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## Owyhee faces West Nile funding re-run

State assistance  
eligibility tied to  
emergency status

Owyhee County Commissioners decided at their Sept. 5 meeting to limit the county's efforts to combat West Nile Virus school property in 2006.

But, looking ahead to 2007,

state officials said the disaster declaration will have to be re-evaluated next spring.

A spokesman for Gov. Jim Risch said the county is eligible for state assistance only as long it

is determined disaster conditions exist, and that the county will have to reapply for funding next spring.

"There is not any real outcome at this point," Commissioner

Chris Salove said last week. "Our  
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— Homedale clinic sees  
'possible' West Nile cases daily,  
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## Visit Silver City, step back in time

Road is clear for  
mining town's  
open house

Silver City will hold its annual public open house from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16-17.

Ten or more private buildings and homes will be open to the public for viewing. Most will be decorated as they were in the 19<sup>th</sup> century when the mining town was booming.

According to Jerri Nelson, co-owner of the Idaho Hotel in Silver City, property owners frequently have visitors to the city wonder what houses in the area look like inside. This is their opportunity.

"At least 10 to 11 houses will be open," Nelson said.

Nelson cautioned visitors to have a full tank of gas before turning off Idaho highway 78 onto Silver City Road because there are no service stations in Silver City. Parking inside Silver City is scarce, as well, so Nelson

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### Church on the hill invites visitors to Silver City

Vintage buildings, such as the church that stands in the shadow of one of the mountains surrounding the Owyhee County mining town of Silver City, are the main attraction this weekend when the village's homeowners present the annual summer open house Saturday and Sunday.

## County purchases vehicle for coroner

Commissioners  
OK FY 2007 plan  
with no changes

The Owyhee County Commissioners approved the purchase of a new vehicle for the coroner's office at their Aug. 28 meeting.

The vehicle, a 2006 Ford F-150 pickup, cost approximately \$23,000 and will be paid for from the county's 2007 general fund, according to Commissioner Chris Salove.

Commissioners approved the Fiscal Year 2007 budget at their Sept. 5 meeting. No changes were made from the proposed budget, which totaled nearly \$7.9 million — a 20 percent increase over the FY 2006 plan.

County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn told The Owyhee Avalanche last week that the truck already has been purchased from Dan Weibold Ford in Nampa.

Previously, Coroner Harvey Grimme used his personal vehicle for coroner's duties. In the past, he had sought reimbursement from the county for the use of that vehicle, including mileage

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# No arrests yet in attack on man outside bar

Homedale man in serious condition after beating

Homedale Police said Monday that they have suspects but have made no arrests in an early-morning attack that left a 49-year-old Homedale man hospitalized in Boise in serious condition.

Douglas Grever's condition had been upgraded to serious at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center on Monday morning, four days after he was found unconscious outside O'Henry's Pub on Idaho Avenue.

Grever was admitted into the intensive care unit in critical condition after being flown by air ambulance to St. Al's after the Friday morning incident.

Police are not releasing suspect names at this time.

At approximately 2 a.m. Friday, a bartender and patrons from O'Henry's Pub in Homedale noticed two males attacking

Grever on South 1<sup>st</sup> Street West.

"The bartender saw two persons dragging a third individual out in the road," Homedale Police Cpl. Ian Takashige said Friday.

"When the two men saw the bartender and bar patrons, they fled the scene."

Reports state that Grever was bleeding from the head and unconscious when officers arrived. His wounds were apparently caused by multiple punches to the head.

There is no evidence of any weapons involved at this time, and no motive for the attack has been released.

Takashige said police are investigating two suspects at this time, but declined to release their names or possible whereabouts pending the outcome of the investigation.

Anyone with information should contact the Homedale Police Department at 337-4642.

—JWB



## Burned areas to be reseeded next spring

Bureau of Land Management officials confirmed last week that federal grazing allotments affected by the recent Chubby/Spain fire last month in an area between Jordan Valley and Silver City will be rested for two years. BLM photos

# BLM official reveals plan for rangeland damaged by fire

Federal grazing allotments to be rested two seasons

The effects of the wildfire that scorched more than 6,000 acres of grazing land last month between Jordan Valley and Silver City will be felt for at least the next two grazing seasons.

But the long-term benefits include fewer incidents of invasive plant species and a replenishment of native grasses, a Bureau of Land Management rangeland management specialist said last week.

"It (the fire) should be a positive, in that it took out a lot of juniper, which will be re-seeded with native grasses and sage," said Nika Lepak, a rangeland management specialist in the BLM's Owyhee Field Office in Marsing.

Lepak confirmed that the portions of the scorched landscape on BLM holdings will be rested



for the next two years.

"We are planning to work with ranchers in the area to build fences so we can rest BLM areas, while they use private land as they choose," Lepak said. "We will supply them with materials for fencing, and they will be supplying the labor."

The BLM plans to re-seed next spring to aid in the land's recovery, but also will coordinate efforts with other groups — including the Owyhee County Sage Grouse

Local Working Group — during the re-seeding process.

"We are working with the Nature Conservancy and Sage Grouse working group to cost-share for re-seeding," Lepak said.

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

The fire was named the Chubby/Spain fire complex because it involved areas near Chubby Spring and Spain Hill. According to BLM records, the fire burned 2,311 acres of BLM ground, 1,526 acres of state land and 2,174 acres of private land. The Aug. 21-24 fire was triggered by multiple lightning strikes and burned rangeland between Soda Creek and Slaughterhouse Gulch, or about 7 miles northeast of Jordan Valley and 8 miles west of Silver City.

According to the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, approximately 60 firefighters, nine engines and one helicopter fought the fire, which took approximately four days to contain.

Lepak said rangeland burned in the same area in 1962 and a prescribe burn about a decade ago.

—JWB

# County P&Z to hear proposal for subdivision near Marsing

A Marsing corporation has filed an application for a conditional use permit to subdivide a 53-acre parcel into 49 residential lots north of Marsing on Old Bruneau Highway, and the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission has set public hearing.

The commission will hear testimony at 10 a.m. on Oct. 18 inside the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

The property on which the subdivision would be built is currently owned by Joseph and Gayle Weatherby.

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# Homedale resident fights cancer with trip to Washington, D.C.

Woman selected to attend annual lobbying event

Cancer patients and their loved ones have a strong ally in Homedale resident Judy Olson.

Olson, the director of breast care services at the St. Luke's Regional Medical Center Mountain States Tumor Institute (MSTI) in Boise, recently was chosen to represent Owyhee County as an ambassador at the Celebration on the Hill 2006 to be held in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

Representing Idaho's First Congressional District, Olson will be among 10,000 Celebration Ambassadors, cancer survivors and volunteers to attend the two-day event, which is being hosted by the American Cancer Society (ACS) Cancer Action Network.

And she has some clear ideas how to continue the fight against cancer.

"I've realized that, as a nation, our success against cancer lies not only in the diagnosis and treatment of the disease, but also through early detection made possible by screening programs and through educational outreach," Olson said.

Olson lives in Homedale with her husband, Ron, who will make the trip to Washington with her. Ron was raised in Owyhee County and graduated from Marsing High School.

The goal of next week's

'I believe that there is a cure for cancer and that we will find it.'

—Judy Olson  
Idaho ACS Celebration Ambassador



Washington visit is to ensure legislators continue to support funding for cancer research. According to a press release from the American Cancer Society, the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education appropriations bill Congress passed in December cut the National Institutes of Health (NIH) budget for the first time in 35 years and reduced funding for cancer research for the first time in a decade.

Lindsay Nothorn, a spokesman for U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), pointed out that the appropriations bill boosted funding by 1 percent overall. He added that the senator's office door will be open to Judy Olson and Idaho's other Celebration Ambassadors.

"Certainly, Sen. Crapo is an advocate for health care and cancer research," Nothorn said. "He received an award from the American Cancer Society in the past two weeks and will certainly welcome any representatives, including (Olson), back in D.C."

Crapo — himself a survivor of prostate cancer — recently established Mike Crapo Health Awareness Booths at four Idaho

fairs, and co-sponsored a Senate resolution establishing September as National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

Olson qualified for the ambassadorship by submitting an essay and participating in other advocacy activities, including the Relay for Life and lobbying efforts at the state and federal level.

According to the ACS, an estimated 1,399,790 million Americans will be diagnosed with cancer, and an estimated 564,830 will die from the disease this year. The organization says Idaho will see an estimated 5,900 new cases and 2,380 deaths.

"Judy Olson knows the personal side of these statistics," said Kathryn Whittier, ACS grassroots relationship manager for Idaho. "We are honored that she will be carrying our message about making cancer funding a national priority to members of Congress."

Even with sobering statistics, Olson exudes the optimism of a person who deals daily with the disease and see triumphs through the trials.

"We've made amazing progress

through research efforts in the development of new treatment drugs during the past 25 years," she said. "And as a result, the mortality rate from many types of cancers has dropped dramatically in the last seven years."

She says research, which is funded in part by the federal government, has played a big role in the fight against cancer.

Olson has worked for St. Luke's for 27 years and has been in her current position since 2001. As director of breast care services, she has focused her attention on beating a disease that affects millions not only through treatment but initiative.

Olson said she personally addressed concerns over proposed cancer funding cuts to Crapo at a recent reception launching the Idaho Comprehensive Cancer Care Plan. Olson also took part in a phone and e-mail campaign that she credits with convincing senators to approve a budget resolution amendment by Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) that added \$7 billion for health and education programs.

But, she says, that's just the tip of the iceberg.

"Continued efforts must be made in education, screening, research and survivor support," she said. "All of these services require funding — and advocacy allows me the opportunity to do my part. I believe that there is a cure for cancer and that we will find it."

— JPB

# Homedale students launch subscription drive again

Homedale Middle School students embark on their annual magazine and newspaper subscription drive Thursday.

Fifth- through eighth-graders will be out in the community selling magazine subscriptions as well as one-year subscriptions to The Owyhee Avalanche.

The students compete for prizes and other rewards based on the volume of subscriptions sold.

Funds raised will benefit the school's athletic program as well as go toward buying supplies that aren't covered in the general budget, school officials said.

The event, which has been an annual occurrence at HMS for nearly 30 years, ends Sept. 26. Students will turn in orders on Sept. 19, Sept. 22t and Sept. 26 to judge the various contest winners.

There are awards for the top class and the teacher of the top class.

A limousine ride to lunch is a highlight of the prizes awarded during the subscription drive.

The Avalanche donates 25 percent of all newspaper subscriptions to the middle school.

For more information on the subscription drive, see the advertisement on **Page 16B** of today's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

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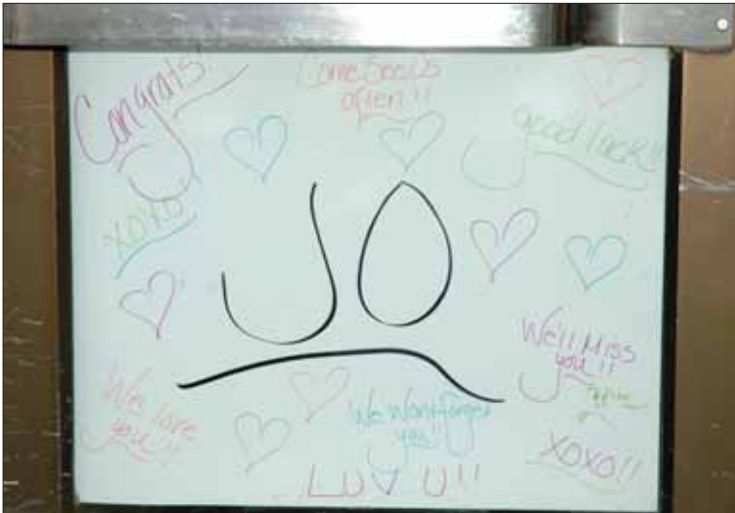
Longtime Paul’s employee gets grand send-off

Jo Howell ended 30 years with Paul’s Market in Homedale on Saturday, and more than 300 people dropped by to sign a memory book and share stories as well as cake and punch. The celebration began Friday with an employee luncheon at the store.

“It’s been totally amazing,” Howell said of the outpouring of well wishes she received. “It’s very humbling how much love you feel from this community and all these people.”

Jo’s husband, Homer Lloyd Howell, also attended the Saturday event.

**Clockwise from the top left:** Jo Howell chats with a well-wisher as another visitor signs the memory book Saturday at Paul’s Market in Homedale. A giant card signed by her co-workers was placed in the bottom of an automatic door at the entrance to Paul’s. Former Homedale resident Lee Vander Boegh presents Howell with a plant. Vander Boegh said he was one of Howell’s regular customers when he was growing up in town.



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Correction

A story detailing the Givens edition of The Owyhee Avalanche, Hot Springs’ 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, “Wagons to Wings,” incorrectly identified Jack Givens’ father. Granville Givens was which appeared in the Aug. 30 Jack’s dad.

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# Homedale clinic sees new West Nile patients daily

Terry Reilly P.A. says severe cases of virus will develop quickly

Homedale Terry Reilly Health Services Clinic certified physician's assistant Janine Franco says she has probably seen many more cases of the West

Nile Virus (WNV) than she has diagnosed. "We have at least one or two (patients) a day that come in that are 'possibles' but don't get

tested." Franco said last Friday. Franco says diagnosis changes nothing because there is no cure for WNV, and the disease usually runs its course, like other viruses, such as influenza. "What is important to realize is that if someone is going to become really ill from WNV,

they will usually do so within the first 24 hours," Franco said. "If someone 'just isn't feeling right' for a week or more, it isn't the serious form of WNV." Franco said that while WNV is nothing to ignore, it is no more serious than other common ailments.

"The flu is just as dangerous, if not more dangerous than WNV, but we don't put the emphasis on it," she said. "The most important thing is that people take responsibility for themselves and their health." — JWB

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### West Nile

focus is on school zones." The commissioners have said that their declaration was part of a ramp-up for the 2007 West Nile season. Salove said that it will cost an additional \$6,500 to determine where additional mosquito treatment may be required, but he added that he did not know whether that money would come from the county or from the state. Salove said that fighting adult mosquitoes this late in the season is also difficult, stating, "It is very difficult to attack an adult (mosquito) population effectively." "Our focus is really on next year," Salove said, pointing out that the county is less than a month away from the first freeze of the year, at which point, abatement measures would be unnecessary. "By the time we get geared up, we run the risk of wasting all our resources." Salove said he did not know whether the disaster funds, if

granted from the governor's office, would "expire" this year, or if they could be used during the spring. Commission chairman Hal Tomie said Wednesday that the extent of the mosquito abatement for this year will be on school grounds only. Because the school districts are already spraying in those areas, Tolmie said the funding provided by the state will be used to reimburse the school districts for the cost of spraying. "We're going to take a look at next year," Tolmie said, adding that the commissioners' tactics focused on the 2007 season. Tolmie said the county did not plan to do aerial spraying at any time during this year. Aerial spraying is the only effective way to combat adult mosquito populations and has been undertaken in Canyon and Ada counties this year. Tolmie said the county would "play it by ear" with regards to how to handle the mosquito abatement for 2007. One option is to look into identifying mosquito breeding grounds, which would

'By the time we get geared up, we run the risk of wasting all our resources.'

— Chris Salove  
Owyhee County commissioner



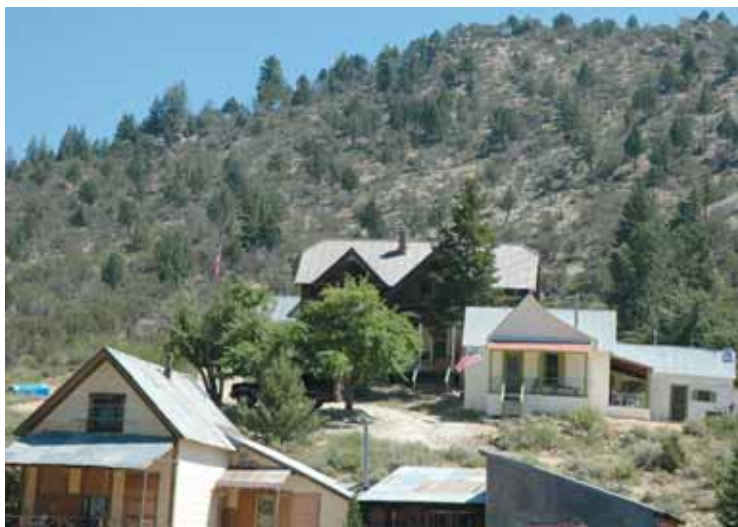
cost approximately \$50,000, according to Tolmie. Tolmie said there were many variables such as moisture and temperature, that could add to the mosquito problem next year. "They can breed almost everywhere (in Owyhee County)," Tolmie said. "They don't just need standing water to breed." When asked if the state's emergency funding would carry over until next year — to finance next year's anti-mosquito efforts — Tolmie responded that he believed it would, but would have to "double-check" if there would be a continuation of funding for the next West Nile Virus season. According to Jeff Storti, a Risch spokesman, the disaster declaration is only valid for 30

days unless extended. At the end of 30 days, the situation will be re-evaluated and a determination will be made as to whether the disaster is still in effect. "Next year, the declaration will have expired, and there will be once again a need for state officials to meet with county officials to decide whether or not the disaster is indeed present, and if so, at the level it necessitates state resources," Storti wrote in an e-mail to The Owyhee Avalanche last week. Tim Rosandick, Homedale Schools superintendent, said Thursday that his school district already had sprayed twice and is looking into the possibility of more applications. The state Department of Agriculture recommends

spraying for mosquitoes every 10 to 14 days because that is the span of the incubation period of West Nile Virus in the insects. "We're still considering that (more spraying). We haven't got a timeline built where we've made commitments to spraying every 10 days," Rosandick said. "We're going to be communicating and working with the designated Owyhee County emergency disaster coordinator (Larry Howard)." Howard has referred all comment on the situation to Tolmie. Rosandick said he did not know the exact cost of spraying, but stressed that the district did not contract an outside agency for spraying services. "We're watching things, and we have sprayed. There's a likelihood that we would spray again, but again we're trying to coordinate our efforts with Owyhee County," Rosandick said. "We kind of feel like a comprehensive county-wide approach is the best use of all resources." — JWB

### Silver City

encourages carpooling. Silver City Road, which has been under repair since July, will be open for the weekend. Construction stops at 6 p.m. Friday. The cost for this event is \$10 per person, with children under 6 years old getting in for \$5. Tickets will be available for purchase at Memorial Park in Silver City. The price of admission includes a map of the town that lists attractions. Silver City was the county seat of Owyhee County and was one of the first cities in Idaho to have electricity. The town survived several "boom" and "bust" years but lost the bulk of its population during World War II. During the war many buildings were torn down for the materials. By then the county seat had been moved to Murphy. All the buildings in Silver City are privately owned, many by the descendants of the original families. Silver City is not an abandoned town and function



#### Not a ghost town

*The Silver City Homeowners Association puts on an open house every summer to help fund the salary of a watchman who lives in the historic mining town in the winter. But don't make the mistake of calling the former Owyhee County seat abandoned.* coordinators ask the public to respect private property by not trespassing. The town has limited food service, snacks and drinks at the Idaho Hotel. Pat Nettleton's Pat's What Not Shop will be open and has many gifts and souvenirs. Public restrooms are available. All proceeds from the open

house go to the Silver City Homeowner's Association Watchman's fund. A watchman is hired each winter to look after the vacant buildings in the town. For additional information, visit [www.historicsilvercityidaho.com](http://www.historicsilvercityidaho.com). — JWB

### Vehicle

and maintenance costs. Salove said the decision to purchase an official vehicle was not made with regards to the previous costs for which the county had reimbursed Grimme for using his personal vehicle for official business. "Really, it comes down to presenting a professional image," Salove said last week. "We (commissioners) thought about what it would look like to family members if they saw a deceased loved one loaded into the back of someone's personal pickup truck." Earlier this year, the commissioners analyzed the coroner's budget when public documents

revealed that Grimme was being reimbursed for mileage as well as fuel costs. After an investigation, the commissioners reported that county Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Faulks had cleared Grimme of any wrongdoing. Last week, Salove said that the county was "ready" to have an official vehicle for that purpose. Salove said he was unsure if Grimme would park the pickup at his residence and use it for official county business or if the vehicle would stay in the county motor pool yard. The commissioner added that Owyhee County has no official usage guidelines on "take-home" vehicles for its officials. — JWB

Read all about it  
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# Anniversary

## Taggarts to mark 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

Lynn Jay and Linda Lou (Halbert) Taggart will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with an open house from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006, at their home.

The Taggarts live at 3886 U.S. Highway 95, south of Homedale. It is requested that no gifts be brought.

The event is hosted by their children: Karen Taggart and Nancy Taggart of Boise and Dennis (Kim) Taggart of Homedale. They have five grandchildren: Wesley, Matthew, Jonathan, Mickayla and Annalee.

Lynn and Linda married Sept. 14, 1956, at the LDS church in Homedale. They later sealed their marriage at the Idaho Falls LDS Temple in 1963.

They lived their married life on the family dairy and row crop farm 1½ miles south of Homedale, where they worked side-by-side.

It was not unusual to find Linda doing the irrigating or driving tractors as well as running the children to their activities.

Besides doing his own farm



Linda and Lynn Taggart

work, Lynn always has been willing to help anyone who was in need.

In December of 1975, the dairy cows were sold to make way for a circular irrigation pivot system, one of the first such systems in the area.

Selling the farm in 2004 made way for more time at the cabin, 4-wheeling and snowmobiling. Not to mention enjoying time with their grandchildren.

# School

## menus

### Homedale Elementary

Sept. 14: Chicken nuggets or turkey sandwich, fries, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Sept. 15: Pizza or popcorn chicken, salad, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Sept. 18: Hamburger or fish patty/bun, fries, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Sept. 19: Chicken tenders or chicken-fried beef steak, potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Sept. 20: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, churro, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

### Homedale Middle

Sept. 14: Idaho haystack or split top sandwich, churro, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Sept. 15: Chicken tenders or chicken-fried beef stk, potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Sept. 18: Hamburger or hot dog, fries, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Sept. 19: Chicken or beef nuggets, broccoli, cinnamon roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Sept. 20: Enchilada or chicken & noodles, corn apple crisp, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

### Homedale High

Sept. 14: Chicken patty/bun or sandwich & soup, potato wedges, dessert, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Sept. 15: Crispito or rib-b-que/bun, corn, taco salad, dessert, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Sept. 18: Pizza, chicken fritters or chef’s salad, dessert, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Sept. 19: Beef nuggets or corn dog bites, potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Sept. 20: Lasagna or burrito, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

### Bruneau

Sept. 14: Cheese yum, chicken noodle soup, celery & peanut butter, raisins, crackers, milk.

Sept. 15: Chicken wrap, fried rice, stir fry veggie, fruit, cookie, milk.

Sept. 18: Pizza, salad/croutons, corn, pineapple, milk.

Sept. 19: Sub sandwich, tots, oranges, brownie, milk.

Sept. 20: Enchilada pie, salad/croutons, garlic bread, fruit, milk.

## OWC to hear Initiative talk

Owyhee Initiative Work Group member Chad Gibson will visit tonight’s Owyhee Watershed Council (OWC) meeting in Marsing to help explain what the Owyhee Initiative Implementation Act means and answer any questions.

Now a natural resources and land management consultant, Gibson is a retired University of Idaho Extension educator.

The watershed council meeting takes place at 6:30 tonight at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension building at 238 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., in Marsing.

Other watershed business will be discussed at the meeting, which is open to the public.

An executive committee meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m.

## Rimrock Senior Center slates health fair

The Rimrock Senior Center in Grand View will hold a health fair from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

The public is invited to the event, which will include health care providers, information on hearing health, hospitals, health facilities, foot clinics, assisted living and more.

The elderly are encouraged to participate.

For more information, call Carolyn Larson at (208) 834-2808 on Tuesdays and Thursdays or leave a message.

# Death notices

**BEE DEITRICK**, 93, of Homedale, died Sunday, September 10, 2006 at a Caldwell hospital. Arrangements are pending with Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

**DARICE RAEDER**, 61, of Wilder died Monday, September 11, 2006 at home of natural causes. Arrangements pending with Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

## Library plans Lewis and Clark series

The Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View will hold a series of educational presentations/discussions on the Lewis and Clark expedition.

The Let’s Talk About It series began Tuesday, and continues every other Tuesday on Sept. 26, Oct. 10, Oct. 24 and Nov. 7. Each session will cover a different book pertaining to Lewis and Clark.

Russ Tremayne, a member of the History department at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls, will lead the Sept. 26 discussion, “Lewis & Clark Among the Indians.”

The presentations are free and will be held at 7 p.m. at the Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave. in Grand View. For more information, call the library at (208) 834-2785.

The remaining Let’s Talk About It series books and discussions include:

Sept. 26 — Lewis & Clark Among the Indians

Oct. 10 — Across the Snowy Rangers

Oct. 24 — Sacajawea

Nov. 7 — Sign-Talker

The library held many programs during the summer, including a Summer Reading program, in which 77 children participated, and

the Boomerang Project.

In the Summer Reading program, children read more than 3,400 books, placing one dog biscuit in a jar for each book read. Ninety pounds of dog biscuits to the Mountain Home animal shelter.

In the Boomerang Project. the library awarded 40 books to elementary school students who read for at least 20 minutes per day for 20 days.

The library received two grants from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and one from US Ecology, enabling the library to connect to wireless Internet service and install two additional computers.

# Senior news

### Homedale center

Sept. 14: Liver & onions, scalloped potatoes, carrots, roll, milk.

Sept. 19: Roast pork, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas & carrots, roll, milk.

Sept. 20: Chicken patty/bun, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, roll, milk.

### Marsing center

Sept. 14: Pork roast, potato, spinach, jello salad, dessert, drink.

Sept. 18: Baked fish, peas, potatoes, salad, dessert, drink.

Sept. 19: Ham & beans, stewed tomatoes, coleslaw, cornbread, dessert, drink.

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## Your finances

# Mortgage firm clearly in wrong in payment dispute

Dear Dave,

Our mortgage was sold to another provider. When this happened, two payments were somehow taken off the loan records. We didn't even know this until they informed us a few months ago that we were two months behind on the payments. We have copies of the canceled checks to prove we made the payments, but they won't listen and are threatening to foreclose. What can we do?

— Jean

Dear Jean,

This is the mortgage company's problem, not yours. You've got proof that the payments were made, so they are in the wrong on this one.

The whole thing is probably because of some dumb clerical error, but it's gotten out of hand and you're going to have to stand up and fight back. You need to get a good lawyer NOW and sue this company's tail off to stop the foreclosure.

Always attack and become proactive the moment you notice any kind of mistake with your finances. You care about your family, Jean. The mortgage company doesn't. And it's going to take a pretty strong wake-up call to show them you mean business!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I'm 28 years old and I leased a car about two years ago. I'm just now beginning to realize how dumb this was and how much money I'm throwing away. Is there any way to get out of a car lease?

— Randy

Dear Randy,

Now you see why I call it "fleecing" don't you? NEVER do a lease. It's the most expensive way to operate a vehicle.

Call the company and ask for the early buy-out or pay-off amount. Then, you'll need to compare that figure to the value of the car. If the car is worth \$19,000 and the early buy-out is \$21,000, you'll have to scrape together \$2,000 to make up the difference.

If you don't have that kind of cash on-hand, go to your local credit union or bank and get a small loan of about \$3,000 to \$3,500. This will get you out of the "fleece" and give you some cash left over to buy a dinky little



car to drive.

Get this done and pay the loan back as quickly as possible. Then, you can begin saving up to pay cash for a better USED car later!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

My husband is a money fanatic. He's so charged up after reading your books and determined to get us out of debt. I know it's a good idea, but just don't have the passion for it he does and there are some things I don't want to give up. How can I get motivated?

— Kim

Dear Kim,

Goals and dreams have a better chance of coming true if you have a written game plan. Sit down with your husband at the beginning of each month and help him do a written budget. Give every dollar a name on paper before you spend anything.

Doing a budget is not medieval torture, and it's not just a math exercise. It's a chance for you both to have input on what you want to accomplish in life and how you can make it happen. After two people are married, they become "as one." And that's how all decisions should be made — facing all the problems, fears and dreams TOGETHER.

Some fantastic sharing is going to take place when you bring these thoughts and ideas out in the open. Once you sit down and do a budget, you'll see where you can cut back and make things happen that you thought were impossible before. You may have to give up a few little things for a while, but when you see how quickly you can make some really cool stuff happen you'll get excited about all the possibilities!

— 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](http://Davesays.org). Have a question for Dave? Send correspondence to [syndication@daveramsey.com](mailto:syndication@daveramsey.com) or write Dave Says, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

## Calendar

### Today

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

### Thursday

Exercise class, 11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Owyhee Garden Club meeting, 1 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-5474 or (208) 896-4104

Friends of the Lizard Butte Library meeting, 6 p.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Community Center, 126 2nd St. N.

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

Long term care workshop, free, 8:30 a.m. to noon, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. Registration required at (208) 896-4104

Homedale Seniors Dance, \$3, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

### Tuesday

Monthly foot examination clinic, appointment required, \$10, 10 a.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

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.

Submit information on upcoming fund-raisers, reunions or community events to *The Owyhee Avalanche* by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the *Avalanche* office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to [jbrowneditor@cablone.net](mailto:jbrowneditor@cablone.net). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4861.

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# Otter supporters flock to barbecue, music

Owyhee County Butch Otter supporters didn't have to go far last week to show their support for the Republican candidate for Idaho governor.

The Otter campaign stopped in at the Sandbar Riverhouse

Restaurant on Friday for barbecue pork and country music, which was provided by local band Kelly and Friends.

"This is the only time you'll get pork out of me," Otter joked about the three local 4-H pigs barbecued

for the event. Otter spoke to the crowd of 175 people who paid \$12 apiece for the dinner, while the sun set behind the Owyhee mountains. Otter urged their support at the polls, not just from their pocketbooks.

A native Idahoan, Otter is the state's current District 1 congressional representative and former lieutenant governor. Former Idaho congressman and U.S. senator Steve Symms gave Otter his support at the event

and donated six bottles of Ste. Chapelle merlot for auction at the event.

Otter said Owyhee County has been a "great supporter" of his campaign.

— JWB



## Otter supporters enjoy food, music at Friday fund-raiser in Marsing

**Top:** Local country music band Kelly and Friends provided music during a fund-raising barbecue for C.L. "Butch" Otter's gubernatorial campaign Friday on banks of the Snake River in Marsing. **Left:** U.S. Rep. C.L. "Butch" Otter (R-Idaho) shakes hands with supporters outside the Sandbar Restaurant during a fund-raising barbecue Friday in Marsing. Otter is the Republican candidate for Idaho governor in November's election.

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# Local teens must go out of area for drivers ed

## Shortage of qualified instructors hampers Marsing, Homedale school districts' efforts to offer program

Obtaining a driver's license is a rite of passage for any teenager, but high school students in the Homedale and Marsing school districts have to go elsewhere to get the required training.

Superintendents in both districts said last week that the lack of a qualified instructor prevents drivers education programs in both towns.

"There isn't a large pool of people who have the certification," Homedale superintendent Tim Rosandick said.

The dearth of instructors forces students in both districts to take private lessons or look for room in classes available in neighboring school systems. But districts such as Vallivue, Caldwell and Nampa have their own student populations to educate.

"We do take out-of-district students," Caldwell drivers education director Bill Cooper said.

But Cooper said Caldwell offers classes only in the summer at a

cost of \$175 for out-of-district teenagers, and he anticipates the classes to be capped at about 133 students in four classes.

He said information on Caldwell's classes next summer will be circulated at the district's junior high and high schools in March with registration beginning in April.

Nampa offers sessions year-round, but according to the district's Web site, the fall classes are full. The winter session runs from January to April with registration set for December. There also is a summer session. The registration fee is \$175.

Calls made by The Owyhee Avalanche seeking information on the Vallivue district policy went unreturned.

With public-school options limited, some students turn to private driving schools throughout the Treasure Valley, such as Caldwell businesses Karen Ryals Driving School and Safe Start Driving School. Both schools are

more expensive than the courses available in high school, but owners of both schools say they offer more flexibility.

Ryals charges \$275 for a six-week course.

"It's as high as \$300 or \$325 in Boise," Ryals said. "I try to keep the price down so parents can afford it."

She said about a half-dozen Owyhee County students have taken her course since spring, but she has fielded inquiries from several others.

Safe Start charges \$315 for a five-week course. School owner Don Ingram said he conducts about nine sessions per year, and he has enrolled about 15 students from Marsing and Homedale since June. He said a couple Owyhee County students began his latest session Monday. Another two or three are registered for Ingram's next class, which starts Oct. 16.

Both Ryals and Ingram formerly taught drivers ed in public schools. Ryals said she has given private lessons since 1991. Before that, she taught in the Marsing, Emmett and Caldwell school districts. She said her former husband used to teach in Homedale.

Ryals said she stopped teaching

for school districts because of the inconsistency between what was being taught in the classroom and what she was teaching behind-the-wheel. Ingram also said he has "some issues" with taking on public school drivers ed programs.

Rosandick said Homedale's most recent drivers training instructor, Rhonda Frost, left the district last spring to pursue a career in nursing. He said the job opening was advertised both within the district and outside the area, but no one came forward.

"We did declare that drivers ed certification was a critical need for the district," Rosandick said. "We've offered reimbursement of up to 90 percent of the tuition cost. We're trying to encourage people to take the course."

The superintendent reported that Frost taught 59 teenagers from January 2005 to January 2006. Some of the students were from outside the district, and the enrollment fee was \$125 per student.

Marsing superintendent Harold Shockley said his district hasn't had a drivers training instructor since the spring of 2004.

"Part of it is we will have some

people that express interest," Shockley said. "But when they find out what it takes to be certified, we don't hear from them again."

According to the Idaho Department of Education, prospective driver education instructors who intend to teach in public schools must first hold an Idaho teaching certificate. Then, they have to complete courses in basic and advanced driver education, which usually are offered at local colleges.

Boise State University plans to offer three sessions for certification courses next year. The sessions (Jan. 19-20 and Jan. 26-27; Feb. 9-10 and Feb. 23-24; and March 2-3 and March 16-17) will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Fridays and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. The enrollment fee is \$150.

Department of Education spokesperson Jennifer Oxley said last week that certification classes also are planned at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa.

More detailed information on becoming a driver education instructor is available at the Department of Education Web site at [www.sde.state.id.us/driveder](http://www.sde.state.id.us/driveder).

— JPB

## Saturday trail ride to benefit GV Ambulance, sheriff's program

Dirt Inc., an off-road vehicle club affiliated with the Southern Idaho Desert Racing Association (SIDRA), is holding several events in Owyhee County in the next few months, including a fund-raising trail ride near Murphy this weekend.

Grand View Ambulance and the Owyhee County Search and Rescue will benefit from Saturday's trail ride and chili feed that will begin at the Rabbit Creek Trailhead parking lot outside Murphy.

Signup for the ride for motorcycle and ATV enthusiasts

runs from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and the first group will leave out on the trail at 11:45 a.m. The groomed trail system is beginner-level and child-friendly.

There is a suggested donation of \$10 per rider, and corporate donations start at \$50. The goal of the fund-raiser is \$5,000.

For more information, call Bill Walsh at (208) 459-6871.

Riders affiliated with Dirt Inc. and SIDRA also took part in a Sept. 10 cleanup of the desert area around the Rabbit Creek Trailhead. Fifty-one people participated.

An Oct. 22 Rats Race also is scheduled for Grand View. Call Rick at (208) 880-3034 or Phil White at (208) 888-9881 for more information.

On Nov. 5, the Bar to Bar Race will be held in Murphy. Call Wyatt at (208) 461-1952 for more information.

SIDRA also will be holding elections this month.



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# Homedale school’s student loading area designed for safety

Parents began using zones at elementary school on Monday

Homedale Elementary School has a new system for picking up and dropping off students that will enhance students’ safety and improve efficiency for parents. Parents began using the new loading zone Monday morning. “This (the drop-off zone) is an effort between the school district and police department to ensure the safety of students,” Homedale School Resource Officer Michelle Babcock said Friday. Babcock said Monday’s first day of usage went “fairly well.” “Some parents seemed a little confused,” she said. The zone is clearly marked, and district officials hope the three-lane layout directly in front of the school on Washington Avenue will eliminate confusion and reduce the risk of accidents, such as the incident last spring in which a 7-year-old student suffered leg injuries when he was hit by a car. There are three lanes directly in front of the school, all traveling west on Washington, which is a one-way street. The northernmost lane (nearest the curb) is designated for pick-up and drop-off only. No parking is allowed in front of the school on

either side of the street. The center lane is a “transition lane” enabling vehicles to merge back into the traffic lane, which is the southernmost lane. Homedale Elementary Principal Scott Freeby said the accident that injured a student last spring “spotlighted the need for this.” Govany Castilleja, 7, of Homedale was injured when he was hit by a van driven by Alicia Contreras-Mirada, 39, of Adrian, Ore., as he was crossing Washington to get to his mother’s car. According to Homedale Schools Superintendent Tim Rosandick, the project was funded through the Plant Facility Levy, approved by voters in 2005. “Although all the final numbers are not in yet, it appears that the project will cost about \$70,000,” Rosandick wrote in an e-mail to the Owyhee Avalanche on Monday. Rosandick said the Homedale School District Board of Trustees awarded the project to King Excavation and construction began on Aug. 14. The step, the superintendent said, is the education process. “Over the next several days, the important job of teaching our parents how to use the new arrangement will be critical. We feel that this project was greatly needed and will assure greater safety for our students and their families,” Rosandick said.

— JWB

# Grandparents get special day at Jordan Valley Elementary

by Emma Johnson

First- and second-graders celebrated Grandparent’s Day on a beautiful day Friday in Jordan Valley. The Jordan Valley Elementary classroom buzzed with activity from 10:30 a.m. to noon as the children entertained 21 guests. The students sang a few songs, including “Happy Grandparent’s Day,” “Down on Granpa’s Farm,” and “A-B-C-D-E, School is Where I Want to Be!” They also performed a disappearing pencil magic trick and read individual compositions entitled “What I Would Do If I Had a Magic Pencil.” Afterwards, the students rotated with their grandparents around the room to do a variety of activities, including tangram puzzles, a “Never-Ending Story” game and grandparent coloring sheets. The day ended with a spaghetti lunch made by Tracy Skinner



**Having fun with grandma and grandpa**  
Jordan Valley Elementary student Zoey Warn plays a board game with her grandparents during Grandparents Day at the school last week. Photo by Emma Johnson, JVHS

and dessert provided by Laurie Fillmore and Tara Echave. All three women are mothers of first- and second-graders.

# JVHS actors bring smiles to children

by Michelle Elsner, JVHS

Aliens have landed in Jordan Valley Elementary. Well, maybe just some amateur actors from the Jordan Valley High School Drama Class. The drama class recently performed a small play for Jordan Valley first- and second-graders and a few extra high school students. The play, “Alien Education,” was about an alien shape-changer who is shipped in box form to the wrong address. Zaphorinka, the alien shape-changer from Xylon, meets Jessi, a human, and they become friends. They soon join forces against a Squee, an evil shape-changer disguised as an English tutor. The play is full of some funny characters, action-packed scenes and gooey messes. Actress Angela Larsen also performed two short monologues (skits without props), the first- and second-graders got a first-hand



**‘Alien’ actors educate at JV Elementary**  
Jordan Valley High School drama class students Chelicy Payne, Josh Terry and Shantel Gleason perform in the play “Alien Education” last week at Jordan Valley Elementary. Photo by Tara Echave, JVHS

look at being center stage by playing some fairy tale gestures with the actors and actresses from the drama class.

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# Homedale music director composes plan

## High school marching band program revamp at top of Kachelmier's list

Karla Kachelmier has jumped in with both feet as the new band and choir director for the Homedale School District.

The 22-year-old University of Idaho graduate was hired to replace Todd Thompson in a role that encompasses the music programs at both Homedale High School and Homedale Middle School.

"Homedale was the right opportunity at the right time," the Idaho native said. "Basically, I wanted to be the head honcho. I'm endorsed in both band and choir, and I wanted to do both."

Mission accomplished.

This is Kachelmier's first full-time teaching job. She served her student-teaching assignment in San Antonio, instructing sixth- through eighth-grade choir at Tafolla Middle School and teaching ninth- through 12<sup>th</sup>-grade band at Highland High School.

"I wanted a new adventure," Kachelmier said of the transition from Texas back home to the Gem State. "I finished up in May after teaching for four months."

Kachelmier said the elements of her program at Homedale will include the traditional marching band. The high school musicians made their 2006-07 pep band debut in the Aug. 25 season-opening football game against Melba.

Kachelmier, who also wants to form a jazz band, said the marching band could take the field for a halftime show on either Oct. 6 or Oct. 13, the last two home football games of the season. And when the band does make appearances, it'll march behind a familiar banner that Kachelmier said she took down off the wall in the band room and spruced up for a reintroduction at this month's Homecoming parade.

"All I know is there's going to be quite a bit of work on my part, especially regarding the marching band," she said in early August. "There's no music or drills yet."

But there is funk. Kachelmier instituted a "breakdown" routine in the middle of the band's parade march. On the command "breakdown," band members basically danced to their own beat before resuming their

performance.

Kachelmier said she planned to write drills and select music for routines in the early part of her tenure. She also wants to form a jazz band.

"There will be a lot of opportunity for kids to get involved," she said.

The new teacher said she has 20 members for this year's high school band, including 2005 Treasure Valley honor band clarinetist Chanda Cox, who is a senior.

She also has 36 students in the middle school bands (13 in the seventh- and eighth-grade band and 23 in the sixth-grade band). The high school choir boasts 13 members, and there are 14 students in the middle school choir.

Kachelmier hopes that the involvement in band activities goes beyond the students.

"I'd like to see if we could get quite a few people involved with the music program as musicians, volunteers and chaperones," she said.

The new teacher also is looking to bolster the school district's stable of instruments with an equipment drive.

"We don't have enough saxophones or brass instruments at both the high school and the middle school," she said. "If people would be willing to donate or even sell the instruments inexpensively, that would be helpful."

Fund-raisers are planned for September, Kachelmier said.

Kachelmier said anyone interested in supporting the band or the instrument drive can contact her at the high school at (208) 337-4613.

The Clarkston (Wash.) High School graduate is optimistic about the community's involvement because of her knowledge of Homedale through her brother's years of playing football against the Trojans as part of the Lapwai program.

"It seems like (Homedale has) a strong pride in school in athletics and academics," she said. "And I think they care how well they do in (activities)."

— JPB



### Homedale High School has old banner, new leader

New Homedale School District music director Karla Kachelmier leads the Homedale High School marching band down Idaho Avenue during the Sept. 1 Homecoming parade. Kachelmier said she pulled the parade banner off the wall in the high school's band room to use it in the procession.



### New director at the ready

Karla Kachelmier surveys the Homedale High School pep band prior to the football team's season-opening game against Nampa Christian on Sept. 1.

## Homedale school music meeting planned

The Homedale schools music program will hold a community meeting Thursday to discuss fund-raisers and other aspects of developing the program.

Band member parents and anyone else interested in supporting the music program are invited to attend. The meeting takes place at 5 p.m. inside the Homedale High School band room.

The Homedale schools news band and choir director, Karla Kachelmier, said that topics on the agenda include fund-raisers and obtaining uniforms.

The high school band will hold a cookie dough fund-raiser from Sept. 28 to Oct. 4 to help finance a trip to watch a marching band competition.

Band members also are selling spirit car flags at the remaining home football games (Oct. 6 and Oct. 13).

Meanwhile, Kachelmier

continues her drive for instruments for the program, too.

"We need brass instruments and money for the repair of instruments," she said.

Kachelmier said longtime Homedale High School teacher Jim McMillan donated his family's Shoninger upright piano last week for use at Homedale Middle School. Homedale Fan Club board member Suzanna Brockett also gave a clarinet to the district's music program.

McMillan said he originally bought the piano for his daughter to play, and he played it on occasion, too.

"Now my daughter has moved away, and I really wasn't using it, so it just seemed at natural thing to let the school have it," McMillan wrote in an e-mail.

For more information on the music program, call Kachelmier at 337-4613.

— JPB



### The gift of music

New Homedale School District music director Karla Kachelmier plays "Impromptu No. 3 in G Flat Major by Franz Schubert while showing off the Shoninger piano that Homedale High School teacher Jim McMillan donated to the Homedale Middle School music program.

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**Adrian student selected for state board**  
*Jorge Michel, a senior at Adrian High School, recently was chosen to serve on the Oregon State Youth Advisory Team. Photo by AHS Photography*

# Adrian High student appointed to state panel

by Sarah McPeak, AHS

Adrian High School senior Jorge Michel recently was elected to the Oregon State Youth Advisory Team.

Michel was selected for the position after he filled out an application he received from his Associated Student Body (ASB) advisor. A panel of judges reviewed his application and made the appointment.

Michel has a lot of experience with leadership roles. He has been involved in numerous clubs and held many offices in his class and the student body at Adrian. He adds the state Youth Advisory team to his duties that already include serving as Adrian High School ASB President and Oregon Associated Student Council (OASC) representative.

As ASB president, he is required to oversee all programs, emcee assemblies and serves as a liaison between teachers and students. Michel's role as OASC representative includes planning

conferences and discussing budgets.

As for the Youth Advisory Team, Michel won't know the extent of his duties until his first meeting on Oct. 28. He does know he will be discussing issues concerning schools in Oregon, and give his input to state superintendent of schools Susan Castillo. Castillo then will take the team's input and relay that to the Oregon Legislature, where the ideas and hard work will hopefully be enacted into law.

Michel will be traveling the 400 miles to Salem, the Oregon state capital, for his first meeting, giving up Senior Night with the Antelopes football team. On five different occasions throughout the school year, he will spend a full weekend attending meetings for the Youth Advisory Team.

During the winter months, Michel states he will be flying to the west side of the state. Otherwise, the trek will be on the open roads of Oregon.



**Fallen tree leaves slight damage**  
*This poplar tree, which Homedale resident Larry Bahem says was planted in 1914, blew over Wednesday night near the Auto Body by Alan shop on the Bahem property. The fallen tree damaged the shop building behind the Bahem residence and a vehicle.*



**Smoke gets in our skies**  
*The smoke that triggered a multiple-day red flag air quality alert in the Treasure Valley didn't spare Owyhee County. Homedale's East Idaho Avenue was left in a haze late last week by the smoky conditions, and Homedale High School athletic director Dave Hart said there was some discussion about canceling sporting events because of the potential health risks.*

**Here is the judge**  
*Malheur County Circuit Court Judge J. Burdette Pratt addressed Adrian High School students in Geary Johnson's government class concerning the Oregon Court of Appeals. Adrian students will be attending an Appeals Court session to be held at Nyssa High School on Sept. 27. Photo by AHS Photography*





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# Rockville students' artwork cited in Oregon

Jordan Valley sixth-grader honored with a spot in statewide calendar promoting agriculture in classroom

A day on the ranch with his father inspired Andy Greeley to produce a piece of artwork that won special recognition from the Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom program.

Andy, a Rockville School sixth-grader whose father, Mike, teachers at Homedale High School, had his artwork selected for the August 2007 page of the Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom 2006-07 school-year calendar.

The son of Mike and Theresa Greeley of Jordan Valley, Andy was honored with the other 12 winning artists from around Oregon during a reception on Aug. 27 at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem.

Each of the 13 winners received \$50 savings bonds, and had their artwork put on display during the Oregon State Fair.

"What a great foundation to have for kids to be able to express themselves," Mike Greeley said at the reception. "It gives kids an opportunity to be in touch with the land and to know where food and products come from."

Andy's artwork is entitled "Oregon Hay Growers," and he entered the contest as a fifth-grader last year.

His father said Andy was inspired after watching Mike and a hired man gather hay bales at the beginning of the 2005-06 school year.

"He thought it was pretty cool how a big tractor could move the huge, round bales," Mike said.

Andy, who is 11 years old, had never entered the statewide calendar contest before, his father said.

Andy is a student in Rena Uhalde's class at Rockville. His mother is the teacher's aide for the class, and his sister, Andrea, received honorable mention in the calendar contest. Mike said Andrea's artwork can be viewed on the Agriculture in the Classroom Web site ([aitc.oregonstate.edu](http://aitc.oregonstate.edu)).

Andy and Andrea were among 1,500 children in kindergarten through sixth grade who submitted artwork for the 2005 contest. The contest began in 2002 with 450 entries.

"I am really proud of my kids and their teacher, Mrs. Uhalde," Mike said. "They work hard and do a lot of great things at the little one-room schoolhouse."

The artwork was part of the regular coursework in Uhalde's

class.

"The calendar gives students an opportunity to consider the bounty and diversity of Oregon," said Tami Kerr, Agriculture in the Classroom Program director and coordinator for the calendar contest. "Each month features student artwork and each day on the calendar has a unique agricultural fact that helps children and the public understand more about where their food and fiber originates."

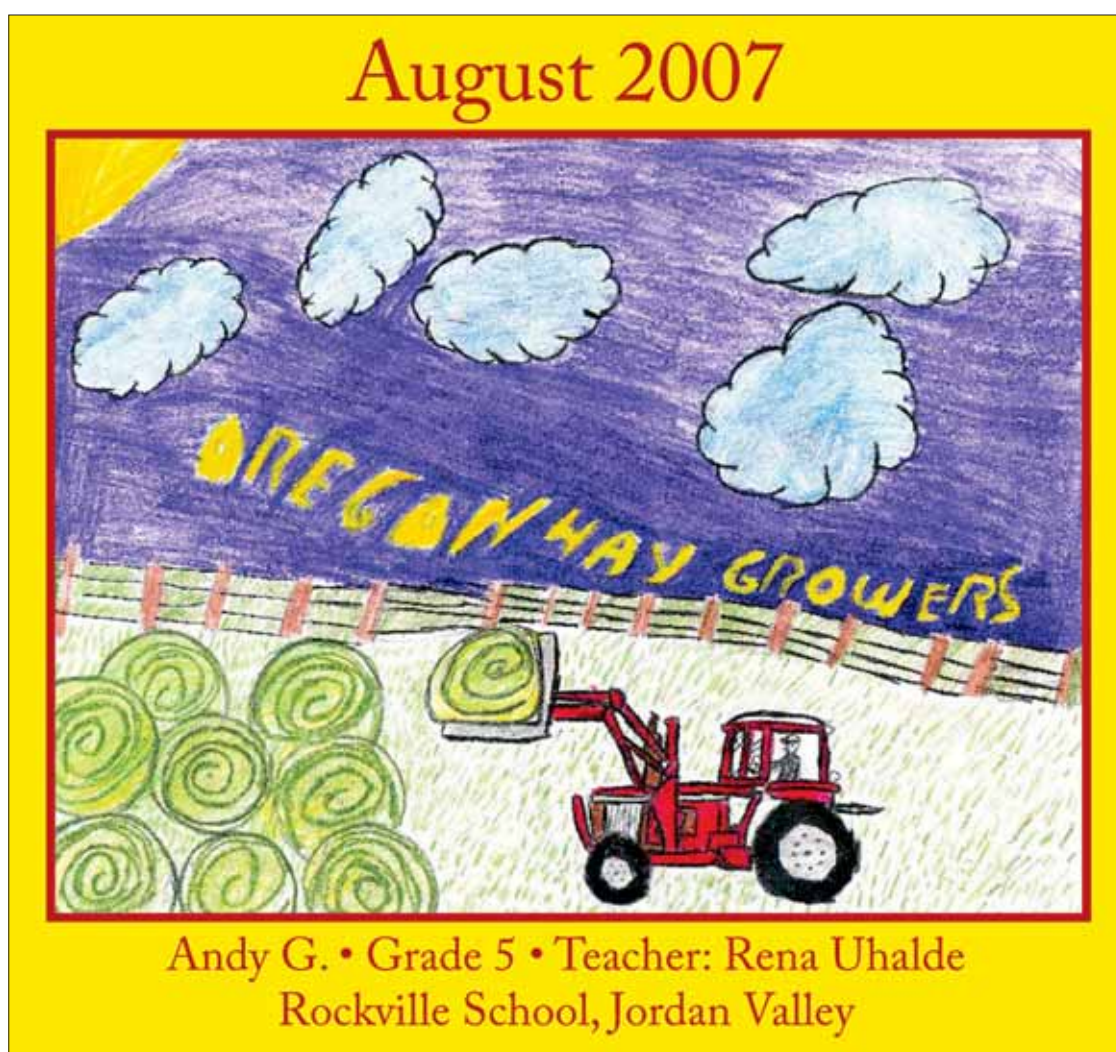
Examples of other artwork exhibited in the calendar include Christmas trees, onions, farm animals, strawberries and flowers.

The Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom calendar contest is open to public, private and home school students in kindergarten through sixth grade. All students that submit artwork receive personalized certificates for their efforts. The first year (2002), 450 pictures were entered. This year more than 1,500 pictures from students in 26 counties across the state were submitted. Students were asked to draw their idea of Oregon Agriculture. Since Oregon produces more than 200 different commodities, students have a wide variety of subjects to choose from.

Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom is coordinated by a non-profit board that is dedicated to helping children grow in their knowledge of agriculture, the environment, and natural resources for the benefit of Oregonians today and in the future. The calendar contest is just one of many opportunities and resources available to teachers and students throughout Oregon from the Agriculture in the Classroom program.

In addition to the school-year calendars, Agriculture in the Classroom provides teachers with free educational lessons, resource materials and videos to support the integration of agricultural concepts into their educational lessons. Materials are available online in these topic areas: animals, plants, food and nutrition, conservation and natural resources, and general agriculture.

For more information about the calendar contest and the Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation, contact Tami Kerr at (541) 737-8629, or visit their website at <http://AITC.oregonstate.edu>.



## Award-winning family

**Top:** Rockville School sixth-grader Andy Greeley's artwork graces the pages of the 2006-07 Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom calendar. **Above:** Andy, second from left, addresses the assembly in Salem, Ore., as his mother, Theresa, holds his certificate and his father, Mike, far left, looks on. **Left:** Andy's sister, Andrea, received honorable mention in the calendar contest with this art. Submitted photos

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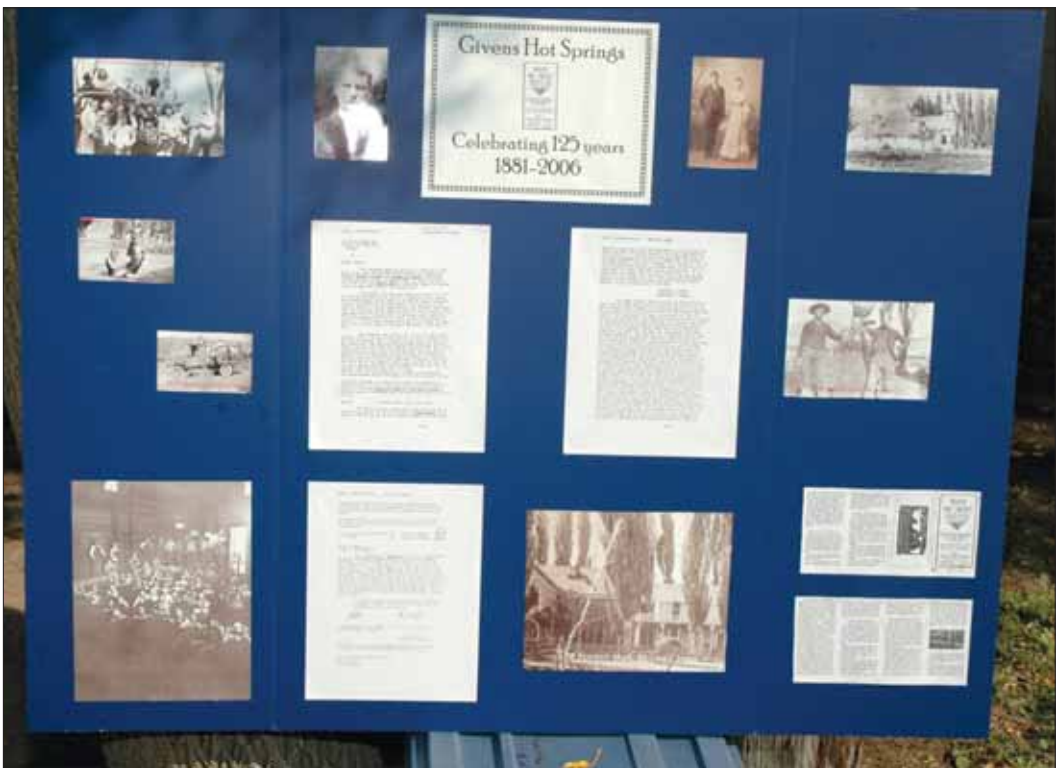


# Eclectic collection marks Givens' 125th



### Wagons to Wings attracts crowds

**Above:** A Blackhawk military helicopter ascends from its landing zone in the rear of the Givens Hot Springs property after Saturday's Wagons to Wings event hat marked the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Owyhee County resort. **Right:** Givens Hot Springs began as a commercial operation in 1881, and this display traced its history. Scores of people flocked to Givens to see various displays — and swim in the pool, of course.



### Generations of history on display

A covered wagon was set up next to a tipi as part of the exhibits on the history of the area at the Givens Hot Springs Wagons to Wings celebration Saturday.



### Education in the classics

**Above:** Children get an up-close education on the gold-panning techniques of Owyhee County's early settlers. **Below:** Bruce Nyborg of Melba brought out his 1969 Chevrolet Camaro, with Canadian provincial license plates, at the request of his former high school classmate, Givens Hot Springs owner Steve Givens.



## Homedale teacher has close call in boat fire on Lake Lowell

Homedale Middle School teacher Scott Michaelson suffered minor burns to his legs and nose when his boat was incinerated during the Labor Day weekend on Lake Lowell in Canyon County.

Canyon County Sheriff's Lake Patrol assisted with the rescue of the man, but the boat was burned beyond repair during the fire. The fire occurred as Michaelson neared the dock on the Nampa side

of the lake. He was the only person on board when the fire occurred. Michaelson said he was about to pick up his son, who was at the boat dock when he heard a "boom" from the bow area of the boat.

"Thank God it happened when and where it did," Michaelson said last Friday. "I had just put \$100 worth of gas in it, and that was where the gas tank is," Michaelson said.

"As soon as I heard the boom, I saw a flash and jumped out of the boat." The boat, which was insured, was a total loss from the fire. — JWB





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