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Greenhouse

by Samuel Couch

Mr. Dygert, Rimrock JR-SR High school's incredible AG teacher, has been hard at work to complete Rimrocks first greenhouse. Mr. Dygert was inspired to build the green house because he has a goal to make the students have an amazing learning experience. Mr. Dygert received funds by Ag West Farm credit that totaled to an amount of $60,000. Mr. Dygerts class, Greenhouse and Nursery Management, are the main users of the greenhouse. If needed, the science classes will be able to use it as well.

The plants going into the greenhouse are a wide variety of flowers, peppers, tomatoes, and herbs. Some plants that are going to be used and experimented on through the greenhouse are corn, beans, peas, and cotton.

The greenhouse was completed right before the end of the first semester, and now the class is planting. Mr. Dygert's future plans for the greenhouse are to be able to sell some of the plants that are going to be grown in the greenhouse at the Rimrock OTE night on May 5, 2026, to the local community. He also mentioned helping others to understand the basic functions and processes of plants.

Mr. Dygert has done extensive research about the greenhouse, how it was going to be built, and all the details that make it work. Some of these details are the heaters, fans, shade cloth, electrical, and water. The structure is big enough for at least twelve students at a time.

Mr. Dygert remarks, "The Greenhouse will be a better experience for learning." There has been excellent work put into the green house and once it's built, it is going to be an amazing addition to Rimrock. After all the hard work and dedication from Mr.Dygert and his greenhouse class, Rimrock is excited to welcome the new edition.

Rimrock's Greenhouse is finally up and running after a whole semester of work from Mr.Dygert and his greenhouse class. Flowers, peppers, carrots, peas, and more are currently being planted. Tables for inside the greenhouse were built and installed recently.

Mrs. Merrick's Courses

by Merary Rodriguez

Ashley Merrick is a teacher in our district who is currently teaching five different courses, four here at Rimrock, and the fifth at the Grand View Elementary as the Pre-K teacher. The four high school courses include one Junior high class, Career Exploration, and the other three are limited to high school - Teen Living, Parent & Childhood Development, and Exploring Working with Young Children.

All of the courses Ashley teaches here in Rimrock are Family and Consumer Sciences (CTE Pathway) classes under Early Childhood Education.

The 8th grade Careers, is a new class for Ashley this year. This class is important because it allows these students to learn more about themselves and which career fields and options they would like to pursue or further learn about. Also, it helps them understand work ethic, careers, training paths, and possible apprenticeships.

Mrs. Merrick described that she sets up all these lesson plans for the courses "from the ground up," spending much of her time researching and collecting new ideas. She explained how accommodating each class of her students keeps her on her toes, but she doesn't stress it and does what best fits to keep them engaged and ensure they are properly learning. Mrs. Merrick had stated how she loves the opportunity to teach at both the elementary and high school levels. It gives her the benefit of being able to make the children in pre-k's first school experience exciting, while also preparing the older students for lessons that will be helpful to them throughout their life. Lastly, Mrs. Merrick stated how she chose to take on all these courses because she wanted Rimrock to have more electives and opportunities - and that meant teaching Rimrock students life skills that she knows all students need to have!

Ashley Merrick's Parent and Childhood development class with their new simulation babies.

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The new owners Judy and Taylor Magers of the Rough Mountain Market.

"New" Market in Town

by Mackley Prow

Taylor Magers purchased the Grand View Store on June 20th 2025 knowing it was going to take a ton of work, but she is willing to do everything it takes to give back to the community. The Grand View store was built in 1920 and needed lots of renovating and cleaning to get it updated. Taylor had interest in buying the store to keep the owners local, get into entrepreneurship, and also so she could have her baby at work. Taylor knew that getting into this job would take a lot of her time, but she has an amazing family that has been willing to help her with anything. Taylor said that the previous owners have been very helpful in learning the rules, regulations and requirements.

Considering that the store was just purchased in June, there has already been lots of cleaning done and new items for sale. Taylor has replaced and moved the cashier counter. Some new inventory includes ice cream, fishing tackle and farming tools.

In three years, Taylor sees the store to be a place that the community can go to for any urgent needs. For this purpose, she will eventually carry plumbing tools, firewood, and many other household items. Taylor hopes to add a coffee shop, a walk in cooler and

Taylor stated, "So far, I believe the community has reacted very well to the changes." We are excited to see the younger generations helping improve our community, and the new Rough Mountain Market is doing just that.

Junior Colten Coates wins the Student Body Government assembly in January. His class won a pasta bar meal provided by Student Body Government. In the picture below, Mariel Juarez and her class enjoy the meal.

Vintage Doughnut Co.

by Kenzley Fowers

Vintage Doughnut Co. is a family owned and operated business out of Grand View, Idaho. Vintage Doughnut Co. was founded in October of 2023 so that Todd Koehn, one of the founders, could spend more time with his family. Todd and his wife, Teresa, also wanted to incorporate their son, Josh Koehn and his coffee business into what they do every day. The Koehn family flew to Tennessee to learn how to make doughnuts and pretzels, and to purchase the trailer they now use to prepare and serve soft pretzels, doughnuts, coffee, and lemonade.

To begin a batch of doughnuts, the Koehns and their employees start by stocking their trailer the night before, and prepping the sourdough starter for the doughnuts. The morning of an event consists of stocking the trailer before departure, heating milk and combining other ingredients once they arrive, letting the dough rise, baking, and then glazing the doughnuts.

Vintage Doughnut Co. is not the Koehn family's only business. TK Electrical Contracting and Rough Mountain Roastery are also owned and operated by the Koehn family.

Vintage Doughnut Co. attends a variety of events. Some of their favorites include Nampa Farmers Market, Railroad Park in Mountain Home, and Brie'sta Coffee Company in Mountain Home.

The Koehn family and their employees keep busy with preparing and serving hundreds of doughnuts and pretzels at each event. According to Todd Koehn, Vintage Doughnut Co. produced 1300 doughnuts on their busiest day.

Vintage Doughnut Co. has become a beloved small business in our community. Support has been shown from many of the community members, especially through social media which is run by Trina Fowers, the marketing manager for Vintage Doughnut Co. According to Todd Kohen, " We (Vintage Doughnut Co.) love connecting with people, making them happy, and making new friends! And we're thankful we can work together as a family and include some of our friends and also have somewhat of a flexible schedule."

Vintage Donut Co. has provided a unique opportunity that other small towns do not get to experience. The quality home made baking, positive attitudes, and smile on each employees face is a blessing for everyone they serve.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NAEP Testing (8th Grade) - Mar. 3

ASVAB Testing - Mar. 10

Boys Basketball State - Mar. 5-6

School Board Meeting @GV Elementary - Mar. 10

Journalism Field Trip - Mar. 11

End of Quarter 3 - Mar. 12

Parent Teacher Conferences - Mar. 16

SAT and SBG Speaker - Mar. 17

Senior Trip - Mar. 20-24

Spring Break - Mar. 20-29