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SC Road to close all day Monday

Construction on Silver City Road is nearing the home stretch, but one of the last phases of the project will close the mountain road all day Monday and half of the day Tuesday.

Bryant J. Kuechle with The Langdon Group Inc. — the public relations firm for project manager J-U-B Engineers — said the road will reopen for its limited construction traffic schedule at noon on Tuesday. The road usually is closed from 6 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday during the construction.

Several groups, including the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office, The Langdon Group and Nampa's Theuson Construction, announced last week that the road will close to all traffic around the clock Monday so work crews can replace a culvert measuring 60 inches in diameter with a 96-inch culvert. The corrugated metal pipe is 40 feet long.

"We still have some gravel to place, but this is the last big thing," Darren Brown, an estimator with Theuson, said.

During the final culvert replacement beginning Monday, Silver City Road will be closed into Silver City from the point

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Homedale crowns Homecoming royalty

Homedale High School's 2006 Homecoming queen, Jordan Warwick, smiles as she leans in to accept the crown from a Trojans cheerleader before Friday's football game. Warwick was named Homecoming queen, and Trevor Krzesnik, left, won the Homecoming king vote. King runner-up Caleb Johnson, right, looks on. For more on Homecoming week, see Pages 14A-15A

Access hot topic at Initiative open house

As the Owyhee Initiative process continues, it seems the supporters of the legislation now in the U.S. Senate are gaining momentum.

Three open houses were held last month around the Treasure Valley, designed to show citizens how the Owyhee Initiative plan will impact the lands in the Owyhee County.

Craig Gehrke of The Wilderness Society attended all

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access we didn't have before.'**

—John Nagel

Homedale area Fish and Game conservation officer

three workshops to help answer questions. The first two open houses were held Aug. 22 at Boise State University and Aug. 24 at Albertson College of Idaho in

Caldwell.

The last of the three open houses was held early last week

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County mulls W. Nile strategy

**Commissioners
study plan week
after governor
approves funding**

Owyhee County Commissioners received a detailed plan to fight the spread of West Nile Virus at their weekly meeting Tuesday, one week after Gov. Jim Risch signed a state disaster proclamation granting Owyhee County's request for state assistance in the battle.

According to Larry Howard, Owyhee County emergency services coordinator, a plan was prepared for the commissioners' weekly meeting Tuesday. Details of that plan were not available at press time.

"We're following all government guidelines, and there are a lot of them," Howard said Tuesday.

Risch said in a release last week that the county had met the requirements to receive state aid. Typically, the state picks up 75 percent of the cost for an abatement program with the county paying the balance.

"Owyhee County has made the case that they have a human health emergency in their county," Risch said. "My state agencies are currently working with the county to determine the plan of attack to protect their citizens and the cost for such a program."

Once the plan has been agreed upon an Implementation Memorandum will be signed.

Although the declaration has been signed, as of Friday there

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County schools deal with slight drop in attendance

Homedale's new policy lessens any financial impact; Marsing numbers rebound from paltry first week

Owyhee County's three major school districts experienced a drop in attendance during the first week of the 2006-07 school year. Districts superintendents report enrollment is slightly lower, too.

Marsing School District superintendent Harold Shockley said he wasn't sure why daily enrollment was down an average of 19.8 students compared to the first week of school in 2005-06. But he added last week's numbers were slightly more promising with enrollment down 14.7 students from a year ago.

"Although we're down quite a bit more in enrollment, our attendance is holding better in the first week," Shockley said.

Shockley said that first-week attendance was down an average of 8.1 students per day from last year. The second week, though, the average attendance was down only 3.2 students through Thursday.

Shockley said some students don't arrive on any of Marsing's three campuses until after Labor Day and that the farming season tends to affect his district's population, too.

"Our overall enrollment and attendance really does fluctuate a considerable amount because of agricultural season," he said. "We have some kids that will physically leave the area and come back in the spring."

In Homedale, superintendent Tim Rosandick reports that the total number of students enrolled at the district's three schools is up by five students from 2005-06 to 1,238.

"Overall enrollment has stayed flat," Rosandick said. "We haven't experienced a great deal of growth or loss of students."

"The open enrollment mitigated a potential drop in enrollment."

That was a good decision the (school board members) made last winter when they approved the change in the policy."

While enrollment at the elementary school and the middle school dropped a total of 17 students, Homedale High School picked up 13 students over its 2005-06 numbers.

"We have a capacity to handle more kids, especially at the high school," Rosandick said. "There has to be this balance between efficiency and affordability, and our class load across the district is one metric we use to look at enrollment."

Rosandick said that by using class loads (or the number of students each teacher has to instruct) as a measuring stick, the district has determined that Homedale first- and third-grade populations will bear watching in the near future.

"As new kids enroll, we may or may not accept non-residents," said Rosandick, explaining how the open-enrollment policy will bend to regulate class loads if the threat of higher-than-acceptable student-to-teacher ratios materializes.

The school year began Aug. 28 for grade-schoolers in the Grand View/Bruneau district. The high school students have been in class since Aug. 24.

Grand View/Bruneau superintendent Vickie Chandler reported that the overall enrollment as of Wednesday was down a total of 13 students from 2005-06. The bulk of that came at Rimrock Junior-Senior High School, where 24 seniors graduated in the spring and only 19 students came into the school as eighth-graders this year. The overall enrollment at Rimrock is down by 12 students.



Homedale High School sees student body increase

Students walk between classes last week on the Homedale High School campus. District enrollment numbers show that the high school gained 13 students for the 2006-07 school year over last year's population.

Grand View/Bruneau's total enrollment of 353 students continues a steady decline in the overall student population that began in September 1998 when the district had 512 students.

But the drop in enrollment hasn't affected the district's ability to provide for its students, Chandler said.

"We tracked (attendance) for a long time, and we're in a good position financially and feel good about being able to provide the same services with the number of students that we have," Chandler said.

The Grand View/Bruneau district's territory spans the southern half of Owyhee County, stretching north to Elmore County and south to the Nevada border as well as moving west from the border with Twin Falls County to the Oregon state line.

Historically, the district's

enrollment figures have been skewed because of the number of students living far away from the three school campuses who commute out of state to attend either Owyhee, Nev., schools or Jordan Valley High School. Border contracts with the Malheur School District in Oregon and the Elko School District in Nevada require the Grand View/Bruneau district to pay tuition for the education of those students.

The per-student tuition for Jordan Valley is \$10,580.40, while the Idaho district paid \$9,249.97 per student to the Elko district. Chandler said transportation costs are included in those figures.

Shortfalls created by the tuition are replaced by reimbursement from state and federal funds as well as a tuition levy on the property taxes of patrons in the Grand View/Bruneau district.

"The state reimburses the biggest chunk," Chandler said.

"They make sure the small districts aren't hurt by it."

The Pleasant Valley School District has a similar situation. When a student graduates from the kindergarten-through-eighth-grade school 6 miles south of Jordan Valley, the next step is a high school career in the Oregon border town. The Pleasant Valley district pays tuition for those students.

Pleasant Valley principal and superintendent Andrée Scown said last week that the school has eight students this year, half the number that attended just two years ago.

"Because the students come from the local ranches, it's a generation kind of a thing," Scown said. "Maybe four or five years ago, there were close to 20 students. It'll drop, and then some more babies will be born with the next generation of ranch family."

— JPB



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Paul's employee hangs up apron after 30 years' service

Jo Howell, a Paul's Market employee of 30 years, is hanging up her apron.

"I'm proud to have been part of so many lives," Howell said. "I feel like I'm part of so many families in the community. I've watched so many people's children grow up."

Paul's will have a guest book in its Homedale store on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for customers to sign for Howell's retirement to show their appreciation for Howell's dedicated service.

Howell says she will miss the family environment she has with Paul's and the community.

"When my late husband passed away, I had \$100 in the bank. Cards came from the entire community with \$5 or \$10 inside," Howell said. "In the end we had enough to pay for the entire funeral. We had the funeral at the Armory, and it was standing-room only."

On another occasion a customer gave her a 1987 Nissan Pulsar as a gift.

When she re-married, Howell said her customers, again, overwhelmed her.

"I met my husband and was married to him in May of 2001. I had nine days to plan the wedding," she said.

Howell said that by word-of-mouth, more than 400 people showed up at her wedding; the majority were her customers.

Howell will have more than memories to remember her customers. She has a collection of jewelry from around the world customers have presented to her as gifts.

"I have earrings from St. Petersburg, Russia, Nairobi (Kenya) and South America that customers have given me," Howell said. "But the greatest gifts have been the lessons learned from customers. Sometimes I've learned more from difficult ones than pleasant ones."

Howell said she has seen many changes over the years.

"I have seen the store go from hand-adding charges on paper to computerized scanning; I have seen the meat department go from changing sawdust on the floor once a week to modern sanitizing methods," she said.

"I remember when the farmers and their wives would come to shop on Saturdays. The husbands would gather at the front of the store and talk while their wives shopped. I remember them (farmers) joking that bread could someday be a dollar a loaf. I remember when we had to oil the wooden floors and shovel coal into the furnace downstairs."

Howell said one of the most memorable days was when Paul Zatica opened his modern store. "We went from a store with three aisles to a modern grocery store."



'It's like a family'

"We've had good times and bad times, like any family, but I've always known I was taken care of," Jo Howell, Paul's employee of 30 years said last week as she stood with Paul Zatica in the Homedale Paul's Market.



Hanging up the apron

Paul's employee Jo Howell waits on Laura Neri of Homedale. Howell is retiring this month after 30 years of service at Paul's.

"In 1977, she came to work for us," store founder Paul Zatica said. "She is at work all the time. She is a very good employee."

Zatica said there has been good-natured joking between he and Howell.

"She and I had a lot of kidding to do to each other," he said.

Howell said working for Paul's has been like being part of a family.

"It's a family. We've had good times, and we've had bad times, like any family. But I've always known I was taken care of," Howell said, her eyes filling with tears. "I once had to take four months off because of an emergency, and I never had to worry. Paul does more for this community than anyone knows."

— JWB

Mtn. Home man killed in Idaho 51 auto accident

A 20-year-old Mountain Home man died last week after the vehicle he was driving left the roadway at milepost 76 on Idaho highway 51 in Owyhee County. The accident occurred late Wednesday night.

Mathew Scott Adamson was pronounced dead at the scene of the one-vehicle accident.

According to an Idaho State Police report, Adamson was traveling northbound by himself when his red 2001 Ford Focus drifted off the right side of the

highway, hit a guardrail and went 30 feet down an embankment.

Adamson was ejected from the vehicle.

It is unknown if the victim was wearing a seat belt.

No other details were available, and ISP continues to investigate the accident as of press time.

The fatality was at least the second on Idaho 51 in Owyhee County this year. Aimee Larae Brunson, a 39-year-old Boise woman, was killed in a motorcycle accident in June.

Official: Chubby/Spain fire will improve land over time

Experts don't yet know the extent of the damage the Chubby/Spain fire caused, but they predict the lightning-caused fire near Cow Creek in Owyhee County will have a long-term positive impact.

A Bureau of Land Management official said last week that the area will be "rested" from grazing for at least two growing seasons.

Another BLM official previously reported that a lot of grass used for grazing was scorched by the fire, but re-growth is expected next season. BLM Boise District mitigation specialist Bob Narus also said that some junipers, some of which were nearly 100 years old, also burned.

BLM rangeland management specialist Raul Trevino said last

week that the fire, which burned about 6,100 acres, will improve the land in the long run. He added that the destruction of a large quantity of juniper trees also could be beneficial because juniper is an invasive species to the area.

"It will be a positive," Trevino said of the fire's long-term impact. "It will improve the land in the long run. It will be a benefit."

Trevino said ranchers will be barred from grazing their cattle on the affected land for at least two years.

The following BLM grazing allotments were damaged or destroyed as a result of the fire: Soda Creek, Jump Creek, Franconi and Joint allotment.

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Elementary students vie for cabbage scholarship

Three Owyhee County elementary school students are in the running for a scholarship after growing superior cabbage during the summer.

Abraham Monreal of Homedale, Courtney Bryant-Hodges and an unnamed student from Grand View Elementary School were entered into a contest for a \$1,000 scholarship through the Alabama-based Bonnie Plants Farm.

“Each third-grade teacher is given plants in the spring, and they come with information about how to grow the plants and a chart on how to care for the plants, such as fertilizing and killing bugs,” said Teresa Schwisow of Express Farms in Marsing.

Each cabbage is weighed, and the student from each participating class with the largest piece of produce become eligible to win the scholarship.

“Last year’s winner was from Idaho Falls, and his cabbage wasn’t very big,” Schwisow

County students shoot for scholarship
Homedale Elementary School student Abraham Monreal, left, and Marsing Elementary School student Courtney Bryant-Hodges are among three Owyhee County children who have been entered in a contest to win a \$1,000 scholarship from the Bonnie Plants Farm. Submitted photos

route drivers delivered cabbage seeds to 50 schools in the spring.

All the entries were to be submitted to Bonnie Plants Farm’s home office in Alabama by Friday.

Then the fun begins.


“We take them to the director of the state Department of Agriculture (Homedale/Wilder area farmer Pat Takasugi), and he does a winning drawing for the state of Idaho,” Schwisow said.


One scholarship winner is chosen from each state that participates.

All three Owyhee County students now are fourth-graders. Monreal’s third-grade teacher at Homedale Elementary School was Barbie Vanderboegh. The third-grade teacher in Marsing for Bryant-Hodges was John Barenberg.

Attempts to learn the name of the Grand View student were unsuccessful last week.

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Equipment at the ready

Several pieces of culvert pipe are stored at Theuson Construction's project staging area on Silver City Road.

✓ Road

where the construction project begins at Sinker Creek Road. Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman says drivers traveling to Silver City must use Jordan Creek

Road.

Brown said the \$700,000 Silver City Road project should be completed during the week of Sept. 18. The task of replacing about 850 feet of culvert pipe and resurfacing approximately 4 miles of the gravel roadway began

on July 10.

The project is being funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The roadway was damaged during heavy rainfall and the subsequent flooding of Scotch Bob Creek in early January.

✓ Initiative

at Homedale Middle School.

"A total of about a dozen people showed up," Gehrke said.

Conversely, Gehrke said about 80 people showed up for the first two meetings.

But the sparse turnout in Homedale was expected because of the minimal opposition in the county.

"Generally, only people show up when they're opposed to something," Gehrke said. "In Boise, it was the Idaho Wildlife Federation folks. In Caldwell, it was the dirt-bikers."

He said the Homedale meeting went well because of the information that was exchanged.

"I think it was good," Gehrke said. "People came in with good questions and wanted to find out information."

"Nobody came in to complain. They just came in for information."

One person who came to the event to learn more was John Nagel, a senior conservation officer for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Nagel's territory is Units 40 to 42, which includes Homedale and other parts of Owyhee County.

"I wanted to come out tonight and look at the displays and see how this was going to affect my job," Nagel said.

Nagel said he had heard many concerns from outdoorsmen about the loss of habitat because of the designation of several wildernesses within the county and the subsequent closure of roads. The Owyhee Initiative will affect more than 500,000 acres in the county.



Gathering Initiative information

Craig Gehrke of The Wilderness Society, left, points to a map while explaining changes to Owyhee County proposed by the Owyhee Initiative as Idaho Department of Fish and Game conservation officer John Nagel and others listen.

"From what I see, we're going to gain access we didn't have before," Nagel said. "I want to make sure that hunters don't lose access."

Gehrke and Idaho Rivers United executive director Bill Sedivy set up various displays inside the Homedale Middle School multipurpose room to help attendees learn more about the Initiative. There were detailed maps outlining how the Initiative would reshape the Owyhee area, including roads that will be closed and proposals for wilderness, private-federal land exchanges and wild and scenic rivers. A slide

show gave more information on the history of the Initiative and its objectives, and various handouts were available, including the full text of the bill that Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) introduced to the Senate last month.

Gehrke said the materials are all part of a strategy to show the different interest groups that the Initiative is a good thing for Owyhee County.

"The pieces set of on their own don't look so good," he said. "You have to look at the whole package to see the benefits."

— JPB

Homedale plans annual community yard sale

The City of Homedale will sponsor the second annual Community Yard Sale and Flea Market on Saturday at Riverside Park.

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. No permits will be required for yard sale participants setting up in Riverside Park.

Food vendors must register at City Hall and pay a \$20 fee.

All yard sale participants must bring their own tables, chairs,

shade, change, bags and any other necessary items.

According to a flyer advertising the event, the community yard sale and flea market will attract hundreds of yard sale shoppers.

Any items left behind after the sale will be donated to the local thrift industry, the flyer stated.

For more information, drop by Homedale City Hall at 31 W. Wyoming St., or call (208) 337-4641.

BLM crews fight four fires in Owyhee on Monday

Bureau of Land Management firefighters were "mopping up" Tuesday on four fires that burned Monday in southern Owyhee County.

According to BLM spokesperson Barbara Bassler, all four fires started as a result of a late-afternoon lightning storm.

The Blue Fire, near the Nevada border, was the largest of the fires, destroying approximately 1,000 acres.

The Reynolds Spring Fire burned about 500 acres and was located 20 miles west of Rogerson.

The Spring Creek Fire was located on the Idaho-Nevada border and was contained at 160 acres. The Grassy Hill fire near Grassy Hill Road was contained at 320 acres.

No injuries were reported or structures threatened as a result of any of these fires, Bassler said. The damage was limited to BLM land, and no private property was involved.

"We were pretty lucky and able to throw plenty of resources at them," Bassler said of the quick containment of the fires.

— JWB

✓ West Nile

was no word when the funding to support a mosquito treatment plan will arrive from the governor's office. The plan, including a budget, must be laid out prior to funding.

"It's not a blank check," said Brad Hoaglund, spokesman for Risch. "There has to be a budget."

"It's in the (Owyhee County) commissioners' court. We're waiting for them to come back with what they want to do," Hoaglund said. "A little more background work was needed."

Hoaglund said the commissioners' original plan was to treat areas in the immediate vicinity of schools, but then it was learned that the school districts already had sprayed those areas.

Homedale School District Superintendent Tim Rosandick said school officials treated school grounds on Aug. 19-20, using ground-spraying methods. Rosandick said the district would seek reimbursement for associated costs when state funds are granted to the county.

Harold Shockley, Marsing schools superintendent, confirmed that his school district already had sprayed school grounds, and would also seek reimbursement if

state funding is released.

Six Idahoans have died from the virus, including a 77-year-old man from Caldwell on Aug. 28.

Owyhee County Commissioners made the request for state assistance based on a disproportionate number of West Nile Virus (WNV) cases in the county. Owyhee County has 1 percent of the state's total population, but 4 percent of the confirmed WNV cases. Owyhee County has 21 confirmed human cases of WNV, with four being considered neuroinvasive, according to the state Department of Health.

Risch urged individuals to protect themselves from being infected and contributing to the spread of the disease.

"It is imperative that Idahoans take preventive measures to protect themselves from this disease, such as using EPA-approved insect repellent or wearing clothing that covers exposed skin," the governor said. "It is especially important for kids who might be outside in the morning or evening hours, when mosquitoes are most active, to be protected."

To prevent mosquitoes from breeding, all standing water near living areas should be eliminated and birdbaths and decorative ponds should be cleaned every three days.

— JWB

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Sept. 7: Lasagna or mini corn dogs, corn, apple turnover, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
Sept. 8: Fish nuggets or turkey sandwich, fries/tots, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
Sept. 11: Early release. Sloppy Joe or hot dog, fries/tots, chocolate pudding, fruit & veggie bar.
Sept. 12: Turkey & noodles or tuna sandwich, peas, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
Sept. 13: Chili or beef taco pie, roll, veggie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Homedale Middle

Sept. 7: Spaghetti or chicken pot pie, bread stick, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
Sept. 8: Pizza or popcorn chicken, salad, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
Sept. 11: Early release. Chicken patty or rib-b-que, tots, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
Sept. 12: Taco burger or wiener wrap, green beans, animal crackers, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
Sept. 13: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit roll-up, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Homedale High

Sept. 7: Chicken patty or hamburger/bun, potato wedges, dessert, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
Sept. 8: Beef taco or tst. Cheese sandwich, tomato soup, corn, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
Sept. 11: Early release. Pizza, quesadilla or chef’s salad, fruit & veggie bar, dessert, milk.
Sept. 12: Weiner wrap or fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
Sept. 13: Enchilada, hot pocket or baked potato/toppings, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Bruneau

Sept. 7: Turkey, potatoes/gravy, green beans, wheat roll/butter, fruit jello, milk.
Sept. 8: Corn dog, fries, veggie, fruit, cookie, milk.
Sept. 11: Biscuits & gravy, little smokies, hashbrowns, oranges, maple bars, milk.
Sept. 12: Taco salad or chicken salad, chips & salsa, fresh fruit, spiced cake, milk.
Sept. 13: Lasagna, salad & croutons, garlic breadsticks, fruit, milk.



Adrian exchange students ready for new experiences

Adrian High School welcomed another large group of foreign exchange students for the 2006-07 school year. The students include, from left to right, Matias Jalit (Argentina), Moon su Kang (South Korea), Nhat Hoang (Vietnam), Ayca Altuner (Turkey), Oliver Pregernig (Austria), Selina Marx (Germany), Maurus Hope (Germany), Natalie Thumayos (Thailand), Camilla Rampainelli (Brazil), Dayana Soares (Brazil), Lovis Kneisel (Germany), Da-in Moon (South Korea), Dennis D’Attilio (Italy) and Jutisin Lertboonyapan (Thailand). Photo by Adrian High School photography

Adrian High School news

by Adrian High School
journalism staff

Students are excited with the beginning of another school year. There are several new students, including 14 exchange students from around the world.

The Adrian School District adopted the four plus school plan this year. So far, comments from students and staff members are very positive with the new schedule.

Adrian High School student

Jorge Michel has been selected to the Youth Advisory Team for the Oregon State Board of Education.

The Antelopes’ football and volleyball teams held jamborees last week and will open their seasons this week. Coach Aimee Goss’ volleyball team participated in the Nyssa Jamboree last week, and the Antelopes have high expectations after summer play. The season begins Friday with a visit to play Powder Valley in

North Powder, Ore.

The football team opens the season at Powder Valley on Friday with new head coach Paul Shenk leading the way. The Antelopes’ first action after the departure of coach Gene Mills came last week in the Adrian Jamboree.

Several students accompanied FFA advisor Megan Price to Salem, Ore., for the Oregon State Fair in August. They also toured several businesses. Students stated they had an enjoyable time.

Calendar

Today

No events

Thursday

Homedale Senior Citizens Center luncheon, music from Just Country, \$5 59-and-younger, \$3, 60-and-older, 11 a.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020
Calvary Chapel Home Fellowship Bible study, 7 p.m., 112 N. 4th St. W., Homedale. (208) 880-8962
AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Friday

Recovery Celebrate 12-step program, 6 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3520 or (208) 337-3151

Saturday

Monthly fund-raising breakfast, \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children 10 and younger, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020
Homedale Community Yard Sale and Flea Market, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Riverside Park, Homedale. (208) 337-4641

Tuesday

Exercise class, 11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020
Pure Word recovery meeting, 7 p.m. (208) 880-8962
AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Wednesday

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

7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Main St. (208) 896-4122

Grand View City Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave. (208) 834-2700, Monday through Wednesday

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Senior news

Homedale center

Sept. 6: Country fried steak w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, roll, milk.
Sept. 7: Baked ham, yams, green beans, roll, milk.
Sept. 12: Birthday lunch. Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes/ gravy, peas, roll, milk.
Sept. 13: Chili, baked potato, hot dog, milk.

Marsing center

Sept. 6: Meat loaf, potatoes/ gravy, peas & carrots, salad, dessert, drink.
Sept. 7: Oven fried chicken, potatoes, beets, salad, dessert, drink.
Sept. 11: Salisbury steak, broccoli, potatoes/gravy, beet salad, dessert, drink.
Sept. 12: Hot dog, sauerkraut, cheese, chili, fries, salad, dessert, drink.
Sept. 13: Pot roast, potatoes/ gravy, carrots, salad, roll, dessert, drink.

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— Jessica

Dear Jessica,
This is a really bad situation. I'm sorry your uncle is so sick, but what's going on here is not just a bad idea, it's illegal. As the cardholder, YOU are the only one who has permission to borrow this money. You're also the one who is responsible for paying the bill.
You need to have a sit-down, heart-to-heart talk with your uncle and explain this to him. Let him know that you're not financially able to handle the situation. Then, call the credit card company, close the account and cut up that stupid thing!
But talk to him gently, Jessica. I know you love your uncle, but this is YOUR life we're talking about and YOUR responsibility.



If he won't give you the money, you need to pick up some extra hours at work and get this debt paid off fast!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
I've had my own small business for a while. I love what I'm doing, but things aren't going well and I'm committed to \$14,000 in Yellow Pages ads over the next 12 months. Recently, I got a great job offer from a company that would pay me twice what I'm making now. I'm not sure what to do.
— Rich

Dear Rich,
It's very important to keep your options open right now. If you completely close your business, you'll be giving up your customers. I'm not sure I'd do that, especially when you know so little about the new job you've been offered.
I'd suggest trying this new job, but keep a few of your customers and see if you can do the work on weekends. This would help cover some, if not all, of your business debt AND keep some money rolling in if the new job doesn't work out.

If you find that you like this new job, then you've got a great income plus something you like doing on weekends that pays. And, if you keep your business open — even on a small scale — there's always a chance it will begin to grow and give you the opportunity to jump back into it full-time again!
— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the best-selling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at Davesays.org. Have a question for Dave? Send correspondence to syndication@daveramsey.com or write *Dave Says*, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

Fall programs kick off at Friends Community Church in Homedale

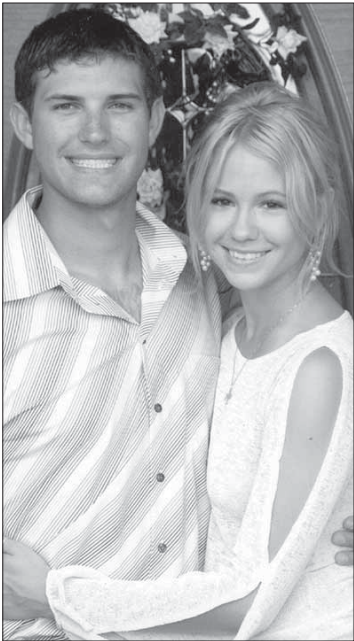
Youth leaders and Sunday School teachers at Homedale's Friends Community Church have been busy preparing for another fun-filled year of classes and activities.
The Friends Community Church Sunday School program includes classes for -2 and 3-year-olds, kindergarten, first and second grade, third- through fifth-grade boys and girls, junior high students, high school students and adults.
Sunday School will be held at 9:30 a.m., and the program begins Sunday. Worship service begins at 10:45 a.m. Nursery care is available as well as a separate children's church.

Also at noon on Sunday, the church will celebrate the start of the new school year with an old-fashioned picnic at the City Park in Homedale. Along with lots of good food, there will sack races, three-legged races, an egg toss and water balloon volleyball. Everyone is invited. Bring salad or dessert.
The church's youth group for seventh- through 12th-graders kicks off its season with an all-night extravaganza at 6 p.m. Saturday at the church. Movies, games and food will be part of the festivities.
On Tuesday, the church's youth will be meeting at the church before traveling to Boise for a

concert.
The Christian Life Club (CLC) will begin Sept. 27 immediately afterschool. Friends' CLC program is a non-denominational Bible-based curriculum that, along with Bible lessons and stories, includes missions learning, games, music and refreshments. Transportation to the church from Homedale Elementary will be provided. The first Wednesday of each month is skate night or bowling, and the school year ends with a swimming party and program.
For more information about church programs or activities, call (208) 337-3464. The church is located at 17434 U.S. Highway 95 in Homedale.

Engagement Woodburn, Bruce to marry in Jordan Valley on Saturday

Cole Winter Woodburn and Jennifer Lee Bruce have announced their engagement and plan to wed Sept. 9, 2006, at the Bruce Ranch in Jordan Valley.
The bride-to-be is the daughter of Bob and Carol Bruce of Jordan Valley, Ore. She graduated from Gonzaga University in 2002 with a degree in business and marketing.
Jenny is employed at Renu MediSpa in Eagle as office manager and marketing assistant.
The groom-to-be is the son of Carl Woodburn of Nampa and Jan Woodburn of Homedale. He graduated from Northwest Lineman College in April and is employed with Arizona Power Service in Phoenix.
The couple will live in Arizona after their wedding.



Cole Woodburn and Jennifer Bruce



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But the disadvantages are many because some manufacturers are now producing rings using the "electroform" process. These rings are readily found in discount stores, sold on television, and elsewhere — where the sales department is not concerned that the rings are hollow and will collapse under the heat of a goldsmith's torch.

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Family ties

Givens resort bridges centuries, generations

Steve and Nadine Givens strive to present a family atmosphere at their business, one of the oldest in Owyhee County.

Fittingly, generations of families have flocked to Givens Hot Springs 12 miles outside of Marsing for more than a century.

And the people — like Salt Lake City's Grant Smith — keep coming back.

"This is the first time in 30 years, I think," the former Nampa resident said on a recent Saturday at the spa and resort.

"When I was growing up, we were here at least once or twice a week."

Smith brought his wife, Jennifer, son, Caleb, 5, and daughter, Lydia, 3, to Givens while the four were in town for a family reunion.

"We were here at least once or twice a week," Smith said. "It certainly brings back memories of when I was a kid and came here with my brother and family."

With 125 years of history, Givens Hot Springs has seen countless occasions of people returning to the therapeutic waters that they remember as children.

"That happens all the time," resort owner Steve Givens said as he sat on a picnic table on the far end of the pool deck inside the pool house that was built in 1952.

"People walk through that door and say, 'I haven't been here since I was a little kid.'"

All generations are welcome to come celebrate the spa's 125th year of commercial operation on Saturday when the resort holds a program entitled Wagons to Wings.

Wagons to Wings

The event runs from noon to 6 p.m., and includes half-price swimming, displays by the Owyhee County and Idaho State historical societies, vintage airplanes restored, a replica of a stagecoach used in Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West Show, for which Steve's great uncle, Berry, was a bronc rider, a restored covered wagon and vintage automobiles.

Even the displays will have a connection to the Givens family. Jack Givens, a grandson of Milford and Mattie, built the stagecoach, and another grandson, Orin, restored two of the airplanes — all built in the 1940s or earlier — that will be on display.

The program also includes musical entertainment by the barbershop quartet Seniority (1 p.m.), the Heatherwood Swingers (3 p.m.) and the Buck Family Fiddlers (5 p.m.).



Preservation and documentation

Clockwise from the top: The original pool house as it appears in a postcard series that Steve and Nadine Givens sell at the resort.

A map and a guestbook invite visitors to pinpoint from where they traveled to get to Givens and to leave a note of their stay.

This old metal sign sits at an intersection of Idaho highway 78 to make sure that folks are heading in the right direction.

Call (208) 495-2000 for more information.

Steve Givens, who runs the hot springs resort with his wife, Nadine, is a great grandson of Milford and Mattie Givens, who began the low-key spa fueled by water rich in minerals in 1881.

The spa and resort includes an indoor pool heated with water from the nearby hot springs. There are campsites and two small cabins. Inside the pool house, there are private soaking tubs, too.

The spa is open from noon to 10 p.m. every day of the year except for two days at Christmas (Dec. 24-25) and Thanksgiving.

Steve and Nadine are part of the third generation of the Givens family to operate the hot springs, but the spa hasn't been in the



Givens family for the entire 125 years.

Berry, Granville and Guy Givens — sons of Milford and Mattie — sold the spa to Gerald and Maxine Jensen in 1946. A fourth brother, Jess, had sold his interest earlier. Guy is Steve Givens' grandfather.

The Jensens owned the spa for nearly 40 years. In 1983, the hot springs returned to the family when Steve's cousins, Liz and Virg Cuff, purchased it.

Steve and Nadine Givens' road to ownership of the business began as a lease from the Cuffs,

and they have been operating the facility since 1991.

Nadine Givens said Liz Cuff now is writing a book on the history of the springs, which have been an attraction for 5,000 years, according to the state historical marker that stands in the spa's parking lot on Idaho highway 78.

Long history of soothing

The hot springs were a prehistoric winter village thousands of years ago, and Mattie and Milford Givens revived the therapeutic tradition of the springs two years

after they settled in the area in 1879.

"The greatest use was from the miners in Silver City," Nadine said. "They would get all stoved up with arthritis and then come down for a week or so and use it to get back in shape."

And the tradition of therapy continues today.

"We have a lot of people who come for their arthritis or post-surgery to increase their mobility," Nadine said, adding that many doctors prescribe the hot springs-fed pool for recovery and therapy. "(The water) increases circulation, so people will come out here and just walk in it."

Nadine leads a morning senior swim class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It's free with paid admission into the pool.

The resort grounds have changed since the spa opened in 1881. The original swimming pool was built in 1902 — a year after Mattie, by then divorced from Milford, had married German immigrant Gus Yanke. A structure to cover the pool and a two-story hotel were built soon after, according to the Owyhee County Historical Society's "Owyhee Outpost" publication from June 1980.

The hotel burned in January 1939, and later that year Berry and Jess built the three small cabins that still stand on the grounds today.

Two of the 67-year-old cabins are available for spa guests to rent for \$55 a night, a price that includes one day of swimming. Nadine has painstakingly restored the interior of the cabins to reflect a feel from the time their construction, right down to the wallpaper and the older appliances in the kitchenette.

The oldest structure still standing on the sprawling resort grounds is an old icehouse that dates back before the dawn of the 20th century. Ice was cut out of the river and hauled in to keep contents of the thick-walled building cool.

The reputation of the spa isn't something exclusive to Owyhee County. When swimmers enter the pool house, they are greeted by a map covered with dozens of push-pins to the right of the front desk.

"We have a map in the entryway with pins in it from where people have come from," Nadine said, adding that "thousands" of people visit the spa each year.

"We've had people come from all points of the world."

Fading into the past

While many people come

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Historic sight
Generations of the same families have been coming to Givens Hot Springs to swim in the warm water of the swimming pool since the early part of the 20th century.

✓ **Givens**

for the fun and therapy of the water, the temperature of which is regulated by the speed of the water rushing through pipes from springs, some people might partake in the swimming because hot springs resorts are becoming a thing of the past.

“Idaho has more hot springs than any other state,” Nadine said. “There are fewer and fewer developed ones. So many are shutting down or being bought up.”

A private party purchased Warm Springs in Idaho City, Nadine pointed out. But she said no one should expect Givens Hot Springs to go the way of other resorts anytime soon.

“Absolutely not,” is her answer to would-be buyers. “Thank you but no.”

The attraction of keeping the business in the family is more than

just preserving the tradition.

“We have people come out here from every walk of life,” Nadine said. “I don’t know another business that would have such a diversity of people.”

Nadine said several luminaries have visited over the years, including former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who stopped by during a motorcycle ride.

Looking ahead

Nadine and Steve have designs on other parts of the grounds surrounding the pool house.

“We have some plans for development, and those are just limited by our budget and our age,” Nadine said. “As my husband said, ‘We’re at the age where we work for 15 minutes and rest for 15 minutes and admire our work.’”

The No. 1 objective is to make sure that Givens Hot Springs remains a Givens legacy.

“We hope that some day our

children, or at least one of them, will be interested in taking over,” Nadine said.

But she adds: “We’re good for another 20 or 30 years.”

And there’s no doubt that the families will continue to flock in those next decades.

“Sometimes we have three or four generations in the pool at the same time,” Steve said.

Nadine said that’s because hot springs water is so friendly.

“The thing about swimming in it is that — and particularly in our pool and the temperature of it — it is so good for everyone, and it’s the one activity that people can enjoy from birth until they leave this world,” Nadine said.

“One of my favorite memories is a great-great grandfather who was pulling his little grandson around in the pool in a raft. And it just struck me that, ‘You have the whole gamut right there; the two ends of the spectrum.’”

— JPB

Givens through the years
***Top:** A Idaho historical marker on the edge of the parking for the resort of Idaho highway 78 tells the story of how long people have been coming to the area to take advantage of the natural hot springs. **Above:** The oldest structure on the Givens Hot Springs property is the icehouse that dates to the era of the resort’s founders, Mattie and Milford Givens, who settled in the area in 1879. **Below:** After a 1939 fire destroyed the resort’s two-story hotel, Berry and Jess Givens built three cabins, two of which still are being used to house guests.*



Santa Fe subdivision public hearing scheduled for Tuesday

A public hearing before the Homedale City Council is scheduled for Tuesday inside City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

The hearing will begin at 6 p.m.

The purpose of the hearing is to review the planning and zoning recommendations for the Application for Zone Change and Application for Subdivision for the Santa Fe Subdivision.

B.R. Maier Properties, LLC, has submitted a zone change for the proposed subdivision consisting of 45 residential lots and one commercial building lot on land bordered by Railroad Way, East Idaho Avenue, 4th Street and Utah Avenue in downtown Homedale.


A copy of the preliminary plat is on file at Homedale City Hall for review.

The meeting was originally scheduled for Aug. 17, but was cancelled because of a lack of quorum.



Eagle Scout candidate proud of his work


Homedale High School senior Matt Holloway smiles as he stands in the gymnasium of the town’s Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Friday during a blood drive that he organized as his Eagle Scout project.



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Scout’s blood drive receives strong support

Matt Holloway didn’t have to put too much thought into what his Eagle Scout project would be.

Cheri Holloway required six blood transfusions after surgery a few years ago. So when it came time to select a community service project to earn the prestigious Boys Scouts of American badge, her son had an easy choice.

“When it came down to it, I think a blood drive was what was going to get the best results out of the community,” Matt Holloway said during Friday’s blood drive inside the Homedale Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints gymnasium.

Within the first 50 minutes of the blood drive beginning at 11 a.m. Friday, the Homedale High School senior says 16 people

‘I think everyone needs to get out and be involved with community things.’

— Matt Holloway
Homedale Eagle Scout candidate

had dropped by to give blood to attendants from the Boise chapter of the American Red Cross.

The blood drive, which was scheduled to go until 4 p.m., surpassed the 55 units of blood required for Holloway to earn his badge. All that’s left now is certification of the project by the Boy Scouts’ Darrell Richardson.

Afterward, Holloway reported that more than 100 people turned out for the blood drive, but 35 of them had to be turned away because there weren’t enough pint packages.

The drive had a capacity to take a maximum of 65 units of blood because that was the number of storage bags that was provided by the Red Cross, he said.

After one hour of the blood drive, Holloway said, only one person had to be turned away because of West Nile Virus infection.

“We were told that if someone thought West Nile Virus is an issue that they’re supposed to get a hold of the Red Cross,” Holloway said.

Holloway, who plays for the Trojans’ boys basketball team and finished eighth in the high jump at last spring’s 3A track and field state championships, said he has been working on the Eagle Scout project for about four months.

Holloway contemplated a food drive or a clothing drive for the needy in the Homedale area before settling on the idea of a blood drive. But he said that, regardless of what he would have decided to do for his project, it’s vital for community members to get involved and help those in need.

“I think everyone needs to get out and be involved with community things,” he said.

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West Nile could hurt sage-grouse hunts

West Nile Virus also has infiltrated Owyhee County's sage-grouse population, and the effects could have an impact on hunting season this year.

While crews from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game wrap up their study of the role West Nile Virus (WNV) has played in a recent "die-off" of sage-grouse, one Fish and Game official warns that, at the least, the hunting season in the county could be suspended this year.

"We have had positive-tested sage-grouse in the Duck Valley Reservation," said Jon Rachael, a wildlife manager with Fish and Game's Southwest Region office in Nampa. "(Investigators) know a good number of the birds that have died have been in Idaho in the area near Riddle, which has some big sage-grouse strongholds."

Rachael said that Fish and Game officials began trying to determine why there has been such a large mortality of sage-grouse this year after some "significant" losses were reported about six weeks ago in the Big Springs area.

Although West Nile Virus is suspected, the cause of the large number of deaths hasn't been determined, Rachael said.

"There were still live birds, but it was not particularly conclusive,"

he said. "We started spreading the word to cowboys and ranch managers if they found any freshly dead or actively sick birds to call Fish and Game."

Rachael said conclusive data about a possible West Nile Virus infestation is difficult to come by because of the lack of freshly deceased birds for studies. As carcasses deteriorate, evidence of the disease dissipates.

"We're not finding a lot of evidence out there that is allowing us to pin this down to West Nile," Rachael said.

However, a week after the original report of dead birds in the Big Springs area, a contact captured two live birds. Rachael said Fish and Game tests revealed the birds were infected with WNV.

"We have a substantial amount of circumstantial evidence that we have some significant (WNV) impact on sage-grouse," Rachael said, adding that 50 to 90 percent of the losses reported have come in bird populations near infected mosquito pools.

Even without conclusive evidence, Rachael said that given the general increase in WNV cases throughout southwest Idaho, Fish and Game officials have anticipated sage-grouse being affected.

"We've been concerned the last couple years with the advance of West Nile Virus that we'd (see) a pretty good impact on sage-grouse," he said.

Rachael said hunters, ranchers and other people in the Owyhees and other areas who come across dead or sick sage-grouse should contact the department's Southwest Region office at (208) 465-8465. He suggests packing freshly dead birds on ice, if possible, to preserve evidence.

"We have not determined whether the virus has impacted sage-grouse across the state," Rachael said. "At this point, the couple areas we know of are all in Owyhee County."

The department will continue to collect data this week, and the impact of the disease on the sage-grouse population could be known by Friday, Rachael said. At that point, officials will make a recommendation to the state Fish and Game Commission regarding the sage-grouse hunting seasons throughout the state.

"We're trying to assess how widespread the losses are," Rachael said. "We'll likely be making a recommendation to headquarters on whether we should proceed with the (hunting) season or have large area closures."

— JPB

Protecting the public

Since the publication of registered sex offenders in Owyhee County, four additional offenders have been added to the state's registry. This list is published for the protection of the public. The complete list is available at www.isp.state.id.us.



Roy Lee Lyons

Date of birth: Aug. 24, 1966
Address: 2322 Market Road
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Conviction: Lewd and lascivious conduct with minor child under 16



Armand James Mason

Date of birth: Jan. 31, 1981
Address: Idaho highway 51
Owyhee, ID 89832
Conviction: Sex offenses against child, fondling

John Lowell Page

Date of birth: Feb. 14, 1936
Address: 502 W. Colorado St.

Homedale, ID 83628
Conviction: Sexual abuse of child under 16 (three counts)

Michael Anthony Jones

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Homedale school board sets goals for coming year

Members of the Homedale School Board held a special meeting Aug. 23 and adopted a list of Board of Trustees goals for the 2006-2007 school year.

The goals include:

- Maintaining quality staff.
- Increasing the percentage of students graduating.
- Improving reading, math and language proficiency for all students.
- Meeting No Child Left Behind targets.
- Increasing opportunities for proficient students.
- Improving parent and community involvement.

The goals have been submitted to the district administration, school board chairman Kurt Shanley said last week. At the school board's monthly meeting on Oct. 9, the administration will present strategies to attain the goals.

H o m e d a l e s c h o o l s superintendent Tim Rosandick said last week that all of most of the goals will be worked on this year and possibly beyond.

"I think it's probably a good thing. It makes sense that boards do this part of their responsibility, and I think that the board did good work in establishing these goals," Rosandick said.

"The administration supports these goals and will be reporting back on what we will do to achieve these goals in October," Shanley said that recruiting quality employees and retaining them is a challenge because of competition from other school districts in the valley.

He said board plans to discuss employee and teacher retention at its next meeting, which is set for 7 p.m. on Monday at the district office board room.

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Country band to perform at Homedale seniors luncheon

Extension office to hold long-term care seminar

Just Country, a popular country-western band that played the Buckaroo Breakfast series last month in Homedale, returns to the Homedale Senior Citizens Center on Thursday to provide music during lunchtime.

Lunch at the center, located at 224 W. Idaho Ave., begins at 11 a.m. The cost is \$3 for diners 60 years old and older and \$5 for people 59-and-younger.

The center's monthly fundraiser breakfast will be held from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday. The all-you-can-eat menu includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, biscuits and gravy, coffee and juice. The price is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children younger than 10.

A new exercise class has been

added to the monthly schedule from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The free classes begin Tuesday.

Also on the September schedule is a free educational workshop on long-term care entitled "Caring for Those You Care About." The seminar is sponsored by the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office and AARP.

The event takes place from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Sept. 16. Registration is required and must be completed by Monday. Call the extension office at (208) 896-4104 for information or to register.

Senior center coordinator Shirley McAbee said the center plans to bring back its Saturday night dance from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sept. 16. Live music will be played at the dance, which is open to all ages. Admission is \$3 plus a plate of finger food.

Guardian Healthcare will present its monthly foot clinic beginning at 10 a.m. on Sept. 19. The cost is \$10, and appointments can be obtained by calling the senior center at (208) 337-3020 or signing up at the front desk at the center.



Catalyst for county agriculture

Owyhee Project South Board of Control manager Rex Barrie says that the Owyhee Dam, which opened in July 1932, helped create the agriculture-based economies of Homedale and Marsing. Photo by Mark Aman

South Board prepares to mark Owyhee Dam's 75th anniversary

The Owyhee Project South Board of Control wants your photos and memories of the construction of the Owyhee Dam and its impact on the region.

Plans are in the works to hold a diamond jubilee celebration next year to mark the July 17, 1932, dedication of the Owyhee Dam.

"The project was vital in creating the agricultural economy that built Marsing and Homedale," South Board manager Rex Barrie said. "We're asking folks if they have old photographs or old stories that they want to submit for this."

Barrie said the plan is to use any photos, stories or recollections supplied to the South Board to create a booklet commemorating the 75th anniversary of the

dam that provides water for the Owyhee Irrigation District, the Gem Irrigation District, the Ridgeview Irrigation District and the Owyhee Ditch Co.

South Board is the governing agency for the Gem and Ridgeview districts.

Barrie said the material sought by the South Board includes photos taken during the construction of the dam, photos of family members who may have worked on the dam, images of farms that benefited from the completion of the project and even photos taken before the project, such as images of the old community of Watson, which was flooded when Owyhee Reservoir was created.

Barrie said any materials provided to the South Board

would be reproduced, and the originals would be returned to their owners.

He also said some of the reproduced materials will be on display during the commemorative event, which tentatively is slated for the second full weekend in July.

"We want to make this a pretty special kind of deal," Barrie said.

Barrie added that there already is a museum at the dam that features some photographs of the structure's construction.

For more information on submitting material for the celebration, call Barrie or Connie Chadez at the South Board of Control at (208) 337-3760.

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Homedale High School Homecoming '06

Warwick, Krzesnik named Homedale royalty

Homedale High School's senior class took center stage last week during Homecoming.

The Class of 2007 won several competitions against the freshmen, sophomores and juniors last week to secure the spirit championship.

The school's Homecoming royalty was revealed before Friday's football game against Nampa Christian.

Jordan Warwick, the daughter of Ron and Michelle Warwick, was crowned Homecoming queen.

This year's Homecoming king is Trevor Krzesnik, whose parents are Darren and Sherri Krzesnik.

Both Warwick and Krzesnik are active in athletics and excel in academics. Krzesnik is the starting quarterback for the Trojans football team, and he competes in basketball, golf and baseball. He also is a member of the National Honor Society. Warwick is a captain on Homedale's volleyball team and plays basketball. She's a member of the Honor Society and the Science Club.

Warwick was voted queen in a competition that included fellow

seniors Elizabeth Calderon, the daughter of Martin and Maria Calderon, and Jessica Ferguson, whose parents are Jerry and Nancy Ferguson.

Krzesnik's fellow king candidates included Brandian Sitko, the son of Kathy and Jerome Sitko, and Caleb Johnson, son of Leah Erskin and Ron Johnson.

The attendants included juniors Elisabeth Falness and Matthew Hansen, sophomores Brandon Valadez and Anna Maria Salas and freshmen Ryan Ryska and Kortney Stansell.

The crowning achievement for the senior class was winning the float competition in Friday's Homecoming parade in downtown Homedale. The senior's theme was "Bake the Fakes" and featured a replica of a Nampa Christian football player placed head-first into a pizza oven.

Several other competitions were held throughout the week, including dress-up days. The seniors won Pajama Day.

The sophomore class won the powder puff football tournament early last week.



Preparing for battle

Left: Homedale High School seniors Cory Uria and Ryan Johnson, right, add some detail to the pizza oven that would serve as the centerpiece for the Class of 2007's "Bake the Fakes" float. **Right:** Freshman Summer Megargee spray paints a banner that will be placed on the Class of 2010's "Rock You Like a Hurricane" float.



Grand marshal and grand champion

Above: Homedale High School Homecoming parade grand marshal Wally McDowell, in hat, rides in the back of a convertible at the front of the parade. McDowell is retired from teaching geography and history at both the high school and the middle school. **Right:** The seniors' float, "Bake the Fakes," won the top prize in the parade competition and led the Class of 2007 to the overall spirit title.



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Rimrock FFA news

by Chelsey Lemon, chapter reporter

Five members of the Rimrock FFA chapter attended the Western Idaho Fair on Aug. 18 to judge livestock and dairy cattle.

The team, which consisted of Ellie Cantrell, Chelsey Lemon, Geoff King, Jay Long and Shawn Servis, placed second in dairy cattle judging. King placed fourth and Long placed sixth individually.

The team also placed fourth in livestock judging. Long placed third individually.

The team was very happy with the results and is ready for the next judging competition, which takes place this month in Kuna.



Rimrock FFA team shines at fair

The Rimrock FFA chapter's livestock team fared well in judging at the Western Idaho Fair earlier this month in Garden City. The team included, from left to right, Shawn Servis, Chelsey Lemon, Jay Long, Ellie Cantrell and Geoff King. Submitted photo

Homedale High homecoming queens

2006 — Jordan Warwick	1993 — Tarah Galloway	1980 — Debbie Bartles Leavitt	1970 — Cindy Yost	1960 — Nancy Johnson Leslie
2005 — Hailee Garrett	1992 — Nicole Larzelier	1979 — Andrea Jackson	1969 — Marsha Haylett Hays	1959 — Glenda Watterson
2004 — Gloria King	1991 — Marnie Dye	1978 — Leah Vance	1968 — Marcia Richards	Uranga
2003 — Amie Holloway	1990 — Wendy Muir Aberasturi	1977 — Kim Matteson	Haylett	1958 — Jean Miller
2002 — Taci Morris	1989 — Lori Itano	MacKenzie	1967 — Rayme Aberasturi	1957 — Anita Maher Gluch
2001 — Becky Butler	1988 — Tami Wirth	1976 — Sharon Bauer	Linder	1956 — Sharon Carson
2000 — Chelsi Bopp	1987 — Michelle Tarr	VanWassenhove	1966 — Sherry Kushlan	1955 — Charlette Dunn
1999 — Ann Bingham	1986 — Kristi Warren Davenport	1975 — Kathy Williams	Parrill	1954 — Charlene Markley
1998 — Cory Williams-Nelson	1985 — Michelle Frank	1974 — Marianne Jesenko	1965 — Kathy Brown Cammack	Uranga
1997 — Jenny Overton	1984 — Christi Purdom	Grimes	1964 — Judy Markley Purdom	1953 — Darlene Markley
1996 — Stephanie Henry	1983 — Kristi Anderson	1973 — Martha Wood	1963 — Ilene Maher Canning	Metzer
1995 — Lara Eidemiller	1982 — Stacie Matlock	1972 — Kathy Westby	1962 — Sandra Allen	1952 — Shirley Friel
1994 — Amanda Ethington	1981 — Shauna Lasselle	1971 — Teresa Johnson	1961 — Joanna Cearly	1951 — Donna Haylett

Public Notice of Intent To Propose Or Promulgate New Or Changed Agency Rules

The following agencies of the state of Idaho have published the complete text and all related, pertinent information concerning their intent to change or make the following rules in the new issue of the state Administrative Bulletin.

The written comment deadline is September 27, 2006, unless otherwise listed.

Temp & Prop indicates the rule is both temporary and proposed. ** Indicates that a public hearing has been scheduled.

IDAPA 02 – DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE P.O. Box 790, Boise, ID 83701

02-0209-0501, Rules Requiring the Inspection of Potatoes Intended for Sale or Offered for Sale in Retail Outlets. Updates and clarifies current requirements and lists specific exotic pests of concern to the Idaho Potato Industry for which a zero tolerance will be specified.

****02-0427-0601, Rules Governing Deleterious Exotic Animals.** (Temp & Prop) Authorizes the disposition of deleterious exotic animals that are being held without the required permits.

IDAPA 09 – DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND LABOR 317 W. Main Street, Boise, ID 83735

09-0103-0601, Unemployment Insurance Benefits Administration Rules. Claimant will be ineligible for benefits effective the week his accumulated missed wages exceed one-half of the weekly benefit amount if ill more than 1 week; separation information will be provided by employer rather than mailed when contacted by a Dept representative; professional athletes who are between seasons can't use their base period wages for services as athletes to establish a claim for benefits if contracted for the next season or intending to participate in the sport the next season even without a formal offer of employment.

09-0135-0601, Unemployment Insurance Tax Administration Rules. Requires employers to file a quarterly report even when zero wages paid; clarifies that each covered employer's UI tax report shall be reported under the covered employer's account number; defines "willfully"; replaces mandatory language to allow the Dept. to consider any or all of the enumerated factors in determining a worker's status; eliminates duplication within the PEO rule; further clarifies quarterly reporting requirements.

09-0201-0601, Idaho Community Development Block Grant Program. (Temp & Prop) Clarifies or changes terminology and grant application requirements and deletes references that do not comply with federal HUD regulations.

09-0203-0601, Rules of the Idaho Regional Travel and Convention Grant Program. Standardizes and clarifies documentation of grant costs for Familiarization Tours; eliminates fulfillment documentation requirements by allowing 10% of the total grant award to be used for fulfillment costs; raises amount of total project costs to \$20,000 before grantees must use a formal bid process for purchases or services or to secure a vendor; and eliminates requirement of an in-kind match as a part of the grant process.

IDAPA 10 – BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS 5535 W. Overland Rd, Boise, ID 83705-2728

10-0101-0601, Rules of Procedure. Specifies the core technical curriculum an applicant who has a degree in a related science but not in surveying needs for assignment to the examination for certification as a professional surveyor.

IDAPA 11 – IDAHO STATE POLICE P.O. Box 700, Meridian, ID 83680-0700

11.04.01 - Rules Governing Horse Racing (Idaho State Racing Commission).

11-0401-0603, (Temp & Prop) Allows for bicarbonate testing in racing horses.

11-0401-0604, (Temp & Prop) Provides that horses may carry more than 7 pounds overweight with the permission of the stewards at fair circuit racetracks.

IDAPA 16 – DEPT. OF HEALTH & WELFARE PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0036

16-0215-0601, Immunization Requirements for Idaho School Children. Changes made to develop requirements for an immunization program that meet physician, school and public health priorities of protecting children.

16-0414-0601, Rules Governing Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. (Temp & Prop). Removes requirement for energy conservation education and audit as a condition of participation; incorporates by reference the LIIHEAP Intake Manual; targets for services households with children under 6 and individuals over 60 years of age, and individuals with disabilities.

16-0604-0601, Rules for Statewide and Regional Inter-departmental Substance Abuse Coordinating Committees. Chapter repeal.

IDAPA 18 – DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0043

18-0174-0601, Coordination of Benefits. Makes rules consistent with model regulations of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) by clarifying which plans are allowed to coordinate benefit payments and how coordination is to be applied among plans.

IDAPA 21 – DIVISION OF VETERANS SERVICES 320 Collins Rd., Boise, ID 83702

21-0105-0601, Rules Governing Medical Transportation Payment for Wheelchair Confined Veterans. Allows for direct reimbursement to wheelchair confined veterans who use private providers for transportation to medical appointments.

IDAPA 23 – IDAHO BOARD OF NURSING PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0061

23-0101-0601, Rules of the Idaho Board of Nursing. Clarifies definitions and various licensing procedures; adds failure to cooperate with authorities and engaging in a pattern of poor practice as grounds for discipline; revises the limited license provision categories and requirements; explains summary suspension provisions; describes peer review process required of the advanced practice nurses; establishes titles for graduate APPNs; and relocates an existing records verification fee.

IDAPA 25 — OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES LICENSING BOARD

1365 North Orchard, Suite 172, Boise, ID 83706
25-0101-0602, Rules of the Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board. Removes language that restricts Board from scheduling meetings at times other than those now in rule.

IDAPA 27 — BOARD OF PHARMACY PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0067

27-0101-0603, Rules of the Idaho State Board of Pharmacy. (Temp & Prop) Specifies the positive identification information that pharmacies must keep when dispensing controlled substance prescription drugs directly to individuals at the pharmacy and sets out the standards to be met for retrieval of the positive identification information.

IDAPA 33 – IDAHO REAL ESTATE COMMISSION PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720

33-0101-0601, Rules of the Idaho Real Estate Commission. (Temp & Prop) Fee rule reduces individual licensing fee by \$20 per bi-annual licensing period.

IDAPA 35 – IDAHO STATE TAX COMMISSION PO Box 36, Boise, ID 83722-0410

35.01.03, Property Tax Administrative Rules.

35-0103-0606 – (Temp & Prop) Implements HB 421 and the procedures to index the homeowner's exemption each year.

35-0103-0607- Numerous changes implement recent statutory changes effecting the homeowner's exemption, fire district reporting, occupancy taxes and exemptions, payment date for recapture of qualified investment exemption, and specifies various information that assessors must provide to the commission; identifies 5 primary categories simplifying the equalization of values by county; describes secondary categories that assessors will use to notify property owners of the values being assessed on land, improvements, and other property; provides formula for calculation of the 5-year average farm credit system interest rate; provides for county assessors and county auditors to submit the property tax reduction data electronically as well as hard copy; provides for county treasurers to mail property tax bills with zero balance due to property tax reduction applicants; and clarifies exemptions from yield tax and categories for land used to grow Christmas trees and other annual forest crops.

IDAPA 39 — IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPT. PO Box 7129, Boise ID 83707-1129

39-0207-0601, Rules Governing Titling of Salvage, Specially Constructed, and Reconstructed Motor Vehicles. (Temp & Prop) Changes implement HB 727 that mandates that all vehicles declared a total loss enter the salvage program and be issued a salvage certificate of ownership; establishes criteria to require a branded certificate for repaired or reconstructed vehicles, and includes a requirement for dealers to disclose title brands to purchasers.

39-0224-0601, Rules Governing "Gray Market" Vehicle Registration and Titling. (Temp & Prop) Enables department to require sufficient ownership documentation prior to titling to prevent titling of potentially stolen vehicles.

39-0321-0601, Rules Governing Special Permit Fees. Fee rule increases issued permit fees by \$15 to cover administrative costs for permit processing, issuance and enforcement.

39-0343-0601, Rules Governing Utilities on State Highway Right-of-Way. (Temp & Prop) Updates website and district office addresses referenced in the rule.

IDAPA 58 – DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706-1255

58.01.01, Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho.

****58-0101-0303 -** In order for the state to maintain primacy for the Title V program, permit fees are being increased for the sources subject to Title V to cover the costs of administering the program. Comment by: 10/10/06.

****58-0101-0602 -** Updates the incorporation by reference section of the rule to ensure consistency with the federal regulations and specifically exempts certain federal regulations from incorporation by reference. Comment by: 10/10/06.

58-0102-0601, Water Quality Standards. Adds new beneficial use and associated criteria for streams that are unable to support viable fish populations; expands the applicability of low flow exclusions to all waters of the state and allow for more flexibility in determining what constitutes an extreme low flow condition. Comment by: 10/6/06.

Please refer to the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, September 6, 2006, Volume 06-9 for notices and text of all rulemakings, public hearing schedules, Governor's executive orders, and agency contact information.

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