

Gas prices are going up 4¢ per gallon at the pump, for a total of 44¢ per gallon tax on gasoline. Homedale service station owner Mike Matteson said the state will use the roughly \$34 million per year new revenue on highways.

Marsing Chamber prepares for May festivities

The annual Doodlebug Derby, Spring Festival, and Fireworks Display are all in the wings for Marsing volunteers, who are gearing up for this spring's activities.

The Marsing Chamber of Commerce began working on the events at recent meetings with special preparations for the Spring Festival Friday and Saturday May 17 and 18.

The Marsing Lions Club has again agreed to hold their barbecue on Friday, and the Marsing Chamber is also planning a "fun filled evening of entertainment and games for the young and young at heart." Saturday, a parade and entertainment, food, arts and crafts, and miscellaneous sales are also planned in the City Park.

Marsing softball field gets spruced

The girls softball field in Marsing just received a new layer of pumice, and is in the process of being spruced up for spring play.

Besides the pumice and groundwork, a new fence is being installed and Coca-Cola Company has agreed to donate a large new scoreboard.

Deputy Bish receives POST certificate

Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy Jim Bish graduated from the State of Idaho Peace Officer's Standards and Training academy March 15 after ten weeks learning law enforcement skills in some fifty-six police-related subjects.

Bish and other officers received training in the use of the handgun and shotgun, as well as handling of a police vehicle during pursuit driving situations. "Many" hours were spent in the classroom studying Idaho Criminal Law, according to a POST certificate, as well as writing and preparing reports, studying human behavior, investigating accidents, learning the importance of fingerprints at a crime scene, and even participating in a moot court procedure.

Bish also won the Top Shooter award for his class.

50 years ago

March 25, 1971



COLLEGE OF IDAHO student body officers elected last week, from left, Barbara Bentley, Wallace, treasurer; Michael Rettig, Travis AFB, Calif., administrative vice president; Leah Cheese, Payette, secretary; Barry Fujishin, Homedale, president; and Hope Hendricks, Claremont, Calif., social vice president.

Roy Eiguren named to U of I Student Senate

Roy Eiguren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Eiguren of Meridian, formerly of Homedale, has been elected to the Student Senate of the University of Idaho.

Eiguren, a 1970 graduate of Homedale High School, will serve as the president pro tempore of the Senate, since he was the candidate who received the highest number of votes among those running for the 13-member body.

Swimming pool group meets to elect officers

A special meeting and election was held Tuesday, March 16, by the Homedale Swimming Pool Corporation at the city hall with 19 members present. Visitors were Jim Wheeler, FHA county supervisor; Sharon Frost, Homedale PE teacher, and Janine Townsend.

The annual election was held by corporation members with seven officers elected to the board. Elected were Tony Miyasako, Dick Davies, Norm Tolmie, Harp Saunders, Homer Anderson, Deward Bell and Jim Duncan. The annual meeting was then adjourned and a board of directors meeting was called for the purpose of electing officers. Homer Anderson was elected president with Deward Bell, vice president; Tony Miyasako, treasurer; Harp Saunders, assistant treasurer; Dick Davies, secretary; Norm Tolmie, assistant secretary and Jim Duncan, auditor.

Progress on construction of the \$62,500 pool, was reported to be approximately two-thirds completed with the weather conditions hampering further work at the present. The pool is expected to be completed in May.

Harold Tolmie chosen to head Homedale C of C

Officers for the coming year were elected at the regular dinner meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Owyhee Lanes café.

Harold Tolmie was named president and Ray Tolsma, vice president. Cliff Turner was appointed for another term as secretary-treasurer. New board members are Darrel Reisch, Marion Vance and Ray Tolsma.

City Council sets 1971 budget at \$160,641

At the special budget hearing of the Homedale City Council Monday night the annual appropriation ordinance was adopted, calling for general fund expenditures in 1971 of \$119,687.57, and total budget, including all funds, of \$160,641.25.

A low bid of \$1,672.00 from Burns Chevrolet Co., Caldwell, was accepted with trade-in of present police car on a new police car.

A low bid from Owyhee Motors, Homedale, of \$3,192.00 for a second police car, with no trade-in, was accepted.

155 years ago

March 24, 1866

ST. PATRICK'S DAY. – This day was duly celebrated in Owyhee. An epicurean supper was served at the New State Hotel under the auspices of and for the benefit of the Fenian Brotherhood of Owyhee County. Including invited guests, seventy persons partook of the feast. At 11 o'clock, the table was cleaned off and wine brought in abundance. After so excellent a supper, everyone felt good and the introduction of wine, toasts and responses enhanced the mellow feeling of the party. Annexed are the regular toasts and names of the respondents:

1. "The Day we Celebrate." T. G. Murphy.
2. "The President of the U. S." H Martin.
3. "Idaho Territory." R. T. Miller.
4. "May Fenianism and its glorious objects succeed." J. C. Riorden.
5. "Robert Emmet – may his Epitaph soon be written." T. G. Murphy.
6. "May Ireland and her struggle for freedom never cease until crowned with success." Judge Watson.
7. "America – the Land of the Free, the Home of the Brave – may she never have but one object in view hereafter; that is, may her sons vie with each other to perpetuate and maintain 'one and inseparable' this glorious Union." J. M. Kirkpatrick.
9. "The Memory of Washington." T. G. Murphy.
10. "The Press." John Wasson.

The responses were apt and a few would have been no less so, if they had been more condensed. The exercises were interspersed with a liberal supply of comic, and Irish and American patriotic songs. At 2:30 A.M., 18th, the company dispersed feeling very enthusiastic. From first to last the exercises were interesting.

MILLS COMING. – We hear it stated authoritatively that several mills of various capacities are to be erected here during the coming Summer. This is good news to owners of ledges, if they will only use the advantages. If owners of ledges will get out one hundred tons of rock and give it to a mill to crush, and it proves valuable, their fortunes are made immediately. That much rock – no matter how rich – is a mere nothing from a ledge, and would scarcely be missed. The cost of taking it out is small, while it develops the mine and places a value upon it. We believe the Lincoln mill stands ready to test rock on three or more favorable terms, and guarantees correct returns. We also believe this Company are ready to buy and pay liberally for paying ledges. There are at least one hundred ledges in Carson and French Districts, any one of which might be sold for its real value by spreading a few hundred dollars in the way indicated. We believe, also, that mill companies will advance sufficient funds to defray actual expenses – to take out rock for this purpose.

FLINT DISTRICT. – Advices from the Flint are flattering. The district is alive with prospectors, parties working out assessments and opening mines. Labor shows the ledges to better advantage. The Eagle Bird was considered doubtful last Fall. A shaft of 50 feet exhibits a ledge of No. 1 ore. The John Jacob Astor was located nearly one year ago. Lies north of the Rising Star. Judge Lynara, Fred Warnkee, McCarthy and others claim 1600 feet on the ledge. Recently parties have been working assessments. Have shaft down twenty feet. Ledge is fully three and one-half feet thick and very rich. We got this report from one of the claimants who has been working on it.

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BOCC recognizes Fair Housing Month

Proclamation part of road map to federal grant eligibility

The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners made a proclamation during its March 15 meeting, declaring April as Fair Housing Month, marking the 53rd anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, commonly known as the Federal Fair Housing Act.

According to the proclamation, recognizing Fair Housing month is important because:

- Equal opportunity for all is a fundamental goal of our nation, state and county; and
- Equal access to housing is an important component of this goal — as fundamental as the right to equal education and employment; and
- Housing is a critical component of family and community health and stability; and
- Housing choice impacts our children’s access to education, our ability to seek and retain employment options, cultural benefits, the extent of exposure to crime and drugs, and quality of health care received in emergencies.

The proclamation goes on to state that ongoing education, outreach, and monitoring are keys to awareness of fair

housing principals, practices, rights, and responsibilities, and that only through cooperation and commitment can barriers to fair housing be removed.

The commissioners declare April as Fair Housing month annually by official proclamation.

The proclamation is among the criteria for counties and cities to remain compliant with steps necessary to qualify for Idaho Community Block Grants, according to an Idaho Department of Commerce handbook. Those grants are funded with federal money, therefore, the Fair Housing Proclamation is necessary.

Commissioners approve concrete pad construction

The commissioners have accepted a proposal from Caldwell-based Blackstone Concrete to construct a standard concrete pad at the Opaline tipping station office on Idaho highway 78.

The \$3,774 project includes excavation and the construction of a 12-foot by 20-foot pad on which the existing office will be placed.

No completion date was given.

— TK



Homedale man wins Marsing Gun Show raffle

Homedale resident Kevin Fry won the Henry lever-action .22 rifle during the Marsing Gun Show. Sponsored by American Legion Post 128, the show was held Saturday and Sunday, March 13-14 at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center. From left: Post 128 Cmdr. Darryl Burham, Kevin Fry, and Lonnie Fry. Submitted photo

Wilder man busted for drugs

A 26-year-old Wilder man is out on bail after his arrest outside Homedale on multiple drug charges.

Jose Villafanna Mosqueda posted a \$1,000 cash bond Monday after his initial appearance before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington in Murphy.

Mosqueda has been charged with felony possession of a controlled substance, with misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance and unlawful transportation of an alcoholic beverage

by a driver.

Mosqueda was taken into custody near the intersection of Pioneer and Jump Creek roads last Saturday night.

An Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy was assisting a Homedale Police officer with a traffic stop on Industrial Road near U.S. Highway 95 when a 2010 Dodge Caliber approached the intersection before turning and heading back east on Industrial.

The deputy found it suspicious and pursued the Caliber down Industrial before ultimately pulling the vehicle over near the intersection of Pioneer and Jump Creek roads.

Villafanna Mosqueda failed a standard field sobriety test but passed the Breathalyzer test.

Upon searching Mosqueda, the deputy discovered two grams package weight of methamphetamine and paraphernalia.

Additionally, an open container of alcohol was found in the vehicle.

— TK

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Homedale's John Lejardi dives head-first into home plate to score a run in the fourth inning Thursday against McCall-Donnelly.

Top-shelf pitching stabilizes HHS

Rebounding from shaky defensive start, baseball team reaches .500

Homedale High School's pitchers are rolling into Spring Break.

Dominant hurlers helped the Trojans even their baseball record with

two stingy performances, including a tandem no-hitter against New Plymouth on March 16.

Thursday: Homedale 6, McCall-Donnelly 3 —

Tommy Muir and Dakota Gammell combined on a one-hitter in the Trojans' 3A Snake River Valley conference opener at John Jackson Field.

Muir handcuffed the Vandals, whose sleeveless

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Sitts sets Trojans' tone

Hall hits grand slam vs. NP in three-win week

Transfer student-athlete Dani Sitts retired the first 13 batters she faced Thursday as Homedale High School rolled in an abbreviated softball conference opener.

Sitts, who moved from

Parma, mowed down McCall-Donnelly batters in an 11-1 victory halted after five innings of 3A Snake River Valley conference action at Homedale Middle School.

The right-hander struck out 10 of the first 14 batters.

After 4 1/3 innings, Sitts lost her perfect game when Kaitlyn Tucker reached first

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Dani Sitts kicked up some dirt while setting down McCall-Donnelly.

Tourney time comes to Jackson Field

Homedale softball plays Friday, Saturday at Vallivue

Forget about March Madness, it's Spring Break tournament time for those who deal on the diamond for Homedale High School.

The Trojans' baseball and softball teams will get in a bunch of action later this week.

Coach Burke Deal's baseball squad has a four-game homestand between Thursday and Saturday as John Jackson

Field in Homedale plays host to a wing of the Idaho Central Credit Union Spring Break Tournament.

Coach Larry Corta's softball players are at Vallivue High School in Caldwell on Friday and Saturday for their annual foray into the tough WTP Spring Break Tournament.

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Owyheean do their part for Melba track

Mustangs shine at home again

Melba High School's track and field team is 2-for-2 at home this season.

The Mustangs easily swept the team top spots in last Wednesday's tri-meet against Nampa Christian and Cole Valley Christian at Dave Mangum Track.

Owyhee County's Brooklynn Dayley, a freshman, led Melba's top-three sweep in the girls' 400 meters. She crossed the line in 1 minute, 4.41 seconds, and teammates Faith Svedin (sr., 1:04.93) and Hallie Arnold (so., 1:05.54) followed with personal records.

Another Owyheean also

snatched victory in the boys' meet with sophomore McKoy Richardson running to a time of 44.02 in the 300-meter hurdles.

Richardson ran the second leg on the winning 4x400 relay squad, too. Reuben Manzer, Tyler Arnold and Joshua Leavitt flashed to a 3:40.59.

Richardson's third victory came in the high jump when he went 5 feet, 10 inches.

Dayley was second in the girls' 800 at 2:39.1, less the five seconds behind junior teammate Lacey Leavitt (2:34.24).

Dayley was also runner-up in the 3,200 at 13:07.31 as sophomore teammate Rozzlyn

— See *Melba*, Page 3B

Injury stalls HHS Cheer's state meet momentum

Melba takes runner-up in 2A subcategory

Two local cheer squads competed in Friday's state meet at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa.

Melba's team was runner-up in the

Class 2A state all-girl subcategory behind Firth. Oakley won the overall 2A state championship.

Making the program's third appearance in the state championships, Homedale finished seventh out of eight teams in its subcategory and seventh out of 11 teams overall in the 3A

competition.

Cheer team captains are senior Gracie Rotter and junior Destiny Castellanos.

Team members include:

• **Seniors** — Anahi Cortez and Emma Thornton

• **Juniors** — Abbie Hall, Cassandra

Guzman, and Maribel Garcia

• **Sophomore** — Mariah Lopez

• **Freshmen** — Abagale Hall, Deonna Barnard, Bella Goettling, and Heidi Heng

Cheer coach Jessie Kerbs receives

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Sports

Opener reflects bright future

Reigning state champ sets PR

Youngsters stepped up in the first meet of the season, but Homedale High School had its share of veterans come forward on the track and in the field.

Thomas Symms launched his final prep season with personal records in the throws in New Plymouth on March 16.

The senior popped a PR of 162 feet, 4 inches to win the discus, an event in which he is the reigning 3A state champion. He was third in the shot put with another PR (43-10).

Symms' mark in the discus wiped out his previous PR of 161-10 that clinched the 2019 3A District III championship. He followed that up with the state title.

Junior Allison Whitehead highlighted Homedale's girls' meet with victories in the long jump (15-11) and triple jump

(33-9½). The triple jump mark was a personal best.

Junior Isabel Jacobs sent a message with her PR in the girls' discus, winning the event by nearly 10 feet with a toss of 99-9.

Three seniors helped the Trojans win the boys' sprint medley in 2 minutes, 56.39 seconds.

Milo Mertz, Keagan Christensen (200 meters) and Bryce Cornwall (400) led off as junior Christopher Aguilera ran the final 800 meters.

Mertz and Christensen teamed up with another 12th-grader Erik Hernandez and sophomore Danny Detbun for a second-place 47.34 in the 4x100.

Cornwall was runner-up in the boys' triple jump at 38-½.

Another program newcomer, senior Todd Beatty, took third in the discus at 134-10.

Several freshmen burst on the scene, too.

Bobby Christensen (2nd, 5:19.68) and Brock Johnson

(5th, 5:34.87) were among four Trojans competing in the 1,600 meters.

On the girls' side, Kinlee Garrett showed off the potential brewing in the middle school. The ninth-grader finished second in the 100-meter hurdles (19.55) and led off the Trojans' second-place sprint medley relay squad.

Garrett and fellow freshman Carli Moore led off with a pair of 100-meter sprints, and senior Emily Craft (200) and junior Whitehead (400) wrapped up a 2:12.28 effort.

Moore, Garrett and another freshman, Mylisa Barrett, finished in the top 10 in the long jump.

Craft attained a personal record with her third-place showing in the high jump (4-6).

Three freshmen — Moore, Barrett and Heather Reynolds — and a sophomore, Kambell Garrett, pushed Homedale to third place in the girls' 4x100 (1:01.95).

Mustangs' one-hitter, HRs run Pilots aground

Pitching and power lifted Melba High School to its first softball win of the season last Wednesday.

Ashlie Shaffer pitched a one-hitter and struck 13 in the Mustangs' 21-0 shellacking of Glenns Ferry.

The non-conference game was halted after five innings because of the 10-run rule.

Kylie Aldrich and Emily Zavala both popped home runs for the Mustangs (1-2 overall).

Melba led, 2-0, when the Mustangs erupted for 10 runs in the bottom of the second.

Aldrich and Zavala were among three batters in the top of the order to get three hits. Keylee Wilson was 3-for-5.

Aldrich also doubled and drove in four runs, and Zavala and Ember Svetich delivered three RBI each. Shaffer helped her own cause with a double.

The Pilots managed just two baserunners.

March 16: Parma 9, Melba 8 — The Panthers scored four runs in the second to take control then held off a last-inning rally in a non-conference game.

Host Melba owned a 4-2 lead after the first inning and trailed by four runs heading into its final at-bat.

The Mustangs scored three times in the bottom of the seventh, but Parma reliever Chloe Becker closed the door.

Parma scored four runs against Wilson in the top of the second to take a 6-4 lead.

After Melba pulled to within a run in the third, Parma struck for three runs in the sixth.

Aldrich, Wilson, Zavala and Janay Phillips ripped doubles for Melba. Phillips had two hits and two RBI. She and Wilson scored two runs apiece. Wilson was the Mustangs' top hitter, going 3-for-4.

Only five of the nine runs Wilson allowed were earned after the Mustangs committed five errors.



Homedale Trojans





Baseball
Cody Liebschwager, jr., 3B/P
Batted .444 (4-9), 2B, 2 runs, 6 RBI; 4Ks vs. Emmett



Softball
Dani Sitts, fr., P
22 strikeouts; 1-hitter vs. N.P., leadoff HR vs. Emmett



Track and field
Isabel Jacobs, jr.
Won New Plymouth shot put with personal best



Golf
Téa Uranga, jr.
88 in Nampa Invite; Weiser Invite runner-up



Tennis
Cheyenne Kelly, jr.
Trying to break through to State



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Baseball
Varsity
Idaho Central Credit Union Tournament
(At John Jackson Field)
Thursday, March 25 vs. Capital, 9 a.m.
Thursday, March 25 vs. South Fremont, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, March 26 vs. Wood River, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 27 vs. Burley, 12:30 p.m.
3A Snake River Valley conference
Tuesday, March 30, home vs. Payette, 5 p.m.
Junior varsity
Tuesday, March 30 at Payette, 5 p.m.

Track and field
Friday, April 2 at McCall/Payette tri-meet, Payette, 3 p.m.

Golf
Coed
Monday, March 29 at 3A Snake River Valley conference meet
(9 holes), Scotch Pines GC, Payette, 3 p.m.

Softball
Varsity
WTP Spring Break Classic
(At Vallivue H.S., Caldwell)
Friday, March 26 vs. Caldwell, JV field, 2 p.m.
Friday, March 26 vs. Jerome, JV field, 4 p.m.
Saturday, March 27 vs. Middleton, varsity field, 2 p.m.
Saturday, March 27 at Vallivue, varsity field, 4 p.m.
3A Snake River Valley conference
Tuesday, March 30, home vs. Payette, 5 p.m.
Junior varsity
Tuesday, March 30 at Payette, 5 p.m.

Tennis
Thursday, April 8 at Weiser, 4 p.m.



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Sports

Trojans play catch-up on court

Top boys' player co-ops from Marsing

Homedale High School consistently plays tennis from behind the 8-ball.

In 2021, the chasm between the Trojans and other teams in the 3A Snake River Valley conference may grow wider.

The season began last week with an exhibition dual meet at home against Payette and a dual meet in Nampa against Skyview.

Homedale does have the benefit of a middle school feeder program, and the returning players saw very little competition before last season was mothballed because of COVID-19.

"The loss of the season was a big blow to our teams as we only had five girls with any tennis experience and they only had one year of playing," HHS 11th-year coach Scott Michaelson said.

The lack of a middle school program adds to the situation.

"Players at Homedale have a lot of catching up to do when they get to high school," Michaelson said. "Losing a year of experience makes it more difficult."

There are 14 players out for the Trojans this year — five boys and nine girls — but one

player from 2019 decided to run track this season.

Laney Swallow, who was part of Homedale's No. 2 doubles team two seasons ago, has entered as a sprinter and jumper for the track team this year.

A small squad doesn't bode well for being competitive in dual meets, but the coach sees a teaching moment, too.

"We have low numbers this year, which presents the opportunity for more individual attention and potential for greater improvement," Michaelson said. "The players have positive attitudes."

"On the other hand, it would be nice to have more competition for spots on the team, creating additional motivation to work hard. On the down side, we don't have a lot of experience, which makes it difficult to build confidence."

Four athletes are back for the tennis team.

"They will be key to our success," Michaelson said.

• **Elizabeth Whitehead** — Swallow's doubles teammate two seasons ago will be the Trojans' top girls' singles player.

• **Cheyenne Kelly** — Kelly came within two victories in the 3A District III Tournament in 2019 of qualifying for the state tournament. Her final match two seasons ago ended in a third-set tiebreaker.

• **Abbey Henry** — The Trojans' No. 2 singles player from 2019 will start the season as part of the top doubles team.

• **Whitney Ross** — Michaelson said the returning play could play in both parts of the

ladder because she has singles and doubles experience.

The boys' ladder will feature players who are still learning the ropes in high school tennis, but there is potential.

• **Austin Franko** — A newcomer as a sophomore last season had shown improvement before the season was shut down, Michaelson said.

"He is very fast and continues to pick up the game quickly," the coach said.

Franko will team with Kelly in the Trojans' top mixed doubles duo.

• **Maite Frank** — Michaelson said the sophomore picked up the game quickly as a freshman and will start 2021 with Henry as the No. 1 girls' doubles team.

The team's top boys' singles player — freshman Terrance LaFleur — is a co-op player from Marsing. He'll play with the Trojans until the postseason then represent the Huskies at the 2A District III Tournament and, if he qualifies, the 2A state tournament.

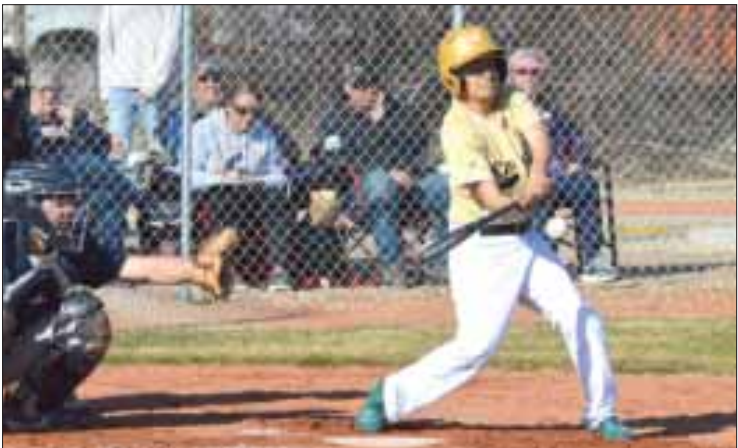
Although he has no experience, Michaelson said LaFleur has played independently.

"Terrance LaFleur and Elizabeth Whitehead will be our standouts this season because they work hard," Michaelson said.

"If they continue to improve, they have a good chance of qualifying for State."

The coach also sees the potential for Franko and Kelly to be a standout doubles team with a shot at a state tournament date.

— JPB



Rimrock's Luis Araujo prepares to make contact during the team's game at Marsing High School on March 16.

Rimrock loses late

Rimrock High School surrendered three runs in the bottom of the final inning to lose a non-conference baseball game Thursday in Melba.

The Mustangs' junior varsity squad pulled out a 7-6 victory in five innings.

The Raiders snagged a 6-4 lead with three runs in the top of the fifth. It was Rimrock's second lead of the game.

The Raiders (0-2 overall) snapped a 1-1 tie with two runs in the third inning. In the bottom of the frame, Melba inched closer, 3-2, before taking

a one-run lead with a two-run rally in its next at-bat.

The teams combined for 15 singles, but Rimrock committed six errors that led to five unearned runs.

Alex Martinez, Aden Aquiso and Mike Nanney picked up two singles apiece for the Raiders. Martinez and Aquiso both knocked in two runs.

Luis Araujo notched a single and an RBI, while Ira Black had a base hit.

Pedro Varela scored twice from the top of the Raiders' order.

Clark, Ankeny close careers in state all-star games

Local all-stars came out on the losing end in the 18th annual Idaho Statewide Basketball All-Star Games.

The games for seniors were played Saturday at Post Falls High School in North Idaho.

Marsing's Jacob Ankeny scored two points in the Metro All-Stars' 109-108 last-second loss to the Region All-Stars.

In the girls' game, Melba's Kate Clark was her team's second-leading scorer with 10 points, but the Region squad defeated the Metro stars, 76-58.

The Metro All-Stars are comprised of top players from the Treasure Valley, while the Region All-Stars draw from around the state.

✓ Melba: Mustangs girls dominate sprints; boys rule relay races, throws

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Cazier captured one of her two distance wins.

Cazier won the longest race of the day in 12:59.12, and she captured the 1,600 in a personal-best 5:57.5. Lacey Leavitt (6:08.58) was runner-up.

Sophomore Meya Young swept the girls' sprints with a hand-timed 13.15 seconds in the 100 meters and a 28.37 in the 200.

Young led a top-four Melba sweep in the 200 followed by Svedin (28.66), sophomore Hallie Arnold (28.93), and freshman Ahna Shaffer (29 seconds flat).

Sophomore Kendall Clark captured the 100-meter hurdles

in 17.12 seconds. Junior Morgan Freeland was fourth with a PR of 21.38.

Arnold, Young, Kendall Clark and her sister Kate captured the 4x200 relay in 1:49.93, while Arnold, Dayley, Kate Clark and Leavitt won the 4x400 in 4:25.0.

The Clark sisters were up to the gold standard in the jumps, too. Kendall won the high jump with a mark of 5 feet even, while Kate beat teammate Young by two inches in the long jump. Kate attained 14-9 as the Mustangs corralled four of the top five spots in the event.

Kendall also won the triple jump at 33-4. Runner-up Melina Helm notched a PR

of 29-9, while juniors Jacie Huddleston (25-7) and Daisee Crossley (24-6) were third and fourth, respectively.

Junior Tayler McCoy flung the discus to a personal-best 105 feet for the win and captured third in the shot put at 30-4. Sophomore teammate Gabby Colunga nailed a PR of 29-0 for fourth in the shot.

Senior Joshua Leavitt continued his strong start at distance, posting a PR of 2:29.09 to win the 800. Richardson (2:14.52) and Manzer (2:22.8) took second and third, respectively.

The Mustangs swept the relays, winning the 4x100 (46.09), 4x200 (1:35.96), and 4x400 (3:40.59).

There was some overlap among the relay teams: Andrew Herman and Joey Bradshaw were part of the the 4x100 and 4x200, and Tyler Arnold ran third leg in the 4x200 and 4x400. Other athletes in the 4x100 included Easton Draper and Dillon Stosich. Zane Helm led off the 4x200, and Reuben Manzer, Richardson, and Leavitt rounded out the 4x400.

Melba juniors Will Vail and Sean Canoy traded titles in the throws. Vail won the shot put in 36-4, while Canoy was second at 35-4. Canoy PR'd in the discus (107-2), and Vail was runner-up at 102-0.

Bradshaw (19-9½) and fellow senior Helm (39-4)

took the long jump and triple jump, respectively, both with personal-best measures. Cameron Wood (38-11) was triple jump runner-up, and Helm finished third in the long jump (18-2½).

Different Mustangs grabbed second place in the boys' sprints: Bradshaw ran an 11.75 in the 100, and Draper clocked 24.61 in the 200. Draper was .04 of a second in front of senior teammate Tyler Arnold.

Arnold had one of 10 Melba personal records when he finished fourth in the 400. Joshua Leavitt was third in 56.47, Manzer grabbed fifth in 57.59, and sophomore Grant Svedin took seventh in 49.28.

Sports

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The Trojans will play two games on Thursday followed by single baseball contests on Friday and Saturday.

The Trojans play the late games on both Friday and Saturday at home.

Friday's 4:30 p.m., opponent is Wood River, while Homedale clashes with Burley at 12:30 p.m., on Saturday.

Other games at John Jackson Field include:

Thursday — Capital vs. Mountain Home, 11:30 a.m.; and Mountain Home vs. South Fremont, 2 p.m.

Friday — Parma vs. Filer, 11:30 a.m.; and Parma vs. South Fremont, 2 p.m.

Saturday — Rigby vs.
Century, 10 a.m.

Games will be played at eight different sites, and 37 teams are entered. Other games

will be played at Vallivue and Caldwell high schools, Nampa, Columbia and Skyview high schools, Bishop Kelly in Boise, and Mountain View in Meridian.

WTP tournament

Homedale's softball team will play a pair of afternoon games at Vallivue on both Friday and Saturday.

The Trojans start off the tournament at 2 p.m., on Friday against Caldwell, followed by a 4 p.m. matchup against Jerome. Both games will be played on Vallivue's junior varsity field.

On Saturday, Homedale meets Middleton (2 p.m.) and Vallivue (4 p.m.) on Vallivue's varsity field.

Other games in the 31-team tournament will be played at Ridgevue in Nampa, Eagle and Meridian.

An all-day pass costs \$6 each day for adults, \$4 for students with student body cards, and \$3 for senior citizens.

Tournament organizers urge fans to bring their own chairs because of limited seating at Vallivue.

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help from assistants Alex Muir and Payton Kerbs, both of whom are former four-year HHS cheerleaders. Muir is a member of The College of Idaho cheerleading squad this year.

Both Muir and Kerbs served on the HHS squad that competed at State twice.

Freshman Emma Kerbs is the team manager.

"We didn't place as high as we wanted, but we had a great time despite losing one of our girls the night before," Jessie Kerbs said.

The Trojans cheerleaders' stay in the 2021 state contest was hampered by the absence of team member Bella Goettling. The freshman wasn't allowed to compete Friday morning

after sustaining an elbow injury at the end of the HHS junior varsity softball team's Thursday night game against McCall-Donnelly.

“Having to deal with some last-minute changes, I have to say that I am so incredibly proud of this group of ladies,” Kerbs said. “It’s been a long, hard, rewarding, unpredictable year.”

“They have pushed through, and we have accomplished every goal we set for this year. And I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to be a part of these special kids’ lives.”

Sugar-Salem was the overall 3A state champion, and Weiser finished second.

Weiser won the all-girl show cheer subcategory. — JPB



Sports

Marsing breaks out early against Rimrock

An early offensive surge helped the Marsing High School baseball team hop out to a big lead against visiting Rimrock on March 16.

After falling behind in the top of the first inning, Marsing exploded for nine runs in its first at-bat and rolled to a 19-8 non-conference victory.

The game was halted after five innings because of the 10-run rule.

The Raiders (0-2 overall) had grabbed a 1-0 lead in the top of the first.

The floodgates opened for the Huskies (4-2-1) in the first when James Hance stole home after drawing a walk and swiping second base.

Marsing's first seven batters reached base without the benefit of a hit. After three walks, two hit batters and a Rimrock error, the Huskies led, 4-1.



Rimrock's Mike Nanney (left) tags Marsing's Xavier Delgadillo in a close play at the plate during the game on March 16.

The parade began again with one out as Hance doubled and Xavier Degadillo singled during a reignited rally that also included two more walks.

Rimrock clawed back into the game with six runs in the top of the second, but Marsing

again responded in the bottom of the inning.

Highlighted by Robert Renteria's two-run single and an RBI hit from Bowen Campbell, the Huskies' six-run outburst pushed the advantage to 14-7. Marsing added two runs in the third

and three in the fourth.

Rimrock couldn't avoid the early exit, scoring just one more run in the fifth. Mike Nanney scored when Logan Field reached on an error.

The Raiders' second-inning rally featured an Eli Aquiso single. He scored later on pitcher Kolton Scott's error.

Luis Araujo's bases-loaded single brought in two more Rimrock runs.

Nanney scored on Coupe Urrutia's fielding error, and Aquiso knocked in the final run of the six-run rally with his second single of the inning.

Hance led the Huskies with a pair of doubles and four RBI. He also scored twice.

Campbell had a pair of hits, and logged two RBI and two runs.

Delgadillo, Scott, Wyman, and Renteria had one hit each.

Scott allowed seven runs on

four hits, while striking out two and walking two.

Renteria picked Scott up, allowing no runs on four hits and striking out four.

JT Chadez allowed one hit in the fifth, with one run, one strikeout and one walk.

Rimrock's Aden Aquiso had three hits with an RBI and a run scored.

Raiders teammate Pedro Varela scored twice.

Pitcher Asa Frederick allowed nine runs (eight earned) on just one hit in the start. He struck out one and walked five in one-third of an inning.

Nanney pitched 2 2/3 innings, allowing seven runs on five hits and five walks. He struck out five Huskies' batters.

Eli Aquiso pitched the fourth, allowing three runs on two hits, with three strikeouts and two walks.

— TK

Eldridge wins girls' shot put, leads Rimrock PRs

Emma Eldridge led a day of personal records for the Rimrock High School track and field team.

The senior powered to a victory in New Plymouth with a 34-foot, 4½-inch heave in the shot put.

Her personal record came with a runner-up showing in the discus when she flung the object 89-1.

Freshman Ashten Moore ran her

fastest 400 meters, finishing eight in 1 minute, 11.36 seconds. She also took fourth in the 1,600 at 6:13.8.

Another senior, Madison Macmillan, took third in the 200 meters with a season-best 28.11. She was runner-up in the 100 at 13.64, and had the third-longest effort in the long jump at 15-2.

Junior Victor Lemus had the best

finish among the Rimrock boys, taking fourth in the 800 in 2:19.95.

There were plenty of Rimrock PRs in the boys' meet, too. He was eighth in the 400 at 1:00.91.

- Sophomore Angel Gallardo ran 14.4 in the 100 and 30.37 in the 200.
- Sophomore Julio Alamilla went 27.92 in the 200.
- Senior Braxton Carothers posted a

28-3 effort in the shot put.

- Lemus (14-9¾) and Alamilla (12-4) in the long jump
- Other girls' PRs:
- Moore (15.6) and sophomore Dayanara Hurtado (15.69) in the 100
- Hurtado (3:34.37) in the 800
- Sophomore Cristal Araujo (20-6¾) in the shot put

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Baseball
James Hance, jr., 3B
2 doubles, 2 RBI vs Rimrock

Softball
Mazzi Roper, sr., 3B
HR, double at Wilder

Track and field
Vanessa Freeman, so.
Won 100, 200 meters at Weiser

Golf
Regan Stansell, jr.
Second year on varsity

Baseball
Tuesday, March 30 at Rimrock, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, March 31, home vs. Wilder, 5 p.m.

Softball
Wednesday, March 31, home vs. Wilder, 5 p.m.

Track and field
Friday, April 2 at McCall/Payette tri-meet, Payette, 1 p.m.

Golf
Coed
Wednesday, March 24 at Victory Charter meet (9 holes), RedHawk GC, Nampa
Monday, March 29 at Cole Valley Christian meet, River Birch GC, Star, noon

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Sports

Huskies' sprinters continue early dominance

Sprinters once again ruled the day for Marsing High School in its tri-meet with Weiser and McCall-Donnelly on March 16 in Weiser.

Sophomore Vanessa Freeman pulled off a pair of first-place finishes in the 100- and 200-meter races. In both events, she topped McCall-Donnelly's Alana Evensen and Shelby Aldrich.

Freeman finished the 100 in 13.39 seconds (a personal record), .25 of a second ahead of Evensen and .55 up on Aldrich. She crossed the finish line at 29.02 in the 200, .42 and .43 seconds ahead of her nearest rivals.

Freeman finished fourth in the 400 with a time of 1 minute, 10.66 seconds. She also placed fourth in the long jump, leaping 12 feet even.

"Vanessa ... is proving to be a force this season," coach Heidi Ankeny said. "As a sophomore, she is beating out upperclassmen in the 100 and



Marsing's Vanessa Freeman out-kicks two opponents to win the girls' 100 meters during the March 16 meet in Weiser. Submitted photo

200 and putting (in) solid, fast times for the beginning of the season."

The Huskies' Jacob Ankeny continued his strong early-season performances. He placed first in the 100 (11.43), 200 (23.05), and 400 (53.41).

Ankeny's times in the 200 and 400 were personal-best

marks.

"He intimidates people when he gets out there," Heidi Ankeny said of the 6-foot, 8-inch senior. "He is a big boy, and he moves fast."

The senior also anchored the 4x400 relay team (3:49.35) in its runner-up finish, joining Jordan Blas (first leg), Braden

Ankeny (second), and Josue Espejel (third).

Junior Trayton Jacobi added to his early-season results, finishing third in the shot put (38 feet, 9.75 inches) and fifth in the discus (94-11).

"Once again, we were completely impressed with the hard work these kids put in every day," Heidi Ankeny said. "It really showed at this meet. They weren't intimidated by the large numbers of athletes the other two teams had."

Other Huskies' boys' performances included:

- **100** — Braden Ankeny (12.23, fifth); Espejel (12.76, 10th); Blas (12.79, 11th)
- **200** — Braden Ankeny (25.64, fifth); Blas (25.96, sixth); Espejel (26.04, eighth)
- **400** — Braden Ankeny (1:01.38, sixth); Edgar Melendrez (1:02.72, 10th)
- **800** — Dylan Harris (2:42.72, ninth); Elliot Little (2:46.31, 10th)
- **1,600** — Melendr-

ez (5:34.19, third); Harris (6:07.12, seventh); Little (6:20.89, eighth); Tyson Campbell (8:07.73, 11th)

• **Shot put** — Diego Margarito (26-11½, 14th); Robert Salazar (23-5 ¾, 18th); Emmanuel Gonzalez (21-8, 21st)

• **Discus** — Margarito (75-2, ninth); Salazar (54-4, 17th)

• **Long jump** — Espejel (15-6½, 12th); Blas (15-2, 14th); Melendrez (14-2¼, 19th)

On the girls' team:

• **100 meters** — Trinity Stimmel (16½, 16th)

• **800 meters** — Emily Vanosdall (2:57.88, third); Sal Mattivi (3:03.52, fourth)

• **1600 meters** — Vanosdall (6:45.83, third); Mattivi (6:56.45, fifth)

• **Shot put** — Destany Blackmore (20-5½, ninth); Stimmel (20-3½, 10th)

• **Discus** — Blackmore (48-8, ninth); Stimmel (41-11, 12th)

• **Triple jump** — Blackmore (20-5½, fifth)

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Sports

Huskies’ girls stumble in Fruitland tourney

Marsing High School struggled through three games at a weekend softball tournament at Mesa Park in Fruitland.

Friday: Payette 23, Marsing 4 (5) — The Huskies barely got their bats out of their bags when they found themselves in a quick 14-1 deficit in the second inning of a second game of the season against the Pirates.

Payette built the lopsided early score by taking advantage of eight walks, a pair of errors, three hit batsmen and four hits over the first two innings.

Marsing’s comeback in the bottom of the first stalled twice on close plays at the plate while Huskies occupied second and third.

Senior Delaney Percifield got Marsing on the scoreboard in its first at-bat. She scored on a dropped third strike after getting on base with a single.

The Huskies tacked on three more runs in the third. Lexi Loucks led off with a single and advanced to third on a pair of errors by Payette shortstop Madisyn Collingwood. Loucks scored on Jaristian Fuentes’ groundout. Percifield and Mila Astorquia scored on Collingwood’s third error in the inning.

Percifield led Marsing with two hits and two runs scored.

Also recording hits for the Huskies were Loucks and Mazzi Roper.

Astorquia threw 170 pitches in a complete game. Fourteen of Payette’s runs were earned, and the Pirates benefitted from 14 hits and 11 walks.

Astorquia notched five strikeouts.

Despite her defensive difficulties, Collingwood had a big game from the plate with a home run among her two hits, two RBI and three runs scored.

Friday: Cole Valley Christian 13, Marsing 5 (5) — The Huskies again struggled to get any kind of offensive flow.

After falling behind 12-2 after four innings, Marsing scored three in the fifth without recording a hit. Loucks was hit by a pitch, Percifield reached on an error, Astorquia walked, Jaci Sotelo reached on a dropped third strike, and Roper reached on an error.

The Huskies’ only hits were singles by Percifield, Fuentes, and Roper.

Astorquia had another com-



Above: Marsing’s Mazzi Roper connects for a home run in the fourth inning of last Wednesday’s non-conference rout of Wilder. Below: Mila Astorquia and two other Huskies pitchers teamed up to notch Marsing’s second no-hitter of the season.

plete game, throwing 127 pitches in five innings, allowing 13 runs on seven hits and five walks and striking out four.

The Huskies committed eight errors in the game.

Saturday: New Plymouth 18, Marsing 7 (5) — The tournament finale saw more of the same for the tired Huskies and their ace pitcher.

Astorquia pitched a third complete game in two days. She threw 432 pitches in 15 innings.

Marsing trailed, 10-0, before responding with six runs in the bottom of the third inning.

Astorquia had a two-run single to bring in Karla Salazar and Loucks for the big hit in the inning. Prior to that, Sotelo scored on a bases-loaded error by Emma Myers, and Anna Gluch came home on an error by pitcher Jewel Bell.

Later in the inning, Roper hit a singled to center, scoring Percifield, who was aboard after Bell’s error.

With the Huskies right back in the game, 10-6, the Pilgrims put the game out of reach with six runs in the fourth and two in the fifth.

The Huskies cobbled together one more run in the fifth.

Marsing again recorded just three hits, and 10 total for the tournament.

Roper had a pair of hits and three RBI, while Astorquia



scored twice.

Astorquia allowed 18 runs on five hits, while striking out four and walking 11.

Hadley Hill racked up four

RBI for the Pilgrims despite recording just one hit and one walk.

Last Wednesday: Marsing 26, Wilder 9 (5) — The Hus-

kies brought out the big sticks and three pitchers managed to record the team’s second no-hitter of the season in a non-conference matchup with the host Wildcats.

Wilder scored nine runs in the fourth inning, but could not break up the combined no-hitter spun by start Astorquia and relieves Salazar and Percifield.

Marsing owned a commanding 22-0 lead in the fourth inning when things began to fall apart for the pitching staff. Astorquia posted three scoreless innings, but Percifield and Salazar gave up a combined nine runs on eight walks in the fourth.

Loucks collected three singles, a double and a triple. She scored five times and notched two RBI.

Roper homered in the top of the fourth to highlight a two-hit day that included three RBI and four runs scored.

Gluch had three hits, including two doubles, scored three times, and had two RBI.

Percifield, Astorquia, and Emily Thorne each had a pair of hits.

Marissa Puga and Dani Salinas each scored twice for the Wildcats.

Wilder’s Yuima Mejia pitched a complete game, striking out six. Marsing touched her for 12 unearned runs, 18 hits and 10 walks.

— TK

Sports

✓ HHS: Vandals manage one loud first-inning double against Trojans

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uniforms were reminiscent of burly Cincinnati Reds' slugger Ted Klusewski, but belied a lack of pop in the visitors' bats.

McCall's coaching staff remained voraciously enthusiastic throughout the game, but Muir cruised.

The right-hander struck out nine in 5 2/3 innings. He exited after allowing three unearned runs in the top of the sixth inning.

Gammell ended the threat and closed the game by striking out three of the four batters he faced.

Connor Hill blasted a double to center field with two outs in the first inning for the Vandals' only hit.

McCall had three baserunners through five innings, and none of them got past second base. Muir picked off Hill at second base after the shortstop had walked and advanced on a passed ball in the fourth inning.

The sun began setting on Muir's day when John Hatfield took first base on an error after Owen Naugle led off the sixth inning with a full-count walk. Coach Burke Deal lifted Muir after a balk, two passed balls and another walk.

The Trojans (3-3 overall, 1-0 in conference) scored five



Homedale's Josh Brown slides into second base as McCall-Donnelly shortstop Connor Hill anticipates the throw Thursday.

times in the bottom of the first to grab control early.

Cody Liebschwager laced a two-run single in the opening frame, and he scored on an error after Teron Morrison had picked up the team's third hit.

The big blast of the inning was Beeg Hockenhull's two-out triple to deep right-center field to plate Morrison.

John Lejardi brought Hockenhull home with the team's fifth hit of the inning.

Homedale would manage just three more hits the rest of the way, but Lejardi tripled with two outs in the third and scored on an attempted delayed double steal with

Josh Brown. Lejardi wasn't credited with a steal of home because McCall catcher Wylee Onthank dropped the throw at the plate as the baserunner slid in face-first.

Lejardi finished 2-for-3 with a run and an RBI. D'Orr Packer singled home Muir from second base in the first inning.

Morrison and Liebschwager had two hits apiece.

March 16: Homedale 13, New Plymouth 1 (5) — Muir and Hockenhull worked together to no-hit the visiting Pilgrims in a non-conference game.

The pitching tandem worked

around four walks and an unearned run in the fourth inning. Muir fanned six in the game's first 3 1/3 innings, and Hockenhull got four of his five outs by strikeout.

Homedale scored seven times in the bottom of the third to break open a 3-0 game.

The Trojans sent 12 batters to the plate in the big inning and scored four runs after Lejardi struck out for the second out.

Brown, Muir, Packer, Liebschwager, Morrison and Sigmund Goode posted six consecutive singles with two outs to keep the pressure on.

Liebschwager went 2-for-4 with five RBI, and Muir and Packer knocked in two runs each as the top three batters scored six runs and drove home nine.

Goode was 2-for-3 with two runs scored, and Packer scored three times while picking up a pair of singles.

March 15: Emmett 13, Homedale 0 (5) — The Class 4A Huskies poured it on at home to collect a non-conference victory.

The Trojans couldn't capitalize on four singles in the first four innings, and Emmett built on a 1-0 advantage with five runs in the bottom of the second.

The Huskies scored seven times in the fourth inning to put the game out of reach and

set up the 10-run rule.

Trace Tucker scattered five hits over four innings to get the victory for Emmett, which swept the season series.

Homedale didn't get a baserunner past second base, and the Huskies quelled two innings with double plays on outfield throws.

The first came in the first inning when Muir singled down the left-field line then was caught off first base when Packer hit a fly ball to center field.

Homedale had two men aboard for just the second time in the game in the fourth inning when another baserunning mistake ended the inning. Gammell led off with a single and moved to second when Goode drew a walk. The inning ended on Hockenhull's fly ball to center as Emmett's Timmy Williams made the catch and fired to shortstop Gage Larson for the double-up.

Homedale committed six errors leading to 10 unearned runs for Emmett. The errors and eight walks allowed the Huskies to pile up runs despite five hits, but three of those were doubles from Larson, Tucker and Roman Lake.

The Trojans averaged nearly six errors per game in their 1-3 start but committed only one each against McCall and New Plymouth last week.

✓ Trojans: Homedale slugs through perfect, high-scoring week of games

From Page 1B

base on a dropped third strike. The no-hitter and shutout ended when the next batter smashed a double to right field.

Tucker scored the unearned run, and Sitts sandwiched a hit batter between two strikeouts to end the game.

The Trojans (4-2 overall, 1-0 in conference) broke the game open with six runs in the third inning while already holding a 3-0 lead.

Kenzie Miller led off the bottom of the second with a home run to right field to build Homedale's 3-0 edge.

Homedale's first seven batters reached base in the third inning, including Olivia Asumendi's two-run single. Kaitlin Missamore led off the inning with a base hit, and the Vandals' Brooke Richardson allowed half of her eight walks in the inning.

Asumendi doubled and later stole home in the fourth inning, and Amaia Aberasturi led off the fifth inning and scored the game-ending run on Missamore's



Homedale's Olivia Miller fouls off a pitch during Thursday's win over McCall-Donnelly.

bases-loaded walk.

Asumendi was 2-for-3 for three RBI, and she and Miller scored two runs apiece.

March 16: Homedale 15, New Plymouth 6 — Zayne Hall got the Trojans off to a big start with a grand slam in the first inning in a non-conference home game.

Homedale led, 7-0, before

the Pilgrims broke through with a run in the third inning. Abby Dreyer led of the rally and moved around to third before scoring on Sitts' second wild pitch of the inning.

Homedale got insurance with two unearned runs in the bottom of the third. Missamore and Aberasturi both scored on errors.

New Plymouth committed six miscues, including two more in the sixth inning to drive the Trojans' five-run uprising.

Hall drove in five runs, including her final RBI on a bases-loaded walk in the sixth. She was on base in all five plate appearances and scored four times.

Sitts struck out 10 and pitched around 10 walks and three unearned runs in the game's first 3 1/3 innings. Asumendi fanned nine in the final 3 1/3 innings.

Asumendi and Katie Christoffersen collected two RBI each, while Missamore and Olivia Miller crossed the plate three times apiece.

Kenzie Miller ripped a run-scoring double with two outs in the fifth inning.

March 15: Homedale 16, Emmett 14 — The Trojans held off the hard-charging Huskies over the final two innings to avenge their only loss of the season.

Homedale strung together

three consecutive hits in the top of the seventh — including singles from Kenzie Miller and Kenna McKay and Christoffersen's double — to fuel an important two-run rally.

Emmett touched relief pitcher Hall for three unearned runs in the bottom of the seventh before Sitts slammed the door with a groundout with the tying run on second base.

Homedale held a 14-5 advantage after 5 1/2 innings of non-conference play when Emmett erupted for six runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. A three-run homer highlighted the uprising.

Four of the Huskies' final nine runs were unearned, and the Trojans committed six errors in the game.

Sitts led off the game with a homer and was 2-for-3 with two RBI and two runs scored. Kenzie Miller went 3-for-3 with a double, three runs scored and three RBI.

Maddie Miller knocked in four runs with a pair of singles.

Protect Your Health with a Heart-Smart Eating Plan

FAMILY FEATURES

As people have spent more time at home, many have rediscovered the simple joy of home-cooking and stumbled upon a secret weapon for health at the same time. By making smart, intentional decisions from breakfast to dinner and every meal (and drink) in-between, they are supporting strong bodies.

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Healthy eating provides benefits for the whole family whether members are managing existing health conditions or not. This recipe for Baked Parmesan Chicken is packed with 30 grams of protein in each serving yet delivers only 280 calories. For a tasty way to increase vegetable intake, try pairing the no-sugar chicken dish with Green Beans with Mushrooms and Onions.

A key to feeling your best begins with the first meal of the day. Start the morning on a nutritious note with this Ham and Broccoli Frittata – a low-sugar, low-fat, low-calorie alternative to traditional fat- and sugar-laden breakfast foods. With this recipe, you're setting yourself up for a healthy day and getting the energy you need to live it to the fullest.

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Baked Parmesan Chicken

Recipe courtesy of Know Diabetes by Heart
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 18 minutes
Servings: 4 (3 ounces chicken per serving)

- Cooking spray**
- 1 large egg
 - 1 tablespoon water
 - 2 teaspoons olive oil
 - 1/3 cup finely crushed, low-sodium, whole-grain crispbread
 - 1/3 cup shredded or grated Parmesan cheese
 - 2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground oregano
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 - 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts (about 4 ounces each), all visible fat discarded, flattened to 1/4-inch thickness

Preheat the oven to 400 F. Lightly spray a 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking dish with cooking spray.

In a shallow dish, whisk the egg, water and oil. In a separate shallow dish or pie pan, stir together the crispbread, Parmesan cheese, parsley, oregano and pepper. Dip the chicken in the egg mixture then in crumb mixture, turning to coat at each step and gently shaking off any excess. Using fingertips, gently press the coating mixture so it adheres to the chicken. Arrange the chicken in a single layer in the baking dish. Lightly spray the chicken with cooking spray.

Bake for 15-18 minutes, or until chicken is no longer pink in the center and the top coating is golden brown.

Nutritional information per serving: 280 calories; 80 calories from fat; 9 g total fat; 2.5 g saturated fat; 0 g trans fat; 1 g polyunsaturated fat; 4 g monounsaturated fat; 125 mg cholesterol; 340 mg sodium; 530 mg potassium; 18 g total carbohydrate; 4 g dietary fiber; 0 g sugar; 0 g added sugar; 30 g protein; 370 mg phosphorus. Choices/Exchanges: 1 starch, 4 lean protein.



Baked Parmesan Chicken



Ham and Broccoli Frittata

Ham and Broccoli Frittata

Recipe courtesy of Know Diabetes by Heart
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes
Servings: 4 (1/4 frittata per serving)

- Cooking spray**
- 2 cups frozen fat-free potatoes
 - O'Brien, thawed
 - 6 ounces small broccoli florets, rinsed in cold water, drained but not dried
 - 8 large egg whites
 - 1 large egg
 - 4 ounces lower-sodium, low-fat ham (uncured, nitrate/nitrite-free), cut into 1/4-inch cubes
 - 1/4 cup fat-free milk
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- Preheat the oven to 400 F.

Lightly spray a medium ovenproof skillet with cooking spray. Heat over medium heat. Remove from the heat. Put the potatoes in the skillet. Lightly spray with cooking spray. Cook for 4-5 minutes, or until potatoes are golden brown, stirring occasionally.

In a microwaveable bowl, microwave the broccoli, covered, on high for 3-4 minutes, or until tender-crisp. Drain in a colander. Stir the broccoli into the potatoes.

In a medium bowl, whisk the egg whites and egg. Whisk in the ham, milk and pepper. Pour the mixture over the potatoes and broccoli; stir well.

Bake for 15-18 minutes, or until the eggs are set.

Nutritional information per serving: 180 calories; 30 calories from fat; 3 g total fat; 1 g saturated fat; 0 g trans fat; 0.5 g polyunsaturated fat; 1.5 g monounsaturated fat; 60 mg cholesterol; 460 mg sodium; 570 mg potassium; 17 g total carbohydrate; 2 g dietary fiber; 4 g sugar; 1 g added sugar; 18 g protein; 210 mg phosphorus. Choices/Exchanges: 1 carbohydrate, 2 lean protein.

Green Beans with Mushrooms and Onions

Recipe courtesy of Know Diabetes by Heart
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Servings: 4 (1/2 cup per serving)

- Water**
- 8 ounces green beans, trimmed
 - 2 teaspoons olive oil
 - 4 ounces sliced mushrooms, stems discarded
 - 1/2 cup thinly sliced onion
 - 1 medium garlic clove, minced
 - 1/8 teaspoon salt
 - 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
 - 1 pinch pepper

Fill a medium saucepan 3/4 full of water. Bring to a boil, covered, over high heat. Cook the green beans, uncovered, 5 minutes, or until tender-crisp. Drain well in a colander.

In a medium nonstick skillet, heat the oil over medium-high heat, swirling to coat the bottom. Cook the mushrooms, onion, garlic and salt 5 minutes, or until the mushrooms are soft and lightly browned, stirring frequently. Stir in the lemon juice, pepper and cooked green beans.

Nutritional information per serving: 60 calories; 25 calories from fat; 2.5 g total fat; 0.5 g saturated fat; 0 g trans fat; 0.5 g polyunsaturated fat; 1.5 g monounsaturated fat; 0 mg cholesterol; 60 mg sodium; 300 mg potassium; 9 g total carbohydrate; 2 g dietary fiber; 4 g sugar; 0 g added sugar; 2 g protein; 70 mg phosphorus. Choices/Exchanges: 2 vegetable, 1/2 fat.



Green Beans with Mushrooms and Onions

Public notices

**NOTICE OF PENDING
ISSUE OF TAX DEED**
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, AS FOLLOWS: That a delinquent entry was entered as of January 1, 2016, in the records of the County Treasurer as Tax Collector of Owyhee County, State of Idaho, for the following property:
Parcel RPB00000346401A
Michael G & Jenell A Rice
3555 E John L Ave Lot 10
Kingman, Az 86409
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Costs:	\$605.00* *
TOTAL	\$1,458.70

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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that if said delinquent entry is not redeemed on or before April 12, 2021, by payment of said unpaid taxes together with late charge, interest and all unpaid costs and expenses up to the date of said payment at my office as Tax Collector, Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, ID, I shall thereupon, as required by law, make application to the Board of County Commissioners of Owyhee County, State of Idaho, for a hearing to be held on April 26, 2021, or as soon thereafter as said application can be heard at the Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, Idaho, for tax deed conveying the above described property to OWYHEE COUNTY, State of Idaho, absolute title, free of all encumbrances, except any lien for taxes which may have attached subsequently to the assessment hereinafter referred to. **YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED**, that the record owner or owners or any party of interest as defined by §63-1005, Idaho Code, may appear in person or by counsel, and if appearing, shall have adequate opportunity to be heard for the purpose of protesting the procedures used in taking this tax deed. **NO OTHER TYPE OF PROTEST WILL BE HEARD. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED**, that inquiries and objections concerning this notice of the information contained therein shall be directed to the OWYHEE COUNTY

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Dated this 3rd day of March, 2021.
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EX-OFFICIO TAX
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OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO
03/03,10,17,24/2021

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the members of the MARSING COMMUNITY DISASTER FUND, an association will be held at eight (8:00) o'clock p.m., Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at the MARSING COMMUNITY CENTER for the purpose of electing (3) area directors for a term of 3 years. One (1) each from the communities of Jump Creek area, North Marsing area, and Lakeview area. Director-at-large from within the Association boundaries, area directors, for the election of officers for the Association and any other business relative to the Annual Meeting. Jessica Showalter, Association Secretary
3/24,31/2021

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03/17,24/2021

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The Southwest Idaho Area Agency on Aging (SWIA3), the designated Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Serving Southwest Idaho, announces its intent to accept proposals from interested service providers for homemaker and respite services in various locations in Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Valley and Washington counties.
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request-for-proposals/. Providers may submit proposals for one or more services in any or all of the designated cities and counties. Contracts will be issued with the winning providers for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.
Providers with questions regarding the application packet should contact the SWIA3 Contracts Manager, Brandi Waselewski by telephone at (208) 898-7077 or by e-mail at brandi.waselewski@a3ssa.com. An informational conference for all interested providers will be held on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 10:00am. Unless specified otherwise, this will be held at the SWIA3 office at 1505 South Eagle Road, Suite 120 Meridian, Idaho 83642. The conference can also be accessed via zoom at the link below:
Topic: SWIA3 Homemaker and Respite RFP Informational Meeting
Time: Apr 8, 2021 10:00 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83604190928?pwd=b2dqUktYZUIyWGNid0RJTEExR0V5dz09>
Meeting ID: 836 0419 0928
Passcode: 960684
Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbdj3m3uDu>
After April 12, 2021, SWIA3 will not answer any questions. Providers must submit proposals to SWIA3 office at 1505 South Eagle Road, Suite 120 Meridian, Idaho 83642 by Friday, May 7, 2021 at 5:00 pm.
Award announcements will be made on Friday, June 11th via email. There will be mandatory provider meeting on Monday, June 28, 2021 to finalize awarded contracts.
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3/17,24/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. CV37-21-00045
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Devan W. Denton has been appointed personal representative of the Estate of Deborah Jolene Denton, Third Judicial District,

Owyhee County, ID. All persons having claims against the decedents or the estates are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims shall be forever barred.
Claims must be provided to attorney Robert C. Montgomery, 2160 S. Twin Rapid Way, Boise, Idaho 83709 and filed with the Clerk of the Court in Owyhee County. Dated February 23, 2021.
03/10,17,24/2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
CASE NO. CV37-21-00075
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANKLIN P FLETCHER, II, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned was appointed Personal Representative 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 this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must both be presented to the undersigned at address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.
DATED this 4th day of March, 2021.
/s/:SHIRLEY FLETCHER, Personal Representative
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CASE NO. CV37-21-00039
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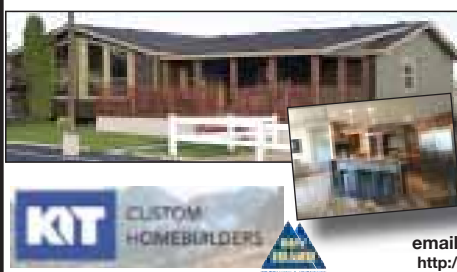
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Sports

Trojans JV, Huskies split twin bill in dramatic fashion

HHS' Goode HRs twice; Marsing wins Game 2 in walk-off

Marsing High School split a non-conference doubleheader Saturday against a mix of Homedale varsity and junior varsity baseball players. The opening game showed the Class 3A Trojans' ability to dominate, while the second matchup ended in dramatic fashion from a former HHS student who now plays for the 2A Huskies.

Game 1: Homedale 12, Marsing 2 — The Trojans attacked early on sophomore Sigmund Goode's two-run home run.

The Trojans benefitted from stellar pitching from both starter Dillon Fine and Goode, who pitched four innings of relief.

"Homedale threw good pitchers, and with a few varsity players at key positions, it made the doubleheader extremely competitive and was a great learning experience for us," Marsing coach JW Chadez said.

Fine pitched three innings, allowing just one hit and an unearned run while walking two and striking out nine Huskies.

In addition to his offensive breakout, Goode struck out seven and walked three while giving up four hits and an earned run.

The Huskies (4-2-1 overall) scored in the third when Coupe Urrutia reached first on a dropped third strike, stole second and moved to third on a balk by Fine. Urrutia scored on another dropped third strike with Xavier Delgadillo at the plate.

The Trojans scored in every frame between the fourth and seventh innings, including Goode's second two-run homer of the game with Josh Brown aboard in the sixth. Homedale added three runs in the fifth and closed out with four in the seventh.

The Huskies tacked on their second run in the top of the seventh.

Fine and Marcus Galvin had three hits apiece for Homedale with doubling twice and Galvin getting a two-bagger.

The Trojans' Payton Fine and Andres Garcia each hit singles.

The Huskies struck out 16 times, including four by James Hance and three by Urrutia.

Delgadillo struck out seven for the Huskies, while allowing three runs and walking two. JT Chadez started the game and allowed four runs on three hits and a walk. He struck out two.

Robert Renteria pitched two innings of relief, allowing five runs on four hits and walk, while striking out two.

Colton Brown, Bowen Campbell, Braeden Davis, Renteria and Urrutia had the Huskies' five singles.

Game 2: Marsing 11, Homedale 10 (9) — A senior transfer from Homedale, Campbell had a game to remember.

With the score tied, 10-10, with two outs in the ninth, Campbell's full-count two-out single past Trojans' shortstop Dillon Fine brought in Urrutia for the game-winner. Urrutia got aboard when Fine commit-



Above: Homedale's Sigmund Goode connects on the second of his two home runs in Game 1 of a doubleheader against Marsing. Below: The Huskies' Bowen Campbell makes a catch in center field during the first game against the Trojans junior varsity.

ted an error on his ground ball.

"I was extremely proud of how we bounced back in the second game," Chadez said. "The coaching staff was disappointed in our approach at the plate in the first game — we weren't aggressive early in the count and allowed the pitcher to get us into unfavorable hitting counts.

"We got on (the Huskies' players) in between games, and our kids really responded."

The Huskies only struck out four times in the finale.

Campbell led the Huskies' in Game 2 with four singles.

The Trojans jumped out to an 8-1 lead after two innings. The Huskies battled back, capping a multi-inning flurry of runs with a five-run sixth to take a short-lived 10-9 lead.

Josh Brown scored on Galvin's sacrifice in the top of the seventh to tie the score, 10-10.

Delgadillo, Kail Wyman,

and Davis each joined Marsing's singles parade with two each. Urrutia, Renteria, Brown, and Chadez had one base hit apiece.

Both Urrutia and Hance scored three times. Campbell, Wyman, and Davis had two RBI each.

Campbell started the game and allowed eight runs in just over two innings of work. He allowed four hits and walked six batters.

Kolton Scott was solid in relief, allowing one run and one hit in three innings. He walked four batters and struck out two.

Fine had another double for the Trojans, while Josh Brown led the team with his two hits. Brown also scored four runs, while Galvins and Payton Fine scored two runs each.

Homedale starting pitcher D'Orr Packer threw 5 1/3 innings, allowing nine runs on



11 hits with a strikeout and two walks.

Reliever Payton Fine struck out three over 3 1/3 innings before giving up Campbell's game-winning hit.

"It was a long day of baseball, but it's exactly what we need," Chadez said. — TK

Mustangs strike in final at-bats twice in tournament

Melba High School collected a dramatic win to kick off the Bill Betts Invitational baseball tournament Friday.

After a 5-4 walk-off victory against tournament co-host Payette, 5-4, on Friday, the Mustangs (2-3 overall) finished the two-day tournament with two consecutive losses.

Bill Betts Invitational games were also played in Fruitland.

Saturday: Sugar-Salem 9, Melba 4 — The Mustangs scored in their final at-bat again, but couldn't pull off another comeback.

The Mustangs took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning, but the Diggers delivered

eight runs over the next three innings to take control.

Sugar-Salem played around four errors. Only one of the Mustangs' runs were earned.

Braulio Colunga and Luke Aldrich each hit doubles and drove in a couple runs for Melba.

Henry Clark tripled and notched an RBI, but he was stranded at third after his three-bagger.

Ryan Harris tripled and drove in three runs for Sugar-Salem.

Aldrich threw one-hit ball over the final four innings after relieving Parker Hansen. Owyhee County resident Trace

Stimpson pitched the first inning for Melba.

Friday: Grangeville 10, Melba 0 (5) — The Mustangs' bats never got going in the second game of the tournament in Payette.

Blake Schoo struck out 11 in five innings and spun a two-hitter for Grangeville.

Grangeville ended the game via the 10-run rule with five runs in the bottom of the fifth inning.

The final run was scored with two outs in the frame.

Hansen and Stimpson picked up the Mustangs' singles, and Luke Aldrich walked for the team's only other baserunner.

Friday: Melba 5, Payette 4 — The Mustangs won a game that featured more last-inning fireworks.

The Pirates took a 4-3 lead in the top of the seventh before Melba rallied with two runs in the bottom of the frame for the walk-off victory.

Melba led, 2-1, until the Pirates scored two runs in the top of the sixth inning. The Mustangs struck back in the bottom of the inning to knot

the score again.

Jeff Fahee doubled twice and drove home a pair of runs to lead the Melba offense.

Stimpson was 2-for-4 with an RBI and two runs scored. He had one of Melba's five doubles.

The Mustangs logged 12 hits against three pitchers.

Aldrich went 2-for-3 with a double, a run, and an RBI.

Diego Herrera also smacked a double for Melba.

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Steve Boren gives instructions a'horseback
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From left: Steve Boren and Mandi Boren stand with their daughter Ella (holding plaque) and son Loyd after picking up the Ray Mansidor Conservationist of the Year Award after Thursday's banquet in Homedale.

Juniper removal jostles Josephine to life

Borens' work bolsters ecosystem for wildlife, cattle

The Boren family can't get enough of being outdoors. Maybe that's part of what makes Steve and Mandi Boren a good pick for this year's Ray

Mansidor Conservationist of the Year Award.

The Borens' Arrow B Ranch was saluted Thursday night during the Owyhee Conservation District's annual banquet in Homedale because of work to improve and preserve the natural resources and ecosystem

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Part of the Josephine Ranch is overrun with juniper.



Removal of juniper opened the Josephine Ranch land for recovery.

Submitted photos



Water managers set tentative turn-on date

Growers' allotment telegraphs down water year

John Eells becomes a pretty popular guy every year around the middle of March.

The South Board of Control manager's cellphone doesn't stop ringing.

Beet growers, onion growers, hay growers, board members (who are usually growers) ... They all want a piece of the man who figuratively has his hand on the spigot and his finger on the pulse of the agricultural world within the realm of the Gem and Ridgeview irrigation districts.

The ag producers in the area are anxious to get insight on when the water will start flowing to jump-start another growing season.

And, depending on what they're growing, they all have different ideas.

Some want the water to start flowing in canals early, say April 1, others want it later, April 15.

This year, the Joint Board of Control, which brings together delegates from the South Board of Control and the Owyhee Irrigation District, landed in the middle and set a tentative start date of April 8.

The entire system should be charged eight to 10 days after water is turned into the canals, Eells said.

But, as always, the start date could change.

"It depends on what the weather does," Eells said. "If it stays freezing at night, (the turn-on date) will be later. If it rains, it'll be later.



Water is already trickling in the Parkins Ditch off Northside Road west of Homedale. Irrigators stretch their water supply each year by dipping into waste water that flows off fields and heads toward the Snake River.

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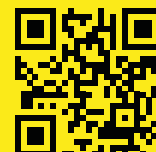
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Homedale High School graduate Andrew Bingham implored ranchers to take advantage of Social Security during the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association winter meeting in Oreana last month.

There's actually a good reason to pay taxes

Ag producers may be cheating themselves out of Social Security benefits

by Andrew Bingham

University of Idaho Extension

Nobody likes to pay taxes, so we try to avoid it by any legal means necessary. We put money into tax sheltered accounts, deduct business expenses, claim tax credits, and more, all in an attempt to lower our tax liability.

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times business owners are so good at reducing their tax liability that they don't actually claim any taxable income. Seems like a good idea, right? After all, business owners get to keep all their hard-earned income. But what if I was to tell you that they might actually be losing money by not paying taxes?

The money to be made from taxes is through Social Security (SS) benefits. These benefits are primarily designed to help individuals and families in their later years of life and are funded through the SS

tax that is taken out of nearly every earner's paycheck. However, small business owners who have claimed zero taxable income for most of their careers have paid very little SS tax, which can be problematic since our contributions to SS is what qualifies us for those benefits.

To qualify for benefits you need to accumulate 40 SS "credits." In 2021, you will acquire one of these "credits" for every \$1,470 of taxable income earned, up to a max of four "credits" per year. (It's important to note that the limit to earn a "credit" increases slightly every year with the cost of living.) This means that

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to meet the 40 “credit” threshold to qualify, you need to have 10 years of taxable earnings around \$5,880 (\$1,470 x 4) annually. Granted, the monthly checks you would receive from SS at that rate would be minimal, but relative to what you pay in SS taxes it still has a high probability of paying off.

For example, it would take a

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About the author

Andrew Bingham is a Financial Educator for the University of Idaho Extension system.

Though stationed in Ada County, he works with individuals, organizations, and agencies all over the Treasure Valley to provide financial consulting and education to those who need it and are willing to listen.

His specialties include Social Security, investing, retirement-planning, and any other problem he can solve with a spreadsheet.

Andrew grew up in Homedale, graduating from Homedale High School in 2007. He went on to serve a two-year church mission in Texas, attended BYU-Idaho and obtained a bachelor's in Financial Economics and the University of Utah where he earned a Master's in Finance.

Currently he lives in Middleton with his wife and three kids.



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Servando Zalazar and his crew did some cleanup work on Thursday at Big Pump Ditch off Oregon highway 201, just past the state line.

Ditch rider saluted for years helping farmers

You sweat and put in the hours and stick around long enough, someone is bound to notice your hard work.

At least, that's the view of South Board of Control No. 25 ditch rider Servando Zalazar after he received the Idaho Water Users Association Outstanding Employee of the Year distinction recently.

"I don't know why they picked me," Zalazar said. "I guess I've been around long enough and they didn't have anyone else."

He said receiving the statewide award was a complete shock.

"These people were having a meeting, and I wasn't really paying attention to what they were saying,

just minding my own business, until they said my name," he said. "One of the guys said, 'I don't know who Servando is,' and I said, 'Hey, that's my name.'"

Receiving the award was quite an honor for Zalazar, but perhaps nearly as impressive is the fact that next week he will reach the milestone of working 25 years at South Board.

"The years go by really fast," he said. "I think about retiring — maybe sometime here pretty quick."

Agricultural producer John Demshar conveyed his dismay of when Zalazar's retirement day comes.

"Servando is a really good communicator, and he's been very easy

to work with over the years," he said. "When he retires, I think I'm going to retire, too — I don't feel like breaking in a new ditch rider. I tell him that all the time, 'I'm not patient enough to deal with another one of you guys.'"

"He's a fine fella and knows what irrigation is about and how to please irrigators. He's very accommodating to our needs."

Zalazar was effusive in recognizing people that he works with who have made his job easier, in particular South Board of Control manager John Eells.

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✓ Rider: Man approaching 25 years on job

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"John and I have worked together for a long time," he said. "He's a really good boss. No one better."

Eells has worked for South Board for one year longer than Zalazar.

"I can't imagine a better guy," Eells said. "Servando and I have always rode ditch together, so either he was catching my wastewater or I was catching his."

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Servando Zalazar accepts the Idaho Water Users Association employee of the year award. Zalazar was nominated by SBOC manager John Eells (left), and Duane Alexander from D.L. Evans Bank made the presentation. Submitted photo



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Homedale FFA'ers excel at district, eye State

*by Ainslee Evans
Chapter reporter*

Homedale FFA had an exciting and busy start to 2021. We ended February strong by celebrating National FFA Week with our members throughout the school week followed by a successful online Harvest Auction and Senior Scholarship Take-out Dinner.

To kick off March, several members competed in Treasure Valley District (TVD) Leadership Development and Career Development Events. Members competed in Parliamentary Procedure, Chapter Conduct of Meetings, Extemporaneous Speaking, Creed Speaking, Job Interview, Ag Sales, and Floriculture in hopes of qualifying to compete at

the state level.

Our chapter also had nine state degree recipients including Amaia Aberasturi, Emma Criffield, William Haun, Belisia Larzelier, John Lejardi, Kenna McKay, Mackenzie Miller, Robert Salazar, and Laney Swallow.

John Lejardi was awarded the District Star Placement award and will be competing at State with his proficiency in Specialty Crop Placement along with Makenna DeWitt in Fruit Production Placement and William Haun in Goat Production Entrepreneurship.

All of our teams performed great at district competitions with our Parliamentary Procedure and Chapter Conduct of Meetings team placing first and heading to state

in April. These teams consisted of Bobby Christensen, Katie DeVice, Kinlee Garrett, Brock Johnson, Keegen McKay, Trinity Neeser, and Heather Reynolds.

In the Floriculture competition members Kinlee Garrett, Cadence Nicolette, Anna Pawlak, Heather Reynolds, and Dani Sitts brought home a second-place plaque.

Our Ag Sales team with Kenzie Blakenship, Cameron Breshears, Catherine Decker, and Ashley Stebly also brought home a second-place plaque.

Trinity Neeser took second in the Creed Speaking Competition, and Brianna Cayford got fourth in the

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✓ Homedale: Two members to get American Degrees

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Job Interview competition.

Rylan Love had an outstanding time at the TVD competition, taking home fourth in the Extemporaneous Speaking event. He also will represent Homedale FFA as a Treasure Valley District officer after his election as treasurer for the 2021-22 school year.

Spencer Fisher and Weston Dorsey are set to receive their American degree at the national level in

October. The American Degree signals that these members have truly gone above and beyond throughout their time as FFA members.

The Homedale FFA chapter couldn't be any more proud of how resilient our members have been through these tough times. We can't wait to see our members continue to make us proud in their future endeavors at state competitions, serving as district officers, receiving their state and American degrees,

and competing in proficiency events. We wish all of our members the best of luck and we look forward to more victories.

To end the year off right, our chapter is going to elect a new officer team and host a banquet to celebrate all of our members' accomplishments and hard work throughout the school year.

We can't wait for more adventures and we are about to switch gears and move into county fair preparation.

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✓ **Water:** Improved quality allows recycled runoff

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"If it warms up, it'll be a little earlier."

There's little chance the water will flow as early as next week, though.

"The snow's not coming off (the watershed)," Eells said. "We haven't seen much influx in the reservoir."

The Owyhee Reservoir held 382,713 acre-feet on Thursday afternoon, which means it was 54 percent of its full capacity of 715,000 acre-feet. The 715,000 acre-feet symbolizes enough water to cover the entire acreage of the Owyhee Project with 4 acre-feet of water each year for two successive years.

In a hopeful sign, water was rushing into the reservoir from the Owyhee River at Rome, Ore., at a clip of 645 cubic feet per second, 50 percent better than the flow from just four days earlier.

With early runoff slower than usual, the Joint Board established the 2021 allotment tentatively at 3 acre-feet, which is 25 percent less than a full allotment.

"We have (enough water for) 3 acre-feet in the reservoir now, but that can change," Eells said. "As the runoff comes, (the allotment) can go up."

Eells acknowledges that the 3 acre-feet allotment could make operating more difficult for ag producers who furrow irrigate. Pivot irrigators can water easily on that allotment, he said.

But if there are enough producers who are concerned, Eells is open to convening a growers' meeting.

"If the growers call and want a meeting, we can do that," Eells said. "Right now, I have no plans for a growers' meeting."

"But if they want a meeting, I'd be

more than happy to do that."

Eells said there hasn't been a growers' meeting since 2017, which is a testament to how good the water has flowed each season.

Growers could get a firmer idea of what awaits them after the Joint Board meets again Tuesday, but Eells reminds folks that they call it fluid for a reason.

"(The allotment) could change up 'til the snow melts out," he said. "I have seen it change over two or three times (in a season)."

For example, as was the case last year, June rains could stretch the allotment because late rain allows district operators to drop the canals to minimum flow.

Another way farmers stretch their allotment is by "recycling" water flowing down a drainage ditch from a field higher on the line.

Conservation improvements such as drip lines and pivot sprinklers have reduced silt in drainage ditches and punched-up the quality of that water.

The proliferation of silt ponds, which collect the sediment that drains off fields as water runs off, has helped clean water in drains such as Jump Creek.

Eells said such improvements have helped clear up the irrigation water that Homedale citizens employ on their lawns, reducing sediment that could clog residential sprinkler systems.

Eells said dipping silt ponds to keep their capacity available for more sediment is an ongoing project for his maintenance crew.

Other conservation projects that South Board crews have tackled this winter include:

- Piping a section of drain 15.8

miles from the head of South Canal off Sage Road.

- Relining a ditch near Graveyard Point

- Burying the Mrak Drain and part of the North Diversion

- Installing a new road crossing on the town ditch on Market Road

- Installing a crossing on a piped drain ditch in the area of Hogg Road and East Lootens Lane

Work to prepare for the water year has begun as well with crews burning weeds along ditches.

The irrigation board meetings will switch to nighttime gatherings for the spring and summer beginning with the April 13 meetings.

The Gem and Ridgeview boards will meet at 7 p.m., and 7:15 p.m., respectively, and the SBOC directors will gather at 7:30 p.m.

Eells said the meeting place in the new SBOC shop at 201 W. Wyoming Ave., has created smoother meetings. Better acoustics mean that folks can be heard easily when addressing the board or when the board is deliberating.

In a more obvious example of transparency, the monthly meetings continue to be streamed online on Zoom, and there may not be a change to that policy even after in-person gatherings are cleared.

"Zoom meetings could be here to stay," Eells said. "I see Zoom as something that won't disappear after this."

But Eells doesn't discount the value of in-person meetings, even if internet-based meeting allows him to visit more out-of-the-area meetings.

"Some of those meetings you have to go to because you'll learn more in the hallway than in the meeting," Eells said.

—JPB

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Owyhee's other irrigation boards

Owyhee County's other boards, including when directors' terms expire, and meeting and contact information.

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Div. 2 — Lou Sanchez, vice-chair (2023)

Div. 3 — Jerry Hoagland, chair (2022)

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Ditch rider

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Meeting time — First Thursday of the month, 1 p.m., Wilson School House

Opaline Irrigation District

Div. 1 — Zenaïdo Ponce, (2023)

Div. 2 — Kenny Sevy, chair (2021)

Div. 3 — Dan Birmingham (2022)

Div. 4 — Charles Robertson, vice-chair (2023)

Div. 5 — Elias Jaca (2021)

Secretary

Pam Howard, (208) 880-9695

Email — opalineirrigationdistrict@hotmail.com

Watermaster and ditch rider

Jeanine Anderson, (208) 896-2574

Meeting time — First Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., 7300 Opaline Rd., Melba

Grand View Irrigation District

Div. 1 — Mark Frost, chair (2021)

Div. 2 — Buster Ridley (2023)

Div. 3 — Kenny Unruh (2022)

Secretary

Dixie McDaniel, (208) 834-2350

Ditch rider

Evan Shaw, (208) 580-3336

Meeting time — First Tuesday of the month, 11 a.m., Grand View Irrigation District Office, 645 Idaho Ave., Grand View

Snake River Irrigation District

Div. 1 — Ron Ridley (2023)

Div. 2 — Dan Whitted, vice-chair (2021)

Div. 3 — George Bennett Jr., chair (2022)

Secretary

Dixie McDaniel, (208) 834-2350

Ditch rider

Mike James, (208) 599-2828

Meeting time — First Wednesday of the month, 1 p.m., Grand View Irrigation District Office, 645 Idaho Ave., Grand View

Grand View Mutual Canal Co.

Chair — Rohl Hipwell (2023)

Vice-chair — Randy Hipwell (2022)

Director — Jerry Meyers (2021)

Secretary

Dixie McDaniel, (208) 834-2350

Ditch rider

John Morrison, (208) 599-2310

Meeting time — First Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Grand View Irrigation District Office, 645 Idaho Ave., Grand View. Shareholders meeting in February.

Upper Grand View Canal Co.

Chair — Jens Schkade (2022)

Vice-chair — Billy Wolfe (2023)

Director — Charles Ensz (2021)

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Meeting time — Annual meeting is held the first Monday in February. Special meetings as necessary.

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Marsing FFA grateful for community

Chapter gets ready for state leadership conference

by Audrie Miller
Chapter reporter

We are glad to say we have started to get back to as normal as we can with the pandemic. This year, the Marsing FFA chapter has done a lot to not only help the chapter but the community as well.

At the Owyhee County Fair, the chapter placed first in the livestock judging competition, where our team consisted of Zane Brackett, Colton Brown, Mila Astorquia, and Jonathan Ineck. Also, Llee Loucks got to go to Round Robin for dairy cow. Annie Miller, our chapter president, handed down her Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen crown to Hannah White, our chapter treasurer, at the final night of the Owyhee County Rodeo. Our chapter was glad to congratulate Hannah on her upcoming reign as fair and rodeo queen.

In September, we gladly welcomed our FFA members back with a Kick-Off Barbecue and were ready to jump into the upcoming FFA year. We held chapter events like ice cream social to engage our FFA members and maybe even get new members to join our program. Though with COVID-19, we unfortunately didn't get to have a few chapter meetings because a majority of our officers were in quarantine. Fortunately we were still able to do things like our appreciation lunch and our dinner for the Alumni Auction.



Marsing FFA chapter members work on a tie-dye project in the high school's Ag building south of the high school. **From left:** Mila Astorquia, Emily Thoene, Sadie Clover, and Lexi Loucks. Submitted photo.

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Proudly displaying the first place award for agriculture sales in the Treasure Valley District competition is, from left: Sadie Clover, Hannah White, Braeden Davis, and Regan Stansell.

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*Marsing FFA chapter reporter Audrie Miller (center) holds up the second-place plaque for the Treasure Valley District parliamentary procedure competition. **From left:** Gene Showalter, Emily Thoene, Audrie Miller, Annie Miller, and Amaya Mendoza. Submitted photo*

✓ Marsing: Slew of FFA'ers ready for state contests

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Our chapter also took part in National FFA Week: Monday was hat day, Tuesday was farmer and rancher day, Wednesday was tie-dye day, and to finish up our dress-up days Thursday was FFA day. Then to finish off the week we had a drive-by lunch on Friday, and we drove to all the local businesses to hand out food to show our appreciation for their support. The Marsing FFA chapter is so appreciative to have a supportive community that wants to support the youth even through this pandemic.

We had the opportunity to compete in a few district events this year, such

as Dairy Judging, Floral, Agricultural Sales, Creed, Extemporaneous Speaking, and Prepared Speaking. Besides all of those district contests we also had Treasure Valley FFA District officer sifting where Regan Stansell was named president for the upcoming 2021-22 school year.

The following students will represent Marsing FFA at the virtual State Leadership Conference April 6-9: Chantry Brackett for FFA Creed; Llee Loucks for Prepared Public Speaking and Agricultural Sales; and Annie Miller for Extemporaneous Public Speaking.

The Agricultural Sales team

consists of Regan Stansell, Sadie Clover, Hannah White, and Braeden Davis. Seven Marsing FFA members will receive their State FFA Degrees: Regan Stansell, Sadie Clover, Colton Brown, Zane Brackett, Alana Larrusea, Jonathan Ineck, and Hannah White.

We will move forward in the FFA events that we have planned for the upcoming months and plan for them to be as successful as they can be with what is going on in the world right now.

Marsing FFA wants to thank the community, FFA members and our Alumni for helping us through this time.



✓ Taxes: Producers pay higher rate

From Page 7

minimum of \$55,400 earned in taxable income over the last 10-year period, starting in 2011, to qualify for retirement benefits. That is an average of \$5,036 per year, which is far below the lowest income tax bracket, meaning the earner likely did not pay income tax. By meeting just the bare minimum requirements, this earner could expect to collect \$117 per month once they reach full retirement age (66 or 67 depending the year they were born). Spouses are also entitled to 50 percent of this benefit even if they do not qualify for SS benefits themselves. So, if this individual is married, their household could expect to collect \$175.50 a month. If this couple withdrew at 67 and lived to 80 years of age, they would collect 13 years worth of benefits, at a value of \$27,378.

The cost to qualify is tied to the flat SS tax of 6.2 percent, which the government actually collects twice.

Once from the employee and once from the employer for a total of 12.4 percent of a worker's earnings. Unfortunately, small business owners are both the employee and employer and have to pay the full 12.4 percent themselves. Multiplying 12.4 percent by the \$55,400 previously mentioned, we can calculate that over 10 years this individual would pay \$6,870 in SS taxes.

Comparing the taxes paid to the benefits collected, we see that the benefits far outpace the taxes paid. In fact, it would only take a married couple 40 months to collect more in benefits than they paid in taxes, meaning every benefit they collect after that can be viewed as a "profit," which following our previous assumptions, would be \$20,508 (\$27,378 - \$6,870.) This is just one example of the benefits of paying SS taxes, and it may not even be the best example. That is because the longer a worker pays into SS the faster their benefits will outpace their taxes

paid. For instance, if the same couple claimed just enough in taxable income to earn four SS "credits" a year for the past 20 years, they would pay \$11,601 in taxes but collect \$53,586 in benefits by the age of 80 for a "profit" of \$41,985 over 13 years.

In addition to the monthly income, SS also provides disability and widow/widower benefits. And even though Medicare is a separate flat tax, payers who qualify for SS will also qualify for Medicare.

So, with all these benefits, hopefully you can feel a little bit better about paying some of your taxes, and if not now, then maybe someday when you're directly reaping the rewards of this unique tax.

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Kelsey Gluch (second from right) was a grand champion beef showman during the 2020 Owyhee County Fair. Submitted photo

Jordan FFA excels despite unusual year

by Kaylee Stoddart

Chapter reporter

In a year full of no field trips, cancelled events and a lot of “I don’t know,” Jordan Valley FFA members have been just as busy as they would in any other year. We have put together several community service projects, competed in just about every FFA contest this year (even though they were virtual), and lots of fun chapter activities. All of our members can say it was definitely a way different feeling competing in

all of the contests virtually versus in person; however, it allowed all 25 of our FFA members to compete in contests.

This year’s chapter officers are:

- President Cassity Gluch
- Vice-president Quinton Collins
- Secretary Grady Johnsrud
- Treasurer Birch Eiguren
- Reporter Kaylee Stoddart
- Sentinel Chris Mackenzie.

We started the year off by having our officer retreat in Rome, Ore., where we got together and had a day

full of fun activities and planning for our chapter for the year. After that, we spent the rest of the day fishing and swimming in the river.

Our community service projects have consisted of gathering and packaging fresh produce then distributing it to our community. We were able to gather and distribute more than 1,000 pounds of potatoes, onions and apples to our local communities. We gave a bag of fresh

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✓ Jordan: Virus doesn't slow competitive chapter

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produce to every student in the high school and at the elementary school to take home to their families, then we put the rest of the produce at the post office in Jordan Valley and Arock so any community member could take whatever they need.

Our chapter is very competitive when it comes to contests. At the beginning of the school year, we competed in State Livestock Judging. Our novice team placed second overall, and our advanced team placed third overall.

Our members have competed in Dairy Judging, Soils Judging, Job Interview, Parliamentary Procedure, the FFA Info Test, Creed Speaking, Prepared Public Speaking and Extemporaneous Public Speaking.

Both our beginning and advanced soils judging teams placed second overall. Our beginning Parli Pro team placed second overall, and our advanced team placed third overall.

Three of our speakers won districts and moved on to sectionals and our beginning public speaker, Shailee Rutan, even moved on to compete at state convention.

We are so proud of our eight Oregon FFA State Degree recipients: Kiana Quintero, Quinton Collins, Kate Gooch, Tina Gammett, Birch Eiguren, Tayler Eiguren, Cassity Gluch, and Jace Grenke. The State Degree is the highest degree a FFA member in high school can receive.

FFA Week was a huge success this year. There were dress-up days such as Hawaiian Day, Camo Day, Ag Career Day, and



The Jordan Valley FFA chapter officers gathered in Rome, Ore., for a retreat prior to the school year. Officers who took a snapshot with advisor Kesli White (far right, standing) included president Cassity Gluch, vice-president Quinton Collins, secretary Grady Johnsrud, treasurer Birch Eiguren, sentinel Chris Mackenzie, and reporter Kaylee Stoddart. Submitted photo

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Landowners head up mission to address Eastern Owyhee weeds

The Eastern Owyhee Cooperative Weed Management Area has begun its 14th year of helping address the noxious weed infestation in that region of the county.

Local landowners formed the CWMA in 2008 with a mission to control noxious weeds and reduce the number of acres infested with noxious weeds within the EOCWMA boundaries.

The CWMA has set goals to organize, assist and coordinate landowner efforts to treat noxious weeds in a variety of ways, including tilling, burning and grazing as well as the chemical application and bio-control agents.

The CWMA was organized be-

cause of landowners' concerns of noxious weed infestation affecting agricultural operations because of the loss of use of productive land, loss of grazing, reduction in water for crops and the impact of harvesting crops with weeds, which lowers the value, yield and quality of the harvest.

Additionally, one of the original goals was to assist landowners in the Bruneau Valley by working cooperatively to address noxious weeds.

This effort has had the accumulative effect of bringing neighbors into a working group that both engages and educates the community. Enlisting neighbors in these efforts has strengthened the Eastern Owyhee CWMA's efforts to build working

relationships as expressed by the organization's motto "Neighbors Working Together To Control Noxious Weeds."

Eastern Owyhee CWMA recently appointed its 2021 officers, which include three landowners:

- Bethany Gotts, chair
- Tony Black, vice-chair
- Eric Davis, treasurer
- Julie Perkins, secretary

Committee members include:

• Owyhee County Commissioners Joe Merrick (Dist. 3) and Kelly Aberasturi (Dist. 2), who also serves as the county's weed superintendent

- Allen Long
- Terry Carothers

— See *Landowners*, Page 23

Jordan Valley CWMA ready to get back to normal weed battles

The Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area brings together individuals responsible for weed management within the area to develop common management objectives, set realistic management priorities, facilitate effective treatment methods, and coordinate efforts along logical geographic boundaries with similar land types, use patterns, and problem species.

The CWMA has also provided educational opportunities to the general public, teachers and students, and local landowners, raising their aware-

ness of the problems associated with noxious and invasive weeds.

The CWMA board consists of Dennis Stanford, chairman; Forest Fretwell, vice-chairman; and Vern Kershner, and Clint Fillmore, ranchers in the Jordan Valley area. Also on the board are Reynolds Creek rancher Jerry Hoagland, Nicole Sullivan of the Owyhee Watershed Council, and Jordan Valley CWMA coordinator Eric Morrison. Advisory members include the Malheur County Weed Department, Idaho Department of Lands, Boise Bureau

of Land Management district and Vale BLM district.

The Jordan Valley CWMA is landowner-driven, and all decisions are made by the landowners with input from other organizations and groups.

The Jordan Valley CWMA encompasses more than 5 million acres of state, private, and BLM-managed lands located within Malheur County and Owyhee County.

The major noxious weed problems

— See *Normal*, Page 28



✓ Landowners: CWMA covers part of Elmore, too

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- Telby Black
- Tina Nino, Paiute natural resources director
- Joseph Harney, a licensed applicator who represents the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes at meetings

Cooperating agencies are representing by Brandon Flack from

the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Aaron Utz of Idaho Power, Don Hedges, who is an agronomist and local licensed applicator, and Tammie Hedges of New Environment Services.

The CWMA boundaries include:

- East and West — West fork of Sinker Creek to the Twin Falls

County line

- North — Snake River
- South — Nevada state line
- The Sho-Pai Duck Valley Indian Reservation falls in the CWMA's jurisdiction, as does Chattin Flats, a small portion of Elmore County along the north side of the Snake River.



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New Plymouth resident Hanson Brudevold switched up his education at the University of Idaho when he figured out a different tact was necessary to achieve his goal.

Hands-on course gives U of I grad quick upper hand in ag commodities career

by Amy Calabretta
University of Idaho

Hanson Brudevold's goal of becoming a grain buyer has come to fruition, thanks in part to a course at the University of Idaho.

The student from New Plymouth will graduate in May with a degree in agricultural economics: agribusiness emphasis and a certificate in agricultural commodity risk management.

He credits an independent study course at U of I for helping him land a position as grain originator for Northwest Grain Growers.

"First job out of college, I'm going to be doing what I love to do," Brudevold said.

Brudevold took an independent study course with Andres Trujillo-Barrera, an assistant professor in U of I's College of Agricultural and

"I was competing against a lot of people with more work experience, but I brought in credentials that they did not have."

— Hanson Brudevold
University of Idaho, Class of 2021

Life Sciences, focused on preparing Brudevold for the National Futures Association (NFA) Series 3 exam.

The NFA Series 3 license is required for financial professionals who wish to sell commodity futures and options. The exam is typically taken after receiving a degree and within the first 60 days of employment. An employee spends that time studying for the exam and learning from seasoned brokers.

Brudevold passed the exam in January, providing him with credentials

before graduation — credentials that his competition didn't have. He was offered the position with Northwest Grain Growers shortly after.

"I believe I got the job because of the license," Brudevold said. "I was competing against a lot of people with more work experience, but I brought in credentials that they did not have."

"It is very unique that I have received this as a student because, for

— See *Commodities*, Page 31



Above: The Jordan Valley FFA chapter has 25 members this year, which represents 93 percent of the school's entire student body.

Right: Seniors who received State Degrees, from left, Kiana Quintero, Tina Gammett, Kate Gooch and Quinton Collins.

Submitted photos



✓ Jordan: Next chapter, Greenhand officers elected

From Page 21

FFA official Dress Day. There were lunchtime competitions like officer hide and seek, FFA emblem hunt, concentration, and "Can you Dodgeball in your Official Dress."

The officers cooked a delicious staff appreciation breakfast, held an Ag lab branding, had delicious Chinese cuisine for lunch, and staged a movie night.

In our most recent chapter meeting we held elections for our 2021-22 chapter and Greenhand officers, and

12 members applied.

Our 2021-22 chapter officers are:

- President Birch Eiguren
- Vice-president Cassity Gluch
- Secretary Kaylee Stoddart
- Treasurer Jace Grenke
- Reporter Tayler Eiguren
- Sentinel Grady Johnsrud

Our 2021-22 Greenhand officers are:

- President Bode Johnsrud
- Vice-president Kendall Matsler
- Secretary Claire Collins
- Treasurer Kyndra Willams

This has definitely been a year full of unknowns, but we are so happy that we have been able to be in school the entire year, see our friends and family every day, and hold the majority of our normal activities. We are looking forward to finishing our year out strong with:

- Invitation-only chapter banquet, 6:30 p.m., on Friday, April 22

- Plant sale, 9 a.m., on Friday, May 7

- Jordan Valley Big Loop Rodeo breakfast, Saturday, May 15



University of Idaho graduate student Ashly Anderson works with a dairy cow as part of her research to determine how wildfire smoke affects milk production, among other aspects.

U of I vet student's work may shed light on how wildfire smoke impacts livestock

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The increase in frequency and intensity of wildfires the past 20 years has prompted studies on the impact of wildfire smoke exposure to human health. But little research has been done on the effects of wildfire smoke to livestock. A new University of Idaho study is starting that conversation.

Ashly Anderson, an animal science graduate student in the U of I College of Agricultural and Life Sci-

ences, is working with Assistant Professor Amy Skibiel and in collaboration with Associate Professor Pedram Rezamand, to look at how poor air quality because of wildfires impacts health and production of dairy cattle.

"We're just starting to uncover the effects in humans, so livestock and other animal species have taken a back seat to that," Anderson said. "We haven't really begun to look at the effects in livestock. It's not just dairy cattle that there aren't results. Most animal species don't have quan-

tified effects of smoke exposure."

Contribution to knowledge

Anderson studied 28 purebred Holstein cows and their calves from July to September last year. Blood samples were taken to track immunological markers and other blood metabolites to determine changes in response to particulate matter from wildfire smoke. Samples were taken before, during and after smoke exposure. An-

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Anderson also looked at gestational effects on the calves in utero and from birth to weaning.

"In the Pacific Northwest, it's particularly important because we have seasonal wildfires, so this is an annual exposure for both people and animals," Anderson said.

The research team is also looking at changes in milk production and milk fat during smoke exposure to determine effects on milk production. Anderson hopes to have preliminary results later this spring and a scholarly article by May.

The study is just the first step in eventually providing livestock producers with recommendations and advice to keep their cattle healthy during wildfire season.

"This is very preliminary work," Anderson said. "It's definitely not been done before, so because of that we won't have any solid recommendations to make because it's very early on."

"We hope to eventually be contributing to a larger body of work that helps to improve cow comfort

and cow health while also maintaining production for producers."

Changing conditions makes this research especially valuable.

"Due to climate change and global conditions, we're going to be seeing a lot more wildfires and because of that there are going to be a lot more people and animals exposed to wildfires," Anderson said.

"Being able to tell what kind of effects there are and how we might be affected in the future is very important."

Future veterinarian

Originally from La Quinta, Calif., Anderson attended Washington State University before transferring to U of I her junior year. She earned her bachelor's degree in animal and veterinary science: pre-vet option in May 2019.

"I actually started my undergrad at WSU because they have an amazing vet program," Anderson said. "I thought I would really enjoy the perks of having a large campus like WSU, and it turns out I didn't."

The smaller campus and the sup-

port of faculty and staff in the Department of Animal, Veterinary and Food Sciences made the decision to transfer an easy one.

"We have a great support program here," Anderson said. "All of the professors really want to see you succeed. I've been working with so many professors within our department that have nothing to do with my project but still really want to help me, and that's such a nice feeling when you know everyone in the department is behind you and your work."

Anderson will complete her graduate degree in May and is applying to veterinary school. Her experiences at U of I have prepared her for the challenge.

"I've learned a ton of things from this project, even just how to take a blood sample from a jugular vein, how to work with cows, normal respiration rates, normal temperature ranges," she said.

"It's also been helpful to lead a team for the first time and get the experience of managing other people while also working in collaboration with other labs."

Wednesday morning in Owyhee County



That's when the Owyhee Avalanche hits the news stands



Jordan Valley CWMA plans meeting

With spring around the corner, the Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area has planned its first meeting of the weed-fighting season.

The meet will be held at 7 p.m., on Monday inside the CWMA office, 508 Swisher Ave., in Jordan Valley.

The CWMA board seeks input from area land owners in the fight against invasive weeds.

The March meeting will cover:

- COVID-19 and the CWMA's operation
- Grant updates
- A request for proposals from contractors for noxious weed treatments
- Whitetop treatments
- Options to treat puncturevine

The board will also discuss future meeting dates and times.

For more information about fighting

weeds within the CWMA boundaries, contact coordinator Eric Morrison:

- By phone at (541) 586-3000
- By email at jvcwma@qwestoffice.net
- By mail at P.O. Box 43, Jordan Valley, OR 97910

Morrison says anyone who plans on dropping by the office should call ahead to make sure he's not out in the field.

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within the CWMA are leafy spurge, hoary cress, perennial pepperweed, Scotch thistle, and diffuse, spotted, Russian knapweed, along with yellow starthistle and Rush skeletonweed.

In 2020, the CWMA made large-scale efforts to treat populations of leafy spurge, hoary cress, Russian knapweed and Scotch thistle.

The Jordan Valley CWMA contains large areas of prime sage-grouse habitat, and noxious weeds, such as hoary cress and spotted knapweed, are currently expanding at an alarming rate.

The ranchers are working to curb the trend on private land and improve the habitat for sage-grouse and other wildlife in the area. On Upper Reynolds Creek, ranchers have increased the acres treated and are making a concerted effort to eliminate as much hoary cress as possible. This effort has improved the grazing for both livestock and wildlife in the area.

The CWMA has hosted weed seminars from 2004 to 2020. Over the years, approximately 100 recertification credits were earned by

participants from Idaho, Oregon and Nevada each year.

Attendance has been holding steady at around 40 to 50 people from the three-state area.

With COVID-19 restrictions, last year's Owyhee Field Day was cancelled and meetings were suspended.

But the meetings will resume in 2021, including the next meeting on Monday.

Leafy spurge continues to be the No. 1 priority in terms of mapping, treatment, and monitoring. The CWMA also focuses on whitetop, perennial pepperweed, Scotch thistle and diffuse, spotted, and Russian knapweed as these noxious weeds are becoming a problem in portions of Malheur and Owyhee counties. Puncturevine was added in 2019. There is very little puncturevine within the CWMA and we want to keep it from becoming a problem.

The 2020 treatment season was challenging with COVID-19 restrictions and the fear of transmission. In Idaho, we were able to treat a total of 1,353 acres. Whitetop had the most acres treated (1,083 acres) with the

majority treated by helicopter. Scotch thistle (171 acres), leafy spurge (39.5 acres) and Russian knapweed (34 acres) accounted for the majority of the rest of the treated acres. An additional 1,650 acres of noxious and invasive weeds were treated in the Oregon portion of the CWMA.

This year, we are planning to continue our efforts on controlling noxious weeds in the Jordan Valley CWMA.

Education will be an ongoing effort with meeting notices and regular CWMA meetings. We will continue to work with landowners in developing noxious weed control strategies to fit their needs.

Partners include: Private landowners, Owyhee Watershed Council, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, Malheur County, Owyhee County, Oregon Dept. of State Lands, Idaho Dept. of Lands, Vale BLM, Idaho BLM, Idaho State Dept. of Agriculture, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture, Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Idaho Fish and Game, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



NOCWMA Spray Day coming up

The annual Northwest Owyhee Cooperative Weed Management Area Spray Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 10.

The event helps local landowners fight the emergence of puncture vine — a k a goat heads — during early spring.

Small containers of Chlorsulfuron

power will be distributed from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing, and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Owyhee County Community Center, 423 W. Nevada Ave., in Homedale.

Chlorsulfuron can be used to control puncturevine, also known

as goat heads, and a wide variety of broadleaf weeds, including dandelions and brambles.

The board is also looking for young recruits to help during Spray Day and has reached out to Marsing and Homedale FFA chapters for that purpose.

Contact the NOCWMA's new assistant Julie Perkins at (208) 519-1533 or julieperk01@gmail.com.

✓ Rider: SBOC manager praises longtime colleague

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"We've always worked the same crews, and I have great admiration for the man. I think more of Servando than I do probably anybody else, and he does more for this community than probably anyone knows."

Eells said that Zalazar has ridden A Canal since he started, and that it is a very difficult ride.

"He makes it look easy," Eells said. "He is responsible for over 10,000 acres and 200 cfs (cubic feet per second) of water, in both municipal and agricultural land.

"He is always ready to do whatever it takes to get the job done."

As a ditch rider, Zalazar is responsible for keeping the ditches clean, clearing them of anything that would block the water flow. During the cold months he spends a lot of time removing head gates from ditches, bringing them to the shop for cleaning, and putting new ones back out.

Zalazar came to the United States from Mexico in 1972 and to

Homedale in 1976. He lived for a while in Marsing and moved to his property on Pioneer Road in 1998.

He and his wife, Maria, have been

married for five years and have a 13-year-old daughter.

— TK

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✓ Juniper: Borens continue work

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on their ranch land in Oreana and at the Josephine Ranch deep in the Owyhees.

Ray's family members — Joe who has succeeded his father as an OCD supervisor and Ray's wife Mary Louise — presented the award.

"They take their responsibility as stewards of the lands seriously and hope to always leave it better than they found it," Mansisidor said.

Joe Mansisidor outlined the family's conservation efforts, including the treatment of about 10,000 acres on deeded and state lands.

"Arrow B Ranch has also worked with the Idaho Fish and Game to install many stream bed restoration structures, beaver dam analogs, that mimic beaver activity on Rose Creek and Josephine Creek," Joe Mansisidor said.

"These dams are vital to help restore wetlands and are being used with great success."

A respect for nature and resources comes natural for the Borens.

"As a family, we love exploring the great outdoors of Idaho. When we can sneak away from the ranch in the summer, we enjoy rafting the many scenic rivers all over the West and hiking with our six children," Mandi Boren said.

"We take our stewardship of the land very seriously and always aim to leave it better than we found it."

Steve was raised in Boise, but spent his summers on the Stanley River near Clayton. He gained his love for the outdoors during a childhood spent exploring Idaho rivers and trails by hiking, hunting, fishing and rafting.

Mandi was raised in western Or-

egon and attended Brigham Young University-Idaho. She is a contributing reporter for The Owyhee Avalanche.

These days, Steve looks out for the family business and the cattle industry at-large as well as the future of the community.

He previously served as an Owyhee Cattlemen's Association board member and remains on the Bruneau-Grand View School District board of trustees.

Looking out for the future also includes working to improve the land that is key to the family's cow-calf operation as well as a direct-to-consumer grass-fed beef program.

A lot of effort goes into a conservation project even before any work on the ground begins. Paperwork and surveys are required to ensure that the land is eligible for programs and that the project will have a positive effect on the species targeted.

"We just know what our land needs, and when we hear of partnerships willing to help us achieve it we get on board," Steve said.

The Borens' first project started eight years ago with a cost-share program to treat juniper stands encroaching on sage-grouse habitat.

"We knew the Josephine fit the bill, and that by treating the juniper we could not only improve habitat for many species but also our cattle herd," Steve said. "We figured it was a win-win."

The cost-share program includes collaboration with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service, Pheasants Forever, and the Idaho Department of Lands.

The family has improved duck

habitat on their Oreana ranch in partnership with Ducks Unlimited. Teaming up with the Mule Deer Foundation, they've restored Aspen groves on the Josephine Creek Ranch.

How long aspects of a project take to complete depends on the area that is being targeted.

Some areas need to be treated with large equipment, but steep and hard-to-reach areas may require more hands-on work with a chainsaw.

A 1,000-acre swath can take up to four months to complete.

"The improvement of the overall health of the land is worth all the effort," Steve said.

After the initial treatment, the work continues with re-seeding, burning and the continued treatment of saplings.

And there is more work on the horizon.

"We have another 2,500 acres contracted this year, and that will complete all the land that we have control over," Steve said. "If we can get control of more land, we will fix it, too."

Although the initial focus may be to bring back sage-grouse habitat, several other species have moved into the treated areas.

There has been a resurgence of elk, deer and sage-grouse in the wake of the treatment.

Additionally, once-dried springs have reactivated and more native grasses have begun to grow.

Significant recovery of and an increase in shrub and browse species also have emerged.

While the work obviously helps the ecosystem, it also has bolstered the business' bottom line.

"We now have better quality and more diverse forage for the cattle," Steve said.

—JPB



✓ **Commodities:** New Plymouth student living dream

"In every class, everyone learns futures and options and how to calculate a basis," Brudevold said. "Going through the regulations was the hardest part for me because it's not really hands-on math-based. Regula-

Brudevold came to U of I as an animal and veterinary science student with the intention of becoming a cattle or grain buyer. After taking an

“U of I has prepared me for my future career in an immense amount of ways,” Brudevold said. “We actually have hands-on experiences. We’re not just taking notes and not seeing it in use. And that’s, in my opinion, the biggest thing we have. We’ll teach you how to do it and then we’ll walk you through it.”



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