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The new all-weather cover for the Lizard Butte Sunrise Association's Easter service platform could get a roof this week in time for Sunday's ceremony.

Sunrise service back to Lizard Butte after big upgrade

Tribute planned for late Marsing Nazarene pastor

The planned return of the Lizard Butte Easter Sunrise Service will be

bittersweet.

Organizers have been working hard to complete the all-weather cover over the platform atop the butte high above Idaho highway 55 northeast of Marsing.

And Sunday's sunrise service will mark a return after only the third

cancellation in the event's 84-year history.

One man instrumental in the capital improvement project and association overall, however, won't be there.

Longtime Lizard Butte Sunrise Association member Bill O'Connor, the pastor at Marsing First Church

of the Nazarene, passed away in December.

"Bill had been doing this so effectively and for so long that now I have big shoes to fill," association secretary/treasurer Whitney Morgan said.

— See *Sunrise*, page 14A



Wind wreaks havoc through Marsing and Homedale

The Marsing High School baseball field suffered extensive damage as when a windstorm ripped through the area Sunday night. The wind knocked over the backstop and pushed down the entire fence along the first-base line. A significant section of the outfield fence was knocked over, too. The damage to the field necessitated the move of today's non-conference baseball game with Wilder at 4 p.m., from Marsing to the Wildcats' field, 14 miles down the road.

BLM called out over sage-grouse habitat, private property

Proposed energy corridor revision seemingly contradicts RAC work, law accommodating Gateway West

Nearly a decade after local stakeholders thought they had settled on a viable plan, the Gateway West transmission line concept is back on the front burner.

One of the biggest concerns local officials have voiced: A West-Wide Energy Corridor revision proposal places contingency on compatible use within the Morley Nelson Birds of Prey National Conservation Area although a 2017 law removed such analysis from the Gateway

West segment allowed in the NCA to avoid Owyhee County private property.

The Board of County Commissioners has issued two letters to Bureau of Land Management officials since Jan. 25 regarding possible changes to the West-Wide Energy Corridor that could once again place the 500-kilovolt electrical transmission line on private property and threaten sage-grouse habitat

— See *BLM*, page 5A



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Plenty of Easter egg hunts throughout Owyhee communities

Children in every Owyhee County community have a chance to hang out with the Easter bunny, hunt eggs and track down treats this weekend.

Egg hunts begin at 10 a.m., on Saturday in Marsing, Homedale, Murphy, Grand View, and Bruneau.

Homedale

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce egg hunt will be held at Sundance Park.

The age groups will be 2 years and younger, ages 3-5, ages 6-8, and ages 10-12.

The Chamber has purchased plastic eggs and the candy to fill them through Albertsons. Masks will be encouraged but not required.

“I’m looking forward to giving the kids of our community an event that helps give them a sense of normalcy again,” Chamber president Gavin Parker said.

Parker said the Chamber is planning the largest number of eggs in the history of the event — 2,600 — which is about 100 more than 2019 hunt.

Marsing

The annual Marsing Lions Club egg hunt will take place in stages at the high school football field on 8th Avenue West.

There are five age groups again this year, ranging from 3-and-younger with help, 3- to 4-year-olds on their own, kindergarteners, first- and second-graders, and third- and fourth-graders.

There will be tickets for prize baskets stuffed in two eggs in each hunt, and there are other dollar prizes in other eggs as well as the sweet goodies.

Other prizes include ice cream cones from the Whitehouse Drive-In.

Lions Club members cordon off areas of the football field for each age group, and run the hunts in intervals.

Holy Oly O’s will be on hand selling mini-donuts, and OC Coffee will offer coffee and cocoa.

Murphy

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office will sponsor the community Easter egg hunt in Murphy.

The hunt is open to boys and girls ages 10 and younger and takes place on the Owyhee County Courthouse lawn on Idaho highway 78.

Donations are always welcome to help OCSO put on the event. Send donations to the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office, P.O. Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650.

Donations are used to buy candy, eggs and prizes for the children.

Grand View

The Grand View Lions Club will present the annual Easter egg hunt in two locations.

The hunt is open to toddlers through fifth-graders.

The older children will search for candy-filled eggs at Grand View City Park. Boys and girls ages 1-4 will search for eggs on the back lawn of the Eastern Owyhee County Library.

Children are asked to bring their Easter baskets to hunt the eggs.

Bruneau

The Bruneau Canyon 4-H club’s annual event will feature 100 dozen real hard-boiled Easter eggs hidden on the lawn at Bruneau Elementary School.

The hunt is open to boys and girls in preschool through fifth grade with divisions for preschoolers, kindergarteners and first-graders, second- and third-graders, and fourth- and fifth-graders.

Children in each age group will have a chance to find a gold egg and a silver egg, the prizes for which is an Easter breakfast.

Lunch, yoga offered at Presbyterian church

The First Presbyterian Church in Homedale is offering a couple of community programs.

The church’s free luncheon has returned beginning at 11:30 a.m., each Saturday.

There are also games for children available.

Call (208) 337-5419 for more information.

A new offering is a twice-weekly yoga class presented by Jamie Osborn.

The class will be held at 4 p.m., on Tuesday and Thursday at the church.

Osborn has put together a regimen for those recovering from trauma or injury or those with physical limitations. Children are welcome, and mats will be provided.

The Presbyterian church is located at 320 N. 6th St. W., in Homedale.

Area churches plan Easter services

Good Friday service, Sunday breakfasts set

A handful of local churches has made Good Friday and Easter services plans known.

The Homedale Ministerial Association will hold a Good Friday luncheon from noon to 1 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W.

This year’s host church is Trinity Free Holiness Church, which is led by Pastor Samuel Page.

The Good Friday luncheon is the modern version of the former Holy Week lunches that were held daily in previous years in Homedale during the week leading up to Easter.

The luncheon is open to the public, Page said.

Page will preside over a Good Friday service for Trinity Free Holiness Church at the Presbyterian church at 7:30 p.m., on Friday.

The pastor explains that Trinity Free Holiness Church utilizes the Presbyterian church for its Sunday night services (5:30 p.m.) and its Thursday evening (7:30 p.m.) services.

Trinity Free Holiness Sunday morning services and Sunday School are held at 10 a.m., at the home of Samuel and Robyn Page, 112 N. 4th St. W., in Homedale.

Homedale Friends Community Church

Homedale Friends Community Church will offer a Good Friday communion service at 7 p.m., on Friday, under the direction of Pastor Scott Morin.

An Easter breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m., on Sunday followed by the worship service at 10:45 a.m.

The church is located north of Homedale across the Snake River at 17434 U.S. Hwy. 95.

Church in the Dirt

Pastors Blaine and Molly Lilly have a large Easter egg hunt planned after The Church in the Dirt Easter Sunday service at The Tango in Homedale.

The Resurrection Sunday service starts at 10 a.m., at 404 U.S. Hwy. 95.

After the service, the Easter egg hunt will include treats for younger children and a \$100 bill egg hunt for young adults (up to 21 years old).

Live baby chicks and a bunny also will be on the scene for the children to pet.

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Health district discontinues coronavirus health alerts

All Idahoans eligible for COVID-19 shots

The Southwest District Health Board of Health has discontinued its COVID-19 health alert levels.

Owyhee County was still in the yellow health alert level when the board, which includes Dist. 2 County Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi (R-Homedale), convened a special meeting last Wednesday.

During that meeting, the board decided to retire the system that categorized community risk of exposure to the virus on a county-to-county basis.

Now, after the board's action, SWDH will be using another public information system.

The previous metrics will be available for review, but no color, alert level or mitigation recommendations will be associated.

The information will be available on the district's website and social media platforms.

Find the updated COVID-19 dashboard at <https://phd3.idaho.gov/covid19/#1593641650446-8e5454e5-d5d1>.

"The health alert levels were designed as a step toward providing community-specific information about risk for exposure to COVID-19 and recommendations for limiting that risk," SWDH director Nikki Zogg said.

"The next step now is to retire this system and use other resources in place

General COVID-19 vaccinations start Monday

by Connor Swersey
UI McClure Center intern

Gov. Brad Little announced every Idahoan will be able to get the COVID-19 vaccine starting Monday.

In a virtual announcement last Wednesday on the Idaho Public Television YouTube channel, Little started by thanking the state.

"I want to thank the close to 390,000 Idahoans who have chosen to get the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine," Little said.

At the start of this week, Idahoans with at least one medical condition became eligible for the vaccination.

On Monday, all Idahoans are eligible to sign up and receive the vaccine.

Little continues to urge all Idahoans to get the vaccine, stating that it is our best bet

to get back to "normal."

"The COVID vaccine really is our best shot at protecting jobs, saving lives, and keeping our kids in school. So please choose to receive the vaccine," Little said.

To pre-register for the vaccine, visit [COVIDvaccine.idaho.gov](https://covidvaccine.idaho.gov) to get started.

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to help inform the public, businesses, schools, and other institutions.

"Our staff remain dedicated to assisting and supporting our communities and reaching our vision of 'A healthier Southwest Idaho.'"

The district also reiterated that all Idahoans 45 and older and those 16 and older living in congregate settings can now access vaccines.

Congregate living situations include:

- Emergency shelters and transitional housing (if not already included)
- Dormitory housing for workers or students
- Correctional and detention facilities (adult)
- Group housing for persons in substance misuse treatment or recovery or with mental illness who do not require hospitalization
- Residential treatment or recovery facility

The health district reiterated that only the Pfizer vaccine is authorized for ages 16-17, while the Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson (a.k.a. Janssen) vaccines are authorized for people 18 and older.

Overall Owyhee County COVID-19 cases:

902

March 23 to March 28 statistics:
New confirmed cases, 6
Probable cases, 135 (New: 0)
Deaths: 27 (New: 1)
People who recovered: 977 (New: 5)
Source: coronavirus.idaho.gov and Southwest District Health

Malheur COVID-19 cases:

3,392

New cases, March 23 to March 28: 8
Deaths: 58 (New: 0)
Negative tests: 23,123 (New: 347)
Source: govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19

Making an appointment

An updated list of enrolled vaccine providers may be found on the SWDH website at <https://phd3.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/COVID-19-Vaccine-Location-R3-List-0319021-Eng-Span-locations.pdf>.

The list is updated as more providers enroll and begin receiving vaccine allocations or other changes occur.

Residents are encouraged to use the state's vaccine pre-registration tool at covidvaccine.idaho.gov

The pre-registration tool allows Idahoans to be added to a list that is used by enrolled vaccine providers to directly connect with those currently eligible for vaccine.

For assistance navigating the sites or if you do not have internet access, call the SWDH COVID-19 Call Center at (208) 455-5411.

The call center operates from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.



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Birthday



Folks could find Ray Huter out in the desert in his Jeep every Thursday this winter.

Ray Huter turns 95 on April 1

The party will have to wait, but former Homedale farmer Ray Huter will celebrate his 95th birthday on Thursday, April 1, 2021.
Huter farmed in Homedale for 47 years.
A party is planned for next year for Huter.

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March 24
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March 29
79° 30°
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SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature (measured in Fahrenheit)		
		(measured in inches)		Max	Min	Avg
Mud Flat						
03/23	1.8	6	5.4	38	24	30
03/24	1.7	6	5.4	42	20	33
03/25	1.6	4	5.7	38	29	33
03/26	1.4	5	5.6	42	27	34
03/27	1.0	5	5.5	53	23	40
03/28	0.2	1	5.7	61	31	48
03/29	0.1	0	6.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
03/23	5.1	13	10.8	35	21	28
03/24	5.2	13	10.8	36	25	30
03/25	4.6	16	10.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
03/26	5.3	15	11.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
03/27	5.3	13	11.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
03/28	4.8	12	11.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
03/29	4.0	9	11.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
03/23	12.6	38	17.5	36	21	26
03/24	12.7	36	17.4	39	22	30
03/25	13.0	37	17.7	36	25	28
03/26	13.7	41	18.4	42	23	32
03/27	13.8	39	18.4	52	31	41
03/28	13.6	36	18.5	58	42	48
03/29	12.9	33	18.6	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 57 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 622 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 37 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 409,544 acre-feet of water on Monday.

Clarification

Grand View City Councilperson Opal Ward told The Owyhee Avalanche on Thursday that she missed a March 2 public hearing on the Idaho Community Block Grant application for the Grand View Community Club because of back surgery.

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Gun charge for Marsing man

A man stumbling down a Marsing street early Friday morning was arrested for carrying a gun while drunk.

An Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy on patrol spotted 25-year-old Gabriel Chavez staggering down 2nd Avenue West just before 1 a.m. on Friday.

Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said the deputy noted in his report that Chavez was alone and clearly having

trouble walking.

During a search, the deputy found that Chavez was carrying a 9mm Glock, and the man has been charged with carrying a concealed weapon while intoxicated.

Bowman said Chavez complied with directions and was transported to the Owyhee County Jail in Murphy.

He has since posted bail.

— TK

From page 1A

✓BLM: County commissioners write letters to preserve Gateway West route

and, in turn, ranchers’ livelihoods.

According to a recent BLM report on Corridor 36-228 (Twin Falls to Boise), revisions bring Gateway West Segment 9E back into play, and that has county commissioners, staff, ranchers and sage-grouse proponents worried.

The revisions, the impacts of which on sage-grouse habitat commissioners say would trip triggers of mitigation that could affect livestock ranching, were published in the November 2020 report.

Owyhee County’s concerns have been known at least since a 2019 workshop in Missoula, Mont., and county staffers Jim Desmond and Mary Huff reiterated those worries during a March 9 teleconference with BLM energy corridor officials.

“... the currently proposed locations, even with possible changes ... still contain significant adverse impacts to Owyhee County private lands as well as to the livelihood and quality of life of our citizens,” the commissioners wrote in a March 15 letter to Erica Pionke, the federal agency’s Reno, Nev.-based program lead for powerline rights-of-way and energy corridors, and Washington D.C.-based BLM realty specialist Jeremy Bluma.

In their short follow-up to a Jan. 25 correspondence, the commissioners specifically pointed out that a proposed route south of Idaho highway 78 is particularly troubling because it would disturb otherwise pristine habitat.

“Loss of sage-grouse habitat as would occur with the creation of a route south of Highway 78 would occur in intact habitat where there is little in the way of existing roads/infrastructure,” the

commissioners wrote.

“Loss of that habitat would impact ranching and other uses of federal lands that are not necessarily located along the proposed corridor route as a mitigation effort is put in place on other federal lands to offset the harm from corridor development.”

In its two 2021 letters, the board also reminded the agency that 80 private landowners have voiced staunch opposition to the Gateway West line’s siting on private land and that the county’s comprehensive land use plan allows those property owners to refuse to file zoning amendments to accommodate the federal government.

In the letter issued earlier this month, the commissioners concurred with Bluma’s comment that if a 36-228 corridor route wasn’t viable as a preferred route that the route should be abandoned altogether.

The commissioners’ Jan. 25 letter reiterated the county’s comments from April 9 when the government was working on the routing of corridor 36-228.

Not all the developments are bleak, however. In its January letter, the board pointed out that the agency identified alternatives that addressed some of the county’s concerns.

The plan calls for the development of an energy corridor management plan to be incorporated into existing BLM land use plans to provide guidance, policy and technical standards for improved management.

That plan also would re-route the corridor to avoid Owyhee County private lands not already impacted by energy infrastructure or where locals strongly oppose future energy development.

Finally, the plan would realign the corridor along a piece of the Gateway West route that would cross the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey NCA. The NCA route was instituted after two years and 14 different meetings involving a BLM Boise District Resource Advisory Council subcommittee formed to address Gateway West concerns of the county and its landowners, ranchers and other stakeholders.

Those meetings, workshops, public comment period and field trips stretched across 2013 and 2014 and gave elected officials and landowners a relatively secure idea that the issue was settled.

The final piece of that puzzle was the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey NCA Boundary Modification Act of 2017 that swapped land near Hammett for a swath of the NCA to establish a Gateway West right-of-way and avoid a large chunk of private acreage south of the Snake River.

“The Act also made clear that the removed lands were not to be managed as NCA,” the commissioners wrote on Jan. 25.

But, according to comments from Murphy resident Karen Steenhof, a retired wildlife biologist and former co-chair of the RAC’s Gateway West subcommittee, the BLM’s 2019 plan proposal may be back-tracking on that language.

Steenhof points out that part of the plan states “potential revision through the NCA would be dependent on whether or not it is compatible with the purposes of the NCA,” and that the statement ignores the 2017 law.

— JPB

School menus

Homedale Elementary

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

March 31: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon pull-apart. **Lunch:** Chicken filet, mashed potatoes with gravy, hot roll.

April 1: **Breakfast:** Mini donuts, string cheese. **Lunch:** Pepperoni calzone, green beans.

April 5: **Breakfast:** Apple filled donut. **Lunch:** Nachos, corn.

April 6: **Breakfast:** Waffle breakfast sandwich. **Lunch:** Hamburger, French fries.

April 7: **Breakfast:** Chocolate chip muffin. **Lunch:** Spaghetti, garlic toast, green beans.

Homedale Middle

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

March 31: **Breakfast:** Apple cinnamon Texas toast. **Lunch:** Chicken taco, corn.

April 1: **Breakfast:** Donut. **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper.

April 5: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza. **Lunch:** Corn dog, baked beans.

April 6: **Breakfast:** Filled cereal bar. **Lunch:** Chicken patty or spicy chicken patty, potato wedges.

April 7: **Breakfast:** Cinnamon burst bread. **Lunch:** Orange chicken, steamed rice, broccoli, fortune cookie.

Homedale High

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt, string cheese or hard-boiled egg
Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily
Cereal option, grab ‘n’ go items each day

March 31: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and gravy or pancakes. **Lunch:** Sloppy Joe, steamed carrots or cheesy chicken sub, steamed carrots.

April 1: **Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza or French toast. **Lunch:** Crispito, refried beans or mini corn dogs.

April 5: **Breakfast:** Waffle sandwich or apple filled donut. **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper or corn dog.

April 6: **Breakfast:** Croissant breakfast sandwich or bagel with cream cheese. **Lunch:** Pork chop or chicken filet, mashed potatoes with gravy, dinner roll

April 7: **Breakfast:** Homemade breakfast burrito or filled cereal bar. **Lunch:** Spicy chicken patty sandwich or hamburger or cheeseburger, potato wedges.

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 31: **Breakfast:** Pop tart, cheese stick. **Lunch:** Mac-n-cheese, snickerdoodle cookie. Cold Grab-n-go: Taco salad with breadstick.

April 1: **Breakfast:** English muffin breakfast sandwich, yogurt. **Lunch:** Cheeseburger, potato wedge. Hot Grab-n-Go: Cherry chicken rice bowl, French fries.

April 5: **Breakfast:** Mini donuts, cheese stick. **Lunch:** Hot Grab-n-Go: Buffalo chicken nuggets, French fries.

April 6: **Breakfast:** Tornado: egg, sausage, cheese, yogurt. **Lunch:** Pepperoni calzone, green beans. Cold Grab-n-Go: Southwest chicken salad.

April 7: **Breakfast:** Texas toast, cheese stick. **Lunch:** Super nachos, refried beans. Cold Grab-n-Go: Chef’s salad with breadstick.

Bruneau/Grand View

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

March 31: **Breakfast:** Pancakes and egg patty. **Lunch:** Chicken patty on a bun, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli.

April 1: **Breakfast:** Breakfast wrap. **Lunch:** Ham and cheese on a bun, tater tots, baby carrots.

April 5: **Breakfast:** Apple frudel. **Lunch:** Pizza, tossed romaine salad, corn.

April 6: **Breakfast:** Biscuits and jelly. **Lunch:** Chicken & noodles, tossed romaine salad, steamed carrots.

April 7: **Breakfast:** Waffle and hashbrowns. **Lunch:** Nachos and chips, refried beans with salsa, broccoli.

Obituaries

Ralph Leroy Dines

Ralph Leroy Dines, 80, passed away on Thursday, March 25, 2021, with his two children by his side. Ralph devoted the last several years to caring for his beloved wife. Margie preceded Ralph in death by 34 days. His last words were, "I just want to be with my wife." We truly believe he died of a broken heart. He was born June 19, 1940 at home in Marsing, Idaho to Russell and Faye Dines. Ralph

graduated from Marsing High School in 1958. Ralph married the love of his life, Margie Dines, on October 6, 1963, and they shared 57 wonderful years together. Through this union, they were blessed with two children: Tracy (Raymond) Gaviola and Kelly (BJ) Dines; four grandchildren: Madison (Cole) Pryor, Britney (Josh) Behrens, Conner Goff and Josh Dines; and three great-grandchildren:

Aspen, Caisey and Presley. Ralph was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Lucille Aldrich and Donna Webb; two brothers, Frank Dines and George Dines; son-in-law, Tim Goff; two sisters-in-law; and five brothers-in-law. Ralph is survived by his children; grandchildren; brother, Rich (Sherry) Dines; in-laws: Jackie Dines, Ellen Dines, Bob Webb; and many

nieces and nephews. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, April 1st at 10:30 A.M. at the American Legion Hall Post 128 in Marsing, Idaho. Graveside services and dinner to follow. In lieu of flowers and plants, donations can be made in Ralph's name to the Marsing Lions Club. Condolences may be left for Ralph's family at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com.



Rachael Irene Gottsch Jacobsen

Rachael Irene Gottsch Jacobsen, age 52 of Mountain Home, passed away Monday, March 22, 2021 at St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise from blunt force trauma to her head. A memorial service will be held at 10:00AM, on Saturday, March 27, 2021 at the Valley Christian Fellowship Church in Grand View. Cremation was under the care of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home. Rachael was born August 8, 1968 to Gail Ulrey in Mountain Home. Gail gave her up for adoption and Virgil and Vivian Gottsch took her home when she was 5 days old. Rachael joined a brother, Jim and a sister, Dorothy and 16

months later another brother, Dan, joined the family. Rachael attended her first Owyhee County Fair when she was 2 weeks old. She joined 4-H as soon as she was old enough, taking many different projects. She excelled in everything she attempted. Sewing was her specialty. She made her own prom dress when she was a junior in high school and was runner-up in the Idaho State Make-it-Yourself with Wool contest. She also had livestock projects, raising fat lambs and fat calves. FFA was one of the organizations she participated in at Rimrock High School. She played the flute and saxophone in band and was a cheerleader and participated in basketball



and track. She attended CSI in Twin Falls. Growing up in Grand View, she hoed beets and moved sprinkler pipe. Her favorite jobs were working in fabric stores. Rachael married Mike Jacobsen on July 25, 1987 in her

parents' front yard. From this union two children were born, Amanda and Josh. They lived in the Mountain Home area where they both worked for TLK. She learned Braille and worked in the Mountain Home School District with the blind students. She waited tables at Carlos's. She also worked on the farm, driving truck during harvest. When TLK Dairy started up she helped set up the computer program and registered all the cows. She was a very kind person and loved spending time with her grandchildren coloring and crocheting. She did not like clutter and was very precise in her housekeeping. Rachael was preceded in

death by her birth mother, Gail Ulrey, her father, Virgil Gottsch, a brother and 3 sisters who died in infancy. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Amanda and Pat Stone, son Joshua Jacobsen and Emily Irving; Grandchildren Lexi Will, Bristol Stone, RJ Anderson and Auberdein Lue Jacobsen; mother and stepfather Vivian and Doug Meyer; Sister Dorothy (Steve) Scott; brothers Jim (Barbara) Pepin and Dan (Leslie) Gottsch along with several nieces, nephews and cousins. Donations can be made in Rachael's name to: Elmore County Domestic Violence, 158 North 3 East, Mountain Home, Idaho 83647.

Jean Aline McGhee

Jean Aline McGhee, 86, of Grand View, Idaho passed away March 22, 2021, in her home in Grand View. Graveside services were held at 1:00PM on Friday, March 26, 2021, at Mountain View Cemetery in Mountain Home, under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel. In Chickasaw near Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on the 13th of March 1935, Jean was born to Gladys Kingsborough. She never knew her father, Eugene Fanning. He and her mother attended the same Indian School. Jean didn't know her grandparents. Gladys' mother, Lillie May Farris, died when Gladys was 3 and she was sent to live with the Indians. When Jean was 2, Gladys married Ellis Spence. She learned to pick cotton by 4 and soon she could out pick her family. Her step dad spanked her if she didn't pick enough cotton. She was only allowed to attend school between jobs or when it rained. Gladys sent Jean to Ellis' brother and sisters places in other towns to play with their children and



enjoy a family life. They were glad to have her. Their Grandma asked her to stay with her for the summer. A highlight for Jean is when she went to Parochial School and learned about Jesus. The family moved to the fruit workers camps in La Mount, California. This is where she met Buck McGhee, her future husband. On the 8th of August 1956, Buck married Jean. They lived in La Mount until they had saved enough money to buy a house in Bakersfield. When Buck contracted encephalitis, they

made a lasting friendship with Dr. Lewis Sandage, a specialist from Los Angeles just starting a practice in Bakersfield. Buck's work went on strike. He was offered to run a bar in Lake Isabella. They bought property and built a little cabin in stages as they had cash. The first hospital in Lake Isabella was opening. Jean found work making beds, caring for patients, and finally as the desk "nurse." She also sold milk

from her cow and eggs from her chickens to her co-workers. They fished and hunted. Buck trained dogs. Jean had her own dog. Later she worked in the pharmacy downtown. After hearing about the great hunting and fishing in Idaho, they moved to Grand View in 1986. They ran the Monaghan Trailer Park and then bought their own place from Ruth and Vernon Hanson. Jean planted a garden and raised flowers.

They raised a few cows on their pasture and enjoyed hunting and fishing. Jean had 'Southern Hospitality.' She greeted her guests warmly, offered them a chair, and something to drink and eat. She carried on lively conversation and had some funny stories to tell. She remembered people's names, their lives, and interests. Even down to her last days on earth, Jean was greeting those who loved her.

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HPD to get two cars without spending tax money

Insurance settlement, surplus sale, drug seizure proceeds fund purchase

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller maintained his pledge to not buy new patrol cars or spend taxpayer money when the city council approved a plan to purchase two vehicles from the Idaho State Police.

During a special meeting last Wednesday, the council unanimously approved the purchase of a 2016 Dodge Charger, and voted, 3-1, to buy a 2014 Charger. Councilman Aaron Tines, who would like to see new vehicles purchased, opposed buying the 2014 model.

A day later, Eidemiller told The Owyhee Avalanche that ISP offered to sell the city a 2015 Charger for \$5,000 and the agreed-upon 2016 Charger for \$8,000.

“It’s a screaming deal,” Eidemiller said.

ISP cruisers become available to other law enforcement agencies when they reach 100,000 miles of service.

The \$13,000 price tag is actually \$500 less than what the city would spend under last Wednesday’s approval.

The \$8,000 to purchase the 2016 Charger will come from an insurance settlement for a damaged HPD car (\$4,984 after the city pays its \$1,000 deductible to the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program) and \$3,100 received at auction for a 2006 Charger that the council declared surplus equipment last year.

Eidemiller said more funds for the purchase of the two vehicles will be procured from the sale at auction of a pair of motorcycles that HPD seized

in a drug raid a few years ago at a home in the first block of Kansas Avenue.

Additionally, the city may receive more insurance money because the camera system was damaged when the HPD cruiser was wrecked while on patrol.

The only additional expenditures to put the new acquisitions in service include putting the HPD striping theme on the cars and reprogramming the emergency radios.

Eidemiller said both ISP cars will come equipped with emergency lights and have wiring harnesses and computer mounts compatible with the HPD systems. That further saves the city money.

During the special meeting, Eidemiller said buying two cars deviates from his plan to rotate vehicles out of service and buy equipment every other year.

“This is a stop-gap,” he said. “I don’t want to revert to (buying) used cars over new cars.”

“My intent (next fiscal year) is to get another new car and push the oldest car out to surplus,” Eidemiller said.

He clarified that the car that is designated as surplus may not necessarily be the oldest one in the fleet, but it could be the car that is costing the most to maintain. The department now tracks how much it costs to keep each patrol car on the road.

At the same time, the ISP transaction will help the chief

get the rotation program back on track.

“We were going to lease another car in the next budget year,” Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said.

Eidemiller’s plans to maintain newer equipment ran into a stretch of bad luck in the past year.

“My goal is to still maintain a newer fleet and rotate out the older cars,” Eidemiller said. “But when you lose two motors and a car, it’s difficult.”

Eidemiller plans to take one of the ISP acquisitions as his cruiser and rotate his current vehicle into the motor pool for his officers.

Ideally, the chief would like to have a vehicle dedicated for each of his officers because that saves on wear-and-tear, and the officers would have first-hand knowledge of the only car they’d drive.

“When one officer is driving a car, it lasts longer and they’re better maintained,” Eidemiller said.

In discussing the purchase of used equipment, Eidemiller pointed out that a new Ford SUV Interceptor would cost up to \$50,000 fully equipped with a police package and that vehicle orders are six months out. Add another three to four months to get the vehicle outfitted locally with a radio, he said.

Tines said he liked the idea of keeping one of the department’s older Explorers in service for a year while waiting for the arrival of a brand-new SUV patrol unit.

Christoffersen told the chief that the city could order a brand-new Explorer now and

pay for it out of the Fiscal Year 2022 budget when the SUV is delivered.

“I told the citizens of this town that I wasn’t going to buy a new car this year,” Eidemiller said.

Christoffersen tried to convince the chief that the purchase would be in the next fiscal year, which begins in October, but Eidemiller said he was still uncomfortable with that.

Tines asked Eidemiller if he would be willing to drive one of the Ford Explorers that HPD has and give his current patrol car to one of his officers.

The chief said his plan for the Explorers had always been to use them in bad weather only. The Explorers were purchased a few years ago when the Treasure Valley experienced one of its snowiest winters in the past 25 years.

Eidemiller said he’d like to return those Explorers to their original intended use because they are older vehicles — 15 years old — and would last longer without daily use. Both Explorers have close to 100,000 miles on them.

Eidemiller also wants to allow Officer Justin Herman to take home his patrol car. He recently built a house just a few miles outside the city limits. At this point, Eidemiller and Officer Danny Zenor are the only men who have waivers from the mandate to leave patrol cars in Homedale because of their proximity to town.

“A take-home car gives us another officer to respond in an emergency,” Councilman Steve Atkins, a former HPD officer, said.

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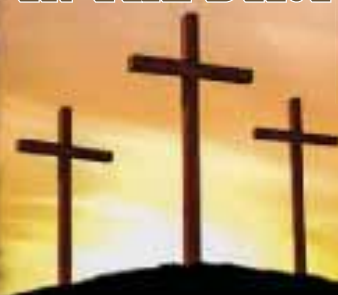


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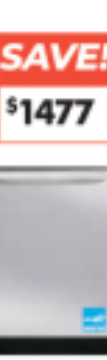
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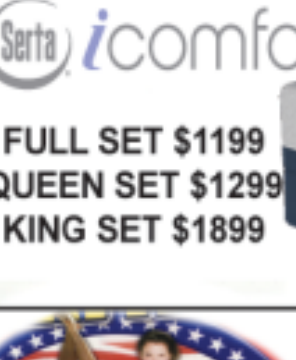
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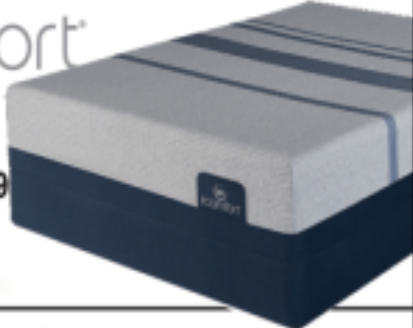
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Homedale Chamber relaunches beautification project

Chamber has matching funds program for storefront improvements

Another program is returning after a COVID-19 induced hiatus, Homedale Chamber of Commerce president Gavin Parker announced last week.

The Helping Homedale business beautification project and contest will resume Thursday after taking off 2020. This year's window for businesses to make eligible improvements closes on Aug. 31.

Parker signaled the program's return during last

week's monthly Chamber luncheon at The Bowling Alley.

The program began after the Chamber received \$20,000 when the Homedale Development Corp. was dissolved. The donation was put into a fund to launch the beautification project and encourage the cleaning up of local business fronts.

Through the program, businesses can receive a reimbursement of 50 cents for every dollar spent, up to \$250, on

storefront improvements. For example, a business spending \$500 on improvements could get up to \$250 back.

Local businesses Voodoo Graphx and Eclipse Contracting are providing some incentive for taking part in the beautification project. Voodoo is offering discounted signage, and Eclipse is offering discounted exterior painting.

Voodoo can be reached at (208) 337-7071 and Eclipse at (208) 570-1214.

A new contest has been added to the project after Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller's suggestion was

met with resounding support during the March 23 meeting.

Representing the city, Eidemiller recommended the Chamber could offer a \$500 reward for businesses that made the best and most attractive improvements. Chamber members would judge the contest.

Reimbursement and contest monies come from the Chamber's general fund.

Examples of things eligible for Helping Homedale assistance are new paint, updated and improved signage, new windows, flowers, landscaping, awnings, and more.

Businesses within the city limits or those just immediately outside are eligible.

tion in 2019, and it was shut down for 2020.

Parker said that the money is there to help local businesses, but they just need to express interest to be involved.

The Chamber is reaching out to owners of vacant storefronts along Idaho Avenue to participate in the project, too. Parker suggested improvements would help sell the properties, if that is what owners want to do, saying that a new paint job and repaired windows could only help.

For more information about getting involved, contact Parker at (208) 337-3271 or email him at gsparker72@yahoo.com. Additional information is available at www.cityofhomedale.org.

The Chamber meets at noon on the fourth Tuesday of every month at The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W. Meetings typically go on hiatus during summer months.

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Signage

New Windows

Flowers

Landscaping

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(Maximum reimbursement of \$250 per business, the committee must approve any funds.)

Dirt biker hurt at Hemingway

A 20-year-old man was transported to an area hospital after a motorcycle accident on Sunday left him with severe trauma to his left foot.

The unidentified motorcyclist was injured around 3 p.m., near Hemingway Butte.

Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire and EMS Capt. Louis Monson said the man was recreating with family on a stretch of road between Hemingway and Chalky Buttes when he lost control of

his bike.

Monson said MRW first-responders treated the man and brought him down to Idaho highway 78, where Marsing Ambulance picked him up before a rendezvous with Canyon County Paramedics. He was then transported to the hospital.

Monson said that the trauma was significant.

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Teens & Tweens finally moves outdoors at Homedale library

Yes, spring is here, and the Teens & Tweens at Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library are ready to make the most of it. Thursday's game night planned for the program at Homedale's city library will put the youth outside. They'll play volleyball and "kick the can," weather permitting. Boys and girls ages 10-17 are invited to show up at 5 p.m., at the library, 121 W. Wyoming Ave. During the preschool Story Time on Monday, retired first-grade teacher Steve Belknap, a Homedale resident, will be the featured reader. The Friends of the Homedale Library member will read "Happy Birthday, Moon," "Count the Monkeys," and "Puff the Magic Dragon." The children will also partake in a fun activity. The library is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., on Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Friday, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday. It is closed Sundays. Call (208) 337-4228 for more information.

Lizard Butte Story Time back in action

Lizard Butte Library brings the joy of literature back to local preschool-aged children at 10:30 a.m., today. For the first time in nearly a year, the library at 111 3rd Ave. W., in Marsing will present Story Time to the city's youth. Story Time took an extended pause beginning last spring as a response to COVID-19 protocols. New youth librarian Rayna Haws will be on hand to read to and entertain the children with stories and crafts. Haws was recently hired to replace Catriona Hardy, who became library director when Janna Streibel moved on. The public library is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from noon to 6 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 7 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is closed on Sundays. Call (208) 896-4690 for more information.

SBOC ditch rider roster sees changes

The South Board of Control has updated its list of ditch riders since its publication in last Wednesday's special edition "Ag 2021" in The Owyhee Avalanche. Clark Maybon has moved to the maintenance crew, according to SBOC office manager Sherry Maxwell. The updated roster is:

- **No. 21** — Kenny Woods, (208) 205-6083
- **No. 22** — Dave Bowman, (208) 899-7581
- **No. 24** — Andy Howard, (208) 869-1746
- **No. 25** — Servando Zalazar, (208) 880-8187
- **No. 26** — Adam Combs, (208) 880-9192

Friends church plays host to AA meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are planned twice a week at a Homedale-area church. Alcoholics, their family members, and people contemplating recovery are welcome at the meetings. Meetings will be held on Tuesdays and Thursday at the Homedale Friends Community Church. Each meeting will begin at 7 p.m., at the church, which is north of Homedale at 17434 Hwy. 95.

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April 8: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, beets.

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April 6: BBQ chicken sandwich, baked beans, Malibu vegetables, mandarin oranges.
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April 8: Tuna salad sandwich, three-bean salad, tropical fruit, wheat bread.

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April 1: Chicken strips, French fries, celery and carrot sticks, fruit cocktail, whole grain bread, pudding
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It’s full speed ahead for Homedale Community Foodstead

New offerings in the works as foodstead rebounds from 2020

The Homedale Community Foodstead has been a passion project for Farmers Market president Denise Dâixon for nearly two years.

Dixon’s goal while planning the foodstead was to create a permanent location where local residents could purchase fresh, affordable produce, breads and pastries, dairy, and more, with a focus on local producers and vendors.

The foodstead, which eventually found a home in the old Homedale City Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., opened for business last spring.

But, like most businesses, the establishment suffered through some lean times because of COVID-19 restrictions.

To help accommodate the protocols, the foodstead allowed folks to place an order and pay at the online site, www.homedalefoodstead.com, every Thursday through Sunday. Orders were picked up on Tuesday evenings.

Online ordering remains available each week.

“The Homedale Community Foodstead is an exciting piece of the Homedale community,”

Dixon said. “The products on the website are all local.

“During the pandemic, local foods came to the forefront of our community (members’) minds. Everyone want to know where their food is coming from and how it is processed.”

Dixon said that buying local and supporting local will accomplish that.

Vendors on the foodstead’s website include Homesteader Farms, L & L Livestock, Little Cow Mountain, Paloma Farms, Magpie Mercantile, Winchester Beef, and more.

Despite the accommodations, which included curbside pick-up, the foodstead was averaging just one or two orders per week as Homedale residents coped with financial and social ramifications of life during COVID.

Dixon said the foodstead will begin offering community meal kits soon. A community meal kit is a healthy, preassembled meal, such as lasagna or casseroles, with vegetables or potatoes that citizens can order ahead and pick up. She provided no specific timeline or price structure for the service.

She said that she is trying



An important feature to Denise Dixon while looking for a location for the Homedale Community Foodstead was a spot for a commercial kitchen. The foodstead is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

to incorporate Produce Prescription programs into the foodstead’s services. With this program, which is already underway in other communities such as Boise, healthcare providers furnish vouchers to pay for nutritious foods and improve the health for people with diet-related diseases.

Dixon is still working out the specifics of that program.

The foodstead does more than provide meals for area residents. It has a community meeting room that holds up to 70 people.

The room has a big-screen television, a projector, a whiteboard, refrigerator, coffee makers, microwave, and a warming appliance for banquet meals.

The rental of the community room is \$35 for four hours and \$70 for a full day. Proceeds are put into the town’s city library budget.

To reserve the community room for meetings, parties, and classes, contact Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library director Sharla Jensen at (208) 337-4228 or Dixon at

dddixon2222@gmail.com.

The foodstead also features a commercial kitchen, which was recently certified by Southwest District Health and is ready for rental.

Dixon said the kitchen can be used for community classes, school groups, and more, and costs \$150 for the first five hours and \$250 for 10 hours.

Foodstead vendors can also use the kitchen to prepare their products.

For more information on the rental of the kitchen, contact Dixon.

— TK

Community gardeners getting dirty near Riverside Park

Families invited to help prep for second season

Through cooperation with the city, the Homedale Community Garden opened its inaugural season in late spring 2020.

With the help of a cadre of volunteers and a garden committee, red cabbage, lettuce, peas, tomatoes, peppers cucumbers carrots, Indian corn, beans, and more were planted in 11 garden boxes at a site on the west end of Riverside Park, adjacent to the RV park.

Now, the committee and a handful of volunteers are learning from last year’s lessons and prepping the space for 2021.

The committee members and volunteers added soil amendments to the raised beds on March 20 and met again Sunday to lay peat moss in the boxes to help with soil aeration and more effective retention of nutrients.

The garden boxes were constructed and installed by Mason Rountree as part of his senior leadership project last April.

“The Homedale Community Garden had its first growing season last year,” organizer Denise Dixon said. “We used the garden for education of the Cultivate class (a children’s gardening program connected to the Homedale



Elias Tines, a 15-year-old freshman at Homedale High School, spreads a bag of raised-bed soil during the March 20 workday at the Homedale Community Garden. In the background, Marilyn Evans of Homedale (left) and Pat Benedict of Wilder work on other planting beds. Evans and Benedict are community garden committee members and part of the Owyhee Gardeners.

Farmers Market).”

She said produce was donated to the Homedale Senior Center, as well as to community members in need.

“This year we are inviting families to join us at the garden,” Dixon said. “Our group will work as a community to raise the garden from start to finish.”

She said participating families will enjoy the benefits of the harvest. Food that is left over will be donated to families in need, as well as various organizations around the community.

“A huge thank you to the (Owyhee

Gardeners) for sustaining the garden last year,” she said. “This year, the committee is setting up the garden and will make sure everything runs smoothly.”

Families who want to be involved with the garden can contact Dixon at dddixon2222@gmail.com.

Dixon said that she has been communicating with Homedale and Marsing schools (including their FFA chapters) and will send more information to them about student involvement, as well as releasing information through

The Owyhee Avalanche and on social media as things progress.

The community garden also has a new event in the works — a youth garden club for children from third grade through high school.

Youth will work in the community garden with mentors and the garden committee. The children will help prepare the soil, and plant, maintain, and harvest the produce.

“We are looking to an exciting year,” Dixon said.

Not everything has necessarily gone smoothly with the garden. Issues with the soil led to low crop yield during the garden’s first harvest.

“I helped plant the potatoes, but they turned out really tiny,” Dixon said. “I’m not a gardener.”

The garden is relying on the expertise of garden committee members such as University of Idaho Canyon County Extension Office educator and former Marsing Ag teacher Nic Usabel.

Dixon said she will apply for more grants to expand the garden space, plant trees, and more.

For information about the Homedale Community Garden and when folks can help at the garden, contact Dixon at dddixon2222@gmail.com.

The Owyhee Gardeners club meets on the second Thursday of every month at 1 p.m., at the Sandbar Community Room, 18 Sandbar Ave., inside Marsing City Hall.

— TK

A DECADE OF MRW CHILI CREATIONS



Standing, from left: Lena Johnson and Angie Barkell (Owyhee County Clerks), Amanda Allison-Monson, Loni Monson, and Rich Monson. **Kneeling, from left:** Mallory Lincoln, Madi Allison, McCoy Allison, and Nadia Zimmerman (D.L. Evans Bank)



Clockwise from right:
D.L. Evans Bank not only sponsored the chili cook-off, but sent a team to cook up Boilermaker Chili, which is a red bean variety. **From left:** Kellie Evans, Deb Harris (obscured) and Christian Griffith. The three colleagues work at the bank's 12th Avenue branch in Nampa.

Loni Monson (left) and Rich Monson (center) had several chili varieties to serve up. Loni is the wife of MRW Fire and EMS Capt. Louis Monson and also is related to people manning two other chili contest booths Saturday at the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy.

Amanda Allison-Monson (right) provides a helping of her chili creation. Both Loni and Amanda won plaques, and McCoy Allison picked up an award after helping his great aunt Mary Monson serve up her New Mexico green chile stew.



10th annual Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire and EMS chili cook-off results
People's Choice — Owyhee County Clerks (Angie Barkell and Lena Johnson)
Anything Goes — 1. Amanda Allison-Monson; 2. McCoy Allison
Red Chili with Bean — 1. Loni Monson; 2. D.L. Evans Bank
No Bean — 1. Rich Monson
Green Chili — 1. Madi Allison



Above: Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire and EMS chili cook-off master of ceremonies Louis Monson (left) begins the awards ceremony as Owyhee County Historical Museum director Eriks Garsvo looks on. **Below:** Opaline resident Emma Parker (right) accepts a sample of elk meat chili from Fay Shields, who lives with her husband — Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson volunteer firefighter Jim Shields — in the War Eagle area. Shields manned one of about a half-dozen booths that were entered in the cook-off.



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✓ Sunrise: Longtime association board member to be remembered Sunday

The event was shelved weeks before last Easter because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2021 service will begin at 7:22 a.m., and the principal players in the presentation will gather under a newly completed cover to lead the throng atop the butte in a brief ceremony.

“This year’s service will be minimal compared to other years out of observance for social distancing protocol,” Morgan said. “There will only be a few people on the platform.”

For more information about the service, folks can visit the association’s Facebook page or the website www.lizardbuttesunrise.com.

As always, people are encouraged to dress warmly for the early spring morning and to bring a blanket or chairs for comfort.

Although the service will be abbreviated this year, folks can expect to see some traditional parts of the event.

The Angels at the Cross will be portrayed by Jasmine and Nikita Romaine of Marsing.

Greenleaf Friends Church pastor Alan Weinacht will provide the invocation.

Marsing resident John Cossel will welcome the visitors and then pay tribute to his longtime friend O’Connor. O’Connor served the Lizard Butte Sunrise Association in various capacities for 18 years.

Cossel also will read from the Scriptures Matthew 28:1-10 and 16-20 from the New International Version of the Bible.

The planned Scriptures recounts the Resurrection upon a visit to Jesus’ tomb by Mary Magdalene and Mary as well as Jesus’ reappearance to his disciples.

Deer Flat Church’s contemporary worship pastor, Jason Leist, will lead the congregational hymn “The Old Rugged Cross,” with accompaniment from pianist Jodi Peke.

Leist and Weinacht next will lead the congregation in the responsive reading “But He Lives” before Weinacht delivers the annual Easter message.

The service will conclude

with the hymn “Christ Arose” before Weinacht gives the benediction.

A freewill offering will be received after the service.

Donations also can be made at the event’s website or by texting LIZARD to 41444.

The Nampa chapter of the Young Marines is taking over from the Boy Scouts to help people park on property provided by McIntyre Farms before the service. The Canyon County Sheriff’s Office will furnish traffic control on Idaho highway 55

The Young Marines will also raise the flag at the start of the service.

Boy Scout Troop No. 276 had provided help with the service for 34 years.

“We are very grateful for their many years of participation,” Morgan said.

The Young Marines, led by Capt. Art Jackson and Jose Nava, will also clean the area after the service.

Idaho Power has provided the electricity to light the cross atop Lizard Butte.

Combs Car Corral, owned by Homedale native Dennis Combs, has provided transportation for those who need help to scale the butte.

Marsing Hardware has donated the paint to freshen up the stage.

Each person in the congregation will receive a program printed by Pacific Press in Nampa.

Tyler Nixon from American Music and Caldwell Sound provided assistance for the musical program.

Association leadership

In addition to Morgan, the rest of the association officers include president Phil Schreffler of Nampa, and vice-president Tyler Morgan of Caldwell.

Other board members are Marsing residents Craig Clapier, Steve Heidt, Charles Kiester, Randy Crawford, and Terry Prince; Caldwell residents Ken Birch and Cyndi Rogers; Helen Garner from Huston; and Jill Winschell of Meridian.

Both association members



The project to put a permanent cover over the Lizard Butte Sunrise Service platform northeast of Marsing has included digging holes for footings (above) and placing posts and cross pieces with heavy equipment (below). Submitted photos



joined the effort in the past decade, and Prince has been involved for only a few months.

Kiester is the longest serving member, having joined the association in 1984, while Winschell has been active for more than 25 years.

Cover nearly done

Crews have been working feverishly to complete the platform cover, and Ken

Birch said that a group led by Schreffler swung the cover into place earlier this month.

Pilings and crosspieces on the structure were installed on March 20, Birch said.

After a March 2020 ground-breaking, volunteers worked to put footings in place.

The steel beams are set, and a roof should be in place in time for Sunday.

“We have had many generous labor and material donations

from companies,” Morgan said.

In addition to monetary donations, several companies provided in-kind assistance, including:

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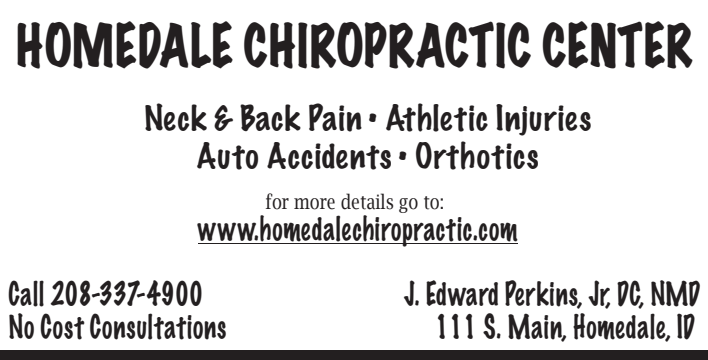


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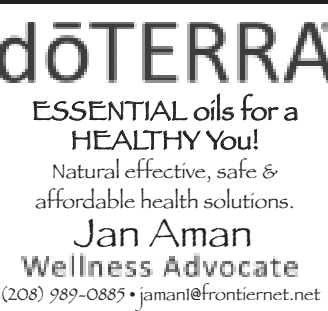
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Local riders grab good finishes in AMA desert race

The AMA Hare and Hound Nationals returned to Owyhee County for the first time in two years, and a handful of local motorcycle racers made their marks. The national series stop in the desert outside Murphy was cancelled in 2020 because of COVID-19. As usual, DIRT Inc. sponsored the race. Joseph Wasson of Mountain Home was the overall professional champion on Sunday, completing the course in 2 hours, 26 minutes, 18 seconds. Saturday's overall youth champion was Tallon Smith, finishing in 1:41:41. Most of the local riders competed on Sunday, which was reserved for adult divisions and pro riders. Melba's Carter Stears won the A Open championship, completing the course in 2 hours, 41 minutes and

— See *Race*, page 4B



Dakota Gammell dives toward home plate late in Homedale's game against South Fremont on Thursday as coach Burke Deal watches from the third base coach box. Gammell was tagged out.

Antelopes looking typically spry in spring football

State champs back, unbeaten after delay

It appears Adrian High School stepped up to Class 2A in Oregon football but hasn't missed a beat despite a long layoff. According to the Oregon School Activities Association, Adrian and Jordan Valley are continuing to play as a co-op. Before the start of the 2020-21 school year, reports

had the Adrian school board voting to dissolve the co-operative to preserve the team's classification among the 1A ranks. But, according to the OSAA, Adrian has won all four of its games as a 2A independent since the COVID-delayed football season began earlier this month. The team ran its 2020-21 record to 4-0 on Friday night with a 68-0 shellacking on the road against Imbler.

— See *Antelopes*, page 3B



Adrian quarterback Conley Martin gets ready to air it out in a home game earlier this season. Photo by John L. Braese / easternoregonports.com

Trojans rack up runs, errors in hometown tournament stay

Homedale starts fast in most games at Jackson

Homedale High School captured one victory in four games during the Idaho Central Credit Union Baseball Tournament at John Jackson Field. The Trojans (4-6 overall) edged Wood River in a six-inning game on Friday, but were hampered by errors and inaccurate pitching in their other contests. **Saturday: Burley 13, Homedale 8 (4)** — The teams were locked in a slugfest until the Bobcats took advantage of the Trojans' mistake-filled third inning. Trailing 7-6, Burley scored seven runs in the top of the third to take control of the contest. Thirteen batters strode to the plate in the uprising, and Homedale committed two errors while Burley scored runs on a balk and a bases-loaded walk. Homedale came from behind in the first and second innings. After Burley grabbed a 2-0 advantage in its first at-bat, Cody Liebschwager and John

— See *Trojans*, back page

Competition compounds Rimrock's return to baseball

Players try to take program to State after losing time on diamond

Jared Lemieux is hoping for a hit season for Rimrock High School baseball. After the lights were turned out on the 2020 campaign because of COVID-19, the four-year Raiders coach is back with a small nucleus of returning players and one newcomer who could light it up in 2021. Aden Aquiso joins the team after seeing his debut season shuttered last spring because of injury. "This kid is a freak athlete in almost every sport he participates in," Lemieux said. "I look for him to be a reliable defensive player as well as a good hitter. "I am excited to see what he brings to this team." Aquiso will back up returning players Michael Nanney, a senior, and junior Pedro Varela. The Raiders' cleanup hitter, Nanney has seen action as a catcher and pitcher thus far this season. "He's really good behind the plate and has just natural baseball ability," Lemieux said. "He works his butt off and puts his heart and soul into the game." Varela pitches and plays shortstop. "He has a great arm and

— See *Rimrock*, page 5B

"We are finally building a baseball program, and the kids have gained some skill and knowledge that puts them in position to compete."

— Jared Lemieux
Rimrock baseball coach

Sports

Big bats highlight Homedale softball's spring break

The season-opening win streak ended at five games for the Homedale High School softball team.

The Trojans won their first two games in the WTC Spring Break Tournament on Friday, but headed back to class after a tie and a loss Saturday at Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

Saturday: Vallivue 14, Homedale 1 (6)— The Trojans (5-1-1 overall at week's end) committed four errors in the tournament finale against the event hosts.

The Falcons led 7-0 before Homedale scored its only run in the third inning.

Maddie Miller singled from the bottom of the order, stole second and scored from third base on Kaitlyn Missamore's two-out base hit.

Kenzie Miller singled for Homedale's only other hit against Britney Henderson.

Henderson struck out six and walked none in 4 2/3 innings.

The game was halted because

of the 10-run rule.

Only four of Vallivue's 14 runs were earned.

Saturday: Homedale 10, Jerome 10 (6) — The Trojans were in danger of losing their first game of the season before scoring seven times in the top of the sixth inning to take a 10-9 lead.

Jerome tied the game with an unearned run with two outs in the bottom of the sixth at which point the game was halted because of the tournament's time limit.

Homedale committed six errors in the contest, leading to five unearned runs.

Trojans pitcher Dani Sitts struck out 10 and walked none while scattering six hits. Four of those hits were doubles.

Trailing 9-3, Homedale scored seven runs with two outs to take a one-run lead.

Sitts crushed a two-run double in the inning, and Olivia Asumendi knocked in a pair of runs with a single. Caitlin Pate collected an RBI single, too.



Freshman Dani Sitts had a great all-around game Saturday against Jerome in Caldwell.

Pate doubled home Asumendi and later scored on a wild pitch to give Homedale a 2-1 lead in the second inning.

The team stretched the advantage to 3-1 in the third inning. Olivia Miller led off with a walk and eventually scored on a wild pitch.

Friday: Homedale 22, Caldwell 16 (6) — The Trojans erupted for seven runs

in the first inning and eight in the third in a high-scoring showdown with the Class 4A Cougars.

Homedale grabbed a 15-4 lead with its eight-run third inning, enough offense to lessen the blow of Caldwell's six runs in the bottom of the inning.

Olivia Miller was 5-for-6 with a double to lead a 21-hit attack. She had a two-run double in the sixth inning and scored twice in the game.

Sitts went 4-for-5 with a double, four RBI and three runs scored. She doubled to bring home Kenna McKay with the first run of the big third and scored on Kaitlyn Missamore's double. McKay started the inning with a double.

Missamore drove in four runs, and Amaia Aberasturi delivered three RBI.

Asumendi started in the circle, striking out seven in 3 2/3 innings.

Friday: Homedale 10, Twin Falls 5 (5) — Ashley Maybon led off the fourth inning with

a single and later scored what turned out to be the winning run on an error.

The Bruins had tied the game, 4-4, with a single run in the bottom of the third.

Kenzie Miller knocked in Sitts with an insurance run later in the fourth inning, giving Homedale a 6-4 lead.

The Trojans broke open the game in the top of the fifth inning, which turned out to be the final at-bat for each team.

Sitts and Kenzie Miller pulled off run-scoring singles in the inning, and Missamore and Maybon scored on errors.

Twin Falls committed five errors over five innings.

Sitts got the win despite seven walks. She struck out three and scattered four hits. From the plate, the freshman doubled during a 4-for-4 performance that included four runs and three RBI from the top of the order.

Asumendi knocked in two runs without the benefit of a hit.



Homedale Trojans





Baseball
Teron Morrison, sr., SS
Batted .400 (4-10), 5 runs, RBI



Softball
Kenzie Miller, sr., SS
.500 (7-14), 3 runs, 3 RBI



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Monday, April 5 at Parma, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, April 7, home vs. Fruitland, 5 p.m.

Junior varsity
Thursday, April 1, home vs. New Plymouth, 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 3 at Melba (2), noon and 2 p.m.
Monday, April 5, home vs. Parma, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, April 7 at Fruitland, 5 p.m.

Track and field
Thursday, April 1, home vs. Homedale Invitational

Golf
Coed
Wednesday, April 7 at 3A Snake River Valley conference meet (9 holes), TimberStone GC, Caldwell, 3 p.m.

Softball
Varsity
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Martin (right)
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✓ **Antelopes:** Conley not the only Martin leaving his mark

The Crane game was the last of three home contests to open the season.

March 12: Adrian 60, Pilot Rock 18 — Conley Martin accounted for eight touchdowns, including four on the ground with 118 yards rushing and four through the air.

He completed nine of 14 passes for 219 yards and TDs to Jace Martin, Ready, Bayes and Riley Griffin.

Jace Martin also returned a kickoff 70 yards for a touchdown, while Ready led a balanced group of receivers with 59 yards (Griffin and Bayes had 51 yards apiece).

Conley Martin cranked up his two-way talent with seven tackles, a quarterback sack and an interception.

Jace Martin led the defense with nine tackles, followed by eight tackles, a sack and an interception from Ready. Misael Muñoz rounded out the harassment of Pilot Rock's QB with three sacks.

March 5: Adrian 54, Lone/Arlington 0 — Conley Martin started his junior season in modest fashion with touchdowns on the ground and through the air and total offense of 154 yards (80 yards passing).

Jace Martin spearheaded a fierce running attack with 149 yards and two TDs. He also caught two touchdown passes while piling up 46 yards.

Freshman Jace Bateman passed for 114 yards and two touchdowns as Wortman emptied his bench.

Muñoz gained 100 yards on the ground, and sophomore Robert Garza caught a TD pass and had 80 yards receiving.

March 19: Adrian 58, Crane 16—Martin rushed for 333 yards and six touchdowns at Ward Field in Adrian. He also completed six of 15 passes for 105 yards and a touchdown to sophomore Jace Martin.

Jace Martin rushed for 75 yards and a score and racked up 77 yards receiving.

Blaise Warn, one of at least three Jordan Valley student-athletes on the team, led the defense with 11 tackles and one interception. Birch Eiguren and Gavin Bayes also had interceptions, while Clay Ready added seven tackles.

— *Larry Moulton of Roseburg, Ore., who compiles statewide statistics for 1A Oregon eight-man football, was instrumental in providing The Owyhee Avalanche with statistics for Adrian's season after receiving reports from head coach Bill Wortman.*

— *Ed.*

Sports

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Owyhee Desert, Murphy

KTM, 3:17:50

Sunday
Men

Overall winner — Joseph Wasson, Beta, Mtn. Home, 2 hours, 26 minutes, 18 seconds

Pro — 1. Joseph Wasson; 2. Zane Roberts, Beta, Minden, Nev., 2:26:40; 3. Justin Morgan, Honda, 2:30:58; 4. Jacob Argubright, Kawasaki, 2:31:09; 5. Preston Campbell, Honda, 2:31:38

Pro 250 — 1. Clayton Gerstner, Husqvarna, 2:37:00; 2. Cole Conatser, Beta, 2:37:09; 3. Carter Klein, KTM, 2:38:02; 4. Corbin McPherson, Husqvarna, 2:38:58; 5. Clayton Roberts, 2:40:50

A Open — 1. Carter Stears, Melba, KTM, 2:41:19; 2. James Clark, Yamaha, 2:49:06; 3. Cole Hauter, 2:53:34; 4. Ryllie Dickinson, KTM, 2:59:16; 5. Logan Wilson, Yamaha, 3:01:08

A 250 — 1. Jack Anderson, KTM, 2:48:30; 2. Seth Sadorra, KTM, 2:55:13; 3. Brian Whiteside, Yamaha, 2:57:25; 4. Grant Kawell, 3:03:06; 5. Dylan Weeks, KTM, 3:03:07; **7. Rylan Binford, Homedale, Yamaha, 3:31:47**

A Senior — 1. Steve Roberts, Yamaha, 2:59:25; 2. Justy Mendibles, Kawasaki, 3:00:04; 3. Kelly Fisher, 3:01:21; 4. Mark Heater, KTM, 3:15:34; 5. Bret Bell, Kawasaki, 3:17:42

A Veteran — 1. Will Grindstaff, Honda, 3:00:16; 2. Nathan Work, KTM, 3:01:38; 3. Joe Schneider, KTM, 3:05:43; 4. Scott McNew, Husqvarna, 3:07:14; 5. Josh Swanson,

A Super Senior — 1. Jeff Miller, Husqvarna, 3:15:27; 2. Chris Myrdal, Yamaha, 3:29:18; 3. Scott McFate, Yamaha, 3:31:16; 4. James Gibson, KTM, 3:46:24

B 200 — 1. Gregory Fenstermaker Jr., KTM, 3:30:20; 2. Jack Williford, 3:36:09; **3. Seth Richling, Marsing, KTM, 3:58:11;** 4. Nicholas Bradley, KTM, 4:00:54

B 250 — 1. Corbin Wade, KTM, 3:10:53; 2. Grayson Slocum, KTM, 3:17:51; 3. Ruffin Dodson, KTM, 3:22:37; 4. Christian Aguiar, Yamaha, 3:24:24; 5. Colton Gallaher, Husqvarna, 3:25:48; **12. Jace Love, Homedale, KTM, 1:29:00**

B Open — 1. Cody Sadler, KTM, 3:19:03; 2. Nathan VanderVliet, Husqvarna, 3:20:44; 3. Mitchell Mesecher, 3:29:39; 4. Jordan Hollowell, Kawasaki, 3:32:54; 5. Kohl Braun, Husqvarna, 3:33:30

B Veteran — 1. Matt Teichert, Kawasaki, 3:25:16; 2. Austin Cummings, 3:29:48; 3. Kyle Negus, Beta, 3:32:17; 4. Kristofer Kierce, KTM, 3:34:21; 5. Bradley Allen, KTM, 3:39:30

B Senior — 1. David Royer, Husqvarna, 3:25:32; 2. Cody Wade, KTM, 3:34:46; 3. Dan Eastwood, 3:36:08; 4. Bryan Stevenson, Yamaha, 3:40:49; 5. Stu Soars, KTM, 3:42:29

B Super Senior — 1. Scott Aldridge, KTM, 3:33:05; 2. Greg Larsen, KTM, 3:37:43; 3. Gary Karr, Kawasaki, 3:51:58; 4. Brad Anderson, Beta, 3:57:39; 5. Bradley Banks, Husqvarna, 4:07:26

Women

Pro — 1. Britney Gallegos, Husqvarna, 3:10:51; 2. Rachel Stout, KTM, 3:10:52; 3. Morgan Tanke, Beta, 3:13:46; 4. Allyson Tonsgard, KTM, 3:18:14; 5. Ashlee Gage, KTM, 3:18:57

A — 1. Ty Woolslayer, Yamaha, 3:10:33; 2. Lexy Baker, Beta, 3:16:25; 3. Ashlee LaCharite, Yamaha, 3:29:35; 4. Stephanie Woolslayer, Yamaha, 3:32:38

B — 1. Danielle Cuellar, Honda, 3:39:40; 2. Emily Jaeger, Husqvarna, 3:59:38; 3. Casey Stone, Husqvarna, 4:10:36; **4. Tish Grover, Murphy, KTM, 4:19:01;** 5. Victoria Harcy, Beta, 4:31:58

Saturday
Youth

Overall winner — Tallon Smith, KTM, 1:41:41

Big Wheel — 1. Tallon Smith; 2. Jason Harris, Husqvarna, 1:41:58; 3. Ian Burke, Kawasaki, 1:46:27; 4. Mikey Wayne, KTM, 1:47:22; 5. Ruffin Dodson, Husqvarna, 1:49:50

Mini 85cc — 1. Jett Lessing, KTM, 1:44:58; 2. Caleb Tate, Kawasaki, 1:46:40; 3. Jordan Maas, Kawasaki, 1:54:21; 4. Laine Stephens, Kawasaki, 1:42:25; 5. Ben Alex Davis, Yamaha, 1:53:28

Jr. 85cc — 1. Brennen Watson, KTM, 1:55:12; 2. Waylon Honnold, KTM, 1:55:39; 3. Caden Smock, KTM, 2:00:26; 4. Kane Hellberg, Yamaha, 2:03:27; 5. Jeremiah Conaway Jr., KTM, 1:48:40. **7. Sawyer Nicoletti, KTM, Wilder, 1:48:49**



Jacob Ankeny heads for the basket during a 2A District III Tournament game against Melba earlier this year.

Huskies star set to sign
with Montana-Western

Marsing High School standout Jacob Ankeny will sign a letter of intent to play basketball for the University of Montana-Western at 1 p.m., on Thursday at the high school.

The 6-foot, 8-inch senior post had a very productive four years at Marsing,

including a 2A Western Idaho Conference Player of the Year nod after his junior season.

Montana-Western, an NAIA school in Dillon, Mont., posted a 6-12 Frontier Conference record in 2020-21 while winning seven of 20 games overall.

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✓ Race: County motorcycle riders achieve
impressive marks on Owyhee desert floor

From Page 1B

19 seconds. Stears rode a KTM motorcycle, and his sponsor is Electric Authority Inc.

Marsing rider Seth Richling, also piloting a KTM, was third in the B 200cc division at 3:58:11.

Tish Grover of Murphy took fourth in the Women's B race, riding a KTM to a 4:19:01 time.

Two Homedale residents riding 250cc dirt bikes also posted top-10 finishes.

Rylan Binford was seventh in the A 250 race and 82nd overall in Sunday's competition. He rode a Yamaha to a time of 3:31:47. He ran as high as 42nd overall after his second of three circuits.

In the B 250 division, Jace Love finished 12th on a KTM.

He completed only one lap in 89 minutes.

Binford and Love are both part of the Specialty Wood Products racing team.

Youth riders competed on Saturday.

Wilder rider Sawyer Nicoletti grabbed seventh in the Junior 85cc race, running the course aboard a KTM in 1:48:49. He's sponsored by SR Welding.

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Sports

Young Huskies get first taste of competition

Marsing High School sports hit a natural lull during Spring Break, but golfers were able to find something to keep busy. Both Huskies squads matched up with their peers on consecutive days at RedHawk Golf Course in Nampa for nine-hole 2A Western Idaho Conference meets. RedHawk is par-36 on the front nine, and par-35 on the back. Four Huskies played competitively for the first time — freshmen James Christians-

en, Xavier Linder, Kimmie Loucks, and Gwyn Nielson. **Last Wednesday: Victory Charter meet** — Junior Regan Stansell opened the week’s action with a seventh-place finish (out of 14 golfers) in the girls’ tournament, carding a 58. Nielsen scored a 63 (ninth place) and Loucks finished with 77 (13th). Linder was the low-scorer for the Huskies’ boys, finishing his nine holes in 53 strokes (tied for 11th among 18 boys).

Junior Ethan Freeman carded a 60 (16th), and Christiansen finished at 66 (18th). “It was good to see that all of our girls improved their scores from the day before,” first-year coach Aaron Christiansen said. “Two of the three (boys) were able to improve from (March 23, but) Ethan struggled with his ball striking. “They will be able to get some good rest over the next few days of Spring Break, and we look forward to get-

ting back to the course after the break.” **March 23: Liberty Charter meet** — Stansell scored 59 and finished sixth out of 15 girls competing. Nielson (76) and Loucks (79), participating in their first competition, limped back into the clubhouse with the two highest scores of the day. “Gwyn and Kimmie both played well for their first time in a tournament, (and) both gained a lot of experience,” Christiansen said.

Freeman had a better performance in his first action of the week. He scored a 53 and finished 10th out of the 18 boys on the course. Linder (60, 12th) and James Christiansen (67, 16th) followed the junior’s performance. “(Linder and Christiansen) had some great shots and have given themselves a solid starting point as we move forward through the season,” Aaron Christiansen said. — TK

✓ Rimrock: 1A WIC expansion tightens up postseason chances all around

From Page 1B amazing fielding ability,” Lemieux said. “He’s a naturally athletic kid who really just loves the sport and comes out and gives a lot of effort. “I am looking for him to get the bats going this year.” The coach expects Varela and Nanney to be the team’s standouts on the diamond. “They have that natural ability for the game and really can lead this team to success on both offense and defense,” Lemieux said. The pair inherited the leadership roles upon the graduation of seniors Ian Burbank, who held Nanney’s exact role as hitter and pitcher previously, and

do-it-all Lance Smith. Lemieux said the 1A Western Idaho Conference will be a tough outfit in which to compete offensively. But the Raiders will be strong in the batter’s box, he said. “We have to be hitters to compete in our conference,” Lemieux said. “We have a lot of teams that can hit the ball well, so if we want to compete, hitting has to be something we do every day and every game.” Idaho City is among the new squads that have filtered into the 1A WIC this season, and Lemieux said, “there are some question marks that come with that.” “With new programs, you don’t

really know what to expect,” he said. “So it will be exciting to see some new faces and new competition.” Horseshoe Bend (2018 and 2019) and Wilder (2017) are the last 1A WIC teams to make state tournament appearances. Those clubs and Glenss Ferry have been the District III state reps for years. The only other 1A WIC squad to earn a state berth recently is Notus in 2013. It has been a decade since Rimrock last visited the state tournament. The Raiders went 1-2 during the 2010 tournament and finished the season 17-8. Just as Idaho City is building from the ground up, most small-school

programs seem to be a continuous project because of the fluctuation of talent and interest. Lemieux and *de facto* co-head coach Edy Mesillas continue to find the building blocks to get Rimrock back to the glory days of coach Bob Murray. Murray coached Rimrock for nearly 20 years and led the program to back-to-back 1A state tournament appearances 15 years ago. “I think our squad has a chance to be good this year,” Lemieux said. “We are finally building a baseball program, and the kids have gained some skill and knowledge that puts them in position to compete.” — JPB

MARSING HUSKIES

Baseball
Kolton Scott, sr., C/P
One of two seniors on squad

Softball
Delaney Percifield, sr., C
.500 average, HR, 11 RBI on season

Track and field
Edgar Melendrez, jr.
Top 10 finish at Weiser

Golf
James Christiansen, fr.
66 at Victory Charter meet

Baseball
Wednesday, March 31, home vs. Wilder, 5 p.m.
Friday, April 2 at New Plymouth, 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 3 at Payette, noon
Tuesday, April 6, home vs. Melba, 5 p.m.

Softball
Wednesday, March 31, home vs. Wilder, 5 p.m.
Friday, April 2 at New Plymouth, 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 3 at Payette, noon
Tuesday, April 6, home vs. Melba, 5 p.m.

Track and field
Varsity
Friday, April 2 at McCall/Payette tri-meet, Payette, 3 p.m.
Junior varsity
Tuesday, April 6 at Pilgrim Invite, New Plymouth, 3:30 p.m.

Golf
Boys
Tuesday, April 6 at Nampa Christian meet, Ridgecrest GC, Nampa
Girls
Tuesday, April 6 at The Ambrose School meet, Lakeview GC, Meridian

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Grilled Portobello Gyros with Yogurt Dill Sauce

Recipe courtesy of Emily Weeks of “Zen and Spice”
Cook time: 15 minutes
Total time: 25 minutes
Servings: 4

- 4 portobello mushrooms
 - 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
 - 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
 - 1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika
 - 2 yellow bell peppers, sliced
- Yogurt Dill Sauce:
- 1 English cucumber, grated
 - 1 cup whole-milk Greek yogurt
 - 1/2 cup sour cream
 - 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
 - 1/2 small lemon, juice only
 - 2 cloves garlic, minced
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1 tablespoon minced fresh dill
 - 4 pita breads or naan
 - 2 tomatoes, thinly sliced
 - 1/2 red onion, thinly sliced
 - 1/2 head green lettuce
 - crumbled feta cheese (optional)

Remove stems from mushrooms and brush caps with wet towel. Using spoon, carefully scrape out gills. Slice mushrooms into 1/4-inch pieces and place in medium bowl with olive oil, oregano and smoked paprika.

Preheat indoor grill pan over medium-high heat. Add mushrooms and peppers; grill, tossing occasionally, until tender, 5-7 minutes.

To make yogurt dill sauce: Squeeze grated cucumber in clean towel to remove excess liquid. Add to large bowl with yogurt, sour cream, olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, salt and dill. Stir to combine.

To serve, place mushrooms and peppers in middle of pita bread. Top with tomatoes, onion, lettuce, feta, if desired, and big dollop of yogurt dill sauce.



Grilled Portobello Gyros with Yogurt Dill Sauce

Hearty, Wholesome Dishes to Support Immune Systems

FAMILY FEATURES

If feeding your family wholesome meals is a daily goal, keep in mind you can serve up tasty foods that also feed your immune system by including ingredients like mushrooms. With their earthy flavor, mushrooms – like many other fruits and vegetables – can also play a positive role in supporting a healthy immune system.

Studies at Oregon State University concluded there are a variety of micronutrients important for supporting a healthy immune system. Consider that three of these nutrients (vitamin D, selenium and B vitamins) can be found in mushrooms, meaning these family-friendly recipes for Roasted Chicken Thighs and Veggies with Mushroom Orzo Risotto; Grilled Portobello Gyros with Yogurt Dill Sauce; Creamy Spinach, Mushroom and Lasagna Soup; and Asian Barbecue Sesame Salmon with Noodles and Veggies can help you add all-important nutrients to your family’s menu.

Find more ways to add mushrooms to family meals at mushroomcouncil.com.

Creamy Spinach, Mushroom and Lasagna Soup

Recipe courtesy of Emily Weeks of “Zen and Spice”
Cook time: 30 minutes
Total time: 40 minutes
Servings: 4

- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 medium onion, small diced
- 8 ounces crimini mushrooms, sliced
- 1 jar (24 ounces) marinara sauce
- 1 can (15 ounces) diced tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon dried basil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 bay leaf
- 3 cups vegetable broth
- 6 lasagna noodles, broken into pieces



Creamy Spinach, Mushroom and Lasagna Soup

- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 5 ounces fresh baby spinach
- 1 cup whole-milk ricotta cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese, for topping

Heat large pot over medium heat. Add olive oil, garlic, onion and mushrooms. Cook, stirring occasionally, until onions and mushrooms soften, 4-5 minutes.

Add marinara, diced tomatoes, tomato paste, vinegar, sugar, basil, salt, oregano, pepper, bay leaf and broth. Bring to boil over high heat then reduce heat to low and simmer.

Add lasagna noodles and cook, stirring often, until softened, about 15 minutes. Remove from heat and remove bay leaf.

Stir in heavy cream and spinach until wilted, 2-3 minutes.

Divide between bowls and top with dollop of ricotta and sprinkle of mozzarella.



Roasted Chicken Thighs and Veggies with Mushroom Orzo Risotto

Roasted Chicken Thighs and Veggies with Mushroom Orzo Risotto

Recipe courtesy of Emily Weeks of “Zen and Spice”
Cook time: 50 minutes
Total time: 1 hour, 10 minutes
Servings: 4

- Chicken:
- 8 boneless, skinless chicken thighs
 - salt, to taste
 - pepper, to taste
 - 6 tablespoons unsalted butter
 - 16 ounces crimini mushrooms, quartered
 - 3 zucchini, sliced in half moons
 - 3 large carrots, thinly sliced
 - 4 sprigs fresh rosemary, leaves removed and roughly chopped
 - 4 cloves garlic, minced
- Orzo:
- 4 cups chicken or vegetable broth
 - 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
 - 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
 - 1 small yellow onion, diced
 - 2 garlic cloves, minced
 - 16 ounces crimini mushrooms, finely chopped
 - 1 cup uncooked orzo pasta
 - 1/8 teaspoon black pepper

1/3 cup white wine

1/3 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

To make chicken: Preheat oven to 450 F.

Pat chicken dry. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. In large skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Sear chicken until browned, 4-5 minutes on each side.

In large bowl, toss mushrooms, zucchini, carrots, garlic and rosemary. On large baking sheet, spread vegetables. Nestle chicken into vegetables. Drizzle with butter and juices from pan.

Bake 20 minutes until chicken is cooked through and vegetables are tender.

To make orzo: In small pot over medium-low heat, warm broth.

Using skillet from chicken, add butter and olive oil over medium heat. Add onion, garlic and mushrooms. Cook, stirring occasionally, until onions soften, 3-4 minutes.

Add orzo and black pepper. Stir and cook 2 minutes. Add white wine and cook until evaporated, about 1 minute.

Add warm broth to orzo 2/3 cup at a time, stirring until liquid is absorbed. Repeat with remaining broth, waiting until last batch is absorbed before adding more. Remove from heat and stir in Parmesan.

Serve in individual bowls with chicken and roasted vegetables atop mushroom orzo risotto.

Asian Barbecue Sesame Salmon with Noodles and Veggies

Recipe courtesy of Emily Weeks of “Zen and Spice”
Cook time: 30 minutes
Total time: 40 minutes
Servings: 4

- Sauce:
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
 - 2 tablespoons brown sugar
 - 1 tablespoon rice vinegar
 - 2 cloves garlic, minced
 - 1 teaspoon fresh ginger, minced
 - 1 teaspoon chili garlic sauce (optional)
 - 1 tablespoon toasted sesame oil
 - 2 tablespoons barbecue sauce
 - 2 tablespoons water
 - 2 teaspoons cornstarch

- 1 1/2 pounds salmon (4 filets)
- 12 ounces stir-fry (pad thai) rice noodles
- 1 tablespoon toasted sesame oil
- 1 pound white mushrooms, sliced
- 1 cup sugar snap peas
- 1 large broccoli head, cut into bite-size florets
- 2-3 green onions, thinly sliced, for garnish
- sesame seeds, for garnish

Preheat oven to 400 F.

In small saucepan, whisk soy sauce; brown sugar; rice vinegar; garlic; ginger; chili garlic sauce, if desired; sesame oil; and barbecue sauce. Bring to boil over high heat then reduce heat to simmer.

In small bowl, whisk water and cornstarch. Pour into pan and cook on low, whisking often, until sauce thickens,

3-5 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside.

Pour 3 tablespoons sauce into small bowl. Brush salmon filets with reserved sauce and place on baking sheet. Bake 15 minutes, or until salmon is flaky. Discard small bowl sauce if any remains.

Cook stir-fry noodles according to package directions. Drain, rinse and set aside.

Heat large skillet over medium heat. Add sesame oil. Add mushrooms, snap peas and broccoli. Cook, stirring often, until veggies are tender-crisp, 7-8 minutes. Add noodles and remaining sauce from pan; toss to combine.

To serve, divide noodles, veggies and salmon between plates.

Top with sliced green onions and sesame seeds.



Asian Barbecue Sesame Salmon with Noodles and Veggies

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

April 3, 1996



Kids and spring fever

Laurien and Mike Mavey had a good time playing on a haystack at their parents’ farm west of Homedale. (photo by Cindy Mavey)

Homedale hires new superintendent

The Homedale School District has hired Bob Lisonbee as its new Superintendent. Mr. Lisonbee is currently Superintendent of the Shelley School District, Shelley, Idaho and has also worked as Superintendent of the Challis School District.

Mr. Lisonbee was born and raised in Arizona and graduated from Arizona State University. He has been involved in education in Mesa, Ariz., and Fallon, Nev., in addition to employment in Challis and Shelley.

Mr. Lisonbee will assume his Superintendent duties as of July 1, 1996.

Marsing Sr. Center shows appreciation to veterans

The Marsing Senior Center hosted a community appreciation day on Thursday for local veterans and veterans from the Veterans Administration Hospital in Boise.

“We just wanted to show these veterans of war, women and men alike, how much we appreciate what they have done and hopefully show them what they mean to us,” Senior Coordinator Fay Pfrimmer said.

The vets were served a roast beef dinner accompanied by Pfrimmer’s homemade banana and pineapple pie.

Entertainment was provided by Woody Purdom and “the Gang” along with Marsing’s “Local Yokels.”

Veteran Morris Larsen was recognized for being the oldest veteran at the age of 92. And Veteran Mike Rentz, the second-eldest veteran, carried the United States flag in the opening ceremonies of the day.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #11065 and the Ladies Auxiliary said the Marsing Senior Center is very much appreciated for “making Veterans Appreciation Day a big success.” Post Commander William Shaw and president Mary Burman said the Marsing Center did a great job and spent the extra effort in making the day a success. The effort was greatly appreciated by veterans, they said.

HHS student to carry Olympic torch

Lee Vander Boegh, of Homedale, was selected as a Community Hero Torchbearer for the 1996 Olympic Torch Relay.

Through a first-of-its-kind nationwide search undertaken by the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games and facilitated by United Way member organizations, 147 judging panels across the country were formed to select 5,500 Community Hero torchbearers.

Vander Boegh has an extensive list of volunteer services and accomplishments performed throughout the Treasure Valley.

50 years ago

April 1, 1971



REMEMBER WHEN – This sign was erected back in the late ’40s at the old bridge approach to Homedale. An indication of Homedale’s progress is the fact the old bridge has been replaced by a new, modern structure. The Oregon Trail marker at right was moved to the city park across from the high school, and re-dedicated by the DAR [Daughters of the American Revolution] at fairtime last year. From a photo collection of Mrs. Iola Potter.

Meetings called to discuss school bond election

The public is invited to attend two meetings to be held in the Washington building at 8 p.m. on both April 5 and 19 to discuss the pending school bond elections scheduled April 21, according to the Citizens’ Committee on building headed by Fred Wood, chairman.

The proposed building program allows for the addition of three new classrooms, a library “media center” which could be open to public use after school hours or on Saturdays and during the summer vacation, remodeling of the existing library facility into four classrooms, and construction of an adjoining physical education facility (gymnasium).

In the proposed newly formed junior-senior high complex, grades 7 and 8 would be separated from grades 9 through 12 in all student extra-curricular activities and student government functions, but junior high students would be able to use science, music and other facilities. The present junior high school would be used for elementary students and for expanded kindergarten if such a program is later provided for.

Patrons are urged to attend these meetings to better judge for themselves the existing need for this proposed building program.

Glenn Nichols co-authors book on government

Glenn W. Nichols, Boise, is co-author of a book, “Idaho State and Local Government” which is being published by Caxton Printers, Caldwell, and offered as a textbook for both junior high and senior high school students.

Nichols, a graduate of Homedale High School and holder of bachelor and masters degrees from the University of Idaho, was joined by staff members of the University of Idaho, Idaho State College and Boise State College in the compilation of the textbook.

The textbook evolved from materials which were prepared under the direction of the University of Idaho Bureau of Public Affairs Research, with Dr. Boyd A. Martin, bureau director.

Nichols is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Nichols, Homedale. His wife, DyAnne, is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Carson, Homedale.

155 years ago

March 31, 1866

RUSH TO MONTANA. – The stream of people rushing to Montana is like a mighty torrent. They go from every place and direction. All the Pacific States and Territories contribute to it more largely than to other fields. To a considerable extent the Western States share in the excitement. Admitting that its almost fabulous richness is true – and we believe there is reason for the admission – it undoubtedly will bear the palm of all mining camps for a sudden surplus population. From this will result an injurious reaction. However rich the country, thousands will leave disgusted or remain disappointed. They will relate and write tales of despondency which can but injure the Territory. Boise County is suffering a drain of population – says the *World*. It is fair to presume, however, that the body of it is of a hosting character, and in the end the County will not be loser. They cannot take any of its resources. Quartz ledges have been found and their profitableness demonstrated. From this fact it is fair to presume others of equal or more value may soon be discovered. None but a substantial and reliable class of men make these discoveries and render them profitable. The timber interests of Boise County are or soon will be second only to rich placers of unusual duration. Notwithstanding the stampede, whatever of true merit the County possesses will continue to be more widely known. Of the many who learn only to reap disappointment, their tales of woe will always contain praise for the place they abandoned. Even if they once failed they also flourished – in Boise.

With slight variations the foregoing remarks will apply to Owyhee. The drain of population is less and the character of the mines is different. However, probably the quartz ledges are unknown that cost so little to make paying as those of Owyhee. Capital is centering here and where it goes labor will be abundant. Transfers of ledges are frequent and in most cases the buyers are wealthy and mean by judicious expenditures to become more wealthy. While many are leaving an equal number are coming. There is abundant evidence that no matter how many leave or what tales they tell, Owyhee is going right up in wealth and permanent prosperity. Let any man of common intelligence spend a few days on our mountains (when the snow is off) and the reasons will be seen for our assertions. The rush to Montana will cheapen labor there, while it will make it denser in Idaho. Common labor throughout the Territory is from \$5 to \$6 per day – a higher average than now in the golden goal so many are seeking. In the end the laborer and Territory of Idaho will be gainers by the Spring stampede.

THE question of increasing the rate of County tax will come before the coming session of the County Commissioners. It is now one dollar on the hundred and it is believed to be good policy to increase it thirty cents. This would release the County of its debts by next October and leave money in the Treasury. As an act of economy, this increase recommends itself. With cash to pay for services and labor performed for the County, the current expenses would be reduced one-half. At present, every one charges the County double what they would an individual – for the reason the paper of the former is selling at fifty cents on the dollar. It is much better to submit to a small increase one year and thereby raise County paper to par and thus avoid paying two prices for everything. It is true economy to make the proposed increase.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense The Horse Trader



“Have I got a deal for you! Got this horse on a trade.
He don’t squint half as bad ridin’ him in the shade.

I know he limps a little. Yer eyeball is astute.
But fair is fair, my friend, so I’ll throw in a case of Bute.

No! He ain’t got the heavens! Though I know he looks the part.
He’s just a heavy breather, but he’s got a lot of heart.

Bloodlines? Talkin’ royal blue. A genuine contender.
I’ll have these papers printed; fit any race you enter.”

The would-be buyer of this horse just stared and shook his head.
He looked the trader in the eye and said it when he said,

“The only people that I know who’d ride **that** horse, I’d vow.
Are too poor to ride a Quarter Horse n’ too proud to ride a cow!”

— 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.

Letter to the editor Bruneau-Grand View school trustee disputes levy article

I am writing in response to an article that was published on March 17, 2021 titled “Bruneau-GV poised to dip into fund balance; District could fund schools with half of reserve after levy fails.”

Many of the statements presented in this article do not reflect the facts of the situation.

First, since the time that the levy amount of \$300,000 per year was decided upon, we have discovered that our district will be receiving an additional \$320,000 in revenue per year. \$383,000 of CARES Act money will be sent to us over the next two years, as well as income of \$130,000 per year from the solar farm (estimated based on the previous three years of received income from them).

“Without a levy, [Superintendent] Cantrell said, the district would use approximately \$500,000 of the fund balance each year to keep the district operating as is.” How does the failure of a \$300,000 a year levy now require the district to spend \$500,000 a year from their fund balance?

Each of the previous two years we have put more than the full amount of our \$400,000 a year levy back into our fund balance. As long as we keep our expenditures similar to previous years, even without a levy, the school district will not need to dip into our fund balance.

To get the true picture of our financial situation, it is essential that we use the actual numbers from our budgets and audit reports.

And if anyone is still feeling that the communities of Bruneau, Grand View and Oreana are not being generous enough, please don’t forget we continue to pay \$400,000 a year on a 20-year bond through 2027.

RaeLynn Schkade
Trustee, Zone 3
Grand View

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee Weeds or wealth?



Irony abounds these days in the hamlet of Homedale.

Residential growth is booming to the extent that folks can’t find what they’re looking for — a chance to live in a rural town that has cultivated a reputation for community.

But the commercial growth — outside of a new ice cream parlor and coffee shop and pawnshop — is lagging behind the supposed population boom.

It’s not for a lack of commercial space, although recent opposition to a proposed townhouse project and the plan to build more homes on West Wyoming Avenue would lead one to believe that there are no vacancies along the downtown business corridor.

At last week’s Chamber of Commerce meeting, president Gavin Parker resuscitated a beautification program through which businesses can remodel storefronts to create curb appeal and — hopefully — consumer traffic.

But, again, it seems not everyone is on board with the concept of removing eyesores from the city limits.

The latest head-scratcher came March 10 when the city council — on a split vote decided by Mayor Gheen Christoffersen — rejected a Caldwell development company’s plan to build a 57-space recreational vehicle campground on property that has lain dormant for at least 15 years.

The RV park would be landscaped and visitors would be allowed only a 30-day maximum stay — deterring permanent residency.

Also, a convenience store would be built at the corner of East Idaho Avenue and North 4th Street East and self-contained laundry services would be offered.

But, after hearing from some neighboring property owners and one person who thought a motel would be a good idea, the council voted down the plan to convert a weed patch near the Snake River into something more aesthetically appealing.

— See *Weeds*, Page 9B

From Washington Scrutinize fed regulations for effect on business, economy

Major federal rules must be rare and well-reasoned, given their outsized impact. While Congress has enacted legislation attempting to curb federal overregulation, we cannot let up in working to ensure American productivity is not stymied by federal mandates. I joined a bipartisan group of fellow senators in reintroducing legislation that would help keep federal regulation in check.

On Jan. 27, I joined in reintroducing S. 68, the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act. This legislation, led by Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) and co-sponsored by 29 senators, including fellow Idaho Sen. Jim Risch, would establish a congressional approval process for major federal rules. A major rule is a federal regulation that is likely to result in an annual \$100 million effect on the economy; significantly increase costs or prices for consumers; and adversely affect competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or the ability of U.S.-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises.

Under current law, the Congressional Review Act allows regulation to take effect unless Congress acts to overturn the rule with a joint resolution of disapproval, which the president can veto. In contrast, the REINS Act would require the enactment of a joint resolution of approval (through votes in both the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives) before any major rule could be finalized, increasing much-needed

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transparency in the federal rule-making process. The legislation also details a process for congressional disapproval of non-major rules. Further, the REINS Act would require a Government Accountability Office study of the number of rules in effect, the number of major rules in effect and the total estimated economic cost imposed by all such rules to help inform congressional cleanup of current overregulation.

To ignite American innovation, unreasonable federal regulation that hinders the ability of American businesses to expand and increase jobs must be continuously

— See *Regulations*, Page 9B

Commentary

Financial management
Get rid of debt mindset before investing in retirement

Dear Dave,
My wife and I are having a financial disagreement. I would like to go ahead and fully fund our Roth IRAs, even though we have about \$10,000 in car loan debt. She, on the other hand, thinks we should pay off the debt first. We can probably have either one completed by the end of the year. What do you think we should do?
— Mark

Dear Mark,
I've got to go along with your wife on this one. I'm glad you two are having money discussions, and working toward

making decisions together, but you'll never get control of your finances until you rid yourself of the mindset that debt is OK. Once you lose that idea, you'll begin to understand missing a year of funding your Roth IRAs isn't going to kill you. It's also not going to prevent you from becoming wealthy and living like no one else when it's time to start thinking about retirement. If you stay in the mindset that having debt is OK, or that you're going to let it hang around, eventually it will really mess you up financially. Winning with money is more about behavior than math.



Don't get me wrong, you need to crunch the numbers and be mindful of them, but all the

mathematical components are nothing but theory if the behavior doesn't kick in. So yeah, I'm siding with your wife on this one. Just follow the Baby Steps plan. Have all your debt paid off, except for your home, and an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses saved and set aside before you start any long-term investing. A lot of folks will tell you my way isn't mathematically correct, but it will work better in the long run — for your money, your marriage, and in other areas of your life!
—Dave

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

✓ Weeds: Rejecting development opens door to less desirable land use

From Page 8B
The main upshot of the opposition was the RV park would be an eyesore and the development would drive down property values. The council members who voted against the plan — Michael Aebischer and Jerry Anderson along with Christoffersen — apparently bought into that argument. In the process, they stuck a thumb in the eye of retailers in town who could conceivably benefit from the increased foot traffic through their doors. What the three dissenters didn't seemingly take into consideration was the whole reason the developers were required to have a public hearing. A special use permit is needed for the RV park

because the property is zoned industrial. It takes a special use permit to allow any non-industrial use. But, if, say, another wrecking yard wanted to move in, the door is wide open. There is nothing stopping such a development because of the industrial zoning. How's that for an eyesore? The property hasn't been used in more than a decade. Previous attempts to develop the land met with logistical impossibilities. Vacant land doesn't help Homedale. It's tough to look at, especially at the entrance to town, and the resulting property tax revenue is relatively minimal.

On the other hand, if lots like the one at the foot of East Idaho Avenue and on North 1st Street East are improved, the city's tax base widens — lessening the burden on the rest of the property owners in town. The principals of the would-be RV park development company — Tim Kristovich and Jeff Kessel of Madison Fundamentals LLC — plan to file an appeal at the April 14 council meeting. Hopefully for the sake of the beautification of Homedale, the town's business economy, and the broadening of the tax base, the council members will rethink their positions and remember what's at stake. Homedale could always use a little more green space, and more green in the city's coffers.

✓ Regulations: Efforts to cut out unnecessary burdens must continue

From Page 8B
eliminated and prevented from taking root. As more laws are enacted and federal rules become outdated, we cannot let up in weeding out unnecessary and overly burdensome federal regulation. We must also be vigilant and watchful of future federal regulation to ensure it does not do more harm than good. I will continue to work to remove the excessive layers of regulation that are not providing benefits but are just bogging down innovation. The REINS Act would advance this effort.
— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U. S. Senate. He is in his fourth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.

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Public notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Homedale City Council on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 6:00 pm at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming Ave. Homedale, Idaho.

The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for Zone Change, filed by Tim Bever, requesting the City of Homedale change the zoning of 505 E. Owyhee Ave. (All of Block B & the vacated ½ of Riverside Ave between Owyhee Ave. & Montana Ave.) from Industrial to Residential.

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Alice E. Pegram
City Clerk
City of Homedale
03/31,04/07/2021

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The subject matter of this hearing is the Application for Special Use Permit filed by Jeremiah Ash requesting that he be allowed to operate a tattoo shop at 16 W. Idaho Ave.

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Alice E. Pegram
City Clerk
City of Homedale
03/31,04/07/2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOT SPLIT

Please Take Notice that Marsing City Council will conduct a public hearing on April 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm at Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave, Marsing, Idaho to consider a request by Kelly Nielson, application for the approval of a lot split. The subject property is at 117 9th Ave W, Marsing, ID 83639.

Said request is on file at the Marsing City Hall where it may be inspected during regular business hours. Such file will contain materials relevant to the request, the contents of which may change prior to the date of the hearing.

All persons desiring to be heard should appear at this hearing if conditions allow. Written testimony may be sent to Marsing City Hall, PO BOX 125, Marsing, Idaho, 83639. Written testimony must be received no later than April 12, 2021 by 5:00 pm.

Dated this 11 of March, 2021
03/31,04/07/2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Conditional Use Permit Application

The Marsing City Council will hold a public hearing to consider any and all comments on the following:

Jose Calderon petitioner, is requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow a kennel in Marsing city limits. The address of the parcel is 123 S 13th Ave W, Marsing. Comments will be taken at the public hearing or may be submitted in writing for consideration. Written comments must be postmarked by Fri. April 19th to the Marsing City Hall, P O Box 125, Marsing, ID 83639 or delivered to Marsing City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave. Written comments may be received until 5:00 p.m. on April 12, 2021 and will be read into the record at that public hearing

The public hearing will be held at the City Council Meeting. Wednesday, April 14, 2021 @7 PM at Marsing City Hall located at 18 Sandbar Ave, Marsing, Idaho.

Dated this: March 31, 2021
03/31,04/07/2021

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

NOTICE OF HEARING IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE IN RE: JOLYN ERIN GREEN CASE NO. CV 37-21-94

A Petition to change the name of JOLYN ERIN GREEN, now residing in the City of Marsing, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Jolyn Erin Thompson. The reason for the change in name is: I wish to revert back to my maiden name.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 11 a.m. on May 3, 2021 at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be

filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: March 23, 2021
s/: Cindy Chaves, deputy clerk
For Angela Barkell, Clerk of the District Court
03/31,04/07,14,21/2021

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
c/o William L. Punkoney, ISB #8446, White Peterson Law Office, Attorneys for Personal Representative, 5700 E. Franklin Road, Suite 200, Nampa, Idaho 83687, Tel: (208) 466-9272, Fax: (208) 466-4405
03/17,24,31/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

CASE NO. CV37-21-00039
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF LOYD R. RANDOLPH and MARTHA M. RANDOLPH, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CONNIE DEMOND and CHRISTOPHER RANDOLPH have been appointed personal representative of the above-named estates. All persons having claims against the decedents 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 be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 9th day of March, 2021.

/s/:GWEN K. SWEESY
Gwen K. Sweesy, P.O. Box 1084, Caldwell, ID 83606. (208) 454-2974
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Q&A

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Sports

Sigmund Goode takes a good cut but fouls off a pitch during Thursday's Idaho Central Credit Union Spring Break tournament game against South Fremont at John Jackson Field.



✓Trojans: Big innings from both sides provide Spring Break fireworks

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Lejardi hit a pair of two-run doubles to put Homedale ahead, 4-2. Lejardi's double came with two outs and the bases loaded.

Burley surged ahead in the second inning, scoring four runs with the help of a walk, an error, two hit batters, a single and a triple.

But the Trojans rallied again to grab a 7-6 lead with three runs in the bottom of the inning.

Tommy Muir, Teron Morrison and Dakota Gammell started the inning with walks to load the bases.

Muir and Gammell stole home, and Morrison scored on Liebschwager's base hit.

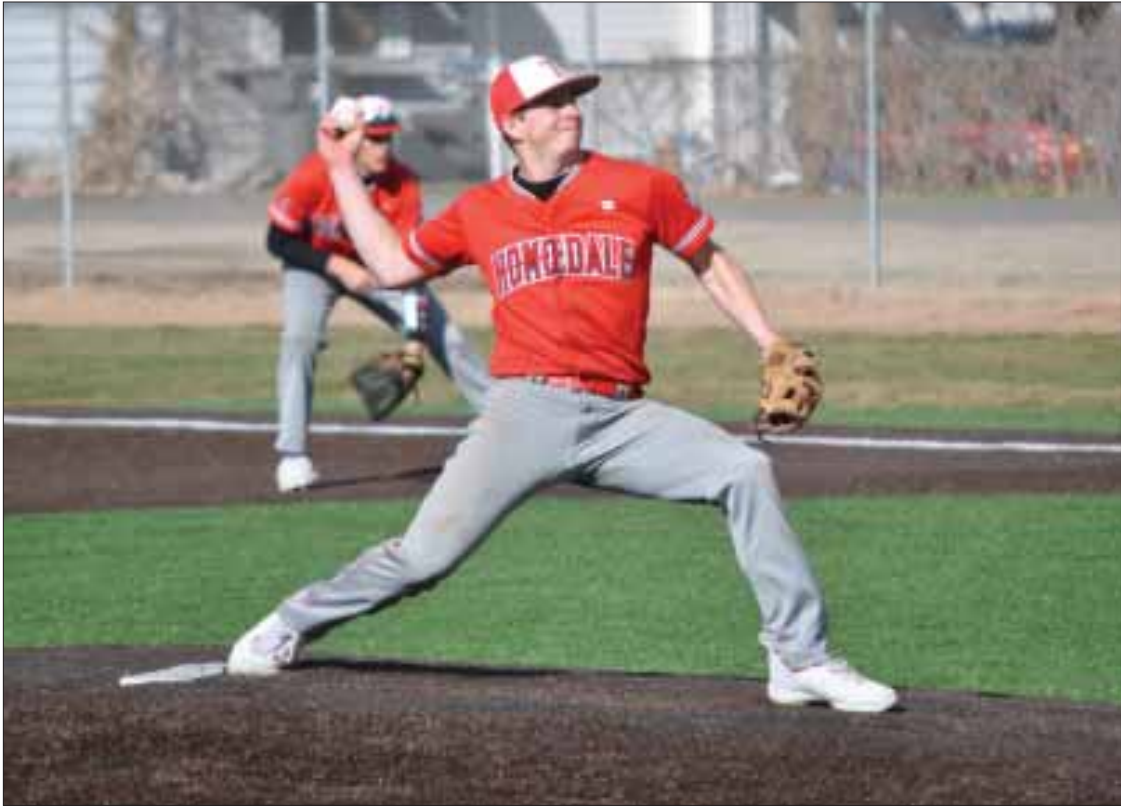
Lejardi singled and scored on Tyler Woodward's single in the third inning.

Friday: Homedale, 10, Wood River 8 (6) — The Trojans took control with an explosive second inning, but the damage could have been worse.

Homedale built a bunch of equity in the uprising, sending 12 men to the plate and scoring five runs to snag a 9-7 lead.

Muir was thrown out at the plate trying to score a sixth run as the Class 4A Wolverines wrapped up the inning with a double play. It was the third time this season that a Homedale baserunner had been thrown out on an outfield throw, and the second time in as many days that a runner was cut down at the plate.

The Trojans jumped out to a 4-1 lead with four runs in their half of the first inning. After Muir scored on an



Right-handed starting pitcher Tommy Muir delivers to the plate as Homedale first baseman John Lejardi gets into his fielding position against South Fremont.

error and Morrison singled, Liebschwager smacked a two-run home run. D'Orr Packer singled and scored on Sigmund Goode's two-out base hit.

The Wolverines hung six runs on starting pitcher Gammell in the second inning.

But Homedale rallied again in the bottom of the frame. Josh Brown and Packer were credited with stealing home for two of the runs, Morrison scored on an error, and Beeg Hockenhull singled home Liebschwager before scoring on Goode's second RBI single of the game.

After Wood River pulled to within a run, 9-8, in the fifth inning, Homedale notched an insurance run in the sixth when Morrison led off with a single and eventually scored

on another error.

Muir, Packer and Goode had two singles apiece. Morrison scored three times.

Lejardi pitched four innings of two-hit relief ball to get the win.

Thursday: Capital 13, Homedale 5 (6) — The Eagles scored eight runs in the sixth inning to snap a 5-5 tie and run away with the victory.

The Trojans grabbed a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning when Muir and Packer scored on the first of Capital's three errors.

Homedale tacked on three runs for a 5-1 advantage in the third inning. Packer scored on Morrison's base hit, and Gammell came home on another error. Morrison scored the third run on Hockenhull's

sacrifice fly to center field.

Capital tied the game, 5-5, against starting pitcher Goode in the fifth inning.

Will Kovac smacked a two-run triple and scored the tying run on a wild pitch.

The Eagles sent 11 men to the plate in the decisive sixth inning. The go-ahead run was unearned as Charlie Vega walked and later scored on Homedale's only error of the game.

Only six of Capital's runs were earned.

Vega scored three times in the contest.

Packer was 2-for-3 with two runs scored.

Thursday: South Fremont 2, Homedale 0 — Muir was back on his game, spinning 5 2/3 innings of no-hit ball, but the Cougars scored two runs in

the top of the seventh inning to prevail in a pitchers' duel.

The Trojans committed five errors in the game, including one in the top of the seventh that preceded Kaimen Peebles' two-run double — the Cougars' only hit of the game. One of the two runs surrendered by losing pitcher Liebschwager was unearned.

Liebschwager got out of the inning when Karter Yancey was picked off at second base.

Homedale made some noise in the bottom of the seventh when Goode and Hockenhull laced singles with no one out. But Yancey got a pair of strikeouts before teammate Easton Kerbs snagged Muir's line drive in center field to end the game.

The Trojans managed six hits against two South Fremont pitchers, including Bridger Erickson, who was tossed at the plate in the top of third inning after reacting to what he perceived was a bad call on a third strike.

Erickson surrendered two hits, including a second-inning single to Hockenhull, who was later thrown out trying to steal second. Hockenhull went 2-for-3 to lead Trojans batters.

Homedale left runners on second and third base in the first inning after Liebschwager's two-out double.

Gammell was thrown out at the plate trying to score from second base on a throwing error by South Fremont's third baseman in the fourth inning. The Cougars pulled off a double play to end the third inning.